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It was good to get that derby win over Middlesbrough. Those three points really boosted confidence and obviously, we are hopeful the good work continues at Brighton on Saturday. If that was the case some of the pressure may be off.

The ten days leading up to Easter Monday provided the most punishing schedule of fixtures I can recall in my professional soccer career. Those five games really took it out of the lads, and while everybody was hoping for more than six points, the scorelines have to be judged in the context of playing a first team match virtually every second day.

We probably deserved better against Charlton, showed our real potential in the match with Ipswich, got what our performances deserved when Plymouth and Grimsby provided the opposition, and really knuckled down to the task in hand when Middlesbrough were here on Easter Monday.

All credit to Peter Davenport for a quite superb goal and outstanding 90 minutes. He is capable of finding the net more regularly, but often is not selfish enough around the box. Peter I feel, sometimes should go for goal himself, rather than pass to colleagues. Singling him out, in no way minimises the contribution made by all the players against Middlesbrough. Tony Norman made some important saves and the new players worked hard. It was good to see Gary Owers get 90 minutes under his belt, while the performances of Ian Sampson and Warren Hawke show there are some quality squad players at Roker Park, who can all do the job.

Tonight's visitors, are still in with a chance of getting in to the play off places, and will provide a stern test. Swindon this season have impressed all impartial observers with the quality of their football, and I am sure the game will be an open attacking affair.

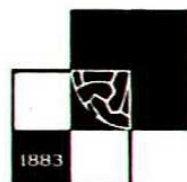
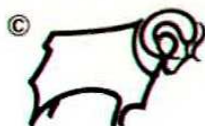
After the exertions of the Easter week, the players had a few clear days to rest and get prepared for the trip to Brighton. It is as well the break came when it did, for, of course, we face Blackburn on Wednesday and then finish the Second Division programme with the visit of Cambridge on Saturday.

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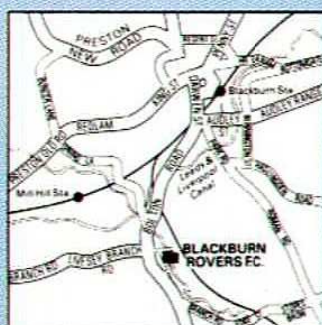
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PROFILE

By Rob Mason

BRIAN MOONEY

With Sunderland due to meet Liverpool in the Cup Final, a week on Saturday Brian Mooney is doing his best to put himself in line for a Wembley appearance against the club where he started his English career. Mooney has figured in seven consecutive league games up to and including last Saturday's defeat at Grimsby.

It has been a late start to the season for the Republic of Ireland 'B' international. Signed from Preston North End for a reported fee of £225,000 in February of last year he produced an encouraging performance on his Sunderland debut in a 1-0 home win over Nottingham Forest.

However, within a few weeks he broke his foot on the artificial surface at Luton in his sixth appearance for the club. "It wouldn't have happened on a grass surface," says Brian "It kept me out for the rest of the season and then I went over on it again in pre-season training."

Brian has had a long, lonely battle to regain his place at the Club. He began his comeback in the reserves against Aston Villa back in December and got fourteen Pontins League games under his belt as he played himself back to fitness before he came into first team reckoning.

Ironically Mooney's return to first team action came against Bristol City managed of course by Denis

Smith who had signed him last year. Brian has shown that he can produce some good touches on the right side of midfield. Only a fingertip save by Bob Bolder prevented him scoring what would have been one of the goals of the season against Charlton while Peter Shilton denied him getting on the scoresheet on Plymouth's recent visit.

Originally with Home Farm in Ireland, Brian moved to Anfield as a seventeen year old where he won a Central League medal in Liverpool's successful reserve team. There's a belief in football that it's nice to give a young player his debut when you are in a winning position and the pressure is off. Kenny Dalglish certainly did that by giving Mooney his debut as a substitute for Jim Beglin at Fulham in a League Cup tie which Liverpool won 3-2. Mind you Liverpool did have the small matter of a ten nil cushion from the first leg!

