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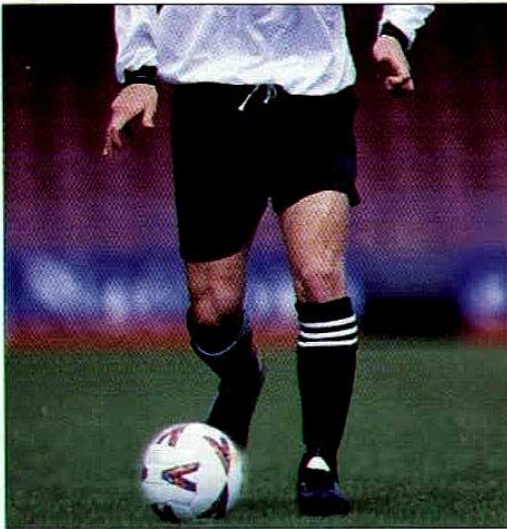


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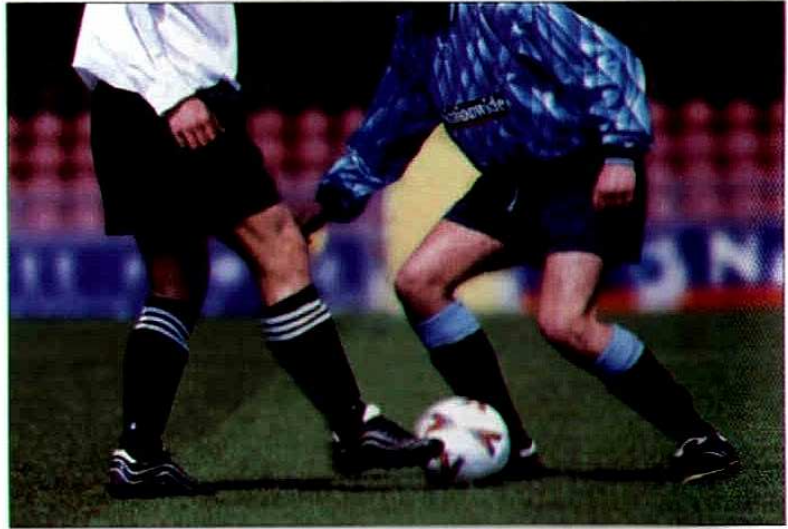
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# the boss in black & white

I'd like to give a warm welcome to Colin Todd and the staff, players, directors and supporters of Swindon.

They are trying to achieve the same things as us. Like ourselves they came down last season and are looking to get back into the first division at the first attempt which we want to do.

We've got to concentrate on the league and follow on from last Saturday's result. It was disappointing to con-

cede two goals on Tuesday night, especially because we played well for the most part and created more chances than Chesterfield.

But we didn't make the most of those chances and Chesterfield did.

We are only halfway there though and there is another leg to play.

The players feel they performed well and are confident. And confidence in any sport is

one of the most important factors when it comes to winning.

They are training well and working hard with the new regime at Fitness First with Maureen Hudson.

We are always keen to adopt new ways of training and the work we are doing at the leisure centre is something different from what we've done before.

We are also now making full use of the training pitch behind the Bycars.

Steve Speed and the groundstaff have worked very hard to get the training facilities into an excellent state.

And we now have a pitch which is exactly the same size as the main Vale Park pitch.

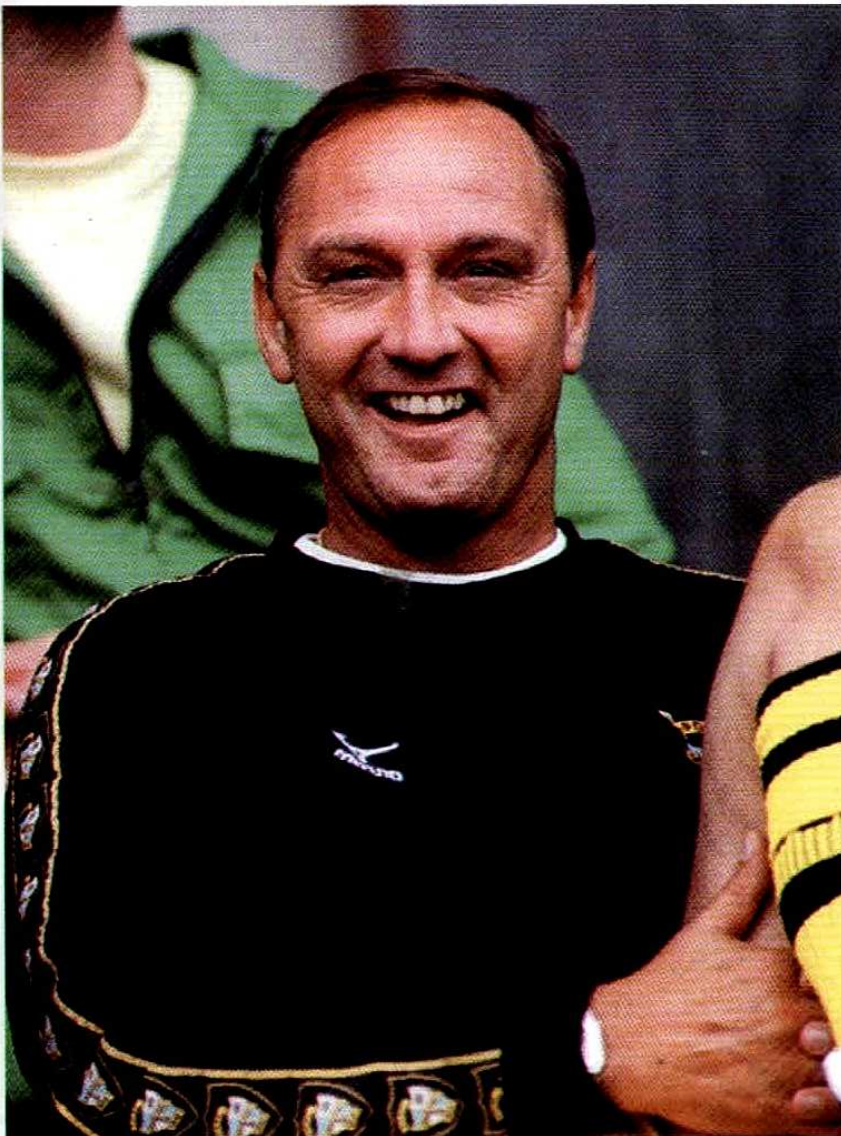
Believe you me we spend a lot of time practising set pieces and it pays off when you have a training pitch which is the same as the one you play on.

The supporters were excellent once again on Tuesday night. It's very easy to criticise and moan, but on Tuesday everyone was behind the team for all of the game and cheered them on despite the fact we were behind.

We need exactly the same again today.

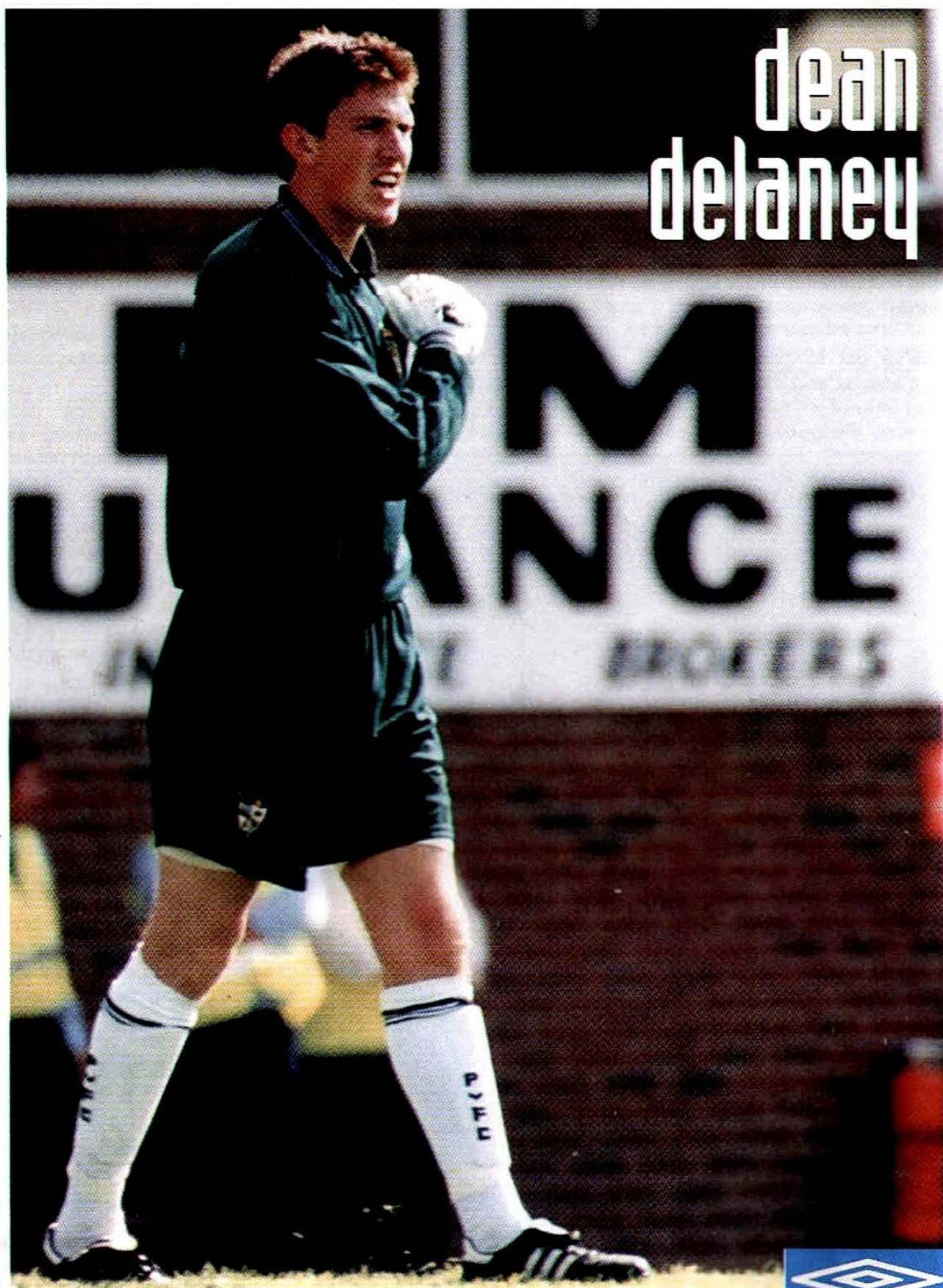
Keep up the support,

Brian Horton





# the valiant collection



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# in the net

I know that a lot has been spoken and written about the game on Monday night at Highbury. But I would like to bring into view a number of points about the game as a spectacle, the performance of the referee and the sendings off.

