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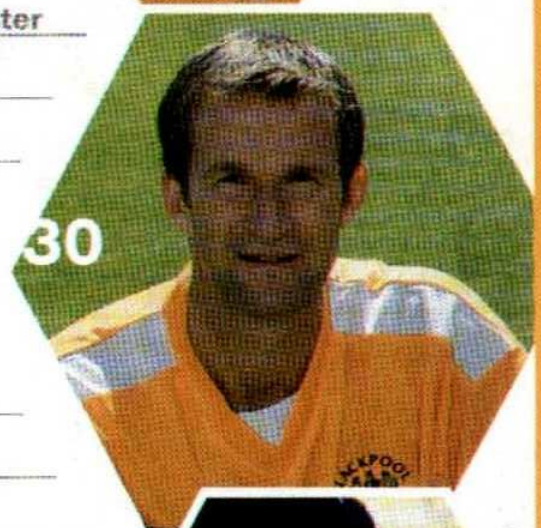
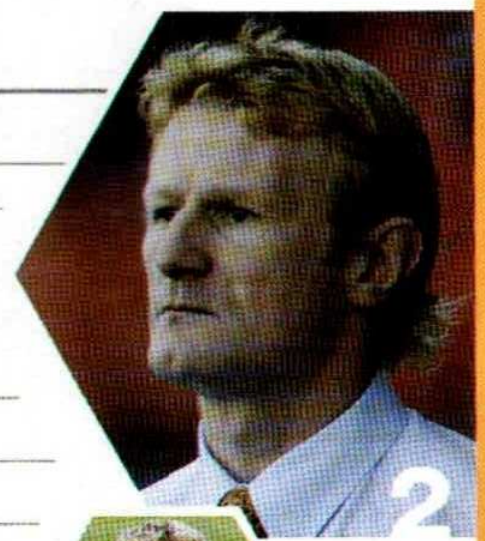
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Good afternoon and welcome to today's game with Swindon Town.

We had two tough away games last week and return here with two creditable draws, as a manager that is pleasing. The only bad game has been the first one against Chesterfield but I think Saturday's performance at Yeovil shows that result is now out of our systems and hopefully we can kick on today against Swindon. Last Saturday saw young Lewis get a taste of first team action after Jonsesy was forced off through injury. Lewis is a good goalkeeper. Because he is a 'kid', people might have doubts but the fact is he's a big lad and he's a good keeper. Down the line he is inexperienced and you want someone with a bit more experience to play that position. But on the other hand he is getting experience by playing, and by coming off the bench when needed and doing what he's done at Yeovil. At no time did I have any concern that when the

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ball came in the box on Saturday he wouldn't deal with it. We had more crosses into the box against us on Saturday than we've had in the previous two games but neither Lewis nor the defence had any problems. The defence deserve a big pat on the back. In the games against Chesterfield and Tranmere they hadn't really kept it tight and protected our goalkeeper but they did do that on Saturday at Yeovil. You have to give credit where it is due to the defence and as an

ex-defender I can tell you they should be proud of their display. I think we have to be happy with that point. It probably wasn't a great game to watch but we did what we had to do and got a result.

On the injury front, Tony Butler returned to action on Wednesday afternoon following a thigh injury, the big centre back did well and he could well be in our plans this afternoon. Lee Jones underwent a scan yesterday and we are hopeful his injury is not long term. Our other absentee is Gareth Evans is progressing very well but is still a way off from returning to first team action.

I would like to congratulate youngster Sean Clancy who spent the majority of last week on trial with the Irish under 19 squad. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience doing the club and himself proud. It proved to a great week for the young left back as he has been selected to join the full under-19 squad for the forthcoming internationals.

We received another piece of good news yesterday morning when we completed the signing of Les Pogliacomi from Oldham Athletic. Les has impressed me on many occasions in recent seasons and I am sure you will remember his outstanding performances against us in the past. He adds much needed competition and I am sure he will become more than a useful acquisition.

Today we welcome Andy King and his Swindon team, they had a great result last Saturday against Nottingham Forest and they will come here on a high and we will have to be at our best from the first whistle if we are to achieve a positive result.

Your support at Tranmere and Yeovil was different class, both Brian Little and Gary Johnson commented how vocal you were and I am sure that will not change today.

Enjoy the game

Colin

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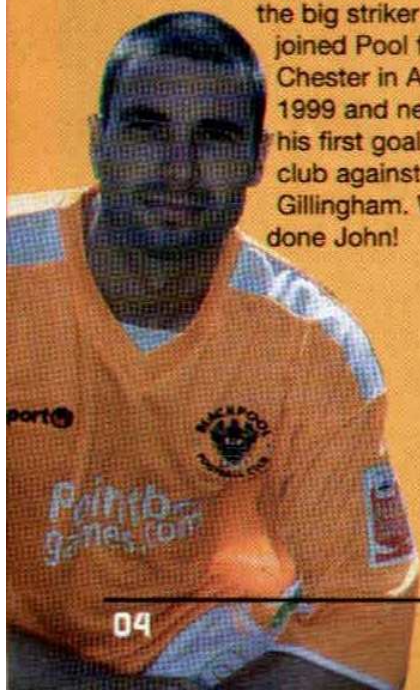
Hull Next Up



Peter Taylor's Hull City are the next visitors to Bloomfield Road. The Tigers arrive on Tuesday night for the first round of the Carling Cup. Normal matchday admission prices apply for the game which kicks off at 7.45pm and season ticket holders are reminded their season ticket includes the first home cup match of the season.

100 Up For Murph's

Last Saturday saw John Murphy net his 100th goal for the club, the big striker who joined Pool from Chester in August 1999 and netted his first goal for the club against Gillingham. Well done John!



On The Road



Next Saturday sees the Seaside travel across the Pennines to take on Rotherham United. The game at Millmoor kicks off at 3pm and admission is priced at £15 adults and £9 for juveniles and seniors if tickets are purchased in advance.



Supporters without tickets will have to pay an extra £2 to gain entry.

Happy Anniversary

Everyone at Blackpool FC would like to wish Pat & Geoff a belated Happy Anniversary, the happy couple celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last Monday. We hope we can add to the celebrations with three points today.



Clancy Call Up

Last week saw youth team left back Sean Clancy called up to the Irish Under 19 squad for their training camp and series of international fixtures.

Supporters will recall the 17-year-old full back made his Pool debut under Steve McMahon as a substitute against Sheffield Wednesday, before making his full debut in the final home game of the 2003/4 season, since then Clancy has turned in a number of impressive performances in both the Seaside youth and reserve teams.

The Liverpool born youngster qualifies for Ireland through his grandparents, linked up with the Irish squad in Dublin on Monday 15th August.

On the news Sean Clancy told us, "It came as a shock when I was told they were interested, in fact I thought it was a wind up. When the official confirmation came through I was even more surprised. I am really excited about the challenge and everyone is telling me to go and enjoy it. Hopefully I will do well and play some football, but most of all I am looking forward to the experience."



Right:
Sean Clancy.
Well done and
Good luck from
all at Blackpool FC

Tangerines On Tour

Our latest Tangerines on Tour photo shows "The Monsoons" of Canada sporting the Tangerine colours, The names of the children are in order on the picture



Back row Left to Right Jake Maroun, Brad Maroun, Tiffani Gill-Carew, Caity Rovere
Front row Left to Right Tabitha Gill-Carew, Kyle Tapping,



BE THE BOSS

RAFA Benitez' tactics were spot on in Europe as his Reds shocked the footballing world in Turkey.

Portuguese Man of War Jose Mourinho pulled off a remarkable double... Arsene Wenger's Gunners shot down United to leave Sir Alex potless, whilst Bryan Robson's Baggies went side-saddle with Steve McQueen to pull off their 'Great Escape'.

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Joe Atherton

What was your first Pool Game?

Blackpool v Rochdale, September 1990...I was 7 years old.

What's your earliest Pool memory?

Watching a game in the old West Paddock with my dad. We stuffed Carlisle Utd 6-0 at home. Bamber and Garner scored two each. Cracking atmosphere.

Favourite Pool player of all time?

I'm probably going to get a bit of stick for this, but David Eyres. Brilliant winger, great crosser of the ball and chipped in with a fair few goals. I was gutted when he went to Burnley.

Most memorable Pool game?

Beating Tranmere Rovers 4-0 at home in the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup back in the early 90's. Tranmere beat us 3-0 in the first leg. All our goals came in the second half. David Eyres scored twice, one directly from a corner. Tranmere were a decent Championship team back then so it was truly remarkable result.

Where do you watch games from?

The Matthews West Stand, K Block.

What is your pre-match ritual?

I don't really have one. Usually have a spot of lunch in the pub before a match, watch the first half of any lunch time kick-off on Sky and then drive down to Bloomers with my headphones on listening to some tunes to get me going!

Who is the most under-rated Seasiders player you have ever seen?

I thought Diyan Kerr was quality. We should've signed him full time.

If I had £1m to spend, who would you like to see in a Tangerine shirt?

Luke Steele (young Manchester Utd keeper), Ian Hume (Tranmere Rovers winger come striker) and Freddie Eastwood (Southend Utd striker).

Favourite other ground and why?

Oldham Athletic's Boundary Park. We have a decent record there and the Tangerine Army always create a cracking atmosphere at the Rochdale Road End.

Funniest memory of watching the Seasiders?

The stalker wearing a mexican sombrero running onto the pitch away at Wrexham in

which turned out to be Gary Megson's last game in charge. I think he actually managed to rob one of the Wrexham defenders as well, something our front pair found quite difficult that day!

If you could be Pool manager for a match, what would be your team talk?

Go on there and give it 100%. Hit them hard early on, show them you're no soft touch. Take the game to them, dictate the pace, keep it nice and composed and show no mercy!

Favourite Pool goal?

Brett Ormerod's 2nd goal against Leyton Orient, there was no coming back for Orient at 4-2 down with 2 minutes to go...that goal meant promotion, and party time!

If you could invite four past or present Pool players to a dinner party, who would they be and why?

Sir Stanley Matthews - be fantastic to get some insight from a footballing great
Stan Mortensen - ask him how it felt to score a hatrick in the FA Cup Final against Bolton
Trevor Sinclair - ask him what it was like to play in the World Cup Finals
Gary Briggs - incase a fight breaks out!

The greatest length you've gone to see Pool in action?

For the away game with Portsmouth in the FA Cup I was at college in Coventry. On the Friday I went from Coventry to Blackpool, Blackpool to Portsmouth and back again on the Saturday, and Blackpool back to Coventry on the Sunday morning. I used to go to a lot of home games while I was in Coventry as well, which was a 6 hour round trip.

Best ever seasiders XI (that I actually saw play):

GK Steve Banks
 RB John Hills
 CB Peter Clarke
 CB Gary Briggs
 LB Alan Wright
 RM David Eyres
 CM Micky Mellon
 CM Paul Groves
 LM Trevor Sinclair
 CF Brett Ormerod
 CF Dave Bamber



BSA News

Membership renewals are still being taken.

Renewal forms have been posted out however if you have not received one then you can pick one up from the club shop or in the number one prior to a home game. Membership is priced at £4 for the season.

BSA will be running a coach to the forthcoming game at Rotherham on Saturday 27th August. The coach will be leaving the Red Lion at 10:30am the Saddle at 10:40am and the Waterloo at 10:50am. The trip is priced at £10 in advance or £12 on the day and for non members.

Bookings are also being taken for the following trip to Doncaster on Friday 2nd September. For this game we will be leaving the Red Lion at 4:00pm the Saddle at 4:10pm and the Waterloo at 4:20pm. The price again for this trip is £10 in advance or £12 on the day or for non members.

To book for either of these trips you can ring the BSA travel hotline on 07753405628

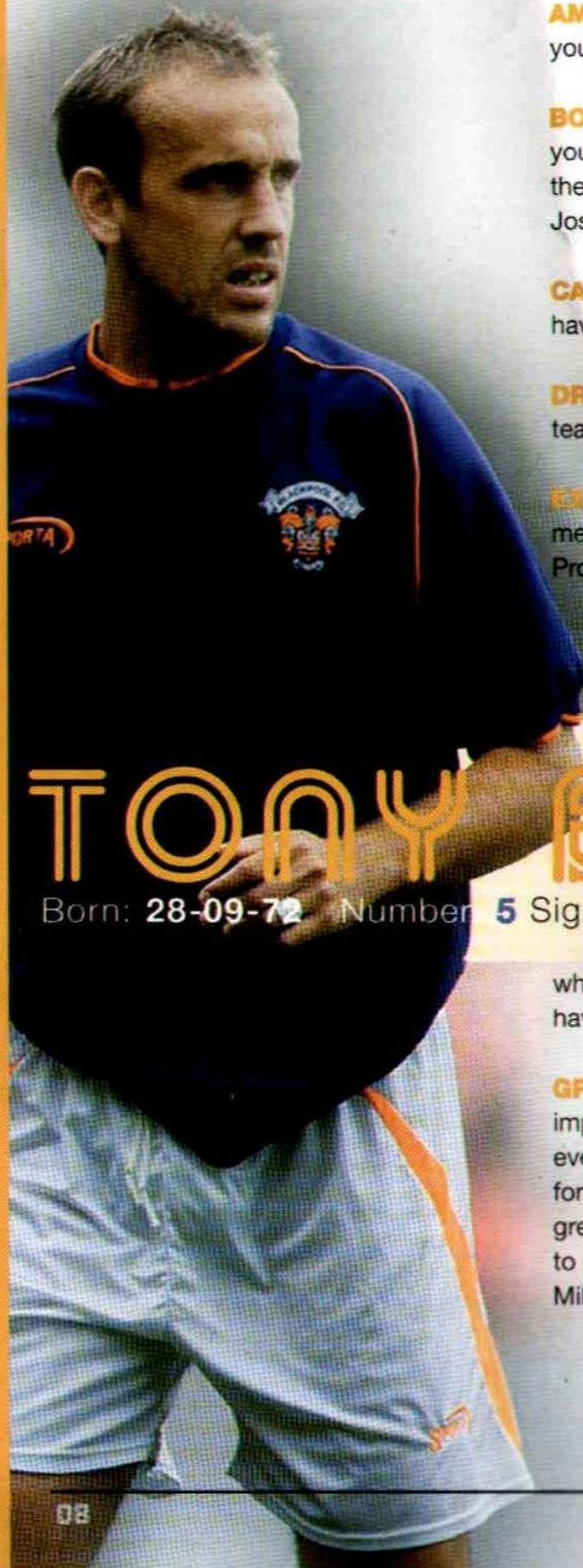
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BOOTS... whose boots did you clean when you were in the youth team? Francis Joseph & Paul haylock

CALL... what phone do you have? Samsung

DRAW... can you draw a teammate?

EXCELLENT... best memory in football? Promotion with Gillingham

FOREIGN... if we could sign any foreign player,

HOLIDAY... where is your favourite destination? I love Italy

IMAGINE... where we will finish at the end of the season? Higher than last season!

JOKER... who is the joker in the pack? Rory Prendergast makes me laugh

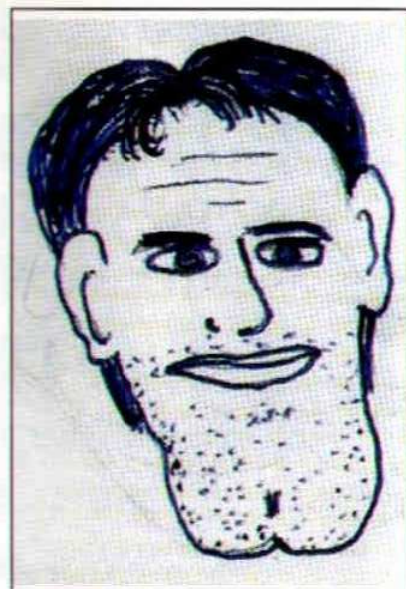
KALEIDOSCOPE... who is the worst dresser at BFC? Our fitness coach Rab Keilty has some real dodgy gear.

TONY BUTLER

Born: 28-09-72 Number 5 Signed: 07-02-05

who would it be? It would have to be Mr Henry

GROUND... most impressive ground you have ever played at? I have been fortunate to play at some great stadiums, but if I had to pick one it would be The Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.



Matthew Blinkhorn
by Tony Butler.



VOCAL... who is the loudest in the dressing room? Murph's probably just edges it.

WILDCARD... who is your outside bet to win this season's FA Cup? Spurs

X... sign here please

LET OFF... worse miss you have ever seen? Kanu's for West Brom last season

RETREAT... where do you like to spend time away from the club? At home

MOTOR... what is your dream car? It has be to be a Bentley Continental

STRIKE... best goal of your career? I scored a great goal for West Brom against Birmingham, surprisingly it was a header!

YEARBOOK... which younger member of the squad do you think we should look out for this season? "Bruce" Blinkhorn



NUTRITION... when the time is right, what's your favourite food? I am partial to Thai food.

TRAVEL... which away trip do you least/most look forward to in a season? The least has to be places like Southend and Colchester, those places take ages to get to on the coach, although it is usually made easier by taking money off Jamie Burns at cards! The one I am most looking forward to is Nottingham Forest, it's just a shame it is midweek

OLD... what will you do when you retire? Work... hopefully

PROFESSIONAL... how old were you when you turned pro? 18

UNKNOWN... tell us something we don't know about you? I've got green fingers, I love gardening

QUALITY... what is your best? Honesty



ZERO-TOLERANCE... what is your pet hate? Selfishness

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Lewis Edge

When Pool goalkeepers' Lee Jones and Lewis Edge stand along side each other, the height difference is there for all to see. The difference in height has led to calls that Edge is somewhat small for a goalkeeper.

"People keep telling me I'm a small keeper but I think that's because they just see me alongside Lee Jones all the time," said Edge. "My size doesn't bother me, mainly because I can't do anything about it."

In response to the topic about the ideal height of a goalkeeper, the Blackpool born 'keeper has highlighted the height of Newcastle and Republic of Ireland shot stopper Shay Given: "Shay Given is not a big lad but he is obviously one of the best in the Premiership. All I can do is get on with it. I can't sit in a growbag so I just have to carry on doing what I'm doing. I just point to Shay if people talk about my size. He's a great example to someone like me because he's one of the best keepers in the world, who has played in the World Cup. That's despite his size so I have to try and emulate someone like him."

With no confirmation of Jones's injury and period of time he will be out of the game for, the opportunity is there for the taking for the Tangerines second choice goalkeeper, as important league games and a Carling Cup tie with Hull City are in the not to distant future.

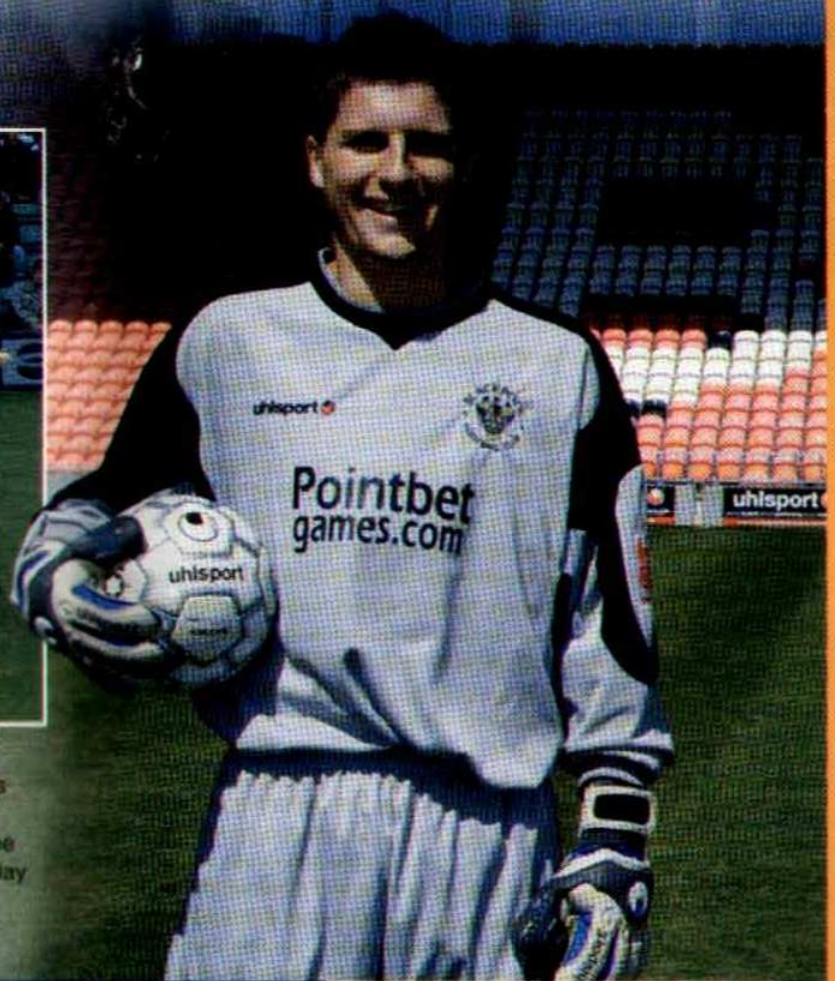
"I don't know how long Jonesy will be out for but you have to take your chance when it comes along because these chances don't come along often," explained Edge. Obviously I'm not hoping Jonesy has a serious injury but if he can't make next week or the week after then I will be looking forward to playing. Hopefully I'll be in next week and I'll just try to carry on doing what I'm doing."

