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**G**ood afternoon Ladies and Gentleman and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town here at Blundell Park.

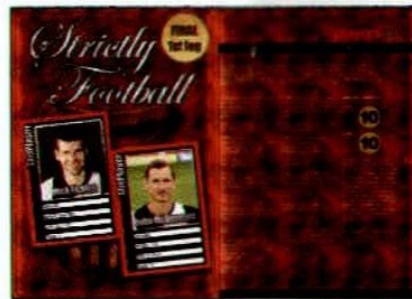
Before I begin I would just like to pass on my condolences to the families of Nikki Roberts and Bernard Morley – both were such an integral part of Grimsby Town Football Club, and both will be sorely missed.

Today's programme sees us take in an exclusive interview with Ciaran Toner, who tells us all about his plans for the future and the chance of an International recall. The Final of Strictly Football is finally here and we see John McDermott go up against Nick Fenton. We also take a behind-the-scenes look at the Study Support Centre at Blundell Park, finding out what really makes the youngsters tick.

Last Saturday's win at Hereford was a true team performance and hopefully we will have made Blundell Park a sea of black and white for today's game. Enjoy the match, and lay off the black and white stuff – the Guinness, not the Mariners!

Up The Mariners

Jonathan Byrne



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**G**OOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMAN AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S GAME AGAINST SWINDON TOWN. A QUICK GLANCE AT THE LEAGUE TABLE SHOWS WHAT A GOOD SEASON PAUL STURROCK'S SIDE ARE HAVING.

That shows what a difficult game we have on our hands today, but we are currently one of the in-form teams in the division with six wins out of seven. I do think we have thoroughly deserved each of our wins; we have played some good football and look a well-organised team. There is a good resilience about us, and the players are working hard for each other - and that has brought us onto this good run - long may that continue.

We felt that last week at Hereford was a real test for us. They are a useful team, who are well organised, but at the end of 90 minutes we deserved our away win. Today is another chance to test ourselves, this time against one of the top three teams in the division. I know from previous encounters with Paul Sturrock that his team will be well disciplined and that should make for a good game.

Hopefully there will be a good crowd here again to give the game a good atmosphere. The last three home games, which have resulted in three home wins, have seen a really good atmosphere at Blundell Park - you've got behind the team really well.

I felt our last match here against Bury was a comfortable win for us. They didn't really push us into any sort of performance, yet it still could have been four or five-nil at half time. We started really well and built from there, but the game was a little too comfortable for us and we were content to pass the ball around, because we didn't really have to chase the game. It was another welcome three points and the perfect way to bounce back after the defeat at Macclesfield.

I'm not one for studying the League table, but it looks a lot more comfortable for us now. It shows the improvement we have made. When I rejoined the club the results were going for us without the performances, but I do think the performances have warranted the results this time. I can't speak highly enough of the lads' work rate at the minute and their commitment to the cause, as well as the good football we are producing.

Obviously we have one or two problems during the game at Hereford. We knew that Fenners had been struggling prior to the game. He started the game really well, but as it went on his Achilles became sorer, which they tend to do, and in the end had to come off. Fenners was outstanding on the day, and

I was also very pleased with Grandy when he came on, he didn't test a test wrong.

We made a little change with Northy and Jonah, and I thought Jonah really did his whack for us up there on his own. Then we had the introduction of Tilly who really got us going and he had a part in the goal. Obviously I had used all three subs, but then we had a real scare just after the goal with Peter. He was unconscious on the pitch and we thought that we would have to play out time with just ten men, but the lad's on my shoulder telling me he will go out and see how he feels.

It was a really well worked goal and a magnificent strike from Bolly. I said when Jonah went on that we had to use the energy of Bolly and Bosh to get behind them and that's certainly what happened. It was a really good team performance last Saturday, because that's what we are - a team.

Whilst we were away, the Youth team played at home on the big pitch, which was a treat. They got a good result, although talking to Woodsie, they perhaps didn't play as well as he would have liked. That bodes well for us.

and I know for a fact we have three or four really good youngsters under Woodsie.

As time has gone on they have slowly been introduced to training with me. Ryan and Luke train with me from time-to-time, you know Josh does now and again, Nathan has also had a little spell with me. You start to integrate them lads into what the first team are doing so they are comfortable with the first team, and I do like to do that. Woodsie is producing good players for this football club and you can see that with the progression of Peter Bore, Northy and young Andy Taylor this season.

Before I go, I would just like to pass on my best wishes to our Match Sponsors who are WILKIN CHAPMAN SOLICITORS - I hope you have a fantastic time at today's game.

Please keep up your magnificent support.

I was sad to see Bernard Morley passed away last week. He was a great supporter of the club and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

ALAN BUCKLEY

**alan buckley**  
From The Dugout

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## Captain's Log

**G**ood afternoon Ladies and Gentleman and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town here at Blundell Park.

We're finally beginning to shown signs of consistency and I think if we can maintain that for the rest of the season, we will do very well.

The whole side looks sharper and hungrier than we have all season. We look organised and are playing to our potential. Most importantly though, we're taking our chances when they come along.

We showed last weekend that we can adapt to play another system. The 4-5-1 looked good away from home and the players knitted together very well. When you start to win games it becomes a habit and hopefully we can continue that today.

On a personal note it's nice to be back in the side. I feel I'm getting sharper with every game and I just want to be involved as much as possible before the summer.

A few weeks ago survival was obviously the main priority for the club. I think one more win should just about seal that but beyond staying up, it's difficult to set ourselves a target for the rest of the season. I think the lads just want to win as many of the last games as possible and then see where it leaves us.

Today's game represents a tough test for us. Swindon have been up there all season and will be looking to cement their place in the top three.

They have a great manager in Paul Sturrock.

He likes to play football on the floor, as does Alan Buckley, so I would expect to see a good passing game today. They also have, in Lee Peacock, potentially the best striker in the league. He's strong and direct and we'll have to watch him today.

They beat us at their place but we were on top for periods of the game. But football's all about scoring goals and they did that on the day.

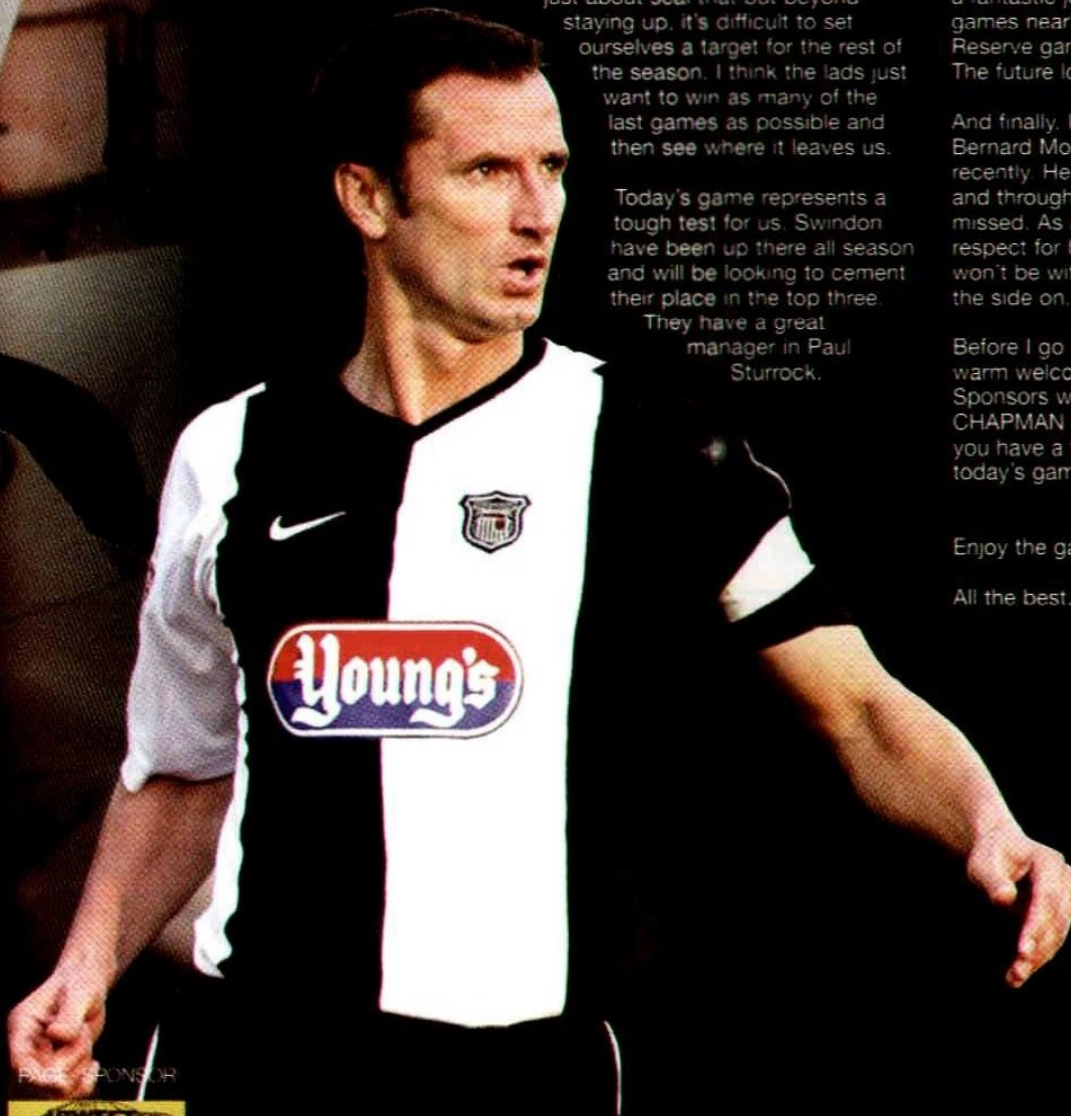
A big well done to the Youth side who have made it to the final of the cup. There's some real talent in that side and Neil Woods is clearly doing a fantastic job. They're playing two games nearly every week with Reserve games to deal with as well. The future looks bright.

And finally, I must pay tribute to Bernard Morley who sadly died recently. He was a Manner through and through and he'll be badly missed. As a person I had massive respect for him and it's a shame he won't be with us anymore to cheer the side on.

Before I go I would like to wish a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors who are WILKIN CHAPMAN SOLICITORS - I hope you have a fantastic time at today's game.

Enjoy the game today.

All the best, Macca



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date	opponents	comp	res	all	pts	pos	team
<b>august</b>							
Sat 5 15:00	Boston United	FL2	3-2	5012	3	5	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Futcher Harkins Rankin
Tue 8 19:45	Wrexham	FL2	0-3	5180	3	13	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Futcher Harkins Rankin
Sat 12 15:00	Bristol Rovers	FL2	0-1	4596	3	17	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Futcher Harkins(84) Toner
Fri 18 19:45	Mansfield Town	FL2	1-1	4604	4	14	Barnes McDermott(71) Newey Whittle McIntosh Toner Bore(74)
Tue 22 19:45	Crewe Alexandra	CC1	0-3	1635	-	-	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Futcher Toner Bore
Sat 26 15:00	Bury	FL2	0-3	2118	4	18	Barnes Croft Newey Fenton McIntosh(68) Harkins(45) Bore
<b>september</b>							
Fri 1 19:45	Macclesfield	FL2	1-1	3638	5	21	Barnes Croft Newey Fenton McIntosh Boshell Toner(p)
Sat 9 15:00	Walsall	FL2	2-1	3669	8	15	Barnes Croft Newey Fenton McIntosh(67) Ravenhill Toner
Tue 12 19:45	Rochdale	FL2	0-1	1997	8	19	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Bore(45)
Sat 16 15:00	Chester City	FL2	2-0	1957	11	14	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Bore
Sat 23 15:00	Stockport County	FL2	0-1	4708	11	17	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Bore
Tue 26 19:45	Hartlepool United	FL2	1-4	3486	11	21	Barnes McDermott Croft Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Toner
Fri 29 19:30	Darlington	FL2	2-2	3636	12	20	Barnes McDermott(87) Croft Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Bore
<b>october</b>							
Sun 8 16:00	Hereford United	FL2	2-1	4147	15	18	Barnes McDermott Croft Fenton Butler Ravenhill Bore
Sat 14 15:00	Swindon Town	FL2	0-3	5719	15	20	Barnes McDermott Croft Fenton Butler Ravenhill Bore
Tue 17 19:15	Lincoln City	JPT1	0-0 (5-3p)	2019	-	-	Barnes McDermott(59) Newey Fenton Whittle Ravenhill Toner
Sat 21 15:00	Notts County	FL2	0-2	4029	15	21	Barnes Croft Newey(86) Fenton Butler Boshell Bore
Sat 28 15:00	Peterborough	FL2	2-2	4203	16	21	Barnes Croft Newey(89) Fenton Butler Ravenhill Boshell
Tue 31 19:45	Mansfield Town	JPT2	0-3	1761	-	-	Barnes McDermott Croft(72) Fenton Butler Ravenhill Toner
<b>november</b>							
Sat 4 15:00	MK Dons	FL2	1-3	3268	16	22	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Ravenhill Toner
Sat 11 15:00	Northampton Town	FAC1	0-0	4092	-	-	Barnes Croft(85) Newey Whittle Fenton Harkins Toner
Sat 18 15:00	Wycombe Wanderers	FL2	1-1	5037	17	22	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Harkins(89) Boshell(84)
Tue 21 19:45	Northampton Town	FAC1(r)	0-2	2657	-	-	Barnes McDermott Croft Whittle Fenton Harkins(62) Boshell
Sat 25 15:00	Accrington Stanley	FL2	2-0	4511	21	20	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Pulis Till
<b>december</b>							
Tue 5 19:45	Barnet	FL2	1-0	1588	23	18	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Pulis Till
Sat 9 15:00	Shrewsbury Town	FL2	2-1	4076	26	16	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Pulis Till(66)
Sat 16 13:00	Lincoln City	FL2	0-2	5919	26	16	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Jones Pulis Bore(57)
Fri 22 19:45	Torquay United	FL2	2-0	4666	29	15	Barnes Boshell Croft Fenton Newey Pulis Till
Tue 26 15:00	Hartlepool United	FL2	0-2	5290	29	17	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Fenton Harkins Till(69)
Sat 30 15:00	Stockport County	FL2	0-3	5032	29	17	Barnes Croft(46) Newey Whittle Fenton Pulis Till
<b>january</b>							
Mon 1 15:00	Rochdale	FL2	0-4	4302	29	17	Barnes McDermott Boshell Fenton Newey Pulis(46) Till
Tue 9 19:45	Chester City	FL2	0-2	3012	29	18	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Grand Pulis(76) Till(68)
Mon 15 19:45	Walsall	FL2	0-2	4889	29	20	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle Grand Hunt Till
Sat 20 15:00	Darlington	FL2	0-1	3282	29	22	Barnes Croft Newey Whittle(30) Grand Hunt Till(86)
Fri 26 19:45	Torquay United	FL2	1-4	2095	29	22	Barnes Croft Newey(34) Harkins Grand Hunt Boshell
<b>february</b>							
Sat 3 15:00	Boston United	FL2	6-0	2915	32	19	Barnes Bloomer Newey(86) Whittle Fenton Boshell Bore3(87)
Sat 10 15:00	Bristol Rovers	FL2	4-3	5883	35	18	Barnes Bloomer Newey Whittle Fenton Harkins(24) Bore
Sat 17 15:00	Mansfield Town	FL2	2-1	4033	38	17	Barnes Bloomer Newey Whittle Fenton Hunt Bore
Tue 20 19:45	Wrexham	FL2	2-1	5850	41	16	Barnes Bloomer Newey Whittle Fenton Hunt(39) Bore(77)
Sat 24 15:00	Macclesfield	FL2	1-2	2598	41	17	Barnes Bloomer(46) Newey Whittle Fenton Hunt Bore
<b>march</b>							
Sat 3 15:00	Bury	FL2	2-0	4733	44	16	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Fenton Hunt(70) Bore(77)
Sat 10 15:00	Hereford United	FL2	1-0	2914	47	15	Barnes McDermott Newey Whittle Fenton(65) Hunt Bore(73)
Sat 17 15:00	Swindon Town	FL2					
Sat 24 15:00	Peterborough	FL2					
Sat 31 15:00	Notts County	FL2					
<b>april</b>							
Sat 7 15:00	MK Dons	FL2					
Mon 9 15:00	Wycombe Wanderers	FL2					
Sat 14 15:00	Accrington Stanley	FL2					
Sat 21 15:00	Barnet	FL2					
Sat 28 13:00	Lincoln City	FL2					
<b>may</b>							
Sat 5 15:00	Shrewsbury	FL2					