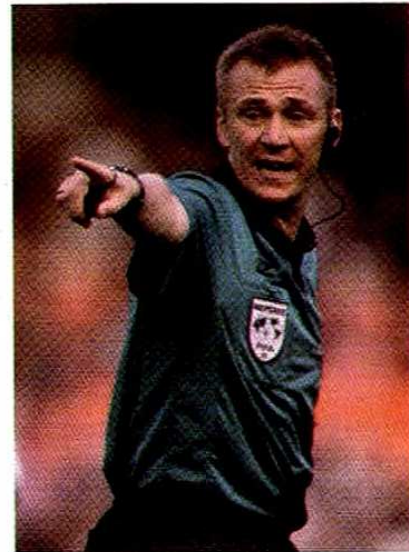
I listened to the radio commentary of the first half and watched the second half on the television. In each case the commentators were enthusing about the quality of play and what an exciting game it was, in the case of the Vieira sending off the television commentator agreed with the referee. Only when the incidents were replayed by the various cameras situated on the ground did controversy start to arise. In my view the initial response to the dismissals of Vieira and

McAllister were merited but the sending off of Hamann left a lot to be desired and the referee has since stated that he made a mistake on the second yellow card.

It brings back the old chesnut, the referee has to make his own mind up instantly and this he did. Before his dismissal Vieira was running around chasing Liverpool players like a headless chicken and I don't think this helped his cause. Once the game finished the television pundits took over producing endless replays and putting words into the respective managers mouths. Yes looking at replays there was some doubt about the dismissals of Vieira and Hamann whereas I feel McAllisters was justified. But during the post match tirade there was hardly

a mention of what a good and exciting game it had been.

Once again an official has been subjected to a trial by television! I'm sure this won't be the last time we will be discussing this subject.



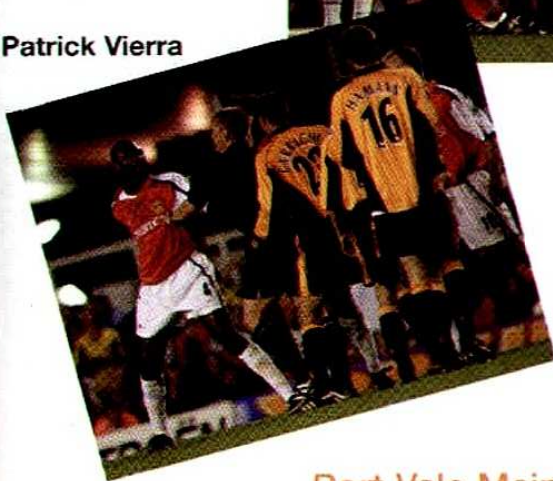
Referee - Graeme Poll

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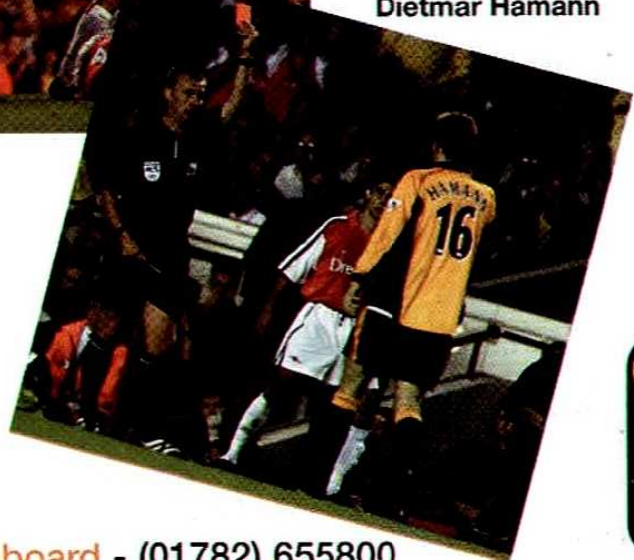


Gary McAllister

Patrick Vieira



Dietmar Hamann





# utter drivel

by Richard Caddy



**I**T'S competition time folks. Me and the missus occasionally play a little game and we'd like you to participate too.

All you need is a pair of furry handcuffs, a bottle of Mr Slippyglide lube and a small selection of Waffen-SS memorabilia from the war and... Nah, only kidding.

What we really play is a variation on the "all-time greatest team" type-thingy.

Instead we're playing the Vale All-Time Vale Stinkers game. We want you to pick a team made up of ex-Vale players that would struggle to beat a special school's reserves.

And there's a prize too. In return for writing this column I get a complimentary ticket to

each home game. Well I've decided I'll give you my ticket for Vale's home match against Wycombe.

Just send me your all-time worst Vale line-up, and me and a panel of experts (the missus) will deliberate over the entries and pick a winner.

The rules are dead simple. The team has to play a 4-4-2 formation and be utterly cr\*p.

And it can't include any current squad members.

To be extra nice I'll give you all a head-start. No 10 - Keith Houchen. Easy isn't it?

Answers to the marketing department asap.

(Oh, by the way, try and keep it to players from the last decade

because we're struggling before that.)

While we're on this sort of theme, people often ask me (to be truthful, no-one has ever asked me) who would be in my all-time favourite Vale team.

Here it is:

G/keeper: Barney Grew (preferably without the 'tash). A back four of Simon Mills, Neil Aspin, Ant Gardner and Darren Hughes. Midfield would consist of Ray Walker, preferably with two functioning knees, Robbie Earle, Steve Guppy and Gareth Ainsworth, with Foyley and Darren Beckford up-front. Subs: Taylor, Naylor, Jones, Glover and Bogie.



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**F**ifty years ago last Thursday Port Vale played their first ever game at Vale Park.

On 24th August 1950 more than 30,000 spectators watched Port Vale romp home with a 1:0 victory over Newport County in the Third Division South.

Since then the club has enjoyed the greatest period of its history and supporters have seen some of the most exciting games and skilled players here at the Wembley of the North. We take a look at the highlights since that inaugural game at the Hamil Road site.



## 1950

In 1950 the Club moved to its present home at Vale Park which due to its size and the planned developments became known as 'The Wembley of the North'. 1953-54 saw the best season in the Club's history as it romped to the Third Division (North) Championship, losing only three games and conceding just twenty-one goals, whilst also reaching the semi-finals of the F.A Cup only to lose controversially

to West Bromwich Albion. The stay in Division Two lasted only three years until 1957, then going straight down to become founder members of the newly formed Fourth Division. It turned out to be a successful season though as a Club record 110 goals helped to take the title.

## 1960

The next few seasons saw the F.A Cup providing the highlights as the 5th Round was reached in 1960 and 1962 with 4th Round matches in both 1963 and 1964 with a draw at Champions elect Liverpool in the latter campaign. Relegation back to Division Four in 1965 and a barren spell followed with the ignominy of having to seek re-election in 1968.

## 1970

Gordon Lee became manager and put together a promotion winning team in 1970 and then after again reaching the 5th Round of the F.A Cup in 1977 were relegated the follow-

ing season. The Club continued to sink to its lowest ever position in 1980 and this saw the arrival of John Rudge as coach to manager John McGrath. A promotion campaign was mounted in 1982-83 to revive the Club's fortunes but unfortunately a year later relegation saw the Club going straight back down with John Rudge taking over the reins as manager for the first time. Promotion was again achieved in 1986 and striker Andy Jones rose to International status following his 37 goal haul in 1987.





# 50 years at vale park

## 1988

A major turning point in the Club's history arrived in January 1988, when a late winner in the F.A Cup against non-league Macclesfield Town earned a plum 4th Round home tie against Tottenham Hotspur. When Port Vale won 2-1 to earn National recognition the Club's fortunes appeared to take off. In 1988-89 a third place and promotion via the play-offs took the Club back to Division Two for the first time in thirty-two years. This rekindled the long awaited local derbies with Stoke City and all went well until midway through the 1991-92 season when a run of eighteen games without a win ended in relegation.

Fortunately the Directors stood by John Rudge and in the 1992-93 season after a long battle finished in third place on eighty-nine points, a record total for a team failing to gain promotion. This meant a second participation in the play-offs but it ended in defeat at Wembley against West Bromwich Albion. The previous weekend yielded a never-to-be-forgotten day though, as the Club's first ever Wembley visit ended in victory in the Autoglass Trophy Final backed by over 25,000 supporters to climax a run that included a 1-0 win at holders Stoke City. Goals by Paul Kerr and Bernie Slaven

in the final secured a 2-1 victory over Stockport County. 1993

In 1993-94 the Club finished second in Division Two to gain automatic promotion and in the 1995-96 season played a record sixty-two games which saw them reach the Anglo-Italian Cup Final at Wembley and the 5th Round of the F.A Cup. In the latter, victory over reigning Cup Holders Everton was rewarded by Sponsors Littlewoods presenting the Club with a special 'Giantkillers' award.

## RECENT YEARS

Despite being quoted as pre-season relegation favourites in 1996/97, the Vale con-

founded their critics to finish in their highest position since 1931. 1997/98 will be best remembered for the last match victory at Huddersfield that saw the Club safe from the threat of relegation and the exciting F.A Cup games versus eventual double winners Arsenal, where only a penalty shoot out separated the teams.

The club once again retained their place in the First Division under new manager Brian Horton in 1998/99 but lost their position the following year.

The team is now looking to win promotion from the second division this season and win back their place in division one.



Port Vale Football Club will be looking just as good this season thanks to their exclusive Mizuno strip





A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white ball, likely a cricket ball, against a green background. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the fingers gripping the ball. The ball is in the center-right of the frame. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall image has a halftone or dithered texture.