Claire Boden

Pics courtesy of Seasiders.net / Phill Heywood



The youngster was called upon when current Tangerines number one Lee Jones was taken off after twenty minutes against Yeovil with a suspected groin injury. "I was a bit nervous when I saw Jonesy go down injured," revealed the eighteen year old "but I've been waiting and wanting to play for quite a bit now so I was ready to go on and do what I could."



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First Football League Game:

28th August 1920, Division Three v Luton Town (h)

Record League Victory:

9-1 v Luton Town (h), Division Three, 28th August 1920

Record Cup Victory:

10-1 v Farnham U Breweries (a), FA Cup 1st Round Replay, 28th November 1925.

Record Defeat: 1-10 v Manchester City, FA Cup 4th Round Replay, 25th January 1930.

Most League Points (2 For A Win): 64, Division Three, 1968/69

Most League Points (3 For A Win): 102, Division Four, 1985.86

Most League Goals: 100, Division 3, 1926/27

Highest League Scorer In A Season:

Harry Morris, 47. Division Three, 1926/27

Most League Goals In Total Aggregate: Harry Morris, 216, 1926/33

Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas, 30, Wales

Most League Appearances: John Trollope: 770, 1960/80

Record Transfer Fee Received: £1.5m from Manchester City For Kevin Horlock, 1997

Record Transfer Fee Paid: £800,000 to West Ham For Joey Beauchamp, 1994

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SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Andy King

Born: Luton, 14th August 1956

Playing Career: Luton Town, Everton, QPR, WBA, Everton, Wolves, Luton Town, Aldershot.

Andy King initially joined the club as assistant to Colin Todd in 2000 but took charge when the former Derby midfielder moved on to Pride Park. King lasted just 37 games before a change of chairman saw Roy Evans brought in as Robins boss. King was eventually re appointed in December 2001 after Evans departed and since has been on a steady road to improvement season on season.

In 2003/04 he brought in several new signings that have steadily reversed the declining fortunes of the club and has now assembled a hard working side with a successful mixture of youth and experience. His side were unfortunate to not make it to the Divisional play off final last year after losing out to Brighton on penalties in the semi final.

The 2004/5 season opened with defeat at Wrexham and closed with a 1-1 draw at home to Chesterfield. Memorable moments included a 2-1 away victory at Ashton Gate over Bristol City and a 3-2 home win over Sheffield Wednesday in October.

During the summer of 2005 several players headed for the Town exit door whilst incoming were Charlie Comyn-Platt and Ricky Shakes (both Bolton), Jamie Cureton and Tony Thorpe (both QPR), Jack Smith (Watford) and Gareth Whalley (Wigan).

Reserve Team/Assistant Coach: Alan Reeves

Born: Birkenhead 19th November 1967

Playing Career: Heswell, 1987/88; Norwich, 1988/89; Gillingham, 1989; Chester, 1989/91; Rochdale, 1991/94; Wimbledon, 1994/98; Swindon Town, 1998 to present

Alan Reeves took on the role of reserve team coach in 2003 and now limits his first team outings. Reeves is an archetypal old school defender and with over 400 league appearances to his name should have bags of experience to use in his coaching style.

Goalkeeping Coach: Fraser Digby

Born: Sheffield 23rd April 1967

Playing Career: Man Utd, 1985,86; Oldham, 1985; Swindon Town, 1986/92; Man Utd; Swindon Town, 1992/98; Crystal Palace, 1998/ 01; Huddersfield, 2001; QPR, 2001/03; Kidderminster Harriers, 2003

Fraser took up the post of goalkeeping coach in 2003 and combines his role with some hard work in the commercial office. The former Town hero is helping to pass on his experience to some younger faces at the club.

In town today

1. Rhys Evans GOALKEEPER

Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Glemink more competition for the number one shirt at Swindon Town. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts for Town and has turned in many match saving performances. He enjoyed a successful first season back at The County Ground in 2003/4, making 43 first team appearances and has now established himself as number one once again. 2004-5 was another solid season for the stopper who is now the automatic choice.

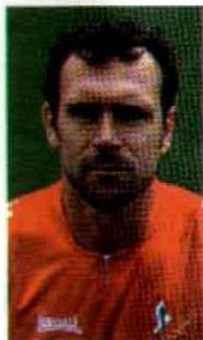
2. Sean O'Hanlon DEFENDER

After impressing during an eight-game loan spell last season, Liverpool-born Sean O'Hanlon signed for Swindon Town in March 2004 on a permanent basis from Everton. Having come up through the youth ranks at Goodison Park, O'Hanlon left Merseyside in search of first team football and was a rock in the centre of defence towards the end of the 2003-04 season and is surely one of Town's brightest prospects. A composed customer, O'Hanlon has captained the side on a number of occasions.

3. Jack Smith DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith adds youthful experience to the Town side and arrives with a point to prove.

performances during the following season. Following Matt Heywood's summer defection to Bristol City, Ifil will now be looking to pin down a regular first team berth in the Town backline.



6. Steve Jenkins DEFENDER

Capped by Wales on 16 occasions, 'Jenks' was signed at the end of November 2004 and has provided added experience to the Town backline. After beginning his career at Swansea, he has also been with Huddersfield, Birmingham, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough.

After falling out of favour at London Road under Barry Fry, Town Boss Andy King moved quickly to sign the player after impressing during his four game loan spell. A reliable performer who made the right back slot his own during the latter part of 2004/5.

7. Gareth Whalley MIDFIELDER

Signed for Swindon Town in July 2005 from Wigan Athletic on a free transfer. Originally a trainee at Crewe, Gareth made over 200 first-team appearances for them before signing for Bradford City in July 1998 for £600,000. Gareth was a regular during their

M4 from Loftus Road in the summer of 2005, signing a 1-year deal.

The long serving Luton Town striker moved to Loftus Road for a nominal fee in the first few weeks of the 2003/04 season. Having started as a junior at his hometown club Leicester City, Thorpe then moved to Kenilworth Road where he established himself as potent finisher, scoring 50 League goals in 120 appearances, before attracting a £800,000 transfer move to Fulham.



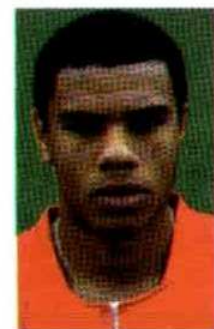
10. Stefani Miglioranza MIDFIELDER

A Brazilian born American who holds an Italian passport. As a footballer the genes don't come much better. What's more, Miglioranza is versatile; he can play in defence or as a central midfielder and since joining the club in July, has impressed in the middle of Town's midfield.

He finished the 2003-4 season third in the Player of the Year Competition and has also signed a two-year extension to his contract. The last campaign saw the midfielder go from strength to strength at the heart of Town's midfield and after chipping in with his fair share of spectacular goals; he has quickly become the

SWINDON TOWN

Due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Bromwich Albion he was thrust into the first-team spotlight at Watford and coped admirably, registering two goals - the first of which a 'Goal of the Season' contender at Sheffield United in front of the Sky Sports cameras. Having made his debut towards the end of the 2002/03 campaign, the 21-year-old younger brother of ex-Hornet Tommy made another eight further appearances last term.



5. Jerel Ifil DEFENDER

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 02-04. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004 and put in some solid

two-season spell in the top flight and in March 2002 went back to Crewe on loan for a few months.

Left Cardiff in September 2004 and joined Wigan Athletic and subsequently made nine appearances for The Latics in the march to promotion to the Premiership. Signed a three year deal at STFC.

8. Rory Fallon STRIKER

A recent signing from Barnsley, the big striker made quite an impression against Town in the past, scoring on many occasions and catching the eye of Town boss Andy King in doing so. He joined Barnsley as a professional in 1999 after moving up through their trainee programme. Last season saw him score his first ever league goal against Blackpool and he quickly followed that up the following week in a game at Stockport.

9. Tony Thorpe STRIKER

Striker Tony Thorpe made the switch along the

heartbeat of Andy King's team.

A classy player who always looks calm and collected he has good body strength, which enables him to shrug off challenges. He also possesses a fine shot, which on regular occasions has forced opposing keepers to pick the ball out of the top corner of the net.

18. Christian Roberts STRIKER

An aggressive runner and will add much needed pace to the Swindon frontline. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 league starts for the Grecians from 2000 - 2002. Made a tremendous start to his Town career, scoring the winner on his debut against Oldham Athletic but was then ruled out with a hernia operation.

Now back to fitness after pre-season, Roberts opened his account for the season with Town's first goal of the new campaign at home to Oldham on 9th August.



19. Michael Pook
MIDFIELDER

Third year scholar who has seen first team action on a number of occasions including the LDV Vans Trophy game at Boston United in 2003. An energetic 'box-to-box' midfielder.

'Pooky' signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-6 season and was a consistent performer for the youth team and reserves last term.

20. PATRICK COLLINS
DEFENDER

Arrived on loan from Sheffield Wednesday in the week before the opening day of the season and has

been involved in the first few games of the campaign.

Collins signed a two-year deal at Hillsborough in July 2004 after impressing during a trial spell at S6 towards the end of the 2003-04 campaign.

The former Sunderland defender gained plenty of experience in his first season at senior level, amassing a total of 33 appearances and operating both at right back and centre half.

He made his Wednesday debut in the opening day clash with Colchester United and started the first 25 games of the term, scoring his first professional goal in the November win at Bristol City.

The athletic north-easterner found appearances more thin on the ground after the turn of the year, but he returned to the fold late on to help the Owls' bid for promotion and made a crucial contribution after coming on as a substitute in the play-off final.

Collins represented England 15 times at youth level, scoring for the under-17 team on his first outing against Portugal - in which he was deployed to mark Manchester United star Cristiano Ronaldo.

21. BEN WELLS
MIDFIELDER

One of three Centre of Excellence players who were signed on as first year scholars in June 2004.

An energetic midfielder who impressed in the Under 17's last season. He was rewarded a squad number on Tuesday 30th November 2004 and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Involved in Town's pre-season trip to Bideford in central midfield and made the bench for the opening two games of the season, coming on as a late substitute at Barnsley.

22. ANDY CATON
MIDFIELDER/STRIKER

A powerful striker, Andy joined Swindon Town as a first year scholar in June 2004 after spending some time with GLS Hellenic Premier Division side North Leigh last season where he was a prolific scorer. Came off the bench on the opening day of the 2003-4 season scoring against Wrexham and made subsequent appearances for the first team against Luton Town and Stockport County. Handed a squad number for this season on Monday 8th August 2005.



One to watch

JAMIE CURETON

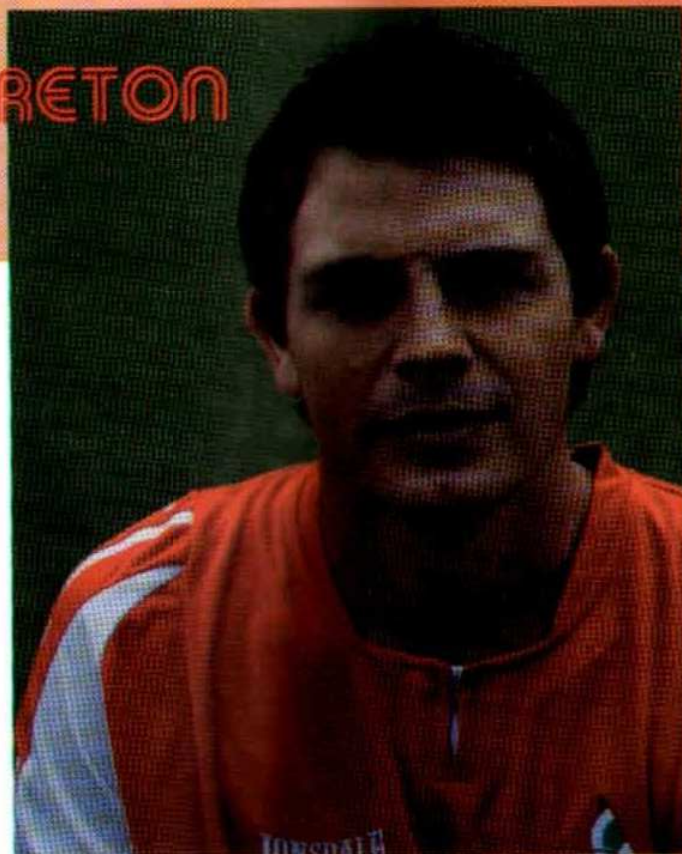
Striker

Jamie Cureton joins up from QPR where he scored 6 goals in 20 league starts and he arrives with an impressive overall goalscoring record of 134 strikes in 274 league starts.

A frontman with plenty of pace, Cureton lists his previous clubs as Norwich, Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers and Pulsan Icons.

Cureton, who has earned a reputation as sharp-shooter, after completing his traineeship with Norwich City, returned to his home town of Bristol, to team up with then Rovers manager, Ian Holloway, banging in 78 goals in four seasons.

After being released by Bolton in the summer of 2005 he made the switch to The County Ground on a one-year contract.



HISTORY

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten Swindon Town 'Classic Campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons.

Classic Campaigns

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962/63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final: Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas,

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986/87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in



John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1969/70

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969/70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14 match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

1979/80

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Swindon had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Alan Mayes scored twice in an early 4-0 win over Brentford. They defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1, Wimbledon 2-1 and Arsenal 4-3 in the League Cup before losing 4-3 to Wolves in the semi-finals. Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes formed an exciting partnership as Swindon gained four successive wins, then trounced Bury 8-0. They took Spurs to an FA Cup fourth round replay but finished mid-table despite signing David Peach and Glenn Cockerill.

CLASSIC



Ossie Ardiles

Barclays League Division One - Playoff Finals - Swindon Town v Leicester City
Town's Glenn Hoddle celebrates after scoring a goal



CAMPAIGNS



third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

1989/90

Swindon Town won the 1989/90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Kerlake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.

1992/93

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992/93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross MacLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley final.

1993/94

Assistant-boss John Gorman replaced Glenn Hoddle in charge as Swindon Town prepared for the 1993/94 Premiership campaign. New signings included Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Andy Mutch, Luc Nijholt and Adrian Whitbread, with Swindon starting with a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United. They drew 0-0 at Norwich but despite signing Terry Fenwick and Keith Scott, were already facing relegation by the time they managed their first win 1-0 at home to QPR in November. Swindon completed the double over QPR and also beat Southampton, Spurs and Coventry as well as drawing against Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

1995/96

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Today we meet our latest recruit Australian keeper Les Pogliacomi and his lovely wife Lia.

As you would expect from someone with such a beautiful name, Lia is a gorgeous better half, from Italian descent with brown eyes and brown hair. Both of them were fantastic people to talk to and had some great stories about how they met, and about life in both England and Australia.

Next to Les's huge 6ft 5inch frame, Lia stands over 12 inches shorter than her husband, but nothing got in the way of the two getting together eight years ago in Adelaide, when they were introduced by one of Les's team-mates. They now live in a swish city centre apartment just off Deansgate, and hope to start a family very soon.

For 29-year-old Les, the main focus of is to establish himself as Pool's number one having joined the club from Oldham yesterday. The big man is keen to prove himself to the 'Pool faithful having found himself behind Chris Day in the Oldham pecking order. Since joining Oldham in 2002, he has provided the hands for the team over 130 times, and featured in nearly 50 matches for the Latics last season. This included a stunning display in the brilliant FA Cup victory over Manchester City, where Les's solid handiwork helped to ensure a well deserved clean sheet for Brian Talbot's men.

Lia works in Manchester for 'Quinto' - an Italian wholesaler of designer clothes; and deals with exclusive designers such as Armani, Prada and Dolce & Gabbana. When she isn't helping Manchester become one of the best-dressed cities in the country, Lia likes to experience as much of England as she can with Les, before they eventually return to their homeland.

Even for those Pool supporters who haven't travelled as far a field as the other side of the globe, you may be able to guess what Lia pointed out as the main difference between England and Australia. Yes, the weather! The country is lucky enough to have almost constant sunshine throughout the year, and even the temperatures in the winter only go down to around 23 degrees.

Les and Lia miss the beach side cafes and the beautiful harbours of Australia, but hope to stay in England for at least another five years. Here they tell us more about their life in and outside of football.



How did the two of you meet?

Lia: "We met in 1997 back in Australia. Les was the reserve goalkeeper for Adelaide, which is where I'm from. One of his team-mates was friends with my sister, so I met him through them. Les is a very affectionate husband and always makes sure I'm happy. He's always doing nice things for me - he cooks a lot and also makes the bed!"

Les: "She conned me when I first met her - she was wearing blue contact lenses, and I remember thinking she had the most beautiful blue eyes, but they were fake! We met through my team-mate on a night out - everyone around us was drunk, but we spent the whole night talking."

How was the move from Australia to England?

Lia: "About a year after we met, Les moved back to Sydney and we had a long-distance relationship, until he got fed up with it and proposed - we married exactly two years to the date we first met. I always knew Les's ambition was to play in England, so I was prepared for the move. It was very exciting and Manchester is such a great city. The Northerners are very friendly people and the supporters always come and say hello to us.

"We go back to Australia every year for four weeks during the close season - we spend two weeks with my family in Adelaide, and then go to Sydney to see Les's family, but it is difficult because the two places are such a huge distance apart."

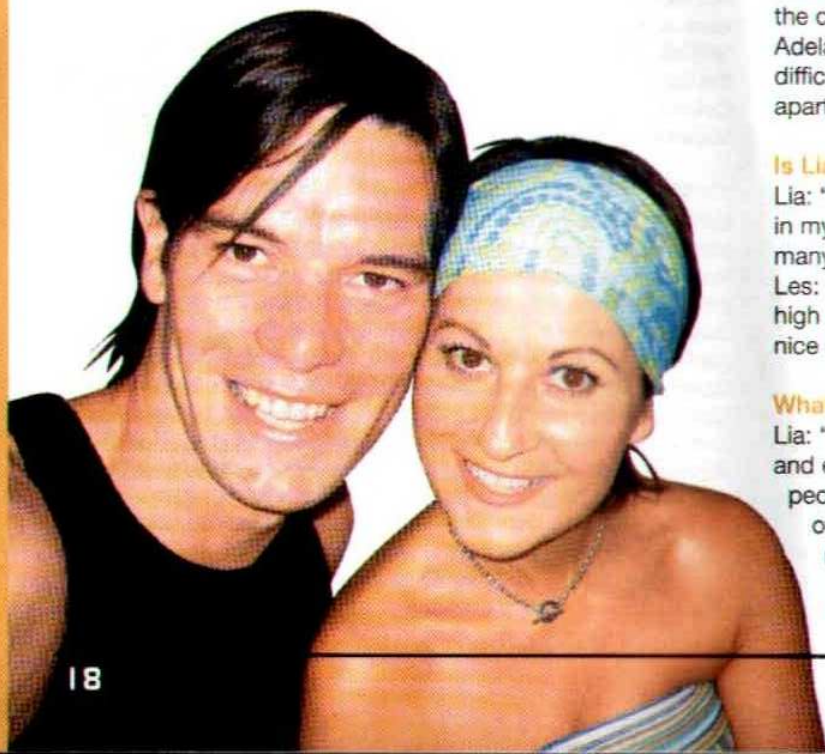
Is Lia a typical footballers' wife?

Lia: "Not at all! I have a nice natural tan, never had blonde in my hair and never worn fake nails! I don't think you find many typical footballers' wives in the League teams."

Les: "She can be a Princess when she wants to be! Lia has high standards and always likes to make sure she looks nice and presents herself well."

What's the best thing about Les being a footballer?

