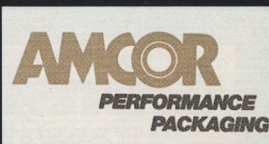


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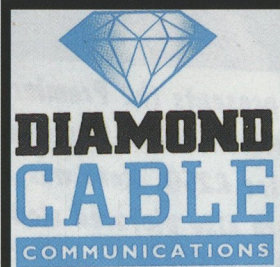
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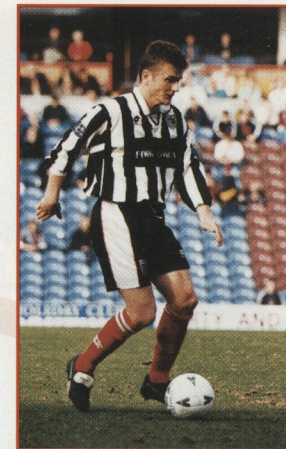
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# THE BUCKLEY BRIEF

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to tonight's game. Lennie Lawrence's side will provide tough opposition for us tonight, as we found out in our recent 2-2 draw with them at Kenilworth Road. It is not like us to lose a 2-0 lead, but Luton put us under a great deal of pressure in the closing stages and drew level. Lennie's teams always look to play the game the right way and I am sure they will come here tonight to give us a good game of football.

The Wembley factor around the town continues to snowball. It appears that almost the whole of Grimsby and Cleethorpes will desert the town on that Sunday - they might as well close all the shops! Myself and the players are fully aware of what a magnificent prospect the day is, but I can only repeat what I have stated before. We have vital league games between now and then and must be fully concentrated on each and every game as it comes along. It



**Jim Dobbin - back in Mariners colours for a second spell after re-joining the club on transfer deadline day.**

is important we do our own job properly and don't rely on other teams to do us favours.

This club has never shouted about what we are going to do - we have simply done our very best and will continue to do so for the good of Grimsby Town.

It was interesting to note that I was hopelessly misquoted in a National newspaper after our defeat at Burnley.

It read that I had said we were now only playing for a play-off place but my only comment was that it was difficult chasing Bristol City and Watford and losing at Burnley would make it more so. I

sometimes think journalists dream up the occasional story! As I said earlier, we will simply continue to do our very best and I will make sure the players are very focused on the job in hand.

Thanks for your excellent support. I hope you enjoy tonight's game.

*Alan Buckley*

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Grimsby Town fans will be given the chance to bid for a signed club shirt later this season when the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association launches its "Put Your Shirt on a Dog" campaign.

Aiming to raise many thousands of pounds, the campaign is the brainchild of two avid football supporters, Tom Watt - alias Lofty from the early days of Eastenders - and Guide Dog owner Wayne Busbridge. A total of 93 shirts will be up for grabs in what will be the world's largest auction of signed football kit. The shirts have been donated by every one of the country's Premier and Nationwide league clubs as well as the England team. Bidding will be by telephone and phone lines will be open from Saturday April 11th to Sunday July 18th for people to place their bids. Each club will have its own number; Grimsby Town fans can get their hands on their signed team shirt by calling 0709 1009655. These calls are charged at 12 1/2 pence at the weekend, 25 pence in

the evening and 37 1/2 pence during the day.

All proceeds from the auction will go to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. It costs over £25,000 to train each Guide Dog and its owner, so every penny helps! successful bidders will be notified later this summer. So go on, help one of the nation's favourite charities by putting your shirt on a dog!

For more details and a full list of bid line numbers just call the "Put Your Shirt On A Dog" Information Line on 0930 122822. These calls are charged at 50p per minute.



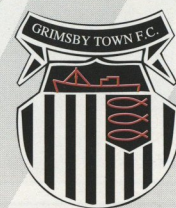
**IN RESERVE**

Welcome to tonight's game against Luton Town. Last week saw the reserves entertain Middlesbrough who had a number of experienced players on show. The game itself was a very lively one with plenty of good football played but unfortunately ended 0-0. After a fairly even first half we then had the better of the second period, but our final ball in the last third just let us down. Their keeper then made three good saves in the last ten minutes to keep the scores level. All credit to the lads who coupled their good football with the hard work that goes with it. For the first time I added a bit of pressure to the team as they chase Sunderland and Leicester City who are at the top, with us being 5 points behind in third. Whatever happens it has been a great achievement to find us where we are, considering the number of young players we regularly field and also the size of the clubs we play against. All credit to those who play.

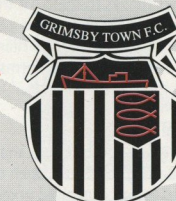
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*Cockers*

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**Wednesday 6th May 1998 (7.30pm)**

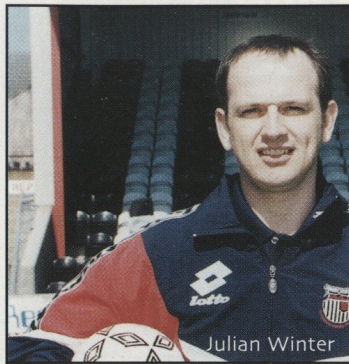
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Good evening and welcome to the game

### Easter Soccer Courses

We are currently in the first week of our Easter coaching programme. The first course of the two week programme in Market Rasen was completed, today where 80 children have participated in football coaching and fun game. The rest of the Easter programme is as follows:-

- Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th April Lough, London Road Sports Association
- Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th April Grimsby, Waltham Toll Bar School (Sponsored by NAT WEST Bank)
- Thursday 16th & Friday 17th April Brigg, Sir John Nellthorpe School

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the Girls Football Course at Waltham Toll Bar on the 20th April 1998 has had to be cancelled. Waltham Toll Bar School are now starting back to school a day earlier than planned and therefore we are unable to access their facilities to operate the course. It is hoped that another Girls Football Course will be planned in the near future. Sorry for any disappointment this may have caused.

Haven Holidays are kindly sponsoring the soccer course again this Easter holidays. Each child will receive a discount voucher so they can attend a Haven Holiday Camp, so mums and dads can relax on a well deserved holiday. All the children that attend the courses will have their names entered into a prize draw, and the winner will be awarded with a free holiday at any Haven Holiday Camp throughout the United Kingdom, during selected periods.

The Grimsby, Waltham Toll Bar course has also been kindly sponsored by the National Westminster Bank and the Football in the Community Scheme extends its thanks to them for their continued support. All the courses will run from 10.00am through to 3.00pm and will cost £12.00 for the two days. Places for all the courses are filling up, so if you wish to attend any of the courses please return your forms as soon as possible or contact the Community Office on 291776.

