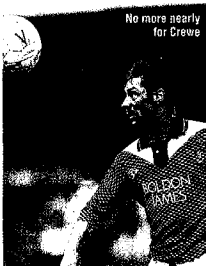


DIVISION 3
CHAMPIONS:
Wycombe Wanderers
PROMOTED: Bury,
Crewe
PLAY-OFFS:
Chesterfield, Mansfield,
Preston, Scunthorpe
RELEGATED: Torquay



THE TEAM

BURY
CARLISLE UNITED
CHESTER CITY
CHESTERFIELD
COLCHESTER UNITED
CREWE ALEXANDRA
DARLINGTON
DONCASTER ROVERS
GILLINGHAM
HEREFORD UNITED
LINCOLN CITY
MANSFIELD TOWN
NORTHAMPTON TOWN
PRESTON NORTH END
ROCHDALE
SCARBOROUGH
SCUNTHORPE UNITED
SHEFFSWBURY TOWN
TORQUAY UNITED
WALSALL
WIGAN ATHLETIC
WYCOMBE WANDERERS

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THE LOWDOWN

Despite the selling of Hulme and Robinson, the Shakers have a solid look about them. If David Adekola can hit his stride early... Michael Knighton remember him, Man Utd fans? has livened things up at Branton Park, but they're still not quite there. After last season, things can only get better. The arrival of Mark Leonard and Ian Jenkins will help, but it'll probably take a year or so. A useful looking squad, with Trevor Hebbard and Mick Kennedy providing experience in midfield. If Steve Norris can rediscover the Midas touch... Almost crept into the play-offs last season, but blew it at the death. Without reinforcements upfront, it's hard to see them improving much. How many of their starlets - Naylor, Ward, Whalley etc - will the Premier League coach before May? Not enough to stop them going up. Darlo need a replacement for Steve Mardenborough, and quick, if they're to avoid a struggle for League status. As we said, a struggle. Will suddenly discover their true form and go up unbeaten, as Champions, with a commendation from the Queen. Er, not really. Mike Flanagan's new signings, Neil Smilie and Gary Micklewhite, should provide the experience to help the Gills improve on last season. Lack cash in much the same way that boss Greg Downs lacks hair, so don't expect the earth. Will rely heavily on Simon Brain and Leroy May. David Putnam will link up with Jason Lee and Steve Mardenborough upfront, so the end-of-season video should be something else. Despite last season's setbacks and the odd financial worry, the Slags still have a useful side. Their yo-yoing act could well continue. The squad's been pared down to the bone after long-running money troubles and it'd take a miracle to turn them into contenders. John Beck is moulding his own side and, with Paul Reynon on hand to bang in the goals, they shouldn't be down here long. After twice blowing up in the second half of the season, Dale fans are looking for signs of improvement. Maybe next year. With Tommy Mooney gone and Darren Foreman injured, it looks like Scarborough missed their chance last year. Don't hold your breath. No less than eight free transfers in the summer could mean that Scunthorpe finally break out of the play-off trap. Then again... The wounds of last year - when they blew a play-off place on the last day - might take time to heal. They've still got Carl Griffiths, though. Help. Paranoial strugglers, who seem unable to put the ball in the back of the net. Have been dodging the bullet for too long. Another of those sides you can't help feeling had their best chance to go up last year, though Rod McDonald's still a name to watch. They've lost three key players and although boss Kenny Swain's been busy wheelin' and a-dealin', a quick return seems unlikely. As they showed in the Cup against West Brom, they're a side with huge potential. Add the surprise fader and you can only reach one possible conclusion...

VERDICT

...it's up, us and away!
A teasing, precocious mid-Table
Consolation, no more
...they'll be playing off with the best of 'em!
Outside the serious action
Wembley? Ban, who needs it? Going up
Down in the boondocks
Third from bottom would be amazing
Losing - without much intent - in mid-Table
Bottom half dozen
Losing lively. Keep them in mind for next year
A good, solid play-off prospect
Struggling. Nice kit, though
Wham, bam, play-off land
Top 10, but no prizes
Much the same again
The Leicester of the Third Play-offs again
Another near miss
Non-League football's not the end of the world
May just drift out of the play-off picture
There or thereabouts, 10th place, that is
Kings of the hill, top of the heap