**Key:** Goal Scorer: **Player's Name**  
 Substitute: **Player's Name (00)**  
 Cards: ● ●



				substitutes	referee		
Bolland ● Reddy(67) ● Jones	Beagrie	<b>Bore(67) 2</b>	Toner	Barwick	Croft	North	J Moss
Bolland Reddy(45) Jones	Beagrie(45)	Bore(45)	Toner(45)	Barwick	Croft	North	D Whitehouse
Bolland ● Reddy Jones	Rankin(64)	Bore(64)	Beagrie(84)	Barwick	Croft	North	A R Hall
Bolland Rankin Jones(87)	Beagrie	Croft(71)	Harkins(74)	Futcher(87)	Murray	North	R Olivier
Bolland Rankin Jones(68)	Beagrie	Reddy(68)	Harkins	Murray	Barwick	Hegarty	K Friend
Bolland Rankin Jones(45)	Toner	Beagrie(45)	Reddy(45)	Whittle(68)	Murray	Boshell	R Lewis
Bolland Rankin(86) Reddy(70)	Beagrie(71)	Jones(70)	Bore(71)	Taylor(86)	Harkins	Whittle	U Rennie
Bolland Rankin(86) Jones	Beagrie(53)	<b>Bore(53)</b>	Whittle(67)	Taylor(90)	McDermott	Boshell	K Woolmer
Bolland Rankin Jones	Toner(83)	Taylor(45)	Boshell(83)	McDermott	Chamberlain	Murray	R Booth
Bolland Rankin(76) ● Jones	Boshell	<b>Taylor(76)</b>	Murray	McDermott	Chamberlain	Hegarty	K Hill
Bolland Taylor(68) Jones	Boshell(61)	Beagrie(61)	Lawson(68)	McDermott	Toner	Murray	R Lee
Bolland Thorpe(70) Jones	Beagrie(65)	Bore(65)	Taylor(70)	Newey	Lawson	Boshell	D Deadman
Bolland Thorpe Jones	<b>Toner(p)</b>	Beagrie	Boshell	Newey(87)	Chamberlain	Taylor	M Jones
Bolland Thorpe ● Jones 2	Toner	Newey	Beagrie	Murray	Boshell	North	L Mason
Bolland Thorpe(90) Jones	Toner	Newey	Whittle	Beagrie	Boshell	North(90)	N Swarbrick
Boshell Bore(75) Jones	Hegarty	Croft(59)	Thorpe(75)	Harkins	Murray	North	G Hegley
Bolland(67) Thorpe(67) Jones	Toner	Murray	North	McDermott(86)	Harkins(67)	Hegarty(67)	K Wright
<b>Toner</b> Jones ● James	<b>Bore</b>	Whittle(89)	McDermott	Harkins	Rankin	Thorpe	M Thorpe
Boshell Rankin James(67)	Bore(45)	Whittle	Murray	Harkins(72)	Hegarty(67)	North(45)	N Miller
Bolland Rankin James(34)	Bore(87)	North(87)	Murray	McDermott	Hegarty(34)	Boshell	S J Bratt
Bolland North(72) Boshell	Hegarty	Taylor(72)	Chamberlain	McDermott(85)	Murray	Ashton	R Shoebridge
Bolland North(58) Jones	Hegarty	Bore(58)	Ravenhill(89)	McDermott(84)	Murray	Taylor	P Taylor
Bolland North Jones(85)	Hegarty(46)	Bore(46)	Ravenhill(62)	Rankin(85)	Toner	Murray	D Deadman
Bolland(52) Paterson(86) Jones	Hegarty	Boshell(52)	Rankin(86)	McDermott	Murray	North	P Joslin
Ravenhill Paterson Jones	Hegarty ●	McDermott	Harkins	Rankin	Murray	North	P Armstrong
Ravenhill ● Paterson 2	Jones	Harkins(60)	Rankin(66)	Murray	Boshell	North	T Kettle
Ravenhill Paterson Rankin(69)	Hegarty(61)	Harkins(57)	Reddy(61)	Boshell(69)	Murray	North	M A Riley
Harkins(87) Paterson Rankin(86)	Hegarty(46)	Toner(46)	Reddy(86)	Ravenhill(87)	Murray	North	D Foster
Bolland(46) Rankin Pulis ●	Paterson	Hegarty(46)	Reddy(69)	Ravenhill	Murray	Boshell	R Booth
Ravenhill(58) Paterson Rankin ●	Hegarty(30)	Boshell(30)	Bolland(46)	Reddy(58)	Harkins	Murray	N Miller
Harkins Paterson Rankin(65)	Hegarty(46)	Bolland(46)	North(46)	Reddy(65)	Ravenhill	Murray	J Singh
Ravenhill Paterson Jones	Rizzo(68)	Harkins(68)	North(68)	Boshell(76)	Murray	Hegarty	K Wright
Bolland Paterson(73) Jones(86)	Toner	North(73)	Hegarty(86)	McDermott	Murray	Boshell	K Stroud
Bolland Paterson Jones	Toner	Harkins(30)	Rankin(86)	McDermott	Murray	Boshell	D Whiststone
Bolland ● Paterson Jones(73)	Hegarty(46)	Fenton(34)	Bore(46)	Thorpe(73)	McDermott	Murray	K Hill
Bolland ● Paterson(82) ● Hunt	<b>Toner</b>	Till(82)	Croft(86)	Jones(87)	Murray	Grand	M J Jones
Bolland North(89) Boshell ●	<b>Toner</b>	Jones(24)	Rankin(89)	McDermott	Murray	Grand	S J Bratt
Bolland Paterson(80) Boshell ●	<b>Toner</b>	<b>North(80)</b>	McDermott	Murray	Jones	Grand	M Haywood
Bolland Paterson ● Boshell	<b>Toner</b>	Jones(39)	North(77)	McDermott	Murray	Grand	A Woolmer
Bolland North Croft(24)	Toner	<b>Jones(24)</b>	McDermott(46)	Murray	Till	Grand	N Swarbrick
Bolland North(87) Jones	<b>Toner</b>	Boshell(70)	Till(77)	Rankin(87)	Bloomer	Murray	D McDermid
Bolland North(69) Boshell	Toner	Grand(65)	Jones(69)	Till(73)	Bloomer	Murray	M Oliver

## howtheystand 15.03.07

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1. Hartlepool Utd	37	22	8	7	51	30	21	74
2. Walsall	37	20	11	6	55	27	28	71
3. Swindon Town	36	20	7	9	47	31	16	67
4. MK Dons	37	20	7	10	63	50	13	67
5. Lincoln City	37	19	7	11	64	50	14	64
6. Stockport County	36	19	5	12	51	37	14	62
7. Wycombe	36	16	9	11	43	32	11	57
8. Darlington	37	14	12	11	44	41	3	54
9. Peterborough	37	15	7	15	52	48	4	52
10. Shrewsbury	33	12	13	8	52	34	18	49
11. Mansfield	37	13	10	14	52	50	2	49
12. Hereford Utd	37	13	10	14	42	45	-3	49
13. Notts County	37	12	12	13	46	46	0	48
14. Chester City	37	12	11	14	36	37	-1	47
<b>15. MARINERS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>47</b>
16. Bristol Rovers	35	12	10	13	36	38	-2	46
17. Barnet	36	12	9	15	45	56	-11	45
18. Rochdale	35	11	10	14	47	39	8	43
19. Bury	36	10	8	18	39	53	-14	38
20. Macclesfield	37	9	10	18	44	61	-17	37
21. Accrington	37	8	11	18	53	67	-14	35
22. Wrexham	36	8	11	17	33	58	-25	35
23. Boston United	37	9	8	20	42	68	-26	35
24. Torquay United	37	6	11	20	31	54	-23	29

## appearancesgoals

	This Season		Total G/F/C	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Phil BARNES	42	0	42	0
John MCDERMOTT	15 (4)	0	746	12
Tom NEWY	36 (1)	0	79	1
Gary HARKINS	11 (7)	0	18	0
Ben FUTCHER	4 (1)	0	23	3
Nick FENTON	32 (1)	2	33	2
Justin WHITTLE	31 (3)	1	117	2
Isaiah RANKIN	17 (6)	2	35	6
Paul BOLLAND	32 (2)	4	84	9
Michael REDDY	4 (7)	0	106	23
Ciaran TONER	26 (2)	7	62	10
Peter BEAGRIE	7 (3)	0	10	0
Anthony PULIS	9	0	9	0
Ricky RAVENHILL	18 (3)	2	21	2
Robert MURRAY	0	0	0	0
James LAWSON	0 (1)	0	1	0
Kevin JAMES	3	0	3	0
Martin PATERSON	16	6	16	6
Gary COHEN	0	0	48	6
Danny BOSHELL	18 (6)	1	24	1
Martin MCINTOSH	4	0	4	0
Andy BUTLER	5	0	5	0
Peter TILL	10 (3)	0	13	0
Peter BORE	22 (9)	8	31	8
Gary JONES	28 (6)	6	81	23
Gary CROFT	29 (3)	0	238	4
Nicky RIZZO	1	0	1	0
Danny NORTH	7 (8)	3	17	3
Nick HEGARTY	12 (6)	0	21	0
Simon GRAND	4 (1)	0	5	0
James HUNT	9	1	9	1
Andy TAYLOR	1 (6)	1	7	1
Tony THORPE	5 (2)	0	7	0
Ryan BENNETT	0	0	0	0
Matthew BLOOMER	5	0	23	0





**G**ood afternoon Ladies and Gentleman and welcome to today's game against Swindon Town. A warm welcome to all the players, staff, directors and supporters who have travelled up from Wiltshire for today's game.

It is with deepest regret that I begin today's notes with the sad news of the passing of two people who were heavily involved with Grimsby Town Football Club - Nikki Roberts and Bernard Morley.

Nikki was a member of staff here at Blundell Park and many of you will remember her from her time in the Players' Lounge in the Main Stand. In 14 years at Blundell Park, Nikki came into contact with so many Grimsby Town fans and players, as well as some of the biggest names in the country, which have appeared at Blundell Park over the years. The club were deeply saddened to hear of Nikki's passing and I would like to pass on my deepest sympathies to her family on behalf of everyone at the club.

The passing of long-time supporter Bernard Morley followed this. I knew Bernard as a boy and as a man. He was a fantastic character around the club and we are going to miss him greatly. It was only last year that we marked his 80th birthday with a presentation on the pitch. He was a smashing man and a real sad loss for the football club.

We will be remembering both Nikki and Bernard with a period of applause before today's game. I am pretty sure they will be looking down and smiling on us. I think they would appreciate that. Hopefully we will get a win on the back of it, too,

in their memory.

Whilst the first team were preparing for their match at Hereford last weekend, or Youth side were undergoing more success here at Blundell Park. A fine 2-0 win over Chester City puts Neil Woods' side in the Puma Youth Alliance Cup Northern Section Final, when they travel to Stockport County.

Once more I would like to congratulate Neil on all he has done with our Youth set-up. After the emergence of names like Peter Bore, Danny North, Nick Hegarty and Andy Taylor this season, we recently added another name to that list, as Ryan Bennett signed his first professional contract with the club.

This is again testimony to the tremendous work behind the scenes at Blundell Park, and hopefully the Youth side can repeat last season's success, and the next crop of young



stars can come through the ranks at Blundell Park.

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Reserve Team news & fixtures by Jonathan Byrne

**Pontins Holidays League**

Monday 5th March

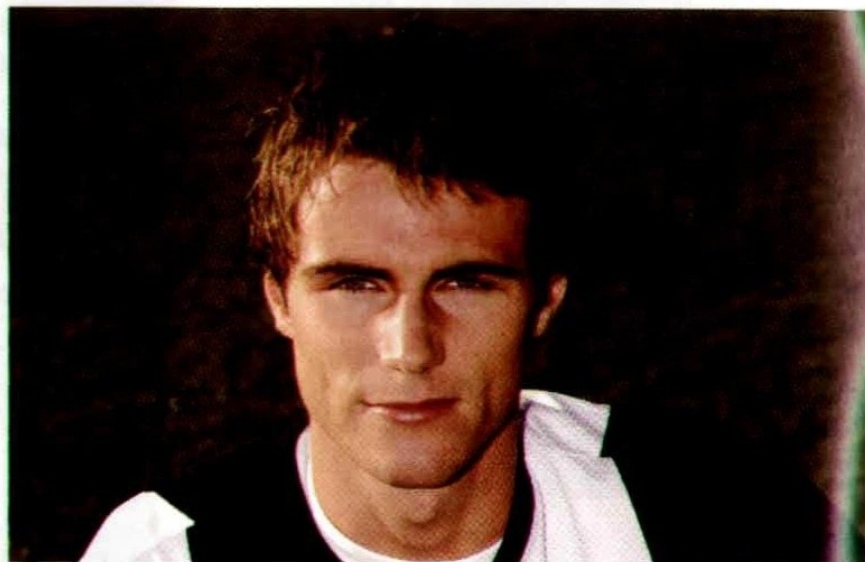
**MARINERS 3**

**LINCOLN CITY 0**

**A**ruthless performance from Grimsby Town's second string saw them cruise to a 3-0 win over local rivals Lincoln City at Blundell Park on Monday 5 March.

**Pontins Holidays League  
Fixtures 2006/ 2007**

August	*Town score first		
Tue 15	2-3	A	Rotherham Utd PL
Tue 29	0-4	H	Hartlepool Utd PL
<b>September</b>			
Wed 20	0-4	H	Hull City PL
<b>October</b>			
Wed 11	3-0	H	Darlington PL
Wed 18	1-0	A	Lincoln City PL
<b>November</b>			
Wed 15	3-0	H	Sheffield Utd PL
<b>December</b>			
Wed 6	P-P	A	Doncaster Rovers PL
<b>January</b>			
Wed 10	0-1	H	Rotherham Utd PL
Wed 24	3-1	A	Hull City PL
Tue 30	1-0	A	Doncaster Rovers PL
<b>February</b>			
Tue 13	2-1	A	Scunthorpe Utd PL
Wed 28	3-3	A	Darlington PL
<b>March</b>			
Wed 7	3-0	H	Lincoln City PL
Wed 21	19:00	A	Hartlepool Utd PL
Wed 28	14:00	H	Scunthorpe Utd PL
<b>April</b>			
Wed 4	19:00	H	York City PL
Wed 11	19:00	H	Doncaster Rovers PL
Tue 17	19:00	A	York City PL
Mon 23	19:00	A	Sheffield Utd PL



Reserve Team Coach Stuart Watkiss was once again able to name a side with a good mixture of youth and experience, and Matthew Bloomer, Danny Boshell and Michael Reddy came into the side, as well as two trialists, Leicester City defender Scott Lycett and Watford midfielder Ben Gill.