### Raising the Game

Grimsby Town Football Club and The Football in the Community hosted the 'Sport - Raising the Game' open meeting at the club on Monday 23rd March. The meeting was organised in conjunction with N.E. Lincolnshire Council's Leisure Services Department was intended to provide information and advice to adults and children interested in sport and how to develop in coaching and sports administration. Overall the meeting was a tremendous success with many young people benefiting from the opportunity to talk to those with the relevant knowledge in the sports arena.

### Lough Mini Mariners

A new initiative for the Football in the Community Scheme in the Lough area is coming to the end of its initial trial period. The Lough Mini Mariners has been running on a Saturday morning for a six week period and has proved tremendously successful, providing football coaching to fifty young footballers aged five to eight. Because of the success of the scheme it is scheduled to continue after the Easter break, with the first week of activities taking place on Saturday 25th April 1998. The club will operate throughout the academic year, with rest period during the school holidays. Anyone interested in adding their name, or their child's name to the register should contact the community office as soon as possible.

### Half Time Tournament

Tonight's half time entertainment is provided by Progressive Boys 'A' and William Lovell School. This is the second semi final of the competition and we wish both teams all the best as they seek to progress into the final.



Participants in the half time 6-a-side who reached the semi-finals v: Middleton Boys.

### Penalty Competition

Tonight we are also providing some extra half time entertainment in the form of a penalty competition. In the summer of 1997 we ran several soccer coaching courses throughout the area and at each venue we presented awards for an achiever of the course. This award was given to the person who, in the eyes of the coaches, had applied themselves to the coaching sessions the best and who had developed their skills over the length of the course. Each of the children will take five penalties and the winner will receive tickets to the final game of the season for themselves and their family. The participating children are as follows:-

- 1 Tessa Madden, Market Rasen
- 2 Richard Drakes, Louth
- 3 James Willis, Grimsby
- 4 Craig Allen, Immingham
- 5 Abigail Bennett, Skegness



Players from GTFC Football in the Community Skills Centre. With Matt and Damo from F.I.C. staff.

### G.O.F.E.R.S.

Tonight's GOFERS are provided by Discoveries Continental Under twelves. I hope they enjoy their night at Blundell Park.

### WELCOME

The Football in the Community Programme would like to welcome two new Training for Work trainees. Gavin Osborn and David Overan have both recently joined the Football in the Community for a period of six months to both assist on the scheme and to gain their F.A. Coaching Certificate. Welcome to them both and good luck in their studies.

### Muppetto Update

Gavin has not had the best of starts to his lunch time three-a-side games. He's had the shirt on three occasions in three weeks, taking his to join second with Wraithy, but still trailing Damo with five. Keep you posted to the end of the season. See you next time

*Julian*

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### Happy Birthday, Victoria Blake!

Victoria is an under graduate student at Christ Church College, University of Kent, despite being on a low budget, she follows the Mighty Mariners home and away whenever possible, and what better way can she celebrate her 21st birthday tonight than at her home ground of Blundell Park. Victoria has always followed the Mariners since the age of seven alongside her father Ray and sister Hannah and Louisa.



Victoria pictured with Nigel Batch back in 1987

She was one of the first girl mascots for the Mariners on February 14th 1987 against Reading. She recently travelled nearly 1000 miles round trip to see the Mariners play at Anfield and shall certainly be cheering the lads on at Wembley with the rest of her family and friends.

### Thanks Bob

Prior to tonight's match there will be a presentation on the pitch to Mr Bob Jones in recognition of his hard work and enthusiasm in supporting the Club Grand National Draw for 10 years. Everyone at Grimsby Town wishes to thank Bob for his efforts.

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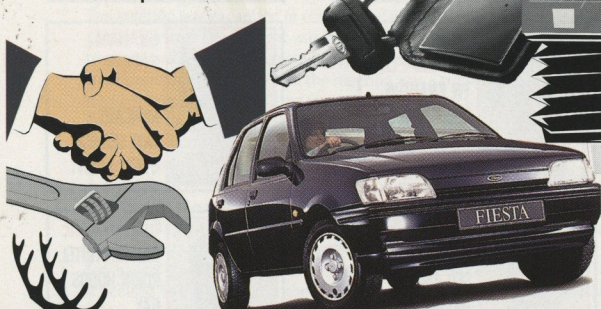
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## ON THE ROAD WITH KIRKY (AGAIN!)

Turf Moor again for Kirky and despite the defeat, he still manages this amusing report....

Burnley v Grimsby Town

While waiting for the team bus, we had the 'pleasure' of meeting someone very special - 'The World's Most Depressed Man'. He made Les Dawson look like a veritable optimist. He was a Claret's fan, but started off by saying what a wonderful team Town have (kiss of death every time!). Gradually, he talked less of Town's wonderful team, and more of Burnley's inept season, which would lead to the Third Division, defeat by Halifax (more than he could bear), more defeat by Rochdale, Hartlepool, et al, relegation to the Vauxhall Conference, the East Lancashire League, the Accrington Under 11s third division, and the end of the world. All this to be achieved by a week next Tuesday. He decided to go for a drink to drown his sorrows, but returned minutes later, because one of his (even more depressed) friends couldn't sell her raffle tickets, would we buy a book? We were so close to tears at his tales of woe, we'd have bought the clothes off his back, his house, his dog AND his Missus if he'd asked. He then wanted the autographs of every Town player starting with 'D' (for depression) - Davison, Donovan, Dobbin, and Dave (Smith).

Scotty confused the cafe staff somewhat by asking for a carton of Pink Icelandic Glacier Water a la Volcanic Ash. The young lady was somewhat perplexed, never having sampled this delight at Shrewsbury or Bourne-mouth (wonder if it's on sale at Wembley?). I have it on good authority that this used to be brought back to Grimsby in the bilges of mid-water trawlers when the pumps weren't working, but that's just another delicacy lost to the town with the demise of the fishing industry. Helen intends to buy a lorry load when she next finds it on sale, as she's sure it will do her aspidistra a power of good.

A couple of Wembley stories heard at Burnley: Shares in Wilkinson Sword and Old Spice have shot up again now that Terry Hall has promised to remove his beard if we gain promotion. He has also agreed to sort out a new colour scheme for Wembley by colouring his beard in halves - one black one, one white one...

Sol told us of how he was about to achieve his moment of stardom in front of YTV's cameras in the ticket queue - but blew it in a big way. As the crew made their way up the line, each punter was asked the same question: "How long have you been here?" ... "Five hours and I want six tickets." "Four and a half hours, and I want ten tickets." "Four and a quarter hours, and I want three tickets." "And Sol what about you? How long have you been here?" "Thirty years - I was born here mate!" "CUT! CUT!"

