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Editors Column



with Colin Green

Hello and welcome to a brand new fanzine. Before I say anything further I would like to say that this fanzine is not trying to compete with any of the other Imps fanzines. The Yellow Imps is published by the Imps, it is simply just another view of our sons and daughters football team.

Well moving away from the past season to cheer about, certainly not in fact, it is true that we have won only the one away game at Nottm Forest, and two home wins against Boringham and Mansfield. Looking at the second half of the season we have done much better, with only the one home point against Nottm. We have definitely put in the performance to stay in this division. What will the situation be next season though, if we do stay in this division? Is it possible to another dog-fight against relegation? If the Championship has not im-
proved by then, then it probably will be another relegation threatened season next time around.

It certainly is an area I am interested in, and if any reader has any views on that or anything to do with the Imps, then please do not hesitate to write to a fanzine at any of the addresses in the fanzine Directory.

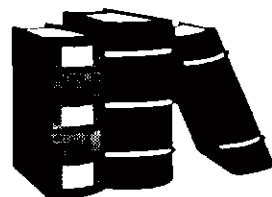
Finally, a bit of information about the fanzine itself, it is pro-
duced in conjunction with Sincil Bank Squadron, the new supporters club being set up, for details of how to join this new organisation, then see the tenth enclosure in this issue, or con-
tact the Sincil Bank Squadron Office by post or by email (see Directory).

Enjoy this first issue and remember

UP THE IMPS AND KEEP THEM!

Colin Green

Book Review



The book review for this debut issue is on Charlie Connelly's bestseller: *I Just Can't Help Believing - Going Down - The Relegation Experience*.

Connelly, a Charlton Athletic fan, actually interviews fans of the clubs featured of their actual experiences of relegation. The clubs featured are: Northampton Town (how they went from the Fourth to the First, and back down to the Fourth in less than nine years) Middlesbrough: (how they suffered relegation after reckless spending in the 1996-97 season) Hereford United (their captain recalls the experience of being relegated out of the league) Charlton Athletic (Connelly tells us how they nearly went under in the mid 1980's) US! (do I really need to tell you what he writes???? Conference? 1987? Flooding back is it????) Manchester City (their sad demise from the Premiership to the Second) and last but not least Donny Rovers (Epilogue).

The book is really well put together and has some decent photographs in the middle. One which springs to mind is the picture of the Valley in a poor state of repair. This was when Charlton were forced to play their home games at Selhurst Park and Upton Park.

The best parts are the Man City chapter, the Charlton chapter and the chapter about us, which is especially good as it is really detailed.

The book is priced at £9.99 and is well worth the investment

Rating 9/10

Jokes Page

"Fill it up



with water."

A Fish Joke

A Grimsby Town scout returns from Bosnia raving about a new teenage superstar he's seen in the war torn country. Alan Buckley is convinced and is so desperate for no one else to snap him up that he signs the boy without looking at him for himself.

The boy arrives in Grimsby for Saturday's game, and is on the bench. With ten minutes to go the codheads top scorer gets injured and is stretchered off. Buckley points to the new Bosnian boy: "This is your big chance, son. Go out there and do the business for us". The lad strips off his shell suit and takes to the pitch. In those dying minutes he's a revelation, scoring a hat-trick. The Codheads go mad.

After the game Alan gives the new boy a big hug in the changing room. "Great performance son. Go and give your parents a ring at home. They'll be so proud of you. You can use the phone in my office". The lad goes into the boss's office and rings his mum. "Mum, I've just had the best debut, I scored a hat-trick!...you don't sound very happy though; why are you crying? Is everything okay?" "No, son, today has been the worst yet. Your dad has been shot, they've raped your sister, and the house has been burnt to the ground." "God, mum, that's terrible; I'm really sorry"

Impetus or Impotent

By Gareth 'Spuggy' Speed

There have been many occasions this season where people have referred to 'loyal' supporters as those who put their £50 into the newly formed supporters group. However we know for a fact that not everybody can afford or WANTS to do this. The question which we must ask people such as Alan Long, who made comments in the Lincolnshire Sports Echo (12/12/99) referring to the situation as:

"If you do not put your money into the scheme, then you are not a loyal supporter."

In my own opinion, and that of many other Imps fans that I have spoken to, we all feel that we would like to do whatever we can to help LCFC with their cash situation. However we all help the football club on a Saturday afternoon or a Tuesday evening as well as when we visit the club shop to purchase shirts and other merchandise.

Although I was originally 'for' the scheme, as there was great spirit and possible optimism amongst the fans at the first meeting in the Centre Spot during September, as further meetings had been arranged, the number of people attending the meetings decreased, and with the number of people pledging their money to the scheme being only 43, it goes to show

that over time, and the fact of money being mentioned continuously, then people become less interested.

By all means let's get behind the lads but there has got to be more appropriate funds at which fans' hard earned cash can be put into - even if we have to save up and help purchase our own natural born goalscorer.

Ed's note: Please write in and tell us your views.

Separated at Birth

An Eastenders Special

Steve Holmes



or

Bianca Butcher



Barry Richardson



or

Ricky Butcher



Phil Stant



or

Pat Evans



Aran Slong

Hes Really wise



Dear Aran

I am a young Football fan who has got in with the wrong crowd. They force me to eat huge ammounts of food on coaches and to travel up and down the country on trains making peoples life a misery. Even at games I can't keep still walking arround with my mobile phone and smoking huge cigars. I constantly worry I am spoiling other peoples enjoyment and view.

Yours Wanker Sob

Dear soB

Think of all the good work you do such as helping the Airo crew and hypnotising footy watchers. You also aid peoples long journeys by sending them to sleep.