The home side immediately seized the initiative and were in front on ten minutes when Till headed home Boshell's cross. Town were rampant, and were unlucky not to add a second minutes later when Andy Taylor's shot was well tipped over by Lincoln stopper Luke Baxter.

A second goal did arrive shortly after through Isaiah Rankin. He picked the ball up 25 yards from goal, and his wicked shot deceived Baxter and ended up in the net. There was only one team in the game for much of the first half and it was no surprise when the Mariners added a third. Superb work on the left by Taylor and Reddy saw Till convert the simplest of finishes for his second of the game.

The second half proved to be much of

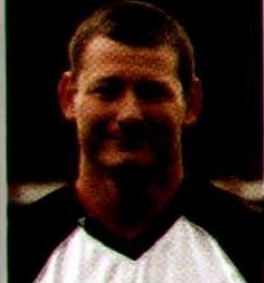
the same, despite several changes from Town. Substitute Josh Burge saw his close range effort saved, and young duo Nick Hegarty and Andy Taylor were a permanent thorn in the Red Imps' defence. In the closing stages Till was unlucky not to complete his hat trick. The right-winger picked up a loose clearance but saw his 40-yard chip headed off the line by Phil Watt.

"I was pleased with my two goals," stated Till, "it was a good win against Lincoln and I'm delighted to get on the scoresheet"

Speaking about his first goal, Till said "It's rare for me to get a headed goal. These are important games for players because it gives you the opportunity to show the manager what you are capable of."

He continued: "Obviously he sees us day-in-day-out on the training field, but doing into a match environment is something different. I think a few players recently have successfully used the Reserves as a springboard into the manager's plans."

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**T**here have been mixed fortunes for the Grimsby Town Youth side in recent weeks. Aside from booking their place in the Northern Area Final of the Puma Youth Alliance Cup, the Mariners also went down 3-1 to Doncaster Rovers on Saturday 3 March.

An inexperienced Grimsby side had several regular names missing but battled well against a physically stronger Rovers side: "The best side on the day won," admitted Woods, "we did have six Under-16s playing, which is more than I would ideally like to play in one go. They had a good go at it, and it was great for them to get some time on the pitch."

"Between the older lads we had injuries and illness and as you would expect they were a little bit stronger than us. However, it gave those younger lads the chance to see what pace the game is played at, at that level."

In contrast, Saturday's 2-0 win over Chester City at Blundell Park, leaves the young Mariners just one win away from a major, national final. The goals came from the prolific Andy Taylor, and young substitute Jordan Southwell.

Taylor opened the scoring on 65 minutes, when he was left with a simple chance after a spillage by the visiting goalkeeper. Just minutes later and Town had put the game beyond doubt. Southwell's shot from the edge of the box deceiving the goalkeeper and nestling in the net.

A cautious Woods stated: "I'm pleased with the result, and at the end of the day the main thing in competitions like this is to get through to the next round. I was disappointed with the performance though - we never really got going. We did enough to win the game, but not with the quality that I

would associate with my team."

He continued: "We have had a bit of an illness going through the squad recently, which means that two or three of the players haven't trained much in the last few weeks. Generally it was a below par performance, but we are very pleased to be going through to the next round."

For the Northern Area Final, Woods' charges must travel to Stockport, who currently sit atop the North West Alliance: "They had a good win against Scunthorpe," said Woods, "ideally we would like to have been drawn at home, but hopefully a final will bring the best out in my players - they will need no motivation."

Town's Youth boss also feels that the experience of playing at Blundell Park will have helped his players: "It was good experience on the big pitch for the lads," he concurred, "we noted which players coped with the occasion and where they played, and we will be helping the ones that perhaps didn't out."

Another bit of good news to come out of the Youth setup in the last fortnight is young defender Ryan Bennett signing a two-year professional contract. Bennett, 17, had already been handed a squad number at Blundell Park in the run-up to the January visit to Torquay. Now the former Ipswich youngster will be looking to complete a marvellous 12 months with ascension to the first team. Woods feels that Bennett has the credentials to go all the way: "Ryan fully deserves his contract," he declared, "he's been outstanding all season at Reserve and Youth team level and we just hope that he continues progressing at the level he has and we hope it's not too long before he's playing first team football."

## fixtures

August	*Town score first	
Sat 12 1-1	A Lincoln City	AL
<b>September</b>		
Sat 2 0-1	H Rotherham Utd	AL
Sat 9 1-2	A Mansfield Town	AL
Sat 16 2-0	H Bradford City	AL
Sat 23 0-2	A Scunthorpe Utd	AL
Sat 30 1-0	H Hartlepool Utd	AL
<b>October</b>		
Sat 7 3-0	A Doncaster Rovers	YAC1
Sat 14 1-0	A Darlington	AL
Sat 21 5-3	H York City	AL
Sat 28 5-1	H Chesterfield	AL
Tue 31 6-1	A Kidderminster	MFYC1
<b>November</b>		
Sat 4 2-2	H Doncaster Rovers	AL
Sat 7 0-1	H Huddersfield	FAYC1
Sat 11 2-1	H Oldham	YAC2
Sat 18 1-3	A Hull City	AL
Sat 25 3-2	A Boston United	AL
Thu 30 6-2	H Tamworth	MFYCF
<b>December</b>		
Sat 2 4-2	H Lincoln City	AL
Sat 16 2-7	A Darlington	AL
<b>January</b>		
Sat 6 2-2	A York City	AL
Sat 13 0-0	A Rotherham Utd	AL
Sat 20 2-0	H Mansfield Town	AL
<b>February</b>		
Sat 3 3-1	A Bradford City	AL
Sat 10 P-P	H Scunthorpe Utd	AL
Sat 17 1-2	A Hartlepool	AL
Sat 24 4-4 (4p2)	Hull City	YACQF
<b>March</b>		
Sat 3 1-3	H Doncaster Rovers	AL
Sat 10 2-0	H Chester City	YACSF
Sat 17 11:00	A Hartlepool Utd	AL
Sat 31 11:00	H Boston Utd	AL
<b>April</b>		
Sat 14 11:00	A Hull City	AL



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## STRIKING A SEARCH!!!

The recent performance of GTFC has been outstanding!!! The young people that visit the Study Support Centre have really enjoyed tracking the player's progress. This week the young people have been writing questions for the player interviews to be carried out next week. They are all excited to meet them and have been thinking up some challenging questions to put them through their paces.

Why not challenge yourself today and try to complete the excellent word search created for half time fun?

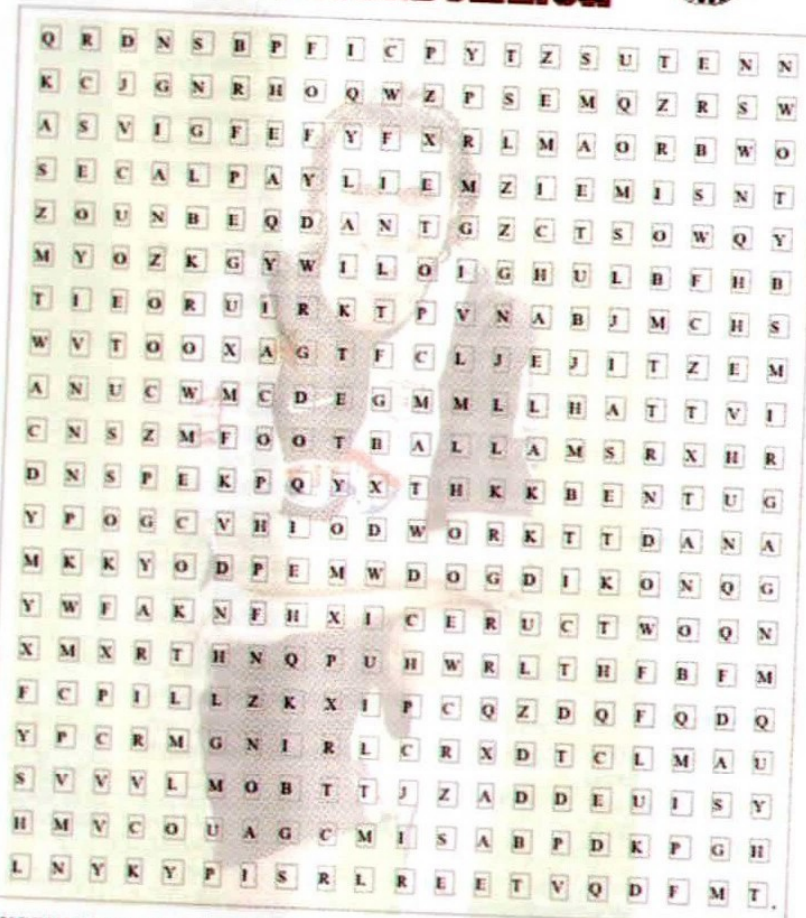
Finger, legs, eyes and everything crossed for a great result!

Enjoy the game!

Sam Smith  
GTFC Assistant Study Support Centre Manager



### GTFC WORDSEARCH



BY DEMI MARIE WALKER, Strand Junior School, Age 10

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|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| FOOTBALL         | GROUND   | MATCH   | REDDY     |
| FOOTBALL PLAYERS | GTFC     | MICHAEL | TEAM      |
| GRIMSBY TOWN     | MARINERS | PLACES  | TEAMS     |
|                  |          |         | WORLD CUP |



Football in the Community by Gary Childs and Paul Goodhand

## Grimsby Take The Honours

Saturday saw the second annual Saturday morning match. Both teams were made up of players who won the prize from their local Saturday morning clubs; with the Grimsby team been managed by Ray Blain and the Louth team by Mark Westerby.

The match started brightly with both sets of teams keen to win the FITC trophy, but it was the Grimsby side who took an early lead through Charlie Lofts who latched onto the through ball and slid it past the helpless Harry Margeson in Goal.

Grimsby then piled on the pressure with the Louth keeper making some good saves.

As it looked like Louth were starting to get into the game with some short spells of possession, a second goal smashed home by Ethan Mooney won the game for Grimsby. Mooney then followed up with a classic Klinsmann dive celebration to applause from the Pontoon.



It was a good game with both sets of lads really enjoying the occasion.

The trophy was presented to the players after the Bury match by Grimsby chairman John Fenty. The FITC trophy remains on the Grimsby manager's desk (Ray Blain) for now.

### TWO TEAMS:

#### Louth:

(Manager - Mark Westerby)  
Harry Margeson  
Daniel Holmes  
William Brewer  
Alexander Nielson  
Liam Wilson  
Scott Smith  
Edward Fairburn

#### Grimsby:

(Manager - Ray Blain)  
Mitchell Cordingley  
Alex Thompson  
Ethan Mooney  
Daniel Reed  
David Burch  
Charlie Lofts  
Lewis Greenhalgh

### TODAY'S GOFERS

Today's Gofers come from Stallingborough Primary School. FITC have been operating within the school over the past two years, over this time the scheme and the school have built a great relationship.

Luke Crofts  
Kieran Grantham  
Ellie O'Connor  
Calum Hogwood  
Jordan Grantham  
James Gibson  
Jessica Gibson  
Daniel Moseley  
Philip Moseley  
Abigail Lea Jack  
Liam Walker  
Jodie Bawden  
Lorna Salmon

### TODAY'S HALF TIME GAME

Today's half time game is built with players who have won Coaches' Player of the Course on recent events. To win these prizes players must show a good attitude throughout the course, work hard and show good sportsmanship. We would once again like to congratulate all the players involved today.

Cameron Tuck  
Sam Martin  
Reece Moody  
Harry Margeson  
Kane Wilkinson  
Elizabeth Hardcastle  
Joseph Finnegan  
Ethan Moore  
Billy Mereson  
Jake Brader

Tom Sawyer  
Jack Tutass



We would also like to welcome St. James under-nines. They have been involved with a morning coaching session at Sydney Park where they've been involved with fun based games and football matches. This special coaching session was a reward from their manager Trevor Cook for their hard work and commitment after winning their division this season.

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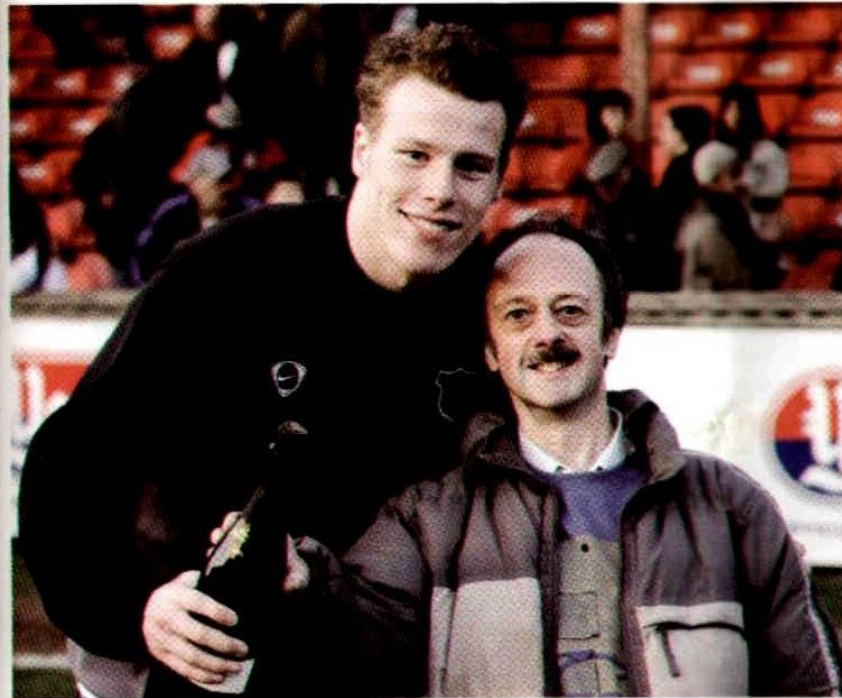
3RD PRIZE - TICKET NUMBER 23806 S CAMPWELL - £10

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More than just a game! With David Smith



In picture we have Linda and Steve Scott being presented with Peter Bore's signed shirt by Peter himself. Steve and Linda are Peter's kit sponsor and have been great supporters of the club over the years. Many thanks to them.



In picture we have Danny North being presented with the Man of the Match Award for the Bury game by Billy Baker from Match Sponsors, THE HAINTON CLUB.

## Birthday Announcements

**"Happy 13th Birthday Ashley.**  
Lots of love from Mum and Steph."

**"Happy 18th Birthday to Del Rowbotham.**  
Love from Mum, Steve, Jamie, Meg, Mia,  
Andrew, Grandad Les, Grandma Shaz and  
Great Grandma Sal. Have a great party."

## mascots



### JONATHAN BLAKE

Age: 5 (Jonathan turns 6 on Tuesday)  
School: Humberston Gloverfields  
Hobbies: Football and reading  
Favourite Mariners: Michael Reddy, Nick Fenton, Nick Hegarty  
Prediction: Mariners 3 Swindon 2



### CALLUM FINCH

Age: 13 yesterday  
School: Humberston Comp.  
Hobbies: Running  
Favourite Mariners: Nick Hegarty  
Prediction: Mariners 1 Swindon 0



### ADAM KISSANE

Age: 11  
School: King Edward VI Grammar School  
Hobbies: Football and basketball  
Favourite Mariners: Peter Bore and Peter Till  
Prediction: Mariners 2 Swindon 1



### RYAN LARSEN

Age: 9  
School: Wybers Wood Juniors  
Hobbies: Football, football, football  
Favourite Mariners: Michael Reddy  
Prediction: Mariners 2 Swindon 1



### JACK PATIENCE

Age: 9 Yesterday  
School: Coomb Briggs Primary School, Immingham  
Hobbies: Football, computers and X-Box  
Favourite Mariners: Peter Bore  
Prediction: Mariners 3 Swindon 2

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## EASTER WEEKEND IN LONDON:

Executive coach to the game at Milton Keynes, then on to the Ramada Jarvis hotel at Watford.