It was good to see St James getting off the bus at Burnley - Welcome back, Jim! Then there was Doug Collins, now a preacher in America, and as far as I could judge with my eyesight, no different from when he strolled along the touchline on the receiving end of the 'humour' emanating from the Barratts Stand.

The away stand had a good number of Town supporters - obviously not as many as for the match ten days earlier, money doesn't stretch THAT far! As for the regulars, their finances are beginning to make the National Debt look like loose change! You would have thought Gordon Brown would have added an extra category in his recent budget:

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And so to the game. Terrific excitement right the way through - probably the best goal we have had scored against us, a flash of inspiration from Jack, and then lots of goalmouth incident. Finally, Keith said the forbidden words: "Just watch Payton score against us, again!" and Hey Presto he did! If only Keith could have kept quiet for another ten minutes; we'd have won!

I wonder if my Burnley friend is now slightly less depressed? I hope not, it seemed that that was all he had to live for!

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Total to date: 8423 miles (28 matches)

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After the game, follow the yellow AA signs into the direct traffic back to the M40, avoiding the town centre and some of the worst jams.

**FROM RAILWAY STATION** (High Wycombe) 2.0 miles as the crow flies, further as the human walks. By taxi: About £5. By bus: The club runs special buses from the railway station; at 1355 and 1425 on Saturdays, and 1835 and 1840 for midweek games. They call in at the bus station in the Octagon Centre at 1400, 1430, 1905 and 1910. The journey takes about 15 minutes.

### PARKING

The car-park at the ground is not usually open to away fans. Sometimes the club has access to a nearby field, and charges 50p - but beware, there's only one way out. There is also parking around the industrial units (free or minimal charge). For a quicker getaway, park off the Hillbottom Estate completely, and instead try Roundwood Road. In all cases, arrive early to avoid a long hike to the ground. Information supplied by Football Fans Guide

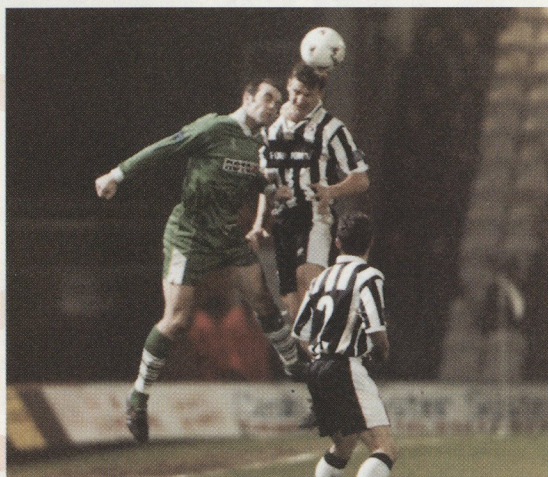
### OUR NEXT VISITORS

The Easter Monday match at Blundell Park sees the Mariners taking on Bristol Rovers, another side with play off ambition this season. The Pirates have made it a "Bristol-double" in the top places of Division Two for much of the season, but whilst the red half of the City look all set for automatic promotion and are in with a real shout of the championship, the blue sector of Bristol will be happy, if they can steer themselves into the play-offs. Whilst their away record is as good as most of their rivals, it is their form at home (or Memorial Ground at Bristol Rugby Union to be exact) that has let them down, with 8 defeats on their own soil, at the time of writing. Last Saturday they were in action at Millwall and will have been hopeful of a good result to take them into the Easter period. Good Friday sees them at home to Wigan Athletic whilst the Mariners travel to Wycombe Wanderers.

Ian Holloway is the man in charge at Rovers and he still looks to take a playing role at the Club as well using his experience of spells at Wimbledon, Brentford, Bristol Rovers (played under Gerry Francis) and QPR to help the younger players at the Club. Former Mariner Andy Tilson is part of the Pirates defence and indeed captains the side. Other squad members include Gary Penrice, Jamie Careton (ex Norwich City) and ever dangerous Barry Hayles. Holloway's side will be smarting from the 4-0 defeat, the Mariner, handed out in the Memorial Ground meeting back in December when goals from Tony Gallimore, Steve Livingstone (2) and Kevin Donovan gave Town their best away result of the campaign to date. As the season draws to its close, the tension builds. It promises to be an exciting match. See you there!

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

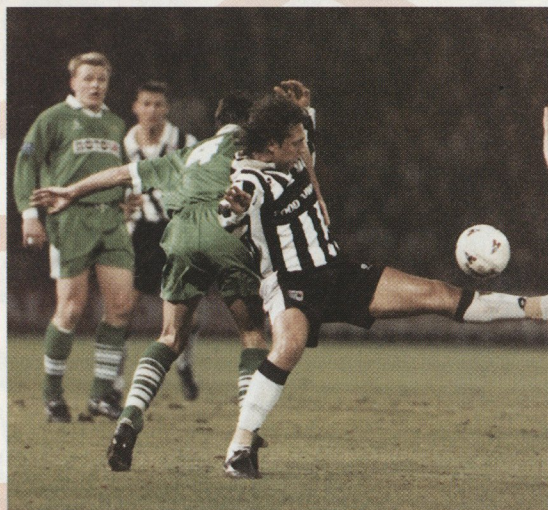
## Grimsby Town 1 Plymouth Argyle 0 Nationwide League Division Two, Tuesday 24th March 1998, Blundell Park



1. Mark Lever outstanding at the heart of the defence outjumps the Plymouth attack during the first half. John McDermott looks on



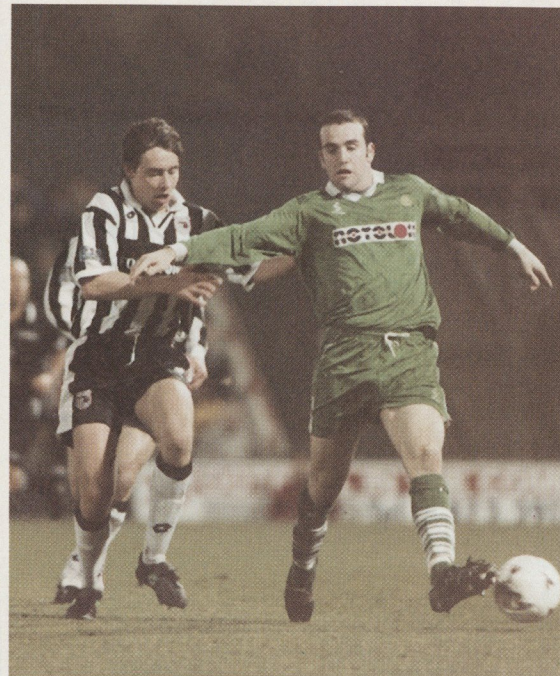
2. Lee Nogan forced a tremendous save from the Pilgrims keeper on 18 minutes. Here he is battling for possession outside the area



