



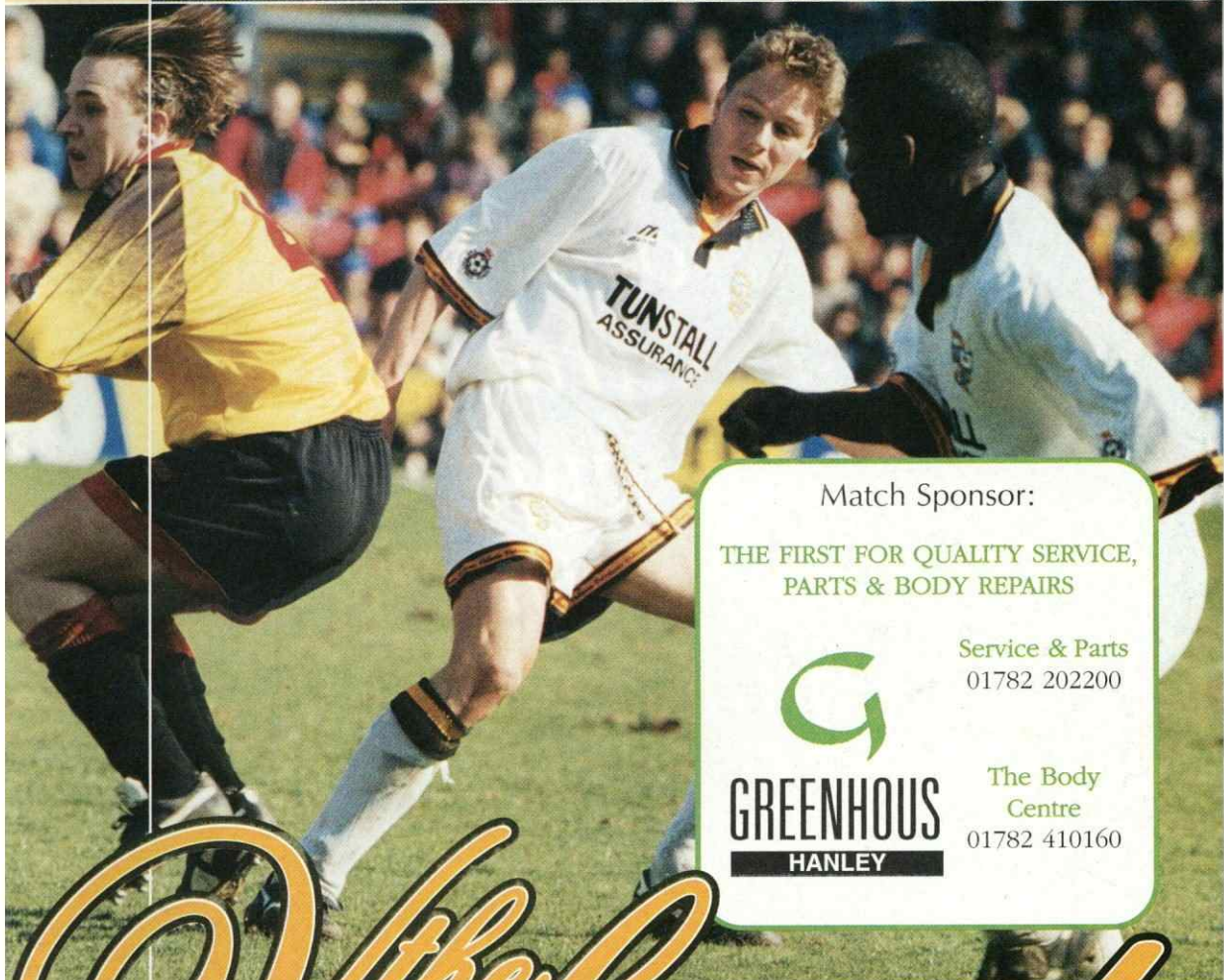
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Rudge

REPORT

The struggle to keep our momentum going could leave a sour taste to what had been a tremendous season.

The recent Oldham game here was a non-event and although I felt last week's performance against Grimsby was lively enough, the Tranmere match last Saturday was again a poor affair.

It was a typical end of season contest and I have to admit we did not give value for money.

Tranmere passed the ball better than us without it really hurting. All the play was in front of us and I could not see them threatening too much with just the one man up front. We have come up against a lot of problems against sides who play with three against our two in midfield but it is up to us to gain the ascendancy and force them to change their formation.

GRATEFUL

It didn't help either that we gave away what was a poor goal against Tranmere so we were grateful to Tony Naylor for salvaging a point.

The players have been reminded in no uncertain terms that they have a responsibility to entertain the paying customer to give them optimism for next season.

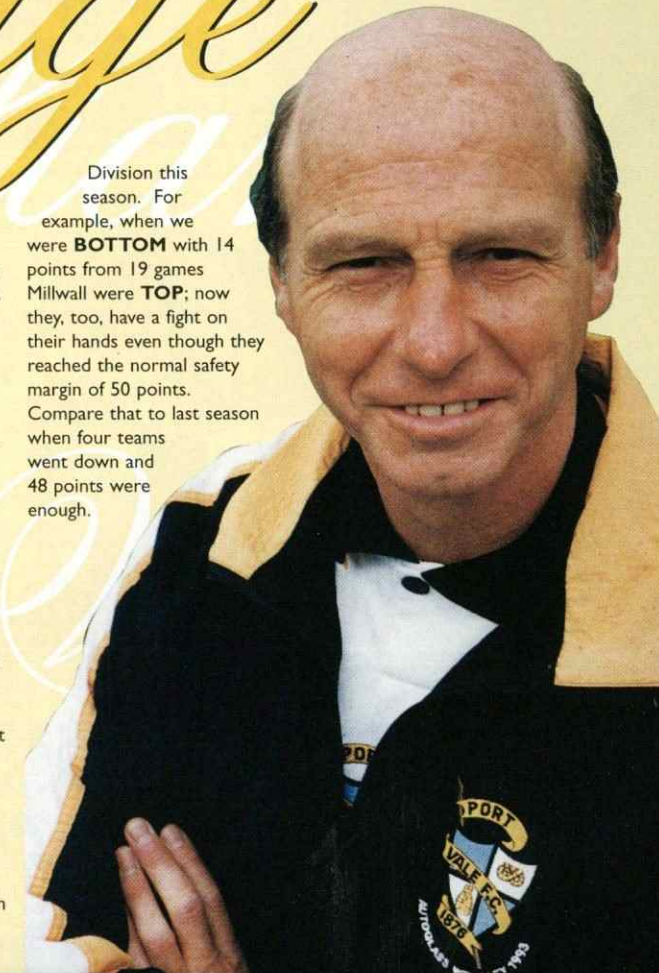
Port Vale, apparently, have not finished higher than eighth at this level of football since 1934 so that at least should give us some incentive for the remaining games.