Lia: "The opportunity to come and live in a different country and experience a different culture - we've met so many nice people. And the lifestyle is nice - we get on well with the other players and their partners - I've had some good nights out with Michelle Marsh (Will Haining's girlfriend) and Danielle Nicholls (Dean Holden's fiancée) and I know Chris Killen's girlfriend Hannah quite well."



Les: "The best thing for me is doing something I love and being paid for it – It's a nice feeling playing and training because I love what I do."

And the worst?

Lia: "The worst thing is having to put with Les's moods – it can be a lot of highs and lows, and it's sometimes hard to see him not happy, especially when isn't being selected."

Les: "Dealing with injuries is hard, and when you don't play well, you feel very low – that can be hard. You know the fans want the team to do well, so you feel like you're letting the supporters as well as yourself down."

How do you spend your time together?

Lia: "We have a lot of friends around the country and an Australian couple who live just round the corner, so we see them every weekend. If Les has a few days off we like to get away if we can – we've been around Europe, to Paris and Barcelona, and we like to travel round the UK to the Peak District and the Highlands."

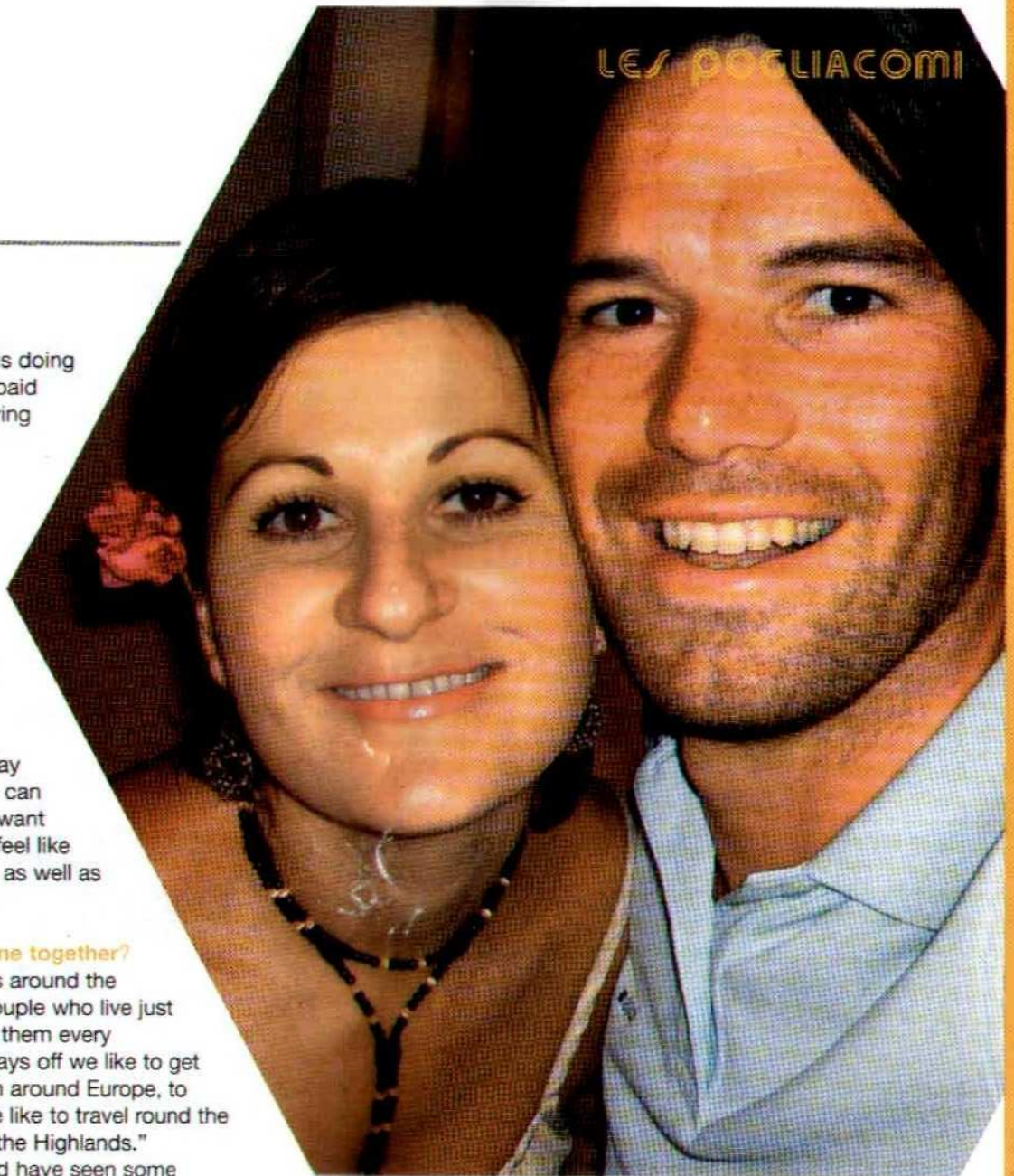
Les: "We do like to travel and have seen some amazing places. We like to eat out and enjoy good food and wine. We also both love Formula One motor racing – Lia used to go to all the Grand Prix when they were in Adelaide. Last season was a bit one sided with Schumacher winning everything, but this season is turning out much more interesting."

What are your plans for the future?

Lia: "We always said that our stay in England would be a maximum of ten years, and a minimum of two. We would both be disappointed if we moved back within the next 12 months – I would like to think we'll be here for at least another five years – I'm sure Les's career will stretch out further."

Les, what are your hopes for this season?

Les: "It was frustrating not being picked at Oldham – I don't like to sit on the bench. I want to be out there playing, but I'm looking at this move as a new challenge. I want to keep fit and keep training as much as I can and hopefully make the number one spot my own, I know Lee Jones is injured but when he is fit we will be pushing each other all the way. I'm going to show the manager he was right to sign me!"



More Details Please Les...

Five people you'd like to have to dinner?

"My wife, Elvis Presley, Ayrton Senna, Lia's Grandfather and Diego Maradona"

Last shopping trip and what did you buy?

"I went to Quinto, where Lia works – I got a beanie hat and a Prada sports top"

Favourite song and why?

"A Spanish song called 'Un Amore Vivir', by the Gypsy Kings. It means 'A Love Lived', and it's a very passionate song – it reminds me of the time I was apart from Lia and how much I loved her and missed her"

First poster on the wall?

"Diego Maradona"

If not a footballer, what instead?

"A PE teacher"

Car?

"An indigo blue VW Golf"

Complete this sentence: Les Pogliacomi is...

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Pool v Robins

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Swindon Town 1 (0)

Henderson 69

Attendance 5229

Recent encounters between the two sides at Bloomfield Road have resulted in a number of score draws. Once again the match ended in a draw, 1-1 respectively. Striker Scott Taylor broke the deadlock on 33 minutes with a firing shot into the top left corner after receiving a pass in the area from Richie Wellens. Swindon replied on 69 minutes with a goal from Gillingham's on-loan striker Darius Henderson.

The game was significant for Pool as they began their ascent from the bottom of the table after an indifferent start to the season, additionally the match was Peter Clarke's first game as an official Blackpool player.

Blackpool: Jones, Coid (Richardson, 42), McGregor, Clarke, Evans, Bullock (Gorre, 17), Wellens, Flynn, Edwards, Vernon, Taylor
Subs not used: Illic, Parker, Doughy

Swindon: Evans, Mitchell, Ifil, O'Hanlon, Duke, Hewlett (Yeates, 58), Igoe, Miglioranza (Robinson, 66), Howard, Henderson, Parkin
Subs not used: Book, Fallon, Heywood

Connections

Ex-Pool manager Steve McMahon achieved success as player-manager of Swindon. McMahon steered the Robins to the Second Division title in 1995-96. He made 42 appearances at the County Ground since 1994 before resigning in September 1998. McMahon took over the managerial reigns at Bloomfield Road in 2000, succeeding Nigel Worthington. McMahon achieved success on the Fylde during his time as manager before departing Bloomfield Road in

League Record Against The Robins

Home	16	8	7	1	26	14
Away	16	3	8	5	21	21

2004. He guided the Tangerines to a play-off victory against Leyton Orient in 2000-01 and the following season achieved success in the LDV Trophy against Cambridge in Cardiff. Coincidentally, McMahon's right hand man at Pool was ex-Swindon player Mark Seagraves. The centre back made 61 appearances for the Robins after signing from Bolton for £100,000 in June 1995.

figure in Swindon's successful run in the League Cup in 1979-80, which resulted in a semi-final defeat. In 1980, the striker joined Chelsea yet only to rejoin Swindon a few years later in 1983 where he hit the net 65 times in 151 league appearances overall. Mayes joined Blackpool in September 19 scoring 6 goals in 13 appearances before agreeing to join Wycombe Wanderers in August 1987.



Scott Taylor scores in last seasons corresponding fixture.

Midfielder Lee Collins achieved promotion success with both Swindon and Blackpool. He first endured promotion success with Swindon when they won the 1995-96 Second Division title under Steve McMahon. Collins arrived at Swindon after a £15,000 switch from Albion Rovers. The hard working midfielder's second promotion success was with Blackpool in the 2000-01 season. This saw Collins become reacquainted with his former manager of Swindon Steve McMahon who was then manager of Blackpool.

Ex-Seasider Alan Mayes had two spells with the Robins. Arriving from Watford for a fee of £72,500 in 1979, he became an influential

Former Robins striker Dave Bamber became the Seasiders leading marksmen in Blackpool's 1991-92 promotion success. Bamber had two spells at Blackpool, he initially joined from St Helen's Town in 1979 and became leading scorer in 1981-82 before joining Coventry City in June 1983 for a fee of £50,000. He encountered success at Swindon by helping them clinch the Forth Division title after arriving from Portsmouth.

Other players to worn the crests of both clubs are Tony Evans, Tom McAllister, Jimmy Thompson, Gary Williams, Harry Bowl, Syd Brookes, Alf Brown, Fred Butcher and Peter Noble.

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Tony Butler



As in most cases when a professional football player is asked whether they make a good spectator, the answer given is usually a no and this was the case for Tangerines centre half Tony Butler. A thigh injury sustained during the close season has banished the centre half to the stands thus resulting in him missing

all three of Pool's opening League One fixtures to date.

"I am not very good spectator to be fair," admits the ex-Bristol City player. "I could quite happily stay out of the way of things. It is not nice because I think most players would like to be out there on the pitch playing. When you are not you wish the lads all the best and everything but it's better sometimes to be out of the way."

It has been a frustrating end to a good pre-season for Pool's number 5. The centre half succumbed to a dead leg sustained on the pre-season tour of Scotland and never fully recovered until now. "Yes, it has been frustrating especially the fact that I have not missed any of the pre-season games. It was just a dead leg but I had a couple of days till it settled down and then carried on playing and in the process of eight or nine days it got worse and worse."

I played half the game against Chester and there was a lot of swelling on the left thigh."

Despite an indifferent start to the season, the injury appears to be healing well and Tony is now back in contention for a place in the Tangerines starting eleven especially after completing an outing with Simon Grayson's reserve team on Wednesday evening to build up match fitness. "I am just looking forward to getting back into the swing of things," reveals the Stockport born player.

The defender's return to action after injury will surely be a timely boost to Colin Hendry and the squad after a slightly disappointing start to the season. Yet the good result against promotion hopefuls Tranmere underlines the character of the Pool squad according to Butler: "The Tranmere game was where we showed the character of the side. After going down twice, the lads coming back to level the score showed the character is there for all to see. Again, we had another good point at Yeovil which is another difficult place to go."

Conclusively, the experienced player recognises that the team spirit amongst the players is high. Then he won't mind the nickname he has been receiving around the training ground: Phil Neville. When questioned about this one, Buts sheepishly replies: "Phil Neville. Oh yes. I think I get the name because of dashing good looks and where my ability should be...the Premiership."

Claire Boden



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Radio Lancashire's Chissie

Two good draws picked up on the road have got the most important column ticking over—now a home win is needed.

Not only to make that first day defeat a distant memory but to turn that nightmare start into a decent one after all. Pool have been nowhere near good enough at home for the past 2 or even 3 seasons and if the lads could turn Bloomfield into a venue to be feared, it would make such a difference to everybody. Running out in front of your own fans with belief and confidence is often worth a goal start and you on the terraces know about the feel good factor of making your way home after a win. That simply hasn't happened often enough since promotion season, so lets hope that Swindon will be the 1st in a string of 3 pointers.

Talking of numbers, Colin needs more bodies into his squad. Yes, I know it's not easy, and yes, I know he's been working round the clock to get players in. But for whatever reason—and I have a pretty good idea what some of the barriers might be—signings haven't been made and sods law big Lee Jones is injured after just 2 games.

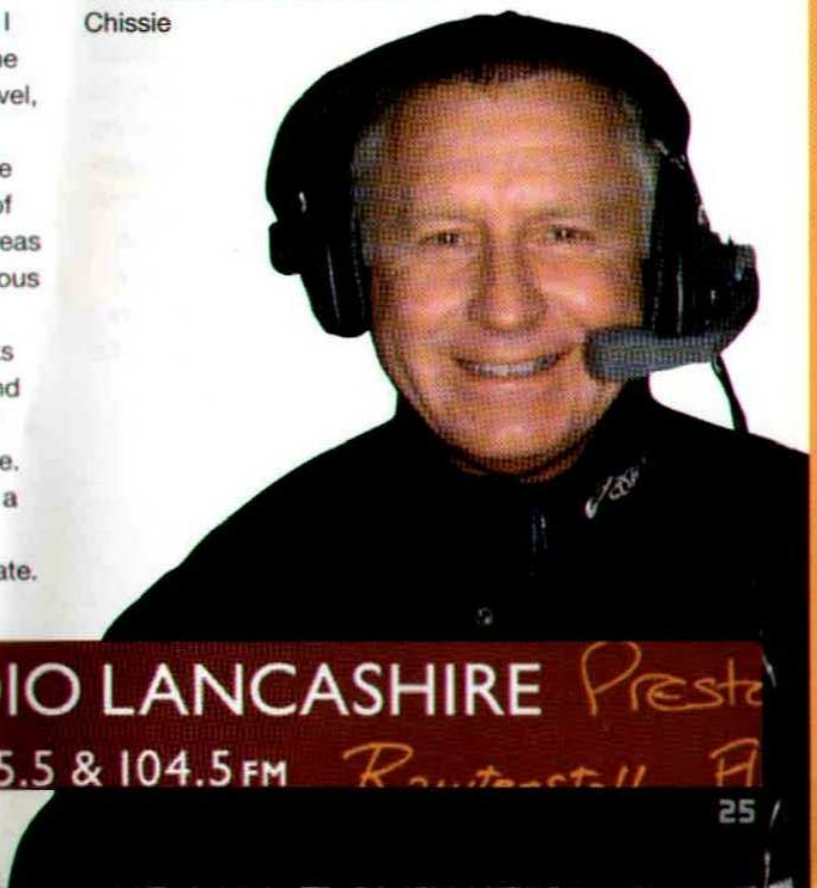


Well done to young Lewis last week and I have no doubt that he will make it at this level, but an experienced keeper is a must. The squad is also short of cover in other key areas and when the ridiculous implications of the transfer window kicks in, the boss could find himself well short of where he wants to be. You need more than a good 1st team in today's football climate.



Thanks to number one son Craig for sorting this column out for me on the opening day. Lazing about in Greece I got a text saying I owed him for doing the honours. Short memories these kids have got—talk to me about student loans!!! Lets hope I can prompt a better result today.

Give the lads a shout for me.
Chissie



GOING UNDERGROUND

For months the media had told us that last weekend was to be the hottest since records began. Now I am not one to enjoy hot weather.

With memories of searing temperatures at QPR and Doncaster at the beginning of the last two seasons I was worried when I bought my ticket for Yeovil and saw it was for an uncovered terrace. All of a sudden I yearned for an LDV game at Oldham – no danger of heat exhaustion there. Although this was our inaugural visit to Huish Park and new grounds are always exciting, I was concerned how I would cope with the heat. Little did I know...

The day started surprisingly brightly given the 6am start and on my way to meet my lift to the game I exchanged morning greetings with a squirrel down my road and a fox at the train station (I bought a paper so I could check where Leicester were playing).

But the journey took a turn for the worse as we crawled for miles down the M5, despite our early start in anticipation of the heavy traffic heading towards the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta (...from early morning to late evening there's so much to see and do - from daredevil stunts to funfairs and music of all kinds, the carnival atmosphere continues non-stop... oh how the hours must fly by in the South West). I took this opportunity to commence the crossword, which took my mind off the delay somewhat.

We eventually arrived in Yeovil an hour behind schedule but still in plenty of time for pre-match festivities. We had located a pub a mile from the ground that served food and

had a big screen so we could watch the football (that Everton defender deserves the sack for letting Rooney in like

that). It seemed that Yeovil was one of these places where the ground is well away from civilisation (well it was Somerset, after all).

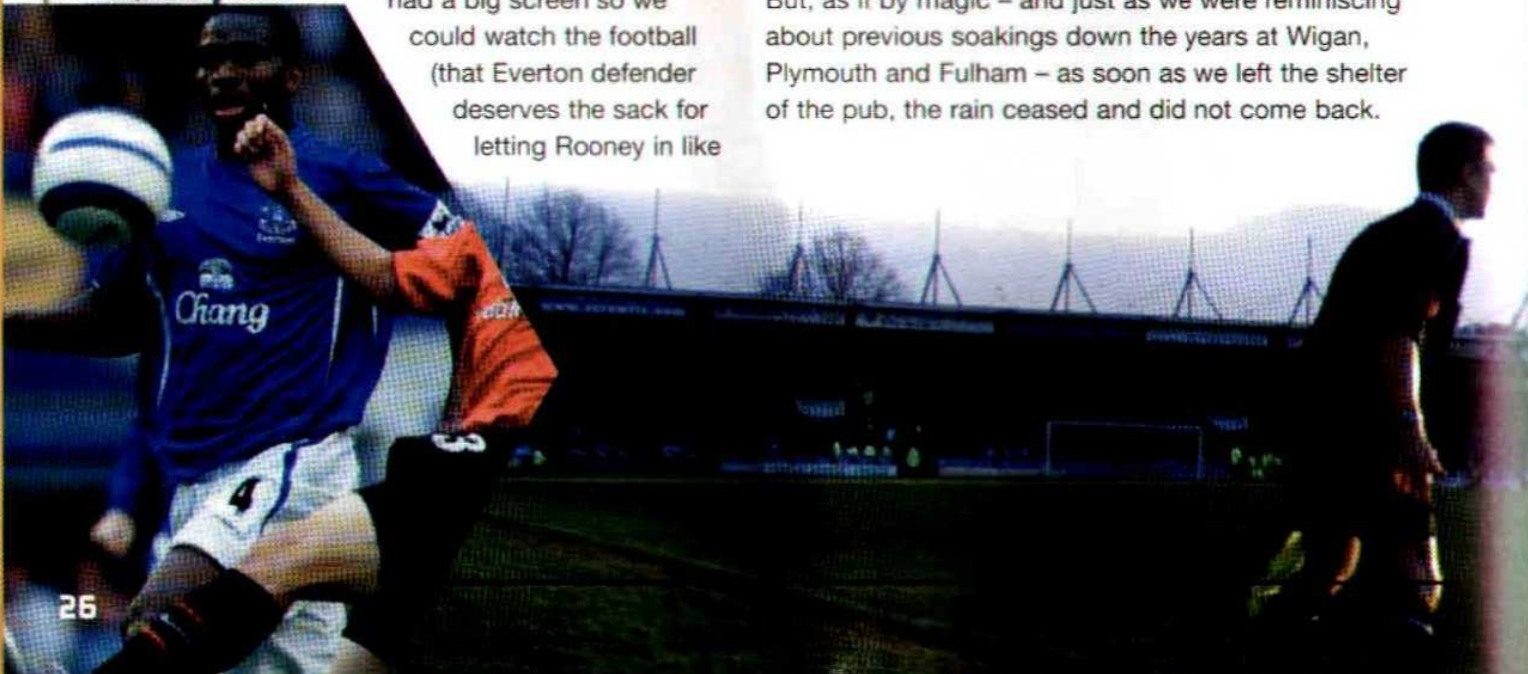
Our excitement at discovering a new town and a new ground was quickly dampened. Looking out of the window in horror we discovered that it was inclement weather of a different nature to what had been forecast. It was bucketing down for a good hour and a half and showing no signs of easing. And we had to walk a mile to the ground and then stand on an open terrace for two hours. And we weren't exactly dressed for the occasion.

But at least we hadn't just dyed our hair...