3. This midfield battle sees Wayne Burnett at full stretch.



4. Panic in the Argyle penalty area as Steve Livingstone (grounded) is thwarted as Town look for the all-important goal.



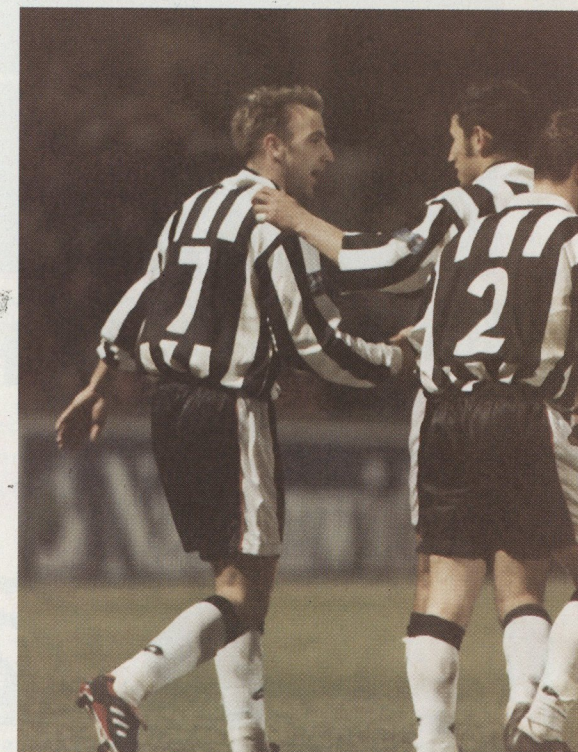
5. The visitors attack was never a real threat superbly marshalled by Peter Handyside & co.



7. Towns top scorer runs at the defence. He was soon to provide the vital cross for Paul Groves to nod in the winner.



6. Jack Lester looks to get in behind the defence.



8. "Nice cross Kev!". Jack Lester congratulates Donovan on his supply.

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"The Magic of the Cup", that special frisson of excitement which punctuates the weekly grind of League matches as winter takes its grip, is reflected in the collecting of programmes for cup ties. The contents, scarcity and collectability of cup tie programmes mark them out from normal league issues.

A cup tie gives programme editors an excuse to look back on past cup glories, and allows them to indulge in fantasies far removed from the reality of league position - asking the annual question - "Could this be our year?". When a bigger, more glamorous club comes to call, it is often the excuse to make an extra effort in terms of contents, cover design and size, and an increase in the number of pages, page size - and inevitably, the cover price!

Such "specials" are under greater demand by both types of programme buyer - the casual purchaser at the match, who may not normally bother purchasing a league programme, but who is caught up in the cup tie hype; and the collector who will attempt to purchase "big match" or special programmes as a priority over the hundreds of ordinary League issues. As a consequence of the first, there may be fewer surplus programmes to satisfy collectors who did not attend the match. As a result of the second, demand will be greater than normal for an already restricted supply of cup tie programmes.

These collectable issues, therefore, will fetch higher sums than their contemporary league programmes. For programmes in the 1990s and 1980s, there will probably be a premium

of 50p on the league price; £1 may be added for 1970s and 1960s League Cup and FA Cup issues, and expect to pay twice as much for 1950s and earlier Cup tie programmes, as you would for League match programmes of a similar vintage.

Cup tie programmes is an attractive set to collect because it comes in manageable numbers. Rather than committing yourself to collecting up to 20 League matches a season, a handful of cup ties each year will see the set completed far quicker - and to a much smaller budget. This would enable the collector with limited funds to spread the "age" of his collection more widely, and to add some expensive issues from the 1940s and 1950s, a few at a time. This could not be contemplated, financially, if every home programme were targeted, including league matches, when 1940s programmes are fetching upwards of £10 at auction.

By concentrating on the comparatively fewer Cup tie issues, the collector will be able to enjoy the competition of bidding by postal auction against other collectors, and the sensation of coming across a much sought after programme by rummaging through boxes at programme shops and fairs, or in sifting through the pages of programme dealers' catalogues.

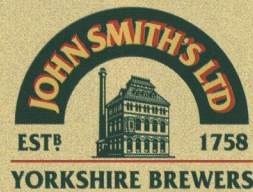
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## DID YOU KNOW?

- \* Aston Villas Charlie Wallace was the first player ever to miss an FA Cup Final penalty. It was against Sunderland in 1913 but Villa still won 1-0.
- \* The corridors of Highbury are said to be haunted by the ghost of ex-Arsenal boss Herbert Chapman.
- \* Scottish winger Jimmy Johnstone was nicknamed "The Flea".
- \* Tom Finney was the first player to be named Footballer of the Year, twice.
- \* Millwall were once known as Rovers, then Athletic before settling on the single name.
- \* Rotherham United were once known as Thornhill United.
- \* Lincoln City were the first ever club to be automatically relegated from the Football League. They went down to the Vauxhall Conference in 1987, but won promotion back to the Football League again the very next season.
- \* Ipswich Town's players gained the first, second and third places in the PFA Player of the Year Awards in 1981.
- \* The final Home International Championship in 1986 was won by Northern Ireland.



# THE WINNING TEAM



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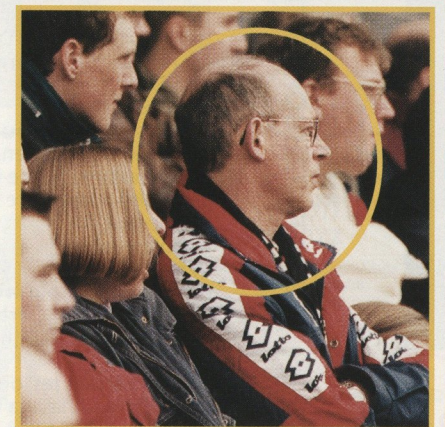
## ARE YOU THE JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE?

Is this your face circled?  
This picture was taken at our last home game. If it is you contact Tim Harvey at Blundell Park to claim your prize of 12 cans of John Smiths Extra Smooth Bitter.

Look out in the next Matchday Programme for another JOHN SMITHS SMOOTHIE  
It could be you!



See page 25 for last match winner.