It is my intention to introduce one or two fresh faces but we still want to win matches; we also have to bear in mind that teams like Luton are striving to get out of trouble.

Their manager Lennie Lawrence worked miracles in often keeping Charlton afloat and Luton will still be hoping he can do the same with them.

It is remarkable how fortunes have changed in the First

Division this season. For example, when we were **BOTTOM** with 14 points from 19 games Millwall were **TOP**; now they, too, have a fight on their hands even though they reached the normal safety margin of 50 points. Compare that to last season when four teams went down and 48 points were enough.



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One of those nightmare results that are seized upon and take some living down.

To quote the smug Tony Francis on Central TV: "Quite an achievement to be thrashed by the team at the bottom of the league."

It all started badly with Watford taking the lead in the first couple of minutes and the signs were even more ominous when they scored again on the half hour.

To the lads credit they did battle back to level through Andy Porter (penalty) and Jon McCarthy but the platform for a result then fell to pieces.

The towering Devon White headed a couple and teenage David Connolly, who had been featured in the programme centre spread and had never scored a senior goal, completed a hat trick from the spot.

Watford:- Miller, Bazeley, Barnes, Connolly, Page, Millen, Gary Porter (Payne), Palmer, Ramage (Moralee), Mooney, Dixon (White).

Port Vale:- Musselwhite, Walker, Stokes, Bogie, Griffiths, Aspin, McCarthy, Andy Porter, Foyle, Naylor (L Glover), Guppy. Subs: Talbot, D Glover.



Devon White warms up ominously in the background as Watford clear from Tony Naylor



Unfair contest as the towering Devon White leaps high above the diminutive Dean Stokes

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After playing so well for three months it is disappointing that performances have dipped in April. Last Saturdays home game against Tranmere did not produce much goalmouth excitement in what was a typical encounter between two teams with not much to play for. In the end we were pleased to grab an equaliser, which probably saved us from more stick as we came off. It was fitting that Tony Naylor should score because he was probably the sharpest of our players on the day and so deserved his goal.

Tranmere became the latest side to string five men across the midfield which gave them plenty of possession, although I thought it had all the makings of a goalless game.

OUTNUMBERED

Over the last few weeks most of the teams we have met have had an extra man in midfield, which makes it difficult for our two central players.

We have to give them more help which raises the question of whether we stick to our formation of retaining two wingers or



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whether to change. Food for thought for the manager. If we are outnumbered to the extent that we can't get the ball, we can't get the wide men into the game. having said that when we do get possession we must not give it away so readily as has been the case of late. Tonight's game may be more open as Luton need the points. With four games left they could still escape if they win them all, so that is an incentive.

For our part we need a decent performance if we are to attract a crowd for our last home game of what had been a

good season against play-off seekers Charlton next Saturday.

Though I am a Geordie who supported Newcastle as a lad I am pleased to see Sunderland promoted to the Premiership. A year ago they were fighting relegation so they have done tremendously well. They play good football and have always been tight which is important for any side to get promotion.

I still fancy Derby to hang on to the other automatic spot. They impressed me when they played here and I thought at that time they would win the league.



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WITH NEIL ASPIN

Luton Town



BACK ROW: Ben Chenery, Danny Power, Gary Simpson, Fred Barber, Paul McLaren, Rob Matthews (now with York City), Gavin Johnson, David Greene, Steve Davis, Kelvin Davis, John Taylor, Trevor Peake, Julian James.

MIDDLE ROW: Chris Green (Director), Cliff Bassett (Director), Clive Goodyear (Physio), Paul Lowe (Youth Development Officer), Richard Harvey, Aaron Skelton, David Oldfield, Mitchell Thomas, Des Linton, Marvin Johnson, Bontcho Guentchev, Matthew Woolgar (no longer with club), Wayne Turner (Reserve Team Coach), John Moore (Youth Team Coach), Les Shannon (Scouting CO-Ordinator), Nigel Terry (Director).

FRONT ROW: Jamie Woodsford, Gary Waddock, Tony Thorpe, Ceri Hughes, Mick McGivern (Assistant Manager), David Kohler (Chairman), Terry Westley (Manager), Scott Oakes, Nathan Jones, Graham Alexander, Dwight Marshall.

Welcome

LUTON TOWN

Considering that the season has only twelve days to run, it is unusual that tonight's game is the first meeting of the season for the Vale and Luton Town.

Luton are currently desperate for points to avoid relegation to the Second Division and prior to last Saturday's game against Watford had only one victory to show from their previous 12 outings.

Away from home they have four wins to their credit, at Southend (1-0), Ipswich (1-0), Norwich (1-0) and West Brom (2-0), six draws, at Grimsby (0-0), Wolves (0-0), Watford (1-1), Leicester (1-1), Derby (1-1) and Charlton (1-1), whilst losing on eleven occasions, at Reading (1-3), Millwall (0-1), Tranmere (0-1), Stoke (0-5), Barnsley (0-1), Portsmouth (0-4), Sunderland (0-1), Huddersfield (0-1), Crystal Palace (0-2), Sheffield United (0-1) and Birmingham (0-4).

In the F.A. Cup they lost 7-1 at Grimsby in the Third Round whilst in the Coca-Cola Cup they went out at the Second Round stage to Bournemouth. They also competed in the Anglo-Italian Cup, being in the same preliminary group as ourselves but lost their first three games before thrashing Ancona 5-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Dwight Marshall is their leading scorer with 13 in all competitions but a broken leg has prevented him from

competing in the run-in to the end of the season. Recent signing Kim Grant, who cost £250,000 from Charlton has made a good start with three goals to his credit already.

Last season Luton did the double over the Vale, the aforementioned Marshall scoring the only goal of the game here at Vale Park whilst in the return Luton won 2-1, with Telfer and Dixon (now Watford) on the mark for the home side. Andy Porter scored the Vale consolation.

Vale haven't met Luton too often over recent years, last season's league encounters being the first since 1967-68 and for the Vale's last victory you have to go back to November 1966 when Mick Mahon notched the games only goal here at Vale Park.

The two teams met in the third round of the F.A. Cup in the 1973-74 season and only a late equaliser prevented Vale from winning the game at Vale Park after Dave Harris had given us the lead. In those days there was a power crisis which prevented the use of floodlights and so the replay took place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Vale actually led 2-1 at one stage thanks to goals from Bob Mountford and John Woodward but Luton eventually won 4-2 with two goals in the last four minutes.