...unlike one member of our party. Whilst the rest of us were trying to be practical about the situation (tried the taxi firms but they wouldn't take us – perhaps we should have rang for a balloon?), our friend drew the line at her hair dye spreading about her person and decided to remain in the pub for the duration. Meanwhile we were scrabbling about for spare coats and I was even considering purchasing a Yeovil Town hat from their club shop (it really was raining very hard and I was hoping they had some in less garish colours than green and white hoops). In the end I reached for my Telegraph (crossword still only partially completed) and decided that would have to do as an umbrella if it came to it.

But, as if by magic – and just as we were reminiscing about previous soakings down the years at Wigan, Plymouth and Fulham – as soon as we left the shelter of the pub, the rain ceased and did not come back.

Everton's Joseph Yobo. WHOOPS!



What to say about the match? It was not unlike a week earlier when we started brightly, went ahead and then fell asleep. Perhaps we should finish the matches at 3.30pm or kick off a bit earlier? It certainly seems our players have a preference for an afternoon siesta. However Rob Edwards was again a rock at the back and it is refreshing to have a winger who knows exactly what his job is, in the form of Rory Prendergast. At one point at Tranmere in the week there were five men chasing to try and get the ball off him. What a fantastic weapon to have in our arsenal – if only we were able to pull the trigger a little more often.

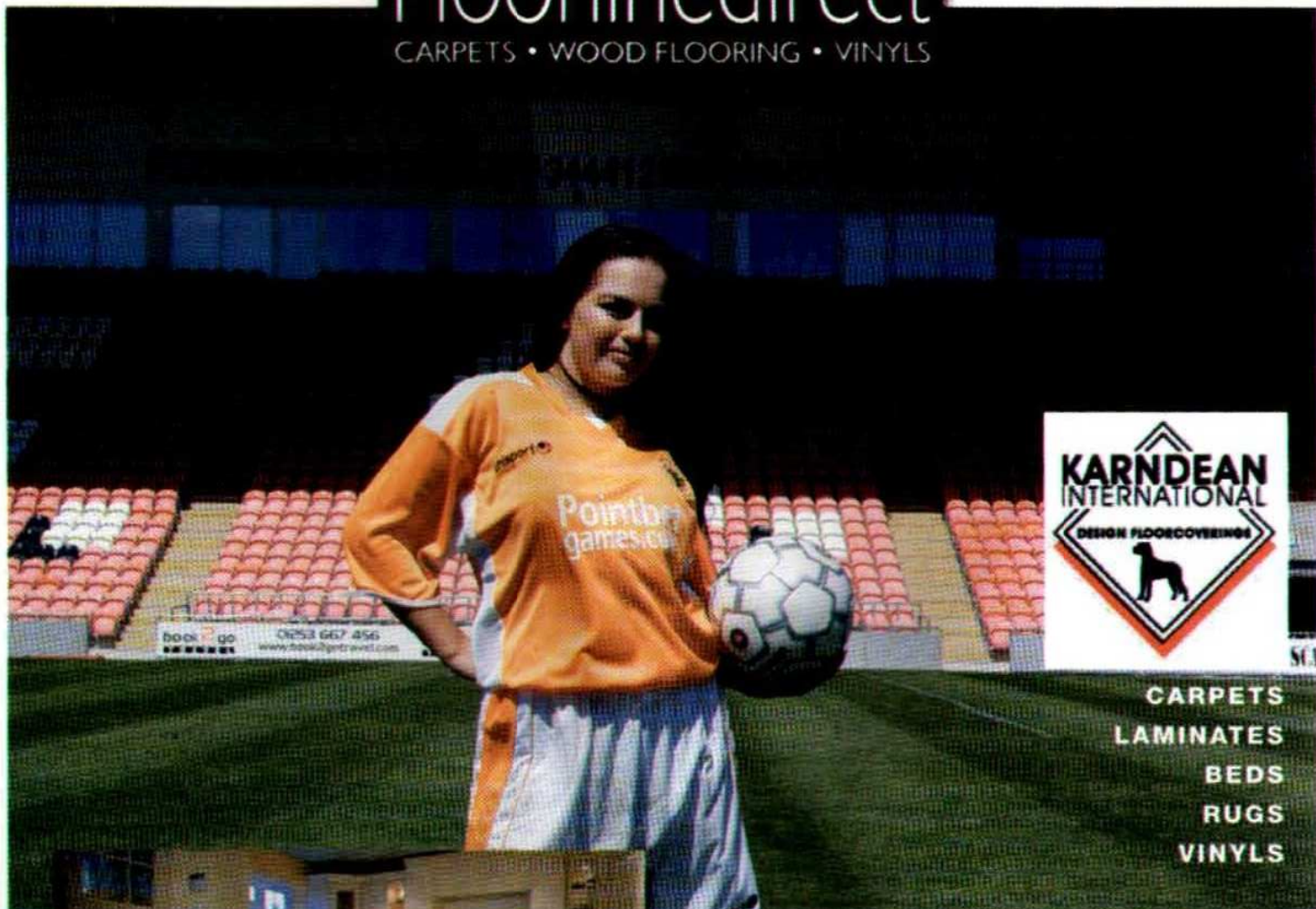
As the game fizzled out the crossword came out again. I had been mocked since half time for putting 'waggery' as one of my answers. No, I didn't know what it meant – or even if it was a word – but it fitted the letters and the clue. And it was a good word. And besides, I had to make up some words in the Telegraph crossword, as I had never heard of some of them. By this time, as interest in the game was waning, the paper was passed round the terrace and my friends looked at the clue 'on one's guard about egg flung in mischievous jesting' and retracted their taunts and decided I was right. Oh what waggery.

The game ended not soon enough and it was not until we were on our way home that I remembered why I didn't travel with this particular friend too often. He has not seen Blackpool win in his last 17 matches attended, stretching back to the LDV final. So if you are looking for a scapegoat it's not Colin Hendry... Any ideas on how I can talk him out of the trip to Nottingham Forest would be gratefully received.

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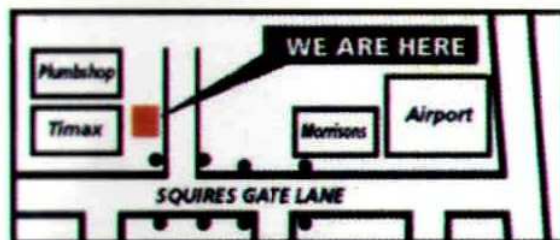


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POOL SKATE HOME IN LOTTERY ACT

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BLACKPOOL could go top of the table if they beat Southend at Bloomfield Road on Saturday.

Rampant Blackpool, whose win over Swindon kept their, unbeaten home record in the League scored a significant victory last night in their promotion push and introduced a new sport to their fans - ice sockey.

Their plucky 1-0 win over stubborn Swindon hoisted them to second place on the kind of night Crippen used to strike. This time it was Paul Stewart who crept out of the mist to apply the killer finish. His goal seven minutes from time could prove crucial in the promotion stakes.

It was a night for John Curry rather than John Deary. Constant drizzle on a bone hard pitch made conditions treacherous and reduced the contest to a lottery. There could never be any marks for artistic impression on the ice rink surface, but no one could doubt the content of Blackpool's programme.

Despite the slithering and sliding, they showed a dogged determination, which finally broke Swindon's hearts. Ian Britton led the way with a brilliant performance. Blackpool needed the scare of a bright Swindon start to shake them into action. Gary Nelson was clean through after 10 minutes, but Billy O'Rourke's race from his line forced the striker to shoot wide. Blackpool claimed a 28th minute penalty when Britton was whacked off the ball by Peter Coyne.

shot straight at the goalkeeper. O'Rourke's anticipation saved another tricky moment, but Blackpool dominated the second half.

Stewart shot wide and Dave Windridge headed a glorious chance off target from Dave Moore's excellent centre - both chances falling within six minutes of the restart.

Deary thought he had blasted the winner. 12 minutes from time with a 25-yard left-footer which brought a magnificent save from Endersby. Blackpool almost immediately were hit on the break and needed another fine piece of goalkeeping from O'Rourke to force Gordon to put an easy chance wide and let Blackpool off the hook.



Alex Dyer missed the best chance of the game a few minutes later. Nelson panicked and played a dreadful back-pass straight to Dyer, who should easily have beaten the stranded goalkeeper. Dyer tried to go round him and was robbed. Dyer is not used to such conditions where he comes from Watford - and Blackpool sensibly sent on sub John Teasdale to replace him. Blackpool perked - up and took a stranglehold on the game. Deary's free-

The Seasiders cashed in by scoring the winner seven minutes from time from the first corner that Stonehouse managed to get off the ground. The goalkeeper couldn't hold the cross and Stewart ended the scramble by firing home.

Blackpool weren't quite safe. Greenall's slip left Gordon with only O'Rourke to beat but again O'Rourke's charge forced the striker to put the ball wide.



Photos:

Left

"LATECOMER... The goal which earned Pool priceless points. Paul Stewart (partly obscured in centre of picture) shoots through a pack of players.

Above

"KEVIN'S CRACKER ... Kevin Stonehouse raises Pool's hopes with this volley, only to narrowly miss the target.

The referee booked Coyne but gave Swindon a free-kick despite Blackpool's protests. Blackpool finally found their feet, or more accurately, got their skates on. Stonehouse and Deary fired in shots and Britton snaked past two defenders but

kick round the wall was saved by Endersby and Kevin Stonehouse put a good effort straight at the goalkeeper. Stewart was put through, by Stonehouse but his left footer flew just wide.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Some footballers have reputations of being a bit mouthy, some as a bit of a playboy, whilst others just come across as being a bit 'difficult', shall we say. But not Simon Grayson.

The 35-year-old is devoted to his game and his family, and the most rock and roll thing he likes to do is watch U2 in concert. An experienced and enthusiastic player, he is one of the most valuable members of this season's squad.

Simon, or 'Larry' as the rest of the squad like to call him, was Steve McMahon's first pre-season signing ahead of the 2002/03 campaign, and proved to be an integral part of the team, playing in both the midfield and defence. He ended the 2003/2004 season with a spell as caretaker manager before Colin Hendry was appointed to lead the lads. Last season Simon played nearly 40 times for The Seaside, and he certainly knows how to score important goals - both of his two strikes gave the team victories over Chesterfield and Colchester.

Originally from Bedale in North Yorkshire, Simon now lives just outside Skipton with his wife Tracy and six-year-old son Joseph, who is already following in his dad's footsteps by training with the Manchester United U8's team. The family moved there during Simon's two years with Blackburn Rovers, and as a Yorkshire lad he is keen to keep his Yorkshire roots.

Coming from a sporting background, Simon supported Liverpool as a kid and was as a good cricketer as he was a footballer. In fact, Simon's brother Paul is a professional cricketer for Essex, and has also played for England. When it came to the age of 16, Simon had the choice of a career in cricket whites or a football strip, and luckily for

the nation's favourite game, he chose to play in the team of 11.

It seems like Simon made the right choice, as he went on to play for top clubs, such as Leeds, Leicester, Aston Villa and Blackburn, to name a few. During five years at The Foxes, Simon became the most successful skipper Leicester ever had, helping them to an amazing

three play-off finals, which led to promotion in 1994 and 1996, and a Coca-Cola Cup win.



As a cricketing man, Simon has been keeping a keen eye on the Ashes series that is currently underway. He hopes the team can do England proud and win the coveted prize, describing them as 'a good squad with lots of confidence', but like the rest of us, Simon will have to wait and see if the team can beat the mighty Aussies.

Simon is also Blackpool's reserve team coach, and many of you might not know that he also owns a racehorse with Birmingham City's David Dunn, who he played with at Blackburn Rovers. Let's hope Simon can help the lads finish first past the finishing post this season, and his performances so far as substitute show there is plenty of life left in the old horse yet!

We caught up with Simon during training, where he told us a bit more about his life in and outside of football, plus some interesting gossip about his team-mate Jamie Burns. Read on to discover more.!

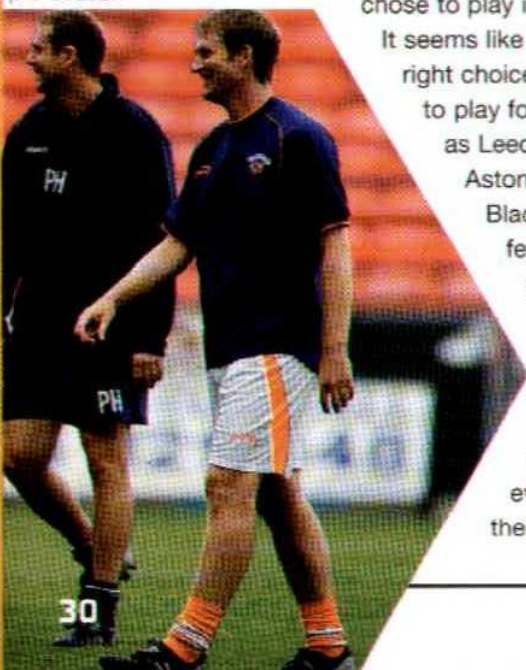
Simon on family life

"I've been married to Tracy for ten years - I met her in a bar in Leeds in 1987 when I was an apprentice at Leeds. We've got a little boy, Joseph, who is six and a half. He trains with Manchester United U8's already, and he is football mad. I'd love him to see him become a professional footballer as well. We like to have barbecues with our friends, or go and see my family in Yorkshire or my brother down in Essex.

"My dad was a teacher at my school, so he helped me to become half decent at sports. I played every sport you can think of - tennis, athletics, football, cricket. I also had to be on my best behaviour at times!"

Simon on the choice between football and cricket "I come from a sporting background - My dad was a good cricketer, and my brother is a professional cricket player for Essex - he used to play for Yorkshire and England. I played for Yorkshire Schools until I was 16, then had to chose between football and cricket, and I chose football. "Cricket was always a sport I enjoyed playing and I still try and play every now and again during the summer, but I don't get as much chance to play now the summers are shorter than they used to be. When I finish playing football

in relaxed mood during pre-season



I might go back to playing a little bit more, but at the moment I'm just trying to watch as much as I can."

Simon on the highs and lows of his career so far "It has to be my five years at Leicester. We had three play-off finals, two promotions and won the Coca-Cola Cup all in that time. It was a lot of highs and lows, but mainly highs. The only low was when Leicester got relegated at the end of the 1994/1995 season - it's the only time I've been relegated in my career."

Simon on life outside football

"I like music - I like U2 and The Beautiful South a lot. I've seen the Beautiful South about seven or eight times, and I know the band quite well, and I've seen most tours U2 have done. I'm fortunate enough to know a few people in the music industry, so I get to watch a lot of concerts and festivals. I like to watch a bit of TV when I get the chance - mainly sports and the odd soap. I like Coronation Street! I didn't watch Big Brother - It didn't really interest me - maybe because I'm getting old!

"I like to travel and I like my holidays. I've been to a lot of different places like the Caribbean, and lots of places in Europe. We went to Sorrento on holiday this summer, which was a nice place. I like other sports and play golf when I can - I'm a member at Clithero Golf Club. At the moment my handicap is 14, but I'm trying to get it down."

Simon on the Blackpool squad

"We've got a good set of lads here - we all get on well and there is a great team spirit. The squad is a bit of a mixed bag - some are louder than others, but everyone gets the same respect. A lot of banter goes around and I tend to get a bit being one of the older ones, but I give it out as well!

My room partner Jamie Burns talks in his sleep and has the hairiest white legs you have ever seen!"



More Details Please.

Five people you'd like to have to dinner?

"Ian Botham, Peter Kay, Bono from U2, my wife and Angelina Jolie"

Last shopping trip and what did you buy?

"At the end of May - it was just before I went away so I bought some new holiday clothes"

Favourite song and why?

"One by U2 - I've liked it ever since it came out"

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"Kenny Dalglish"

If not a footballer, what instead?

"A cricketer"

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Good afternoon and welcome to Bloomfield Road for our second home game of the season against Swindon Town.

As I said in my last programme notes it has been a busy summer both on and off the field. One of the highlights for me was the fact Bloomfield Road staged three of the Women's European Championships. All three games were well supported and the coverage across Europe put both the club and the town on the map. I would like to thank Peter Collins and Helen Stannard for their hard work and efforts in making those games such a success.

Elsewhere, our Youth department has seen a change with Colin Greenall leaving to take up a position with the Lancashire FA, I would like to thank Colin for his hard work and on behalf of everyone at the club I would like to wish him well in his new position. Colin's replacement is Steve Thompson. Steve was the coach of our under 16 team and he brings a wealth of football experience with him following a career with Bolton, Leicester and Burnley. We felt that the continuity Steve will bring is important for the development of our youngsters, as many in the youth team have worked with Steve during their time in the Under 16's.



Yesterday saw us sign Les Pogliacomi from Oldham, like Colin I am delighted he has agreed to join us, he is a keeper who has impressed me over the last few years and I am sure he will prove to be an excellent signing.

Our next home game is against Hull City on Tuesday night and this game will see the unveiling of the Mortensen Statue which is currently under wraps outside the club shop. Stan's widow Jean will be here on Tuesday along with representatives from the local authority and many ex players to oversee the unveiling and your support will be welcome.

Finally, I would like to welcome Swindon chairman Willie Carson and his board of directors.

Best Wishes

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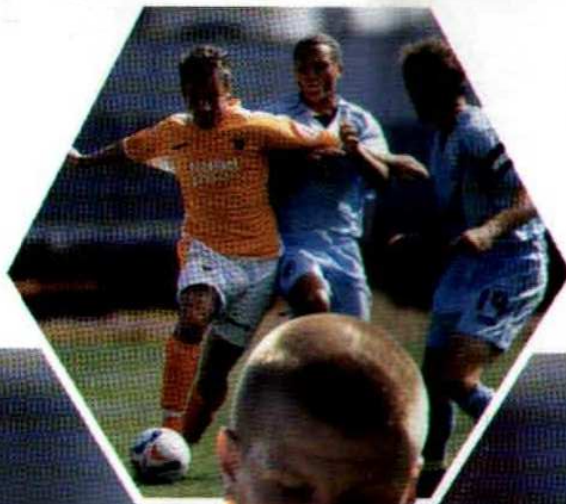
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One on One

John Murphy

Pool striker John Murphy has admitted that he was slightly worried about where his next goal was going to come from after missing 'that' chance against Chesterfield. Murphy missed a golden opportunity to score on the opening day of the season yet admits that it was probably the easiest chance he has had in his career.

"At the time I didn't think I could score but after looking at the video it has shown that it could have probably been the easiest chance I've ever had in my career. But it's gone and you have to get on with it."

And the Liverpool born player has precisely done that, after netting two

goals in two games for the Seasiders. It is an encouraging sign for the striker especially as in previous seasons it has taken a while to get off the mark: "I think four years ago it took me thirteen games to get off the mark and that was really playing on my mind. The gaffer at the time Steve McMahon stuck by me but it wasn't a nice period and I'm

happy that I've got a couple of early on this year."

The striker is just two goals away from a century of goals for Blackpool and is hoping for an injury free season so he can complete the milestone. "I'm just happy to be playing at the moment," confessed the 27 year-old. "The last couple of years I've had a lot of injuries. Fingers crossed I can stay fit this time and contribute to the team."

Assisting Murphy on his quest for goals for the Seasiders is strike partner Scott Vernon.

"The partnership with Scott is going well," added Murphy. "At Yeovil it wasn't as good as it had been at Tranmere because it was a different type of game and we were finding it hard to hold the ball up. But we are working hard in training to improve our understanding and hopefully our partnership will bear a lot of fruit this year."

With a home fixture against Swindon today and the influential striker is hoping for three points at Bloomfield Road to avenge for the home defeat to Chesterfield yet admits that the Seasiders do well on away trips: "I honestly don't know what it is about playing away from home. We just seem to get better results when we are on our travels. The lads next week will be right up for it and hopefully we can give the fans three points."

Claire Boden

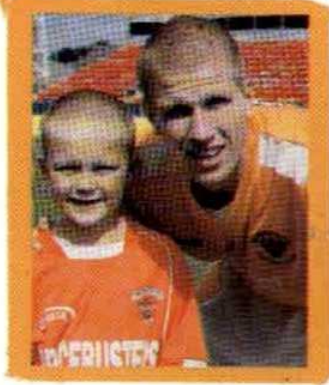
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JOHN
MURPHY

Mascots



Pictured are the Nelson Brothers who were mascots for the Chesterfield match.

Birthdays

Still catching up with Tango members birthdays, celebrating birthdays in July were.....