# WEMBLEY RE-VISITED FOR TOWN SKIPPER

Back at the club for his second spell, Paul Groves is performing as well as ever in the heart of the Mariners midfield. The skipper, with his strong forward runs, has found himself on the end of many a flowing move this season and has grabbed his fair share of goals from his midfield berth. He has notched twelve goals up to and including the Wrexham match and has been ever present in those 57 games as indeed he was an ever present in his previous spell at Blundell Park. He is one of the Mariners men who has tasted the Wembley experience before, once with non-league Burton Albion and twice with former club Blackpool. He experienced both the Wembley emotions with his visits with the Tangerines, losing the first play off final and then returning the following year to win promotion - both games going to penalty shoot-outs. But despite Sunday 19th April being his fourth visit, it will still be a very special day "Once the Bristol Rovers game is over, we can turn our attention to Wembley. That is when the magnitude of the day will hit the players and then on the day itself, the first step out of the tunnel is an unbelievable feeling" says the captain. "However when all is said and done, it is a game that we want to win to make it a really memorable day."

## Grosvie gives his answers

### PERSONAL

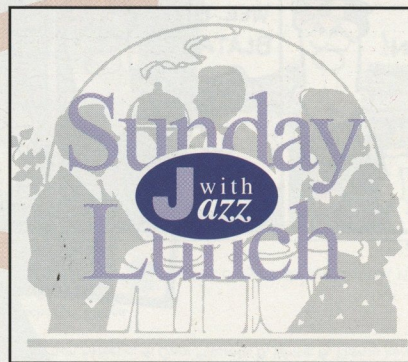
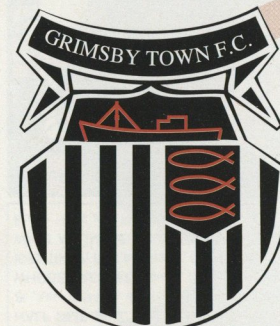
Name: Paul Groves  
 Birth Place / Date: Derby 28.02.66  
 Marital Status: Married  
 Children: One boy - Sam  
 Star Sign: Pisces  
 What school did you go?  
 Bemrose Comprehensive Derby  
 What was the name of your first girlfriend and where did you meet her (be honest)?  
 Debbie - school  
 Where did you buy your first alcoholic drink and how old were you?  
 The Broadway - Derby 16  
 What was the naughtiest thing you did at school?  
 Missed certain lessons  
 Who did you have a crush on when you were a teenager?  
 Whitney Houston

### FOOTBALL

**What is your pre-match meal?**  
 Chicken and spaghetti  
**What was the first professional match you ever went to watch?**  
 Derby v Leeds  
**Who is your room mate for away games?**  
 Kev Donovan  
**What are his worst habits?**  
 None that I can mention  
**What is the highlight of your career to date?**  
 Play Off Final for Blackpool v Scunthorpe. We won on penalties.  
**What has been the most embarrassing moment of your career?**  
 Not divulging it.  
**Which current law of the game do you dislike the most?**  
 Offside rule.  
**If you were not a footballer what would you be?**  
 Coach (driver!)  
**What is your favourite ground?**  
 St James Park, Newcastle  
**Which of your team mates deserves a medal and why?**  
 Richard Smith for his desire to get fit.

### LIFESTYLE

**What is your favourite piece of clothing?**  
 Suits  
**How do you relax?**  
 Golf  
**What was the last film you watched that made you cry?**  
 None  
**What is your all time favourite record?**  
 Gil Scott Heron - "In The Bottle"  
**What would be your worst nightmare?**  
 Having to finish playing football through injury.  
**Which person has been an inspiration to you?**  
 My Dad  
**Who would top your guest list at a party?**  
 Elle McPherson  
**What song would you sing at a karaoke?**  
 "You've Lost That Loving Feeling"  
**What is your pride and joy?**  
 My family



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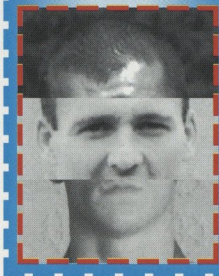
## HALF TIME QUIZ

1. In 1958, which club were relegated from the First Division for the first time in 68 years?
2. Who was Scotland's second choice goalkeeper for Euro '96?
3. With which club was Jimmy Seed manager between 1933 and 1956?
4. Which Blackburn player in 1966 was sent off after just three minutes of his debut?
5. What colour are Real Madrid's home shirts?
6. Name the losing Italian captain in the 1994 World Cup Final?
7. What was the title of Kevin Keegan's chart hit in the 1970's?
8. When did Danny Wilson become manager of Barnsley?
9. Which Second Division club plays at Vicarage Road?
10. With which club did Julian Dicks make his League debut?



### IDENTIKIT

Name the three players in this patchwork pic



### whose crests?

Name the three club crests featured in this montage

### BLABBY TORCHON

ANN JUNK GREMLINS RINK EAGERLY

CHI HUH KETONE VINE GALLERY

### WHAT A JUMBLE!

Unscramble the names of these ten players.

ELM HIT JINGO

ARM BAG BUTTY

HOG RETURN

JINNY OVENS

OLD NORA

### Norm & Ec

by Norman Hood

OH NO - THE REF'S ORDERED PENALTY RE-TAKEN

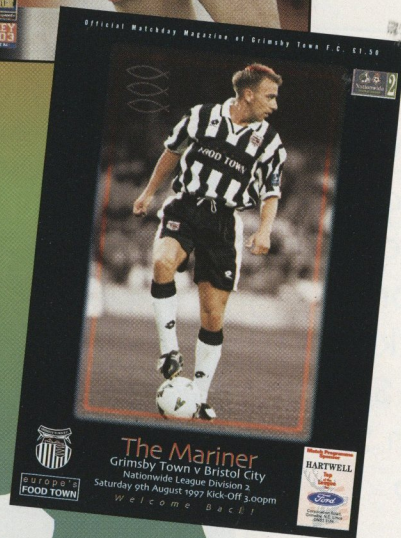
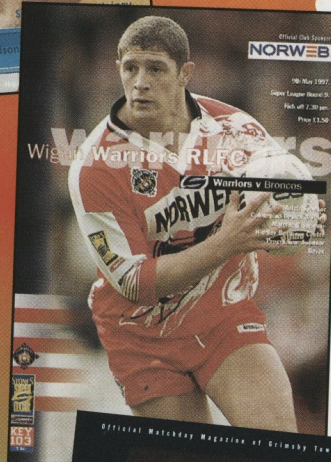
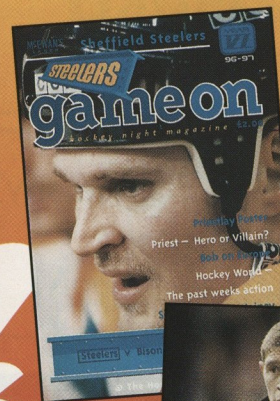
HE'S SAYING: OUR KEEPER MOVED TOO SOON!