It takes all sorts to support a team but try and not eat all the food on the coach as other footy fans need sustinance too.

Your Aran

If you have a real life letter like these to share and would like advice or opinion then send it to Aran via the editors of this fine publication.

Some Questions The Club Could Answer

1. The club could tell us exactly how they calculate the gate.
2. Do they knock off any freebie tickets they hand out?
3. Isn't 13 quid too much for most people to watch 2nd Division football, especially for families with 2 or more kids.
4. Does the club adequately advertise the cheap price family tickets.
5. Won't We will always be a small club fighting against the odds.
6. Shouldn't the key for us be to build for the future. Too many clubs work on short-term strategies. Community projects are the start of that process.
7. Wouldn't a flexible price structure have to be part of any solution to ticketing
8. Wouldn't the side issues of refreshments would pay for some kids seats. Wouldn't it would be worth looking at this area in a fresh way.
9. Isn't it probably time the club pulled on its prime resource for research into these issues...their supporters.... Surely amongst these are the skills to find long term solutions to our clubs problems.

All you Need to know about Internet football

The PSINet league season

The 98/99 League Table season starts on the 1st August 1998 and finishes on the weekend prior to the major WorldNet tournament. There are no set fixtures. Only the first two matches between the same two teams in the same season will be recorded.

Only each teams first six home games and first six away games will count for them (If team A has already played their six games and team B hasn't, the result will still count for team B). In any match, which team is the home team and which team is the away team must be agreed between the organisers, and is not necessarily dependant upon where the match is played.

The Points System

Teams receive 3 points for winning a match, 2 points for drawing a match and 1 point for losing a match. The idea being, that at this level, it is an achievement to organise a game and get 11 players out, thus teams are rewarded for and encouraged to play as many league table games (up to the 6 homes, 6 aways ceiling) as they can.

The league table is sequenced by Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored and otherwise alphabetically.

Arranging Games

Matches are normally proposed via email between team organisers, 2 to 3 weeks in advance. Typically the home team organiser will invite the away team to play in the morning on a day when their supported clubs are playing each other in the afternoon, or where the away team's supported club is in the area that afternoon. Organisers will then canvas their respective mailing lists for available players, and if both receive enough interest then the proposed match will go ahead.

Ringers

There are differing viewpoints on the IFA executive as to how to prevent the use of ringers. So as far as League matches are concerned only, it is not necessary for organisers to ensure that each player has his email address tattooed on his tackle"

For league matches, the use of "Ringers", ie non-list members, is frowned upon. The IFA recognises that in exceptional circumstances, (eg where a team would otherwise have to pull out on the eve of a match or tournament), organisers may have no alternative other than to use one or two non-list members in order to meet their commitment to play. In such circumstances, the IFA will not seek to penalise a team. However, if in the opinion of the IFA, an organiser has given preference to "ringers" over list-members in a deliberate attempt to improve the quality of his team, then this will be punishable with a points deduction. The IFA

may make random enquiries on mailing lists during the course of the season to insure that competing team organisers have given all list-members regardless of ability, every opportunity and encouragement to play.

The use of players on loan from other mailing list teams is welcomed. This helps to foster relations between teams and encourages the inter-mingling of fans, which is what Internet football is all about. Besides, it happens in the real world, so why not ?

Referees

Internet football is renowned for the friendly spirit in which matches are played. It is rare therefore, for a qualified referee to be used in a PSINet league match.

Normally where both teams have a full complement of players and substitutes, each team will referee a half each. Players are reminded that such referees will make mistakes but will have made an honest decision. Dissent is unnecessary and in contradiction to the spirit in which games are normally played.

Common sense and honesty is called for on behalf of the players in order to assist the referee. Without linesmen, a referee is not going to be able to make a split second, fractional offside decision. It is generally accepted that only "very obvious" offside decisions can be given, and where there is no referee of any description, it is not feasible to play the offside rule.

View From The Other Cathedral City

York are plummeting Div-3-wards largely due to unrest in the camp over wages (obviously alongside the crap manager, tightfisted chairman etc).

We signed Steve Agnew on a free at the beginning of the season with a wage of £2,000 a week - easily more than any other player on the staff. Unrest soon followed. Main one was Tony Barras, who allegedly had (has?) an arrangement with Wigan to go there on a Bosman at the end of the season when his contract expires. Meanwhile he was still playing for the team and blatantly not trying. Recently he had a better few games and stated publicly that he was committed to York. This week he was dropped before the game at Bristol R and the local rag has now said he won't play in a York shirt again as he is going elsewhere at the end of the season.

We have about 5 players who won't agree terms, one, Gary Himsworth has already gone to Darlo, who made him a better offer.

At Bristol the a fore-mentioned Agnew had a poor game and was subbed to a chant of 'what a waste of money' from the York fans. He subsequently

had arguments with various of the travelling support - a steward had to intervene (he allegedly offered someone out!). The next day the local rag reported that Agnew would never play for City again - there'd been a major bust up with Alan Little following this incident. Today's edition now says that Agnew is pledged to fight to stop York's relegation. Hmmm.

Difficult to know who to believe - but certainly looks like the management has lost control! Little Out. Craig Out. Bald, overpaid tosser Agnew out. CheersRog.

Impnet's Exclusive Keegan Interview

KEEGAN INTERVIEW EXCLUSIVE

"It's a life of two halves"

Impnet's interview with Kevin Keegan, held last week in the Centre Spot, has already been syndicated worldwide. Here's the exclusive first printing.

