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League One Play-Off Finalists 2004/2005

League Two Play-Offs

1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

League Two Runners-Up and Promotion

2002/2003, 2006/2007

North East Team of the Year 2002/2003

Reserves Division One East Champions

2003/2004

Youth Alliance Champions 2002/2003

USA Dallas Cup Under 19s Champions

2003/2004

USA Dallas Cup Super Group Third Place

2004/2005

Durham Benevolent Bowl Winners

1936/1937

Durham Challenge Cup Winners

1956/1957, 1957/1958

Durham Orphanage Cup Winners

1923/1924, 1926/1927, 1927/1928, 1929/1930,

1930/1931

Durham Senior Cup Winners

1908/1909, 1909/1910, 1936/1937, 1937/1938,

1951/1952, 1953/1954, 1986/1987, 1987/1988

Monkwearmouth Charity Cup Winners

1973/1974

North Eastern League Challenge

Cup Winners 1926/1927, 1927/1928

Northern Intermediate League champions

1980/1981

Sunderland Shipowners Cup Winners

1923/1924, 1932/1933

Wearside League Champions 1979/1980

Wearside League Cup Winners 1971/1972

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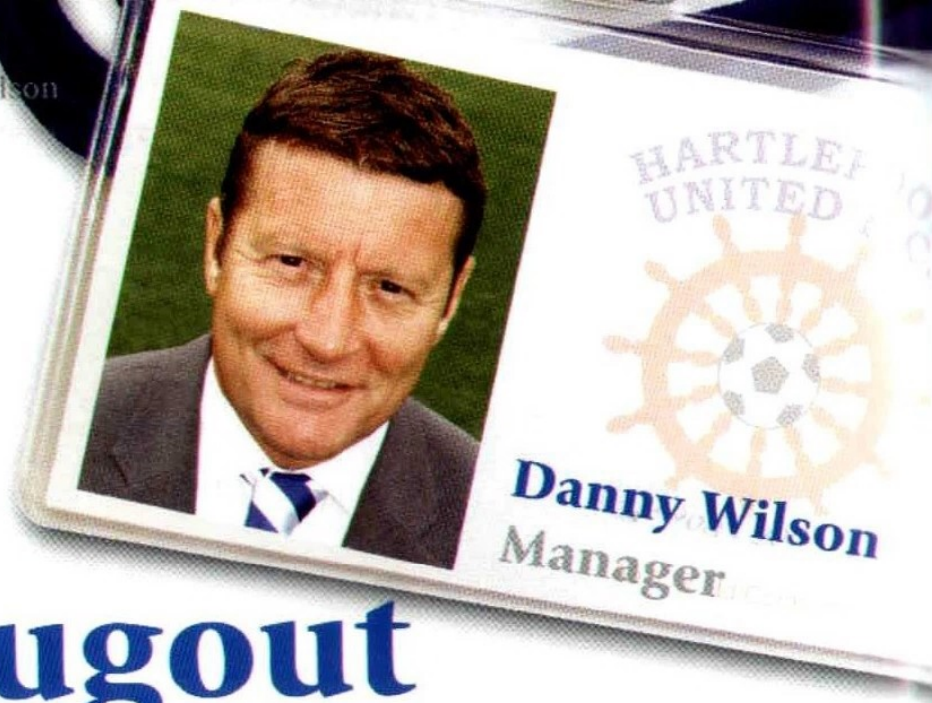
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From the Dugout

Danny Wilson gives us his pre-match views ahead of the clash with Swindon Town.

Good evening and welcome back to The Vic for another of our big Friday night encounters. Tonight's visitors are Swindon Town and I'd like to welcome Maurice Malpas, his staff, players, directors and supporters to Hartlepool for the game tonight.

As we have seen in many games this season, being in the driving seat and getting the first goal changes the complexion of any game and we have witnessed that ourselves over the period of the last few weeks. We have conceded early goals and had problems getting back into the game, which was the case against Leicester City last weekend. They have a very talented squad, a big squad with experience but after that first goal, we held our own and there were a few scary moments for both teams. There was not a lot to choose between the two teams – just as there wasn't in the Cup game against Leeds United and that bodes well for us. We can gain confidence from that.

We know though, that we need to start seeing the rewards for all of the hard work put into games and that is something we need to address this

season. There are times when you can't play the style of football you want to – people forget that there are 22 boys on the pitch, not just 11 – with one team trying to stop the other one playing and so on. We know we can't play fantastically well every game we play in but we still need to make sure that we come out of those games with something.

Tonight's opponents Swindon Town came up with us a couple of seasons ago and we've had some tough games home and away with them. They are a similar team to us terms of recent fortunes and we know how each other plays but that won't make it any easier for us and we know we will face a difficult side here tonight. They are capable of coming away from home and getting a result and we have to be aware of that. But we know that at home we are very difficult to beat and we want to enforce that with a good result following on from our last home game with Oldham which was a great performance.

New signing Kevin Kyle is a player that a lot of people in this area know

a lot about. We have been tracking him for a number of months now and he eluded us for a time but thankfully it's sorted now and we're pleased to have him here. He's desperate to play football and to be based back in the North East is an ideal situation for him and we are grateful for that. He is desperate to get back on the football field and to push his career forward. He has not played football for a few seasons and that's not good for such a young lad. Hopefully then we will both benefit from this move and he can start banging some goals in.

Finally I'd like to thank our travelling fans – in both the Leeds and Leicester games, they were terrific and I think they came away from the games understanding what we put into the game – that is why we have received the positive support we do, because we give everything. That is all you can ask of players and when the players see this, they respond to that. That is our intention over the coming season, to continue to show that level of commitment.

Enjoy the game.

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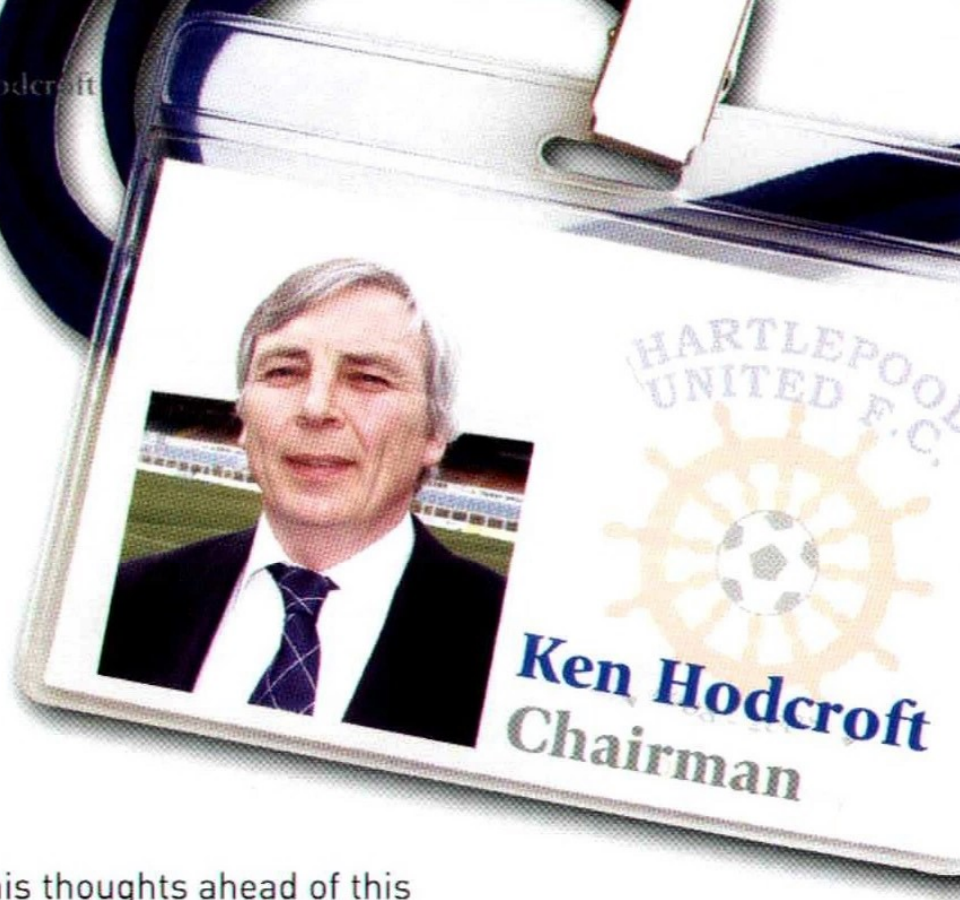
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Ken Hodcroft gives us his thoughts ahead of this evening's game at The Vic.

Welcome back to Victoria Park for tonight's League One fixture against Swindon Town. We also offer a very warm welcome to the Directors, management, players and fans of Swindon that have made the long journey up to Hartlepool tonight.

Last Saturday's single goal defeat away to Leicester City at the Walkers Stadium was disappointing although, after losing a goal within the first three minutes, the switch to 4-4-2 helped the lads battle their way back into the game and we could easily have grabbed at least a point.

Leicester's more direct play caused us problems at times with ex-Pools striker Stevie Howard a constant menace, but our two central defenders dealt with him well throughout the game, obviously having learned from the JPT tie at Victoria Park a few weeks ago.

Howard later admitted that he enjoyed the "battle" with Micky Nelson and noted that it was the first time he had not scored against Pools. We could have scored but in the end had to settle for good press reviews.

The Vic's certainly been an entertaining place to come to for our

home games so far this season, with eleven goals in four League games plus six in our two Carling Cup ties.

We need to continue that sort of entertainment and hopefully the "stay away" fans will start to return. Our crowds remain down on last season and from seasons before that which, as I have noted, is surprising since we are certainly scoring goals and winning our home games well.

Our Reserve team did well on Tuesday evening with a great win at Elland Road against Leeds United, who showed their strength of squad by fielding six of the players that started in their First Team against us in the Carling Cup tie the week before, which we were unfortunate to lose. An own goal and a great strike from David Foley got us the points in the Reserves' 2-1 win. Well done to Ian Butterworth and the players.

Despite the current tough economic climate, we were able to bring in a new face this week as ex-Sunderland striker Kevin Kyle joined us on loan from Coventry City. Kevin is a very experienced player who has represented and scored for Scotland at full international level so should certainly be an asset to the team. We

all welcome him to The Vic and hope that he enjoys his stay here back in the North East and can add to the "entertainment" noted above. Goals are what we all want to see. It does become frustrating to read after games that we played well and deserved a result but "just couldn't score".

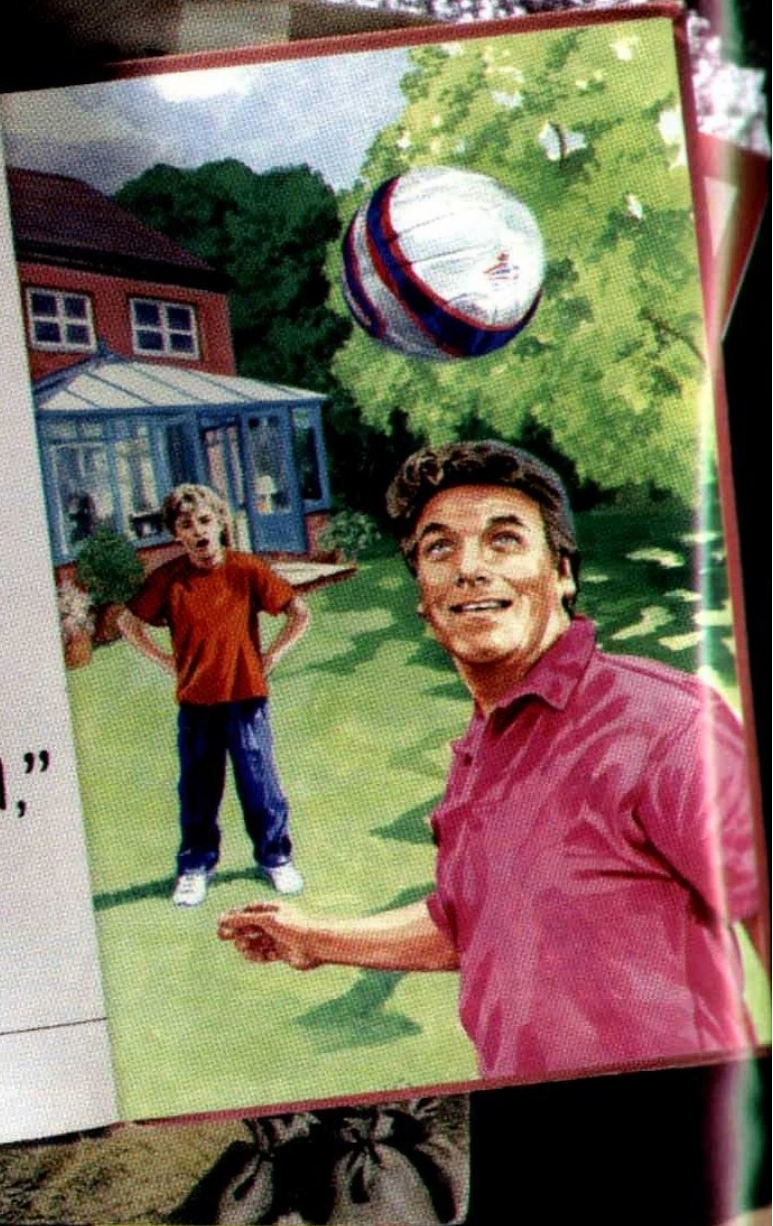
We know Friday night games don't always suit everyone but such things are agreed between clubs for a variety of reasons once the fixtures first come out, however we are hoping for a better Friday night crowd for this game than we had against Cheltenham a few weeks ago, although the weather that night wasn't good. The lads need all the support you can give them, so get behind the team from the first whistle and let's go for three more points at home tonight to keep us in the top half of the league.

Once again I would like to end by saying a big "thank you" to all the fans who travelled to Leicester and Leeds. Your support was fantastic.

"What a *****
goal!" screamed
Johnny's dad.

"I don't like
football with Dad,"
thought Johnny.

Pass ball dad



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Chris Turner looks back on the past week for Hartlepool United.



Welcome to Victoria Park for tonight's game with Swindon Town and it's Friday night football at The Vic again. Hopefully we'll see better weather tonight than we did in our last Friday night game against Cheltenham Town, when it was horrendous – though we will be looking for the same result and performance.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Maurice Malpas and his Swindon side after a long journey to the North East this evening.

What a great occasion last Saturday afternoon was for Hartlepool United, with supporters going to a brand new stadium for the first time in our Club's history. With great surroundings and a great atmosphere, we saw a very good game of football and were unfortunate to concede a goal in the first two minutes. That wasn't a great start for us but we then went on to put in a formidable performance which was only spoiled by the lack of an equalising goal.

From the start to the end of the day, we were very professionally well-received by everybody at Leicester City – there was none of this 'big club' syndrome and I am sure the fans, apart from the result, enjoyed their day at the Walkers Stadium. You have to pay great credit to their Chairman, Milan Mandaric who made everyone feel very welcome and gave a most honest appraisal of our team's performance.

As you will know by now, included in the squad tonight is Kevin Kyle who signed from Coventry City this week. He is a target man, a centre forward who is aggressive and we all feel he will add competition and another dimension to the strike force we have here. We are constantly looking to improve the playing squad – while some people may think we are sitting back on what we have got, that is not the case – we are always on the lookout.

Kevin's availability was highlighted and we looked at the situation and, with the backing of IOR, we brought him to Hartlepool United. I am sure the move will be as good for Kevin as it will be for ourselves.

In midweek, our Reserve Team put in a magnificent performance at Elland Road against a Leeds United side that included six of the players who played against us in the League Cup tie only a few weeks ago. Leeds were well and truly beaten by a very good footballing display and a winning goal from David Foley that would grace any football match. He showed some great skill and it was a great finish. I know that the question mark against David at times is his end product but he certainly managed this at Elland Road on Tuesday night and hopefully this will now help his confidence and he will start to show the true ability he has.