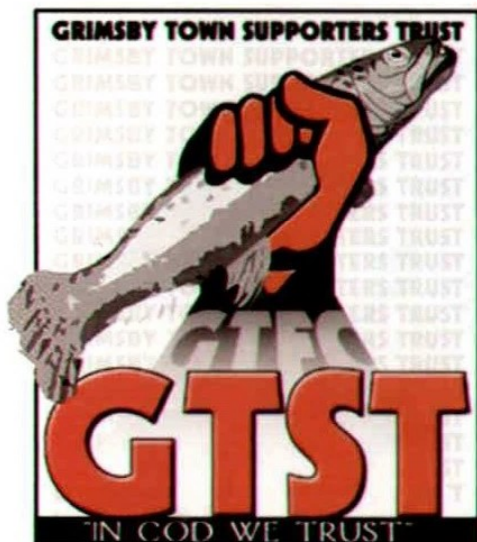
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**W**hen I first met Bernard Morley in 1987, he was already Chairman of the Grimsby Town Supporters Sports & Social Club, at a time when it was far more than just a travel club. It was a thriving organisation, in terms of both the sports and the social and Bernard didn't just have a finger in most of the pies; it was usually both hands.

He was already in his sixties by then, but full of energy and enthusiasm and when the position of manager of the Grimsby Town Supporters Sunday League football team became vacant in 1988, he took that on as well. He wasn't just the manager though; he was the Physio, kit man, half-time drinks maker and chauffeur to half the team at times when we were short on cars to get out to Nettleton. It was amazing how many people you could pack into a car in those days without getting nicked by the police.

Not content with being both chairman and football manager, in April 1989 Bernard took over as travel organiser as well. In many

ways it was the worst committee job of the lot, because people would ring up at all hours to book seats, forgetting that it wasn't his full-time job and that he organised the coaches out of the kindness of his heart and never received a penny for doing it. People frequently let him down as well, by booking and not turning up and then there were the 'cloud cuckoo landers', who would ring up and ask if the £10 fare to a London area destination included a match ticket! His patience must have been sorely tested at times, but he only ever threatened to pack in the job on those rare occasions when passengers had got seriously out of order or damage had been done to a coach, usually on a trip to a derby match when the idiots crawl out of the woodwork and onto the bus. Happily he never carried out his threats.

Bernard tried never to disappoint anyone who wanted to get to an away game, although sometimes there was so little demand for a coach that his trusty Nissan Bluebird made the journey instead. Those car trips could be eventful though and included coming face to face with a double decker bus when we went the wrong way up a one-way street on a rainy night in Hartlepool and even getting lost coming back from a night match at Scunthorpe and finishing up at an abandoned airfield.

The social side of the Supporters Club tailed off, but Bernard continued to organise the travel with as much enthusiasm as ever, right up until the time he became ill. I remember going round to his house last year to pay for some seats for Cardiff on the Saturday after we'd beaten Lincoln. He already had about a dozen coaches full, was

surrounded by piles of coach tickets and the phone never stopped ringing. But with the help of family members, he got the job done and I would imagine that everyone who wanted to go to Wales got a seat on a coach. Most people, including me, couldn't have managed a mammoth task like that at half his age and wouldn't have wanted to, but there he was at eighty years old, still doing the business and always with a smile on his face.

Bernard Morley was someone who got on with everyone, young or old and over the years, thousands of supporters must have crossed his path and enjoyed his company, both home and away. Bernard was liked and respected by all who knew him. Of course there were times when someone would step out of line, but he was always ready for it and the sight of an angry Bernard storming down the bus waving his walking stick in a menacing manner was usually enough to encourage improved behaviour. He rarely held a grudge though and the object of his wrath might be banned from the coach for good one week but was invariably back on it the next.

The faces on the coaches were always changing as supporters came and went, but Bernard was a constant, only missing two games in the time I travelled with him, one a cup game at West Ham due to bereavement and the other when he had a hernia operation. Of course, it goes without saying that he was back for the next game.

Bernard will be greatly missed by all who knew him and it is to be hoped that when the new stadium is built, a fitting and permanent tribute to a truly remarkable and wonderful man will be an integral part of it.



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## League Two News by Toni Parker

### CHESTER WHO?

Now what a shock this must be to the fans of Chester City Football Club, it has been revealed that club Chairman Stephen Vaughan is looking to change the name of the club. Vaughan has said for quite a long time that he is disappointed in the lack of support from the local City Council and does not wish to promote them any longer. This has not been made definite yet but I can tell you some of the possible names that have been thrown into the pot – and no I have not made these up! As part of the ground is in Flintshire one of the names is ChesterFlint or Chester-Ellesmere Port. Another of the favourites is Chester Halton FC. Reports suggest that these names have been sent to an FA Committee who will look into the case on behalf of the club. Back in December 2005, Vaughan threatened to move the club 20 miles away from Chester to Widnes, due to lack of support from the Council. Something tells me we have not heard the last of this yet...



there until the end of the season, MK Dons have a 24-hour recall in place should they need him back. Oh to be so popular!

### BOSTON IN BATTLE WITH FA CUP SEMI FINALISTS!

It is kind of like the story of Cambridge and MK Dons this one, apart from it involves Boston and they are in battle with Watford FC! Well I would not really call it a battle but Boston are very keen to hang on to their loan player Albert Jarrett. The 22 year old has been a saviour to the club after he scored both goals in their 2-1 win over Bristol Rovers and they do not want to see him go back to the Premiership. Reports suggest that Bothroyd is happy to see him stay and gain some match experience, but we will just have to wait and see what happens over the next couple of weeks! I wonder what will happen if Watford get to Wembley?

### HEREFORD PLAYERS JUST DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE!

It seems that if you are a Hereford United player well that's just fine! This week it has been revealed that two of their key players turned down big money moves to other clubs. Both Tamika Mkwandawire and Andy Williams declined moves to Peterborough United and Bristol Rovers on transfer deadline day in January. Captain Mkwandawire – who is out of contract in the summer – decided to stay with Hereford as he does not want to make any rash decisions and wants to think about his future. He has stated that he would only move if he was offered the right deal at a higher club. Williams on the other hand was offered a £150,000 transfer but said he wanted to continue playing at Hereford for the foreseeable future. Player loyalty you just cant beat it!

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### CAMBRIDGE CLING ON TO PAGE

Cambridge United have agreed a deal with MK Dons that will let them keep Sam Page on loan until the end of the season. Page had originally agreed to stay short term but as that deal ended last week the two teams had very little time to come to an agreement. Page has been a huge success at Cambridge and to let him go would have been a huge disappointment to them. Despite the deal keeping him

## talesfromthepark by Jim Connor



# foreign

GRIMSBY TOWN'S SCOTTISH & CONTINENTAL VISITORS 2001 v ST. MIRREN by R. Briggs

In July 2001, Grimsby returned from their unbeaten tour of Scandinavia to face St. Mirren at Blundell Park. The Saints – newly relegated from the SPL to the Scottish First Division – had previously lost 0-2 at Lincoln, and but for poor finishing would have also been well beaten in Cleethorpes.

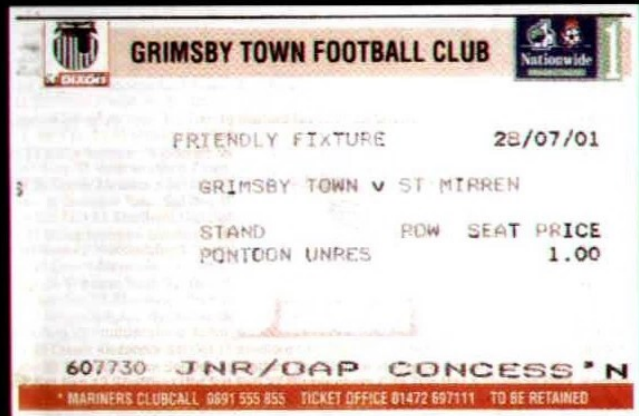
The 2,416 crowd was perhaps a little disappointing given the inclusion of new £250,000 signing Phil Jevons, only a lack of fitness and bad luck denying him a hat-trick on his home debut. As early as the fifth minute he ran on to a Stacy Coldicott pass with just the keeper to beat, Ludouie Roy choosing to stay upright to force Jevons wide before blocking his shot. A shaven-headed Alan Pouton then lifted the Town fans with a sixty-yard run down the middle of the pitch,

brushing aside all challenges before shooting straight at the keeper.

Mirren's best chance had fallen to striker Mark Yardley who forced Danny Coyne to save at full stretch, with Pouton likewise bringing an equally fine fingertip stop out of Roy. In the second half manager Lennie Lawrence was to make three substitutions, with the game's best chance falling to Bradley Allen's replacement, Jon Rowan. The young forward chose to shoot tamely at Roy instead of squaring to an unmarked Jevons after racing clear on

84 minutes, while in the final seconds; the ex-Everton man was denied a deserved goal by the woodwork.

Only a team sheet was issued for this 0-0 draw, the ticket stub making for a more attractive souvenir for Grimsby collectors.



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### The Universal Language of Football

In the run-up to the opening of the new Neighbourhood Study Support Centres, The Mariner took time out to speak to Assistant Study Support Centre Manager Sam Smith and find out about the inner workings of the Study Support Centre. The new centres, which are located in East Marsh and Nunsthorpe, aim to deliver the same aims as the current centre located at Blundell Park, but closer to the heart of the local community.

**TM: How did you get started in Study Support?**

SS: I was a Primary School teacher and I just seemed to be doing paperwork all the time. I saw an advert and I thought what a wonderful idea to be free of all the constraints and bureaucracy that was becoming increasingly involved in mainstream education. It was a dream job to do some teaching and not be filling in paperwork all the time.

We obviously prepare for the children to come, but we are not over-burdened with assessments and targets. They are important because we have to show evidence that we are offering a service that is valued. It does raise attainment, but in a less formal way and with not so much pressure.

We just enjoy working with the children, and having fun whilst teaching, which is something I think that mainstream education is losing. We have more time to find out who the children are, raise their self-esteem and invest in them.

**TM: How important are the smaller class sizes at the Study Support Centre?**

SS: They are very important because it means the children get a lot of one-on-one support when it is needed. They don't have to wait for the answers, and our learning mentors are there to encourage to find their own route to the answers.

**TM: What are the benefits of one-on-one tutoring?**

SS: One-to-one tutoring means we have more time with each specific child and it enables us to find out what makes them work and therefore help them progress. The teachers just don't have time to go to each child individually. We've got to remember that each child is an individual. One of the key points of Study Support Centres is that you have to have a high staff-to-pupils ratio.

**TM: Does the Study Support Centre have to strictly stick to the National Curriculum?**

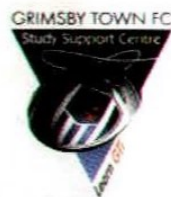
SS: We don't have to deliver all the things that the schools have to deliver. We do English, Maths and ICT, but it is more topic focused around football. If you can relate skills to real life then the children will value them more, and that's what it's all about.

Educational demands are really forced on the children, which limits their progression. They are forced more to do English, Maths, ICT and performance tests, instead of learning for learning's sake.

The structured way that schools have to operate, no longer meets the needs of the consumer, which are the children. They need something that is more stimulating and relaxed in order to learn more.

**TM: Is it fair to say that football really is a universal language?**

SS: Yes, football does inspire and motivate the



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children to learn. We look at all those types of things, not just the game itself, but supporting each other, working as a team - the team spirit. I think society needs to look at because we are losing those types of values. Football media is probably one of the areas that is retaining it.

In schools now they are not allowed to play competitive sports because it's seen not to help children's self esteem. However I think that a little bit of competitive sport gives them more motivation to learn.

**TM: Do the children have to be interested in football to enjoy the benefits?**

SS: They don't even have to be interested in football. We do other activities as well, not all based around football, but the ideas of team building, self esteem, motivation, transferable skills that they can take back into the classroom. They can play games and have fun together and it proves that learning can be fun.

**TM: How hard is it to find the balance between fun and learning?**

SS: The key is finding that fine line between learning and fun. We're not a Youth club; we're not there just to play games. We look at strategies and how much everyone enjoys being involved and being together. We encourage team spirit and cheering each other on. They may be playing games, but they are learning as well.

**TM: Why do you think the Grimsby Town Study Support Centre has been so successful?**



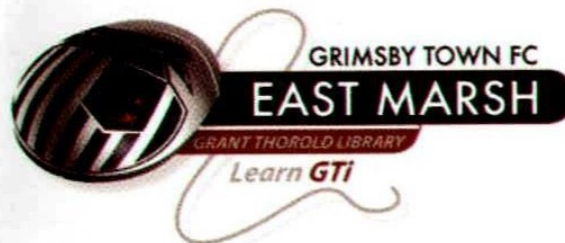
SS: The staff - the learning mentors and the whole ethos it creates - that's the most important thing. It's a safe working environment and the atmosphere is its main strength.

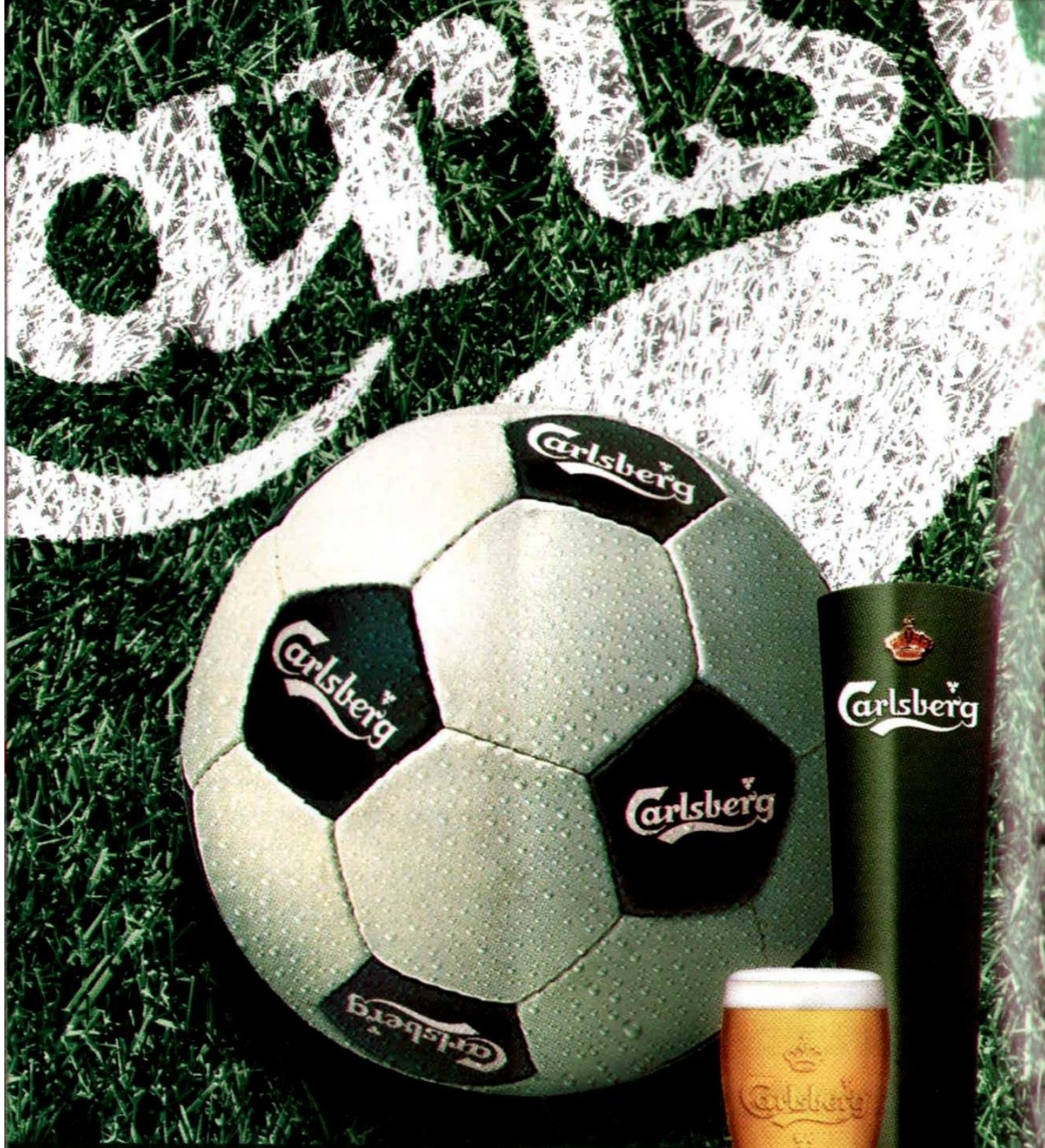
**TM: What are your thoughts on the expansion of the Study Support Centre?**

SS: It's positive, it shows that this centre is doing its job and to open two satellite centres shows we are making a difference. We were looking at a three-year rotation for schools to use our service and we felt that was ridiculous.