A year earlier Brian had had ten games on loan to Wrexham including an appearance in the Welsh Cup. When it became clear that Liverpool would release him, John McGrath moved in to take him to Preston on loan and he impressed sufficiently for The Lillywhites to invest £40,000 in him in 1987.

Brian quickly established himself at Deepdale (Scoring against us in February 1988) and only defeat by Port Vale in the semi finals of the

play offs stopped Brian playing in the same Wembley play off week end as our Wembley meeting with Swindon.

At the beginning of last season Ron Atkinson took him on loan to Sheffield Wednesday for whom he played in a friendly against Genoa but a cartilage injury denied Brian the chance to establish himself at Hillsborough and seven months later Denis Smith moved in to bring Mooney to Roker for a third of the fee he'd previously been quoted by PNE.

Now hopefully with his injury problems behind him Brian has another two years of his contract to run. While working his way back into first team contention Brian was rumoured to be unhappy at Roker but as he says, "I'm happier now I've got back into the team."

A great admirer of Graeme Souness who he describes as, "The greatest player I've seen," Brian is looking forward to the Cup Final with optimism, "They lost a Final to Wimbledon when they were strong favourites and were fortunate to get past Portsmouth. If we can play to our potential we have a good chance," he says.

For today of course we have to concentrate on defeating the last team we played at Wembley and in Brian Mooney we have an experienced player providing the sort of competition for places that all successful teams need.

BRIAN MOONEY CAREER RECORD (up to 24th April 1992)

Season	Club	Div	League		FA Cup		FL Cup		Assoc Mem Cup		Play Offs		Totals	
			Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
1983-84	Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984-85	Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985-86	Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985-86	Wrexham (loan)	4	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2
1986-87	Liverpool	1	0	0	0	0	0+1	0	0	0	0	0	0+1	0
1987-88	Preston	3	34	3	2	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	42	4
1988-89	Preston	3	38+2	6	2	0	2+1	0	2+1	1	2	0	46+4	7
1989-90	Preston	3	44+1	9	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	49+1	10
1990-91	Sheff Wed (loan)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1990-91	Preston	3	9	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	11	4
1990-91	Sunderland	1	5+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5+1	0
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UPDATE

By Rob Mason

Ipswich 3-0

14th April 1992 Roker Park Division Two

Scorers: Goodman (53 & 80), Rush (83)

Referee: Mr P W Harrison (Oldham)

Attendance: 22,131

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Rogan, Bennett, Hardyman, Rush, Goodman (Davenport 79), Armstrong, Byrne, Atkinson, Mooney (Owers 70).

IPSWICH: Forrest, Zondervan, Thompson, Stockwell, Wark, Whelan, Johnson (Milton 67), Palmer, Whitton, Dozzell, Kiwomya. Sub: Goddard.

Should Sunderland win the cup the players will be able to walk on water as far as Wearside is concerned. They held the rehearsal against Ipswich! Playing on a rain soaked pitch Sunderland adapted to the conditions better than the runaway league leaders and powered to a thrilling victory.

"Sunderland were very strong particularly at the back where the big man Bennett was outstanding" said Ipswich left back Neil Thompson after the game. The win emphatically ended a depressing run of five consecutive league defeats but it was the superb performance as well as the three points that had everyone clutching on to their Cup Final vouchers with ever increasing optimism.

Right from the kick off Malcolm Crosby's team totally dominated proceedings. As early as the seventh minute John Byrne beat the 'keeper only to see Mick Stockwell clear his header off the line. David Rush was in the thick of the action all night, thoroughly impressing BBC Radio 5 summariser Billy Bremner who couldn't praise him enough. Rush forced Forrest into a spectacular full length save mid way through the first half and while Tony Norman was almost a spectator for much of the match he too showed his class when denying Kiwomya's close range effort after he'd been unable to hold onto Thompson's skidding long range shot.