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SHARP SHOOTERS

| Player | Team | Lge | Cup | Ttl |
|---------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Jermaine Beckford | Leeds | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Richard Lambert | Bristol Rvs | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Craig Mackail-Smith | Peterboro | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Gary Hooper | Scunthorpe | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Matt Fryatt | Leicester | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Danny Graham | Carlisle | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Chris Taylor | Oldham | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Adebayo Akinfenwa | Northampton | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Simon Cox | Swindon | 4 | 2 | 6 |

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

| Ground | Home Team | M | Gls | G/Mt |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|-----|------|
| London Road Ground | Peterboro | 4 | 19 | 4.75 |
| Victoria Park | Hartlepool | 4 | 18 | 4.50 |
| The Memorial Stadium | Bristol Rvs | 4 | 16 | 4.00 |
| Brunton Park | Carlisle | 4 | 16 | 4.00 |
| Boundary Park | Oldham | 4 | 15 | 3.75 |
| Bank's Stadium | Walsall | 4 | 15 | 3.75 |
| The Alexandra Stadium | Crewe | 4 | 15 | 3.75 |
| County Ground | Swindon | 4 | 15 | 3.75 |
| The Galpharm Stadium | Huddersfield | 4 | 14 | 3.50 |
| Prenton Park | Tranmere | 4 | 14 | 3.50 |
| Elland Road | Leeds | 4 | 14 | 3.50 |
| Whaddon Road Ground | Cheltenham | 5 | 16 | 3.20 |
| Sixfields Stadium | Northampton | 4 | 12 | 3.00 |
| Huish Park | Yeovil | 4 | 10 | 2.50 |
| Matchroom Stadium | L Orient | 4 | 10 | 2.50 |
| stadium:mk | MK Dons | 4 | 10 | 2.50 |
| Edgar Street | Hereford | 4 | 10 | 2.50 |
| The Weston Homes | Colchester | 3 | 7 | 2.33 |
| Glanford Park | Scunthorpe | 4 | 9 | 2.25 |
| The New Den | Millwall | 4 | 9 | 2.25 |
| The Walkers Stadium | Leicester | 4 | 8 | 2.00 |
| Withdean Stadium | Brighton | 4 | 8 | 2.00 |
| Edgeley Park | Stockport | 4 | 7 | 1.75 |
| Roots Hall | Southend | 4 | 7 | 1.75 |

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 63 Peterborough. **shots off target** 76 Leeds. **corners** 70 Swindon. **hit woodwork** 5 Oldham. **offsides** 37 Oldham. **fouls** 130 Millwall. **yellow cards** 21 Huddersfield. **red cards** 3 Millwall.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 34 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Shots on target** 21 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Shots off target** 20 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 5 Mark Wright (MK Dons). **Crosses** 42 Jason Demetriou (L Orient). **Offsides** 20 Jabo Ibehre (Walsall). **Fouls** 25 Jabo Ibehre (Walsall). **Free-kicks won** 25 Stuart Campbell (Bristol Rvs).



2008/09 SEASON

actim
STATS

GOAL COUNTER

294

RIGHT FOOT

164 goals

55.8%

LEFT FOOT

69 goals

23.5%

HEADERS

51 goals

17.3%

Own goals 9 (3.1%), Other body part 1 (0.1%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Tresor Kandol (Oldham vs Millwall) 0:13

By a substitute after coming on

Richard Barker (Peterborough vs Hartlepool) 0:48

DISCIPLINARY



2.9 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Alex Revell (Southend vs Brighton) 6:51

By a substitute after coming on

Giles Coke (Stockport vs Northampton) 1:45

SUB TOTALS

Subs used459

Offsides595

Corners1085

Shots Off Target1046

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

0 5 1

RESULTS

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

| | |
|-----|----|
| 0-0 | 6 |
| 0-1 | 4 |
| 0-2 | 4 |
| 0-3 | 3 |
| 0-4 | 1 |
| 0-5 | - |
| 1-0 | 7 |
| 1-1 | 11 |
| 1-2 | 10 |
| 1-3 | 5 |
| 1-4 | 1 |
| 1-5 | - |
| 2-0 | 8 |
| 2-1 | 8 |
| 2-2 | 6 |
| 2-3 | 1 |
| 2-4 | - |
| 2-5 | - |
| 3-0 | 3 |
| 3-1 | 2 |
| 3-2 | 1 |
| 3-3 | 1 |
| 3-4 | 2 |
| 3-5 | - |
| 4-0 | 1 |
| 4-1 | 3 |
| 4-2 | 3 |
| 4-3 | 1 |
| 4-4 | - |
| 4-5 | - |
| 5-0 | - |
| 5-1 | - |
| 5-2 | 2 |
| 5-3 | - |
| 5-4 | 1 |
| 5-5 | - |
| 6-1 | 1 |

*up to and including 28/09/2008

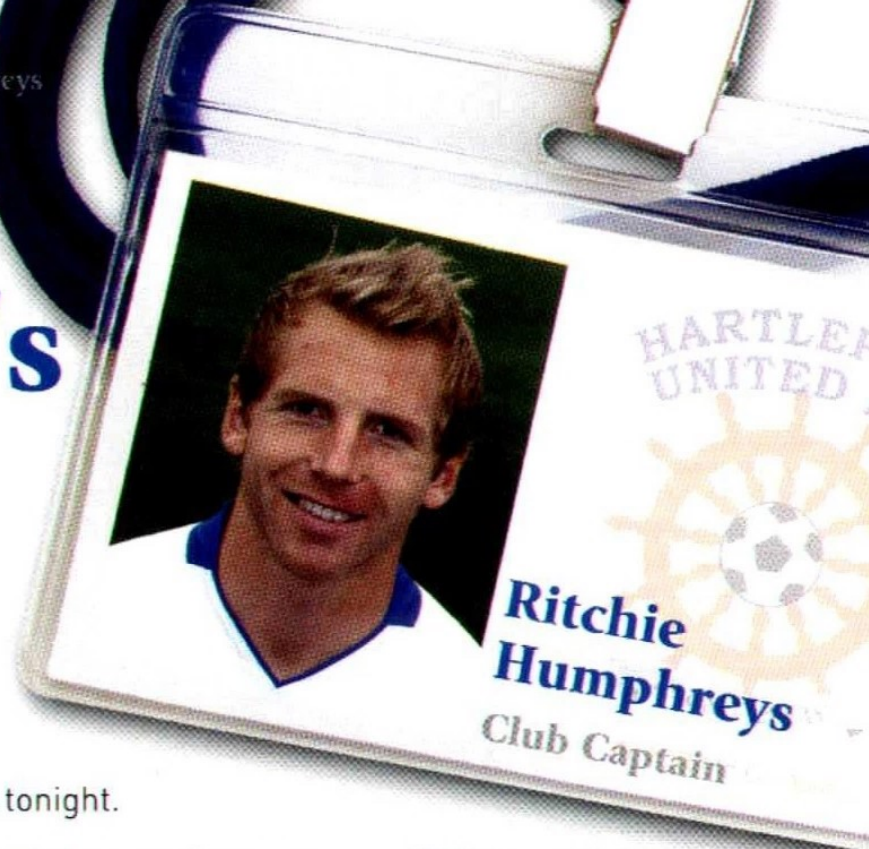


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Captain's Corner



The Club Captain wants Pools to be on the ball from the off here tonight.

Good evening and welcome to Victoria Park for tonight's game against Swindon Town where hopefully we can get back on the winning track following defeat at Leicester.

It was very disappointing for us to come away from The Walkers Stadium with nothing to show for our efforts last weekend but we were punished for not starting the game in the right way.

You have to build a solid base in every game particularly away from home but we allowed Leicester too much possession high up the pitch and a ball in behind hurt us with the only goal. I tried to get back and get a block to it but slipped and to concede a goal in three minutes is a sickener at any time but away at Leicester who are one of the best sides in the division is even worse.

I have to say that overall I didn't think that the performance was bad, I just thought we lacked a little cutting edge at times. There were a few half chances for us in the first half and then again near the end of the game but we couldn't capitalise on the pressure we built up.

We have to look to improve on these results because although performances have been good in

general we have to pick more up on the road particularly. The display at Millwall was the only one in which I felt we let ourselves down but we can't give teams a helping hand like we did at Leicester on Saturday.

Obviously tonight will give us another stiff test because Swindon are another team who established themselves back in League One last term and will be looking to push on this season. We have played them enough times in recent seasons that we know what to expect and we can't take anything for granted just because our home record is quite good – we need to work hard and earn the three points this evening.

I have to mention Antony Sweeney after his head clash suffered in the game at Leeds United last Tuesday. It was an almighty whack and the swelling came up straight away. I think he got about thirty seconds of sympathy from the boys after the game but then he started getting hammered for it!

To be fair though, it was a real shiner and even on Thursday of last week it hadn't really opened up very much. But Sween's was determined to play at Leicester and so kept on icing it and hoping the swelling would go down enough and thankfully for him it did. When the game got started I

think he forgot all about it and was putting his head in to challenges just as normal so huge credit to him.

I've also got to give massive credit to the fans who have backed us so brilliantly in those last two away games. The followings we had at Leeds and Leicester were superb and it really gives the lads a lift to see how you're all behind us so thank you for making the effort again.

We'll try to reward you with a strong performance here tonight and hopefully a good win to see us climb the table ahead of tomorrow's fixtures.

Enjoy the game.
Ritchie.



MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Danny Wilson

Played 100 Won 44 Drawn 20 Lost 36
For 141 Against 118
Av Pts/game 1.52
Biggest Win(s) Won 4-0 on 2 occasions
Biggest Loss(es) Hartlepool 0
Shrewsbury 3 (16/09/2006).

Maurice Malpas

Played 30 Won 10 Drawn 7 Lost 13
For 40 Against 39
Av Pts/game 1.23
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 6 Port Vale 0
(19/04/2008). Biggest Loss(es)
Swindon 0 Walsall 3 (23/02/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| | | | | |
|------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Played ..0 | Danny Wilson | 0 | Maurice Malpas | 0 |
| Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | | Goals 0 | |

Player with the most...

shots

James
Brown 18

shots on target

James
Brown 12

shots off target

Joel
Porter 7

assists

Antony
Sweeney 2

crosses

Ritchie
Humphreys 12

fouls

Ritchie
Jones 13

free-kicks-won

Gary
Liddle 14



GAMES SINCE

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|----|
| 3 | a win | 5 |
| 1 | a home win | 4 |
| 3 | an away win | 3 |
| 0 | a defeat | 0 |
| 2 | a home defeat | 0 |
| 0 | an away defeat | 4 |
| 2 | a score draw | 1 |
| 16 | a no score draw | 30 |
| 0 | conceding a goal | 0 |
| 1 | scoring a goal | 0 |
| 1 | conceding > 1 | 0 |
| 1 | scoring > 1 | 4 |
| 10 | keeping a clean sheet | 12 |
| 0 | failing to score | 7 |
| 6 | back to back wins | 9 |
| 0 | back to back defeats | 6 |
| 2 | gaining a point | 1 |
| 0 | losing a point | 0 |
| 3 | win by > one | 9 |
| 4 | loss by > one | 2 |

Player with the most...

shots

Simon
Cox 20

shots on target

Billy
Paynter 8

shots off target

Simon
Cox 12

assists

Anthony
McNamee 2

crosses

Anthony
McNamee 20

fouls

Hasney
Aljofree 13

free-kicks-won

Billy
Paynter 16

SHARP SHOOTERS

| Hartlepool | CCFL Cup | Tot | Swindon | CCFL Cup | Tot |
|----------------|----------|-----|---------|----------|-----|
| Andy Monkhouse | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| James Brown | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Joel Porter | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| | | | | | |
|--------------|----|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Played | 20 | Hartlepool wins | 4 | Swindon wins | 9 |
| Draws | 7 | Goals 20 (1.0 per game) | | Goals 27 (1.4 per game) | |
| 0-0's | 1 | Times failed to score 5 | | Times failed to score 5 | |

Biggest League win at Hartlepool for each team:

02/04/2005 Hartlepool 3-0 Swindon
23/04/1983 Hartlepool 1-2 Swindon



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS



| | | |
|----|---------------|----|
| 12 | Position | 17 |
| 8 | Played | 8 |
| 3 | Won | 2 |
| 1 | Drawn | 2 |
| 4 | Lost | 4 |
| 13 | Goals For | 10 |
| 12 | Goals Against | 14 |
| 10 | Points | 8 |



Record Against Top Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|------|
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 |

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|------|
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 22 |

Record When Scoring First

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|------|
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 |

Record When Conceding First

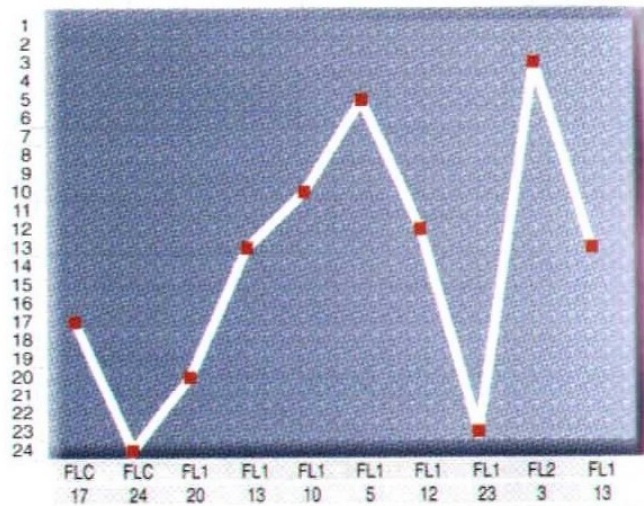
| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|------|
| 0 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 17 |

Match Scores

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

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08



*up to and including 28/09/2008



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Russ Green gives us his views ahead of tonight's match.

Welcome to this evening's clash with The Robins of Swindon Town – let's hope we get the Friday night feeling back once again this evening.

Over the last few weeks, vital decisions at games have been the topic for much criticism within the world of football – not only vital penalty decisions but goals being given that were not actually goals. Having watched the semi final of the Rugby League play offs between Wigan and Leeds, I am sure there is a case for video referees to be used in football. In what was an enthralling game of Rugby League between two of the top teams, played in front of a hostile crowd with much at stake – there were five major decisions in the game that went to video referee. The last one, which could have been worth millions to the winning team, took five minutes to debate. This did not ruin the game, it actually added to the excitement and I knew that on Monday morning, there was no debate about the decisions made by the referee as they were made by video panel.

People argue that it takes the excitement out of the game but I think at this stage of football, we have the address this problem because it is becoming a problem. I think goalline technology should be the first step towards video refereeing. I believe

that referees should admit when they make a wrong decision and top marks to Rob Styles for last week coming out and saying he had made a mistake.

Another topic which will hit the headlines in the next few weeks following a recent Football League Chairmen's Meeting is the subject surrounding English football and the lack of players coming through, which was once again brought to the table. A proposal was put to all Football League clubs that stated that the League are hoping to implement a ruling next season which would require all FL Clubs within their named squad of 16 on a match day to include a minimum of four home-grown players. This requirement would be that the player had been at that Football Club for a minimum of three years up to the age of 21.

Therefore if a player joins at 16 or 17, he still qualifies but could not play until he had completed his apprenticeship with the club. The idea was met with enthusiasm throughout the clubs and most felt that this would give the England management a bigger chance than the current 34% of players they have to choose from within the game. Again there is a negative with this and that is the fact that due to EU guidelines, we cannot discard European players and say just

English or British players. Therefore if a football club signs a boy at 16 from Portugal, France or Germany – by 19, this player would be eligible. I can not see how this will help English football.

Tonight we hope to launch our new scoreboard in the far corner of the ground. This has been something that has been ongoing for a couple of seasons now as part of our Centenary season. Our visitors tonight from Norway have sponsored the board and our thanks goes out to all concerned. Let's hope it adds to the Victoria Park experience.