STILL, I SUPPOSE IT WAS A WEE BIT BLATANT!

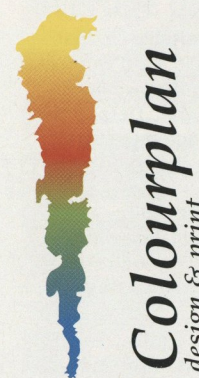
HE MANAGED TO DIVE AT THE PENALTY-TAKERS FEET.....!

ANSWERS

HALF TIME QUIZ: 1. Sunderland; 2. Jim Leighton; 3. Charlton Athletic; 4. Gary Filcroff; 5. White; 6. Franco Baresi; 7. Head Over Heels in Love; 8. June 1994; 9. Watford; 10. Birmingham City.  
WHOSE CRESTS?: Millwall, Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United.  
IDENTIKIT: Paul McGrath, Paul Lambert and Gary Neville.  
WHAT A JUMBLE: Bobby Charlton, Jurgen Klinsmann, Gary Lineker, Keith Houchen, Gary Jones, Vinnie Jones, Gary Mabbutt, Roger Hunt and Ronaldo.



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# GAME LOWDOWN

## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 7 April

**1894** - The Second Division journey to Burton Swifts is a happy one as Town's 3-0 victory gives them the 'double'. Rose, Jones and Dave Riddoch take the points.

**1934** - Pat Glover is absent for the vital 'derby' at Hull City, but Wally Ponting proves a capable understudy with the only goal of the game. An Anlaby Road crowd of 20,077 see Grimsby edge nearer the Second Division title.

**1950** - Over 21,000 are present at Blundell Park to see Grimsby defeat Leeds United 2-0. Lawrie MacKenzie scores with a penalty, while John Charles - later of Juventus fame - concedes an own goal.

**1962** - A top-of-the-table clash at Fratton Park ends in a 2-0 win for Grimsby thanks to the two Rons - Rafferty and Cockerill. Despite the feat, Portsmouth go on to claim the Third Division championship.

**1990** - Grimsby visit Halifax Town for the last time on League duty, earning a 2-2 draw through strikes by Tony Rees and Keith Alexander.

**1992** - Derby County inflict Town's second home defeat in three days with a 1-0 win in Cleethorpes. Goalkeeper Steve Sherwood makes his last appearance of the season.

### AND IN THE NEWS...

1902 - The Texas Oil Company (later to become Texaco) is formed.

1915 - Blues singer Billie Holliday born.

1924 - Benito Mussolini's Fascist Party wins the Italian elections.

1947 - Henry Ford, founder of the famous car company, dies.

*R. Briggs*

**Past League Record**  
Grimsby Town 11 wins  
Luton Town 10, wins  
10 draws

**First Meeting**  
Luton Town 6  
Grimsby Town 0  
27th December 1897

**Last Meeting**  
Luton Town 2  
Grimsby Town 2  
21st March 1998

**Biggest Win (Grimsby)**  
7-1 FA Cup 3  
6th January 1996

**Player For Both**  
Mick Cullen  
Chris Nicholl  
Matt Tees  
Graham Rodger  
Kingsley Black  
Paul Futcher

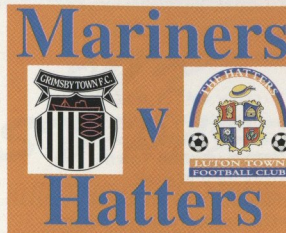
**Biggest Defeat (Grimsby)**  
0-6 December 1897  
and October 1981  
both in Division Two

**Entered League**  
Luton 1897

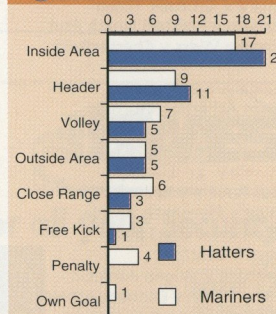
**FIRST EVER**  
Luton provided the first ever league opposition at Blundell Park - a 3-3 draw in the Second Division in Sept 1899

**Luton Honours**  
Champions Div 2 1982  
Champions Div 3 South 1937  
Champions Div 4 1968  
Champions Div 4 1968  
Littlewoods Cup Winners 1988

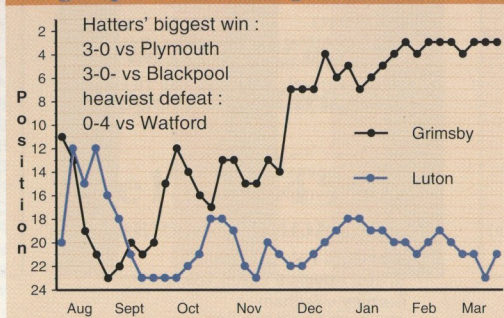
# STATS AND FACTS



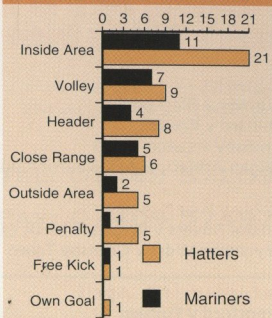
## goals - how scored



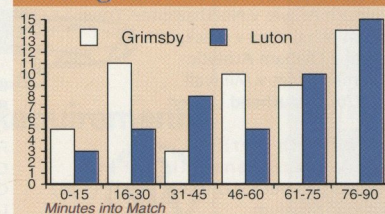
## league position throughout the season



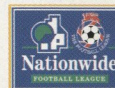
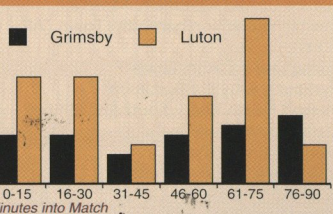
## and how conceded