The Centre Spot is empty and we grab a table in the corner. I pop up to the bar and get us all a drink in, still trying to grasp that I'm sitting in the same room as my scholboy hero. I wander back and we talk about this and that until we start to move in to football territory. Kevin Keegan sips his pint and looks around the bar. He comments on what a nice place it is and how much more 'real' football seems in a place like this. Like with Fulham, he feels strongly that the grass-roots support is maintained and that the game doesn't lose it's soul. His eyes twinkle when we mention that our recent poll to find an all-time hero at the club saw 50's legend Andy Graver - ex of Newcastle - exalted to lofty heights.

"This is what it's about, y'see, the proper fans. The proper muck and bullets players. None of your fancy dan millionaire nonsense."

May as well start here, we think.

It seems then, that you're misunderstood, Kev?

Oh, aye. What do you mean, like?

Well, look at Fulham and the resources it now has.

Look at Newcastle. You weren't exactly struggling.

No, that's true, but they had been. It was a lot of hard graft until I cam..., until we got anywhere.

Actually, Fulham's not what anyone wants to talk

about. Not until we get a conflict of interests, at least -
There won't be a conflict of interests.

Well, if an England game coincides or is very close to a Fulham game, which would you postpone?

It's not going to happen

What about the problems for the Poland game?

Walsall will understand

They're in a play-off place and probably not over-keen on disruptions

Walsall will understand

You hope

I'd love it if they did

OK. One thing that we all want to know is how're you going to balance the two jobs. It's not going to be easy
I've got it all sorted out. The missus has set me up a diary and I should be OK. It's only until June anyway.

Oh right. So, like a week at Fulham, a week at Bisham Abbey?

Better than that, mate. Much tighter, more controlled, very attractive proposition it is. I'm hoping people will find it quite attractive

Really? So how can we see it moving along then?

Well, when I get up in the morning I'm officially Fulham boss. Right up to the moment - and I refuse to compromise to the fans on this - right up to after the shower. Now David Davies wanted me to shower for England, but I'm getting clean for Fulham. Anyway, once I've put on my England tracksuit I go and have breakfast. I think it's important to keep a full English breakfast english, right? Then, it's upstairs, back into the Fulham gear and brush me teeth. Change back to the English outfit and back downstairs to read the national press. I think that makes obvious sense. As I leave the house I'm Fulham again but I've had the car painted half white and half black-and-white, so my drive to Lancaster Gate to give the FA their daily instructions is as equable as possible. If I'm going to Craven Cottage I wear my England outfit and if I'm at Bisham Abbey I wear the Fulha..

Hang on, hang on. Is it really going to be this complicated?

It's only until June, as I said.

Yeah, but even so. This makes life so difficult

It's all black and white to me

Very funny. What happens if it all goes pear-shaped?

Everyone's expecting you to win everything.

Easy. I leave both jobs and throw me tracksuits away.

Kevin, thanks

My pleasure.

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Quick Quips

Q What do Codheads and a one armed scotsman who always finishes last in caber throwing competition at the highland games have in common

A They are both useless tossers

Q Whats the difference between Tony Battersby and an elephant

A About 10 kilogrammes and a red and white stripped jersey

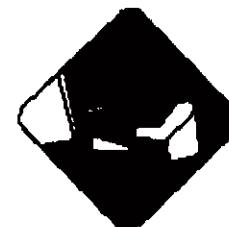
Q Whats the difference between cheese and codheads

A Cheese matures

Q Whats the difference between Ian Atkins and an Airfix Model?

A Ones a glueless kit and the other's a.....

Web Sites Review



www.REDIMPS.com

Click here to enter

The official and still the best web site on the net for Imps fans. Run by John Vickers it is a mecca of facts and up-to-date news. The addition of an online shop has been a new development on this site. It is also the home of the Lincoln list newsgroup. Surf onto www.redimps.com for more information

impnet

The alternative main website concentrating on the quirky humourous side of Imps life. Well worth a look as updated reguarlaly with new stories. It is the home of the Netbusters newsgroup and the Lincoln Internet Mailing List football team, the Dam-Netbusters.

Surf onto: <http://www.impnet.co.uk>

Fulham Match Report



The day started well meeting Spug and Colon at Kings Cross with their train only 10 mins late.

A pattern that was to foloow us all day.

We headed off for Regents Park for the Netbusters game against QPR but after deciding to walk arrived just in time for kick off.

A hard fought game ended in a 2-2 draw with several debut performances helping to claw the game back for the Netbusters after first leading and then comming from behind in true Imps style. The scorers were Keith Johnson (Manager and regular striker) and Colin Green (debut winger).

After the game we headed off for Fulham by tube which proved difficult due to the Circle line not running so we went to Hammersmith and walked back, the long way to Fulham, getting directions as we walked.

Already the crowds had gathered outside with a good number of Imps to see the Top of Table side in action. It must have been a big game for Fulham with 11,702 turning out to see a presumed mauling in the Preston vain!

For the second time in a fortnight we faced a

side cruising at the top end of the table with great similarities and differences. Firstly the Premiership ground of Preston is not matched by Fulhams dilapidated terraces with probably only one stand fit for such large crowds. Secondly for teams doing so well their supporters are remarkably quiet. Alot of this has to do with the 'new' fairweather supporters who have flocked to successful teams. The passion is simply not matched compared to the Imps fans who had travelled down to watch the continual dogfight to avoid relegation.

The Imps lined up missing several key players including the playmaker (Finnigan), the midfield battler (Fleming), the central striker (Gordon) and Leading scorer (Battersby).

Big changes to the formation took place forced by the loss of key players out through a mixture of injuries and suspensions. In came Brown (at centre half), Peacock (Right Midfield) and Alcide (Striker). Inexplicably Fenn, on loan from Spurs, was once again consigned to the bench preferring to play the target man who had returned from the Hull fiasco.