Finally, I would just like to welcome the following club representatives to Hartlepool United; Blyth Spartans, Durham City, Tow Law Town, Consett, Durham FA and Horden CW. This is part of another initiative that we are working on at the Club by forming relationships with Clubs in the region. Hopefully this partnership will work both ways and again, hopefully Pools can bring some more home-grown players through.

I hope you all enjoy the game tonight. Get behind Danny, Ian and the lads from kick off.

Introducing **Swindon Town**

Swindon Town arrive at Victoria Park four places below Pools in 17th position in League One but knowing that a win would see them leap-frog Danny Wilson's men in the table.

Maurice Malpas' side have won just twice in the league so far this season and perhaps most surprising has been their lack of consistency on home soil where they have already lost three times.

Sunday's 2-1 home reverse against Millwall at The County Ground was

the Robins' fourth game without a win, stretching back to their excellent victory at MK Dons at the end of August.

However, Town have a decent record at The Vic in recent times and have not lost on their last three visits when they have drawn twice and won once.

Last season Joel Porter rescued a point for Pools with a second half goal after a wonder-strike from Jon-Paul McGovern had put the visitors



ahead, while Pools were beaten 2-1 in the return fixture at The County Ground.

It will be another closely-contested affair this afternoon but with the reward for the winners a chance to move up the table ahead of the division's other fixtures over the weekend.

Aces In The Crowd

NEW SIGNING:

Kevin Amankwaah

The promising 21-year-old's talent drew a bid from an unnamed club during the summer despite signing a new deal – he's repaid the faith by scoring four times to date this term.

SOLID BASE:

Phil Smith

A former Millwall youngster, Smith has impressed since joining Swindon in the summer of 2006 and was named Fans Player of the Year in 2007.

YOUNG STAR:

Mark Marshall

A flying winger who joined the club from non-league Eastleigh during the summer after impressing while on trial – a bright prospect who has proved he can have an impact.



WING WONDER: **Anthony McNamee**

Signed from Watford in the January transfer window, the tricky winger has already become a fans favourite at The County Ground after some dazzling displays.

GOAL THREAT: **Simon Cox**

A successful loan from Reading led to a permanent deal in January for the 21-year-old striker who has already hit the net six times this season.

Last Time Out

Swindon Town

1

Millwall

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League One at
The County Ground



Who's in Charge

Maurice Malpas

Former Scotland international Maurice Malpas is the man in the Swindon Town hotseat having been handed the job at the County Ground in January.

A dominating defender, Malpas won 55 caps for the Scotland team and his impact is reflected by an inclusion in the Scottish Hall of Fame.

During his playing days he excelled at Dundee United and holds the Club's all-time record after making 617 appearances before retiring in 2000.

Malpas has previous managerial experience in temporary charge of Dundee United, while he was also boss for a year at Motherwell after being given the job in the wake of Terry Butcher's departure.

Since leaving Motherwell he had a spell in caretaker charge of the Scottish Under-21 side but missed out on the post on a permanent basis to Billy Stark.



For all the latest news on Pools visit hartlepoolunited.co.uk

The Opposition: Swindon Town



Fan Zone

We step in to opposition territory to get the opinions of visiting Swindon Town fan **Mavis Knight**

How pleased have you been with Swindons's start to the season?

It's been very poor. The first two games left us with high expectations only to come down to earth with a very big BUMP.

What are your hopes for the season?

I would like to see us have some sort of cup run for a change and perhaps finish towards the top half.

Are you happy with the summer transfer activity at Swindon?

No, not really. I think we desperately needed a ball winner in the midfield.

Who do you see being Swindon's star player this season?

This is two-fold for me - at home Anthony McNamee, away Jack Smith looks sound.

What are your thoughts on Friday's game?

On our current performance even though we are better away, it is going to be hard to come away with a result. I would be happy if we could get at least a point.

Have you been to Victoria Park in the past?

Many times, I think we could find our way with our eyes closed now!

Who are your tips for promotion and relegation in League One?

I would have to say Leeds and Leicester for promotions and Hereford with Yeovil to go down.

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We Have To Shape Up



Robins star **Jack Smith** on why it's important Swindon keep it tight at The Vic tonight.

Swindon defender Jack Smith has insisted that Swindon have what it takes to hit back after a string of disappointing results saw them fall down the League One table.

The Robins are currently two points behind Pools in 16th spot but after getting off to a rip-roaring start a

sudden halt to the momentum was a shock to the system.

"Obviously it's not been what we'd have wanted really," Smith told us.

"We had a good win in the first game of the season and then played well in a couple of games after that but now we have lost three home games in a row so it's not been the start that we expected or wanted.

"But this is only the very start of the season and there is a long way to go yet."

The cornerstone of the problems for Maurice Malpas' men has been giving away goals, especially at home where they have won just one of their four games to date.

Only second-bottom side Cheltenham have leaked as many goals on home soil in the league this term and it's a statistic that Smith hopes can be improved on quickly.

"We've conceded quite a few goals and as a defender myself that is something I'm obviously not too pleased with," he admitted.

"That's the area in which we need to shape up really and try to get a few clean sheets under our belts and get some confidence going."

After following Pools down to League Two in 2006, they offered a similar response and went up automatically in third position at the first time of asking. And after re-establishing themselves with a 13th-place

finish last term the 24-year-old says that the ambition is to challenge for a spot inside the top six.

"That's always the aim - to get promoted. And with the players we have and the players we've brought in we should have a good chance," said Smith who joined the Club from Watford in 2005.

"We've got players here who have played at a higher level so we're looking to push on from here and finish as high as we possibly can and hopefully that will be around the top six."

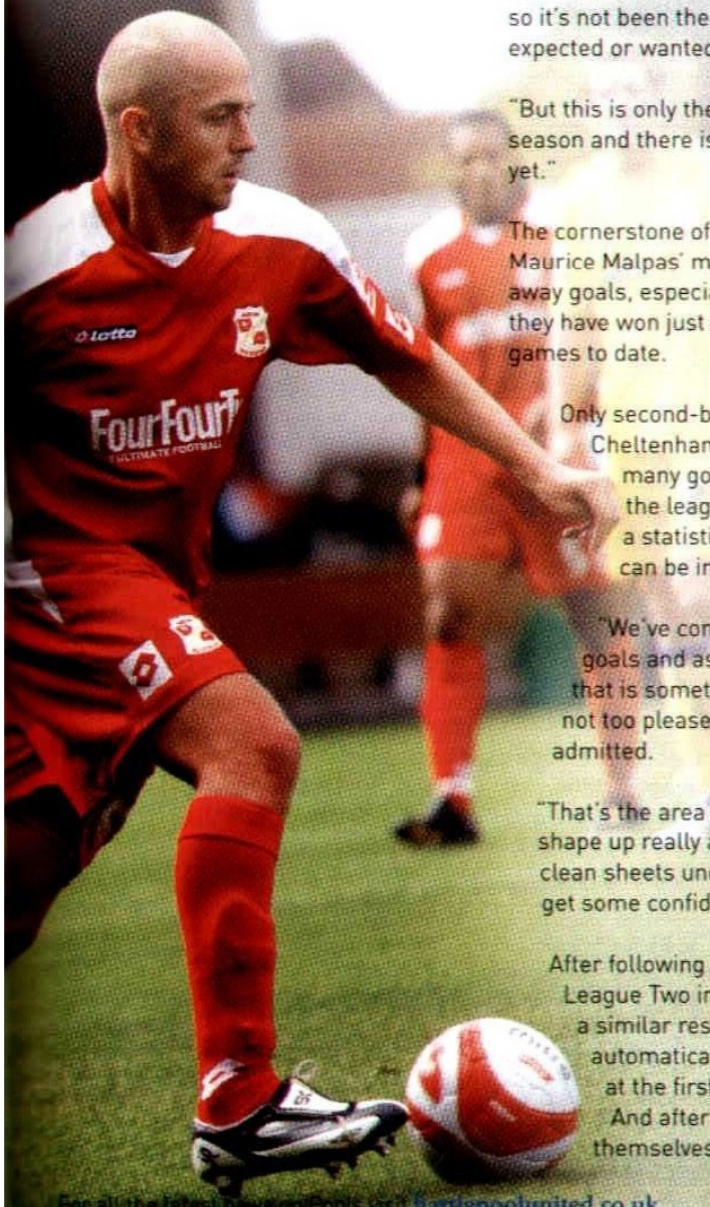
On Sunday Smith was on the receiving end of an elbow from Jermaine Easter as the former Pools man got his marching orders during his debut for Millwall at the County Ground.

And the Town crowd favourite is hoping that he and his team-mates can be the ones dishing out the knockout blows tonight by securing all three points at The Vic.

"It's a very difficult test for us. I think our record at Victoria Park is not too bad so we'll want to try and keep that going but it will be hard.

"I remember we played you there at the start of the 2006/2007 season in League Two and somehow came away with a 1-0 win despite Hartlepool hammering us for 80% of the game and missing a couple of penalties!

"I always find it a difficult place to come because Hartlepool have good players and play football the right way so I'm expecting a tough game this time too."



Head to Head



First Meeting

Swindon Town joined the Football League in 1920, a year before Hartlepoons. They were permanent fixtures in Division Three (South) from joining the league until the third division north/south split was ended in 1958. Swindon were then placed in Division Three with Pools joining the new Division Four, and the clubs did not meet until Pools won promotion to the third tier under Gus McLean in 1968.

The first meeting between the clubs ended goalless in August 1968. A Malcolm Thompson goal earned Pools earned a good point in the return game in February 1969 - only the third time that a visiting team had avoided defeat at the County Ground that season. Swindon finished the campaign in second place having won 18 of 23 home games. Pools by contrast finished a couple of points short of safety and returned to the basement.

Memorable Match

Hartlepool United 1
Swindon Town 0

Football League Division Four
28th September 1985

Having won their previous three games, Billy Horner's side were in confident mood as they entertained a struggling Swindon Town side. The visitors had made a poor start to the season and they arrived at the Vic on the back of consecutive league defeats at Peterborough and Crewe, and a League Cup loss at Sunderland.

Pools began strongly, with John Borthwick firing just wide from a

John Phillips gives us a rundown of past events between Pools and tonight's visitors **Swindon Town**

Head to Head

| | P | W | D | L | F | A |
|------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| At Pools | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 8 |
| At Swindon | 11 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 22 |
| OVERALL | 21 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 21 | 30 |



John Gollogly cross, while Kevin Dixon had another effort blocked after good work from Borthwick. Sadly, that was as good as it got in the first half as, to the increasing frustration of the sparse crowd, the visitors gradually got on top. Midway through the half an Andy Rowland free kick drifted just wide. The same player blazed over a minute later after Eddie Blackburn had saved an initial shot, and Blackburn was at full stretch on 40 minutes to deny Peter Coyne. With a minute of the half remaining Swindon's player manager Lou Macari should have broken the deadlock but he lifted his shot over the bar and a grateful Pools retreated to the dressing room fortunate not to be at least a goal behind.

Within two minutes of the restart the Robins were on the attack again and Coyne smashed a shot against the underside of the bar with Blackburn beaten. The visitors continued to look the more likely scorers with Coyne the main threat, so it was something of a surprise when the opening goal finally came at the other end. With 15 minutes remaining Brian Honour won the ball from Macari with a superb tackle and passed to Paul Dobson, who had replaced Borthwick earlier in the half. Dobson sprinted half the length of the field and tucked the ball

under Kenny Allen to give his side an unlikely lead. It proved to be the winner, with only an excellent Allen save preventing Gollogly making the score more flattering.

The Victoria Ground crowd were left delighted with the result, but frustrated by a performance that had seen Pools look distinctly second best. As the season progressed, however, the result began to look better and better. Swindon recovered from their poor start in spectacular fashion, losing just three of their remaining 38 games to win the fourth division title by a mile. They finished with a league record 102 points, 18 clear of second-placed Chester. Pools finished a respectable seventh.

Pools:

Blackburn, Nobbs, Kelly, Hogan, Smith, D Linighan, Honour, Gollogly, Borthwick, Walker, Dixon.

Subs: Dobson

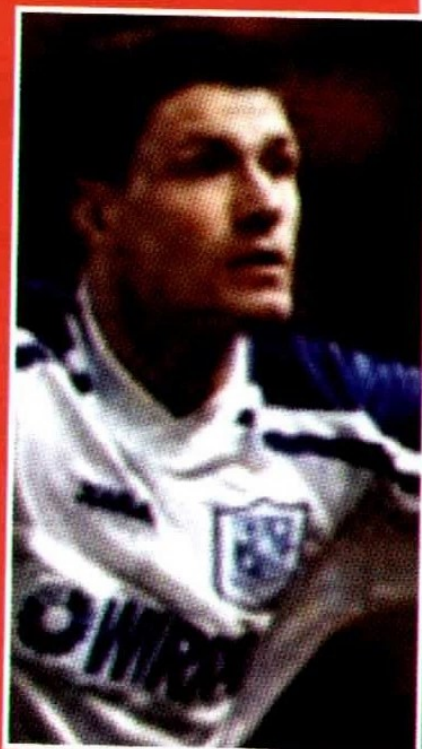
Swindon:

Allen, Ramsey, Cole, Hall, Rowland, Calderwood, Coyne, Evans, Roberts, Macari, Henry. Sub: Wade

Past Master Paul Rideout

Paul Rideout became the youngest ever Swindon Town player when he made a goalscoring debut against Hull City in 1980. He remains the club's youngest scorer. While still a teenager, Rideout finished top scorer in both 1981/82 and 1982/83. In the second of those seasons he played his only two matches against Pools, scoring three times.

After leaving the County Ground for Aston Villa in a club record £250,000 deal, Rideout enjoyed a successful career in top level football. As well as Villa he also played for Southampton and AS Bari but he is probably best remembered for his time at Everton in the mid-1990s. He scored the winner against Manchester United in the 1995 FA Cup Final. In later years Rideout



tried his luck overseas again, with spells in China and the USA.



Did you know?

- Joel Porter made his Pools debut in a 2-0 win against Swindon in 2003. The Robins also provided the first opponents for two less memorable players of recent years: James Walker and Danny Byrne.



- Bob Newton made the last of his 184 appearances for the club when Pools visited the County Ground in March 1986.
- Our first ever win at Swindon in February 2007 was one of our best away wins of recent years. Before Andy Monkhouse returned to haunt his old employers it had been 24 games since Pools had last won an away game against a side that would go on to finish in the top three. The previous such win had been at Cambridge in August 1998, under Mick Tait's management.

Facts and Figures

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| Biggest Win | 3-0, League One, 2004/05 |
| Heaviest Defeat | 0-3, League One, 2004/05; 0-3, Division Four, 1982/83 |
| Highest Attendance (home) | 5732, Division Three, 1968/69 |
| Highest Attendance (away) | 19124, Division Three, 1968/69 |
| Lowest Attendance (home) | 1126, Division Four, 1982/83 |
| Lowest Attendance (away) | 2414, Division Four, 1984/85 |
| Most Appearances (Pools) | 11 - Ritchie Humphreys |
| Most Appearances (Swindon) | 9 - Jerel Ifil |
| Most Goals (Pools) | 2 - Paul Dobson, Ritchie Humphreys, Joel Porter, Gavin Strachan |
| Most Goals (Swindon) | 4 - Andy Rowland |



Vintage Pools

We've dug out the Matchday Programme from Swindon's first-ever visit to Victoria Park back in August 1968.