It is testimony to Oliver (Cowling) our Study Support Centre Manager that he has sought funding for two other centres so that we don't have to go through that three-year rotation - we can now see children in the daytime, weekends, evenings, whenever really.

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The Mariners strolled to a comfortable three points over a Bury side that have been struggling of late in League Two.

Manager Alan Buckley recalled John McDermott to the side, and resorted to 4-4-2, with Danny North partnering Gary Jones up front. There was some fortunate about Town's opener on 10 minutes, but it all came from the industry of young North.

The Town striker forged himself a crossing opportunity on the left, but his low ball evaded everyone and ended up nestling in Warrington's net. The Mariners doubled their advantage on 24 minutes through the in-form Ciaran Toner. The Shakers thought they had cleared a free kick, but they had no answer to the Northern Ireland International's vicious, swerving volley.

The home side dominated the remainder of the half and perhaps should have added more. North was unlucky to see his rasping volley flash over, and both he and Peter Bore were inches away from converting chances. James Hunt saw his shot harshly disallowed after a foul in the build-up by Toner.

The second half was a little anticlimactic, but Alan Buckley's side had more than done their job. The last word went to goalkeeper Phil Barnes who pulled off a tremendous point blank save from Middlesbrough loanee Jason Kennedy, which prevented a nail biting finish.





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## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

### Alan Buckley

Played 20 Won 10 Drawn 1 Lost 9 For 27 Against 29

Av Pts/game 1.55

**Biggest Win(s)** Boston Utd 0 Grimsby

6 (03/02/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)**

Grimsby 0 Rochdale 4 (01/01/2007).

### Paul Sturrock

Played 19 Won 11 Drawn 3 Lost 5 For 24 Against 17

Av Pts/game 1.89

**Biggest Win(s)** Boston Utd 1 Swindon

3 (20/01/2007). **Biggest Loss(es)**

Stockport 3 Swindon 0 (03/03/2007).

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...3 | Alan Buckley .....1 | Paul Sturrock.....2  
 Draws ...0 | Goals 2 | Goals 4

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Gary Jones 34

#### shots on target

Gary Jones 21

#### shots off target

Ciaran Toner 15

#### assists

Tom Newey 6

#### crosses

Tom Newey 63

#### fouls

Paul Bolland 45

#### free-kicks-won

Justin Whittle 48



## GAMES SINCE

0	a win	0
0	a home win	0
0	an away win	3
2	a defeat	1
3	a home defeat	3
1	an away defeat	0
20	a score draw	4
21	a no score draw	43
2	conceding a goal	1
0	scoring a goal	0
2	conceding > 1	1
1	scoring > 1	0
0	keeping a clean sheet	0
8	failing to score	1
0	back to back wins	7
7	back to back defeats	22
0	gaining a point	0
2	losing a point	1
1	win by > one	0
7	loss by > one	1

### Player with the most...

#### shots

Christian Roberts 61

#### shots on target

Christian Roberts 31

#### shots off target

Christian Roberts 30

#### assists

Lee Peacock 5

#### crosses

Jack Smith 22

#### fouls

Lee Peacock 77

#### free-kicks-won

Lee Peacock 60

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Grimsby	CCFL Cup	Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	
Peter Bore	8	0	8	8	3	11
Ciaran Toner	7	0	7	9	0	9
Gary Jones	6	0	6	3	1	4

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...40 | Grimsby wins.....13 | Swindon wins .....19  
 Draws .....8 | Goals 47 (1.2 per game) | Goals 63 (1.6 per game)  
 0-0's .....4 | Times failed to score 14 | Times failed to score 13

### Biggest League win at Grimsby for each team:

15/09/1959 & 09/04/1921 Grimsby 3-0 Swindon

05/04/1967 Grimsby 3-4 Swindon



## 2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



15	Position	3
37	Played	36
14	Won	20
5	Drawn	7
18	Lost	9
44	Goals For	47
60	Goals Against	31
47	Points	67



### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	4	9	11	8	3	6	5

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	1	9	13	12	4	3	3

### Record When Scoring First

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9	3	1	17	15	4	2	7

### Record When Conceding First

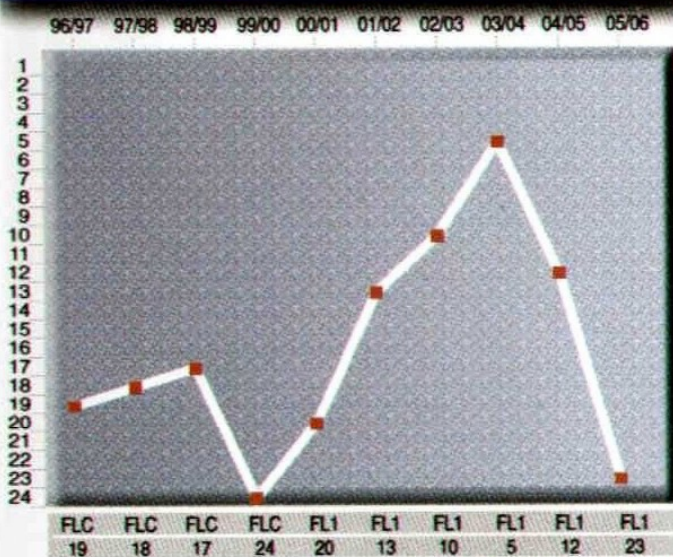
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5	2	17	3	5	3	7	1

### Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[4], 2-1[5], 3-2[1], 4-3[1], 6-0[1], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[5], 0-3[4], 0-4[1], 1-2[1], 1-3[1], 1-4[2], Draws: 1-1[3], 2-2[2]

Wins: 1-0[5], 2-0[5], 2-1[8], 3-0[1], 3-1[1], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[1], 0-3[1], 1-2[3], Draws: 1-1[7]

## SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD



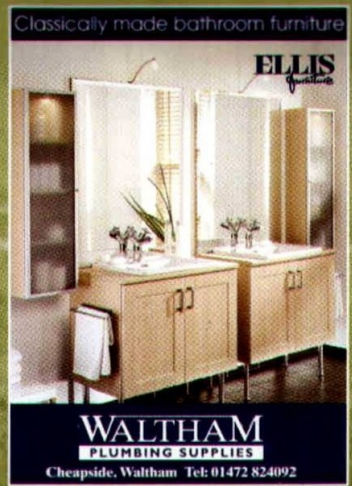
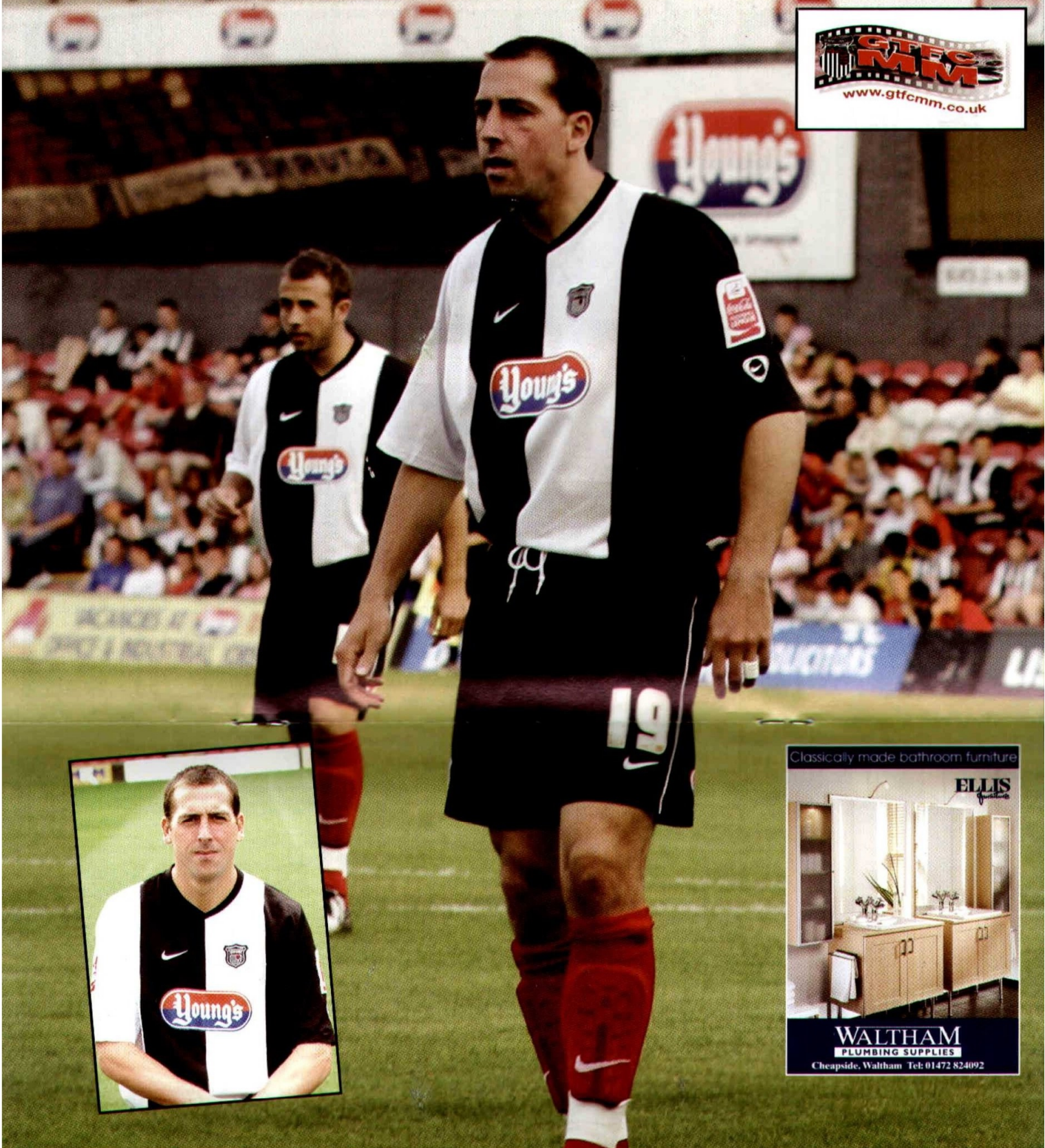
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## SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jermaine Easter	Wycombe	15	7	22
Izale McLeod	MK Dons	18	3	21
Andy Bishop	Bury	11	6	17
Jamie Forrester	Lincoln City	17	0	17
Richard Walker	Bristol Rovers	10	6	16
Jason Lee	Notts County	14	1	15
Clive Platt	MK Dons	13	0	13
Mark Stallard	Lincoln City	12	1	13
Paul Mullin	Accrington S	11	2	13

## WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
London Road Ground	Peterboro	19	67	3.53
The Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	19	63	3.32
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington S	18	57	3.17
Field Mill Ground	Mansfield	18	56	3.11
National Hockey Stad	MK Dons	17	51	3.00
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	18	54	3.00
Blundell Park	Grimsby	18	53	2.94
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	18	53	2.94
Gigg Lane	Bury	18	50	2.78
York Street	Boston Utd	19	52	2.74
Gay Meadow	Shrewsbury	15	39	2.60
Edgeley Park	Stockport	18	46	2.56
Meadow Lane	Notts County	19	46	2.42
Spotland Stadium	Rochdale	18	42	2.33
96.6 Darlington Arena	Darlington	18	42	2.33
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	19	44	2.32
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	19	42	2.21
The Deva Stadium	Chester	18	39	2.17
County Ground	Swindon	19	41	2.16
Racecourse Ground	Wrexham	19	38	2.00
Edgar Street	Hereford	19	36	1.89
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	17	32	1.88
Plainmoor Ground	Torquay	19	35	1.84
Adams Park	Wycombe	17	31	1.82

## TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

**shots on target** 234 Rochdale. **shots off target** 225 Rochdale. **corners** 249 Hartlepool. **hit woodwork** 13 Rochdale. **offsides** 169 Boston Utd. **fouls** 575 Boston Utd. **yellow cards** 79 Accrington Stanley. **red cards** 7 Boston Utd.

## PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

**Shots** 97 Glenn Murray (Rochdale). **Shots on target** 50 Glenn Murray (Rochdale). **Shots off target** 57 Tommy Mooney (Wycombe). **Assists** 10 Jamie Forrester (Lincoln City). **Crosses** 140 Matthew Hamshaw (Mansfield). **Offsides** 88 Gregg Blundell (Darlington). **Fouls** 121 Jason Lee (Notts County). **Free-kicks won** 92 Anthony Grant (Wycombe).



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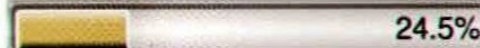
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STATS

## GOAL COUNTER 1111

**RIGHT FOOT** 615 goals



**LEFT FOOT** 272 goals



**HEADERS** 197 goals



Own goals 23 (2.1%), Other body part 4 (0.4%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Ben Herd (Shrewsbury vs Macclesfield) 0:19

By a substitute after coming on

Izale McLeod (MK Dons vs Wrexham) 0:38

## DISCIPLINARY



2.7 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

## QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Kevin Hill (Stockport vs Torquay) 0:24

By a substitute after coming on

Jonathan Hayes (MK Dons vs Peterboro) 1:11

## SUB TOTALS

Subs used .....2039

Offsides .....2829

Corners .....4850

Shots Off Target .....4365

## BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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on 186 occasions (the

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being Stockport 13). There have

been 137 penalties awarded this

season and of those 99 have

been scored (a success rate of

72.3%). Shrewsbury have

been awarded most penalties -

11. Lincoln City have given most

penalties away 11. The team to

score the most penalties is

Macclesfield 8. Hartlepool

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Two this season.

## RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	26
0-1	41
0-2	24
0-3	8
0-4	2
0-5	2
0-6	1
1-0	47
1-1	60
1-2	30
1-3	12
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	43
2-1	42
2-2	19
2-3	6
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	14
3-1	10
3-2	12
3-3	6
3-4	1
3-5	1
4-0	6
4-1	6
4-2	3
4-3	1
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	5
5-1	-
5-2	4
5-3	-
5-4	-
7-1	1

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8th Sept 10 03:07 COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO



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The Mariners returned from Edgar Street with a fine 1-0 win to make it six wins out of seven in the League. The only goal of the game was a peach of a strike from Paul Bolland, although the Mariners could have had more on the day.