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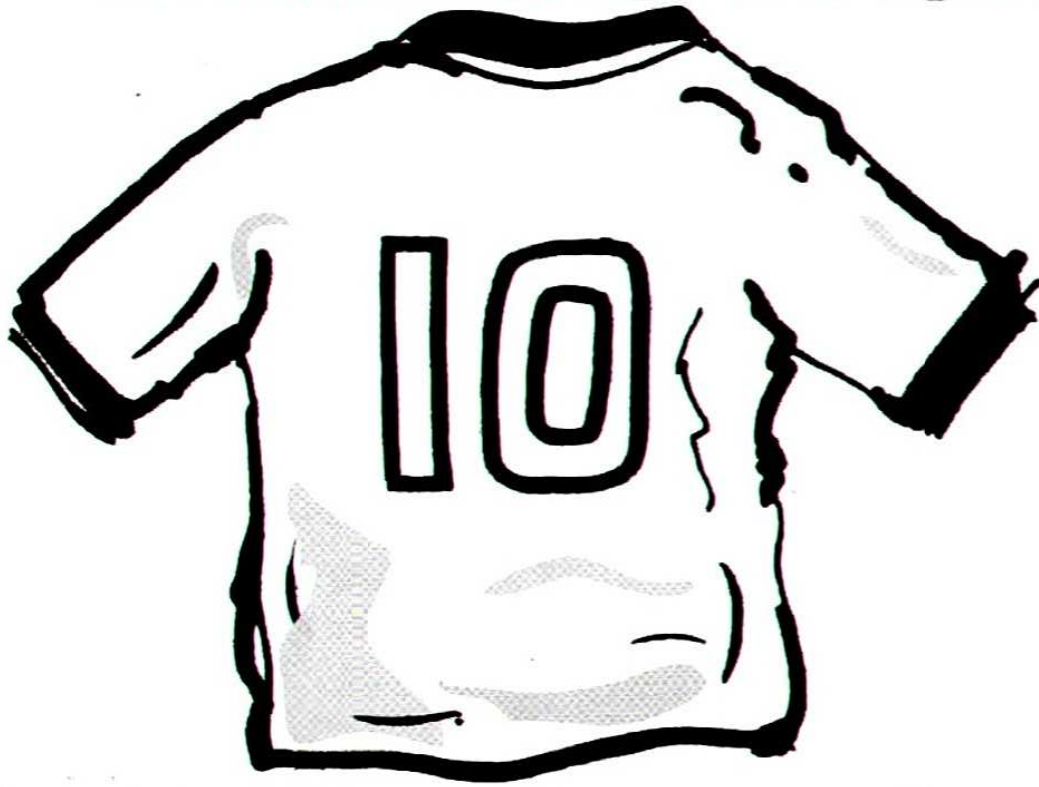
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by Jean Jackson

# railway cuttings

Bobby Robson is well-known for his gaffes with players' names and the like. He is more than likely to refer to his England winger as Kevin Dyer and has serious problems remembering the countries of origin of some of his non-English players. I cannot believe that his recent statement on the role of certain players' agents was anything other than 100% accurate, however. They were, claimed the Newcastle manager, "parasites in the game". He accused one in particular of "putting his own personal gain in front of the interests of his client".

The gentleman in question was Mr Dennis Roach, who has been acting on behalf of Duncan Ferguson during the recent protracted negotiations surrounding the Scotsman's return to Everton from his brief and injury ravaged sojourn in the North East. You may have followed this saga on the back pages of the tabloids. (It's on/off nature put me in mind of the goings on between Deirdre and Ken in the "Street") Robson's bone of contention was the fact that Roach sought a severance payment of between £250,000 and £1 million (depending on which version you read), a large percentage of which was, it seems, the agent's personal fee for agreeing to allow his client to move! Mr Roach implied that Ferguson's contract allowed for a payment of this sort if he did not ask for a transfer. When have agents ever allowed contracts to get in the way of their negotiations before, however?

Now it may well be that the occupants of the two respective dressing rooms today, should they find a moment to read this garbage, will nod wisely and agree entirely with the actions of Mr Roach. The vast majority of players have agents, whose job it is to ensure that their clients are not ripped off by greedy, grasping managers and chairman. It's a short career isn't it - got to get what you can from any mugs prepared to pay it. I might be prepared to argue with that but what I do object to violently, are the agents (and I am sure there are respectable members of that profession to whom this does not apply) whose sole contribution to the game is to take out as much as they can whilst putting absolutely nothing back in.

I have bemoaned this situation before in these pages and, quite frankly, it seems to be getting worse rather than better. When the PFA offer a financial advisory service which precludes the need for agents, and which, I would assume, is for the benefit of the profession as a whole, one wonders why individuals persist in arming themselves with "independent" advisors of this nature unless it is on the basis of "Beggars the future of the game as whole - what can I get for myself". Robson was quoted as saying: "It would be interesting to find out how much money has actually gone out of football into agents' hands. It would be very, very interesting, and that money shouldn't have gone, in some cases, where it has gone."

Does this mean that integrity has finally beaten the dust in the world of football? The transfer of George Weah to Manchester City would suggest not. When he left AC Milan, the club president Silvio Berlusconi, wanted to give him a golden handshake of £1 million which Berlusconi claimed was in Weah's contract. Weah graciously refused to accept it on the grounds that he did not think he had done anything to deserve it and he wanted to be able to look Berlusconi in the eye should he ever return to Milan. Weah might already be a very wealthy man. But so are many of the players and in particular, agents, who are currently trying to squeeze the very last financial drop from anyone prepared to hand it over. They could learn a great deal from the former World Footballer of the Year.



Bobby Robson

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It is now 50 years since Port Vale Football Club moved from The Recreation Ground in Hanley to Vale Park.

To celebrate the anniversary the supporters club are organising a sponsored eight-mile walk which will pass all of Port Vale's grounds since the club started in 1876.

The walk begins at Vale Park on Sunday 10th September at 10am and sponsorship forms are available from the Port Vale Pub and the Club & Sports Shop.

All money raised will go towards the disabled stand.

## MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

Friends of the late Ron Platt are pictured presenting Tony Naylor with a Man of the Match award.

The group sponsored the first game of the season against Oxford United.



## A LETTER FROM LEEDS UNITED SUPPORTERS

Dear Port Vale,  
I write on behalf of all true Leeds United fans expressing gratitude for the sympathy and tributes from football fans nationwide following the tragic events in Istanbul towards the end of last season.

The tributes received, many of which were personally delivered, were both moving and sincere and the understanding of genuine fans on these sad occasions will be remembered.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Fell, Chairman of Leeds United Supporters Club



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## STRIP FOR SHELTER

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Football fans from across the country will don their club colours for a day between September 22nd and 24th.

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Last year Port Vale were very well represented in this event, particularly by Endon High School and we look forward to a similar response from Vale fans again this year.

So get your kit on for the lads!

## NEW SIGNINGS AT THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Summer months have sparked furious transfer activity across the three divisions and the Football League itself has

made two new acquisitions. Joining as Chief Executive is David Burns, 44, who takes up his post on October 2nd.

The Scottish born father-of-two moves to the league after 13 successful years with travel company Airtours.

Filling the role of Independent Chairman is Keith Harris (same name but it's not the bloke with Orville the duck!), who replaces Peter Middleton who retired in June.

Harris has spent the last five years as Chief Executive of investment with the HSBC bank.

## 1950 PRESENTATION

Ardent Vale Fan Lindon Roberts is pictured receiving a 1950 Framed Montage from George O'Callaghan and Richard Eyre.

The limited edition montage has been produced to celebrate 50 years at Vale Park. Lindon, who is an avid collector of anything to do with the Vale, supplied programmes and memorabilia from the first match at the ground so that the montage could be produced.

The commemorative plaque can be bought from the club shop at a price of £29.99.







# swindon town

Like ourselves, the Robins were relegated at the end of last season and are now aiming to make a rapid return to the First Division under manager Colin Todd.

In terms of performances Swindon played well below par for most of the 1999-2000 campaign and at one stage they were on course to reap their lowest number of points. But they battled on bravely towards the end and although taking last position, they secured 36 points (the same number as the Vale).

Given some inspiration and confidence from their performances during April and May last term, Swindon have been marked up as one of the bookies' favourites to figure in the promotion race this season.

They began (fielding six new players) with a hard-fought goalless draw at home to Colchester United before losing 2-0 at Reading in a local derby. A home Worthington League Cup clash with Exeter City and on Saturday the Robins played host to another demoted side, Walsall.

It's early days yet, but Swindon know they have to stay in touch with the top six or seven clubs to have any chance of leaping out of the Second Division at the first attempt. Therefore manager Todd, vastly experienced in both club and international football, will be urging his players to put in a solid performance against the Valiants this afternoon.

## IN GOAL

Dutchman **BART GRIEMINK**

(aged 28) was a summer signing from Peterborough United. The former WK Emmen and Birmingham City 'keeper had an excellent campaign with Posh whom he helped gain promotion via the Third Division Wembley play-off Final last season. A fine shot-stopper, he made 67 appearances under Barry Fry and London Road and 26 under the same manager at St Andrew's.



Bart Griemink

Reserve 'keeper is **STEVE MILDENHALL** (22) who stands 6ft. 4ins tall and weighs over 14 stone. He has been associated with the Robins for six years and a professional for four. He has made just over a dozen first-team appearances to date.

## IN DEFENCE

Full-back **MARK ROBINSON** (aged 31) who can also play in midfield, began his career with West Bromwich Albion in the mid 1980s. He then did well for Barnsley (over 150 appearances) and Newcastle United before joining Swindon Town in July 1994 for £600,000. A player who loves to carry the ball out of defence rather than hoofing it downfield, he enjoys getting forward (like a winger) and delivers a fine cross when allowed to. He has now amassed in excess of 270 first-team appearances for the Robins.

Centre-back **SOLOMON DAVIS** (21 next week) was born in Cheltenham and joined Swindon as a trainee, turning professional in May 1999. He has already appeared in over 60 first team matches and is highly thought of at the County Ground.