FIXTURES 1968-69

| THIRD DIVISION | | | WEARSLIDE LEAGUE | | |
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| 1968 | | | 1968 | | |
| Aug. | 10—Bournemouth & B.A. | h | Aug. 24 | Annfield Plain | ... |
| | 14—Bradford City (F.L.C.) | a | 28 | Murton | ... |
| | 17—Crewe Alex. | a | 31 | South Shields Res. | ... |
| | 24—Swindon Town | h | Sept. 3 | Blackhall | ... |
| | 26—Plymouth Argyle | a | 7 | Reyrolle | ... |
| | 30—Reading | a | 11 | Ryhope | ... |
| Sept. | 4—League Cup 2 | | 14 | Silksworth | ... |
| | 6—Bristol Rovers | a | 21 | Hylton C.W. | ... |
| | 13—Shrewsbury Town | h | 28 | Boldon C.W. | ... |
| | 16—Watford | h | | | |
| | 21—Northampton Town | a | | | |
| | 25—League Cup 3 | | | | |
| | 28—Stockport County | h | | | |
| Oct. | 4—Mansfield Town | a | | | |
| | 9—Plymouth Argyle | a | | | |
| | 12—Luton Town | a | | | |
| | 16—League Cup 4 | | | | |
| | 18—Barnsley | h | | | |
| | 26—Orient | a | | | |
| | 30—League Cup 5 | | | | |
| Nov. | 1—Barrow | h | | | |
| | 6—Southport | h | | | |
| | 9—Rotherham United | a | | | |
| | 16—F.A. Cup 1 | | | | |
| | 20—League Cup Semi-Final | | | | |
| | 23—Oldham Athletic | a | | | |
| | 29—Tranmere Rovers | h | | | |
| Dec. | 4—League Cup Semi-Final | | | | |
| | 7—F.A. Cup 2 | | | | |
| | 14—Luton Town | h | | | |
| | 21—Barnsley | a | | | |
| | 26—Mansfield Town | a | | | |
| | 28—Orient | h | | | |
| 1969 | | | | | |
| Jan. | 4—Torquay United | h | | | |
| | 11—Barrow | h | | | |
| | 18—Rotherham United | h | | | |
| | 25—Southport | a | | | |
| Feb. | 1—Gillingham | a | | | |
| | 8—Oldham Athletic | h | | | |
| | 14—Tranmere Rovers | a | | | |
| | 22—Brighton & Hove A. | h | | | |
| Mar. | 1—Bournemouth & B.A. | a | | | |
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| | 7—Crewe Alexandra | h | | | |
| | 10—Gillingham | h | | | |
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| | 11—Northampton Town | h | | | |
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| | 19—Shrewsbury Town | a | | | |

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| <p>Division Three</p> <p>HARTLEPOOL</p> <p>VERSUS</p> <p>PLYMOUTH ARGYLE</p> <p>Monday, 26th August, 1968</p> <p>Kick-off 7-15 p.m.</p> | <p>Wearside League</p> <p>HARTLEPOOL RESERVES</p> <p>VERSUS</p> <p>MURTON</p> <p>Wednesday, 28th August, 1968</p> <p>Kick-off 7-15 p.m.</p> |
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SWINDON TOWN

Saturday 24th August 1968

Kick-off 3-00 p.m.

News and Views

This afternoon we welcome Swindon Town on their first-ever visit to the Victoria Ground.

Swindon finished 9th in the Third Division last season with 49 points. They have been in the Third Division ever since 1920 except for a brief spell in Division Two from 1963-65. In their side today we expect to see Don Rogers at outside-left, regarded by many as being one of the finest wingers in the country. Rogers has been top scorer for Swindon for the last two seasons with 25 goals each time.

We hope that our lads will record their first victory in Division Three this afternoon. They have been unfortunate in the games so

least a point. This defeat marked the end of our great run of 17 League games undefeated — our last League defeat being at Barnsley on 10th February this year. This run of League games undefeated was a new club record — a truly great achievement — and without it we would still be in the Fourth Division.

Our Reserve Team commences its Wear-side League fixtures today with an away game at Annfield Plain. Their first home game will be next Wednesday night when Murton will be the visitors (kick-off: 7.15 p.m.)

The F.A. Diary is now available, price 5s. 6d., by direct application to The Football Association, 22 Lancaster Gate, London, W2.

Our next game is on Monday night when Plymouth Argyle will be the visitors, kick-off: 7.15 p.m. We then have two away games on successive Friday nights at Reading and Bristol Rovers, and return to the Victoria Ground with a game against Shrewsbury Town on Friday, 13th September, kick-off 7.15 p.m.

The records played before the game and during the half-time interval are available from Bruce Moore Ltd., of York Road and Lynn Street, Hartlepool.

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Commercial News



Andy Rowley brings you all the latest Commercial news

Good evening and a warm welcome to this Friday night game against Swindon Town.

This evening we are again hosting guests in our Centenary Suite, with all attending receiving two free drinks prior to the game and a flier for another two free drinks at Changes in York Road Hartlepool.

Here's hoping that this event is a success and encourages more people to sample the corporate match day opportunities at Victoria Park.

On this note **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!**

For anyone who hasn't seen our GAME OF TWO HALVES offer on October 21st when we host Huddersfield Town, please see details opposite. This is a fantastic chance to enjoy a great day of sports.

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Happy Birthday!!

We would also like to welcome Joe Toner and Lucy Sewell who are guests in our CK Carvery restaurant this evening - they here to celebrate Joe's birthday. Let's hope for three points to make it a double celebration.

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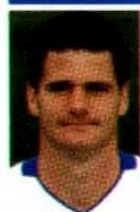


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Manager's View: Danny Wilson

It was a game that had it all really and by the end it was probably fair that neither side lost. I know how John Sheridan likes to set his teams up and I know how I set mine up and that's to entertain so we had a feeling that something like that would happen. If I'm being critical I wasn't pleased at the way we conceded the goals but really I can't complain because it was a terrific game and one that all the fans I'm sure will have enjoyed even if the Managers didn't!

Hartlepool United

Monkhouse, Sweeney, Porter

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Star Man: Joel Porter

Another mesmeric performance from the Pools star who not only scored himself from the spot but also had a hand in the build-up to the team's other two goals. It was his shot on the stretch which Mark Crossley could only parry for Antony Sweeney to equalise and it was his pinpoint cross to James Brown which brought about the penalty. He was as cool as anybody inside the ground as he stepped up to stroke home his penalty and his impact was as important as anyone's in Pools astonishing fightback.





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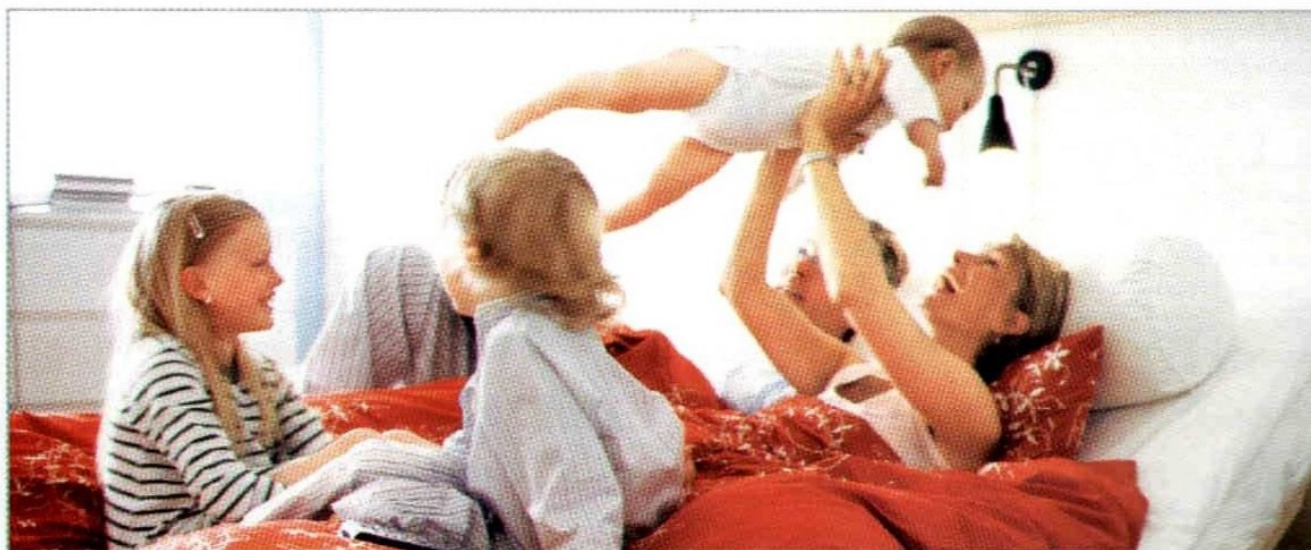
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MONKS GETS IN THE SCORING HABIT



Winger hopes to be on course for his ten-goal target for the season.

Andy Monkhouse has admitted that Pools need to find the solution to their long-standing away day blues if they are to make an impact on League One this term.

The winger and his team-mates were once again left disappointed on Saturday when they were beaten 1-0 at Leicester City, despite creating a number of opportunities to have taken something from the game.

And Monkhouse now insists that the time for hard luck stories is well past and the team need to find their feet on the road.

"We got off to the worst possible start on Saturday. To go 1-0 down after two minutes at a place like Leicester is a bit of a blow," Monkhouse told us.

"To be fair to the lads we came back well and looking at the game as a whole I thought we could have even nicked a draw in the end but it wasn't to be and ended up another away loss.

"We had a few chances and I don't think anyone would have complained if we did come away with a draw but we keep saying things like that. We can say all we want that we're playing well away from home but we're not picking up points and we need to sort that out quite quickly.

"We're quickly getting to the point where we just need a win, no matter how it comes along. That means it can be an own goal, a 94th minute winner, we'll take it however it comes. We don't people saying "they're a good team but they don't win" so we need to sort that out."

The 27-year-old has already hit the net four times this season and is happy with the way things are going for him as he looks to hit his goal-target for the campaign.





"I'm happy with my own form this season and certainly with the goals I've scored.

"I didn't get many last season but I've got four at the minute and with a long way to go I am wanting to get in to double figures this time.

"At the beginning of every season I always set myself the target of getting to ten at least. I'm up there for most set pieces and so I'll be disappointed if I don't make that target.

"Obviously it doesn't matter whether it's me or somebody else that scores as long as we do but at the minute it seems the ball has been attracted to my head! It's been good so hopefully me and the team can keep it going."

Pools have been irresistible for the most part at Victoria Park this season with the only blips arriving when Stockport stole the points

and Leicester won here in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Danny Wilson's men have fired eleven goals in their four home games to date and Monkhouse puts much of that down to Pools setting a high tempo that the opposition struggle to come to terms with.

"The last Friday game we had was against Cheltenham and we started off really well. If we get off to a similar type of start then not many teams in this division can live with us.

"We're all looking forward to it, it should be a decent game and with it being against my old club it always adds that bit extra.

"It'd be really good if I could get another goal on Friday; it's always special when you play against one of your old clubs but I'll be happy for whoever scores as long as we get the points."

Monkhouse's former employers have not enjoyed the best start to the new season but know that victory tonight would see them leap-frog Pools in the table. But the Pools star says that it is up to the players to ensure that doesn't happen by putting the Robins on the back foot as early as possible.

"I think a lot has changed since the time I was at Swindon. The management has changed a couple of times and a lot of the players have gone too but there are some I still know obviously.

"They've not started off the best this season so I think they'll be coming here to be nice and solid and maybe try to nick a draw.

"We'll just forget about them thought - if we get off to the kind of start we want then it shouldn't be a problem."

Andy Monkhouse





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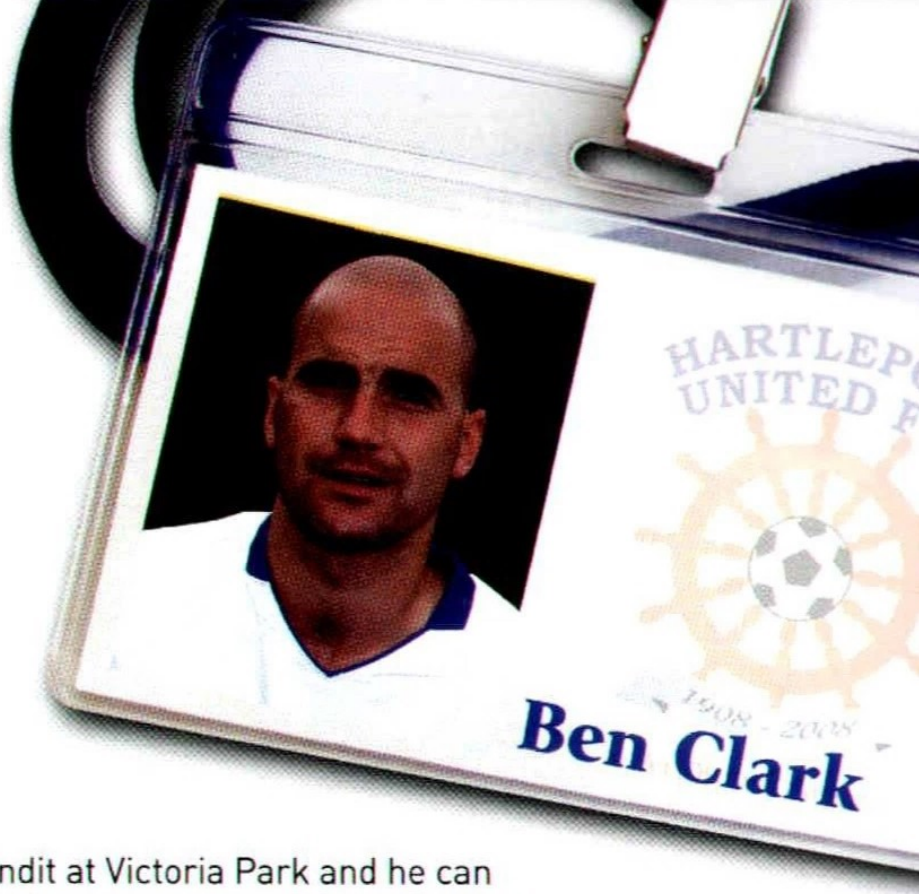
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| West Brom v Fulham | I'll go for a home win in this one | 2-0 | |
| Wigan v Middlesbrough | Heskey and Zaki to score the goals | 2-1 | |
| Norwich v Derby | A close one but City will edge it | 1-0 | |
| Nottm Forest v Crystal Palace | I saw Palace on TV – they're good | 1-2 | |
| Carlisle v Tranmere | Carlisle are too strong at home | 2-1 | |
| Huddersfield v Leicester | Leicester are a good, attacking team | 0-1 | |
| Yeovil v Southend | I'll go for Southend in that one | 1-2 | |
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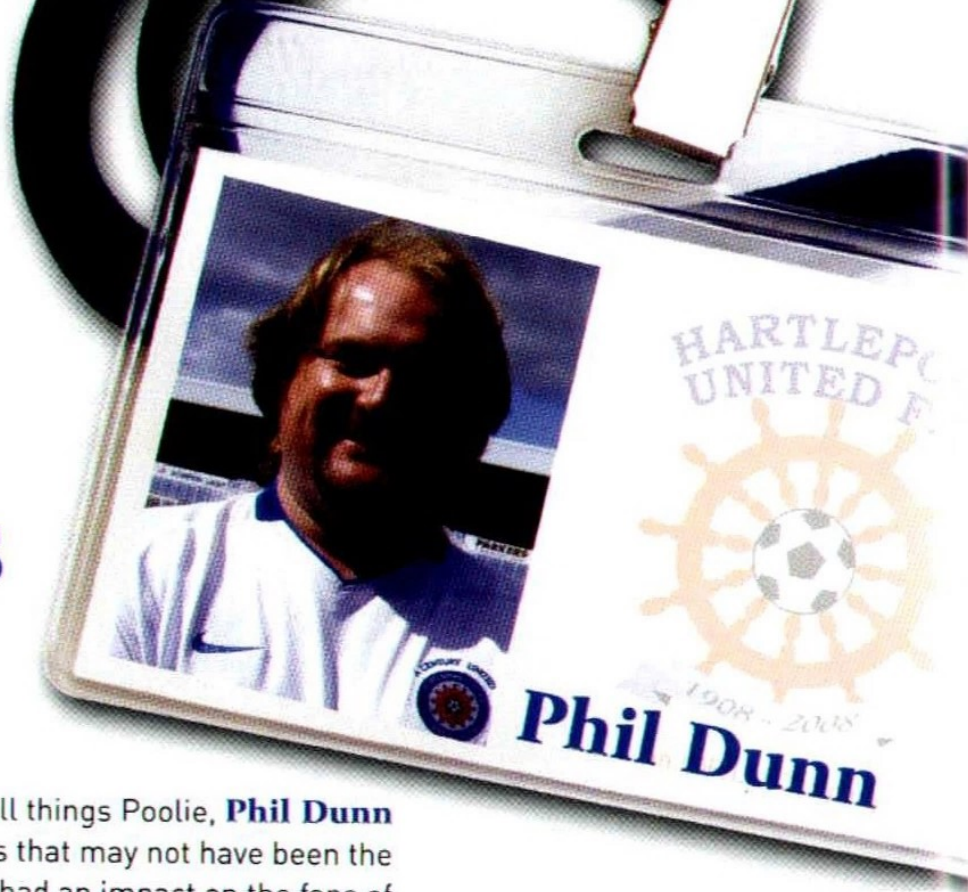
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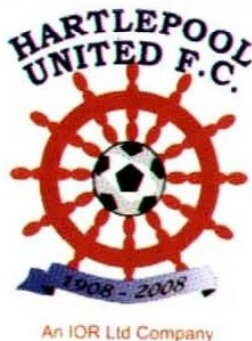
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No.5 - John Bird

Name: John Charles Bird
Date of Birth: 9th June 1948
Birthplace: Doncaster
Nationality: England
Debut:
09/08/1980 v York (A), 1-2
Last Match:
04/03/1985 v Southend (A), 1-1
Games: 53 + 2 = 155 (74th)
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Given that Hartlepool United Football Club had spent most of the 1970s being saved by the archaic Re-Election process, the dwindling crowds at The Vic were justifiably heartened by the addition to Billy Horner's squad of two proven, experienced quality players on the same day in July 1980. The two players that would ensure that Pools finished the 1980-81 season in an unheard of 9th position were Bobby Kerr from Sunderland and Doncaster-born Newcastle centre-half John Bird. From his Yorkshire Art Gallery, Bird takes up the story...