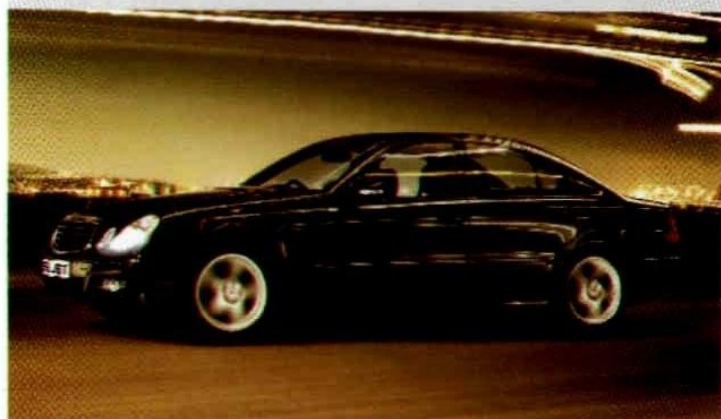
Tom Newey kick-started the match into action with a dazzling solo run on ten minutes – the Town left back ran a full 65 yards before seeing his right foot shot fizz over. Ciaran Toner was next to try his luck, but saw his shot well held by former Town tnalist Wayne Brown. The Bulls' stopper was called into action again shortly after, denying Nick Fenton a headed goal from a corner.

The home side had their chances too, and was causing the Mariners problems on set pieces, but some last ditch defending ensured that the scores stayed level at the interval. The second half followed much of the same script. The Bulls peppered balls into the Town box on set pieces, and Steve Guinan saw his effort ruled out for a foul. Meanwhile at the other end Brown again denied Fenton with a wonderful one-handed save.

The former Chester star had no chance with Bolland's winner though. With 14 minutes of the game left, substitute Peter Till flicked the ball into the path of Bolland, who outmuscled his marker and unleashed an unstoppable swerving drive into the top corner for all three points.



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Chocolate demolished, you produce your ticket at the turnstile and head for your seat, via the kiosk for a cup of Bovril and another bar of chocolate (the first one was only for superstition so doesn't really count).

Over the next 90 minutes, the two teams and the referee take you on another emotional rollercoaster ride of anticipation, excitement, disappointment, excitement, anger, laughter, tension, excitement, disappointment, annoyance, more tension and finally, the elation of seeing the Mariners earn another three points.

As you leave the stadium, there's a warm glow around you (because you're happy, nothing to do with what

they put in the Bovril at football grounds). At least your partner won't have to put up with you moping around all evening. There's nothing like a Grimsby win to make a good weekend.....at least it would have been a good weekend if only your car hadn't been broken into whilst you were enjoying the match!

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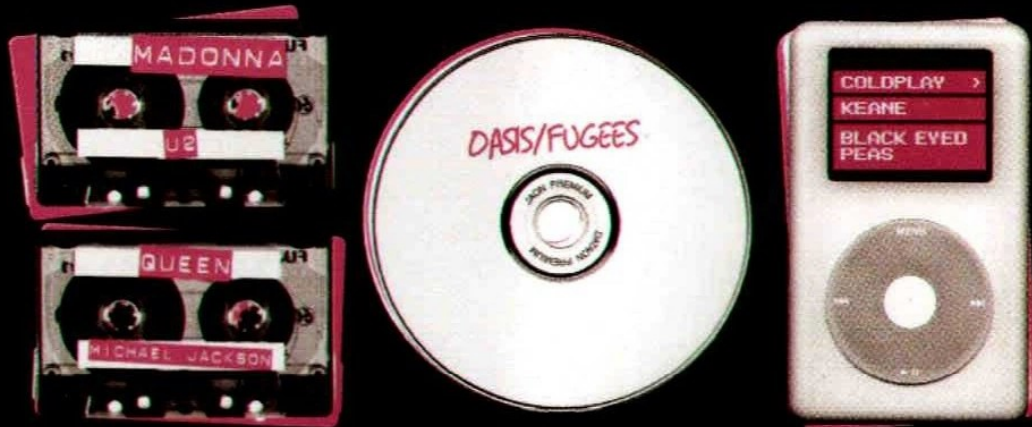
These are a few basics - please do whatever you can to stop car crime. It's like defending in football - do what you can to make it difficult for the opposition to 'score'.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to Bernard Morley. In my 17 years working in the GTFC Commercial / Press Department prior to joining Humberside Police, I got to know Bernard well in his capacity as Supporters Club Chairman. He was a true gentleman, a loyal and dedicated fan whose hard work over many years greatly benefited the club and supporters. Bernard will be sadly missed. He was a Mariner through and through. Our thoughts are all with his family at this sad time.

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**U**ntil recently referees have not been encouraged to get themselves a high profile by putting themselves forward to be interviewed by the press. Now all of a sudden we regularly hear that referees have given a view on contentious decisions to explain what they did and more usually what they didn't do something.

Recently Graham Poll provided ample evidence as to why this hasn't been encouraged when he gave as his reason for not giving a penalty that he was busy looking at the feet rather than the body. Not surprisingly Poll has been ridiculed in some quarters and in truth he must be wishing he'd given his answer a little more thought before he made the statement. In reality the referee cannot win. We often make

mistakes but mistakes that are genuine rather than malicious. However it is these that get noticed and attract the questions rather than the excellent decision that goes unnoticed. One side will agree and the other will disagree and no matter how sensible the referee's decision sounds they will never agree so we must be careful not to take it down a dead end which will only end in tears or a yellow card for Dissent.

In Poll's case his statement that he could only see half the player's body raises the age-old issue of the best position. As a player we would expect to be where the ball is so that we are in a position to make a challenge for the ball but if the referee is so close the danger is that we cannot see what is happening. The referee has to adopt a wide field of vision and this can cover as much as 100 yards at its

widest and within that an incident right at his feet is very difficult to spot. This encompasses the distance starting where the ball has come from right through to where it is going via where it is now. It doesn't take much imagination to realise that if we are too close to the action not only do we have to ball watch so as not to get in the way but we are too close to where the ball is now and to spot any incidents.

So there were two lessons for aspiring referees. Think about your position as a referee and not as a player and don't get into discussions you can't win. That is not to say that we become aloof and distant from players. A polite enquiry and a polite but brief explanation can avert dissent but we need to read the situation and if a player is gunning for a fight or an argument then we should steer well clear of trouble.



by Jonathan Byrne



**I**f one player in the Grimsby Town squad epitomises the current form of the Mariners side then it is midfielder Ciaran Toner – the Northern Irish International has found his niche on the left wing and has been scoring and creating goals in the past two months.

In-and-out of the side from November through to January, Toner's explosive return to form has not gone unnoticed as he was nominated for the PowerAde Player of the Month for February, and received glowing praise from his manager Alan Buckley, who recently described him as a 'talented and well cultured player'.

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"It's gone really well for me," admitted Ciaran, "I came in for the Walsall game and I was a bit surprised to receive the opportunity because I hadn't been involved a lot before that. I thought I did well and I've taken it on from there."

The former Lincoln midfielder admits that patience and hard work was the key over the winter months: "I've been patient for my opportunity," he stated, "and obviously I've shown the manager what I am capable of. It just seems to have got better and better for me."

Toner had another good spell earlier in the season, under previous manager Graham Rodger, and feels an untimely injury was his downfall, when the new regime took the reins in early-November: "The unfortunate

thing for me was that when the new manager (Alan Buckley) came in I missed a week's training. It's always difficult because everybody starts with a clean slate really. It was a case of a missed week, and people coming in and doing well."

He continued: "These things happen in football all the time, it is just a case of keeping going and working hard. I feel my attitude has always been spot on, it's not a case of throwing my head up or sulking, it's a case of doing it for yourself. I feel I've been working hard, and it's about keeping yourself right, because when the opportunity comes you've got to be ready."

Toner has not always been known as a left winger, but any new Town fans visiting Blundell Park in the past few weeks can be forgiven for thinking that he's played his whole career there: "I've spoke about positions before, but I'm just happy to be playing. The more games I've had out there, the more comfortable I've become. I suppose being comfortable with both feet helps a lot and it gives you different options in the areas you get into."

He went on: "I've been really pleased with what I have done and I think it's gone really well for me. I'm happy that I'm a part of a good run that we are having at the minute."

With seven goals to his name already this season, Toner is in the running to be the Mariners' top scorer for this campaign - he

admits that he is pleased with his return so far: "I think that it is a pretty good return from midfield," he stated.

Toner's goals have been of the spectacular variety in recent weeks, as he looks to take a clear lead in the Goal of the Season stakes: "I've had a few penalties, and not necessarily tap-ins, but I've been fortunate that the one or two chances a game I have been getting have gone in."

"It's the same for any footballer that the higher you go up the more clinical you've got to be. It's very pleasing for me to get a few goals, and hopefully I'll have a few more by the end of the season."

After a terrible run in late December/early January, the Mariners have strung together several good wins of late, and have their eyes set on a top half finish. Ciaran discussed the upturn in the Mariners' form: "I don't think it's a different approach. I think you just get to a point where you sit down and realise what situation you are in, you say to yourself 'are we going to go to the end of the season and go down without a whimper, or are we going to kick ourselves up the backside?' We've rode our luck sometimes and it shows that sometimes that it what you need."

He continued: "Last Saturday's win (at Hereford) showed we can grind out a result. It was a difficult pitch, not a good surface, but it is testament to our attitude that we got a good, battling result. That's the significant change - previously

if we had gone 1-0 down we would have really struggled to get back in the game - we are more resolute, and when we win, we tend to get a few on the bounce."

With two Northern Ireland caps to his name, Ciaran admits that a recall isn't in his thoughts at the minute: "I don't really think about it to be honest. First and foremost is Grimsby Town and I need to be thinking about playing consistently well. I'm not expecting to feature because I'm no different a player than I was before, and there are a lot of good players coming into the Northern Ireland setup. Of course it would be nice if it happened, but it's not going to bother me if it doesn't."

With Ciaran's current deal expiring in the summer he is hopeful that he has done enough to convince manager Alan Buckley to extend his contract in the summer: "I've not heard anything off the club yet," he revealed. "but at the moment I suppose we are not mathematically safe. We've had a great run, and you might say we are realistically safe, but you can never tell."

He concluded: "When the club are not sure on their position then I can understand that they don't want to commit themselves to anything. I'll just keep playing and wait and see. Things like this usually take care of themselves, and if you are playing well then you will get the rewards - but we will just have to wait and see."



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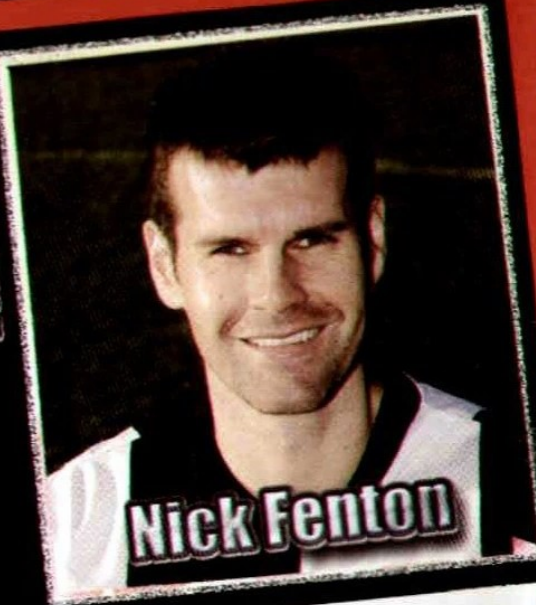
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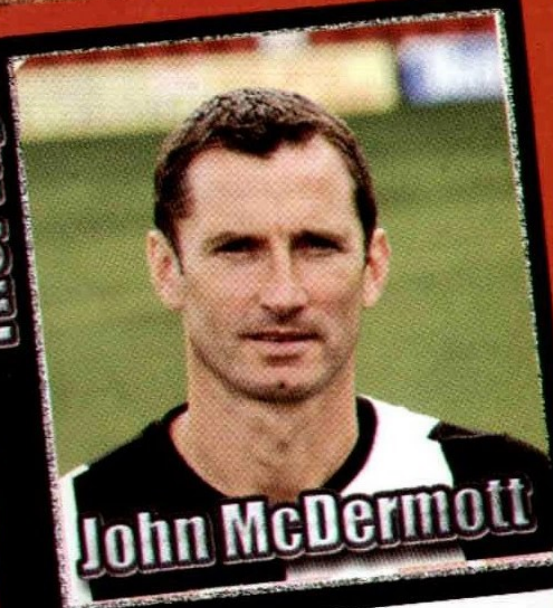
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**Nick Fenton**

Defender  
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Weight: 10st 4lbs  
Born: Preston  
DOB: 23.11.79  
GFTC Appearances: 33  
Goals: 2

**ThePlayer**



**John McDermott**

Defender  
Height: 5'7"  
Weight: 10st  
Born: Middlesbrough  
DOB: 03.02.69  
GFTC Appearances: 745  
Goals: 12

IT'S FINALLY HERE – AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING THE DAY OF RECKONING IS UPON US – THE STRICTLY FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL. JOHN MCDERMOTT AND NICK FENTON HAVE SWEEPED ALL BEFORE THEM THIS SEASON, BUT NOW THEY FACE EACH OTHER IN A TITANIC WAR OF ATTRITION. REMEMBER THOUGH, TODAY IS NOT THE BE-ALL-AND-END-ALL IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION – THE SECOND LEG IS TO COME NEXT WEEK!

1. Which Leeds midfielder upset manager Dennis Wise by revealing that he wanted to return to Luton on the eve of a game?

JOHN: Kevin Nicholls  
NICK: Kevin Nicholls

2. Who scored Bristol Rovers' winner in their Johnstone's Paint Trophy Southern Final win over rivals Bristol City?

JOHN: Rickie Lambert  
NICK: Rickie Lambert

3. What is the name of the on-loan Chelsea striker who scored in their FA Cup Fifth Round win over Derby?

JOHN: Scott Sinclair  
NICK: Scott Sinclair

4. Which Ipswich midfielder has secured a two-week trial with LA Galaxy?

JOHN: Darren Currie  
NICK: Darren Currie

5. Over 30,000 Liverpool fans have signed a petition asking for which of their former managers to be given a posthumous knighthood?

JOHN: Bob Paisley  
NICK: Bob Paisley

6. Which League One manager had his contract terminated by mutual consent after his side's 5-1 hammering by Nottingham Forest?

JOHN: Peter Jackson  
NICK: Peter Jackson

7. Who scored his first ever Premier League goal in Reading's 2-1 loss at Middlesbrough in February?

JOHN: John Oster  
NICK: John Oster

8. Wigan signed striker Caleb Folan from which League One club in January?

JOHN: Chesterfield  
NICK: Chesterfield

9. Which Watford striker has joined Bradford City on loan?

JOHN: Moses Ashikodi  
NICK: Moses Ashikodi

10. Who was voted the best Football League player at the recent Football League Awards?

JOHN: Jason Koumas  
NICK: Jason Koumas

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JOHN:

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### WEMBLEY WINNER

Former Grimsby midfielder Steve Foley featured in Swindon Town's 1989-90 Second Division play-off final triumph at Wembley, only for the Robins to be denied their place in the top-flight after an illegal payments scandal. Moving to Blundell Park from Fulham in August 1984, he scored twice in 31 Second Division games for Grimsby prior to joining Sheffield United in August 1985. He joined Swindon in June 1987 and netted 23 goals in 151 League outings before reuniting with Lou Macari for £50,000 in January 1992.