It was record signing Don Goodman who eventually made the breakthrough shortly after half time. The brilliant Brian Atkinson (who according to my records has had a significant part in the creation of more goals at Roker Park this season than anyone else) began the move by intercepting a ball played out of the Ipswich defence and playing in a penetrating cross behind the visitors rearguard which enabled Goodman to steal in unmarked and tuck the ball away.

Roared on by an excited crowd the lads made a mockery of their league position restricting Ipswich to occasional breaks with Steve Palmer missing their only chance of note in the sixty ninth minute. That opportunity though was enough to make Malcolm Crosby take action and Gary Owers was immediately brought on

for his first game since Millwall lost 6-2 here in January. Coincidentally Goodman hadn't scored at home since that game but within ten minutes of his arrival Owers gave him a glimmer of another hat-trick by releasing him with a glorious ball inside the full back which Goodman gleefully converted.

Don didn't hang about to try for the match ball though, he went straight off to be replaced by Peter Davenport. Goodman had made for the tunnel at the time of Owers' introduction much to the amusement of Rush who made a similar mistake earlier in the season and the smile on Rushie's face became even wider when he rifled home the goal he deserved three minutes later.

By this time the leaders were all at sea in more ways than one as we sailed to our second double of the season and Malcolm Crosby was as delighted as anyone considering it to be, "...an excellent performance and possibly the best since I took over in terms of football."

Plymouth Argyle 0-1

16th April 1992 Roker Park Division 2

Scorer: Marshall (67)

Referee: Mr A Bennett (Sheffield)

Attendance: 23,813

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Rogan, Bennett, Rush, Mooney, Goodman, Armstrong, Byrne (Davenport 74), Atkinson, Hardyman (Owers 74).

PLYMOUTH: Shilton, Cross, Morgan, Morrison, Marker, Lee, Hodges, McCall, Evans, Marshall, Smith. Subs: Regis, Fiore

There can't have been much time between the Ipswich coach arriving back at Portman Road and Plymouth's departure from Home Park as only two nights after the Ipswich game the lads were expected to battle for another three points. The first Thursday night game in living memory saw Plymouth thoroughly deserve their second away win of the season and receive a generous ovation from the Roker crowd.

Superbly lead by player/manager Peter Shilton, Argyle belied their lowly league placing with one of the best performances we've seen from a visiting side this season. Fortunately for us they hadn't brought their shooting boots or we would have been in for a much heavier defeat.

Evans and Marshall went close before Steve Morgan crashed a shot against the bar from a free kick and moments later Marker shot over from close range when he really should have scored. However, a goal had to come and Dwight Marshall finally punished tired looking Sunderland mid way through the second half when he finished off a slick move involving Morgan and Evans.

David Rush had our only clear chance but Shilton made goalkeeping look easy despite the

fact he was playing in an FA Cup Final before Rush was even born!

Credit too to the referee who had an excellent game on his first visit to Roker. You don't remember much about him? Well isn't that what we want from referees?

Grimsby Town 0 - 2

18th April 1992 Blundell Park Division Two

Scorers: Dobbin (65), Mendonca (86)

Cautions: Atkinson (Encroaching at a free-kick)

Referee: Mr R Poulain (Huddersfield)

Attendance: 8,864

GRIMSBY: Reece, McDermott, Jobling, Rodger, Fletcher, Cunningham, Childs (Ford 17), Gilbert, Mendonca, Dobbin, Woods. Subs: Smith.

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Rogan, Bennett, Hardyman, Rush (Davenport 64), Bracewell (Owers 45), Mooney, Armstrong, Byrne, Atkinson.

"For the first time I saw fear creeping in at Grimsby" said Malcolm Crosby while Sunderland lad Clive Mendonca who created Grimsby's opening goal and scored their second commented, "I'll never forgive myself if that goal sends Sunderland down...but I think Sunderland will stay up and I will be at Wembley cheering them on next month."