"I was 32 at the time and playing for Newcastle. I'd actually agreed terms with Hull City and their Manager Mike Smith. It was all done and dusted, we met in Beverley and I was due to put pen to paper when Pools came in for me. All the terms and benefits of the Hull contract were better with the exception of one thing... Hartlepool were offering me a four-year deal. It had to be the right thing to do."

That first season saw the big centre-half line up alongside Phil Brown, Billy Ayre and Mike Fagan in defence, with the likes of John Linacre, Derek Hampton and the returning-from-prison Bob Newton up front.

"When I see Phil Brown nowadays on the telly managing a Premiership team it makes me chuckle. When I first came to Pools he was playing for a team up in South Shields called Red Duster!! Me and

Billy Horner went up there to have a look at him, and he came down to training. Within two weeks he was in the First Team. Bob Newton was a funny lad. The first day he walked into the dressing room after getting released from prison he took one look at me and Bobby Kerr and said "You two think you're the stars, well I'm back, and Bob Newton's the star here!" Actually it got a bit naughty because we used to play Attack Vs Defence in 5-a-Sides and me and Bob Newton had a right ding-dong one day. Billy Horner had to physically stop the game! And that was just in training!"

A top ten finish for Bird's new team promised the start of something good at The Victoria Ground with the Pools fans taking Bird to their hearts due to his commanding displays at the back, and with 45 games under his belt, a new role

emerged for the likeable Yorkshireman.

"I'd always fancied Coaching, and I was the oldest pro at the club so Billy used to let me help out. Funnily enough it was Newton who caused one of my first problems.

We noticed his excuses for being late for training were getting worse, and his performances were slipping. He lived away from Hartlepool after he was in prison so Vince Barker told him unless he moved back to the town he was out. Next thing we know, he's parked a Caravan in the Car Park behind the stand! It's hilarious now but it happened."

Another 40+ games in the 1981-82 season for Bird saw Pools finish a disappointing 14th in the table, but Bird was in for a shock in the close season of 1982.

"Billy Horner was going on holiday, so to give me some experience of Management he left me in charge. It was the Summer and not a lot was meant to be happening so it seemed OK. Billy let me use his office and I was sat in there thinking about who to have a look at, who to let go and what have you - typical post-season stuff.

"Ronnie Harrison the Groundsman came in telling me the Bailiffs were outside and they wanted his Lawn-Mower! Anyway, they looked in the shed and there's Ronnie's mower all rusty and dropping to bits so they left it where it was - and started taking the goalposts!! At that precise moment the phone rang and it was Billy ringing in from Spain. You might not believe this but his first words were "Anything moving?"!! I nearly fell off my chair. "Only the goalposts, Bill."

Sadly Horner's days as Pools boss were numbered, and after a poor start to the next campaign first John Duncan and then Mick Docherty tried without success to steady the ship.

"Mick Docherty actually wanted me out of the door so I stormed in to see Vince Barker, the Chairman, but Docherty had beaten me to it and got to Vince. They were saying that having my Art Gallery in Whitley Bay was having an effect on my game so I was sacked. I went straight to the PFA and it went all the way to court with Gordon Taylor representing me. Remember, I was on a four-year contract and I wanted squaring up.

"What they hadn't remembered was that I already HAD the gallery when they signed me. In fact, they signed me INSIDE the place! Gordon had a photo blown up that was from The Mail showing me signing

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for Pools and it was blown out of court. Of course, I never saw the money as Pools couldn't afford it so they re-instated me!"

Following the re-instatement Bird played 33 games of the 82-83 season with his main challengers for a centre-half role being two up-and-coming Brothers who would both have long-lasting and fruitful careers, Andy and David Linighan.

"We brought the Linighan brothers on. Andy was the more complete centre-half, but David wasn't too far behind him. They were two big lads and they were Pools through and through."

After completing the fourth season of his contract, Bird re-registered as a Player but had just about taken on the coaching role full-time, when Billy Horner was sacked.

"We got beat 5-0 at home by Crewe who had David Platt and Geoff Thomas in their team and Billy was sacked straight away. The next Sunday we had a game away at Lincoln and I was put in charge. We won 4-1, played brilliantly with John Golligly scoring twice and Nigel Walker had a great match on the wing. A couple of games later I got the job full-time."

The 1988-89 Season had started so well for Bird's team, with Pools beating Man United 6-0 in a pre-season friendly, and winning away at Lincoln again on day one. Further wins against Darlington and away at York saw Pools move into second spot and fans began to wonder whether this was to be Hartlepool's moment in the sun. Sadly it wasn't to last. An approach for Bird was made by York City, who Pools had just hammered, and amazingly Chairman John Smart allowed talks to take place. It has since been made known that the Chairman was the ONLY member

of the five-man board to sanction the talks.

"I had a bit of a falling out because it looked like the board didn't want me and were happy for me to leave. I know now with hindsight that wasn't the case. I actually regret leaving when I did, as we were certainly heading in the right direction, but York were spending money on players and to be honest I thought I'd go to the top in Management.

"The sad part was I hadn't told the players, or my family I was leaving Hartlepool, I was waiting until after the next match. Regrettably it all came out on the way to an away match at Doncaster via the bus radio. I was gutted, only Alan Little out of the entire bus knew that I was going. It was a sad day, as some of the Pools fans turned on me and I had to have a Police escort out of Belle Vue, in my home town. Not a great end."

Following three seasons at York City and two as Halifax Town boss, John returned to his first love, painting, and has now opened his own gallery in Bawtry near Doncaster. Indeed, nowadays John is an artist of some repute, with a heavy workload supplying eight other galleries and contracts with the National Trust and English Heritage. His work is on display at www.johnbirdart.co.uk and it's incredible to think that the hard, uncompromising Pools defender of the early 80s could turn out such marvellous paintings.

"I really don't miss football at all. Don't get me wrong, I still watch it on the telly but I haven't been to a game for years. In fact, I've only had one day off this year! But my times at Hartlepool were my happiest times in football when I look back. Hard times but happy times!"

Reserves Update

Ian Butterworth brings us up to speed with the Reserves' midweek win.

Leeds United Hartlepool

The lads recorded a brilliant win on Tuesday night when they beat Leeds United 2-1 in front of 500 fans at Elland Road.

I was critical of the players after their previous performance at Huddersfield but as bad as were there, the lads made up for it this week with a really solid performance.

It was a strong Leeds team that we lined up against, I think six of their starting eleven had also started the Carling Cup tie against us the previous week so we knew it would be a difficult test for us.

We played in a slightly different shape against them too, I usually go for a conventional 4-4-2 formation but we went with more of a 4-3-3 on Tuesday night which matched Leeds up and we certainly looked more solid in midfield. It meant the lads had to work hard all game and do a job on their opposite numbers but they did this really well.

We created the better chances in the game and got in front when a Matty Robson cross was turned in to this own net by Leeds defender Paul Huntington. He was under pressure at the back post from Matty Tymon but credit has to go to Robson who delivered a number of high quality crosses and caused Leeds problems all night down the left flank.

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He got forward very well from left-back and Snodgrass just couldn't cope with him.

It was because we'd been on top for most of the half that it was disappointing we didn't take our lead in to the break. We actually conceded with practically the last kick of the half when Bradley Johnson got in behind us and his deflected shot found a way past Mark Cook.

Leeds came back at us a little in the second half and that meant we had to defend strongly which we did very well, Mark Cook made a couple of decent saves when called upon. However, we continued to pose a threat, especially down the left hand side with Matty and David Foley was also causing problems behind the front two and was causing havoc for the Leeds defence at times.

Our winning goal came in spectacular fashion when Foley picked the ball up in space and, with the Leeds defenders backing off, he fired a brilliant strike in to the top corner of the net. It was a hell of a goal and it's something we want to see more of

from David because at times he hasn't given us that end product.

It was a great win for us and I was delighted for the players because they had the belief they could win even at Elland Road and against a very strong Leeds line-up. It just goes to show that even so-called better players can be frustrated and stressed if you put them under pressure and that's what got us our victory.

This kind of performance is what we've been after and what we need to see more of now. They've been criticised in the past at Reserve level but we want these young players to take the bull by the horns and show that they can make that step up to the First Team. We need them to perform week in and week out to put pressure on the lads who are currently in the First Team. Hopefully we can see more of that in the coming weeks.

Pools: Cook, Tait, Smith, Clark, Robson, Young, Rowell (Ellison 85), Power, Foley, Mackay, Tymon.

Subs not used: Thomas, Sharples, Scaife, Blackford.

For more info on the Reserves go to hartlepoolunited.co.uk and look under Team.

Central League Fixtures 2008/09

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| Wed 20 Aug | Barnsley | 4-0 |
| Wed 3 Sep | Carlisle United | 1-4 |
| Tue 9 Sep | Sunderland | 0-4 |
| Wed 24 Sept | Huddersfield Town | 0-3 |
| Tue 30 Sept | Leeds United | 2-1 |
| Wed 15 Oct | Grimsby Town | 2pm |
| Wed 22 Oct | York City | 7pm |

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| Wed 5 Nov | Rotherham United | 2pm |
| Tue 11 Nov | Scunthorpe United | 2pm |
| Tue 16 Dec | Bradford City | 2pm |
| Wed 7 Jan | Huddersfield Town | 7pm |
| Tue 20 Jan | York City | 7pm |
| Wed 11 Feb | Scunthorpe United | 2pm |
| Tue 24 Feb | Rotherham United | 2pm |

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| Wed 11 Mar | Leeds United | 7pm |
| Wed 25 Mar | Grimsby Town | 7pm |
| Wed 8 Apr | Barnsley | 7pm |
| Wed 22 Apr | Bradford City | 2pm |

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Home games in Bold

HUDSONS

Youth Update

Micky Barron brings us up to date with the latest action from the Youth Team.

Rotherham Hartlepool

On Saturday morning the lads picked up a decent point away at Rotherham after a good battling display which included some excellent individual performances.

We knew we had to improve on previous performances and I think the lads stepped up to the task extremely well and I was very pleased with them all.

We've been asking the players to try and force more opportunities in front of goal for themselves and I think we counted at least fifteen decent chances to score during the ninety minutes at the weekend.

The retention of possession was also much improved on recent weeks and the lads were knocking it around fairly well so all round it was a pleasing display.

Darryl Scaife scored the opening goal on the quarter hour mark when he was put through by Jack Sharples and slid the ball confidently in to the net.

Callum Martin's terrific free-kick was turned goalwards by Anthony Wakefield and it looked like we'd doubled the lead only for a deflection to send the ball wide.

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And there was still time for Marc Ellison to strike the post with a shot before half time as he came close to scoring his second goal of the season.

After the break Rotherham came back in to the game a little and began to put us under some pressure at the back, which you have to expect at some point as the away side.

However, we were a bit disappointed that we gave away a bit of a sloppy goal when we were punished for not clearing our lines.

The lads responded well to conceding though and it was a wonderful goal that restored our lead when Billy Blackford cut inside and belted an unstoppable shot in to the net from thirty-five yards.

We didn't sit back on our 2-1 lead though and the lads went hunting for what would have been the killer goal - Tom Marron had a volley well-saved and Lee Mason hit

a post as well as also having a later effort cleared off the line.

But all the missed opportunities came back to haunt us when we conceded an equaliser in injury time - we've let in a few late goals in recent games and it was disappointing to lose another.

And the way it came was dubious to say the least when the ball bounced down off the underside of the bar and the linesman signalled it had crossed the line.

It was a bit sickening to see the lads only come away with a point because their attitude and determination had deserved the victory in my opinion.

Pools: Thomas, Sharples, Purvis, Ellison, Marron, Johnson, Martin, Charlton (Liddle), Scaife, Wakefield (Mason), Blackford.

Subs not used: Quantrill, McRoberts, Mooney.

For more info on the Youth go to hartlepoolunited.co.uk and look under Team.



Youth Alliance Fixtures 2008/09

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|-------------|---------------------|---------|
| Sat 30 Aug | Scunthorpe United | 2-2 |
| Sat 6 Sept | Bradford City | P-P |
| Sat 13 Sept | Chesterfield | 0-1 |
| Sat 20 Sept | Darlington | 0-1 |
| Sat 27 Sept | Rotherham United | 2-2 |
| Sat 4 Oct | Lincoln City | 12 noon |
| Sat 11 Oct | Chesterfield (YFC1) | 1pm |
| Sat 18 Oct | Grimsby Town | 12 noon |
| Sat 25 Oct | York City | 11am |
| Sat 1 Nov | Boston United | 1pm |

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| Sat 8 Nov | Hull City | 12 noon |
| Sat 15 Nov | Mansfield Town | 12 noon |
| Sat 29 Nov | Doncaster Rovers | 12 noon |
| Sat 13 Dec | Scunthorpe United | 12 noon |
| Sat 10 Jan | Bradford City | 11am |
| Sat 17 Jan | Chesterfield | 12 noon |
| Sat 31 Jan | Darlington | 11am |
| Sat 7 Feb | Lincoln City | 12 noon |
| Sat 14 Feb | Rotherham United | 12 noon |
| Sat 21 Feb | Grimsby Town | 12 noon |

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| Sat 7 Mar | York City | 11am |
| Sat 14 Mar | Boston United | 1pm |
| Sat 28 Mar | Hull City | 12 noon |
| Sat 4 Apr | Mansfield Town | 12 noon |
| Sat 18 Apr | Doncaster Rovers | 12 noon |

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The Youth Team's home games are played at the Riverside Sports Complex in Chester-le-Street.

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Centre of Excellence

Terry Mitchell updates us on the latest Centre of Excellence news

Hello and welcome everyone to Victoria Park for this evening's home game against Swindon Town. Let's hope for another display like our last home game but with three points to cap off the night.

Since our last game our Centre of Excellence teams have played two matches against Scunthorpe and Darlington. In both fixtures there have been some good individual and team performances throughout the age groups.