**ALAN REEVES** (32) has been in League soccer for 11 years, having made his debut back in the second-half of the 1988-89 season with Gillingham (on loan from his first club Norwich City). He moved to Chester from Carrow Road and in 1991 was signed by Rochdale, switching south to Wimbledon in 1994 for £300,000. He played 57 games for the Dons in the top flight (4 goals scored) before moving to Swindon on a 'free' in June 1998. In a varied career Birkenhead-born Reeves has now netted 20 goals in over 300 competitive matches.

The Australian **DANNY INVINCIBLE** (24) came over to England in the close season



# the robins

# the visitors

and has figured prominently in his manager's plans already. A compact, hard-working footballer with good skills, he loves to roam the park and get in a shot at goal.



Danny Invincible

St Johnstone sold defender **KEITH O'HALLORAN** to Swindon Town in the close season after he had done well with the Perth club. A strong competitor, able to occupy a number of positions, he spent most of his first year at McDairmid Park (1998-99) on the subs' bench before establishing himself in the side last season.

## IN MIDFIELD

Signed in January 1998 for £30,000, **BOBBY HOWE** has certainly been value for money and has now played over 70 games for Swindon having previously made four on loan

with Ipswich Town and 18 for Nottingham Forest. The 26 year-old former England youth international, is best suited when playing just behind the front two.



Keith O'Halloran

**ADAM WILLIS** is a youngster with a lot to offer and has already impressed in various training sessions. Capable of playing in a variety of positions, he could be on the bench this afternoon. After more than 150 games for Bristol City and three on loan to Burnley, former England youth international midfielder

**MATT HEWLETT** joined the Robins in the summer to embark on his eighth season in league football. Aged 24, he has suffered with injury during the last two campaigns but is now fighting fit and ready to do battle with the Robins

Scotsman **DAVID DUKE** from Inverness arrived in July from Sunderland where he had become surplus to requirements. The 21-year-old midfielder failed to break into the first XI at The Stadium of Light.

## IN ATTACK

**CHARLIE GRIFFIN** from Bath has been with Yeovil Town (on loan) and Chippenham Town before joining Swindon in the summer. A striker with two good feet, he enjoys a challenge but needs to build up the physical side of his game.

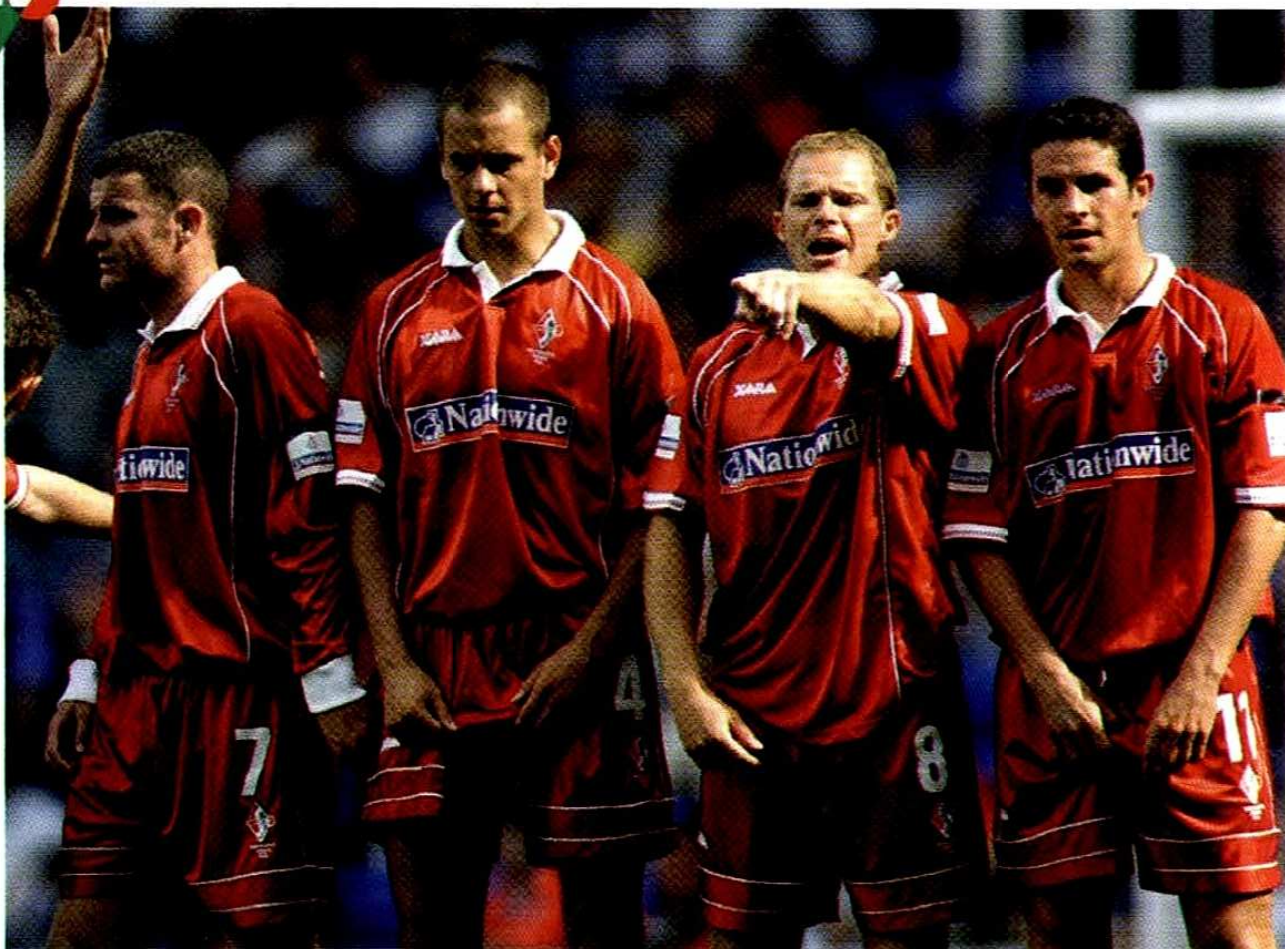
**GARY ALEXANDER**, aged 21, from Lambeth (London), was previously with West Ham United and Exeter City (on loan). He failed to get into the first XI at Upton Park but gained experience by making 60 appearances and scoring 19 goals for the Grecians - before his summer move to the County Ground. He was voted Exeter's 'Player of the Year' last season.

**GIULIANO GRAZIOLI** was born in Marylebone (London) of Italian parents in March 1975. He played for non-League side Wembley before joining Peterborough United in 1995. For Posh he scored 17 goals in 52 appearances before joining Swindon in July 1999 on a free transfer. He has good pace and an excellent eye for goal.

Without having made the first XI, striker **STEVE COWE** (who will be 26 in a month's time) was sold by Aston Villa to Swindon for £100,000 in March 1993. He has now chalked up almost 100 appearances for the Robins.







Swindon players setting up the defensive wall

## in fact.....

- 👉 Swindon played in both the 1911 and 1912 FA Cup semi-finals, losing to Newcastle United and Barnsley respectively.
- 👉 Paul Rideout, who is still in the game today, has been the youngest debutant for Swindon, aged 16 years, 107 days old v. Hull City in 1980.
- 👉 In season 1985-86 the Robins weighed in with a record 32 League wins out of 46 starts in Division 4.
- 👉 Full-back John Trollope appeared in a club record 889 senior games for Swindon Town between 1960 and 1981. He starred in 770 Football League matches and is currently in the list of top-ten appearance-makers in the history of the game.
- 👉 Glenn Hoddle managed Swindon from 1991 to 1993. And among the other former internationals who have taken the boss's seat at the club are Ossie Ardiles, Lou Macari, Steve McMahon and Jimmy Quinn.



# the visitors in charge colin todd

**B**orn in Chester-le-Street, County Durham in December 1948, Colin Todd represented the town's schoolboy team before joining Sunderland as a 16 year-old, turning professional at Roker Park in December 1966 - seven months before helping the Wearsiders win the FA Youth Cup. He spent the next four years with Sunderland before transferring to Derby County for £180,000 in February 1971. Seven-and-a-half years later, in September 1978, he moved to Everton for £350,000 and twelve months after that he became a Birmingham City player for £350,000. In August 1982 Todd switched to Nottingham Forest for £70,000 and in January 1984 he signed for Oxford United before trying his luck in the NASL with Vancouver Whitecaps. He then returned to England to assist Luton Town, retiring in the summer of 1985 to take over as manager of Whitley Bay. In May 1986 Todd became reserve team coach at Middlesbrough; four months later he was given the position of chief scout/assistant-manager and then when Bruce Rioch left he became manager (March 1990), retaining that position until May 1991. Twelve months later Todd was given the assistant-manager's job at Bolton Wanderers (again under Rioch) and in



January 1995, with Roy McFarland, he became joint-manager of the Trotters, taking over the reins himself when McFarland left for Cambridge United in November 1996. He left The Reebok Stadium in 1999 and in April 2000 became manager of relegated Swindon Town.

A man who has certainly seen it all and done it all in the world of football, Todd amassed more than 700 appearances at club and international level. A powerful, determined footballer able to occupy the right-back, wing-half, centre-half or midfield positions, he won 27 full caps for England as well as representing his country at youth and under 23 levels. He also played for the Football League side. He won two League championship medals with Derby in 1972 and 1975; helped Blues gain promotion from the Second Division in 1980 and was voted 'Footballer of the Year' in 1975. As manager he took Bolton up to and down from the Premiership and has been the oldest player so far to appear in a League game for Oxford - 35 years, four months.