Georgina McDermott, Holly Edwards, Jordan Smith, Corey Atherton, Aaron Knowles, Curtis Clough, Thomas Molloy, Charlotte Foster, Patrick Hoey, Andrew Cooper, Joseph Partington, Emily Winston, Joseph Kielty, Thomas Partington, Arron McGough, Danny Marsh, Ryan Whiteside, Kyle Hendry, Christopher Whalley, Rebecca Ashton, Ryan Searle

Many happy returns to you all
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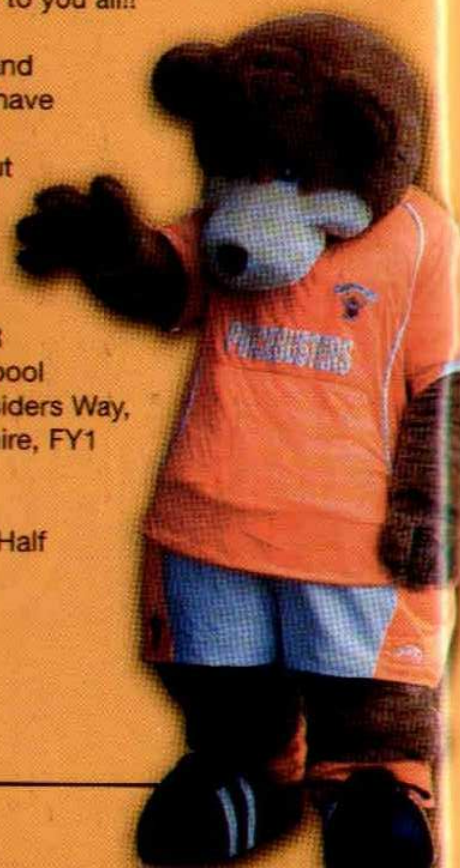
Good Afternoon Boys and Girls, I hope that you are all well and enjoying your summer holidays.

Since our last home game, I appeared at the Lions Carnival, which took place on Sunday 7th August on the promenade. I walked around the course but the Junior Tango Supporters actually had a float, which had been decorated in our fabulous "Tangerine" colour, and we were lucky enough to have Keegan Parker and Stuart Anderson to accompany us on the day. Since we joined in with the procession on the day, we have since found out that The Tango Junior Supporters won the "Best Float" of the day prize. I hope you all saw our picture in the Gazette when Carol Bates from the Junior Supporters Committee collected the trophy. On a personal note, I would like to say a big thank you to Elizabeth Liddle, who made the costumes and helped the Young Blackpool FC Supporters to show the rest of Blackpool who they are proud of!!

My friend Helen has just returned from her holiday in Spain and whilst she was there she met one of our Season Ticket holders whom she got to know quite well, and so has asked me to say a big hello to Geoff, Tracy, Andy and Nick Banting. Hello to you all!!

Don't forget Boys and Girls, if any of you have anything that you would like me to put on my page within the next programme, then please send it to Helen Stannard, PR Department, Blackpool Football Club, Seaside Way, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY1 6JJ.

Give me a wave at Half Time
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TANGO

Hi there kids.

After two good away points on their travels its our second home game of the season today so lets get behind the team again as we welcome Swindon Town the visitors to Bloomfield Road.

Lions Carnival.

So many people to thank for what was a super day when Tango junior seashiders had a float in the Blackpool Lions carnival just a fortnight ago, parents and committee members who gave up a lot of time to help with the decorating of the float on the Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning.
Thanks go to...

Elizabeth, Derek and Jennifer Liddle - costumes and decorations.

Steve Hallam - painting for the float.

Keith Eckersall - balloons and key rings.

Neil Vacchiano - obtaining the truck and securing the scaffolding etc.

Mel the driver of the truck.

Gary Newcombe and David Alderson helping with the preparation of the float.

Martin Bleaker for letting us use the warehouse to do the painting and also helping with the painting.

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Keigan Parker and Stuart Anderson who joined in the fun on the float, Tango and Bloomfield Bear and all the people who helped to collect money on the day. I do hope I have not forgotten anyone if I have please let us know.

Away Travel.

First away game and first trip of the season to Tranmere Rovers last week so hopefully we will be running trips to Bristol City and Nottingham Forest, both next month, we are trying to arrange these at the moment so we will let you know more as soon as possible.

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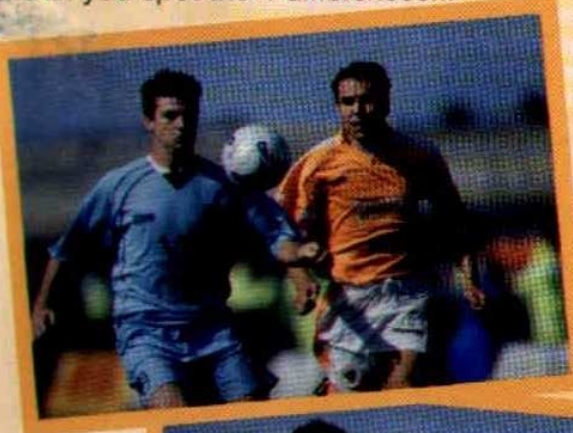
Can you guess who this week's Seaside favourite is?

What's in a name...

Can you guess who this week's Seaside favourite is?
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Spot the difference

Can you spot the 4 differences...



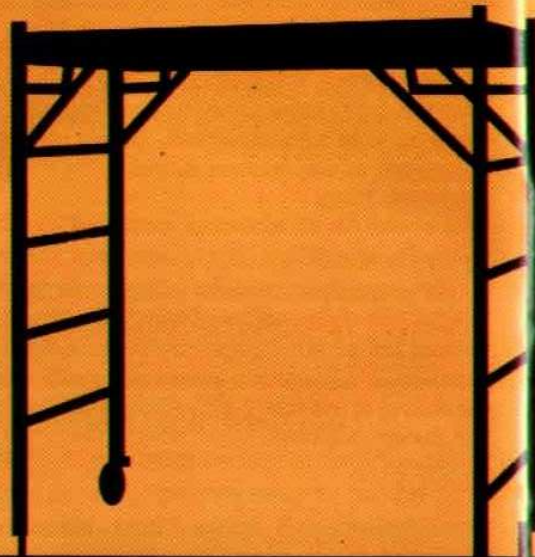
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Soccer Visits



Bispham and Highfield Player Visits

Firstly, I'd like to thank Colin Hendry and Ian Miller for sending 1st team players Mark McGregor, Lee Jones, Tony Butler, Jamie Burns and Matthew Blinkhorn to meet the children at our Soccer Schools at Bispham and Highfield.

The kids always look forward to meeting the players and getting boots and shirts signed by their heroes. Thanks to all the players who attended and made the kids day with a question and answer session. Our first picture today shows Jamie Burns and Matthew Blinkhorn at Bispham High with some of the kids and staff.

Colin and Ian were also kind enough to invite some of our Football In The Community members to watch the first team training at Bloomfield Road. After watching the training the kids were invited to try out some of the training equipment under Colin and Ian's guidance, which the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

This is the type of activity or Football in the Community members can enjoy as well as other benefits such as:-

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Our second picture shows some of our staff with our finals day winners.

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Good Afternoon Everyone!! Things are really hotting up within the Girl's Department now, with only 3 weeks to go before our season kicks off.

We have now been given our fixtures for the forth-coming season, with our first games on Sunday 4th September, with each age group playing the following teams:

U10's	v	Accrington Stanley - Home
U11's	v	Radcliffe Girls - Home
U12's	v	Accrington Stanley - Home
U13's	v	Bolton Wanderers - Away

It's very exciting now that we have got 4 teams, with the U13's playing 11 A Side for the first time. (We will be meeting all the girl's on the pitch at a future Blackpool FC game.)

If any of you would like to support the Girls at any of their home games then you are more than welcome to come along. They will play at the Squires Gate training ground on Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm.

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Club Secretary

Su Craddock

Head Coach

Michael Corser

U13's Manager / Coach

Kevin Christie

U13's Coach

Matt Craddock

U12's Manager / Coach

Michael Corser

U11's Manager / Coach

Mac Barlow

U10's manager / Coach

Zoe Evans

U10's Coach

Matt Fletcher

Physio's

Erin Morehead / Joanne Dawson

Social Welfare Officer / Child Protection

Steve Potter

Anyway, training is calling, so I must dash...Let's hope the lads can use a bit of Girl Power today and walk away with the 3 points and their first win of the season.

Good Luck Lads...

Hxx



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HISTORY

Every now and again there are footballers who bring a little more to the Seaside than a Paul Simpson back-heal, a Rick Holden sidestep, and a Mark Bonner five-yard pass.

They are the ones out there living life on the edge - bad boys and hard men playing by their own rules. Some prefer the tackle from behind, others enjoy a snide elbow to the ribs, whilst many of them can't resist a good old-fashioned head-butt.

Within the last ten years of life at Bloomfield Road, it's fair to say there hasn't been a huge collection of misfits, mad men and malcontents to grace the 'Pool shirt. Maybe they don't like the sea air, or perhaps it's the mellowing colour of tangerine, but either way the Seaside's have generally been seen as a team with a decent fairplay record. Nevertheless, this hasn't deterred a few nut-cased individuals from filtering into 'Pool folklore with some bone crunching performances. So we decided to assemble the top five assorted hardmen to feature for us in recent years.

Colin Hendry would love this lot. Tall, physical and in-yer-face; these are the type of players the gaffer has been searching for all summer. Now a pure football hardnut, just like a hard-bitten East End criminal, was predominately judged on his disciplinary record. But advances in modern day on-field petulance means we'd have to vacate a place for players like Richie

growling. By this logic, our most recent contender moulds perfectly into this stereotype. When Ian Marshall arrived on loan in 2003 he looked like a cross between a mulleted Texan redneck and a film extra from a hackneyed gangland b-movie.

During his brief time with pool he amassed a yellow card every other game and in weighing over 15 stone, rival strikers used to simply bounce off him. The trademark grunts he made as he prepared contact with the shins of young, lightweight League 1 wingers was cringeworthy, and for this, he's the first one into our top five.

Continuing the defensive theme and next into the fray is a player who's hardness and overall play was often found to be somewhat under-rated. Dave Linighan was tough as teak. As a hard tackling defensive rock, Linighan's sliding tackles echoed around the hollow roofs of the East and West paddocks and the former Ipswich man was once sent off for going over to Bristol City's Paul Agostino and lifting him from the floor by his throat after thinking he was feigning injury. It turned out Agostino had broken his nose and missed the next game with injury.

My personal experience of the

THE HARD MEN

Wellens, whose constant moaning, diving, and fingernail flicks against Doncaster players that would mean he'd qualify by default, and we can't have that.

Now a friend once proposed to me that truly 'hard' people are ugly from birth. They therefore have little time for appearance and girls, preferring to spend valuable time brawling and

toughness of Dave Linighan came at the tender age of twelve. Whilst at one of the 'Open Days' the club used to run in the summer, I approached Linighan for an autograph, to which he duly obliged. He proceeded to shake my hand, but executed it with such a force that it felt like my bones had been compressed and I remember struggling to write at school for a week after my meeting with him.

One of the most popular hardmen 'Pool have ever had was Andy Morrison. A robust, heavyweight midfielder and staunch Scotsman; Morrison added presence to the centre of the pitch in

more ways than one. Morrison's brutal on-field antics led to more than one full scale riot and as a leader of men, the big fella demanded the same aggression from all of his teammates.

Unlike most footballing henchmen, Morrison's viciousness was not on the ground, but in the air. He'd spring like a chicken and smash the skulls of anyone daring enough to challenge a header with him, making their heads feel as though they were floating pieces of dandelion fluff being pulled in all directions by the wind. Morrison's hardcase highlight came in 1996, when Bradford goalkeeper Gavin Ward taunted the Seasiders away following at Valley Parade. The big Scott clocked this, and in the very next corner, piled into Ward, sending both the ball and the keeper flying into the back of the net. Ward was so dazed that he could no longer finish the game.

Of course in between players of this calibre there is always the odd wannabe contender to the throne, who either falls by the waist-side or is simply shocking at their attempts to cement any form of notoriety. In recent memory one such player is Steve McMahon junior. As the son of a famous hard-tackler, the ex-gaffer's offspring ran completely out of his depth clattering into anyone who got

Hugan and Co left right and centre. Briggsy was one of the most aggressive defenders that 'Pool have ever had, with his trademark mustache and appetite for red cards. He was a chief lunger, a growler of a man who, if he had been playing in today's petty climate, would struggle to escape most games without some form of caution.

Brabin, on the otherhand, is still regarded as one of the true enforcers of lower league football. Rumoured to have a part-time nightclub doorman job in his time at the club, the midfielder's most cruel moment came in 1997 when Brentford's Jamie Bates had the audacity to tackle him from behind in an away fixture at Griffin Park. Instead of retaliating, Brabin let his anger build up until the final whistle, where he strolled into the home dressing room and, let's say for legal purposes, didn't exactly congratulate Bates on his performance by buying him a box of Celebrations. A true nutter who was another who had a poor sending off record at the Seaside.

It's been a few years now since our last cast-iron Bloomfield hardman. Many argue there's now no room for them in the game, especially with the way football has become more technical in play and heavily fitness-based. Whilst hardmen might not be seen as desirable

OF BLOOMFIELD ROAD

in his way. Most weeks the former Seaside tried to give off the impression he was the missing sibling of the Mitchell brothers when, what someone should really have told him, was that he looked more adapt at the Chuckle brothers' family table.

The final two mentalists to reach this feature will both live long in the fans' memories. Had they been at the club at the same time, Gary Briggs and Gary Brabin would have made Blackpool the most fearful team to play in the league. Had they been a tag-team combination I have no doubt they'd be on WWF Wrestling each week pummeling Hulk

in the contemporary game, there is no doubt that players of this ilk certainly striker a chord with many on the terraces, something that feels redundant from recent 'Pool squads. Maybe one day we'll get a nutcase who can also play abit? The best of both worlds.... sounds like a good idea to me!

Karl Moon



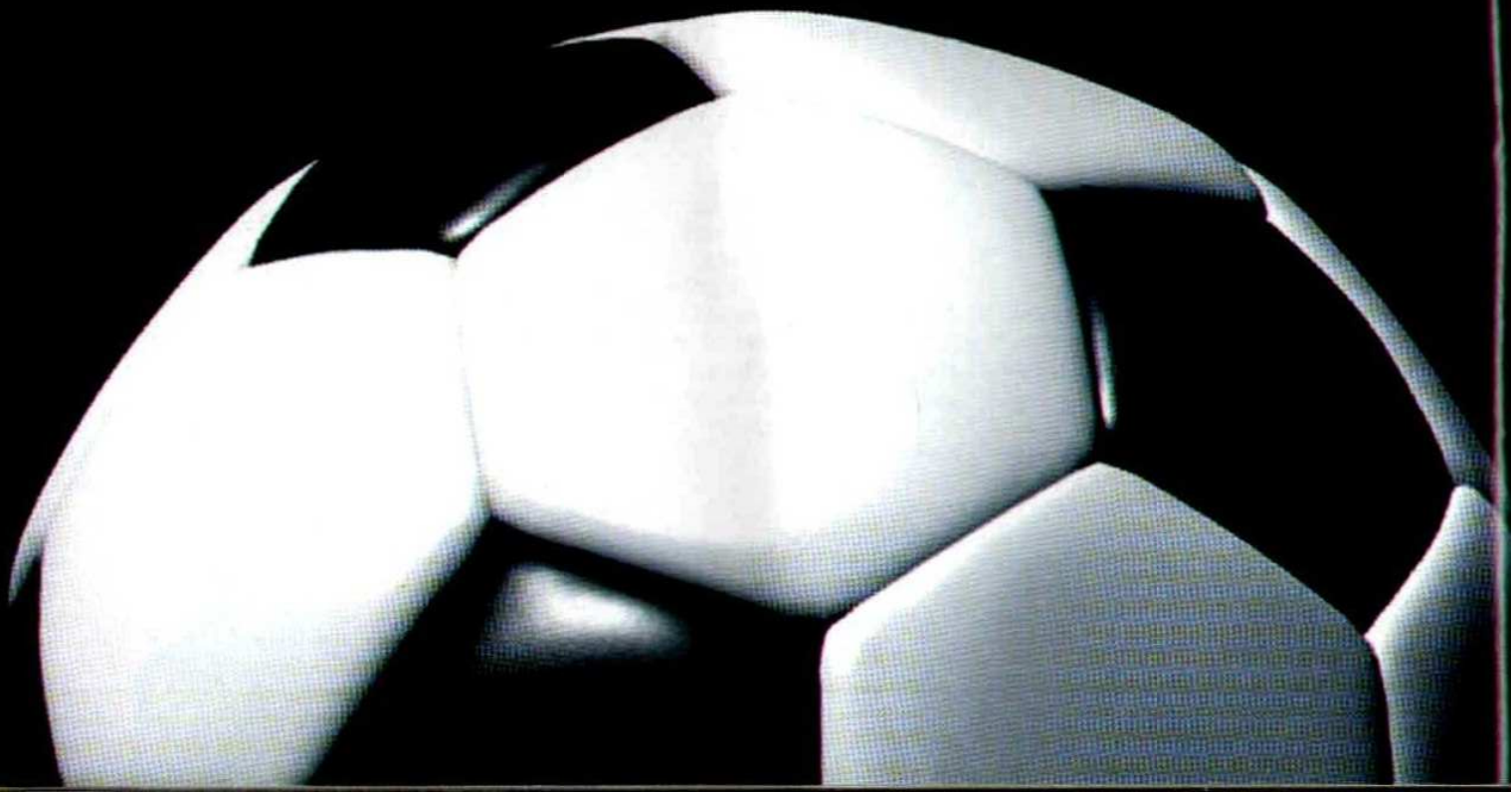
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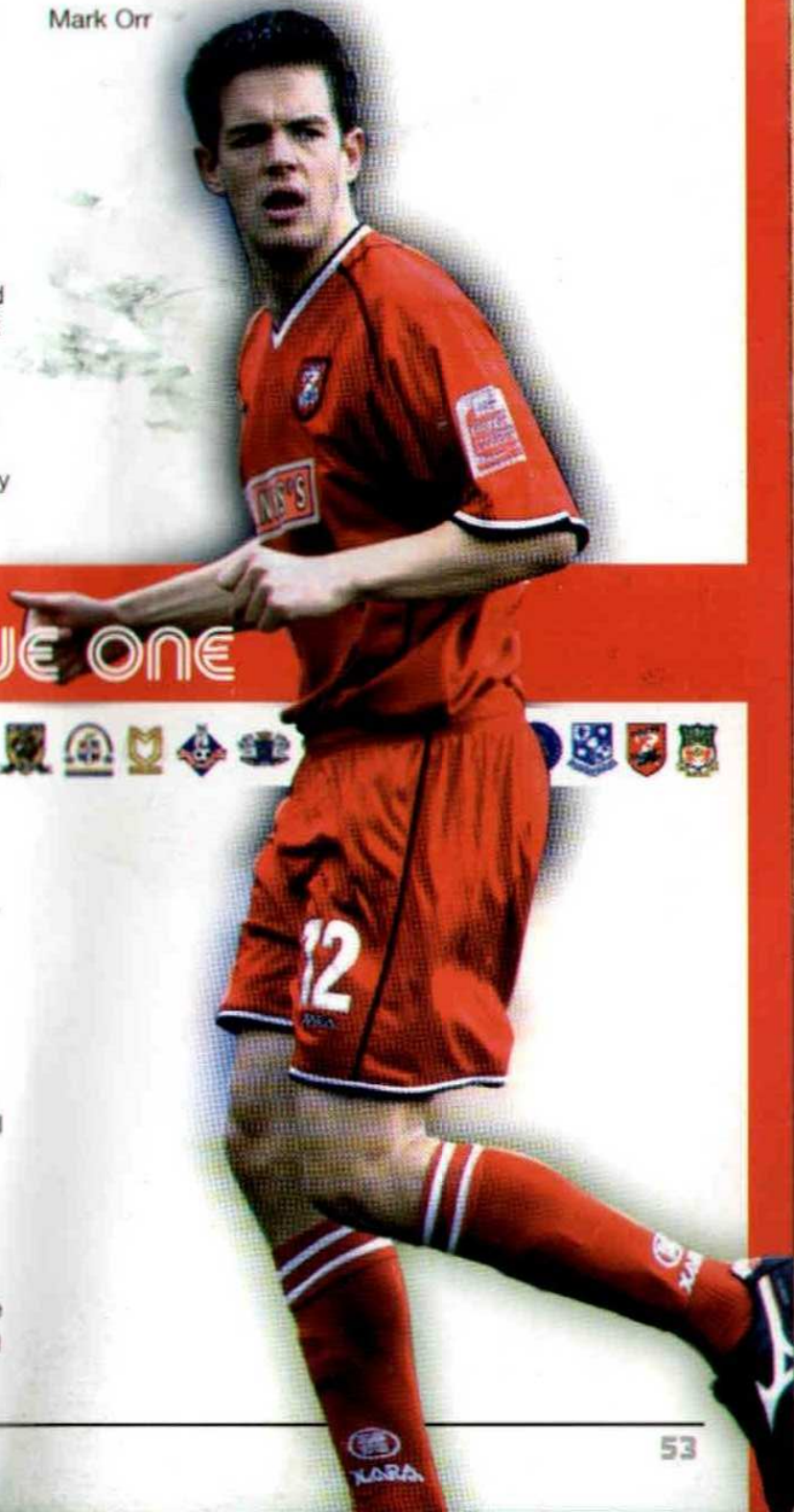
WALSALL have dismissed Nottingham Forest's bid for their England under 19 striker **Matty Fryatt** as "derisory".