Against Scunthorpe United our attacking play was the highlight of all our teams with lots of goals being scored - with our Under 13's, 14's, and 15's getting 16 goals between them.

The performance of the day went to our Under 15's; Coaches Tommy Conner and Ritchie Humphreys were delighted with the quality of the team's play.

Tommy and Ritchie said the most pleasing aspect was our switching play as we had worked on this in the previous week, and the players put it into practice to good effect.

We dominated most of the game with a lot of good passages of play and good movement off the ball, creating lots of chances throughout the game.

Our finishing was also very good and our scorers were: - Dominic Marshall (2), Lewis Fitton (2), Christopher Dodds, and Callum Wilson.

To cap off a good display we also defended well and restricted Scunthorpe to very few chances in the game.

Against Darlington our performance of the day went to our Under 14's; Coaches Richard Hill and Joel Porter were very pleased with the quality of the team's play.

We outplayed them and dominated the whole game from start to finish. The most pleasing aspect was our defending shape, defending as a team (restricting Darlington to only a few shots) and our forward passing from midfield. These were the objectives we set the team and had worked on in training in the previous week.

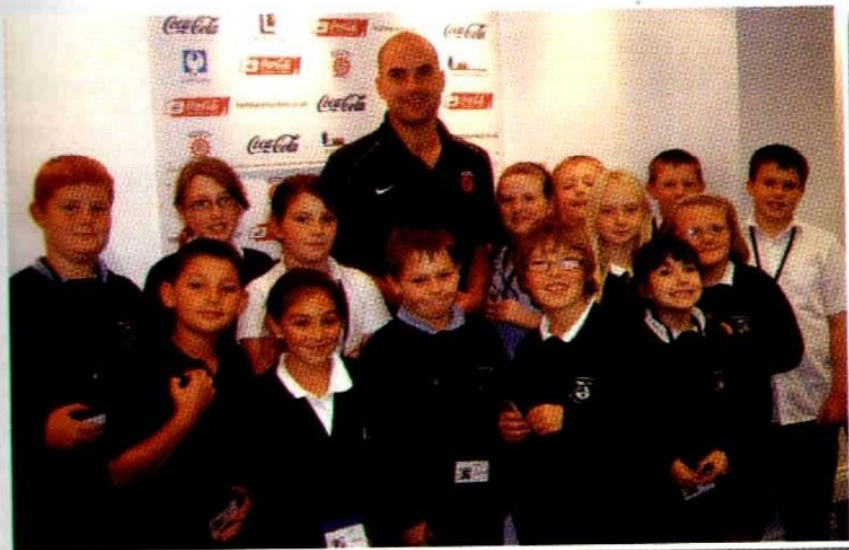
Our attacking play was very good in the first period and we scored four well-worked goals. We continued to create lots of chances throughout the game. Our best two goals came in the final period when Luke James capped off a very good individual display with his third goal of the game from a great cross from Matthew Butt. Then Matthew scored a very good header from 10 yards from another good right sided cross. Pools other scorers were Aaron Brown and Lewis Green.

This Sunday we are in action against York City with our Under 11's, 13's and 15's travelling away and our Under 12's, 14's and 16's playing at home at Manor College - all kick offs are at 11am. Our Under 9's and 10's do not have a game.

Enjoy the game and let's get behind the lads.

For more info on the Centre of Excellence go to hartlepoolunited.co.uk and look under Team.

Study Support Centre



Pools' players have been put on the spot in the Pools Study Support Centre

Once again members of the First Team squad have shown what good sports they are when they've worked recently with the pupils in the Pools Study Support Centre. Ben Clark patiently answered questions from the Y5 and Y6 pupils from Greatham Primary during his visit to the Pools Classroom last week. He gave the budding young interviewers a real insight into the life of a footballer, outlining training routines and how it feels to walk out of the tunnel on a match day at The Vic.

Matty Robson was given a real grilling by the West Park Primary pupils with some difficult and in depth questions that had been prepared by the Y6 students themselves. Again Matty answered with honesty and humour. However, he went one step further when working with the students from High Tunstall College. The Y8s have been creating their own 'Match of the Day' style video and Matty was put in the spotlight when asked to give his opinions in front of the camera, without a rehearsal. Thanks again to Matty for rising to the challenge and playing his part perfectly!

Later in the term we hope to involve more of the squad in the journalistic style activities undertaken by the Pools Study Support Centre students. The lads are always willing to lend a hand and of course their visits are the highlight of the pupils time with us. We are really grateful for the time they give to our students.

Joining us in the hospitality box for this evening's match, without their cameras and notepads, are some of our star reporters from the PFS Primary groups. Rebecca, Matthew and Luke from West Park join Caitlin, Heather and Jade from Jesmond Road. Completing our line up are Caitlin, Jak and Lucy from Clavering Primary. Lets hope they have plenty to report on! Enjoy the game.



For all the latest news on Pools visit hartlepoolunited.co.uk

HUDSA

The latest HUDSA news from Neil Appleyard

Hello everyone and a warm welcome to tonight's game with Swindon Town. Hopefully we shall continue our excellent home form and come away with another 3 points. Strangely enough one of Hartlepool's former players - a Mr. Bobby Smith was once the manager at Swindon and if I remember correctly he took them to the League Cup semi finals many years ago. He went onto to be either a manager or assistant manager at a number of clubs.

For myself and HUDSA it has been a busy time. We held a committee meeting a few weeks ago and sorted out a few things. We are going to take special needs people to a number of away games which is extremely exciting. As well as this we are continuing with our caravan project which has been really well received this year and hopefully we can improve on the service next year. We are not only helping people in the local community but we are also helping people from the area as a whole.

The HUDSA Christmas Party has been booked and this will take place at Hartlepool Workingmen's Club on King Oswy Drive on December 12th starting at 7.30pm. Tickets will be £3 and we have Hartlepool's very own Passion Killers providing the entertainment. These will be on sale at a later date but keep looking in the programme for further details.

Over the last few weeks I have been attending a number of meetings regarding disability issues and some of the things that are in the planning stages are really exciting. I hope that these come to fruition as it would be wonderful for Hartlepool.

It was quite interesting as I was asked to write down a history of HUDSA recently and I must admit that it took a great deal of time as we have achieved so much in such a short space of time. We always put forward the idea of integration as our top aim, and looking at what has been done to a get to that stage is superb. As well as this we are also seen as an integral part of the community of the town and to me that is such a wonderful testament to our Association.

Enjoy the game. All the best, Neil.

Treatment Room

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It's been quite a busy time in the treatment room over the last few weeks but things are clearing up well and hopefully that can continue through October.

Obviously Willie Boland is the main absentee at the moment with his knee injury which he sustained in the home game with Stockport County. He had the brace removed from his knee last week and has been working as hard as he can in the gym.

Hopefully we can step up his work to some light jogging in training this week and that will help him regain the strength and be a big move forward

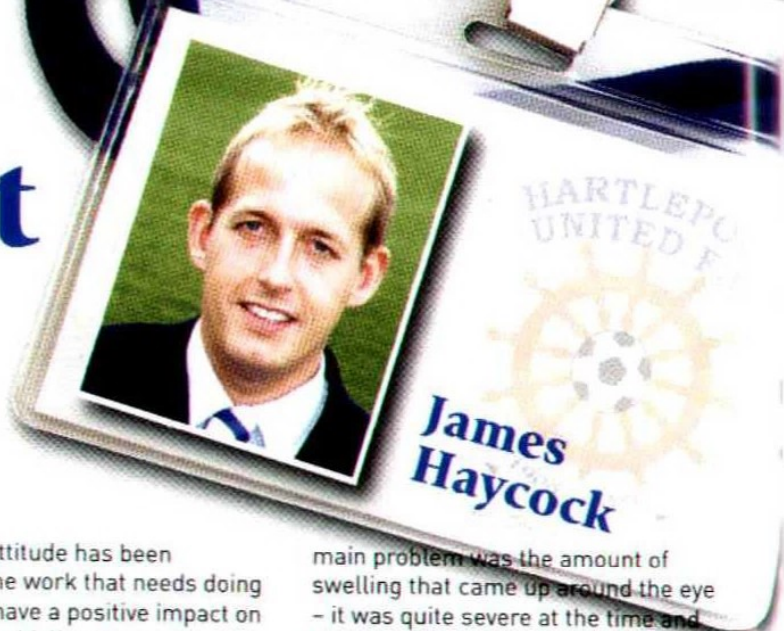
for him. His attitude has been excellent to the work that needs doing and that will have a positive impact on the time he is sidelined.

Ben Clark made a full recovery from his ankle injury and played ninety minutes for the Reserves last week at Huddersfield and was also involved at Leeds this week. He's done well getting back from a nasty sprain but he needs minutes under his belt before any risks are taken.

Antony Sweeney took a severe blow just above his right eye during our Carling Cup tie at Leeds last week and needed four stitches. However, the

main problem was the amount of swelling that came up around the eye – it was quite severe at the time and because it had closed up there was no chance of him playing on. However, he showed a great desire to play at Leicester on Saturday and was icing the eye a lot in a bid to reduce that swelling – a tactic which paid off for him and he was able to make the trip to the Walkers Stadium.

Andy Monkhouse has been suffering some pain with a bruised toe but we're hopeful that with treatment this will continue to subside but this hasn't stopped Andy playing nor getting among the goals in recent weeks!



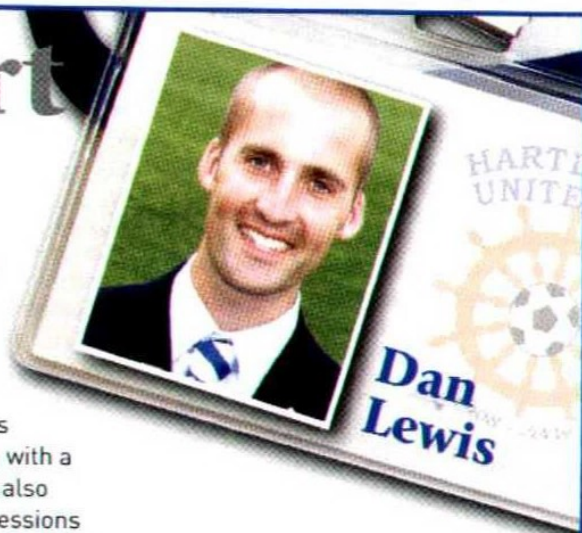
Fitness Report

We have had a good couple of weeks in terms of the players' conditioning levels. Clearly we have had three First Team games but we have also had two Reserve Team games which have helped to ensure the whole squad has been able to get plenty of match time in order that their specific match fitness levels remain high.

As a result of the games, we have not completed any additional endurance work with the squad. Having the midweek game at Leeds last week meant that much of the week was spent recovering from games and ensuring the players were prepared for the next game. This week we have been able to focus solely on tonight's game and ensured the preparations have been complete. We have completed a large amount of specific speed and agility training during the football

sessions.

The strength and power programmes the players are following have continued. The whole squad have been completing their power based programmes two mornings each week, with a selected group of players also coming in for additional sessions designed to improve their levels of conditioning, specifically in the areas of speed and strength. We saw from the fitness test results last week some pleasing improvements amongst the players who have been completing these additional sessions, illustrating that the work they are putting in is having positive results for them.



HUCSF



Keith Nobbs brings us the latest news from the Community Sports Foundation.

Soccer Course 26th - 29th August 2008

In the last week of our soccer course we had our biggest excursion to Xscape, an indoor snow centre in Pontefract. Once again we had our skill challenges running and also a 5-a-side competition within our two age groups.

Michael Mackay was the player to come and hand out the prizes to our skill challenge and 5-a-side winners and also answer some questions from the group. The trip to Xscape was a fantastic success and the group thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had almost an hour tobogganing on the slope which was great fun and the kids had a chance to laugh at the coaches who all had a race and were nowhere as fast as the kids.

After lunch we had two groups going into Laser Quest in which you had score as many points as possible by shooting opposite teams in the maze. The whole trip went well without any incidents so well done all involved. It was a fantastic way to end the summer soccer course which has been very enjoyable and successful. We will be running another course in the October holidays in which a free mini football is also offered in the price.

We would also like to thank Danny and Ian for their continued support in allowing us to use the players throughout our activities programme. The children are always excited at the chance of meeting professional footballers, who help with education,

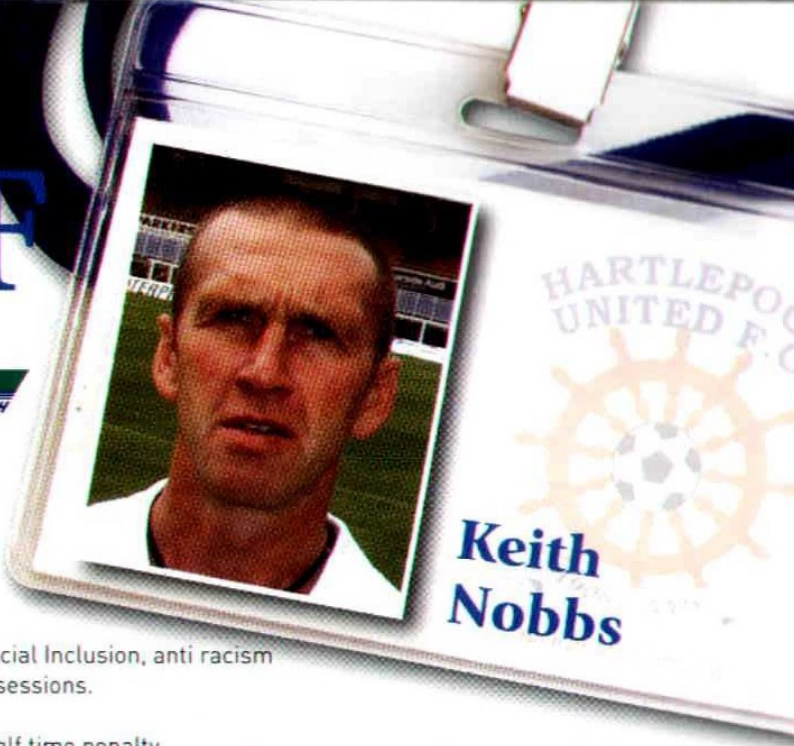
health, social inclusion, anti racism and Q&A sessions.

HUCSF Half time penalty competition
Our annual half time penalty competition is also underway with Brougham, St Begas, Hart and Oakdene already through to the next round. St Teresa's will be looking to keep hold of the trophy again this year but will have some strong teams challenging for the title.

Stranton v Sacred Heart
Holy Rosary (Billingham) v Throston.

Good luck to all involved and enjoy today's game.

Keith



HARTLEPOOL UNITED COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION AUTUMN SOCCER COURSE

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Monday 27th to Friday 31st October

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Age: 8 - 13 Years Boys and Girls

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Manager's View: Danny Wilson

"It was a fantastic cup tie and the lads gave everything once again. They put us under quite a lot of pressure throughout the game but I thought we looked excellent on the counter-attack and scored two very good goals. It was extremely disappointing to lose to such a late goal, especially in the manner it arrived where it looked more like a cross than a shot. The fans were terrific as well and spurred the team on during the game and gave them a great ovation at the final whistle too."