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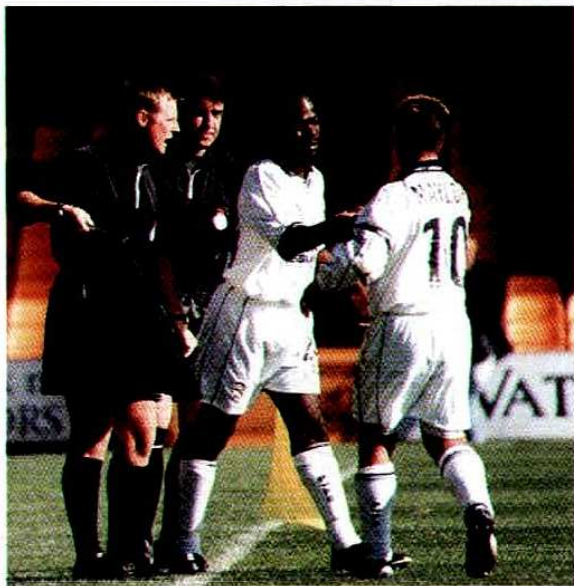
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1. Who did Nottingham Forest elgn for £1m from Norwich in August 1981?
2. In 1996 who was sent off four times for Inter Milan?
3. In which year did Paul Gascoigne leave Newcastle United?
4. Who scored a hat-trick for Leeds in the 1992 Charity Shield?
5. How many goals did Gary Lineker score for England?
6. Who did Brazil beat 4-1 in the 1970 World Cup Final?

### HALF TIME QUIZ

7. In the 1986 FA Cup Final, which former Eire international scored for Liverpool in their 3-2 victory over Everton?
8. In which year was the European Cup Final first played in Britain?
9. Name the defender who Brentford signed from Norwich in January 1989 for a then club record of £100,000?
10. Who were the first team to win consecutive Division One titles in the 1900's?

20 years ago this season, Rotherham Utd set a new 3rd Division record conceding only 32 goals in 46 games on their way to the title.

WHO AM I?



Rising England star, born 1972, who turned out for Swansea on loan in 1995/96.

### TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

### GROUND JUMBLE



Identify four league grounds from the jumble above. ... the colours will give you a clue.



### TRUE OR FALSE?

In 1996-97 the 3rd Division Champions, Wigan were managed by John Deehan?

### THREE IN ONE



Can you identify these three club crests?

- ANSWERS
- HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Justin Fashanu, 2. Paul Ince, 3. 1984-85, Eric Cantona, 4. 48, 5. Italy, 6. John Aldridge 8. 1960 - Hampden Park (Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3), 9. Simon Katcliffe, 10. Sheffield (The Wednesday 1902-03-04. WHO AM I? Frank Lampard. GROUND SCRAMBLE: Grimsby Town - BLUNDELL PARK, Lincoln City - SINGL BANK, Portsmouth - FLETTON PARK, Barnet - UNDERHILL STADIUM, THREE IN ONE: Coventry City, Aston Villa, Sheffield Wednesday, Soccer Dingbats, Hartlepool United. TRUE OR FALSE? True.







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**Nationwide League Division One Saturday 9 September 200- 3.00pm**

The shortest route to Bournemouth is down the M5 then across country. The trouble is, the last 70 miles or so are all on ordinary A roads and you can easily get stuck behind a tractor. This route adds a few miles on but keeps you on motorway and dual carriageway all the way.

Take M6 south to junction 4a M42. Follow the M42 south to junction 3a and

then follow M40 south signposted London. Leave the M40 at junction 9 and take the roundabout exit signposted Oxford A34. Stay on the A34 dual carriageway round Oxford, over the M4 and along the new Newbury by-pass. As you approach Winchester pick up the A33/M3 signposted Southampton. From the M3 join the M27 westbound to Southampton Docks and Bournemouth. Stay on the M27 to the end where the road becomes the dual carriageway A31. This road goes through the New Forest to Ringwood.

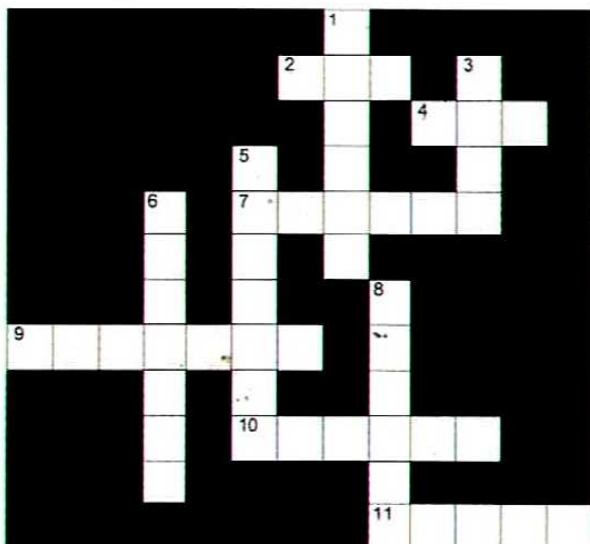
About a mile beyond Ringwood at the Ashley Heath junction take the first

exit at the roundabout signposted A338 Bournemouth. As you approach the town, you should see the floodlights on your left. Take the exit to Boscombe (A3049) then to Kings Park for the ground. There is quite a large car park right next to the ground.



Answers at the foot of the page

## visitors crossword



- Across
- Record appearances
  - Wembley victims in 1969
  - New manager
  - Top scorer last season
  - Scored final goal of last season
  - Swindon's recors scorer

- Down
- Record purchase
  - Youngest debutant
  - Manager from 1984-89
  - Club nickname
  - Managed Vale & Swindon

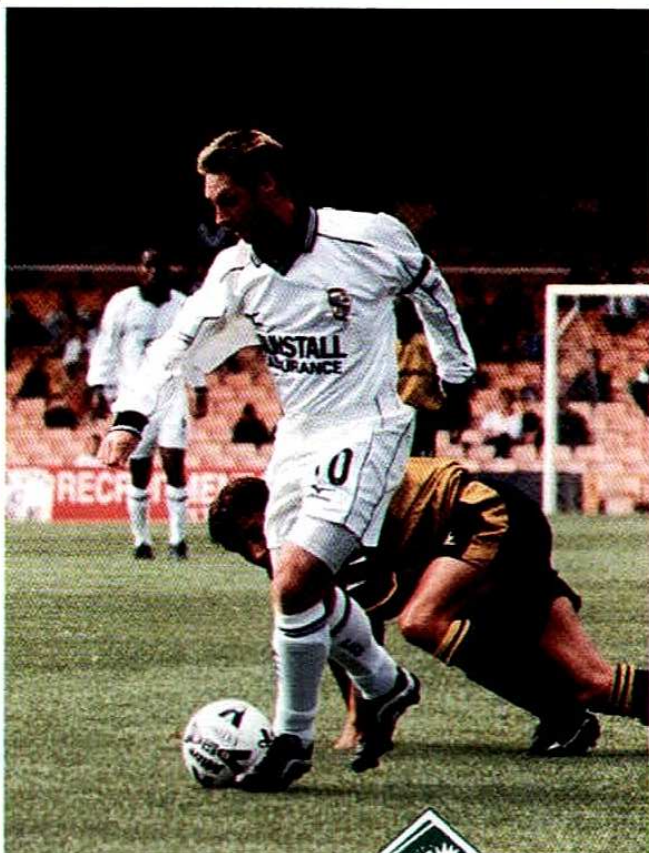
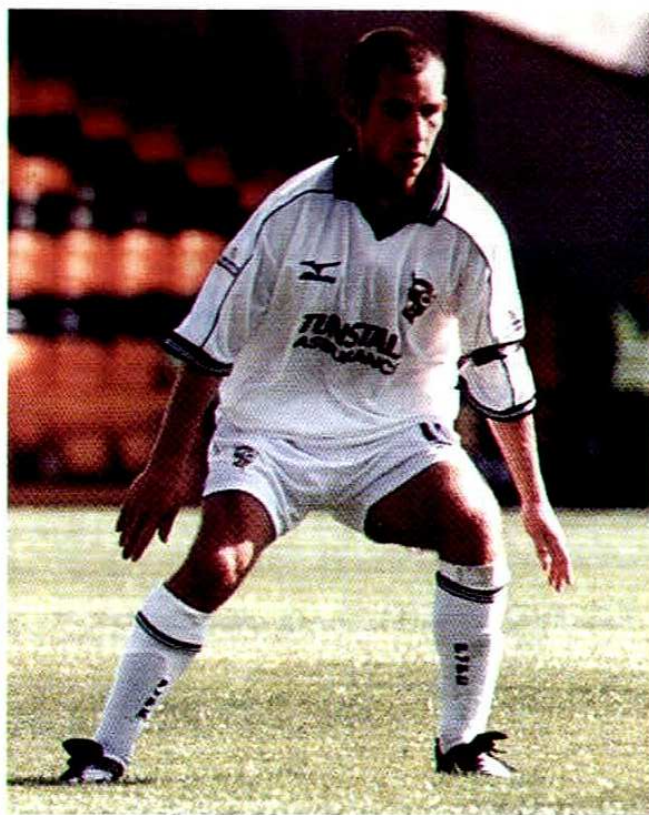
Across: 2. Trolllope, 5. Arsenal, 6. Todd, 7. Hay, 9. Grazzoli, 11. Morris  
Down: 1. Beachamp, 3. Rideout, 4. Macari, 8. Macari, 8. Robins, 10. Smith





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## Goalscoring Head 2 Head

in the graphics below, The Valiants' figure is to the left with the goals scored indicated in blue and conceded in green, Robins' to the right and scored in red and conceded in blue

### Where



### How



### Top League Scorers

**15** Bridge-Wilkinson (Port Vale) vs **no scorers as yet** (Swindon Town)

4 in 2	Team Goals	0 in 2
2.00 goals	Ratio per Game	0 goals
2 in 2	Player's Goals	0 in 2
1.00 goals	Ratio per Game	0 goals
1	Games Scored In	0
0	Games Scored 1st Goal	0
0	Games Scored 1 Goal	0
1	Games Scored 2 Goals	0
0	Games Scored 3 Goals	0

#### IMPORTANCE OF GOALS

(Taking out top scorers, how would results be affected)

0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Drawn	0 (0 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Won -> Lost	0 (0 pts)
0 (0 pts)	Games Drawn -> Lost	0 (0 pts)
0	Number of points gained	0