### LEADING MARKSMAN

One-time Swindon Town inside-left Ralph Hunt was Grimsby Town's leading marksman in 1959-60. Moving to Blundell Park from Derby County for £2,000 in July 1959, he formed a lethal striking partnership with Ron Rafferty and scored 39 times in 53 Second

Division games for the Mariners prior to joining Swindon in an exchange deal involving Welsh U-23 international Freddie Jones in July 1961. He netted 13 goals in 21 League outings for today's opponents before being sold to Port Vale for £3,200 in December 1961.

### IN SAFE KEEPING

Swindon Town's former loan goalkeeper Paul Crichton (pictured above for Town against Chelsea in the FA Cup) was ever-present for Grimsby Town in 1993-94. Moving to Swindon on loan from Nottingham Forest in December 1987, he made four Second Division appearances as cover for Fraser Digby while at the County Ground. He joined Grimsby in July 1993 and played 133 First Division games before following Alan Buckley to West Brom for £250,000 in September 1996. Fellow keeper Norman Oakley moved from Swindon to Grimsby in September 1966, making 15 League appearances for the Mariners.

### PROMOTION SUCCESS

Former Swindon Town outside-left Freddie Jones featured prominently in Grimsby's 1961-62 promotion success. Moving to the County Ground from Brighton for £2,000 in December 1960, he gained Welsh U-23 international recognition and scored once in 18 Third Division games for Swindon prior to joining Grimsby in an exchange deal involving Ralph Hunt in June 1961. He created numerous goalscoring opportunities for Ron Rafferty and netted nine times in 58 League outings for the Mariners before being sold to Reading for £3,000 in July 1963.

### ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL

England international midfielder Neil Webb (inset) played for both Swindon Town and Grimsby Town during his illustrious career. Capped 26 times by his country, he moved to Swindon on loan from Nottingham Forest in October 1994 and made six consecutive First Division appearances while at the County Ground. He briefly reunited with his former Forest teammate Brian Laws at Grimsby on a non-contract basis in August 1996 and played four First Division games for the Mariners prior to joining Aldershot Town two months later.

### TITLE TRIUMPH

Former Grimsby inside-forward John Burkinshaw featured in Swindon Town's 1910-11 Southern League title triumph. Moving to Blundell Park from Kilnhurst Town in February 1908, he scored three times in five Second Division games for Grimsby prior to joining Rotherham County in May 1909. He joined Swindon in June 1910 and netted 15 goals in 45 Southern League outings before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in June 1913. Ex-Mariners Alf Dean, Billy Reynolds and legendary manager Herbert Chapman also played for Swindon in the Southern League.



**W**inger Albert Smith was to strike twice during the first-ever FL meeting between Grimsby and Swindon at Blundell Park in April 1921. John Clarke was also on target in a 3-0 Manners win.

**FUTURE** Robins' forward Ralph Hunt claimed his ninth goal for Grimsby at the County Ground in September 1959 as the Mariners fell 2-3. David 'Bronco' Layne hit two goals for Swindon prior to Bobby Woodruff's 88th-minute winner.

**GRIMSBY'S** battle against the drop to Division Four was to culminate in a 3-2 home victory over Swindon in May 1968. Badly, despite goals by Wilson, Housley and Collins, the Mariners were relegated on goal average by 0.008 of a goal.

In February 1980, over 12,600 Blundell Park fans saw Third Division Grimsby maintain their promotion charge with a 2-0 success over a Swindon side managed by ex-Manner, Bobby Smith. Bob Cumming and Tony Roper secured both points.

**THE** Mariners fell into the Second Division relegation zone in November 1991 despite a good 1-1 draw at the County Ground. A Jim Dobbins (reflected shot) (34) had given Alan Buckley's men the lead,

only for Fitzroy Simpson to level soon after.

**PAUL** Groves' seventh goal of the term ensured a 2-1 home win against Glenn Hoddle's Swindon in January 1993. Robins' defender Paul Bodin had cancelled out Tony Rees' opener before the skipper's winner from close-range.

**SWINDON** captain Shaun Taylor denied the Mariners a March 1995 victory in Cleethorpes with an equaliser two minutes into injury time (1-1). Tommy Watson had headed home his final career goal for Grimsby in the first half.

**THE** Robins' visit in August 1999 coincided with celebrations to mark Grimsby's 100 years at Blundell Park. A Paul Groves penalty on 30 minutes was to divide the sides, awarded for a foul on Jack Lester.

**LAST** October's League Two fixture saw Swindon gain a 3-0 success in Wiltshire, both respective managers (Dennis Wise and Graham Rodger) having since left their positions.

Gary Jones challenges for a header with Swindon's Ady Williams, in the Robins' 3-0 win at the County Ground in October 2006.

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**S**windon Town come into today's game on the back of two wins and two defeats, their latest game being a 2-0 home success over Accrington. However, the Robins' relentless form at the start of the season, and just after Christmas, sees them sit proudly in the top three, as they look for an immediate return to League One.

New manager Paul Sturrock has largely kept faith with the squad that now Leeds boss Dennis Wise

assembled. One area for concern for Sturrock may have been the goalkeeper, after Peter Brezovan was injured in the corresponding fixture at the County Ground in October. However, Phil Smith a July 2006 capture from Crawley Town has performed admirably.

In front of him the Robins can boast a steady defence. Jack Smith and Jamie Vincent have made the full back positions their own, with the former taking over penalty duties in recent weeks. At centre half, Sturrock has recently brought in the

experienced Ashley Westwood from Chester, and he partners Andy Nicholas at the back.

The Robins' midfield oozes class and names like Ricky Shakes and Aaron Brown will ensure that the visitors quickly move the ball around the field and provide good service for the strikers. Up front, Lee Peacock and Christian Roberts have formed an excellent partnership, and have both been amongst the goals.

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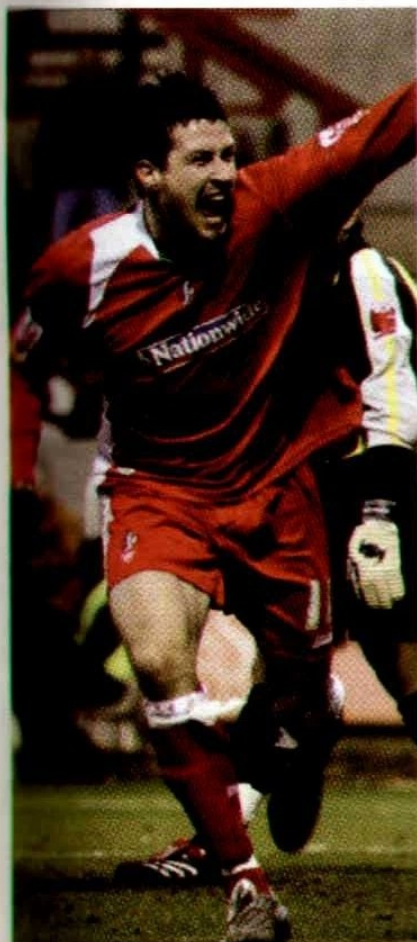
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## onetowatch LEE PEACOCK



**F**ormer Scottish Under-21 International Lee Peacock joined Swindon Town on 20th January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. Peacock is a striker of some repute in the Football League, and he is known to use his height and strength to great effect. Having scored well over 100 goals in his career, League Two defences will know they have been in a game when they step onto the field with the former Manchester City striker.

The experienced frontman started his career at Carlisle United as a trainee, and came into his own during the 1996/97 season, when a free scoring Cumbrians side won promotion to Division Two. Peacock was part of a striking line that included future Premiership stars Matt Jansen and Allan Smart, and he weighed in with ten goals during the campaign, and also picked up an Auto Windscreens Shield medal for his part in Carlisle's dramatic penalty shootout win over Colchester in 1997.

United struggled with the higher division though, and after scoring 11 goals in 52 appearances he made the switch to Mansfield Town in October 1997 for £75,000. Peacock initially took time to settle at Field Mill, but in his second season with the Stags he hit the ground running, amassing 19 goals in Division Three, including a hat trick in a 5-0 demolition of Barnet on 20 November 1998.

Peacock continued his good form into the 1999/2000 season, including scoring the winner in a League Cup First Round Second Leg tie against Nottingham Forest. It came as no surprise to learn that the scouts were flocking to Field Mill to see the Paisley-born striker in action.

Manchester City won the race for his signature, paying £500,000 for the player, but Peacock found a lot of competition at Maine Road, although he did play in City's 2-1 win over the Mariners on 28 December 1999.

After City's subsequent promotion to the Premiership, Peacock was sold to Bristol City for a fee of £600,000 where he regained his scoring form, with 15 goals in his first season with the Robins. The following four seasons would see Lee hit the 15-goal mark, and often surpass that, but City seemed destined not to win promotion from Division Two, especially after a heartbreaking Play-Off Semi-Final defeat to Cardiff in 2002/03, and a Football League Trophy win over former club Carlisle in the same season proved to be little consolation.

Perhaps the time had come for a change of scenery, and Peacock moved from Ashton Gate in the summer of 2004, moving north to Hillsborough, home of Sheffield Wednesday. Although not reaching the prolific levels of his time with the Owls, he more than played a part in their Play-Off success of 2004/05.

Obviously inspired by the disappointment suffered at Bristol City, Peacock returned to form for the end of season bonanza, and scored the all-important first goal in the away leg of the semi final against Brentford, a goal that put the South Yorkshire side with in real touching distance of the Millennium Stadium.

As Sheffield Wednesday acclimatised themselves back to life in the Championship, Peacock found himself amongst the goals, but was surprisingly allowed to leave on a free transfer in January 2006, joining Swindon in their fight

against relegation from League One.

In truth, problems off the field at the County Ground probably proved to be the Robins' downfall, and they ultimately succumbed to the drop. There was a clean sweep at the club in the summer though, and the managerial team of Dennis Wise and Gus Poyet brought with them fresh ideas and impetus.

Results on the pitch showed an upturn as well, just two defeats in their opening 15 League games, saw Swindon up amongst the early challengers. Peacock was again amongst the goals – the winner on the opening day at Hartlepool, a brace against Chester, and a goal in the corresponding fixture at the County Ground, as the Mariners were defeated 3-0.

With nine goals already this season, Lee, not unlike his side, is playing some of the most consistent football of his career. In his Paul Sturrock, Peacock has a manager that he is familiar with, and who knows what it takes to get a team out of this division. Sturrock also believes that Peacock could be transformed into a defender or midfielder, with the player himself also keen on a positional switch. However for the time being, the tall, athletic striker is just concerned with firing more goals to confirm Swindon's position in the top three come May.

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### factfile



Position: Striker  
 Height: 6'  
 Weight: 12st 5lbs  
 Born: Paisley  
 DOB: 09-10-76  
 Previous Clubs: Carlisle United, Mansfield Town, Manchester City, Bristol City, Sheffield Wednesday.  
 Total Career Apps: 482  
 Goals: 127  
 Honours: Scotland (Under-21: 1 cap), Football League Trophy (1997, 2003), League One Play-Off (2005)



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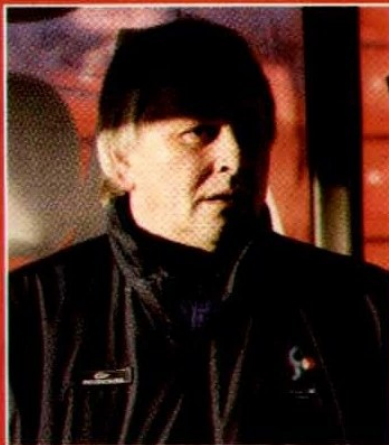
### paulsturrockmanager

After the departure of Dennis Wise to Leeds United, Swindon Town turned to the experience of Scottish manager Paul Sturrock to lead them out of League Two.

Sturrock brings with him a glittering CV that saw a stunning 20-year career at Dundee United, where he became a UEFA Cup runner-up in 1987. Born in Aberdeenshire, the Scottish International moved into management with St Johnstone, and led them to the First Division Title in 1997.

A short spell back at Tannadice followed, before moving to England with Plymouth. Under Sturrock's stewardship Argyle romped to the Division Three title with 102 points in 2001/02. By the time Paul left Home Park, Plymouth were well on their way to the Championship.

What should have been a memorable time at Southampton turned sour when he was dismissed after just 13 games, but he was soon back in football, leading Sheffield Wednesday to



League One Play-Off success in 2004/05 and is now hoping his Midas touch can rub off on the Robins.

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.

He made 38 league starts for Town last season in a variety of positions including right back, left back and midfield. This term he has been in excellent form back at his preferred right-back position, also opening his goalscoring account for the club.

### JEREL IFIL

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 2002-04.

Jerel became a fans' favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004, he has now exceeded 100 appearances for the club.

Ifil has enjoyed a solid first half of the campaign, benefiting from the experienced Ady Williams alongside him at the heart of the defence.

### ADY WILLIAMS

Named on-field captain by former manager Dennis Wise in mid-July, Ady Williams brings with him a wealth of football experience.

Signed from Coventry City in pre-season, the former Welsh International boasts successful spells with Wolves and Reading on his CV and has just the credentials that could set Town on their way to League Two success this term.

His leadership skills have been there for all to see during the first half of the campaign and his determined attitude has been at the forefront of Town's promotion challenge.

### ANDY NICHOLAS



'Nicho' joined Town in the close season of 2003 following his decision to leave Liverpool, where he came through the youth system but struggled to break into the first team.

He was a regular in the Under-19s side at Anfield and won many plaudits with

his performances at left back, which prompted Andy King to snap up the youngster.

After working his way into the manager's starting line up with some hard work in training, Andrew seized his chance to become a regular member of the side throughout the 2003/04 season and managed his first senior goal in a 4-2 win at Stockport in February.

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### GOALKEEPERS

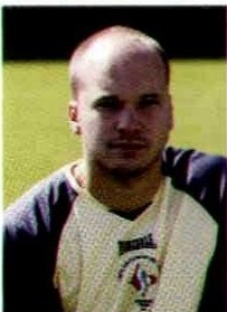
#### JON STEWART

Jon Stewart is a former Chelsea and Leicester City stopper who arrived at Swindon Town in the summer of 2005.

The 6'3" keeper has been a regular on the teamsheet for the Town's Under-18 side and has also made several reserve team appearances along the way, gaining valuable experience.

Stewart, who has a tremendous physical presence in the box, took his first step towards first team football when he was involved with the matchday squad against Brentford in the Carling Cup and featured on the bench as back up to Phil Smith against Lincoln City in League Two.

#### PHIL SMITH



Phil Smith joined Swindon in late July 2006 from Crawley Town.

Smith had made 74 starts for Crawley Town during a two-year stay, which followed a year's spell at Margate where he made 35 starts. A dependable customer, Smith is

now the Town number one following Brezovan's injury.

He has been a revelation in between the sticks.

gaining confidence with each game. He saved a penalty at MK Dons on New Year's Day and was named the PFA Fans' Player of the Month for December a few days later.

### DEFENDERS

#### JAMIE VINCENT



Jamie Vincent arrived at The County Ground hoping to make the left-back slot his own, and he has now established himself as the top choice.

Vincent began his football career as a trainee at Crystal Palace before making the switch to AFC Bournemouth, where he made over 100 appearances between 1996 and 1999. He then made a £500,000 switch to Huddersfield Town, which was followed by an £800,000 deal that saw him move to Portsmouth in 2001. Spells at Derby County and Millwall then followed.

He signed a one-year deal with Town in July 2006, and has put in a number of solid performances as part of a secure backline.

#### JACK SMITH

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith added youthful experience to the Town side.



Despite making such a positive impression during the 2003-4 season, the 2004-5 campaign saw the defender struggled with injuries and was unable to gain a regular starting berth.

'Nicho' is now an established member of the Town squad and has made over 100 appearances for the club.