Fryatt burst onto the scene last term with 15 goals from 24 starts, and has already registered twice this season. As well as that, he only added to his reputation when he helped the national under 19 squad to this summer's European Championship final in Northern Ireland. Saddlers' boss Paul Merson now feels the player is now worth in excess of £1 million and club chairman Jeff Bonser revealed Forest's bid was some way short of that figure. "To be frank, the offer was derisory. I made clear that the bid fell a long way short of our valuation, and was totally unacceptable," he said.

Tranmere are the latest League One club to take defender Alex Bruce, son of former Manchester United legend Steve, on loan. Now playing under his father at Birmingham, Bruce enjoyed spells at Oldham and Sheffield Wednesday last season and now joins the Prenton Park club for six months. Said manager Brian Little: "Alex played against us last season when he was on loan elsewhere and we were very impressed by him."

After their recent 1-1 draw at Hillsborough, the two managers had contrasting views on the result. Whilst Wednesday's Paul Sturrock was far from happy: "I hate draws - draws kill you", his counterpart Peter Taylor was reasonably satisfied: "I'm over the moon to have drawn after the way we played in the second half ... we were mullered!"

Mark Orr



Around

COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE



Colchester striker Marino Keith, a former target for Pool boss Colin Hendry, faces a further six weeks on the sidelines after the ankle injury he picked up in pre-season proved worse than first expected. "It is immensely frustrating. It is a relatively small thing but we have to be patient and take it slowly," said club physio Stuart Ayles.

Yeovil will finally be able to hand a debut to Argentine forward Pablo Bastianini after the 22-year-old returned to his homeland in order to ensure he received international clearance. With Gary Johnson's men yet to record a win this term, his arrival will come as a huge boost ahead of today's game at Barnsley.

I finish this week with news of how two former League One sides - Hull and Sheffield Wednesday - are fairing in the league above this season.

'Top Box loves Reebok'

Teenage boxing sensation, Amir Khan, is making a habit of starting at the top. In the 2004 Olympics, his first, he did not just make an impression, he won the silver medal in the 60kg division. Likewise his introduction to Bolton Wanderers was not any ordinary encounter, it was the 1995 'Championship' play off final against Reading. There are no signs that Amir will ever be a comeback kid (quite the opposite at present) but his team showed on that day and in their subsequent topsy turvey seasons, how it should be done. Reading were 2-0 up and with seemingly one foot in the Premiership, when Bolton turned them over and put themselves amongst the elite of English League football. That success also left a lasting impression on the young fighter; he was hooked. Since then boxer and football club have developed very

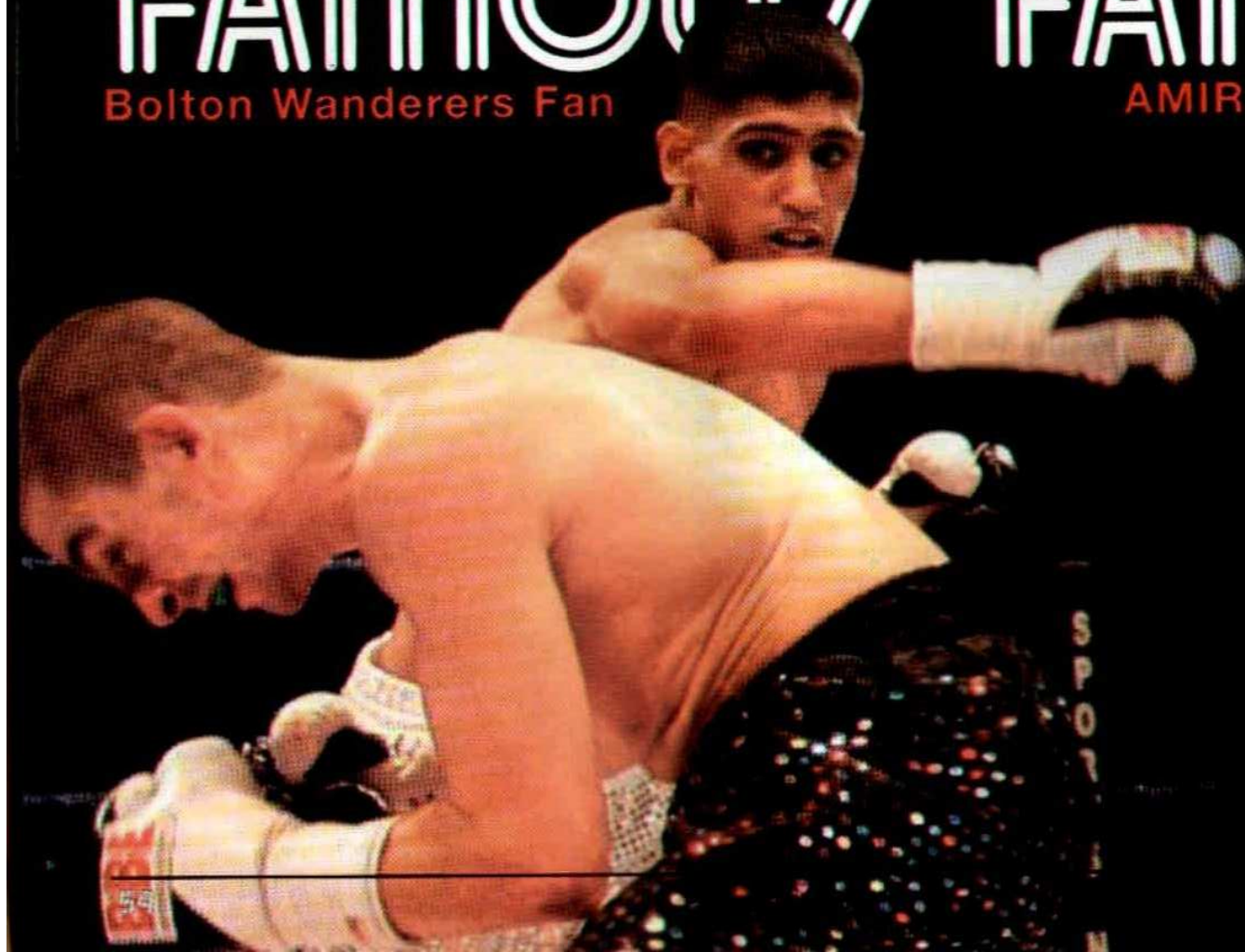
nicely, both are now successful and highly respected in their relevant sports. Amir shared his interest in the Wanderers with us and gave his forecast for the season just begun.

'It was my uncle who got me into watching Bolton, he is fan of the club and always has been. I first went along with him and looking back you could hardly get a more exciting first game to go to than a play off final. I became a fan of John McGinlay on that day and after that he scored a lot of important goals to help us to where we are now. Although life for me is different these days, I still try to go to every game when I'm not in training. And this new season will be a great one for us. I think we'll get a top six place and do well in the cups and Europe.'

FAMOUS FANS

Bolton Wanderers Fan

AMIR KHAN



Having now turned professional, the current focus of Amir's attention is on the 10th September 2005 at Cardiff International Arena, when he shares the bill with WBO Super Middleweight champion, Joe Calzaghe. This is the second contest for Khan since giving up his amateur status, the first at the Bolton Arena in July 2005 was stopped; he demolished his opponent in just 109 seconds. Although his dramatic rise to fame and constant media exposure gives the impression that he is a long established competitor in the world of professional boxing, you only have to return to the Olympics to put things in perspective. He is so young the only other Olympics he can remember, is the one before his own success. Then the 13-year-old schoolboy gained great inspiration from Audley Harrison's Sydney gold success. In terms of his own aspirations, he initially assumed he was too young to compete in Athens and set his sights on Beijing in 2008. But when the Olympic rules revealed he was eligible, the young Khan was soon packing his case for Greece, which included a photo of his own hero Muhammad Ali. Now, still only 18 years old, his success has prompted both praise and advice.

Before the Olympics, when many thought he was at his limit just appearing in the games, former WBO featherweight champion Naseem Hamed was suggesting a medal and of the young boxer commented 'He has been a breath of fresh air, the kid is a great fighter'. More recently Joe Calzaghe was quick to encourage Amir to 'Always train like a challenger' and avoid the complacency that can often occur when a big title is achieved. But Promoter Frank Warren clearly has no intention of putting undue pressure on the young protégée, he wants to 'keep him busy' but does not see him challenging for a title just yet. So when that opportunity does come how does Amir see his professional career developing? He said: 'I will be the youngest champion ever and I intend to stay at the top of the tree for 10 years.'

That statement may not have the poetic element of the legend that professed to 'float like a butterfly and sting like a bee' but it is clear, positive and hard to argue against. With vital statistics of height 1.78m, weight 63kg and a remarkable consistency in the ring, there are surely few who are brave enough to disagree?

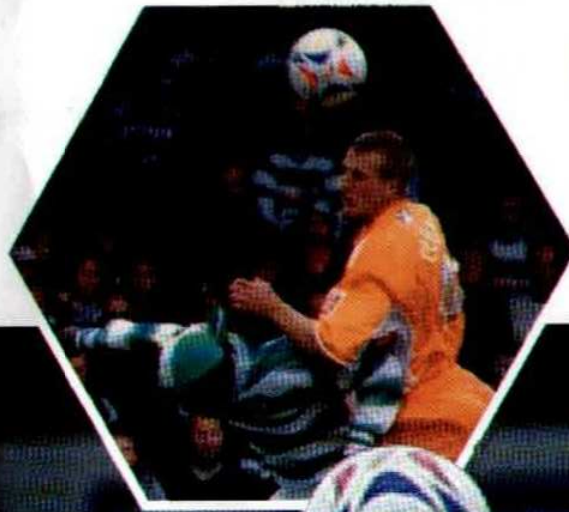
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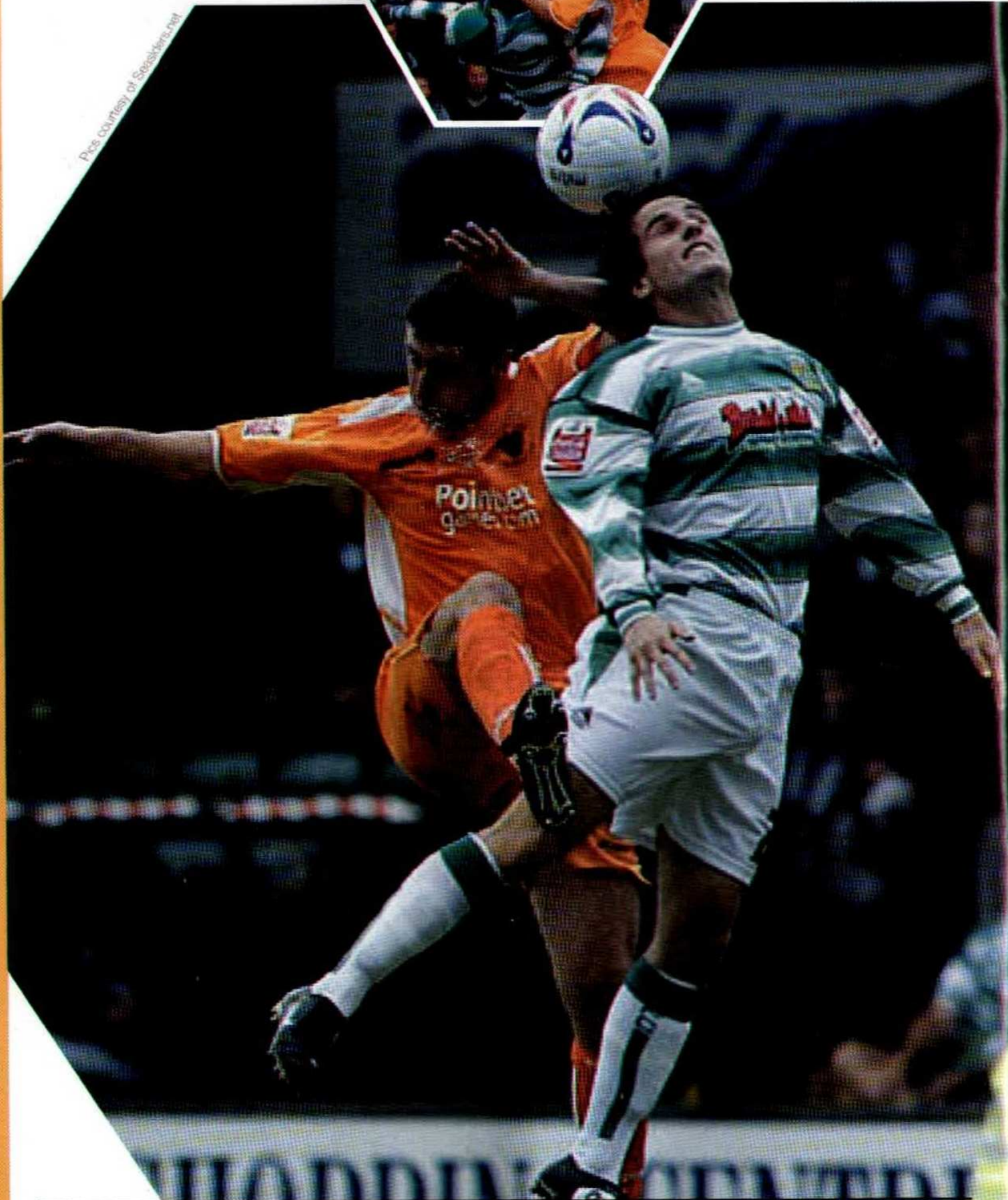
Above:

Amir shows off his Olympic Silver Medal along with Fellow Great Britain athletes, rower Matthew Pinsent and double medal winner Kelly Holmes.





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WHOPPING CENTRE

Half Time Quiz

Seasiders

1. Who made his league debut on the last day of the 2003/04 season but his only first team appearance last season came in the FA Cup against Leicester?
2. Who started the first 24 league games last season but never played another game?
3. Who did the Seasiders play in the first round of last seasons LDV Vans Trophy?
4. Which player was sent off in the first half of the home game against Hartlepool last season?
5. In his first spell at Bloomfield Road Scott Vernon scored 3 league goals, 2 away at Port Vale and one against which other team at Bloomfield Road?
6. Blackpool used 4 keepers in the league last season but which one only played in 2 league games?
7. Which Seasider has played 41 league games over the last 3 seasons without scoring but has scored in both the FA cup and LDV Vans Trophy?
8. Which member of Blackpool's 1953 FA Cup winning side went on to manage the club?

Robins

1. Who played in all 46 of Swindon's league games last season?
2. Which 2 teams did The Robins beat both home and away last season?
3. Against which 2 teams did Swindon score 3 goals in the first half last season, both at The County Ground?
4. Who scored Swindon's first goal of the 2004/05 season, his only league goal all season?
5. In which away game last season did Swindon overturn a 1-0 half time deficit to win 2-1?
6. Steve McMahon took over as manager of Swindon and The Robins paid a record transfer fee of £800,000 for Joey Beauchamp. In which year?
7. Which 2 men managed Swindon in 1983?
8. In which season did Swindon score 100 goals for the one and only time in their history?

Who am I?

Identify the following players from a brief description of their career to date

1. A goalkeeper that has just signed for his 2nd Premiership club in the close season. Former clubs include Wigan and Hull
2. Irish midfielder playing for a Championship side. Former clubs include Liverpool Millwall Wimbledon and Man City
3. Premiership midfielder who has played for Nantes, Marseille, Celta Vigo and Real Madrid but has only scored 17 goals since his debut in 1993
4. Versatile Republic of Ireland international, he was relegated from the Premiership last season. Former clubs are Derby and Carlisle

FA Cup Finalists

The following Championship teams have only ever appeared in one FA Cup final.. Name them

1. Runners up in 2004
2. Runners up in 1984
3. Winners in 1987
4. Runners up in 1982
5. Winners in 1978
6. Runners up in 1983
7. Runners up in 1990
8. Runners up in 1959

Premiership scorers

Name the top 10 goal scorers in the Premiership since it began in 1992

Seasiders Answers. 1 Lewis Edge 2. Scott Taylor 3. York 4. Mark McGregor 5. Bournemouth 6. Kevin Stuur Ellegaard 7. Jamie Burns 8. Stan Mortensen

Robins Answers 1. Rhys Evans 2. Bradford and Oldham 3. Hartlepool and Torquay 4. Andy Caton 5. Oldham 6. 1994 7. John Trollope and Ken Beamish 8. 1926/27

Who am I Answers 1. Roy Carroll 2. Mark Kennedy 3. Claude Makelele 4. Rory Delap

FA Cup Finalists Answers 1. Millwall 2. Watford 3. Coventry 4. QPR 5. Ipswich 6. Brighton 7. Crystal Palace 8. Luton

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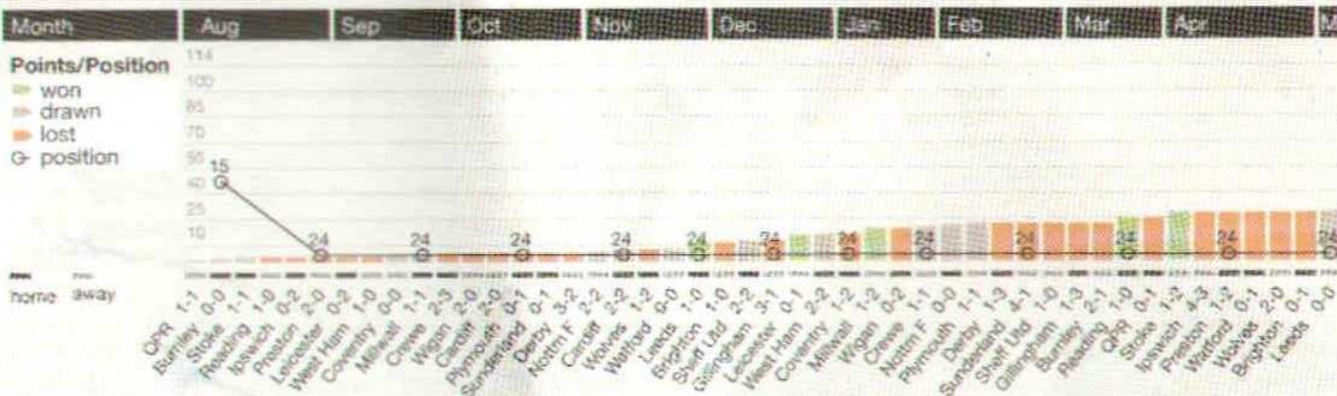
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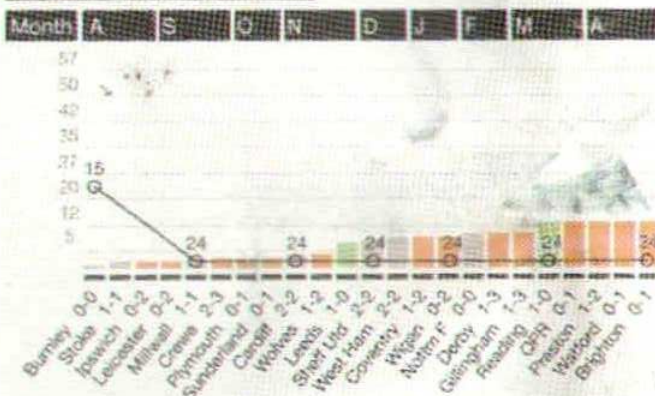
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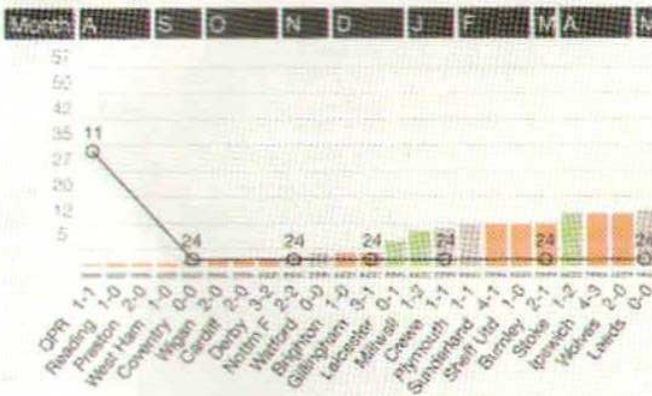
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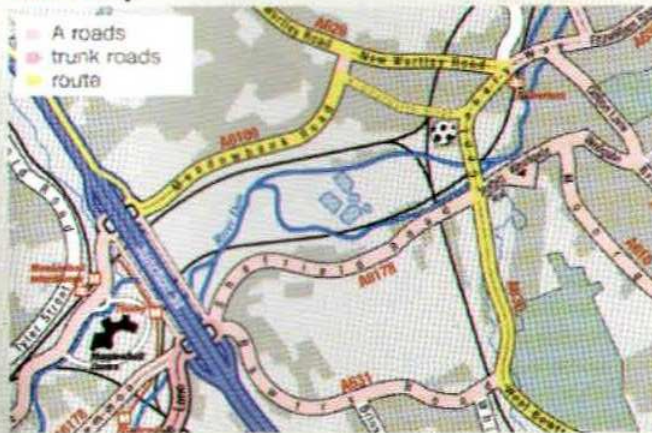
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COMING SOON

THE Seasides take a break from League One action this coming Tuesday when newly promoted Championship side Hull City are the visitors to Bloomfield Road in the first round of the Carling Cup.