#### SCORING SEQUENCES

0	Consecutive Games Scored	0
0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
1 game	Maximum Scoring run	0 games

#### CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT SCORING

0	2 Games	0
0	3 Games	0
0	4 Games	0
1 game	Maximum Dry Spell	2 games

### Vale's Results

PORT VALE GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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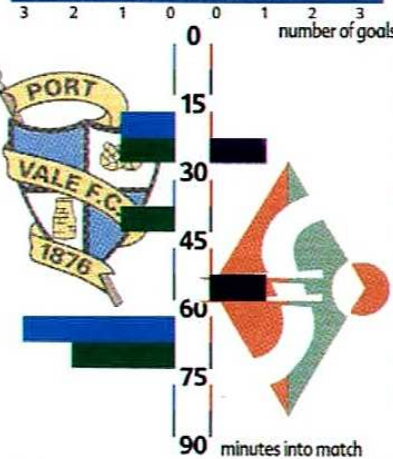
### Robins' Results

SWINDON GOALS								
OPPOSITION GOALS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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shows the number of results for each scoreline. eg. Vale have won 1 game 3-0. Swindon have drawn 1 game 0-0 and lost 1 game 0-2

# Stats & Facts

### When



### Face2Face

Last Season:

At Vale Park 2-0  
At County Ground 1-2

Valiants' Season Records:

Home Win 3-0 Oxford  
Away Win none  
Home Defeat none  
Away Defeat 1-4 Oldham  
Consec. Wins 1  
Consec. Defeat 1

Robins' Season Records:

Home Win none  
Away Win none  
Home Defeat none  
Away Defeat 0-2 Reading  
Consec. Wins 0  
Consec. Defeat 1

### Average time of Scoring / Conceding

45 mins	All Goals for	n/a mins
30 mins	Home Goals For	n/a mins
90 mins	Away Goals For	n/a mins
45 mins	All Goals Against	90 mins
n/a mins	Home Goals Against	n/a mins
23 mins	Away Goals Against	45 mins

Table shows average time taken for both teams to score and concede goals in home and away games.

### Results so far...Form Guide Comparison

Valiants : **LW** F 4 A 4 Pts 3

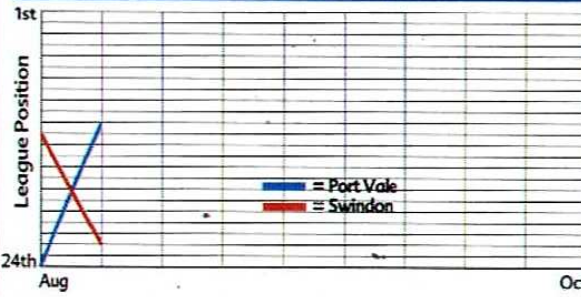
Robins : **DL** F 0 A 2 Pts 1

Form Guide shows results so far. W=Won, L=Lost, S=Score Draw, D=No Score Draw. Most recent result to the right

### Swindon Town's Last 10 Years - The Complete Record

DIV	FAC	WC	LS	Gls	Ave Att
90/91	2	4	3	Shearer	22 9,507
91/92	2	5	4	Shearer	22 9,871
92/93	1	3	3	Maskell	18 10,489
93/94	3	3	Fjortoft	12 15,011	
94/95	1	4	SF	Fjortoft	16 9,408
95/96	2	5	2	Allison	17 10,602
96/97	1	3	3	Allison	11 9,265
97/98	1	3	1	Hay	14 9,505
98/99	1	3	1	Ornuora	20 8,651
99/00	1	3	1	Hay	10 6,977

### Seasonal Progress Comparison




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It is nearly a year ago when I wrote my first article for the Official Match Day Programme where I was talking about money taking over football. I think that the dealings that have been taking place over the last month in the transfer market has verified what I wrote a year ago, and what many many people have been thinking recently.

It wasn't too long ago when many of us raised our eyebrows at the £15 million move that Alan Shearer took from Blackburn to Newcastle, I am not doubting this lad's ability as it may upset some people (!), but FIFTEEN MILLION QUID for one single player?! Then, a couple of weeks ago, Real Madrid paid a record £37.5 million for Luis Figo, which led me to believe that I was living in a dream. Luis proved himself to be an outstanding player to the whole of Europe this Summer in Euro 2000, where he was exceptional throughout the tournament and I'm sure that no matter how good he is many other big clubs couldn't even think about these figures for a player. It makes me only wonder how much some clubs would be offering for the likes of Zinedine Zidane after he showed exceptional form not only for his club but country as well.

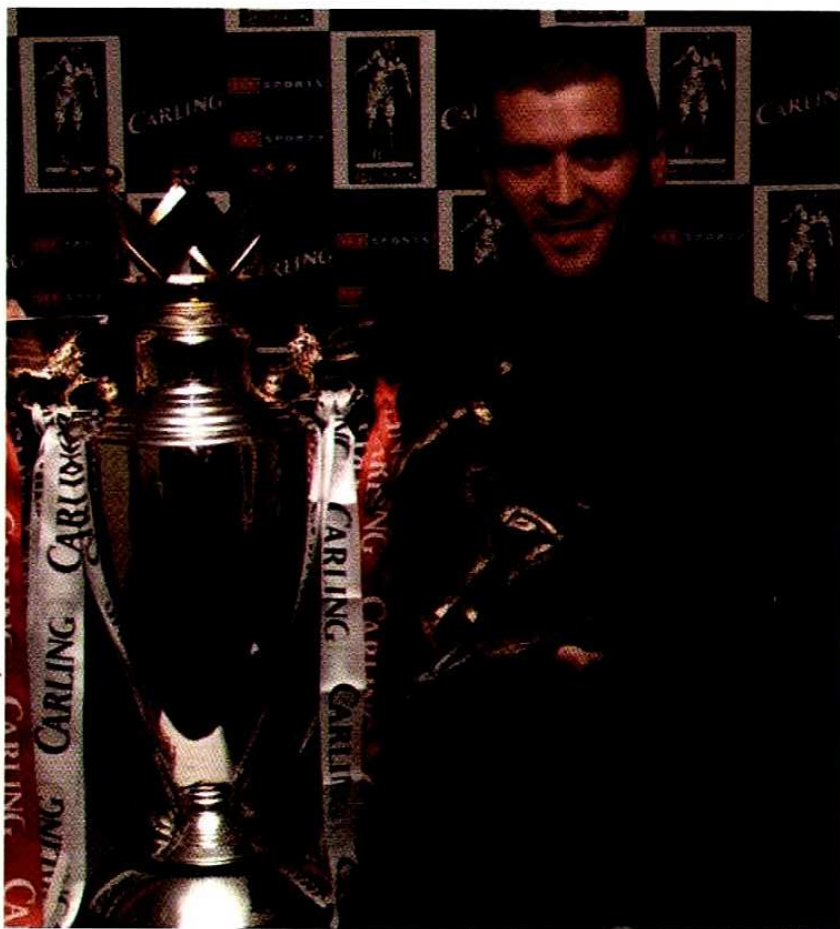
Terry Venables has said that the most that he ever took home with him at the end of one week is £80 (whilst being a professional footballer). This is a bloke that is still living today and in his life time football prices have increased dramatically to the point where players

like Roy Keane are earning more in one week than most do in a whole year. Not only in the transfer market but sponsorship is becoming more important and has more coverage than the actual teams' progress and what they do on a Saturday afternoon.

Real Madrid have shown that they will pay whatever is needed to get the very best players. If I was writing this for their Programme then I'd be shouting and raving about our new signing and looking at how we will attract even better players to the club. But as I'm writing it for Port Vale's Programme therefore I can't be too pleased about it because it seems that smaller clubs like Sunderland

and Leicester can't afford these prices so how will we go on in a few years time? Manchester United, Real Madrid, Juventus etc. will just get bigger and better heading for the predicted European League, leaving the intermediate teams to battle it out among themselves.

Port Vale can be successful in its own way by getting as near to the play-offs as possible and hopefully next season we can be playing Division One Football. After all, we have a fresh team coming through with a manager that once nearly signed Luis Figo, but who needs Luis Figo when we have Tommy Widdrington? 'Good Luck' lads for this season!



Roy Keane





# unusual matches, unusual scorelines

## .....six goals for the 'clown'.....

In October 1946, Newcastle United whipped Newport County 13-0 in a Second Division League game at St James' Park in front of more than 52,000 spectators.

Making his debut for the Geordies was, in my opinion, one of the greatest players ever to wear an England shirt - the 'Clown Prince of Soccer' himself Len Shackleton, who had been signed for what was to prove a bargain fee of just £13,000 from Bradford Park Avenue.

*"With Newcastle playing five forwards, all of them potential marksman, Newport had no answer."*

He had a brilliant game, destroying the Welsh side's defence with some magical skills - and he helped himself to six goals (a double hat-trick) as well as laying on five more for his colleagues.

With Newcastle playing five forwards, all of them potential marksman, Newport had no answer, being swept back time and again by waves of Black and White pressure.

The game got off to a flying start when Newcastle's Charlie Wayman blasted a 90th second penalty two yards wide of the County goal.

But by half-time Wayman, later

to play for Preston, had helped himself to a hat-trick, while Shackleton himself netted four times including three in the space of just six minutes.

*He tormented every Newport player on the park!*

He crossed for Wayman to head home on seven minutes. Six minutes later 'Shack' beat three men, played a one-two with Wayman, and opened his account (2-0).

Shackleton then carved out two more chances in the space of 50 seconds which Wayman put away with sweet aplomb to complete his hat-trick (4-0) and then Shack himself weighed in with numbers five (after another mazy dribble in the 26th minute), number six when he cleverly chipped 'keeper Charlie Turner and number seven with a slide-rule cross-shot.

Newcastle, in fact, claimed five goals in a seven-minute spell during the first half.

Poor old Newport didn't know what had hit them. They tried to put two men (sometimes three) on the elusive Shackleton who still bamboozled his markers to a degree that four defenders were spoken to by the referee for over-zealous play!

He tormented every Newport player on the park!

The impressive Shackleton was on target again early in the

second-half (8-0). Jackie Milburn netted twice to bring up double figures and in the 73rd minute Wayman pounced to net his fourth goal of the game to make it 11-0.

Still Newcastle poured forward. Roy Bentley, soon to play for England with Chelsea made it a round dozen and the thirteenth goal was credited to Shackleton whose angled shot was helped over the line by inside-right Ken Wookey. Final score: Newcastle 13 (Shackleton 6) Newport 0

*Newcastle, in fact, claimed five goals in a seven-minute spell during the first half.*

NB: 13 was certainly not unlucky for Shackleton. He joined Bradford as a professional on 13 December 1940. He moved to Newcastle on 13 October 1946 for £13,000 and scored his first Newcastle goal in the 13th minute against Newport.