Unsurprisingly our fourth game in eight days resulted in a poor performance although we received a welcome boost with the return of Paul Bracewell who bravely turned out despite not being fully recovered from his latest nose operation.

Woods, Rodger and Mendonca went close in a first half largely dominated by The Mariners while David Rush had a goal disallowed shortly after the interval. Inevitably though Grimsby took the lead after good work from former Sunderland loan winger Tony Ford, Dave Gilbert and a defence splitting back heel from Mendonca created an opening for Dobbin to score. Dobbin had scored in Barnsley's win at Roker in 1987 which condemned us to the play offs and here he delivered another painful blow.

Tony Norman kept us in the game and it looked as if a point had been salvaged in the 82nd minute when Hardyman hit a wind assisted free kick from inside his own half straight into the net. At first the referee gave the goal but then disallowed it on the signal of his linesman who indicated that the incoming Bennett hadn't got a touch to the indirect kick.

Two minutes later Mendonca - who played at Roker Park for Sunderland Boys during the 1983-84 season - took on and beat four Sunderland players before firing home the second goal in a month to be scored against us by a player on loan to a club in the lower reaches of the second division.

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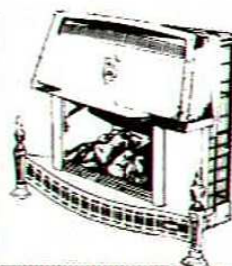
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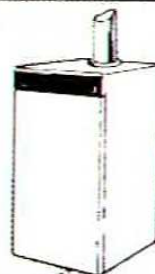
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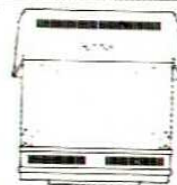
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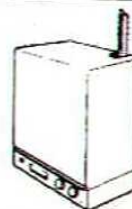
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A couple of weeks the International Rugby Union body issued a statement covering rule changes, that will be adopted world wide from next season. Everything from the number of points awarded for a try to regulations governing line outs have been tackled.

Not to be outdone FIFA published a report listing various suggestions as to how soccer could be improved as we approach the millennium. A commission was established to examine the state of soccer world wide, and in particular how the rules could be changed to make the game more free flowing and hence entertaining. The proposals make interesting reading, as does the composition of the commission which included French team manager Michel Platini. German World Cup star Rudi Voller, and Football Association Chief Executive, Graham Kelly. Clearly Mr Kelly is widely respected in the international arena as a soccer administrator.

One of the first issues tackled by the Commission is the infamous penalty shootout. Particularly pertinent at the present time, following Pompey's exit in the FA method of settling knock out matches has incurred the derision of both soccer professionals and paying customer.

The alternative suggested by the commission is that clubs should play on until the first goal is scored. This solution does have a great deal of support from the footballing world, and is favoured by many professionals. There certainly has been a tendency for some sides to play for the shoot out, adopting defensive and spoiling tactics, reasoning their best opportunity of winning lay in sudden death from a series of spot kicks. Argentina in the 1990 World Cup, and Red Star Belgrade in a European Cup Final spring readily to mind.

In their favour penalty kicks do test, albeit in rudimentary fashion, a soccer skill, performed under pressure. It can be argued, playing until a goal is scored simply tests stamina. Immediately after World War Two the FA Cup settled its replays by a fight to the finish so that further games were not a drain on rationed petrol, energy, and labour. What often resulted was a pantomime, with punch drunk footballers out on their

feet resembling bare knuckle boxers who had just gone 72 rounds. An alternative solution could be that used in the US League of the early seventies, when attackers would take the ball from halfway and have a given amount of time to shoot in a 'one to one' with the keeper. Possibly a greater test of skill than a series of spot kicks from twelve yards.

Less controversial perhaps are some others conclusions of the commission.

Finally, backpasses to the goalkeeper should be banned, or at best the custodian not permitted to handle the ball in such circumstances. Certainly a change in the law is badly overdue, with time wasting bringing the game into disrepute.