The team lined up in a 3-5-2 formation although realistically it was more of a 5-3-2 with Barnett and Bimson as wingbacks with three centre-halves Brown, Holmes and Austin anchoring the back. The midfield lined up with Philpott (left), Miller (centre) and Peacock (right) starting his first game since signing from Hull. Upfront Thorpe

(probably his best position) and Alcide renewed their division three partnership.

There was a mixed reaction from fans at Alcides return. This ranged from elation (a certain female fan) to disgust at the striker who didn't want to sign a new contract or play for Lincoln being allowed to put an Imps shirt on again. My personal reaction was mixed, on the one hand wishing he would just go away and on the other knowing we needed a target man with Gordon missing.

The general consensus however, on the terrace, was a misunderstanding why Fenn was not starting with Thorpe as partner and why Gain (creative midfielder) did not replace Finnigan.

It was apparent we had come to defend and that's what we did for long periods of the game. From early on Imps fans were noisier than the cottagers although diluted by the open terrace which was cold and wet.

From the outset the Imps defended and Fulham attacked. The tricky Fulham players were on the whole marshalled well by the fantastic <sic> five although they always looked like scoring.

The referee however had only one team on his mind, perhaps the dream of a Harrods hamper had blinded his good sense. Fulham players seemed to be able to tackle at will whilst Imps players were penalised for the most innocuous

challenges (SRAWASOI).

The goal eventually was conceded as a cross from Symons found Horsfield with only 30 seconds left to play in the half.

Austin limped off, as a result of an earlier tackle, as the players exited the field to warm applause despite an overall poor performance by both teams.

The second half saw a change in personnel and formation due to the expected absence of Austin. The change was made to a 4-4-2 formation with Bimson and Barney dropping back and Smith coming on as a winger. Despite the lack of attacking prowess no striker (Fenn) was brought on to replace Thorpe who had a poor first half whilst Alcide had worked hard (unusually).

Attacking options were few and far between however the defence held out due more to Fulham's inadequacy than startling performances by the back four. Vaughan, Bimson and Barney (again) were not having good games. In addition with Brown constantly backing away from his man only Holmes was worthy of the backing from the loyal vocal supporters.

As the match wore on it seemed one goal would be enough as the Imps seemed to carve out few chances. One decent cross from Thorpe was well punched by Taylor but little else seemed to be working for City.

It was hard to see at the 25 minute mark why Stanty did not make a change and introduce Fenn

for Thorpe. Surely it must have been worth a gamble as we were losing the match. Their were growing calls for Fenn but the calls were unheard. The fans on the terrace could see it why couldn't the management also see that it was about time we used the options available to us. What was the point of having a player on-loan, especially from a higher division, if we do not use them. Why are the management so narrow in their vision that stubbornly sticks to a plan that has rarely worked away from home this season. I had thought with the departure of Beck and then Westly that a more flexible , willing to learn approach had been adopted. The match continued in the same vein with Fulham looking to increase the lead but despite the Imps doing their best to aid the cottagers they could not find the extra goal.

Finally on the 84th minute Fenn was introduced but as the travelling fans eloquently put it "its too late now." What exactly was he supposed to do in 6 minutes with no chance to settle into the game. Predictably the game ended with Fulham on top.

I had not expected anything from this game when leaving Lincoln on the Friday night for east London but as it panned out we could have certainly got a point from a jaded Fulham performance. They were certainly not as fluid or impressive in front of goal as Preston. If we could have only put more pressure on the Fulham goal from set peices, certainly their

vulnerable achillees heel. There was a good chance of a return from quality corners as Holmsey proved when he headed just over, a lower delivery would have had the net bulging straight in front of the Imps fans. How we would have celebrated with a goal to drive away the damp conditions.

The Imps left the field to warm applause despite the poor performance of several of the squad. On another day with commitment and key players the cottagers could have been punished. Equally if Fulham could use the quality they have available to them teams could be put to the sword by greater margins. It will be interesting to see how Fulham will cope in the first division with quality opposition. Winning a division does not guarantee continued success upon promotion (ask Notts County).

In the long term Fulham will have to spend considerably larger sums of cash to achieve the success they are craving. Could Keagan survive on our budget with the mix of players we have available. It is credit to the Imps that we only left with a one goal deficit with key players and a dodgy game plan in operation.

At least the fans, as ever, left in good voice with the assertion "If it wasn't for the Arabs you'd be shit!" and "Where were you when you were shite?"

Two topical musings on the modern game dominated by large investors, foreigners

Secondly the fickleness of large numbers of supporters who flock to success but shy from times of struggle. We have discovered this ourselves by the many missing fans since promotion for whatever reasons. Our Challenge is to make them want to return.

If the Imps survive in division two then this game is a reminder that the odds are always stacked against us.

Its A Devil of a joke

Satan, the devil, proposed a soccer game between heaven and earth.

Adonal, always fair, told the devil, 'the heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be so one sided, don't you know all the "good" players go to heaven?' the devil, smiling, responded 'yeah, but we've got all the refs'..."

Away Day Review

Imps at Blackpool FC

The Imps, backed by a following of around three hundred (most of whom had stopped for the weekend) managed, in difficult windy conditions, to overcome a strong physical Blackpool side who were unbeaten at home since December, and were doing well in the top half of Division 2.

The Imps certainly had the better of the second half, with Philpott still looking dangerous down the left hand side.

Certainly Miller should have scored with about twenty minutes to go, when the Blackpool keeper dropped the ball from a Thorpe cross, Miller stabbed at it, but the goalkeeper grabbed it at the second attempt.