THE MAN IN CHARGE - LENNIE LAWRENCE

Born - 14th December 1947 in Brighton

Managerial Career

Lennie took over at Luton last December with the task of enhancing his 'Houdini' reputation by trying to save the club from relegation.

A good friend of our own manager John Rudge, he began his managerial career with a short spell at Plymouth in 1978 and was the assistant manager at Lincoln City when they were promoted from Division Four in 1981.

In 1982 he took over at Charlton Athletic and despite the problems of having to groundshare at Selhurst Park he took them to promotion to the old First Division in 1986 and a year later led them out at Wembley in the Simod Cup Final (which they lost).

Despite some narrow escapes, they survived in the top flight until 1990 and a year later Lennie moved on to Middlesbrough. In his first season he took them to promotion to the Premier League but they had not got the finance that they have available nowadays and the club were immediately relegated. In 1994 he took over at Bradford City but parted company with them earlier this season.

PLAYING CAREER

One of the few managers never to have played league football, Lennie spent his playing days with non-league outfits, Croydon, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United.

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Introducing

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Goalkeeper **Ian Feuer**, who stands 6ft 7in tall, was born in Las Vegas and joined the Hatters from West Ham in December, 1995 for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. At Upton Park he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko and never played a first team game. His league debut was while on loan to Peterborough in 1994-95 playing 16 games in Division Two. Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he was signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

Defender/midfielder **Graham Alexander** was former manager Terry Westley's first recruit last July, joining from Scunthorpe for £100,000 having been watched by the scouting staff for two years. Former England under 21 international **Mitchell Thomas** is Luton born and made over 100 appearances for his home town club before moving to Spurs shortly after David Pleat in 1986. He played in the 1987 FA Cup final and later moved to West Ham. Returned to Luton on loan in the 1993-94 season before a free transfer.

Defender **Richard Harvey** resurrected his career in 1994-95 after two years plagued



Bontcho Guentchev
Graham Alexander



by injury. The former England youth international missed the entire 1993-94 campaign following a cruciate ligament operation. His appearance at home to Watford in March, 1995 was his first at Kenilworth Road for three years and he held the left back spot for the remainder of that season. Wembley born **Marvin Johnson** made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started last season at left back but then switched to the heart of defence, he was one of only three players to appear in every first team match last term and was awarded the players' player of the year trophy.

Irishman **Darren Patterson** joined Luton from Crystal Palace last August for £150,000, a fee which could rise to over £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international started his career with Wigan and moved to Palace for £250,000 in 1992. Made his Luton debut in the Anglo-Italian Cup defeat in Cesena

last November. Seasoned midfielder **Gary Waddock**, 34, completed a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in December, 1994 after three months on loan. Started his career with



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QPR and appeared in the 1982 FA Cup final against Spurs. Moved to Belgium with Charleroi as he recovered from a serious knee injury and also had spells at Millwall, QPR again and Swindon before joining the Bristol club. Talented **Scott Oakes** joined Luton from Leicester in October 1991 and his performances in the 1994 FA Cup run attracted much interest from Premiership clubs until he signed a new contract. The England under 21 international was Luton's leading scorer that season and he scored 10 last term. Missed the opening two months of this campaign with a hamstring injury.

Tony Thorpe made an immediate impact when he scored on his full debut at Newcastle in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. Started with his local club Leicester and joined Luton at the start of the 1992-93 season. Australian **David Oldfield** returned to Kenilworth Road last summer from Leicester for £150,000 six years after leaving Luton. Started his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks and made his full league debut in May 1988. Capped by England at under



Kim Grant
David Oldfield



21 level, he joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989 before transferring to Leicester.

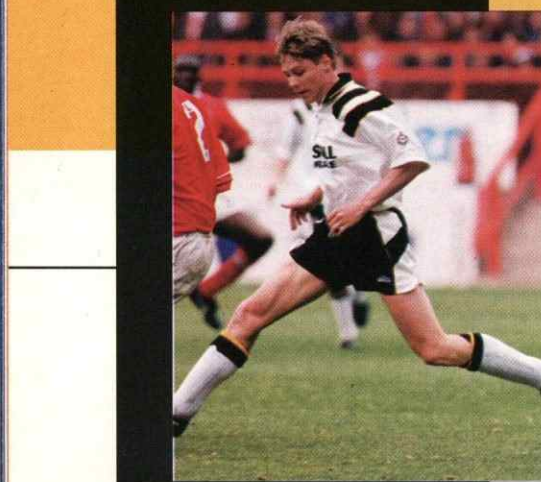
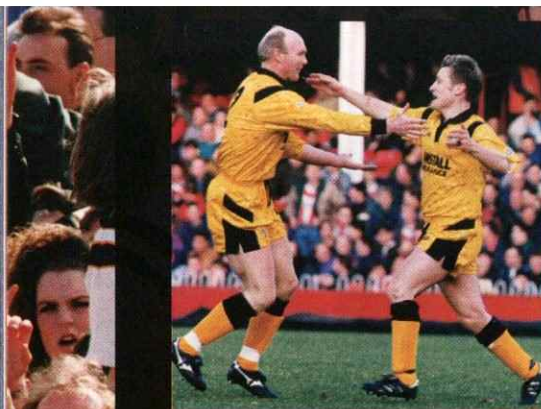
Striker **John Taylor** joined on deadline day last season for £200,000 from Bradford City having started his career at Colchester.

Was later snapped up by Cambridge via non league Sudbury and scored 46 goals in 176 outings, moved to Bristol Rovers and netted 44 goals in 95 games. Had scored 13 for Bradford prior to his switch to Luton but struggled with a back injury at the start of this season, requiring an operation that ruled him out until Christmas.

Newcomer **Kim Grant** cost Luton £250,000 when signed from Charlton just before last month's transfer deadline. Born in Ghana, he made his League debut for Charlton in the 1990-91 season and spent five years with the London club. Bulgarian international **Bontcho Guentchev**, 31, recently appeared against England at Wembley. He joined the Hatters on a free transfer from Ipswich last July, having played in the 1994

World Cup finals in the USA where Bulgaria reached the semi finals. Had been at Ipswich for three seasons in which time he played 58 games in the Premiership.