Leeds United

Snodgrass, Showunmi, Robinson

Hartlepool United

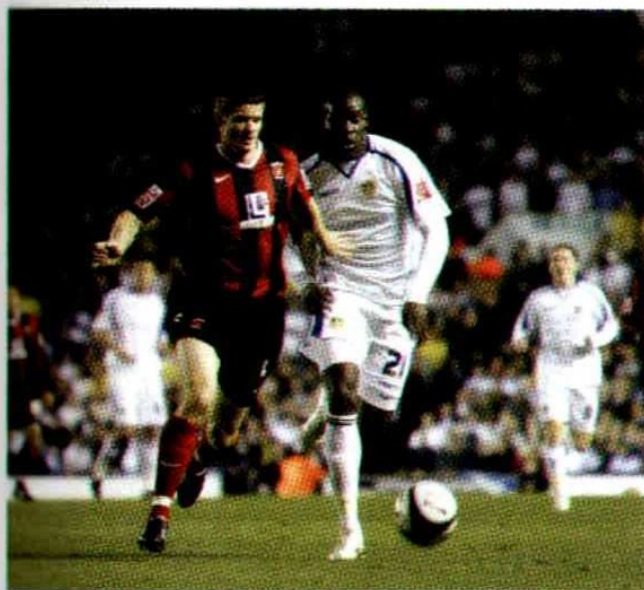
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Date: Tuesday 23rd September 2008 | Venue: Elland Road | Competition: Carling Cup Round Three | Attendance: 14,599



Star Man: Joel Porter

The front man put in another tireless shift in attack as he covered just about every inch of grass at Elland Road. He held the ball up well and brought others in to play and also harried and harassed the Leeds defenders and caused them problems at every opportunity. His goal was also one from the very top drawer as he sprung on to a loose ball on the edge of the box before expertly curling it over and around helpless keeper Casper Ankergren in the Leeds goal.





Manager's View: Danny Wilson

"Conceding a goal in the first couple of minutes is bad enough but when it is somewhere like Leicester, you are always making it tough for yourself. Giving a sloppy goal away early on is out of character for us – we know exactly how we are supposed to start games so to concede such a scrappy goal so early was disappointing. In the second half we pretty much controlled the game but when it came to getting that bit of luck we were lacking today."

Leicester City

Oakley

Hartlepool United

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Date: Saturday 27th September 2008 | Venue: Walkers Stadium | Competition: League One | Attendance: 18,578



Star Man: Ritchie Jones

The young midfielder is developing in to an excellent signing and has produced some very mature performances in the middle of the park. His display at Leicester was in that bracket as he kept possession well and showed his eye for a pass on numerous occasions. He's also keen in the tackle and likes to get forward and support the attack as often as is possible.



I'M RARING TO GO ROARS KYLE



New signing vows to give his all in month's loan spell at The Vic.

Kevin Kyle has revealed the determination to prove himself has led to his loan move to Victoria Park from Coventry City.

The 27-year-old Scot confirmed his move to Pools on Wednesday morning and says he's looking forward to showing the fans what he's capable of.

"I'm excited about the move and delighted to be back in the North East.

"I've had some good times here in the past and things have not been going according to plan recently so it's nice to get away and try something fresh at Hartlepool.

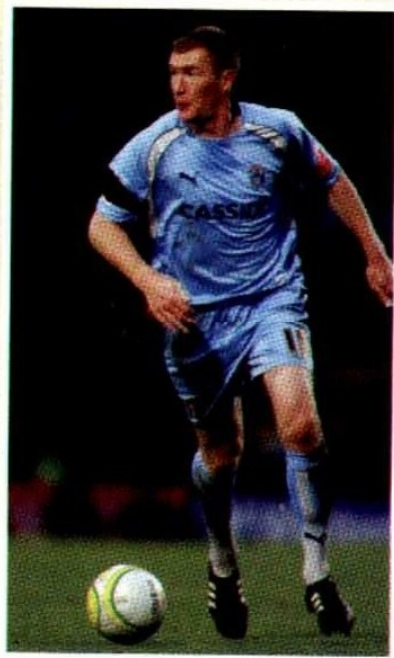
"I'm pleased to be here and I'm looking forward to playing some First Team football again.

"Tommy Miller gave me a call and asked about my situation and told me I needed to be playing games but really I knew that myself.

"I got on the phone to the

Manager and the Chairman at Coventry and thankfully I managed to sort out my move to Hartlepool."

Kyle admitted that he has been looking for a move away from Coventry since the summer where things haven't worked out following a £600,000 move from Sunderland in 2006.



However, the Stranraer-born forward has lifted the lid on a clause in his City contract which he says is prohibiting from featuring further for the Sky Blues.

"I wanted to get a move in the summer but it didn't happen so I went back to Coventry and knuckled down and enjoyed a great pre season.

"I thought I would get my chance but it didn't really happen so I kept on going and training really well but I've just found out really that I've played 47 games for Coventry and if I play 50 then they have to pay Sunderland another £100,000.

"I've kept working hard and scored a couple of goals for the Reserves this season but this opportunity to come to Hartlepool came up and I wanted to push it through.

"There were a few other clubs in this division interested but I came to watch a few weeks ago and was impressed with how many crosses they put in to the box which is what

I thrive on.

"I'm just really pleased to be here now and I can't wait to get started with the game on Friday night."

Kyle came through the ranks at the Stadium of Light and made fleeting appearances in his early days, before really making his mark in the 2003/2004 season. He blasted sixteen goals and was named North East Young Player of the Year as the Black Cats not only reached the play-off semi-finals but also an FA Cup semi-final against Millwall

"It was weird because Sunderland had been relegated and were cutting costs so the younger players got a chance to prove themselves.

"I was lucky enough to play some games and we had a great season – we got to the semi-final of the FA Cup and then also to the play-offs only to lose to Palace in heart-breaking fashion.

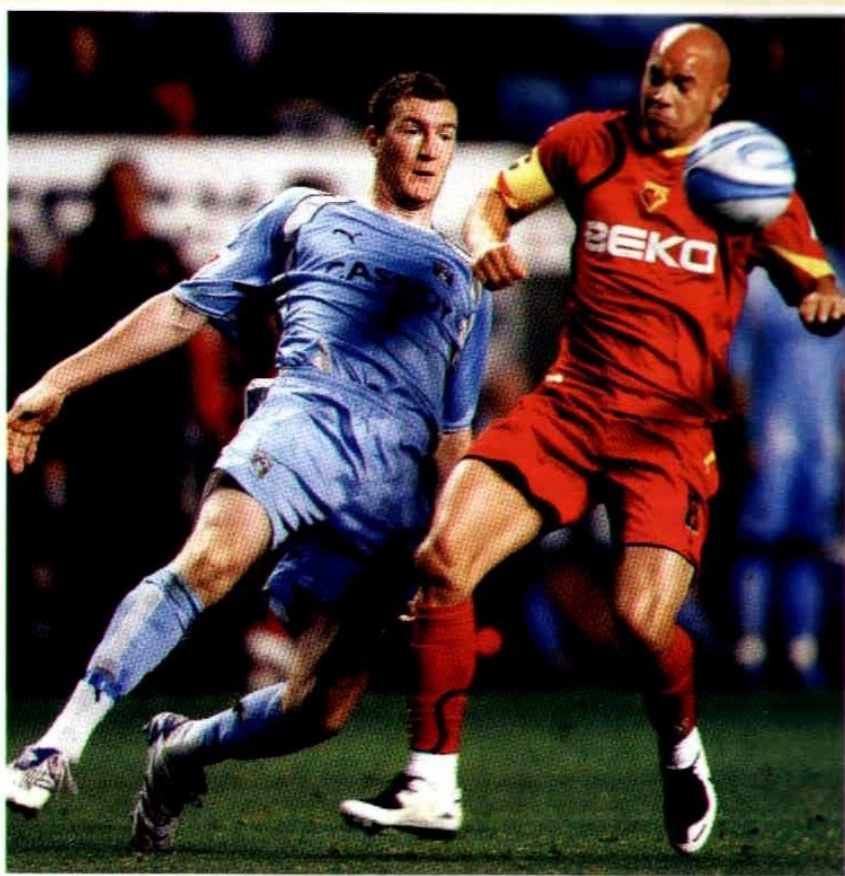
"That was my first full season and I thought that I'd managed to establish myself in the Sunderland team but then in the first couple of days of training the next season my hip went and I had two years out of the game.

"I wasn't sure whether I could get back to that kind of form but I have shown glimpses of it and I've done well in a lot of games at Coventry but it was a consistency thing – that's something I want to get sorted here."

And while the deal sees Kyle link-up with Pools for one month at the moment, he's crossing his fingers that he'll be able to extend that if his performances are good.

"I've signed for an initial month but hopefully if it goes well then I can stick around until January but we'll see what happens.

"I'm looking forward to the



challenge and to being back in the North East because I've missed it having spent seven years here and I've got a son up in Sunderland who will be pleased to see his Daddy every day too!

"I want to get some games, some form and some goals to try and help Hartlepool up the table.

"We're on ten points at the moment but that's only six outside the play-offs so a couple of back-to-back wins can sort that out.

"I don't think I've trained any better than I

have been this season so now I want to transfer that from the Coventry training field to Hartlepool on a Saturday afternoon – or Friday night as it might be in the next couple of weeks!"



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Junior Poolies Likes and Dislikes

Name:

Mitchell Pailor Reed

Age: 9

School Attending:

West Park Primary

My Favourite Pools Player:

James Brown

My Hobbies:

Football, Swimming, French, T.V, golf

My Dislikes:

rugby and tidying up!

Name:

Jonathan Robert Umpleby

Age: 13

School Attending:

Manor

My Favourite Pools Player:

James Brown

My Hobbies:

Rugby, drums, football

My Dislikes:

Carrots!

Birthday Board

Benjamin Johnstone

celebrates his 6th birthday on the 14th of the month. Benjamin attends St Aidens School and his favourite player is Joel Porter.

Lauren Bunter

celebrates her 13th birthday on the 16th of the month. Lauren attends Dyke House School and her favourite Pools player is Andy Monkhouse.

Daniel Phillips

turns 15 on the 18th of the month. Daniel attends Dyke House School and his favourite player is Sam Collins.

Pick up an application form from the Ticket Office, Club Shop or go online at hartlepoolunited.co.uk and click on 'Fans' and then 'Junior Poolies'. For further information please contact Natalie or Andy in the Commercial Department on 01429 272584 (option 3) or email juniormembers@hartlepoolunited.co.uk.

Hangu's Hangout

Nearing 1,000!

By the time you read this I could have hit my pre-season target of getting up to 1,000 friends on Facebook! Thank you to everyone who has added me as a friend since I joined the site – but I'm still looking for more of you!! When you join you'll be able to see photos and videos of me as well as send me messages and write on my Wall!

Simply sign up to Facebook @ www.facebook.com and then search for 'hangu mascot' to find me!!

Who's Their Mascot?

Rockin' Robin is the mascot from Swindon Town and I have to tell you he's got all the moves going on!! His dancing skills are renowned throughout the league so if he hasn't managed to get to The Vic tonight I'll have to step in and bust a groove myself!



Answers: Michael Nelson

Three In One

How quickly can you guess which Pools player is describing himself here...

I used to play for Bishop Auckland in my younger days.

I moved to Bury in 2001 after a successful trial

My move to Pools came in 2003 and I scored on my debut at Peterborough.

I was the Club's joint Player of the Year in 2006/2007.

My squad number this season is 5.

Who am I?



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After playing three of the best sides in the division, tonight sees the visit of Swindon Town and like Pools they too are not able to compete financially with the likes of Leicester and Leeds who both have large squads and the resources to ensure that they are going to be there or thereabouts come next May.

It was quite frightening to just look at strength and depth Leeds had on the bench at Elland Road recently in the Carling Cup. That makes the performance Pools gave all the more admirable. A last minute fluke/wonder goal did for Pools and it was a first minute goal that prevented the lads from coming back from Leicester with a point. No doubt Danny will have stressed the importance of concentration from the first second to the last one to his players tonight.

I expect that the Referees bosses will have had a similar message to their officials after a couple of weekends of high profile howlers. The ghost goal for Reading at Watford recently has provoked much debate and also a few dubious looking penalties have also raised eyebrows. I cannot and will not try to justify some of these decisions that are obviously wrong. The "goal" at Watford is unexplainable, I have never seen anything like it before and hopefully never will. It was a mistake that will haunt the Assistant Referee forever, I know the guy, he has ran the line for me at many of the top Premier League grounds in this country and

I would have taken him anywhere with me. He has enjoyed a long and successful career but will now probably be jettisoned from top flight games for his mistake. That to me is harsh, he got it wrong, badly wrong but the castigation he has received in the press is over the top. If the clubs are serious about sportsmanship I would love to see in the return fixture, Reading let Watford score a goal at the start of the game. Will it happen, let's wait and see, I won't hold my breath.

We have seen a fair few debatable penalties given also recently, the Ronaldo one at old Trafford was obviously wrong. Players like him though continue to make exaggerated dives that make the Ref's job all the more difficult. The cries for video refs increase every time this happens. I don't think that the game of football could support constant

stops and starts to review incidents, but what could and should happen is that players who it is proved have taken a dive should be banned retrospectively, that just might discourage a few and also make the Refs job a whole lot easier.

I have tickets to give away for every Pools home League game, to enter my competitions check out the website on www.alpha1032.com.

Catch me on my Football Phone in from 6-7 pm every Saturday on Alpha 103.2, call me on 01325 25 55 55. To read my other columns or listen to the shows online go to www.jeffwinter.co.uk

If you do want to ask me a question or give me your opinions then tune in and let me know your views.

Jeff Winter

The former official gives his views on Pools and Reading's 'goal' against Watford.



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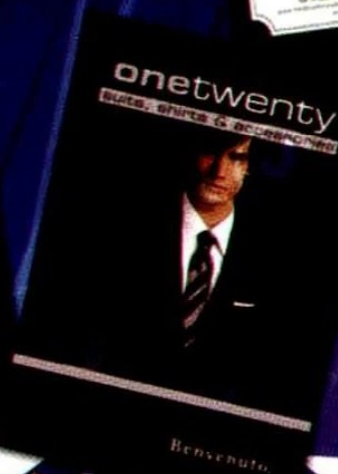
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Looking Ahead

Next at Victoria Park Hartlepool United v Huddersfield Town

Tuesday 21st October 2008 | Kick-off 7.45pm



The Terriers started the season among the favourites for promotion from League One after splashing the cash to bolster their squad for a charge on the top six.

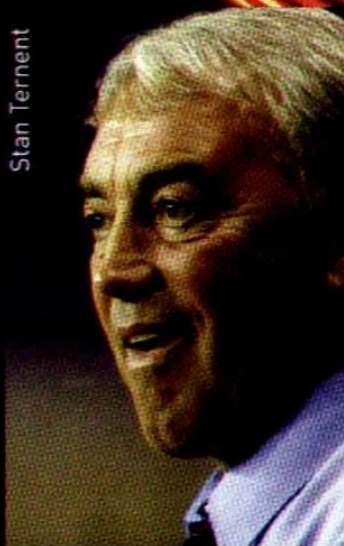
However, it's been a relatively disappointing start for Stan Ternent's side and they currently lie 15th in the division with just two wins to their name so far.

It took them until September to register their first League One success and have shown signs of finally finding their feet following a 3-2 win over Northampton and a creditable 1-1 draw at in-form Oldham.

Town began their preparation for the new campaign by taking part in Pools' pre season Centenary Tournament at Victoria Park – particularly appropriate as it is also the Terriers' Centenary this season.

Pools won 2-0 last time the side met in competitive action at The Vic back in March, a victory which helped erase the memory of a poor 2-0 defeat at the Galpharm Stadium last November.

Stan Ternent



Joe Skarz



On the Road Northampton v Hartlepool United

Friday 10th October 2008,
7.45pm kick-off

General Info

The Sixfields Stadium,
Northampton, NN5 5QA



Contact Details

Main Switchboard: 01604 683 700
Website: www.ntfc.co.uk

Ticket Information

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It opens approximately one and a half hours before kick-off and they will only accept cash for tickets – if you want to pay by a different method then you should report to the Main Ticket Office.

Prices:

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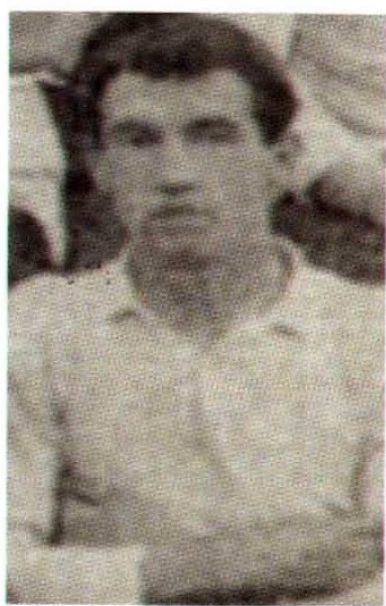
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This Week Then

Colin Foster delves in to the Club's archives to bring us what was happening at The Vic this week over the past century.