## when goals have been scored



## and when conceded



## Division 2 Stats Current Form Table

Index in the table below reflects the league position of the opposition in the 6 games, ie the higher the position, the higher the index.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Bristol City	4	1	1	9	6	13	28%	WWLWDW
Brentford	3	2	1	10	8	11	62%	WDWDDL
Grimsby	3	2	1	8	4	11	27%	DLWDWW
Preston	3	2	1	8	7	11	43%	DWDWLW
Northampton	3	2	1	7	3	11	67%	DDWWLW
Wrexham	3	2	1	6	4	11	51%	DLWWDD
Plymouth	3	1	2	10	9	10	70%	WLWLWD
Wycombe	3	1	2	8	5	10	56%	LLWDWW
Walsall	3	1	2	6	7	10	51%	WLWLWD
Luton	2	3	1	8	6	9	38%	WDDDLW
Fulham	3	0	3	6	6	9	60%	LWLWWL
Gillingham	3	0	3	6	5	9	50%	LWLWLW
Millwall	3	0	3	5	6	9	56%	LLWLWW
Wigan	2	2	2	7	8	8	37%	DLLWDW
Blackpool	2	2	2	6	7	8	78%	DWLDWL
Southend	2	1	3	9	9	7	75%	LWWDLL
Watford	1	4	1	8	8	7	39%	DDWDDL
Chesterfield	2	1	3	6	7	7	61%	WWLLDL
York	1	2	3	7	9	5	51%	DLLWDL
Burnley	1	2	3	5	7	5	43%	WLDDLL
Bournemouth	1	1	4	9	14	4	23%	WLLLDL
Carlisle	1	1	4	6	9	4	51%	LLLLDW
Bristol Rovers	1	1	4	5	9	4	59%	WDLLLL
Oldham	0	2	4	6	10	2	59%	LLDLLL

## .. various Div 2 stats ..

players used who have left the club	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low high pos.	low and high position is taken after 4 games played	Plys used	goals for	goals agt	clean sheets	low high pos.		
Bournemouth	24	50	47	14	14	4	Millwall	35	40	48	10	17	3
Blackpool	32	49	57	8	17	7	Northampton	28	45	31	16	7	2
Brentford	36	43	60	10	24	11	Oldham	34	52	47	11	14	3
Bristol City	27	64	33	15	19	1	Plymouth	27	49	60	10	24	17
Bristol Rovers	27	58	59	8	14	3	Preston	24	47	48	12	18	3
Burnley	33	43	51	8	24	18	Southend	33	45	70	6	24	13
Carlisle	34	51	60	8	24	16	Walsall	24	39	44	14	22	12
Chesterfield	28	39	38	15	14	2	Watford	26	59	35	12	2	1
Fulham	37	48	36	15	18	3	Wigan	31	51	58	6	21	6
Gillingham	29	48	45	13	17	3	Wrexham	26	48	44	14	20	3
Grimsby	25	52	31	20	23	3	Wycombe	21	47	51	13	19	3
Luton	32	46	56	11	23	16	York	26	47	51	11	17	3

## Campaign Records

Highest/Lowest Gates  
16,128 Bristol City v Millwall 26-Dec  
2,039 Wrexham v Southend 21-Oct

Highest Aggregate Scores  
Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Biggest Home Win  
Burnley 7-2 York 31-Jan

Carlisle 5-0 Southend 10-Jan

Biggest Away Win  
Luton 0-4 Watford 4-Oct

Bristol Rovers 0-4 Grimsby 12-Dec

Consecutive Wins  
Bristol City 8

Games Unbeaten  
Bristol City 15

Consecutive Defeats  
Bristol Rovers, Carlisle, Southend 5

Games without a Win  
Preston 11

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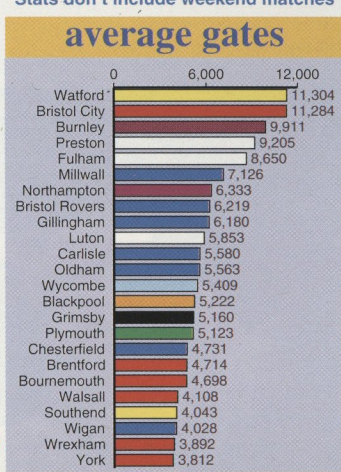
Consecutive Wins  
Bristol City, Chesterfield 2

Games Unbeaten  
Brentford, Watford 5

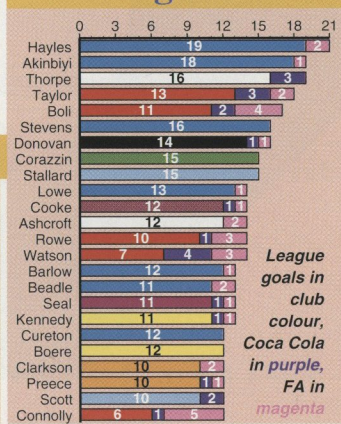
Consecutive Defeats  
Carlisle 4

Games without a Win  
Oldham 8

## average gates

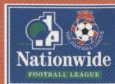


## leading scorers



League goals in club colour, Coca Cola in purple, FA in magenta

# NATIONWIDE ROUND-UP



## A step by step look at the remaining fixtures in Division Two

### Tonight

Burnley v Blackpool  
Fulham v Walsall  
Grimsby v Luton Town  
Wigan Athletic v AFC Bournemouth

### Friday 10th April

Bristol Rovers v Wigan Athletic (3.30)  
Wycombe Wdrs v Grimsby Town

### Saturday 11th April

Brentford v Fulham  
Burnley v Bristol City  
Carlisle United v Oldham Athletic  
Chesterfield v Northampton Town (All ticket)  
Gillingham v Luton Town  
Plymouth Argyle v Blackpool  
Preston North End v Southend United  
Walsall v Millwall  
Watford v Wrexham  
York City v AFC Bournemouth

### Monday 13th April

Blackpool v Brentford  
Bristol City v Watford  
Fulham v Carlisle United  
Grimsby Town v Bristol Rovers  
Millwall v Plymouth Argyle

Northampton Town v Preston North End (All Ticket)  
Oldham Athletic v Wycombe Wdrs  
Southend United v Gillingham  
Wigan Athletic v Burnley (All Ticket)  
Wrexham v York City

### Tuesday 14th April

AFC Bournemouth v Walsall  
Luton Town v Chesterfield

### Saturday 18th April

Brentford v Wigan Athletic  
Bristol Rovers v Luton Town  
Burnley v Fulham  
Chesterfield v Bristol City  
Gillingham v Wrexham  
Plymouth Argyle v Northampton Town  
Preston North End v Blackpool  
Walsall v Oldham Athletic  
Wycombe Wdrs v Millwall  
York City v Southend United

### Sunday 19th April

**Auto Windscreens Shield Final**  
AFC Bournemouth v Grimsby Town (1.30)  
Wembley Stadium  
As if you need reminding!!!