Secondly, a penalty kick should be awarded for violent play irrespective of where the offence takes place. The sight of forwards being 'taken out' just outside the area is frustrating, and were such a law in place, the less than edifying spectacle in the recent Chelsea v Sheffield United match, when Vinny Jones 'did' a Blade within seconds of the kick off would become less frequent.

The commission also suggest cautions for players who try to influence referee's decisions, and the introduction of sin bins. Hardly original but a measure that might encourage mild misdemeanours and introduce a new tactical response from managers and coaches.

Very interesting is the suggestion that players who attempt to score with their hands should be sent off immediately.

Would Maradona have netted his infamous 'hand of God' goal in 1986, had the law been in operation? Perhaps not, but then again it would depend on the match officials being able to witness the crime.

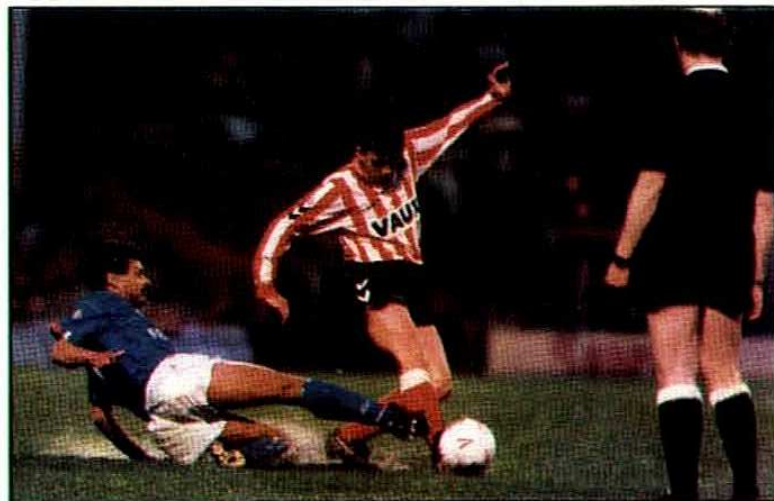
In the wake of the Rugby Union law changes, much respected referee Clive Norling suggested two officials in addition to the touch judges would be required to implement the new code. That would probably be the case for soccer, were some of the proposals put forward by FIFA adopted.

But more interestingly the Commission does not seem to have tackled two central issues. Firstly, off-side. A statement suggesting this is only given beyond the 18 yard line would be welcomed by spectators frustrated by the sight of 20 players compressed into a third of the field.

And secondly how about the length of a match? An independent timekeeper, say the referee's assessor would stop the watch when the ball was dead for throw ins, goal kicks, corner kicks, free kicks, as well as injuries. Then spectators would see 90 minutes action, the action, and not be looking at his wrist, and who knows there might then be no need for penalty shoot outs.

Only thing is, Sports Report could not guarantee all the results at 5.00pm.

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Brian Atkinson tackles Romeo Zondervan in the 3-0 win over Ipswich

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WE WENT! - WE WON! and our young players (10 were under 16, 6 were under 15) were excellent ambassadors both on and off the field.

But what complications and difficulties (dare I say - irritations?) prior to our departure - with two days to go the trip was OFF. It highlighted to me, after a lifetime in football, the difficulties, divided loyalties and vested interests of three bodies - The Football Association, The Football League and the English Schools FA - being responsible for football in our country.

Pleasingly, sanity and common sense prevailed, and would you believe it two sources with great affinity to our Magpie friends 'over the water' came to our aid. **Malcolm Berry**, Chief Executive of the ESFA, following hasty discussions with the Norwegian FA, gave us the go-ahead at the 11th hour, and **Stan Seymour**, President of the Northumberland FA, reversed a previous NFA decision (and that via the phone at 9.10pm the night prior to our departure!) not allowing Barry Carmichael to take part.

TO FOOTBALL!