### **Tony Matthews**



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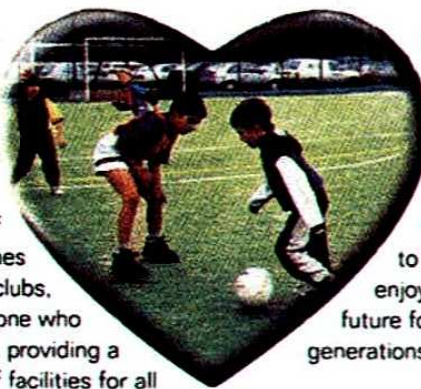
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**Good afternoon, on behalf of Football in the Community I would like to extend a warm welcome to Swindon Town and their travelling junior supporters.**

**'IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS BLACK AND WHITE'**  
During the month of July, Vale Park became the venue for the play "Its not as simple as Black and White," a schools racism project promoting citizenship. This was the result of several months of planning by Port Vale Community Scheme staff in partnership with the New Vic Theatre and the combined divisions of Stoke and Staffordshire Police.

Workshops took place in local schools and competitions were organised in two categories, poster design and written work, outstanding examples were displayed and performed at the New Vic Theatre. Three performances of the play took place at Port Vale F.C. in the Directors Restaurant with mixed audiences ranging from primary and secondary school children to adults and special needs groups. I am delighted to say that we had great support from our playing staff who were all present along with the management and coaches, the play was so well received that we are looking to repeat it again next year and meetings are now taking place to discuss new ideas and the way forward.

Below is a letter that was sent by a teacher from Pinewood Primary School in Meir following a performance of the play:-

*I am writing to say what a privilege it was to have the racism theatre group in school yesterday. I have rarely seen in my twenty two years of teaching, such a powerful, performance which so thoroughly engaged and captured the children's attention, in such a thought provoking way.*

*You dealt with the broad issues of racism honestly and sensitively. Using the theme of football was an "absolute winner" with our children.*

*I was also very impressed by the way in which the actors interacted so successfully with the children - drawing ideas from them about the negative images they saw and empowering them into thinking of strategies to deal with racism.*

*I will remember for a very long time the attack on the Asian boy. I was genuinely frightened for him and filled with anger and sorrow for the actions and words of the bullies.*

*I am sure that you must have noticed the wider range of emotions that flitted across the faces of our children throughout the afternoon. It does make one realise what an extremely powerful device is in communicating important ideas.*

*As the children left school they were absolutely "full" of enthusiasm for the performance and many went up the street reciting the "anti racism chant".*

*I feel that this project should continue if we are to start changing children's attitudes towards this very important issue.*

*Thanking you once more for a most remarkable afternoon.*

*Yours sincerely  
Gynneith Dalley  
Deputy Head and Year 5 Teacher*

New ideas for "Its not as simple as Black and White" include a workpack designed for use in schools, taking the play on a tour of the Midlands, a CD Rom and access to information via the Port Vale web site.

So now you know that your Community scheme works in many weird and wonderful ways, all in the best interests of Port Vale F.C. of course.

Enjoy the game, Jim Cooper  
Community Officer







## READING - NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 - VALE PARK SAT 2nd Sept 2000 Kick-off 3pm

Last season I expected Reading to be amongst the frontrunners in Division Two. They had the stadium and the resources for success. Close to the end of January, however, the Royals were in the lower reaches of the division, with relegation staring them in the face. Of the final twenty games 12 were won and only four were lost. In the end they finished in tenth spot.

This season expectations are again high under the management team of Alan Pardew and Martin Allen. There has been a huge turnover in the playing

staff. Experienced players like Keith Jones, Adrian Williams, Adrian Viveash and Ricky Newman have been added to an already strong-looking squad. Even in the past fortnight Reading have added two more quality players to the squad, more than making up for the long-term loss through injury of Nicky Forster. One signing needs no introduction: Tony Rougier, who received rave notices for his home debut against Swindon. The other is prolific striker Jamie Cureton, who has arrived for a puzzlingly-low fee of £250,000 from Bristol Rovers. This squad

looks to have lots of goals in it. Star player is ex-Spur Darren Caskey, who scored 22 league and cup goals last season.

Any look at Reading has to include reference to the wonderful Madejski Stadium, which is something of an improvement on ageing Elm Park. Great view from any seat in that ground! The stadium is named after the club's benefactor, John Madejski, who was born in North Staffordshire. His money might have been quite useful to Vale

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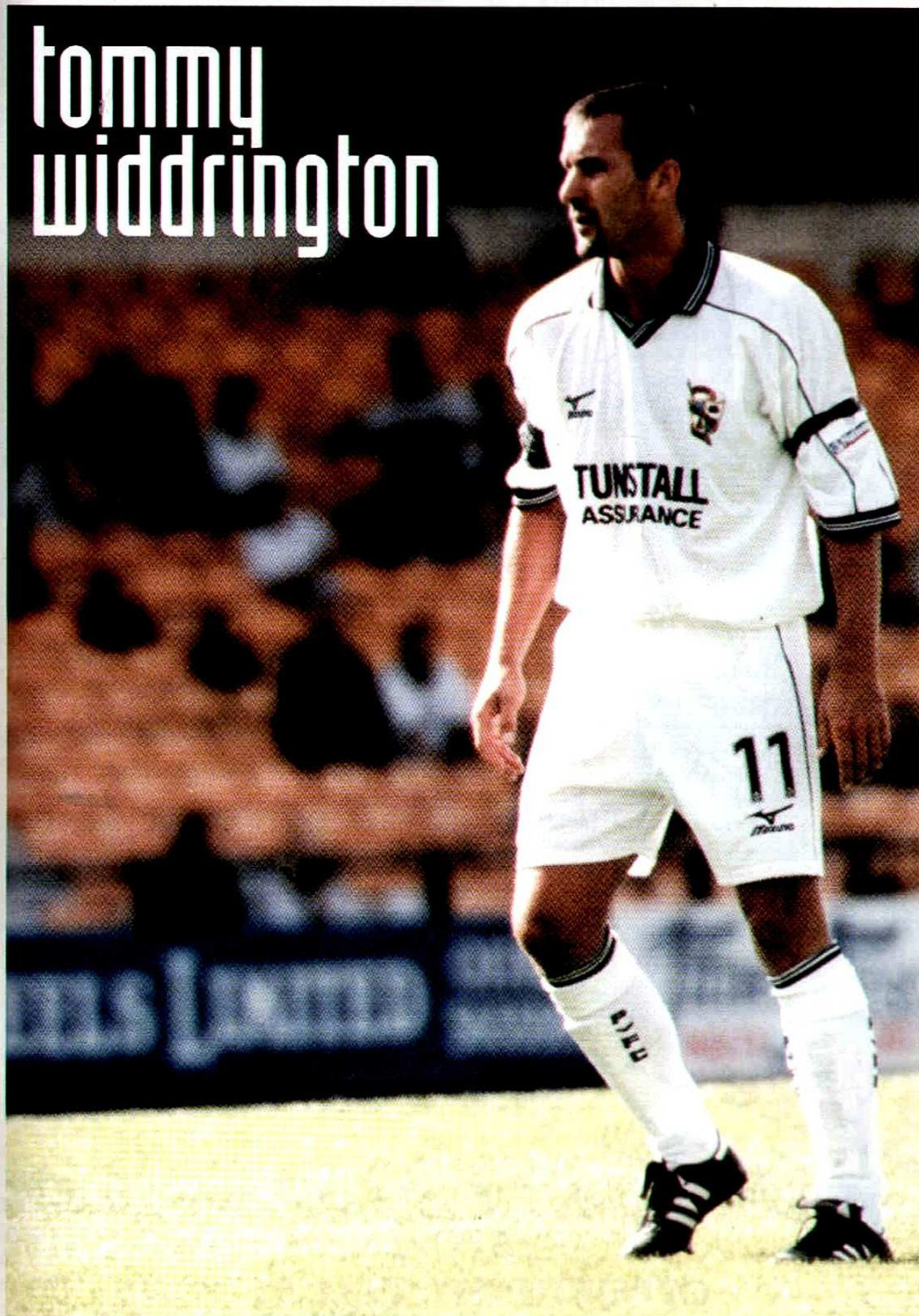
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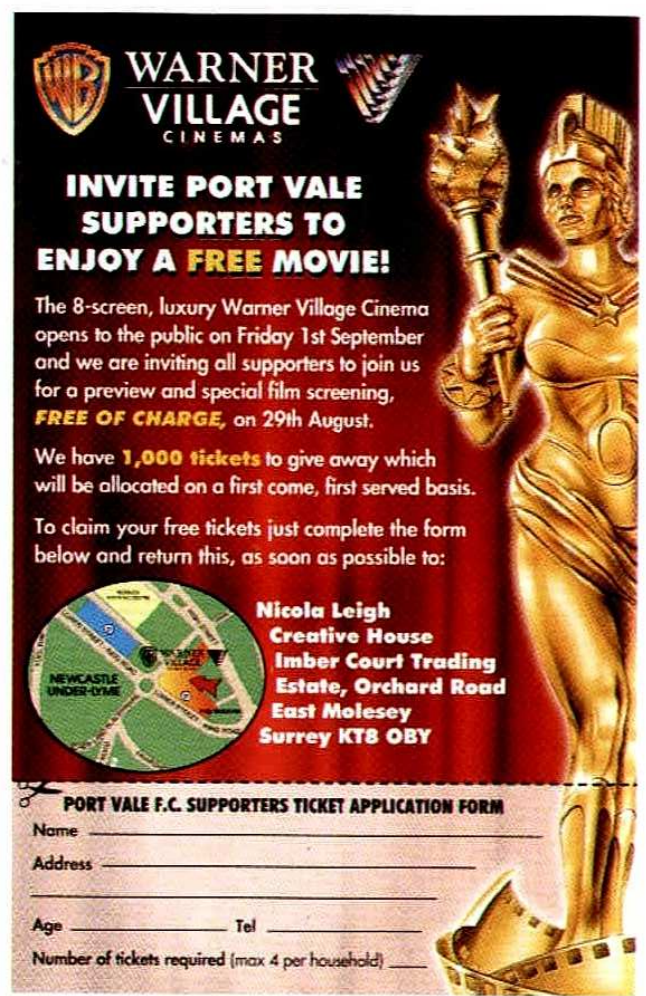
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# in the ranks

## the arsenal of the cheshire league - port vale reserves!

This is my second season of reporting Vale Reserve games in the programme but there are not enough Reserve fixtures that I can attend in order to supply a report for every programme, so I've decided to diversify a little. What I intend to do is cover a little bit of history about Vale Reserve teams over the years and a good place to start would be to cover a period of remarkable success.