There were no other chances after that, and both sets of fans were probably prepared to sttle for a goalless draw. That is, until the eightieth minute. An inswinging Bimmo corner was headed home by Paul Miler via the boot of a Blackpool defender, sending the travelling Imps fans wild on their big crumbling, windswept away terrace.

The last ten minutes seemed like one hundred minutes, but the Imps fans were filled with relief when the final whistle blew, which meant the Imps had recorded their first victory at Bloomfield Road for eighty years.

Final Score: Blackpool 0-1 Lincoln City
Miller (80)

THE STACEY WEST - CRUELLY TAKEN AWAY BY LEE HELLINGS

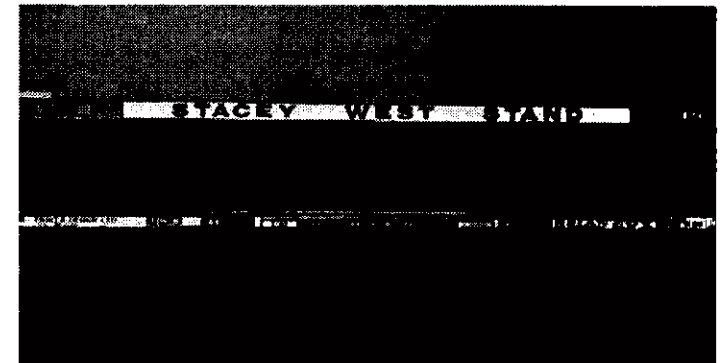
The away end - the only terrace left at Sincil Bank, and the only people allowed to use it are bloody away supporters! It really is a shame as most of you will remember the old Railway End Terrace; you will have most probably stood there in your youth, and I feel that many of you would have been annoyed that at the start of the season the club declared it 'the away end'. I am sure there are loads of people like me that prefer to stand at matches, and that sitting down is now too expensive, and the atmosphere isn't the same. Even the Sunderland fans that came for the cup game said that it was nice to stand for a change, but then that is not the issue. Home supporters want a good home terrace. Why the club couldn't have given away fans Block One Upper and Lower of the Simons and the whole of the South Park is beyond me. The club might argue that the allocation isn't big enough (I think it's about 1700 all together). Yeah maybe so, but for big games and for games against teams with big following just make the match all ticket. Simple as that. At least then home supporters can decide what to do: sit or stand.

This view has been mirrored by many fans all over the country, and you only have to look at most second or third division clubs, and you will find that they have a good home terrace. Some examples are Bournemouth's Dean Court, Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium and even the mighty Fulham, who I am sure, with their finances could easily go and build a new all seater stadium, but their fans don't want that to happen, as they like having the traditional sort of ground. There are even teams in the First Division with a home terrace, namely Oxford and Bury.

If we discuss terracing as a wider issue, then yes the Hillsborough disaster did shock everyone and probably was the catalyst for terracing being pulled down, and is probably the reason why this part of football culture is almost dead, but if a terrace is well policed, well maintained and the number of people actually going on the terrace is well controlled, then there should be no safety problems at all.

I for one say:

**GIVE THE STACEY WEST BACK TO THE PEOPLE
WHO RIGHTLY DESERVE IT: HOME FANS.**



**Ed's note: What do other fans think?
Please do not hesitate to write in and
let us know your views. As a former
"Staceyite" I would very much like to
have it as our own again, so get writ-
ing!**

**City Rejects
(or are they?)**

- 1. Andy Leaning**
- 2. Steve Fraser**
- 3. John Robertson**
- 4. Paul Wanless**
- 5. Dean Chandler**
- 6. Steve Fraser**
- 7. Jae Martin**
- 8. Mark Hone**
- 9. Joe Allon**
- 10. Steve Brown**
- 11. Gijsbert Bos**
- Sub: 12. Carl Lawrence**

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I told you to stop playing with that superglue
Holmesy

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Aims and objectives

Formed by a small group of loyal Lincoln City Supporters in 1999 to achieve the following:

1. Provide an independent voice for Imp supporters
2. Provide medium for those views to be expressed
3. Fill the gap created by badly organised supporter groups
4. Further the cause of Lincoln City FC by practical measures
5. Organise supporter action to help the long term future of club and supporters alike
6. Arrange meeting points and trips to unite supporters together
7. Extended membership til year May 2000



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A Profile Of the New Impetus Chairman Rob Arnold

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Age: 35

Birthplace: Heighington

Also lived: London (1989-91) & Newcastle (1994-96)

Now live: Washingborough (but work in Leicester)

Occupation: Lecturer (and Local Councillor!)

1st Home Game: v Grimsby in 1971 (or 72?) Lincoln won 3-1 and Frankie MacMahon scored twice.

1st Away Game: Unsure but the first that I remember was v Leicester City in the League Cup in 1975 when we went out 2-1 courtesy of a blatant dive (twas ever so) and our bus got stoned on the way home.

Favourite all-time player: Phil Brown but also loved Gareth, Gordon Hobson, Trevor Peake, Percy Freeman, Mick Harford and Bobby Cummings

Favourite current player: Grant Brown - (honourable mentions to Phil Stant, Paul Smith, Kevin Austin & Baby)

Fan Status: Go to all home games and about 10 away games each year. I have been a regular for 25 years now but I didn't get a commemorative clock from the club

Favourite away ground: With City - Maine Road, Saltergate & Meadow Lane Generally - St James Park, Newcastle (Great Atmosphere and view)

2nd Team: Don't really have one now. I used to support Leeds as a youth. I usually look for the results of Newcastle (because a lot of my friends support them), Leeds, Coventry & Port Vale.