We arrived in Stavanger - after an excellent flight from Newcastle - at 1.00pm on the Thursday. We were quickly and excellently accommodated in the Airport Hotel and out for training by 3.00pm. Our hosts, FC Viking, Stavanger (current 1st Division Champions) allowed us the use of the shale pitches, which were like fine coal dust, watered and rolled, that were to be used for the Tournament. Problems - the high bounce of the ball and difficulties of tackling.

Pleasingly, our young players were quite happy with the conditions and we did have our full squad with us. Gerry, Trigg and I were quietly confident that our side would not only do well, but would take some beating. Yet, around the hotel, one could see and sense other visiting sides like Malmo of Sweden and Esbjerg of Denmark, looked the part and obviously fancied their chances.

The four groups were:

- GROUP A - BYRNE, START, FC LYN & MALMO
- GROUP B - VIKING, AALESUND, LILLESTROM & SUNDERLAND
- GROUP C - STRINDHEIM, MOSS/OSLO, HAMARKAMERATENE & ESBJERG
- GROUP D - STROMMEN, TROMSO, MJONDALEN & MOLDE

Friday saw us up early - good to see our boys tucking into a wide variety/choice from a typical Norwegian breakfast of cheeses, meats, scrambled eggs etc. They did not fancy the raw and pickled herring!

We played two games that day, following a leisurely morning sightseeing by coach.

3.00pm v Viking - won 3-0 with goals by Dean McGee, Paul Gate and David Mawson.

5.00pm v Aalesund - won 1-0 from a Barry Carmichael penalty.

We produced two fine disciplined performances - neither side looked like scoring against us - though we could see, again with the high bounce, shots on target would be difficult. A great start - we'd set our stall out and two wins meant we had qualified for the quarter final stages with 1 group game still to play. All realised WE WERE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH. The headline in the morning paper was to read:

"SUNDERLAND IMPRESSIVE"

Aptly put, really, for our youngsters proved to be "impressive" and the best throughout our 4 days there - in discipline, dress and conduct around the hotel as well.

That night, at our team meeting, there was evidence that some of our players, notably our midfield and forward players, were tired and carrying knocks. We decided that for our final group game, we would rest Dean McGee, John Waldock and Barry Carmichael and play all six U15 players v Lillestrom. Physically, some found it hard, but they did well.

Saturday's results were:-

- 9.00am v Lillestrom - lost 0-1
- 11.00am Quarter Final v Lyn - won 1-0
Scorer - Dean McGee
- 5.00pm Semi-Final v Esbjerg - won 2-0

This, I felt was our best and most impressive performance, as they were an impressive side including two Danish U16 internationals and a fine young centre forward, possessing great skills from Peru. It says much for our play and players - the NEVER got a shot, and our attacking, passing and build-up play was really impressive from Dean McGee, John Waldock and Barry Carmichael. The goals were scored by an equally impressive Craig Piggott.

Our players had had a hard but great day. Their play had won us many friends. An early night and a lie in was the order of the day. Our opponents were to be MOSS - OSLO who had surprisingly beaten MALMO, we would need to continue to play well in the final. Certainly our opponents would have near 100% Norwegian support.

That night Gerry Donoghue, Jonathan Trigg

and I, attended the tournament/Norwegian FA Dinner. The welcome to our club was sincere. They certainly are ardent followers of our football. They all wished us success at Hillsborough in the FA Cup Semi-Final. In my speech of reply I was able to mention - Sunderland - our former great traditions of football, shipbuilding and glass making too. We were able to present to the Mayor of Stavanger with a specially commissioned piece of Sunderland glass plate to commemorate Sunderland City Charter, a gift from the Mayor of Sunderland. Gifts were also presented to:-

The President of the Norwegian FA
Viking Club & Stavanger
Braathen Airways

We retired early (wouldn't you at beer being £3.50 a pint!!) ready to prepare our young lads for the final.