Blackpool fans voted Hull as the team that most impressed following their double over us, City won 2-1 at the KC stadium and 2-0 here on Boxing Day.

Star man for the Tigers has to be Northern Ireland international, Stuart Elliott who hit 20 plus goals from midfield last term and is a target for several Premiership clubs.

Hull's ambition though, under England Under 21 boss Taylor and chairman Adam Pearson has seen The Tigers hold on to their prized asset.

At the time of writing Hull were yet to win this season, following an opening day goalless draw with QPR, a 1-1 stalemate followed at Sheffield Wednesday before last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Wolves.

The lack of goals so far has definitely been a problem and the likes of Craig Fagan and Stephen McPhee are going to have to start proving they can cut in the Championship before Taylor dips into the transfer market for a proven goalscorer at that level.

The City faithful appear to be a little disappointed with squad strengthening over the summer.

Curtis Woodhouse who signed from Peterborough should bag his fair share of goals, as should Nick Bamby and defensively City look solid, but they need goals and may be looking to Ben Burgess as the target man they desperately need as he returns from an injury plagued spell.

City fans though won't mind too much at the position their club finds itself in.

It's not too long ago that Hull were in big trouble as financial difficulties threatened to drive the club out of business.

At one stage the gates of Boothferry Park were locked as then owner David Lloyd pulled his investment out of the club and with disappointing crowds things looked bleak.

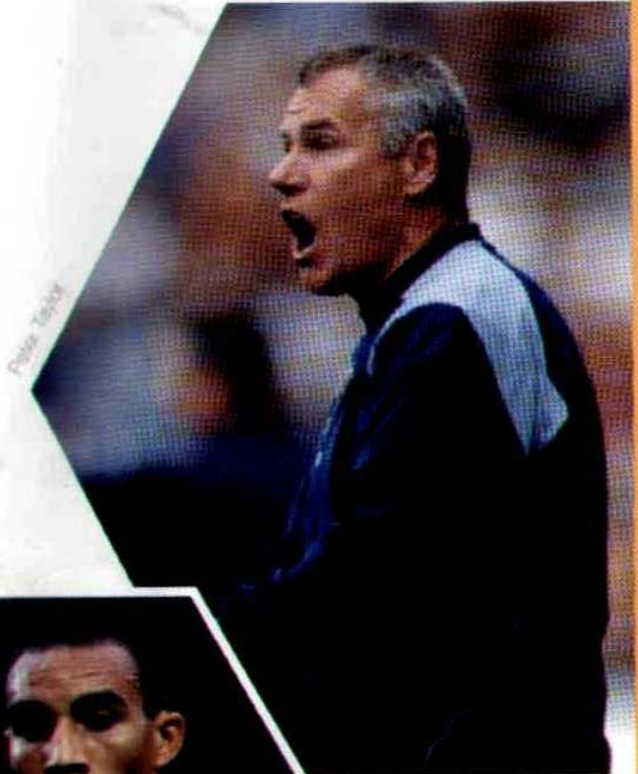
Enter former Leeds United director Adam Pearson and his rescue culminated in Taylor's appointment as boss and a move to the mightily impressive Kingston Communications Stadium.

Crowds of 20,000 became the norm and two successive promotions are a far cry from those dark days of four years ago.

Hull is a big city with a large catchment area and their stunning new home wouldn't look out of place hosting Premiership football in the future.

Good luck to them – after Tuesday of course!

Enjoy the games
Martyn Corner



Steve Taylor



Craig Fagan



Nick Bamby



Adam Pearson



RESERVE

After watching Pool earn a 1-1 draw thanks to a Matthew Blinkhorn header, it took Pool reserve team coach Simon Grayson four hours to drive the team mini-bus back to Blackpool.



SEASIDERS BEGIN WITH 1-1 DRAW AT CHESTER CITY

"The M56 was closed and we had to take a diversion down on all these tiny, winding country roads," said Grayson.

"I'm driving the bus with a dozen or so 18-year-old lads on board. They were worse than my six-year-old son – whining 'are we nearly there yet?' every five minutes.

"We passed 12 countryside pubs and I felt like stopping at every one.

"People don't see this side of the job, do they? The glamorous life of a football manager!"

"I left my house at 8am and didn't get home until almost 10pm. I almost resigned four times!"

But Grayson was delighted with the reserves' performance. Pool dominated long periods of the game and defender Tony Butler successfully came through a 45-minute run-out – his first taste of action since recovering from a dead leg.

Pool's Reserve Team are in action on Wednesday evening when they play host to Lancashire rivals Preston North End.

The Seasiders youth team began their new campaign with a 3-1 defeat at Shrewsbury Town. Pool took the lead on the half hour when Turkish winger Cabbar Bagdadi rifled into the top corner having cut in from the right wing. But Pool were made to pay for squandering a whole host of chances in the second half when the hosts hit back with three goals, two of which were from set pieces.

Pool lined up:

Abbott
Metcalfe
Parle
Matthews
Brown (Foran 70)
Bagdadi (Pictured)
Clancy
Goulding
Lawlor
Watson
Ogden.

Subs Not Used:

Penswick, Halstead



RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

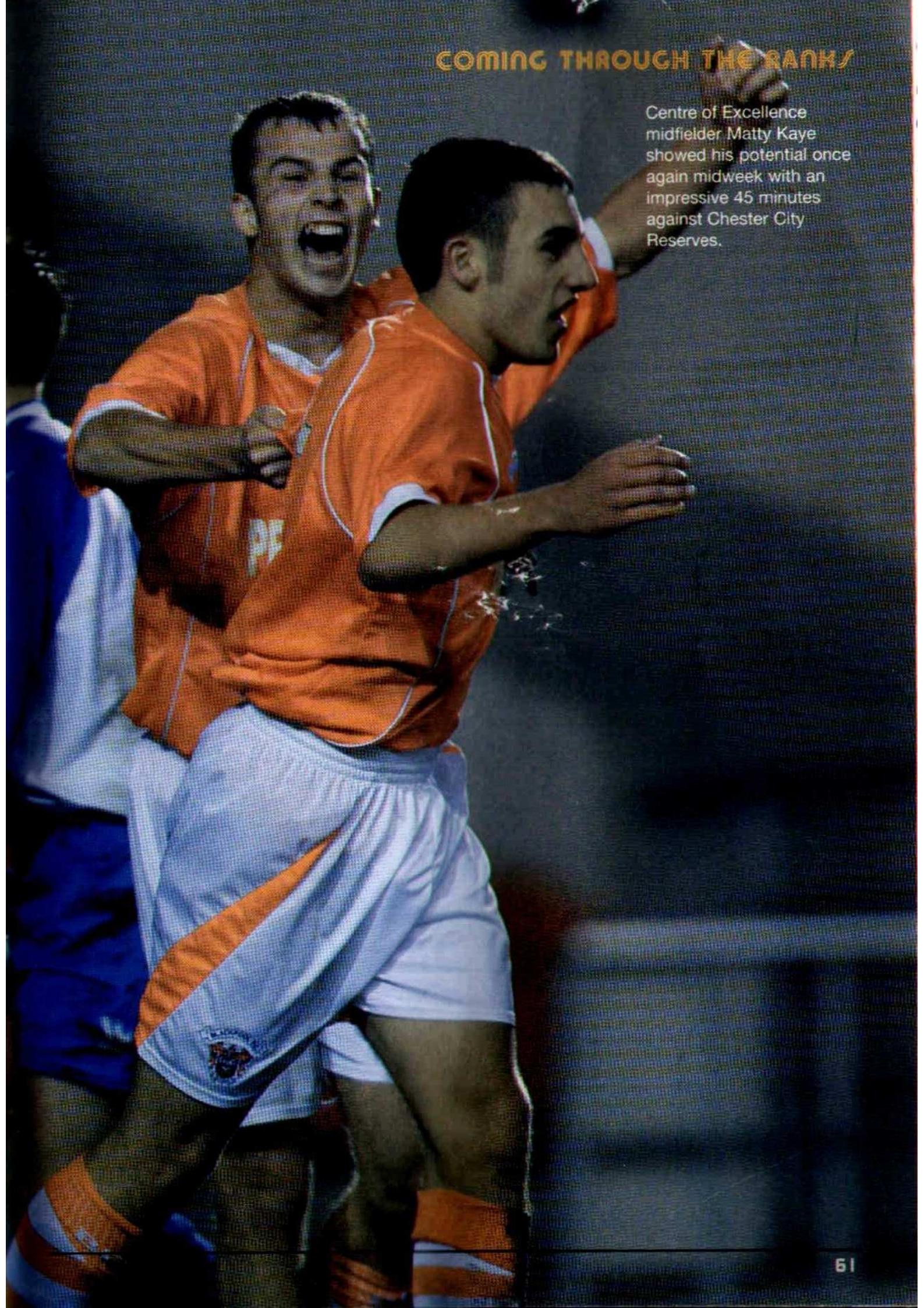
Date	Opponent	Venue	
Wed Aug 17	Chester City	A	1-1
Wed Aug 24	Preston North End	H	7.00
Wed Aug 31	Rotherham United (CUP)	H	7.00
Wed Sep 7	Shrewsbury Town	H	2.00
Wed Sep 21	Tranmere Rovers	A	7.00
Wed Oct 5	Bury	A	7.00
Wed Oct 12	Sheffield United B (CUP)	A	7.00
Wed Oct 26	Burnley	H	7.00
Wed Nov 9	Wrexham	A	7.00
Wed Nov 16	Carlisle United	H	2.00
Wed Nov 30	Rochdale	A	7.00
Wed Dec 7	Tranmere Rovers	H	7.00
Wed Dec 14	Chester City	H	2.00
Mon Jan 9	Shrewsbury	A	2.00
Wed Jan 25	Tranmere Rovers	H	7.00
Wed Feb 8	Rochdale	H	7.00
Mon Feb 20	Preston North End	A	7.00
Wed Mar 8	Bury	H	7.00
Wed Mar 29	Burnley	A	7.00
Wed Apr 5	Wrexham	H	2.00
Wed Apr 19	Carlisle United	A	7.00

YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponent	Venue	
13 August	Shrewsbury Town	Away	3-1
20 August	Macclesfield Town	Home	11.00
3 September	Preston North End	Away	11.00
10 September	Carlisle United	Home	10.30
17 September	Stockport County	Away	11.00
24 September	CUP		
1 October	Port Vale	Home	11.00
8 October	Tranmere Rovers	Away	11.00
15 October	Rochdale	Home	11.00
22 October	Wigan Athletic	Away	CUP
29 October	Oldham Athletic	Home	11.00
5 November	Chester City	Away	11.00
12 November	Wrexham	Away	11.00
19 November	Burnley	Home	11.00
26 November	Walsall	Away	11.00
3 December	Bury	Home	11.00
10 December	Port Vale	Away	11.00
17 December	Tranmere Rovers	Home	11.00
7 January	Rochdale	Away	11.00
14 January	Wigan Athletic	Home	11.00
21 January	Oldham Athletic	Away	11.00
4 February	Chester City	Home	11.00
11 February	Wrexham	Home	11.00
18 February	Burnley	Away	11.00
25 February	Walsall	Home	11.00
11 March	Bury	Away	11.00
18 March	Shrewsbury Town	Home	11.00
25 March	Macclesfield Town	Away	11.00
1 April	Preston North End	Home	11.00
8 April	Carlisle United	Away	11.00
15 April	Stockport County	Home	11.00

COMING THROUGH THE RANKS

Centre of Excellence midfielder Matty Kaye showed his potential once again midweek with an impressive 45 minutes against Chester City Reserves.



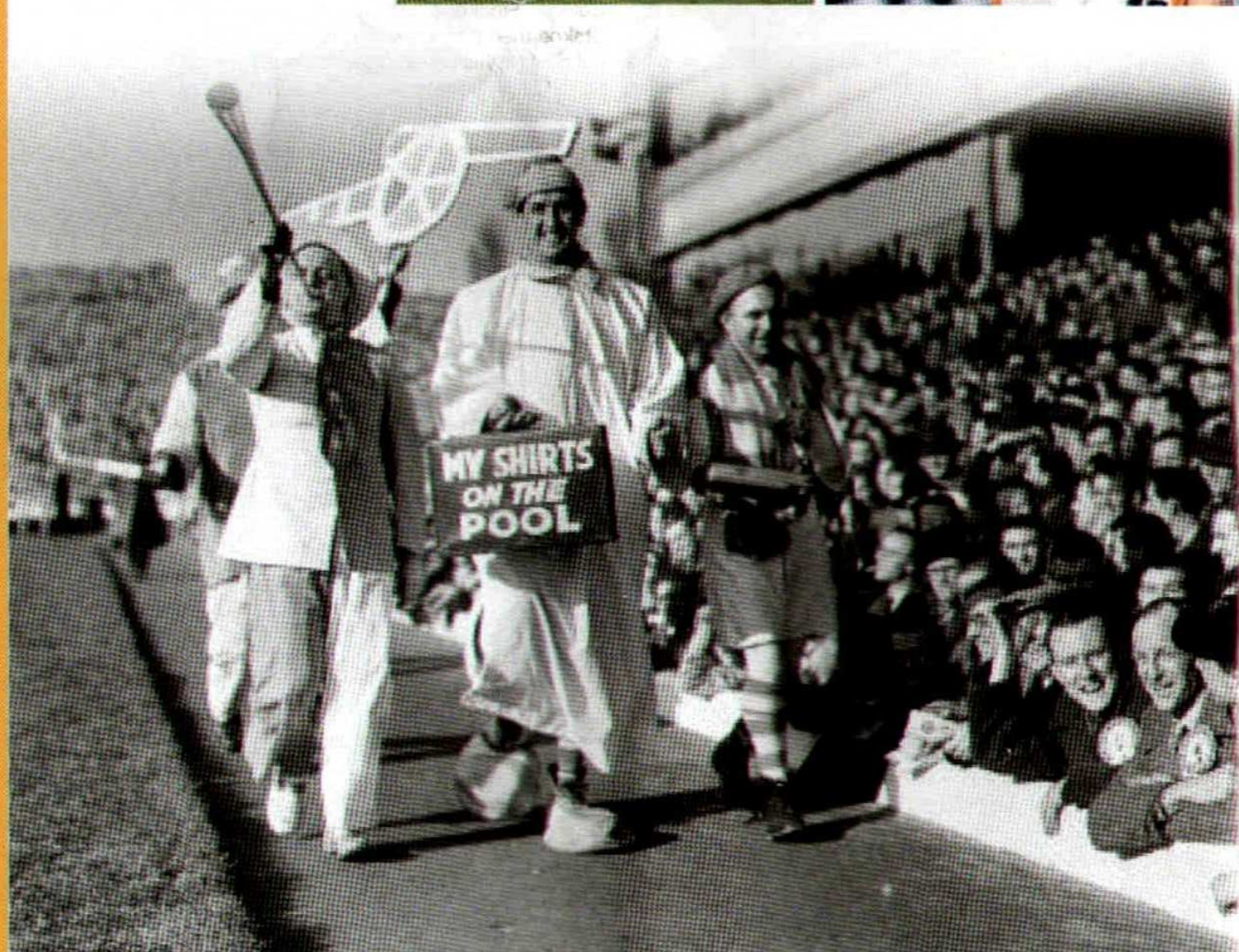
FLASHBACK

Memorable Moments

Picture 1 - Blackpool fans in fancy dress parade around the Highbury running track before the match, followed closely by an Arsenal fan brandishing a large cardboard gun. 28/02/1953

Picture 2 - Blackpool's John Hills celebrates scoring his team's opening goal against Charlton Athletic, during their AXA FA Cup Third Round match at Charlton's The Valley ground in London. 05/01/2002

Picture 3 - Danny Coid Nationwide League Division Three - Playoff Semi Final First Leg - Blackpool v Hartlepool United 13/05/2001



GLYN JAMES



Born in Liangollen, Glyn James served Blackpool as a centre-half and captain, played for 15 seasons and made over 400 appearances. A strong, tall player, he made his debut at Preston in October 1960, standing in for the injured Roy Gratrix, whose monopoly of the number-five shirt meant that the youngster had to wait nearly four years to succeed him. Once he did, though, he became as effective as his predecessor. James was never spectacular, but his height proved invaluable at the heart of the defence. With the hard John McPhee alongside him, they made a fearsome duo, although James preferred the cultured approach. His leadership qualities earned him Welsh caps, but his greatest moment came in the 1972 Anglo-Italian Final against AS Roma when he held the defence together as the Italians threatened to overwhelm Blackpool. Although they lost, it made up for James' disappointment 12 months previously when he was forced to miss the Bologna Final due to injury. At the start of 1971-2, Bob Stokoe tried him at centre forward. James replied with six goals in his first five games but after the arrival of Keith Dyson he returned to his familiar role. Towards the end of his career the club arranged a testimonial game, and it was pleasing to see so many appreciative fans turn up to salute one of Blackpool's most loyal players. He remains closely connected with the club and is now a successful local businessman. He is always given a warm welcome on his return to Bloomfield Road and today will be no different.

Welcome back Glyn.

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Attendance records & cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Bournemouth	11,950	6,544	5,406	5,975	3	0
Barnsley	9,358	9,358	9,358	9,358	4	1
Blackpool	6,469	6,469	6,469	6,469	7	0
Bradford	15,565	8,250	7,315	7,783	2	1
Brentford	5,952	5,952	5,952	5,952	4	0
Bristol City	15,481	15,481	15,481	15,481	3	1
Chesterfield	9,310	5,189	4,121	4,655	7	0
Colchester	5,671	2,950	2,721	2,836	0	0
Doncaster	10,293	5,232	5,061	5,147	5	0
Gillingham	7,293	7,293	7,293	7,293	2	1
Hartlepool	6,271	6,271	6,271	6,271	4	0
Huddersfield	21,442	11,138	10,304	10,721	5	0
Forest	24,042	24,042	24,042	24,042	5	1
Oldham	6,979	6,979	6,979	6,979	4	0
Port Vale	9,206	4,931	4,275	4,603	3	0
Rotherham	5,386	5,386	5,386	5,386	7	0
Scunthorpe	12,159	7,152	5,007	6,080	5	0
Southend	6,543	6,543	6,543	6,543	2	0
Swansea	16,733	16,733	16,733	16,733	12	2
Swindon	13,402	8,108	5,294	6,701	6	0
Tranmere	15,975	8,466	7,509	7,988	7	0
Walsall	14,272	8,703	5,569	7,136	5	0
MK Dons	5,163	5,163	5,163	5,163	4	1
Yeovil	11,554	5,856	5,698	5,777	3	0

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

League One form table

Club	W	D	L	For	Agg	Pts	Gr Diff	Sequence
Walsall	2	1	0	7	5	7	2	WWD
Port Vale	2	1	0	3	1	7	2	WDW
Brentford	2	0	1	5	2	6	3	WWL
Huddersfield	2	0	1	5	3	6	2	LWW
Bradford	2	0	1	4	2	6	2	WLW
Swansea	2	0	1	4	4	6	0	WWL
Oldham	2	0	1	5	6	6	-1	WWL
Bournemouth	1	2	0	5	3	5	2	DDW
Gillingham	1	2	0	3	2	5	1	WDD
Tranmere	1	1	1	6	3	4	3	LDW
Southend	1	1	1	5	4	4	1	LWD
Rotherham	1	1	1	2	2	4	0	LDW
Scunthorpe	1	1	1	3	4	4	-1	LWD
Hartlepool	1	1	1	2	3	4	-1	LDW
Barnsley	1	0	2	3	3	3	0	WLL
Forest	1	0	2	5	6	3	-1	WLL
Chesterfield	1	0	2	4	5	3	-1	WLL
Colchester	1	0	2	3	4	3	-1	LLW
Swindon	1	0	2	4	6	3	-2	LLW
Doncaster	0	2	1	1	2	2	-1	DDL
Blackpool	0	2	1	4	6	2	-2	LDD
MK Dons	0	2	1	3	5	2	-2	DDL
Yeovil	0	2	1	1	3	2	-2	LDD
Bristol City	0	1	2	0	3	1	-3	DLL

Ordered by points gained over last 3 games. Most recent result to right of sequence.