Have you ever been to Blundell Park?: Only to see The Imps

Claim to Shame: I went to see Lincoln United play Huddersfield rather than City v Stockport a few years back. Went up to the Bench to harangue Colin Murphy for not bringing a sub on in the final minutes of an FA Trophy replay against South Liverpool even though we were 2-1 down against a pub side!! Having told me to F*** Off he then had the last laugh as a steward was escorting me to the exit because we equalised with the last kick of the game. He ran after me and did a "Sammy McIlroy" on me!!

Claim to fame: When John Pickering was in charge & we had that ridiculous membership scheme, where you had to have a Membership Card to get into the ground, we got beat 4-0 at home by bottom-of-the-league Cardiff. At the of the game I walked up to Pickering and handed him my card and told him that I had no further use for it!! The next day he was sacked and two days later the Membership Scheme was also scrapped. What Power!!

Best ever City Goal: Percy Freeman's diving header v Doncaster in the Championship clinching game in 1976 or Phil Brown's v Wycombe on the last day of the Conference - it may have

been offside & it was only from 10 yards but it hit the spot for me!

Best Moments: Beating Man City twice, Spurs in 1984 (?), Leicester in 1982, Winning the Conference & Div 4 in 1975/76.

Worst Moments: Dropping to the Conference, Ostensgaard's dive, any home game v Rochdale, letting Phil Brown go & Peterborough 1997.

Other Officers elected:

Vice Chairman and Supporter on the Board
Rob Bradley

Membership Secretary
Rick Keracher

Treasurer:
Vacant

To Join Impetus Cheques to

White & Co, 20 Cornhill, Lincoln, LN5 7HB

**Or see The Robs in the Centre Spot before
Home games**

Rules that men wished women knew...

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.
2. Learn to work the toilet seat; if it's up put it down.
3. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if we can find the perfect present once again.
4. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
5. Sometimes, we're not thinking about you. Live with it.
6. Saturday = Football. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
7. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as navel fluff, Christmas Tree formation and carburettors.
8. Shopping is not a sport.
9. Anything you wear is fine. Really.
10. You have enough clothes.
11. You have too many shoes.
12. Ask for what you want. Subtle hints don't work.
13. No, we don't know what day it is. We never will. Mark anniversaries on a calendar.
14. Yes, pissing standing up is more difficult than peeing from point blank range. We're bound to miss sometime.

15. Most guys own two or three pairs of shoes-what makes you think we'd be any good at choosing which pair, out of thirty, would look good with your dress?

16. "Yes" and "No" are perfectly acceptable answers.

17. A headache that lasts for 17 days is a problem. See a doctor.

18. Your Mum doesn't have to be our best friend.

19. Don't fake it. We'd rather be ineffective than deceived.

20. Anything we said 6 or 8 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. All comments become null and void after 7 days.

21. If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad and angry, we meant the other one.

22. Let us ogle. If we don't look at other women, how can we know how pretty you are?

23. Don't rub the lamp if you don't want the genie to come out.

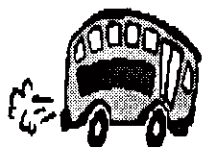
24. You can either ask us to do something OR tell us how you want it done, not both.

25. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.

26. Christopher Columbus didn't need directions, neither do we.

Girls are there things that men should know to write in

Travellers Fans Guide to Manchester City



Address: Maine Road, Moss Side, Manchester M14
7WN

Ticket Enquiries: (0161) 226 2224

Distance from Sincil Bank: 110 miles

Nearest Railway Station: Manchester Piccadilly, 2
miles

Total Capacity: 32,000

Away Fans: North Stand, 3,300

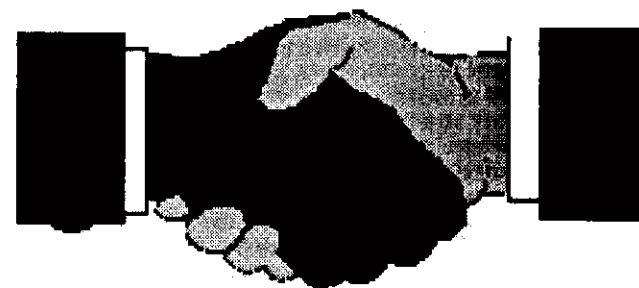
Ticket Prices: Adults £12 Concessions £7

Disabled Facilities: Six spaces in North Stand, Booking
required

Programme: £1.80 sold inside ground

Food and Drink: Pies and Pasties available
Lager, Bitter, Guinness, Cider, and
Shorts available inside the ground.

Fight Racism



Make Football
fun for
everyone
regardless of
colour or race

A man is walking down the street in Scumthorpe when he hears a woman screaming and detects a faint smell of burning in the air. He runs down the street and around a corner and sees a huge group of people standing watching a blazing building. On the tenth floor of the building a woman, clutching a bundle to her chest, is leaning out of a window screaming for someone to save her baby. The man steps forward and calls up to the woman, "Throw down your baby and I'll catch it!" "No! No!" the woman shouts back. "You might miss or drop my baby and she'll be killed!" "No I won't!" shouts the man. "I am Scumthorpes no.1 Goalkeeper, I've never missed a match in ten years and in all that time I have never let the ball into my net." "What? Not once?" calls the woman. "No!" shouts back the man. "Not once. Every football player in the world agrees that I am the best goalkeeper there has ever been". And with that he adopts the classic goalkeepers stance - legs apart and slightly bent at the knees, body slightly bent forward at the waist and with his arms stretched downwards at a slight angle away from his body, with palms facing forward. "OK!" screams the woman. "I'll trust you. I've no choice! Here she comes!" So, with the flames roaring all around her, the woman throws the baby from the window. However, the edge of the baby's shawl catches on the woman's watch with the result that the child goes spinning off to one side, tumbling head over heels and with her little arms and legs flailing. The woman screams and the crowd gasps, all sure that the baby will perish because she will fall out of reach of the man. The man remains motionless as the child descends, spinning and tumbling further and further away from him as she comes. Then when the baby is only feet from hitting the ground the man dives a full 30 feet across the pavement (sidewalk), catches the baby in his outstretched right hand, pulls her in towards his chest and shields her body with his left hand and arm. He hits the ground heavily on his right side and lies motionless on the pavement for a few seconds. Then, slowly, he raises himself to his feet and turns to face the crowd and everyone sees that the child is alive. The crowd is awe-struck. Then the crowd erupts with cheers and the woman, still in danger herself, nearly faints with relief. The man, still clutching the child to his chest in his right arm, waves to the crowd of onlookers to acknowledge their appreciation. Then, slowly and gracefully, he turns away from them, bounces the baby twice on the ground, and kicks her 60 yards down the road.