I came across "The Arsenal of the Cheshire League" tag a few years ago in a Rhyl v Port Vale Cheshire League programme from 1958-59. It came as a bit of a surprise to me as I had been watching Vale Reserves since the mid-1960's, when they existed and they were hardly a force to be reckoned with. I knew that the Vale had worn red shirts and white shorts during the 1920's and 1930's as I have a red Supporters Club badge and a number of cigarette cards of Vale player's wearing the strip



from that period. However I did not think that was grounds for a comparison with Herbert Chapman's Arsenal, who dominated English football at that time.

At about that time my first team programme collection was only increasing slowly as the gaps were becoming the rare and difficult to find ones, so I diversified into Vale Reserves programmes and began to look more closely at the history of the Reserves playing record. I was pleasantly surprised to find that they had dominated the Cheshire League over a 10 years period in which they were only out of the top two places once as shown below.

Five Championships, four Runners-up, two League Cup wins and a League Cup Runners-up, including the

double twice is quite an impressive record for any team over a 10 years period. It is even more remarkable that over the next nineteen years of competition until they resigned at the end of 1958-59 their only other success was a League Cup win in 1937-38.



The only reserve programme I have obtained from this period is away at Tranmere Reserves in 1927-28 and the Vale team that shows a couple of well known names in the Vale line-up. These are Billy Briscoe, the Club Captain and Stewart Littlewood. During that Championship winning season Littlewood scored a remarkable 55 goals for the Reserves. Littlewood of course scored six goals during Vale's record Football league win when they beat Chesterfield 9-1 in 1932.

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SEASON	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS-UP	LEAGUE CUP WINNERS
1923-24	Crewe Reserves	Port Vale Reserves	Stockport Res & Chester
1924-25	Port Vale Reserves	Northwich Vics	Macclesfield
1925-26	Chester Port Vale	Reserves	Northwich Vics
1926-27	Chester	Ashton National	Crewe Reserves
1927-28	Port Vale Reserves	Stockport Res.	Manchester NE
1928-29	Port Vale Reserves	Ashton National	Port Vale Reserves
1929-30	Port Vale Reserves	Connahs Quay	Tranmere Res.
1930-31	Port Vale Reserves	Chester	Port Vale Reserves
1931-32	Macclesfield	Port Vale Reserves	Macclesfield
1932-33	Macclesfield	Port Vale Reserves	Altrincham



# vital statistics 2000-2001



## August 2000

Sat 12	Oldham Athletic	A	5,639	1-4
Sat 19	Oxford United	H	3,814	3-0
Tue 22	Chesterfield WC1/1	H	3,485	1-2
Mon 28	Swindon Town	H		

## September 2000

Sat 02	Reading	H		
Tue 05	Chesterfield WC1/2	A		
Sat 09	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A		
Tue 12	Cambridge United	A		
Sun 17	Stoke City	H		
Sat 23	Bury	A		
Sat 30	Wycombe Wanderers	H		

## October 2000

Sun 08	Peterborough United	A		
Sat 14	Colchester United	H		
Tue 17	Northampton Town	H		
Sat 21	Wigan Athletic	A		
Tue 24	Brentford	H		
Sat 28	Swansea City	A		
Tue 31	Bristol Rovers	A		

## November 2000

Sat 04	Millwall	H		
Sat 11	Notts County	A		
Sat 19	FA Cup 1			
Sat 25	Luton Town	H		

## December 2000

Sat 02	Walsall	A		
Sat 16	Bristol City	H		
Fri 22	Rotherham United	H		
Tue 26	Wrexham	A		
Sat 30	Oxford United	A		

## January 2001

Mon 01	Bristol Rovers	H		
Sat 06	Oldham Athletic	H		
Sat 13	Swindon Town	A		
Sat 20	Wrexham	H		
Sat 27	Rotherham United	A		

## February 2001

Sat 03	Reading	A		
Sat 10	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H		
Sat 17	Stoke City	A		
Tue 20	Cambridge United	H		
Sat 24	Bury	H		

## March 2001

Sat 03	Wycombe Wanderers	A		
Tue 06	Colchester United	A		
Sat 10	Peterborough United	H		
Sat 17	Northampton Town	A		
Sat 24	Wigan Athletic	H		
Sat 31	Bristol City	A		

## April 2001

Sat 07	Walsall	H		
Sat 14	Brentford	A		
Mon 16	Swansea City	H		
Sat 21	Millwall	A		
Sat 28	Notts County	H		

## May 2001

Sat 05	Luton Town	A		
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Football League Youth Alliance			
Date	Versus	@	Result
Aug 19	Macclesfield Town	(A)	3-0
Aug 26	W.B.A	(H)	
Sep 2	Notts County	(H)	
Sep 9	Shrewsbury	(H)	
Sep 16	Sheffield Utd.	(A)	
Sep 23	Walsall	(H)	
Oct 7	Chesterfield	(A) (10.30 Kick off)	
Oct 14	Mansfield Town	(A)	
Oct 21	Rotherham Utd.	(H)	
Oct 28	Shrewsbury	(A)	
Nov 11	Sheffield Utd.	(H)	
Nov 18	Chesterfield	(H)	
Nov 25	Walsall	(A)	
Dec 2	Mansfield Town	(H)	
Dec 16	Rotherham Utd.	(A)	
Jan 20	Macclesfield Town	(A)	
Jan 27	W.B.A	(A)	
Feb 10	Notts County	(A)	



## division two table (to 23/8/00)

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts
Millwall	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	3	3	6
Walsall	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	2	6
Peterborough	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
Stoke	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	4
Wigan	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Wycombe	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Oldham	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	3
Wrexham	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	3
Bristol City	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	3
Notts County	2	0	0	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Port Vale	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	3
Rotherham	2	0	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Reading	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Bury	2	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	-2	3
Bristol Rovers	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2
Bournemouth	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Brentford	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Swansea	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cambridge	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	-1	1
Northampton	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	1
Colchester	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	1
Swindon	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	-2	1
Luton	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	-2	0
Oxford	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	-4	0



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## Avon Insurance League Fixtures

Date	Versus	@	Result
Aug 16	WBA	(H)	0-1
Aug 30	Stockport County	(A)	
Sep 6	Birmingham City	(H)	
Sep 20	Preston North End	(H)	
Oct 4	Barnsley	(H)	
Oct 11	Tranmere	(A)	
Oct 25	Rotherham Utd.	(H)	
Nov 1	Oldham Athletic	(A)	
Nov 8	Bolton Wanderers	(H)	
Nov 13	Wolverhampton W	(A)	
Nov 20	Huddersfield Town	(A)	
Nov 29	Burnley	(H)	
Dec 5	Rotherham Utd.	(A)	
Dec 13	Oldham Athletic	(H)	
Jan 10	WBA	(A)	
Jan 24	Stockport County	(H)	
Feb 7	Birmingham City	(A)	
Feb 26	Preston North End	(A)	
Mar 14	Tranmere Rovers	(H)	
Mar 26	Barnsley	(A)	
Apr 4	Bolton Wanderers	(A)	
Apr 11	Wolverhampton W	(H)	
Apr 18	Huddersfield Town	(H)	
Apr 15	Burnley	(A)	

### Division 2 General Stats

	PU	CS	FS		PU	CS	FS
Bournemouth	34	12	11	Luton	25	6	14
Blackpool	40	6	13	Millwall	27	14	7
Brentford	33	12	18	Notts County	32	12	13
Bristol City	41	14	17	Oldham	29	13	12
Bristol Rovers	33	18	11	Oxford	31	9	16
Burnley	24	18	9	Preston	29	24	8
Bury	32	11	15	Reading	37	14	10
Cambridge	33	10	12	Scunthorpe	36	9	16
Cardiff	30	10	13	Stoke	34	15	9
Chesterfield	34	8	21	Wigan	28	17	7
Colchester	33	8	13	Wrexham	31	15	13
Gillingham	32	13	7	Wycombe	29	12	15

PU = Players Used CS = Clean Sheets FS = Games Team Failed to Score

### Division 2 Campaign Records

Highest Gate:	.....22,310	Burnley v Preston
Lowest Gate	.....1,903	Chesterfield v Bury
Highest Aggregate Score:	.....	Colchester 5-4 Bristol Rovers
Biggest Home Win:	.....	Burnley 5-0 Wrexham
Biggest Away Win:	.....	Blackpool 0-5 Bury
.....	.....	Oxford 0-5 Bristol Rovers
Consecutive Records:		
Wins	.....	Bristol Rovers, Millwall, Stoke 6
Games Unbeaten	.....	Wigan 24
Defeats	.....	Notts County, Oldham 5
Winless Run	.....	Chesterfield 18
Games:	.....	552
Home Wins:	.....	234 (42%)
Away Wins:	.....	163 (30%)
Draws:	.....	155 (28%)
1-1 Draws:	.....	75 (14%)
0-0 Draws:	.....	40 (7%)
Average goals per game:	.....	2.54
Yellow Cards:	.....	1,407
Red Cards:	.....	78
Total Attendance	.....	3,700,457
Average gate:	.....	6,704

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# Referee

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# team check

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## Mascots

Our mascot for today's Bank Holiday game is Hugh Jackson, of Meir. Hugh, who is celebrating his birthday, is a pupil at Longton High School. His favourite Port Vale player is striker Tony Naylor. In his free time he enjoys playing football, cricket and basketball.



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