## PATRICK NOUBISSIE

Patrick Noubissie signed for Swindon Town on deadline day in January 2007 after impressing manager Paul Sturrock on trial.

The defender featured for Town's reserves in the middle of January, playing at right back against Cardiff City.

Noubissie arrived at Crewe Alexandra on a short-term contract in November 2006 having impressed the coaching staff whilst spending a brief trial spell at the club.

Having previously spent all of his professional career in France, most notable with top flight club Sedan, Noubissie was recommended to Crewe where he signed a deal to stay at Greedy Road until January. However, that deal has now ended with Sturrock adding the player to the Swindon squad until the end of the current campaign.

Noubissie is a right back that possesses pace and a competitive edge and he will provide competition for Jack Smith who has been a regular in the position throughout the season so far.

## MIDFIELDERS

### SOFIENE ZAABOUB

Versatile left-sided player at home in defence or midfield, Zaaboub was new manager Paul Sturrock's first signing as Town boss joining on a deal which will see him stay at SN1 until January 2006.

He made his debut as a substitute against Carlisle United in the FA Cup and was a trialist at Sturrock's former club Sheffield Wednesday. Previous clubs include FC Brussels, Modena and St. Etienne.

### GARETH WHALLEY

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

Injury kept him out from early-November 2002 until mid-April 2003 but he returned to play a significant role in the Club's promotion through the Play-Offs.

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.

During his first season at Swindon, Whalley settled into the side and made 27 appearances during the 2005-6 campaign.

Whalley still has two years to run on his current deal at STFC and has now returned to the first team fold after missing the start of the season after ankle surgery.

## RICKY SHAKES

A tricky winger with plenty of pace, Shakes signed from Bolton Wanderers in a deal which also saw Charlie Comyn-Platt join the club.

Shakes spent time on loan with Bristol Rovers and Bury during the 2004-5 season and impressed former manager Andy King during a reserve game for STFC towards the end of the 2004-5 campaign.

A Trinidad & Tobago player, Shakes signed on for STFC in July 2005 and went on to establish himself on the right of the Town midfield, narrowly missing out on a place in the 'Soca Warriors' World Cup squad along the way.

## MICHAEL POOK



'Pooky' signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-6 season and was a consistent performer for the youth team and reserves prior to joining the professional ranks.

With a keen eye for goal, Pook's best effort to date is a 25-yard thunderbolt in the Carling Cup First Round against Wycombe Wanderers.

An energetic 'box-to-box' midfielder, Pook is now very much part of the first team squad and has now made over 50 appearances at senior level.

## CURTIS WESTON

Another summer signing, Weston joined from Millwall where he became the youngest ever FA Cup finalist ever at 17 years and 119 days, coming on to replace Dennis Wise in the 2004 final against Manchester United.

A busy midfielder who likes to get amongst the goals, Weston has impressed with combative central displays, showing pace, aggression in the tackle and awareness. The 19-year old has been in outstanding form so far this term.

## STRIKERS

### CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Cardiff-born striker who joined Town in October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City.

He is 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.

With six goals in 22 starts for the Robins so far, Roberts will be keen to play a big part in Town's 2006-7 campaign and his appointment as Vice-Captain seems to have invigorated the frontman who scored two against Carlisle United in the FA Cup First Round in November.

## LUKAS JUTKIEWICZ



'A boy in a man's frame' is how manager Paul Sturrock described the powerful striker, and few would disagree.

Southampton-born, 17-year old Jutkiewicz spent time with The Saints

before joining Swindon's Centre of Excellence and won the Golden Boot Award at the Milk Cup in 2004.

He then made his senior debut off the bench at Swansea City towards the end of the 2005-6 season and scored three goals in Town's pre-season campaign and after impressing over the Christmas period alongside Lee Peacock, is now very much part of the first team picture.

## factfile

**Founded:** Although its origins can be traced back to 1881, it was not until two years later that a club called 'Swindon Town' was so named. This followed an amalgamation of local teams Spartans and St. Mark's Young Men's Friendly Society.

**Entered League:** 1920 (Division Three).

**Highest League Placing:** 22nd, FA Premier League, 1993-94.

**Last at Blundell Park:** Gimsby 1 Swindon 2, 16 September 2003.

**Odd Spot:** When wing-half Ralph Prouton joined Swindon from Arsenal in August 1952, the transfer forms were completed while he was twelfth man for Hampshire versus Sussex in a County Cricket Championship game

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With SWANNY FROM THE PONNY

**I**t was with great sadness that the death of Bernard Morley on Monday 5 March was announced last week and no one who follows GTFC needs any introductory preamble from me to describe the man whom Macca so aptly dubbed "a lovely fella and in many respects Mr Grimsby Town".

You will all have your own wonderful memories of a man who served and followed the Town for more than 70 years – more than half of the club's long and distinguished history – and since I am proud to have called him a very close and true friend my difficulty is how to sum up in just a few words this remarkable man of unflinching integrity, kindness and humour.

Bernard first went to BP at the age of nine in 1935 a season when Town finished 17th in the top flight and went out of the FA Cup 1-0 to Arsenal in the semi-final (honestly). My late father was Bernard's best man and both would recount a tale from the days when men on the fish docks, including some players, worked every Saturday morning before the deafening early afternoon stampede between Grimsby Docks and BP – via the local pub – of thousands of pairs of clogs took place.

A trawler was late and the owners called on "the A Team" – they always worked together – to unload the catch. Both told me they had the time of their lives shooting the breeze and jacking the fish in ice throughout the long freezing night just to enable them to watch Town's home game the following day. A simple story but it encapsulates many of the tremendous timeless qualities for which Bernard stood throughout a long and wonderful life; honesty, endeavour, team work, friendship, making the most of difficult circumstances and of course unstinting support for his beloved Grimsby Town.

He worked for many years for the FMA and though not a big man physically (he was in every other way which matters) his wiry frame could lift 9st cases of fish with ease and his habit of cutting the sleeves from his work clothes revealed, in his prime, forearms the size of Popeye's. My efforts as one of the committee members of the Away Travel Club of which Bernard was chairman for 20 years, taking all bookings and organising at least one coach to every away game in that time, brought me closer to the man who recommended players to the club, served on the ground's safety committee and yet who was known to generations of fans whom he introduced to the Mighty Mariners as simply Bernard or Bern.

He was a great communicator and he was at ease with everyone from the young fan who, after nervously boarding the bus for his first away game would soon be smiling and relaxed after a chat with Bernard, to ex-England Manager Sir Bobby Robson of whom Bernard and former Town director Tommy Wilkinson were guests at a game at Ipswich. Sir Bobby's primary concern was that Bernard hadn't forgotten the distinguished manager's Grimsby haddock; he hadn't of course, Bernard never forgot anything of importance to others.

Humour was an ever present quality through his anecdotes and jokes and at the start of his last season his reply to the question on our membership form "Age" was simply "unknown". His trademark walking stick was in later years Bernard's sceptre, his symbol of authority as chairman. A couple of years ago in bad weather the coach door kept opening en route and to save Janice from standing and holding down the switch Bernard who loved singing – he was known to us in his pork-pie hat as "Bing" (have you ever noticed that he and Bing Crosby were never seen in the same room together? I think we should be told the truth) – simply reached out and held down the switch with his stick as he loudly sang "When I'm Cleaning Windows".

As our members know however virtually all of our away trips run very smoothly as the photographs that accompany this article illustrate – a wonderful pre-season tour of Ireland, which the Away Travel Club organised in 1999 at the luxury Beech Hill Country House Hotel in Londonderry. One, appropriately, shows Bernard at the head of a superb dinner after a 1-1 with Derry City. I roomed with Bern on that trip and his drive, energy and enthusiasm at the age of 73 had to be seen to be believed. How else equipped with his uncanny and infallible system of taking bookings and getting the



numbers right – all done with pen and paper of course) could he have organised so magnificently nine coaches to Liverpool in 2001, 13 coaches to the Millennium Stadium only last year and umpteen coaches to Wembley in 1998. Those games were an absolute triumph for him.

I am grateful that the games preceding and following Bernard's death were victories against Bury and, last week, at Hereford where in tribute, 350 or so Town fans sang with genuine sorrow and affection "There's only one Bernard Morley". How right they were and though with Bernard they broke the mould his legacy will be, not only the generations of Town fans whom he introduced to his beloved GTFC and for whom he provided away travel facilities for many years, but also his warmth, generosity, kindness and the deep and abiding affection with which he will always be remembered. We have all lost a true and loyal friend and an absolute gentleman in all respects and I urge you all to get behind the boys in his memory as we welcome Swindon and their fans to BP today. Rest well my dear friend and as you encouraged all Town fans for more than 80 years – UTM!

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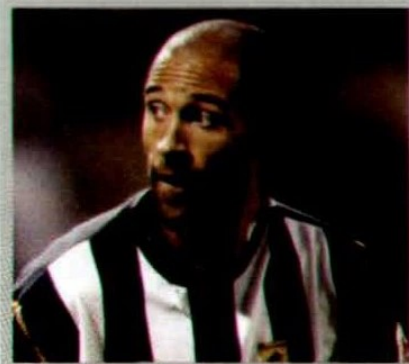


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### Next Fixtures

## NOTTS COUNTY

**T**he Mariners' next trip away from Blundell Park takes them to Notts County on Saturday 31 March. The two teams have several familiar faces in their ranks, with the Magpies boasting four ex-Town players in their squad. Two of those players, Junior Mendes and Jason Lee, put the Mariners to the sword in the corresponding fixture at Blundell Park in October. Just over a month after the jubilant scenes at Mansfield, another noisy Town following will be hopeful that their side can repeat that tremendous win down the road at Meadow Lane.



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## LAST TIME OUT...

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mariners 1 Reddy

SATURDAY 04-02-06 - COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

It was another tremendous away day for Russell Slade's side, as they put themselves back on track for promotion to League One thanks to a solitary goal from Michael Reddy. After a difficult January, Slade was desperate for the three points, and named all four of his transfer window signings - Marc Goodfellow, Ben-Futcher, Junior Mendes and Curtis Woodhouse in his starting XI. It was a makeshift defence, featuring Tom Newey at centre half and Gary Cohen at right back, which took the plaudits though. The winner came shortly before the break; Newey floated an exquisite 65-yard pass to Reddy who raced away from his marker to finish with some aplomb.

## KEEP AN EYE ON... 9. JASON LEE

Much-travelled striker Jason Lee is no stranger to Grimsby Town fans, and this season he has been in almost talismanic form for Notts County. The 6'3" forward has been in where it matters most, and his 14 League goals have come in just 30 games. His physical prowess has been a major advantage for years now, and he has lost none of his eye for goal either. Lee may not be the most spectacular of players, but he has certainly been effective this season.

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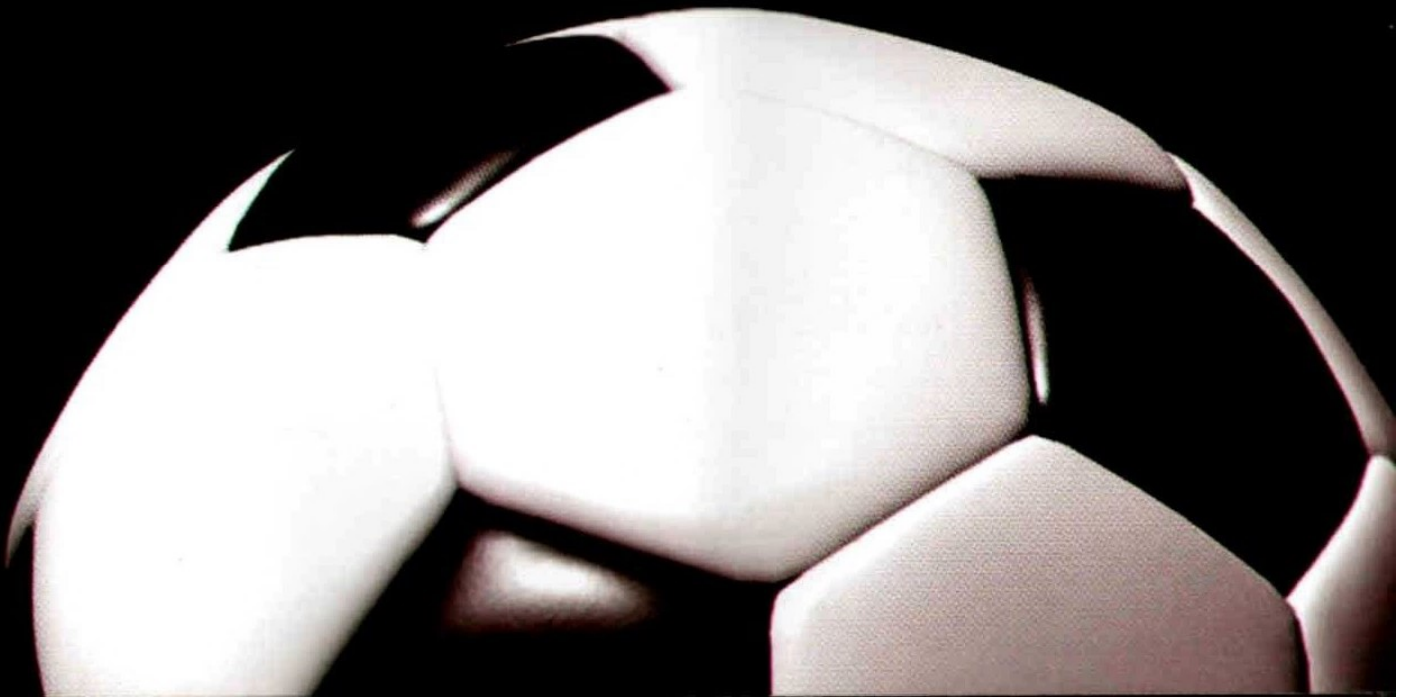


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	Expected Starting 11	Actual Line-up	
Phil BARNES	■	□	1
John McDERMOTT	■	□	2
Tom NEWEY	■	□	3
Gary HARKINS	□	□	4
Nick FENTON	■	□	5
Justin WHITTLE	■	□	6
Isaiah RANKIN	□	□	7
Paul BOLLAND	■	□	8
Michael REDDY	□	□	9
Ciaran TONER	■	□	10
The MIGHTY MARINERS	□	□	12
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Gary COHEN	□	□	15
Danny BOSHELL	■	□	16
Peter TILL	□	□	17
Peter BORE	■	□	18
Gary JONES	■	□	19
Gary CROFT	□	□	20
Danny NORTH	■	□	22
Nick HEGARTY	□	□	23
Simon GRAND	□	□	24
James HUNT	□	□	25
Andy TAYLOR	□	□	26
Tony THORPE	□	□	27
Ryan BENNETT	□	□	28
Matthew BLOOMER	□	□	29

	Actual Line-up	Expected Starting 11	
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2	□	■	Jack SMITH
3	□	■	Jamie VINCENT
4	□	□	Sofiene ZAABOUB
5	□	□	Jerel IFIL
6	□	□	Ady WILLIAMS
7	□	□	Gareth WHALLEY
8	□	■	Aaron BROWN
9	□	■	Christian ROBERTS
10	□	■	Lee PEACOCK
12	□	■	Ricky SHAKES
13	□	□	Jon STEWART
15	□	■	Andy NICHOLAS
16	□	□	Patrick NOUBISSIE
18	□	□	Paul EVANS
19	□	■	Michael POOK
20	□	□	Royce BROWNLIE
21	□	□	Lukas JUTKIEWICZ
22	□	□	Blair STURROCK
23	□	□	Curtis WESTON
25	□	■	Phil SMITH
27	□	□	Ben WELLS
28	□	□	Andy CATON
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30	□	□	Luke HOPPER
34	□	■	Michael TIMLIN

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