Netbusters Latest Match Report By QPR Player Chilli

ASB 2 - Netbusters 2

A very enjoyable game was played between ASB & a spirited Netbusters team. The honours ended even, a fair result in a hard fought yet splendidly good natured game. Plenty of good football from both sides. I was particularly impressed with the Netbusters centre backs and midfield and in particular the youthful 50 year old in midfield, who showed a number of the younger players in both teams (well actually everyone else on the pitch & side lines & probably in the park) what difference having a good first touch makes.

The first half was a pretty even affair with the Netbusters edging it and scoring the opener. A good pass played over the top of the ASB defense was latched onto by the Netbusters pony tailed forward (I think he had a Pony Tail, but after a weekend on the piss I can't be sure) who coolly slotted past Fletch in the ASB goal. This kind of woke ASB up, but the Netbuster kept up the hard work and went in 1 - 0 at half time.

The second half started with ASB straight on the attack and scoring after 5 minutes with a great header by Yeti (normally a goalie, but playing centre back on the day) from a corner by moi. A bit of a sucker punch for the Netbusters. ASB kept piling the pressure but met resolute defending from the Netbusters backline and hard working midfield. Eventually though the ASB pressure paid off, with Taskforce scoring with a lovely chip from 25 yards

over the Netbuster

goalie who had no chance. To their credit the Netbusters kept playing football and made a couple of chances on the break. Their hard work was rewarded with 15 minutes of the game left when another ball over the top caused confusion in the ASB defense. A powerful shot (from Bubs - Ed) was magnificently parried by Fletch in goal but the rebound fell to a Netbuster (Colin - Ed) who busted the net (well actually there were no nets) with a header over the stranded goalie.

The last fifteen minutes saw both sides looking for a winner but not being able to make the decisive chance.

All that remains to be said is well done to Lincoln and we look forward to playing you again.

Chilli

"Internet football is not just about winning. It's about taking part and building bridges between rival sets of supporters."



Would You Like to Play for
the Dam-Netbusters then Log
on to: [www.impnet.co.uk/
fans/mlfoot.html](http://www.impnet.co.uk/fans/mlfoot.html)

Team Manager: Keith Johnson

Email : keith@amsta.leeds.ac.uk

Match Fixer: Adam Wellings

aw@alchemy.demon.co.uk

Jokes Page



A Grimsby fan was in Hull for the day, and he went into a shop. He found something mysterious, took it to the man at the counter and asked what it was.

"Its a Thermos flask," said the bloke

"Oh. We don't have that in Grimsby, what does it do?" asked the Codhead.

"It keeps hot things hot and cold things cold," said the bloke.

"It'll come in handy for Grimsby matches, I'll take it," said the Codhead.

So he went to the next home match, and at half time got his flask out.

"Ooooo, whats that?" asked his mate.

"Its a Thermos flask, it keeps hot things hot and cold things cold," the Codhead replied.

"Oh right. So what have you got in there?" asked his mate

"Two cups of tea and a choc ice."

A poem

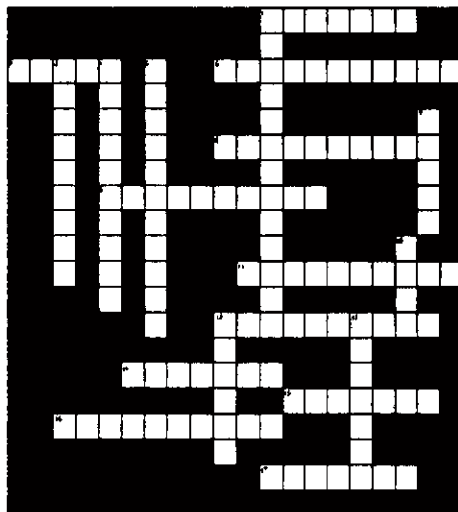
"if i had the wings of a sparrow

if i had the ar*e of a crow

i would fly over grimsby tommorrow

and sh*t on the bas***ds below

Lincoln City (2)



Across

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. once magic | 16. league extra |
| 2. you always see two of them, but it still ends in 0-0 | 17. they only sing when they fish |
| 6. officially, hes caught in a web | |
| 8. middle for a pint | |
| 9. standing room only | |
| 11. our tune from north of Lincoln | |
| 12. Gus Hedges lookalike, in charge but not for long | |
| 14. film director from Leicester | |
| 15. never played, competitively | |

Down

1. president of supporters
3. A Keith amongst imps
4. its green and arrives before six on Saturday
5. coca cola cup opponents last season
7. St Nat?
10. Harmless of England?
12. Not Midland, Lloyds, TSB or Yorkshire
13. losing money fast, creating fast hope?