### Tuesday 21st April

Carlisle Utd v Grimsby Town  
Wigan Athletic v Walsall

### Friday 24th April

Wigan Athletic v Millwall

### Saturday 25th April

AFC Bournemouth v Burnley  
Blackpool v Bristol Rovers  
Brentford v Luton Town  
Bristol City v Walsall  
Carlisle United v York City  
Northampton Town v Fulham  
Oldham Athletic v Southend United  
Plymouth Argyle v Gillingham  
Watford v Grimsby Town  
Wrexham v Preston North End  
Wycombe Wdrs v Chesterfield

### Tuesday 28th April

Oldham Athletic v Burnley  
Watford v AFC Bournemouth

### Saturday 2nd May

Bristol Rovers v Brentford  
Burnley v Plymouth Argyle  
Chesterfield v Blackpool  
Fulham v Watford  
Gillingham v Wigan Athletic  
Grimsby Town v Oldham Athletic  
Luton Town v Carlisle United  
Millwall v AFC Bournemouth  
Preston North End v Bristol City  
Southend United v Wrexham  
Walsall v Wycombe Wdrs  
York City v Northampton Town

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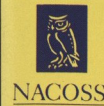
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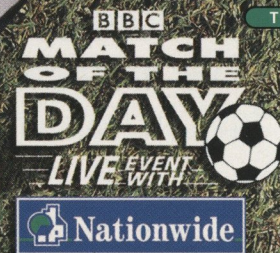
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# CAPTAINS LOG



Action from our 2-2 draw with Luton at Kenilwoth Road.

Good evening everybody. Welcome to tonight's match with Luton and also welcome to our visitors - the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town Football Club. We met Lennie Lawrence's side recently, of course - a match which finished 2-2. As a Club we have never complained about match officials, but going back to Kenilwoth Road this is one occasion when we feel something needs to be said. Three very big decisions went against us on the day. There were two blatant penalties not given, but by far the biggest decision was for their first goal. Mark Lever was well in control of the situation until he was upended and they went on to score directly afterwards. It meant they were back in the game soon after we had made it 2-0 and allowed them to build up a head of steam scoring the equaliser. They might have got a winner. I appreciate that match officials have a tough job on their hands, but they make decisions that to an extent determine a club's position. We as players are in the spotlight and get criticised. Referees are there too; what sort of accountability do they have? Now onto tonight's game. It will be tough we know that. Luton are well organised and obviously have character in the side. I hope that we can use home advantage to help us get the three points we require. After the draw at Wrexham last Tuesday, a few of the lads picked up knocks which we could certainly have done without at this important stage of the

season. That was the downside of the match - on the positive side it was a point which kept a bit of distance between us and them. I am writing these notes before our match with Gillingham. Let's hope we got the right result and can get another one this evening to make the most of the two successive home matches. Once again you can play your part from the stands tonight by getting behind us right from the first whistle. There is still so much to be decided between now and the end of our season. In closing, I have been asked to remind you that the Club Shop is stocked with various types of Wembley 98 merchandise and the much sought after new replica Wembley shirts will be on sale from this Thursday.

Thanks for your support once again. I hope you enjoy the game and we get the right result. All the Best

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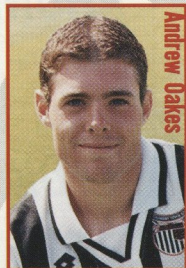




# MARINERS AT WAR

## THE NEW GENERATION

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game. As I told you in my last notes, the youth side has no more fixtures left this season, so I will be looking to arrange some friendly matches. This will give me an opportunity to bring some of the Under 16's into the youth side in preparation for next season. It will give the lads a chance to become familiar with their team-mates rather than starting cold next season. I will update you on the members of the Under 16 squad that have been offered Youth Trainee Contracts for next season in my next notes. For tonight I'll concentrate on this season's YTS who have earned themselves a professional contract with the Club.



**Andrew Oakes**  
Matthew Oswin, Steve Croudson and Andrew Oakes will join the ranks of the professionals at Blundell Park in June. "Os" has become a regular in the reserve side and has given many fine

performances at that level in the centre of midfield. Goalkeeper Steve Croudson will no doubt be pushing for a reserve place next season having done very well for the youth side to earn his contract. Andrew Oakes is a striker who has also made appearances for the second string and done well when called upon. All three of those lads have worked hard to earn their reward but all three will also know that this is just the first step on the ladder of achievement and they must continue to apply themselves correctly. The step from YT to professional is a big one and they will now be competing at a high standard. All three deserve credit for their achievement so far. I hope you enjoy the game. Cheers!

**Knighty**

While the build up to Grimsby's away match at Birmingham on 10 April was dominated by news that German General von Hindenburg has asked for 300,000 more men to break through the Russian positions to reach Warsaw, Grimsby Town welcomed back former goalkeeper Martin Spendiff to the club. A brave custodian who had first played for the Mariners in 1903, Spendiff (later a Cleethorpes dairy owner) had also seen service with Hull, but with reserve Bill Blanchard out with a broken arm, had volunteered his services to the end of the season.

John Quinn stepped aside for Tommy Spink in the only change for the visit to the Midlands, but after their Easter exertions to make sure of Second Division safety, Grimsby went down 0-3 to Birmingham. Full back Sid Wheelhouse was absent from the pitch when Blues scored their first goal, and although he returned, his injury meant a reorganisation of what until then had been an impressive defence. Two more goals followed to allow Birmingham revenge for a 1-0 defeat at Blundell Park four months before.

### 15 APRIL: FRENCH END ASSAULT ON ST. MIHIEL AFTER HEAVY LOSSES

It is worth noting that this was Town's first defeat in six games, as well as their first match without scoring since a 0-0 draw at Glossop in January. Nevertheless, the selectors kept faith in the team for the following week's trip to Blackpool, albeit Wheelhouse's injury allowing Tony Arrowsmith to return for what would be his last ever first team game. However, before a

good end-of-season crowd of 4,000, Blackpool gave the Mariners a football lesson with a comprehensive 5-0 beating.

Grimsby were outplayed from the start, with Blackpool's tough play winning the applause of a partisan home crowd. George Rampton though did have what looked a perfectly good goal disallowed by the referee after which the home side raced to a 3-0 half time lead - the first making forward Lane the Second Division's top scorer with 25 goals. Town's cause in the second half wasn't helped with Arrowsmith absent through injury for the final 45 minutes and an overworked defence did well to concede only two more goals.

### 20 APRIL: LLOYD GEORGE URGES AUSTERITY MEASURES AGAINST COST OF WAR

The final week of the 1914-15 season saw Grimsby with two league games still to play, but while the campaign had begun the previous August in jubilation and belief that the War would be over by Christmas, it was to end with the situation in Europe settling down to stalemate. Football had continued despite constant demands for it to cease, most notably so that players could join up to fight, and so, in all consideration, Mr F.J. Wall's statement of 19 April was almost inevitable. The Secretary of the F.A. confirmed an unofficial decision that no F.A. Cup or Football League matches would continue after the season ended until the War itself was over.

**R. Briggs**

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