THIRTEEN



Luton Town

FACT FILE

Formed - 1885
Nickname - The Hatters
Ground Capacity - 9,900 (all seated)
HONOURS
 Highest League placing - 7th in Division One 1986-87
 Division Two Champions - 1981-82
 Division Three (South) Champions - 1936-37
 Division Four Champions - 1967-68
 Rumbelows Cup Winners - 1987-88
 Best F.A. Cup run - Runners-up 1958-59
 Record transfer fee paid - £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup August 1989
 Record transfer fee received - £2,500,000 from Arsenal for John Hartson January 1995
 Most appearances - 550, Bob Morton, 1948-64
 Most career goals - 265, Gordon Turner, 1949-64
 Most goals in a season - 58, Joe Payne, 1936-37
 Most capped player - 58, Mal Donaghy (Northern Ireland)
1994-95
 Position - 16th FL Division One
 Top Scorer - 13, Dwight Marshall
 Most appearances - 52, Marvin Johnson, Trevor

Peake
 Player of the Year - Trevor Peake
1995-96 - CURRENT FORM
 March 30th
 v Ipswich Town (H) 1-2 Grant
 April 2nd
 v West Brom (A) 2-0 Guentchev, Grant
 April 5th
 v Charlton A (A) 1-1 Thorpe
 April 9th
 v Stoke City (H) 1-2 Grant
 April 13th
 v Birmingham C (A) 0-4
 Misc.
 * Luton beat Bristol Rovers 12-0 in a league game in 1936 and Joe Payne scored 10 of the goals, which is not surprisingly still an individual record for a football league game.

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MIDDLE MAN

This evening's referee, Roger Furnandiz has some 20 years experience since commencing his career in his home area of Doncaster. He ran the line in the Yorkshire League in the 1979-80 season and progressed to the middle the following year. Mr Furnandiz was on the Central League line in 1980-81 moved into the Northern Counties East League middle (1982-83) and made the Football League line in 1985-86. He officiated in panel league games in 1989-90 and was finally promoted to the national list middle in 1994-95. A married man with two young children Mr Furnandiz works as an area manager and is vice chairman of the Doncaster Referees Society. Away from football he enjoys golf and cricket.

Vintage Vale

A LOOK THROUGH THE ARCHIVES AT PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB BETWEEN THE WARS...

CHELSEA V PORT VALE Saturday 24th November 1928

Although 1928-29 proved to be a relegation season, the Valiants were running up one or two telling results by the time they made their way



to Stamford Bridge for this second division encounter. They

had defeated Barnsley at the Recreation Ground the week before by the three goals without reply. Wilf Kirkham was finding the back of the net with regularity and he did not disappoint the Vale fans who travelled to Chelsea to witness a 3-3 draw. Jack Simms was Port Vales other marksman.

This was a tremendous result for the Valiants, and a thrilling match for the crowd of 23,305, which turned out to be the largest attendance to watch the vale throughout the season. Post Vale spent just one season in the Third Division (North) before bouncing to division two as champions.

Port Vale lined up as follows:
Prince, Shenton, Briscoe, Smith, Connelly, Rouse, Mandley, Page, Kirkham, Gillespie, Simms.

Stoke City v Port Vale Monday 27th April 1936

As the result of a public meeting called to discuss the precarious nature of the Clubs finances, it was decided that Port Vale should embark upon a 40,000 shillings appeal to bolster the clubs coffers. The appeal was quite a success, the highlight being a friendly game against Stoke City at the Victoria Ground. Between eight and nine thousand fans helped raise £528 for the Vale. Nottingham Forest also sent a cheque for £25 for good measure. Prior to the game's commencement four jazz bands marched to the Victoria Ground from the Recreation Ground to add to the occasion. The Lady Mayoress, Mrs J H Dale kicked

off a game which ended 2-3 to Stoke City, whose goals were scored by Welland, Mathews and Steele. Vale had been three goals down at one stage, until Caldwell and Dean pulled two back. The game over the Lord Mayor, Alderman J H Dale, entertained officials and players to dinner. This event went a long way to keeping this club afloat at a difficult period in its history.

Picture below: Vale captain shakes hands with Stokes Arthur Turner, watched by the Lord and Lady Mayoress, and match referee Mr E Adams.



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Writes

IAN MCPHERSON

VICARAGE ROAD, Watford does not rate as one of my all-time favourite grounds. In fact, I hate the place.

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against the stadium itself. In fact, I think that three sides are as good as anything in the League and there ends an object lesson to us all. No complaints, either, that the car park is behind some allotments a mile from the ground (the very same car park Elton John was forced to use for the recent game against Portsmouth, causing him to storm from the ground half an hour before full-time). The hospitality before, during and after the game is excellent.

No, what I really hate about Watford is the fact that whenever we play there the game end in heartbreak, despair and misery.

The last occasion we won at Vicarage Road was on May 18th, 1962 when goals by Richard and Wright gave us a 2-0 victory. I have to admit that even as a keen, 3 year-old supporter I missed that game but have Watford made us suffer since?

SCRAPE

Watford really began to blight my life during the 1968-69 season when they put an end to what in those days was our stupendous FA Cup run. We had won replays against Shrewsbury and Workington before losing at Vicarage Road. During season 1972-73 I really thought we would bring home the points when Sammy Morgan shot us ahead only for Watford to scrape a late equaliser. The following two seasons yielded single goal defeats before meetings were suspended until season 1987-88. That was the season of our famous FA Cup run in which we defeated Tottenham only to finally taste defeat at - yes, you've guessed it, - Watford in a fifth round replay.

Our first season back in the old Second Division (1989-90) saw a 1-0 defeat at Vicarage Road, while the following season we had a midday kick-off on Boxing Day which ruined many Vale fans'



festivities, combined with a 1-2 defeat in which Rod Thomas's winner was scored in injury time. For good measure Nicky Cross damaged knee ligaments and was out for 12 months. Merry Christmas!

Season 1991-92 provided a rare point at Vicarage Road in a dismal goalless draw. We were in the midst of a run of 18 games without a win and the last team we had beaten was - Watford at Vale Park! Even our joy at this rare point was tempered when we were relegated that season.

The ecstasy of being back in the new First Division last season was slightly subdued by the apprehension of a visit to Vicarage Road and the hoodoo did not disappoint us on a bitterly cold New Year's eve afternoon.

STRETCHERED

After going 1-0 up, Kevin Kent then hit the underside of the bar with a shot that on any other ground in Britain would have been nestling in the back of the net.

True to form we then went 1-2 down before storming back to 2-2 and then, with minutes left, Peter Billing hit the inside of a post with a tremendous free kick that incredibly spun away from goal instead of towards it.

Just to emphasise we were playing at Vicarage Road, Dean Glover was stretchered off and was to be out for three months and deep, deep into added time Watford won the game. Happy New Year.

So to our most recent visit a week or so ago. Could the horrors of Vicarage Road continue with Watford anchored at the foot of the table? Of course they could.