Tommy Burns

100 Years Ago

Pools play their first ever FA Cup game and as fate has it they're drawn away to amateur outfit West Hartlepool. As both sides share the Victoria Ground the games took place there in front of seven thousand fans. The only first class game to take place between the two sides sees Pools win by two goals to one with Chris Smith and Tommy Brown strikes being enough to see the professional side through and make it five games unbeaten at the start of their first season.

94 Years Ago

James Hibbert scores for the fifth consecutive game as he nets in a two-one reverse at The Vic, to the Newcastle United A team. He mirrors the feat of former Newcastle United A player Ted McIntyre who netted in five games on the bounce during the 1910-11 season.

83 Years Ago

Miner and local favourite Cecil Hardy clocks up his 108th appearance for the club and celebrates with his 43rd goal as Pools hold Grimsby to a draw at The Vic in front of more than 6,000 fans.

77 Years Ago

Pools return from Gateshead still in search of their first victory on the south side of the Tyne, an away fixture that they would be triumphant in on just three occasions in 39 attempts. A Bobby Dixon goal in front of more than 10,000 is Pools only contribution in a 3-1 defeat.

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65 Years Ago

Pools players return to their regiments the day after hammering Gateshead by five goals to nil in a wartime fixture. Sunderland keeper Napper Heywood keeps a clean sheet and Pools' goals all come from guest players with ex-Charlton man George Robinson, Spurs winger Billy Adams (2) and a pair for Albion Rovers forward Ron Johnston doing the job.

55 Years Ago

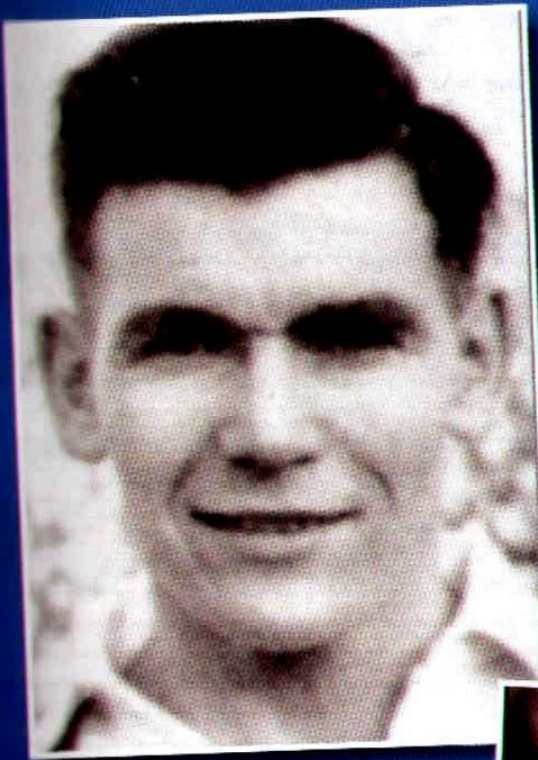
Three wins out of four sees Pools come off the foot of the table for the first time in a month. Goals from dustman Leo Harden and electrician Eric Wildon are too much for Halifax.



George Robinson



Leo Harden



Eric Wildon

44 Years Ago

Almost 11,000 fans turn up at The Vic to see a single goal from local lad Peter Thompson be enough to send Millwall on the long journey home with no points.

41 Years Ago

A two-nil reverse at Newport makes it just one win in eight as Pools flounder during the early months of the 1967-68 season.

35 Years Ago

The most miserable run under Len Ashurst's reign continues as defeat in the south west to Exeter makes it just two wins in eighteen games for Pools. It would be another seven games before they would win again.

27 Years Ago

Ten man Pools hang on for a point after Phil Brown is sent off at Edgar Road. John Bird's goal earns Pools just their second ever point at Hereford.

13 Years Ago

Arsenal are that worried by the mighty Pools that they play a full strength team in the League Cup at Highbury. It shows as an Ian Wright

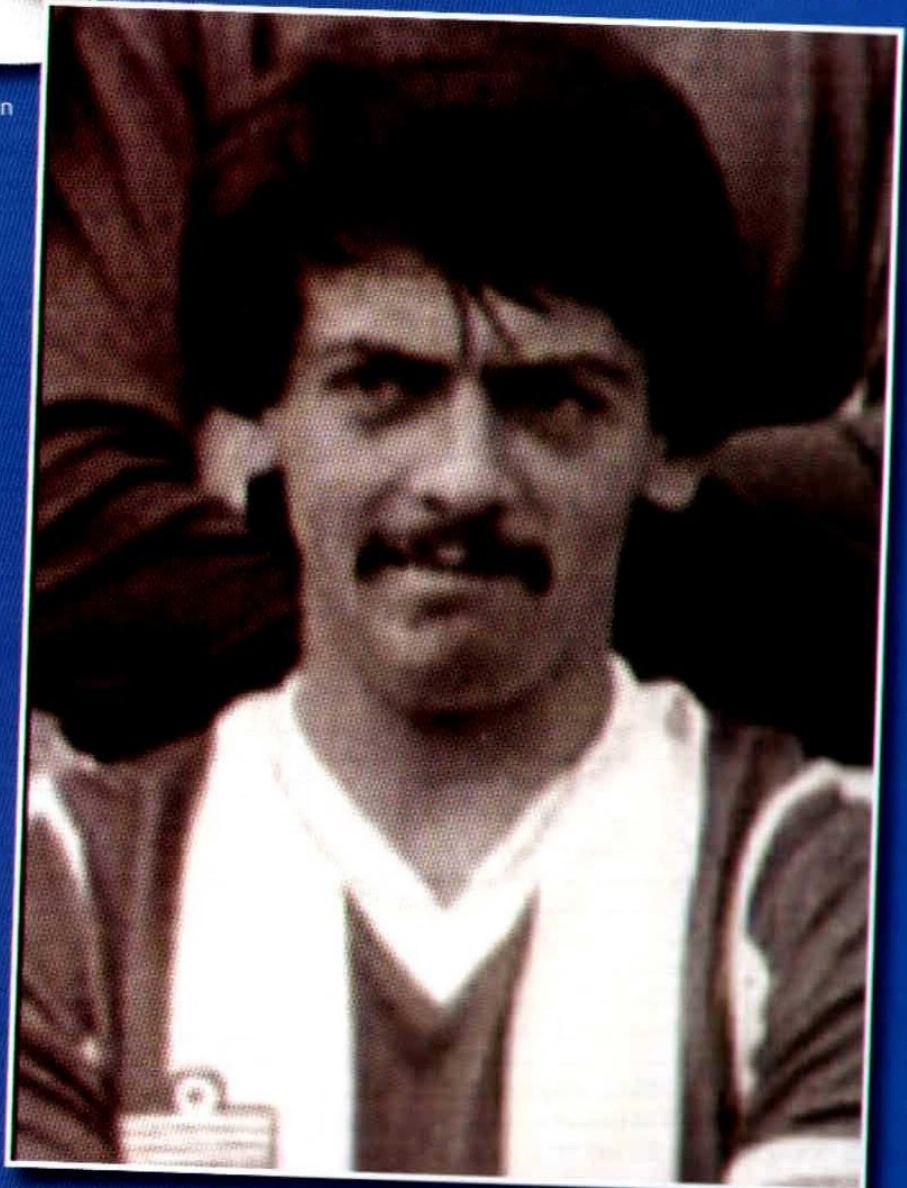
hat-trick and a pair from the struggling Dennis Bergkamp make the score five nil to the Gunners as the likes of Seaman, Keown and Adams outclass the Pools side that included Steve Jones, Peter Billing and Keith Oliver.

10 Years Ago

The battle of Brisbane Road sees three sending-offs as Steve Howard and Gus Di Lella receive their marching orders along with Orient's Mark

Warren. Craig Midgley came off the bench to replace the ineffective David Rush, and his second goal of the season was enough to earn a point. Craig now plays his football in New South Wales for Manly United after a respectable career in the lower divisions and non-league.

Phil Brown



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Player Appearances 2008/09

| | League | League Cup | FA Cup | JP Trophy | Total games | Total Goals |
|-------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Jan Budtz | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jamie McCunnie | 5 (1) | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 (1) | 0 |
| Ritchie Humphreys | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Willie Boland | 3 | (1) | 0 | 0 | 3 (1) | 1 |
| Michael Nelson | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Sam Collins | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Gary Liddle | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Ritchie Jones | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Richard Barker | (8) | (3) | 0 | 1 | 1 (11) | 2 |
| Joel Porter | 7 | 3 | 0 | (1) | 10 (1) | 4 |
| Andy Monkhouse | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4 |
| Ben Clark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| James Brown | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| Antony Sweeney | 8 | 3 | 0 | (1) | 11 (1) | 1 |
| Alan Power | (2) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 (2) | 0 |
| David Foley | (6) | 1 (1) | 0 | 1 | 2 (7) | 2 |
| Michael Mackay | (3) | (2) | 0 | 0 | (5) | 1 |
| Matty Robson | 1 (3) | (3) | 0 | 1 | 2 (6) | 0 |
| Arran Lee-Barrett | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Jonny Rowell | 0 | 0 | 0 | (1) | (1) | 0 |
| Martin Young | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matty Tymon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Tait | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Sat 9 Aug | Colchester | FL1 | H | 4-2 | 3,831 |
| Tue 12 Aug | Scunthorpe | LGCP | H | 3-0 | 2,076 |
| Sat 16 Aug | Tranmere | FL1 | A | 0-1 | 5,418 |
| Sat 23 Aug | Stockport | FL1 | H | 0-1 | 3,945 |
| Tue Aug 26 | West Brom | LGCP | H | 3-1* | 3,387 |
| Sat 30 Aug | Peterborough | FL1 | A | 2-1 | 5,728 |
| Tue 2 Sept | Leicester City | JPT1 | H | 0-3 | 2,807 |
| Sat 6 Sept | Millwall | FL1 | A | 0-2 | 7,202 |
| Fri 12 Sept | Cheltenham | FL1 | H | 4-1 | 3,637 |
| Sat 20 Sept | Oldham | FL1 | H | 3-3 | 4,507 |
| Tue Sept 23 | Leeds United | LGCP | A | 2-3 | 14,599 |
| Sat 27 Sept | Leicester City | FL1 | A | 0-1 | 18,578 |
| Fri 3 Oct | Swindon Town | FL1 | H | 19:45 | |
| Fri 10 Oct | Northampton | FL1 | A | 19:45 | |
| Sat 18 Oct | Walsall | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
| Tue 21 Oct | Huddersfield | FL1 | H | 19:45 | |
| Sat 25 Oct | Brighton | FL1 | H | 15:00 | |
| Tue 28 Oct | Carlisle | FL1 | A | 19:45 | |
| Sat 1 Nov | Leyton Orient | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 8 Nov | - | FAC1 | - | - | |
| Sat 15 Nov | MK Dons | FL1 | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 22 Nov | Leeds United | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
| Tue 25 Nov | Bristol Rovers | FL1 | H | 19:45 | |
| Sat 29 Nov | - | FAC2 | - | - | |
| Sat 6 Dec | Yeovil Town | FL1 | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 13 Dec | Hereford | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
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| Fri 26 Dec | Scunthorpe | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
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| Sat 10 Jan | Oldham | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
| Fri 16 Jan | Northampton | FL1 | H | 19:45 | |
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| Sat 11 Apr | Crewe | FL1 | A | 15:00 | |
| Mon 13 Apr | Scunthorpe | FL1 | H | 15:00 | |
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| Sat 25 Apr | Leeds United | FL1 | H | 15:00 | |
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Off the Record

Faith In The Youth

In a week when the Football League's record for its youngest player was broken, we thought it was time to look at back at the youngsters who have represented Pools over the years.

Barnsley's teenage sensation Reuben Noble-Lazarus made his debut for the Tykes aged just 15 years and 45 days to become the youngest player ever in a Football League match.

There are 45 players who have represented Pools while still under the age of 18, the furthest back being in 1923 when Tommy Mitchell debuted in a 1-1 draw at Bradford Park Avenue at just 17 years and 260 days.



There are also some familiar names from more recent years – Stephen Turnbull played at 17 years and 283 days Adam Boyd played at 17 years and 161 days, while Michael Maidens was handed a debut at Crystal Palace when he was 17 years and 137 days.

Steven Istead held the record for a while when he played his first game for the Club in October 2002 aged just 16 years and 189 days.

But that was beaten by the current holder David Foley, who made his bow for the First Team under Neale Cooper back in August 2003 – he was just 16 years and 44 days old.

Top Ten Young Scorers

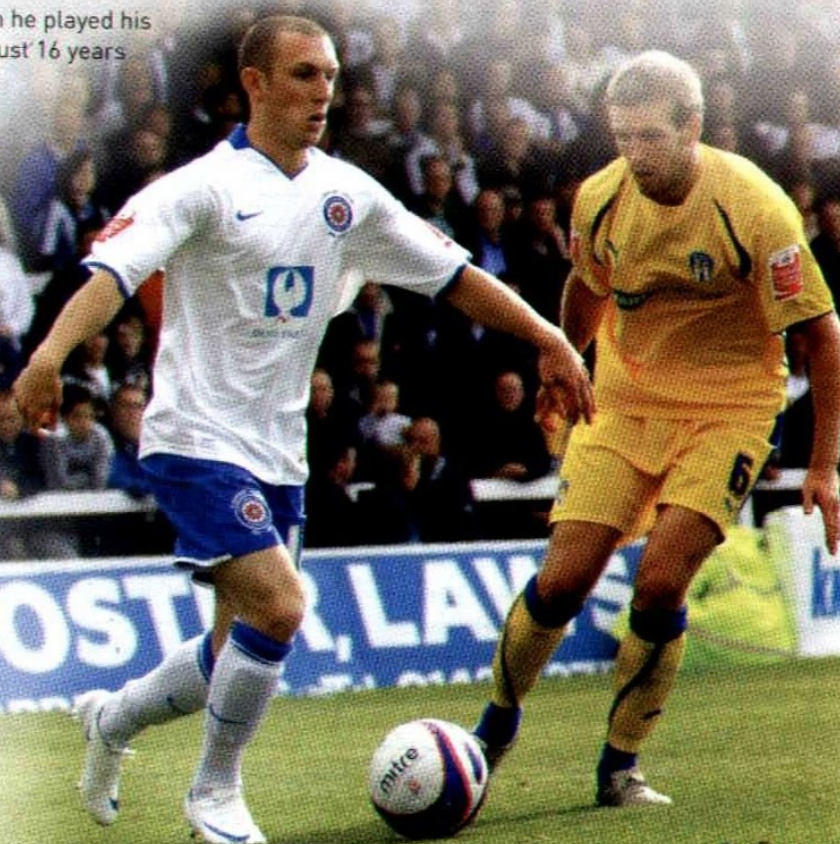
Steven Istead (17 years and 112 days)
John McGovern (17 years and 150 days)
Keith Houchen (17 years and 242 days)
Adam Boyd (17 years and 256 days)
Stuart Irvine (17 years and 274 days)
David Atkinson (17 year and 276 days)
Brian Dunn (17 years and 325 days)
Peter Blowman (17 years and 333 days)
Roy Hogan (17 years and 350 days)
Kevan Elliott (17 years and 351 days)



Youngster On The Goal Trail

Steven Istead remains the youngest player to have scored for Pools when he found the net against Sheffield Wednesday in a Carling Cup tie in 2003.

Ironically, Istead could have set an even more impressive record for his first-ever touch in professional football was a cross-shot which hit the post and came out.



David Foley

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