Aran Slong

Hes Really wise



Dear Aran

For a joke in the summer I died my hair for charity but found out I liked my new look. However now I find I am addicted to my blond locks. How can I adapt to a more sensible hairstyle.
Yours Still Cant

Dear Mr Cant

Try gradually reducing the colour until your natural colour comes back. Having a hairstyle that fits your age is important for your credibility. At least you have not been tempted to perm your hair which is only for stuck up premeirship Wankers

Dear Aran

I have been on a sponsored diet for sometime however as I am a football fan I find it hard to resist the odd pie or two. Coupled with my beer intake I am worried I won't raise too much money.
Yours Nosam

Dear Nosam

Try carrying Green salads with you to Footy games especially keep away from the Centre Spot on a saturday as their pork rolls are exceedingly good.
Yours Aran

Aran Slong

Hes Really wise

Dear Aran

I am constantly faced with the same problem at work, I never know if I have made the right decision. In the middle of the match I am never sure if I should bring on a sub or not. When I do change the player I can't decide which one to bring on. Normally I make a bad decision and get slated for it.
Yours Worried



Dear Worried

Try the old principle of like for like when making a sub. Maybe a good idea would be to look at what you are trying to achieve first before making a decision. For instance if you are winning try and bring on a defender or midfielder. However if you are losing don't sub your top scorer.

Love Aran

Jokes Page

ground." "God, mum, that's terrible; I'm really sorry"

"So you bloody should be. It was your idea for all of us to move to Grimsby!"



A dog Joke

A man was walking through Hartesholme Park and saw a small child being badly mauled by a Rottweiler. The man ran across, dragged the dog off the child and stamped on it's head, killing it out right. A reporter from the Lincolnshire Echo saw this and said, "I'll write a story about you on Saturday, the headline could be 'Lincoln supporter saves small child.'" The man said, "But I'm not a Lincoln supporter." "No problem" said the reporter, "we can put Brave Grimsby fan saves local child" The man then explained he was a Scunthorpe supporter. Hearing this the Reporter just walked off in disgust.

The headline on Saturday read: **SCUNTHORPE
BASTARD KILLS FAMILY PET!**

Jokes Page



A Posh Joke

There are three football supporters walking together, a Grimsby fan, a Posh fan, and a Lincoln fan. They come across a lantern, rub it and a genie pops out.

"I will give you each one wish," said the genie. "That's three wishes."

So the Grimsby fan says, "I am a fisherman, my dad's a fisherman, his dad was a fisherman, and my son will be one too. So I want all the oceans full of fish." 'FOOM!' - the oceans were full.

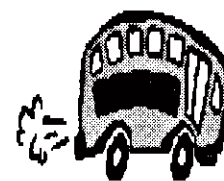
The Posh fan was amazed, he said "I want a wall around all Peterborough so nothing will get in."

'FOOM!' - there was a wall around Peterborough.

The Imps fan says, "Tell me more about this wall, then."

The genie says, "Well, it's about 150 feet high, 50 feet thick and nothing can get in or out. Now tell me your wish."

Travellers Fans Guide to Gillingham



Address: Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham, Kent

Ticket Enquiries: (01634) 576 828

Distance from Sincil Bank: 180 miles

Nearest Railway Station: Gillingham - 5-10 walk

Total Capacity: 10,600

Away Fans: 1,320 - can be increased for bigger games

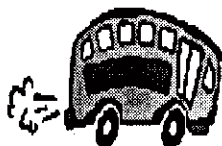
Ticket Prices: Terrace: Adults £10 OAPS £8 Juniors £5
Main Stand Enclosure Seating: Adults £12 OAP's £10
Juniors £7

Disabled Facilities: Space for 20 supporters.
Book in advance

Programme: £1.60

Food and Drink: Large selection of Burgers, Hot Dogs but NO pies. Plenty of pubs in the vicinity of the ground

Travellers Fans Guide to Stoke City



Address: The Britannia Stadium, Stanley Matthews Way, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4EG

Ticket Enquiries: (01782) 592 200

Distance from Sincil Bank: 75 miles

Nearest Railway Station: Stoke-on-Trent - 2 miles
Shuttle buses run to the ground

Total Capacity: 28,000

Away Fans: Up to 4,900 - South Stand

Ticket Prices: Adults £14 Concessions £8, are offered on a reciprocal basis

Disabled Facilities: Loads of space! - 30 reserved spaces please book in advance

Programme: £1.80

Food and Drink: Nothing near the ground, but a good selection of burgers and pies in the ground. Bitter and La-

Not The Back Page



The Imps signed former Liverpool legend Bruce Grobbelaar on a non contract basis in December.

Grobbelaar's first experience of British soccer was at Crewe Alexandra, before going to Canada to play for Vancouver Whitecaps. He then signed for Liverpool in 1981, and helped them to win a European Cup, three League Cups, two FA Cups, and five league Championships. He signed for Southampton in 1994, after having a spell at Stoke City on loan. After spending two years at Plymouth Argyle, he then spent loan spells at Sheffield Wednesday, Bury, and Oldham Athletic, and Ryman League side Chesham United before joining the Imps this December.

He made his City debut at home to Colchester United, and he clearly enjoyed his debut. He hoped that he gave the team the boost they needed and thought that the Imps had the better of the match.

Sadly he was told after the Wycombe game that he was no longer needed at Sincil Bank and has since flown back to Zimbabwe

Gary Brabin joined the club on a months loan from Blackpool. He had previously played for the Tangerines, Blackpool, Northampton Town, Doncaster Rovers and Bury. He signed for a second spell at Blackpool from Bury for a fee of £200,000 in July 1996. He then left the Imps in January and signed for Hull City for an undisclosed fee.

NOTES

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1934, 102, 1000.

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