With no disrespect to Graham Taylor's troops when I say that I hope it is a long time before we visit Vicarage Road again. I used to have similar fears about going to Fellows Park, Walsall and Springfield Part, Wigan but in later years those ghosts were exorcised.

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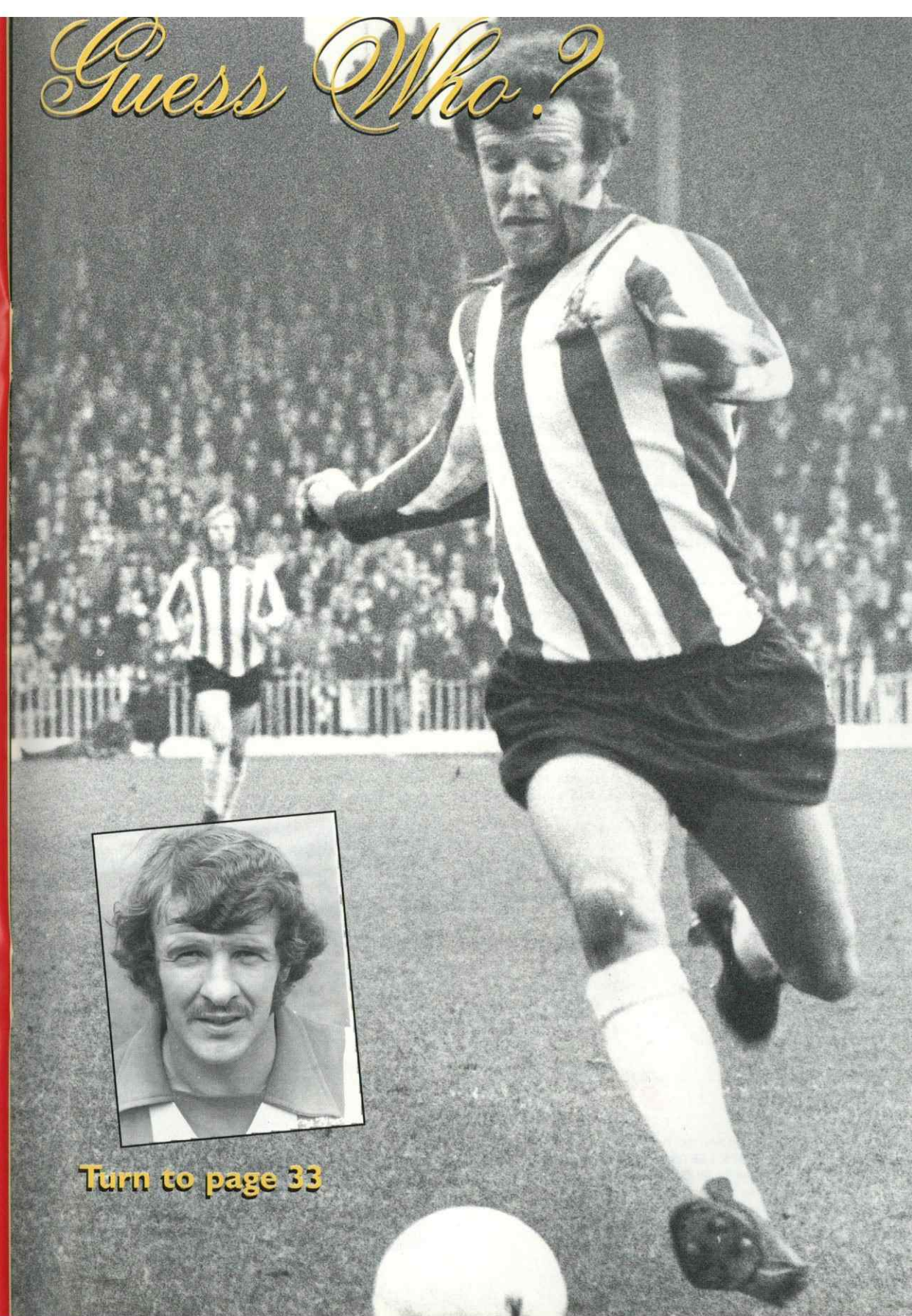
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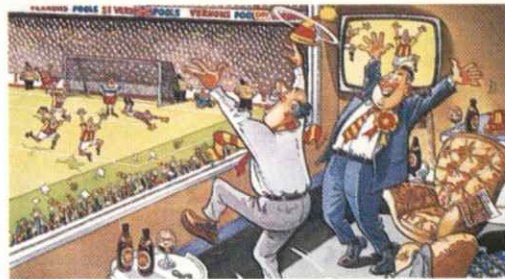
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RICK CARTER

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Luckily, the second two were a wind up but the same question does pop up with regular monotony.

My daily duties vary immensely but here is a short list of common chores:

- 1 - Open and answer morning mail.
- 2 - Assess and treat YTS players.
- 3 - Assess and treat professionals.
- 4 - Report to management
- 5 - Arrange specialist consultations
- 6 - Answer numerous telephone enquiries, "Mrs Jones about her husbands gout!
- 7 - Write up injury reports
- 8 - Pre-training massage and taping/strapping blisters etc
- 9 - Endure endless banter from exuberant players, all with a fixed smile

10 - Vent my frustrations on unsuspecting, pleasant YTS players

11 - Recover for five minutes with cold cup of coffee made by poor unsuspecting YTS player.

12 - Supervise and plan cardiovascular work outs with injured players. Some skills work if time

12 - Plan pre-match meals and times

14 - Supervise and plan ball work sessions

15 - Take warm ups

16 - More treatment

17 - More friendly verbal abuse

18 - Attend all league games, home and away

19 - Attend all Pontin's League games, home and away

20 - Arrange physio cover for youth team game

21 - Get slaughtered once again by the players (but, don't worry, the physio always reaps his revenge)

22 - Eat

So, you see, sleeping is my social life nowadays but I wouldn't swap places with anyone!