League One top scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	LDV	Tot	Gms	Ave
Dean Windass	Bradford	3	0	0	0	3	3	1.00
Pawel Abbott	Huddersfield	3	0	0	0	3	3	1.00
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	3	0	0	0	3	3	1.00
Izale McLeod	MK Dons	3	0	0	0	3	3	1.00
James Hayter	Bournemouth	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Paul Hayes	Barnsley	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
John Murphy	Blackpool	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Isaiah Rankin	Brentford	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Kris Commons	Forest	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Andy Liddell	Oldham	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Nathan Lowndes	Port Vale	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Martin Butler	Rotherham	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Wayne Gray	Southend	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Lee Trundle	Swansea	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Matty Fryatt	Walsall	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67
Jorge Leitao	Walsall	2	0	0	0	2	3	0.67

League One records

Highest Attendance	24,042	Forest v Huddersfield
Lowest Attendance	2,721	Colchester v Barnsley
Average Gate	7,498	
Aggregate Attendance	254,915	
Biggest Home Win	Tranmere 4-0 Oldham	
Biggest Away Win	Hartlepool 0-2 Bradford, Chesterfield 1-3 Brentford, Blackpool 1-3 Chesterfield, Bradford 0-2 Southend	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Swindon 2-3 Oldham, Walsall 3-2 Forest	
Total Games	36	
Home Wins	16 (44%)	
Away Wins	10 (28%)	
Draws	10 (28%)	
1-1 Draws	4 (11%)	
0-0 Draws	3 (8%)	
Total Cards	Yellow 106	Red 8

Football League One fixtures and results grid

Bournemouth		28.12	18.2	11.3	6.5	2.0	28.1	22.4	7.10	17.12	1-1	15.4	12.11	11.2	22.10	14.1	2.1	1.4	27.9	17.9	2.9	29.8	26.11	18.3
Barnsley	25.3		15.10	29.4	27.8	4.2	8.4	25.2	24.9	7.1	26.12	31.12	10.9	1.10	14.2	19.11	10.12	17.4	4.3	2.0	6.12	29.10	2.1	20.8
Blackpool	6.12	22.4		29.8	22.10	2.1	1.3	9.10	7.1	6.5	10.9	14.2	4.2	28.12	18.3	11.3	13.11	2.1	15.4	20.8	10.12	1.4	24.9	25.2
Bradford	27.8	12.11	4.3		2.1	18.2	2.9	27.9	15.4	22.10	26.11	10.10	6.5	18.3	22.4	17.12	1.4	0-2	14.1	11.2	28.1	28.12	2.0	17.9
Brentford	29.10	11.3	17.4	8.4		24.9	10.12	31.12	25.3	29.8	29.4	21.1	7.1	19.11	25.2	1.10	2.0	14.2	26.12	15.10	20.8	4.2	10.9	6.12
Bristol City	25.2	27.9	17.9	6.12	11.2		19.11	3.9	0-0	18.3	1.10	10.12	4.3	17.4	20.8	28.12	14.1	29.10	28.1	29.4	15.10	2.1	27.8	1.4
Chesterfield	10.9	2.1	26.11	7.1	1-3	7.10		15.4	15.2	4.2	24.9	22.10	1.4	17.12	12.11	0-1	18.3	18.2	6.5	28.12	27.8	21.1	22.4	4.3
Colchester	15.10	1-0	19.11	4.2	1.4	7.1	1.10		10.9	26.11	18.2	24.9	2.1	27.8	21.1	29.4	28.12	4.3	1-2	18.3	17.4	14.2	17.12	29.10
Doncaster	19.11	11.2	2.9	1.10	28.12	26.11	14.1	28.1		18.2	0-1	29.8	18.3	29.4	11.3	1.4	17.9	15.10	17.12	27.9	29.10	17.4	1-1	2.1
Gillingham	20.8	2.9	29.10	17.4	4.3	26.12	27.9	2.1	6.12		19.11	8.4	27.8	17.9	10.12	28.1	25.2	1.10	25.3	14.1	11.2	29.4	31.12	15.10
Hartlepool	10.12	18.3	28.1	0-2	12.11	15.4	10.2	6.12	25.2	8.10		10.3	22.4	31.3	6.5	27.9	29.8	28.12	17.9	2.1	14.1	20.8	22.10	3.9
Huddersfield	1.10	1.4	14.1	19.11	17.9	1-0	18.4	11.2	4.3	2.1	27.8		26.11	28.1	28.12	18.3	2.9	17.12	3-1	29.10	27.9	15.10	18.2	29.4
Forest	29.4	28.1	27.9	29.10	3.9	30.8	31.12	8.4	26.12	11.3	15.10	2-1		14.1	6.12	17.9	20.8	19.11	11.2	25.2	1.10	10.12	25.3	17.4
Oldham	24.9	15.4	25.3	26.12	9.10	22.10	20.8	11.3	12.11	2.1	31.12	10.9	15.2		4.2	29.8	6.5	7.1	22.4	10.12	25.2	6.12	8.4	2-0
Port Vale	17.4	14.1	26.12	15.10	1-0	17.12	29.4	17.9	27.8	0-0	29.10	25.3	18.2	28.9		3.9	28.1	26.11	8.4	19.11	31.12	1.10	4.3	11.2
Rotherham	14.2	8.10	27.8	20.8	15.4	25.3	25.2	12.11	31.12	10.9	4.2	26.12	21.1	4.3	7.1		22.4	24.9	22.10	6.12	8.4	1-2	6.5	10.12
Scunthorpe	8.4	2-1	29.4	31.12	26.11	14.2	26.12	25.3	21.1	1-1	4.3	7.1	16.12	29.10	10.9	15.10		26.8	18.2	17.4	19.11	24.9	4.2	1.10
Southend	31.12	22.10	8.4	10.12	14.1	6.5	6.12	29.8	22.4	14.4	25.3	20.8	9.10	4.9	1-2	10.2		12.11	27.1	17.9	25.2	26.12	27.9	
Swansea	3.2	29.8	1.10	14.2	17.3	10.9	29.10	10.12	20.8	28.12	21.1	25.2	24.9	15.10	2.1	17.4	6.12	29.4		1.4	10.9	12.3	7.1	19.11
Swindon	21.1	26.11	17.12	24.9	22.4	11.11	25.3	26.12	4.2	14.2	8.4	6.5	2-1	2-3	8.10	18.2	22.10	10.9	31.12		4.3	7.1	15.4	27.8
Tranmere	7.1	18.2	2-2	10.9	17.12	22.4	11.3	22.10	6.5	24.9	14.2	3.2	15.4	4-0	31.3	2.1	7.10	2.1	26.11	29.8		17.3	12.11	28.12
Walsall	4.3	6.5	31.12	25.3	27.9	8.4	17.9	14.1	22.10	12.11	17.12	22.4	3-2	18.2	15.4	26.11	11.2	2-2	27.8	3.9	26.12		8.10	28.1
MK Dons	2-2	17.9	11.2	25.2	28.1	11.3	15.10	20.8	10.12	1.4	17.4	6.12	28.12	2.1	29.8	29.10	27.9	18.3	2.9	1.10	29.4	19.11		14.1
Yeovil	23.12	17.12	1-1	21.1	18.2	31.12	29.8	6.5	8.4	22.4	7.1	12.11	22.10	26.11	24.9	0-0	14.4	4.2	8.10	11.3	25.3	10.9	14.2	

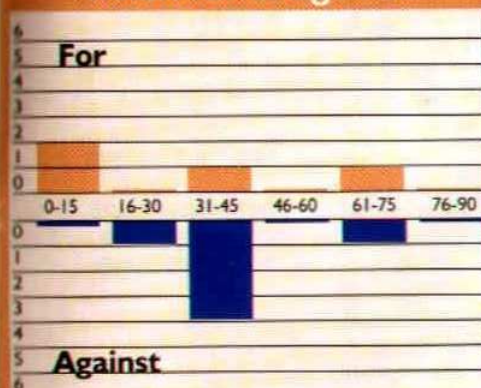
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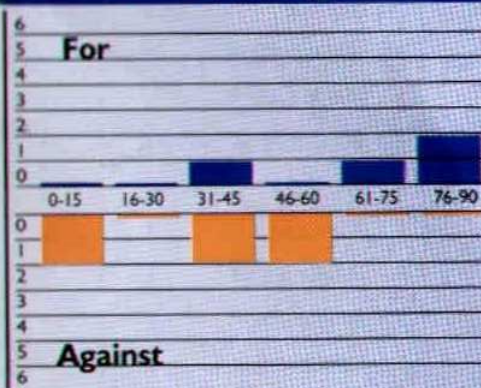
When for & against



Where & how scored

1	Close range	1
2	Inside 18yd box	3
1	Outside 18yd box	0
2	Shots	3
1	Headers	1
1	Volleys	0
0	Penalties	0
0	Free Kicks	0
0	Own Goals	0

When for & against



This season

Opponents	H/A	Score
Yeovil	A	1-1
Tranmere	A	2-2
Chesterfield	H	1-3

Seasonal progress comparison



Best winning sequence	0	Best winning sequence	0
Worst losing sequence	0	Worst losing sequence	2

This season

Opponents	H/A	Score
Forest	H	2-1
Oldham	H	2-3
Barnsley	A	0-2

Swings

Won when Behind	0
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	1
Lost when Ahead	1

Swings

Won when Behind	0
Drawn when Behind	0
Drawn when Ahead	0
Lost when Ahead	0

Discipline

Fouls committed	52
Average per game	17.33
Yellow cards	7
Red cards	0

Last meeting at Bloomfield Road 18/9/04

1-1	
Taylor 33	Henderson 69
Attendance 5,229	Referee Boyeson
Jones, Coid (Richardson), McGregor, Clarke, Edwards P, Evans, Bullock (Gorre), Vernon, Flynn, Wellens, Taylor	Evans, Hill, Mitchell, O'Hanlon, Igoe, Hewlett (Yeates), Duke, Miglioranzi (Robinson), Howard, Henderson, Parkin
Booked Clarke, Edwards P	Booked Howard
Sent Off none	Sent Off none

Discipline

Fouls committed	38
Average per game	12.67
Yellow cards	6
Red cards	0

Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	1
Scored from corner	3
Conc from corner	0

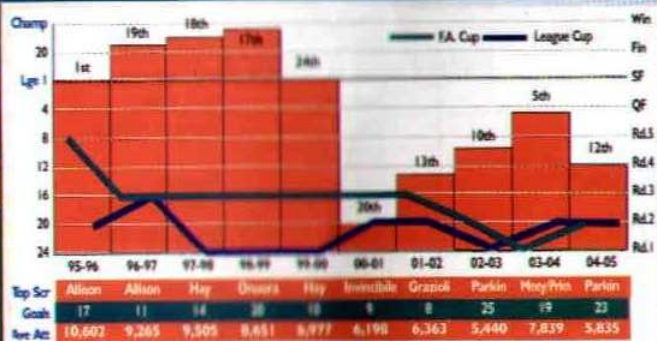
Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	0
Conc from free kick	1
Scored from corner	1
Conc from corner	0

Strike ratio

Shots on target	15
Goals scored	4
% shots scored	26.7
Divisional rating	10

Swindon's Last 10 Years



Strike ratio

Shots on target	15
Goals scored	4
% shots scored	26.7
Divisional rating	12

Top scorer

John Murphy

Goals Scored	2
Games Played	3
Points Won	2

Top scorer

Rory Fallon (Joint)

Goals Scored	1
Games Played	1
Points Won	2

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PLAYER APPEARANCES

		LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		P	G	P	G	P	G
1	LEE JONES	3	-	-	-	3	-
2	MARK MCGREGOR	3	-	-	-	3	-
3	GARETH EVANS	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	KEITH SOUTHERN	3	-	-	-	3	-
5	TONY BUTLER	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	PETER CLARKE	3	-	-	-	3	-
7	KEIGAN PARKER	3	1	-	-	3	1
8	JOHN DOOLAN	3	-	-	-	3	-
9	JOHN MURPHY	3	2	-	-	3	2
10	SCOTT VERNON	3	1	-	-	3	1
11	RORY PRENDERGAST	3	-	-	-	3	-
12	DANNY COID	3	-	-	-	3	-
14	MATTHEW BLINKHORN	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-
15	CIARAN DONNELLY	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	-
16	JAMIE BURNS	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	SIMON WILES	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-
18	ROB EDWARDS	3	-	-	-	3	-
19	PHIL DOUGHTY	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	SIMON GRAYSON	(3)	-	-	-	-	-
21	STUART ANDERSON	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	MATTHEW SHAW	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	LEWIS EDGE	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-



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GUIDE

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- Scored
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- Substitute
Number indicates player replaced
- Straight Red

DATE	OPPONENTS	@	RES	ATT	TRAV	PTS
AUGUST						
Sat 6	Chesterfield	H	1-3	6489	1229	-
Tue 9	Tranmere Rovers	A	2-2	7509	600	1
Sat 13	Yeovil Town	A	1-1	5698	453	2
Sat 20	Swindon Town	H				
Tue 23	Hull City CC R1	H				
Sat 27	Rotherham United	A				
Mon 29	Bradford City	H				
SEPTEMBER						
Fri 2	Doncaster Rovers	A				
Sat 10	Hartlepool United	H				
Sat 17	Bristol City	A				
Sat 24	MK Dons	H				
Tue 27	Nottingham Forest	A				
OCTOBER						
Sat 1	Swansea City	A				
Sun 9	Colchester United	H				
Sat 15	Barnsley	A				
Sat 22	Brentford	H				
Sat 29	Gillingham	A				
NOVEMBER						
Sat 5	FA Cup Round 1					
Sun 13	Scunthorpe United	H				
Sat 19	Colchester United	A				
Sat 26	Chesterfield	A				
DECEMBER						
Sat 3	FA Cup Round 2					
Tue 6	AFC Bournemouth	H				
Sat 10	Tranmere Rovers	H				
Sat 17	Swindon Town	A				
Mon 26	Port Vale	A				
Wed 28	Oldham Athletic	H				
Sat 31	Walsall	A				
JANUARY 06						
Mon 2	Southend United	H				
Sat 7	Doncaster Rovers	H				
Sat 14	Huddersfield Town	A				
Sat 21	Bristol City	H				
Sat 28	Hartlepool United	A				
FEBRUARY						
Sat 4	Nottingham Forest	H				
Sat 11	MK Dons	A				
Tue 14	Huddersfield Town	H				
Sat 18	AFC Bournemouth	A				
Sat 25	Yeovil Town	H				
MARCH						
Sat 4	Bradford City	A				
Sat 11	Rotherham United	H				
Sat 18	Port Vale	H				
Sat 25	Oldham Athletic	A				
APRIL						
Sat 1	Walsall	H				
Sat 8	Southend United	A				
Sat 15	Swansea City	H				
Mon 17	Brentford	A				
Sat 22	Barnsley	H				
Sat 29	Scunthorpe United	A				
MAY						
Sat 6	Gillingham	H				

- 1 LEE JONES (GK)
- 2 MARK MCGREGOR
- 3 GARETH EVANS
- 4 KEITH SOUTHERN
- 5 TONY BUTLER
- 6 PETER CLARKE
- 7 KEIGAN PARKER
- 8 JOHN DOOLAN
- 9 JOHN MURPHY
- 10 SCOTT VERNON
- 11 RORY PRENDERGAST
- 12 DANNY COID
- 14 MATTHEW BLINKHORN
- 15 CIARAN DONNELLY
- 16 JAMIE BURNS
- 17 SIMON WILES
- 18 ROBERT EDWARDS
- 19 PHIL DOUGHTY
- 20 SIMON GRAYSON
- 21 STUART ANDERSON
- 22 MATTHEW SHAW
- 23 LEWIS EDGE (GK)
- 24 SEAN PATERSON

FA & Carling Cup Dates

Carling Cup

FA Cup

1st Round 23/24 Aug	1st Round 5th November
2nd Round 20/21 Sep	2nd Round 3rd December
3rd Round 25/26 Oct	3rd Round 7th January
4th Round 29/30 Nov	4th Round 28th January
5th Round 20/21 Dec	5th Round 18th February
Semi 10/11 & 24/25 Jan	6th Round 22nd March
Final 26 Feb	Semi 22nd April
	Final 13th May



BLACKPOOL

	1	Lee Jones (GK)
	2	Mark McGregor
	3	Gareth Evans
	4	Keith Southern
	5	Tony Butler
	6	Peter Clarke
	7	Keigan Parker
	8	John Doolan
	9	John Murphy
	10	Scott Vernon
	11	Rory Prendergast
	12	Danny Coid
	14	Matthew Blinkhorn
	15	Ciaran Donnelly
	16	Jamie Burns
	17	Simon Wiles
	18	Robert Edwards
	19	Phil Doughty
	20	Simon Grayson
	21	Stuart Anderson
	22	Matthew Shaw
	23	Lewis Edge (GK)
	24	Sean Paterson
	25	Les Pogliacomì (GK)



SWINDON TOWN

	1	Rhys Evans (GK)
	2	Sean O'Hanlon
	3	Jack Smith
	4	Nicky Nicolau
	5	Jerel Ifil
	6	Steve Jenkins
	7	Gareth Whalley
	8	Rory Fallon
	9	Tony Thorpe
	10	Stefani Miglioranzì
	11	Jamie Cureton
	12	Ricky Shakes
	13	Matthew Bulman (GK)
	14	Alan Reeves
	15	Andrew Nicholas
	16	Kyle Lapham
	17	Charlie Comyn-Platt
	18	Christian Roberts
	19	Michael Pook
	20	Patrick Collins
	21	Ben Wells
	23	Nicky Summerbee

LEAGUE ONE AT A GLANCE

	P	PTS	+-	
1	Walsall	3	2	7
2	Port Vale	3	2	7
3	Brentford	3	3	6
4	Huddersfield	3	2	6
5	Bradford	3	2	6
6	Swansea	3	0	6
7	Oldham	3	-1	6
8	Bournemouth	3	2	5
9	Gillingham	3	1	5
10	Tranmere	3	3	4
11	Southend	3	1	4
12	Rotherham	3	0	4
13	Scunthorpe	3	-1	4
14	Hartlepool	3	-1	4
15	Barnsley	3	0	3
16	Nottm Forest	3	-1	3
17	Chesterfield	3	-1	3
18	Colchester	3	-1	3
19	SWINDON	3	-2	3
20	Doncaster	3	-1	2
21	BLACKPOOL	3	-2	2
22	MK Dons	3	-2	2
23	Yeovil	3	-2	2
24	Bristol City	3	-3	1

ALSO TODAY

LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Barnsley v Yeovil,	15:00
Brentford v Tranmere,	15:00
Bristol City v Port Vale,	15:00
Gillingham v Bournemouth,	15:00
Hartlepool v Walsall,	15:00
MK Dons v Colchester,	15:00
Nottm Forest v Scunthorpe,	15:00
Oldham v Chesterfield,	15:00
Rotherham v Bradford,	15:00
Southend v Huddersfield,	15:00
Swansea v Doncaster,	15:00

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