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GROUP 'B'
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Wigan Athletic

Fixtures

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Mon 22nd July	Port Vale v Wigan Athletic	N.S.C. Douglas	2.45pm
Mon 22nd July	Bohemians v Isle of Man	Peel	7.15pm
Tues 23rd July	West Bromwich Albion v Wigan Athletic	Ramsey	7.15pm
Wed 24th July	Bohemians v Wrexham	N.S.C. Douglas	2.45pm
Wed 24th July	Port Vale v West Bromwich Albion	Castletown	7.15pm
Fri 26th July	Play off	N.S.C. Douglas	2.45pm
Fri 26th July	Play off	Peel	7.15pm
Sat 27th July	Final	Bowl, Douglas	2.45pm

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- 1) Which Scottish club are nicknamed the 'Jags'?
- 2) True or False:- South Shields once had a Football League Club.
- 3) From which club did Newcastle United buy Phillippe Albert?
- 4) How many teams will compete in this summers European International Championship?
- 5) Name the Swansea City defender who made his full international debut against Germany in Cardiff in October 1995.
- 6) Name the Leeds United player who withdrew from England's World Cup squad of 1970, because the finals clashed with his annual summer holiday in Torquay.
- 7) Who replaced Mick McCarthy as manager of Millwall?
- 8) Who did Aston Villa defeat in the 1982 European Cup Final?
- 9) Has Kenny Dalglish ever played in a competitive first team match for Blackburn Rovers?
- 10) Which was the last German side to win the European Cup?
- 11) Where did Scunthorpe United play prior to Glanford Park?
- 12) Who is the manager of Rochdale?
- 13) Peter Caldwell is the goalkeeper of which London club?
- 14) What colour shirts do East Stirling wear?
- 15) Which three German players have appeared in the same Manchester City team this season?

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C U T T I N G S

Only four more games to go! The imminent onset of the close season is faced with a mixture of relief when it's all over we can actually do other things on a Saturday and concern at how we are going to get through the next few months without our regular "fix".

This summer, of course, we have the Euro '96 extravaganza. You can watch some of it live if you've got the tickets or you can have wall to wall footie on the telly throughout the month of June.

I suppose some of you will actually be going on holiday in the not too distant future. I thought I might use tonight's programme to give you a few tips on some holiday reading - just to ensure that the withdrawal symptoms don't bite too deeply.

Now I'm not the sort of person who likes reading ghost written accounts of the thoughts of Premier League prima donnas so don't worry, there will be none of that rubbish in this brief list.

EMOTIONS

Firstly, if you haven't already made its acquaintance, you must read Nick Hornby's "Fever Pitch". Sadly Mr Hornby is an Arsenal supporter, but don't let that put you off. I defy any true fan whatever their allegiance, to read this book and not identify with the emotions expressed by Hornby.

He explains, for example, how he has spent much of his life searching for the perfect women, the one who will travel with him to a midweek match at Plymouth! (I actually drove my old man to two midweek games in a month at Exeter a couple of seasons ago, tough cookies Nick, I'm spoken for).

Hornby's description of his behaviour when Michael Thomas scored that last minute goal at Anfield to win the championship for Arsenal will strike a chord with every single one of you!

Another "fans book" is "My Favourite Year" a collection of writings from supporters of various teams, ranging from St. Albans City to Republic of Ireland.

Harry Ritchie's account of Raith Rovers' promotion to the Scottish Premier League in 92/93 is a gem. His explanation of what makes a true supporter as opposed to a glory hunting hanger on says it all. "You supported Raith because you came from Kirkcaldy, and you supported them in the hope that they would win anything but that they would avoid shame and catastrophe.

To expect anything more you'd have to be as mad as a bucket. Might as well plan a romance with Cindy Crawford." Ed Horton's account of the involvement of the Maxwell family in Oxford United is equally rivetting. Read it and weep!

DREAMS

The best footie book I've read in a long time is Gerry Nelson's "Left Foot Forward". The Charlton forward kept a diary of last season, assuming (incorectly as it happened) it would be his last in league football.

It is a wonderful behind the scenes look at life of a professional footballer, not a Cantona or a Shearer, just an honest hard working pro who is attempting to make the best of his talent. It's worth reading if only for his description of his time at Swindon under Lou Macari!

If really desperate for a Vale "fix" you can get a copy of Jeff Kent's Port Vale: A Complete Record" from the club shop and relive some of your most wonderful moments by scanning the pages - the 6-0 win at Fulham, the Wembley trips, Andy Jones's five goals against Newport and if you go back that far, the '53-54 season. You might even like to try writing something yourself - possibly for next season's programme. Mr Harper, the editor, has been known to pay huge sums for such contributions, in your dreams!

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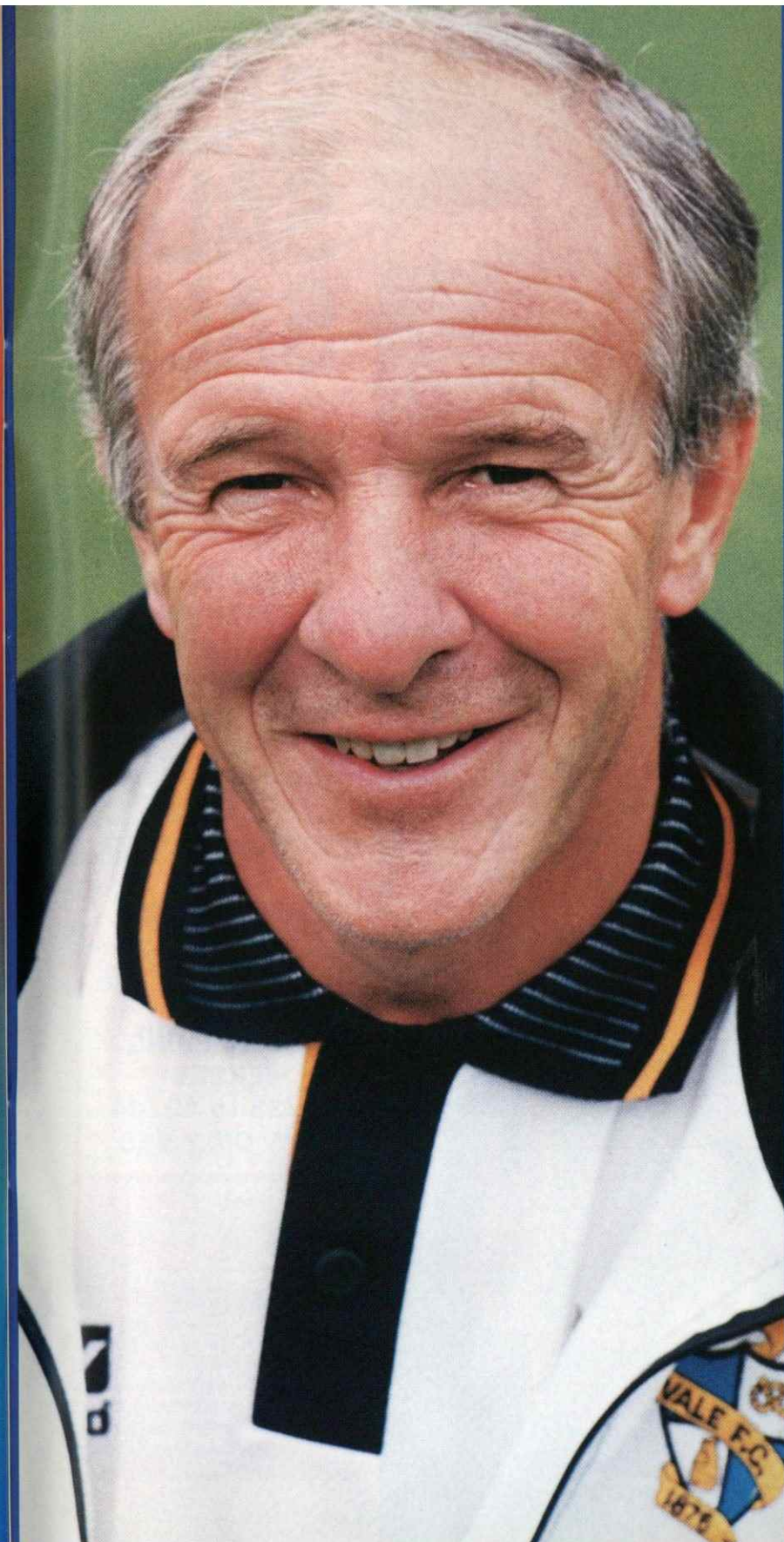
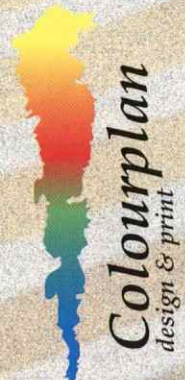
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Bill has been on the Vale coaching staff since 1994 following 11 years at Mansfield Town where he coached and was also assistant manager for a spell. He began his playing days as a goalscoring striker with his home town team Oldham Athletic in 1963 and he stayed there for three years. In December 1966 he moved on to Crewe Alexandra, scoring 7 goals in 43 games for them and then in 1968 was off to Chester. Bill played twice against the Vale during our 1969-70 promotion campaign and in April 1970 his career really took off with a move to Sheffield United. He helped them to promotion to the First Division in his first season and he finished top scorer in the league in 1972 when they led the table for a while with 16 goals. He remained with United six years before returning to Chester in 1976, a year later moving to Chesterfield. Ironically he made his debut for the Spirites here at Vale Park in August 1977 when they won 3-1, but he only played one season for them. He liked Chesterfield as a place though, and still lives there.

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CREWE ALEX	43+3	7
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CHESTERFIELD	18+9	2
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REVIEW

Whilst the Blues' programme contains 48 pages it is disappointing that almost half of these contain advertising. As with many First Division club programmes this season once you have taken away the advertising, commercial and marketing news there is little left. Indeed, the Birmingham publication is no different - in this programme at one place there are seven consecutive full-pages of advertisements.

In his column, Barry Fry pays tribute to John Rudge by saying "John has worked miracles year in year out in his 15 year reign at the club, one more this year when two months ago Vale looked certs for relegation. But after a fantastic run they have shot up the table and now look a great bet for the play-offs.

They have already had a super season and if they did get into the Premiership then I am sure everybody would be pleased for John. Vale splashed out on two wingers, Jon McCarthy and Steve Guppy, spending almost £800,000 and along with the rest of an excellent team that consists of a good blend of youth and experience, they are a real force to be reckoned with.

John Rudge must surely be one of the favourites for the coveted Manager of the Year award.

From the statistics page it is really evident the extent to which Barry Fry as swapped the team round this season. Already he has used a staggering 46 different players. Whilst recently people like Paul Devlon, Martin Grainger and Andy Legg have been brought in, others like Ken Charlery and Steve Claridge are long gone. Indeed, upto the publication of the Birmingham programme an amazing 22 different players had made their first team debut for the Blues.

Barry Fry also likes to involve all his substitutes whenever he can. On 37 occasions he has used all three substitutes. He has only on one occasion not used any substitutes at all. This was when Birmingham lost 3-2 at Wolves, conceding two goals in the last two minutes.

It is also interesting to note from the statistics page that Barry Fry also uses 'outfield' players as substitutes and never names a second goalkeeper in his squad of fourteen.

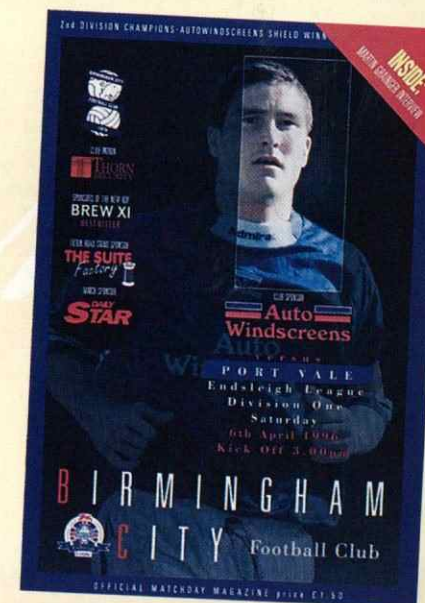
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Design (10)	7
Information on Vale (10)	7
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Value for money (10)	6

TOTAL (50) 32

Away programme Review table now looks as follows:

1.	Crystal Palace	45
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PROGRAMME REVIEW

Youth Team



TONY McShane and Liam Burns enjoyed successful debuts for Northern Ireland under-18's on Monday. McShane played a holding role in midfield while Burns appeared at right back in the 2-0 win over Wales at Wrexham. Youth manager Mark Grew said: "We have had really good reports back about them and they seemed to

enjoy the experience. Both seemed to do well and should be better for the experience of playing at that level for the first time."

Vale colleague Steven Boyd failed to make the starting line-up but played for the equivalent of the 'B' side against a Stoke City XI at Lilleshall on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Vale youth side drew 0-0 with Notts County on Monday and went down 2-1 at Coventry on Thursday.

Steve Williams grabbed Vale's only goal before Vale were beaten by a late strike.

Grew added: "The lads were gutted because they had played so well and deserved better than that. But the result shows the kind of progress they have made because Coventry beat us 6-2 earlier in the season."

MIDLAND MELVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Leicester City	29	19	4	6	81	43	61
Aston Villa	27	17	5	5	59	26	56
Coventry City	25	15	5	5	61	39	50
Notts County	25	15	4	6	57	34	49
Wolverhampton Wan.	25	13	6	6	46	34	45
Birmingham City	25	13	4	8	48	44	43
Stoke City	29	12	5	12	51	48	41
Walsall	26	11	6	9	40	32	39
Nottingham Forest	28	11	4	13	37	44	37
PORT VALE	27	11	4	12	39	47	37
Derby County	29	9	8	12	42	38	35
Northampton Town	27	10	4	13	31	38	34
Lincoln City	27	8	6	13	34	50	30
Grimsby Town	24	7	6	11	30	32	27
Mansfield Town	22	8	2	12	34	40	26
Peterborough Utd	25	6	6	13	25	47	24
West Bromwich	25	5	5	15	23	51	20
Shrewsbury Town	28	4	3	21	31	79	15

FIXTURES 1995-96

August	
4 Lincoln	H 3-1 Worth (p), Burns, Boyd.
12 Mansfield	A 2-4 Williams, Davis.
26 Notts Co	A 1-0 Davis
September	
2 N Forest	H 2-0 Burns (p), McShane.
9 Peterboro	A 1-0 own goal
16 North'ton	A 1-2 Rochester
21 Northwich	H 6-1 Williams 2, Worth, Boyd, Reynolds, Davis.
(FAYC)	
23 Shrewsby	H 0-1
30 Stoke	H 2-2 Williams 2
October	
3 Hall Road (FAYC)	A 0-0
7 Walsall	H 3-3 Worth 2, Bloor.
14 WBA	A 3-1 Worth 2, Davis.
21 A Villa	H 2-2 Worth 2
23 Hall Rd (FAYC)	H 2-1 Boyd, Worth.
28 N Forest	A 1-0 Worth
30 Huddersfd (FAYC)	H 1-1 Worth
November	
1 Huddersfd (FAYC)	A 0-5
4 Birmingham	A 1-2 Boyd
11 Coventry	H 2-6 Worth 2

22 Wolves (MYC)	A 2-2 Williams, Banks.
25 Grimsby	H 0-2
December	
2 WBA	A 1-3 Davis
16 Leicester	H 4-2 Williams, McShane, Davis, Worth.
January	
6 Lincoln	A 0-2
13 Mansfield	H 3-2 Worth, Williams, Davis.
20 Leicester	A 1-0 O'Callaghan
27 North'ton	H PP
February	
3 Notts Co	H PP
10 Peterboro	H PP
13 Stoke	A 2-0 Davis 2
19 Northampton	H 0-0
17 Wolves	H 1-3 Commander
24 Shrewsbury	A 3-2 Davis, Boyd, Brown
March	
9 Derby	A 0-2
16 Walsall	A 0-2
23 WBA	H 0-1
30 A Villa	A 3-2 Williams 2, McShane
April	
6 Birmingham	H 1-2 Boyd
13 Coventry	A PP
20 Derby	H 0-0
18 Coventry	A 1-2 Williams
27 Grimsby	A
May	
4 Wolves	A

Reserves



Vale lost both the lead and their discipline in the closing stages of a surprisingly physical encounter against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road. Lee Glover converted one of several chances to put Vale in front on 47 minutes but

Bradley Sandeman (80) was sent off for two bookable offences and Vale conceded a penalty two minutes from the end. Goalkeeper Arjan van Heusen needlessly pushed home youngster Ian Vickers while in possession of the ball and Andy Gouck scored from the spot.

Vale largely dominated the game with good passing and Glover was a constant menace up front.

Stewart Talbot needed four stitches in a cut above an eye and Vale coach Colin Dobson said "Overall I was very pleased the lads had to contend with a lot of intimidation and did well to keep their heads until those last 10 minutes. We were disappointed not to come home with a victory."

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Middlesbrough	31	21	5	5	75	28	68
Sunderland	31	17	8	6	58	32	59
Huddersfield Town	31	16	7	8	54	30	55
Preston North End	29	14	10	5	43	30	52
PORT VALE	30	14	9	7	61	40	51
Leicester City	29	13	11	5	61	32	50
Coventry City	29	15	4	10	58	45	49
Blackpool	31	13	8	10	48	37	47
Aston Villa	29	11	9	9	54	44	42
Barnsley	31	12	6	13	51	54	42
Manchester City	30	10	11	9	30	34	41
Burnley	32	11	8	13	61	67	41
Grimsby Town	29	10	8	11	55	57	38
Rotherham Utd	31	8	7	16	30	52	31
Bradford City	29	9	3	17	44	68	30
York City	31	7	7	17	31	62	28
Hull City	30	3	4	23	14	60	13
Mansfield Town	29	2	5	22	27	83	11

FIXTURES 1995-96

August	
16 Burnley	A 1-0 Lawton
23 Man City	H 1-1 Lawton
31 Hull City	A 2-3 Corden, Kent
September	
6 Mansfield	H 2-3 Naylor, Talbot
13 Rotherham	H 1-1 Naylor (pen)
19 Coventry	A 1-1 Taylor
27 Bradford C	H 3-1 Naylor(p), Corden (og)
October	
3 Grimsby	A PP
9 Middlesbro	H 2-1 Cunningham, Naylor
18 Aston Villa	A 2-2 Naylor 2
25 Blackpool	H 1-3 Mills
November	
1 York C	A 5-1 Foyle 2, Sandeman 2, Mills
6 Huddersfield	H 0-1
14 Rotherham	A 2-3 Glover 2, Walker 1
22 York	H 1-2 Bernsten
28 Leicester	H 5-0 L.Glover 3, Bernsten, Mills
December	
5 Coventry	H 3-1 Mills 2, Cunningham
11 Bradford	A 5-1 Glover 3, Bogie (p), Mills

January 1996

3 Sunderland	H 1-1 Mills
10 Preston	H 1-1 L. Glover
17 Grimsby	A 1-1 Sandeman
24 Burnley	H 3-1 OG, Sandeman, Lawton
29 Mansfield	A PP
February	
7 Hull City	H PP
12 Preston	A 1-2 L. Glover
29 Barnsley	A 3-1 L. Glover 3
March	
5 Huddersfield	A 2-0 Corden, Foyle
13 Sunderland	A 0-3
19 Barnsley	H 3-2 Naylor 2, Mills
26 Grimsby	H 5-3 Mills 3, L.Glover, Corden
April	
1 Hull	H 1-0 Corden
10 Middlesbrough	A 1-1 D. Glover
17 Blackpool	A 1-1 L. Glover
22 Man City	A
24 Aston Villa	H
29 Leicester	A

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Biddulph Ladsands (team
FB United). He attends Park
Middle School, Knypesley.
His favourite players are Tony
Naylor and Martin Foyle

Arjan Van Heusden	1	Ian Feuer
Andy Hill	2	Graham Alexander
Dean Stokes	3	Mitchell Thomas
Ian Bogie	4	Marvin Johnson
Gareth Griffiths	5	Steve Davis
Neil Aspin	6	Darren Patterson
Wayne Corden	7	Bontcho Guentchev
Andy Porter	8	Tony Thorpe
Martin Foyle	9	David Oldfield
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