Sunday was sunny and bright, an excellent day for football. We played well, winning with 2 excellently taken and typical Barry Carmichael goals. Paul Gate could not play through injury and Lee Forster one of our young U15's played in Midfield. For a young lad - in a cup final - he did well. Defensively, (and all 5 had played in all 6 games in 2 1/2 days) we were immaculate, whilst in attack Dean McGee and Barry Carmichael led them a merry dance.

Prior to the game, a Norwegian supporter (he'd flown from Oslo) introduced himself as the President of the Scandinavian Sunderland AFC Supporters Club. He was thrilled to meet the lads and see us win well.

The presentation of trophies and the Braathen Cup took place (all teams attending) in the Airport Hotel. The trophy, a bronze statuette of a young footballer, was presented to Dean McGee by the President of the Norwegian FA. Our players received tremendous applause from the attending teams and officials.

HOME - and thoughts of Hillsborough -

A fine flight home. As we came out of the airport, one taxi driver wound his window down to shout - "Yay lot a're winnin' ONE - NOW!! - & there's 10 minutes to gan!" A TRUE MAGGY!

The final whistle went as we were driving through Newcastle. We lifted the roof! (tears in my eyes too!!).

WELL DONE THE LADS!!
- and for us - "Mission Accomplished".

Our kids - in every way - made us proud to be - Sunderland AFC and English

**JIM MORROW
GERRY DONOGHUE
JONATHAN TRIGG**

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Our first meeting with Swindon this season was a good game to watch if you were a neutral but very disappointing for us. When you score three goals away from home you expect to win, not lose!

Since then Glenn Hoddle's outfit have sold Duncan Shearer and Fitzroy Simpson for big fees but they still have a formidable array of talented players, not least Glenn himself who these days conducts things from the back. Swindon operate the sweeper system that Glenn became familiar with in France.

John Byrne has considerable experience of French football too but we are all well used to teams employing an extra defender when they visit Roker. Having a sweeper can offer the full backs plenty of opportunity to get forward and in David Kerslake and Paul Bodin, Swindon have one of the best full back pairings in the League.

It's been good to get back into action after my nose operations. Our Cup run has caused a back log of fixtures so it was a very welcome few days rest we had last week after the 'Boro game. We're right back in it now though. Having had the long journey to Brighton on Saturday and Swindon tonight we finish our league programme with a trip to Blackburn in forty eight hours and then face the aerial bombardment of Cambridge at the weekend.

Hopefully we'll have got something from The Goldstone Ground and we'll certainly be looking for three points tonight. Our top priority is to make certain our second division status is preserved. Swindon can win a play off place and both Blackburn and Cambridge will be going all out for points in their promotion campaigns.

These games should involve us in challenging for The Premier League too. At the start of the season we felt confident that we would be one of the leading sides but it hasn't turned out that way. We have got to stay up and start again in August. The top sides are no better than us but they've been more consistent. After all, we've done the double over Ipswich and beaten Middlesbrough and Leicester here too without conceding a goal in those four games. We've got to produce those sort of results week in, week out next season, not just now and then.

Congratulations to Colin Pascoe and David Rush who have joined Peter Davenport and myself in becoming fathers in 1992 and congratulations too to Anton Rogan on his recall to the Northern Ireland squad. His call up is well deserved although like the rest of our international contingent he'll probably have to miss out this week as a result of our packed fixture list.

Enjoy the game.

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Helping the game

NATIONWIDE

Blackburn finally ended that dismal sequence of six defeats with a point a Tranmere on Easter Monday. But it took a penalty from **Mike Newell** ten minutes from time to share the spoils after **John Aldridge** had handled in the area. Near the end **Roy Wegerle** had the opportunity to clinch a badly needed win, but the £1.2 million striker sliced his shot wide. Young **Jason Wilcox** had given Rovers an early lead with a well struck 25 yard drive, but ace Tranmere forward **Ian Muir** equalised before the interval, and **Kenny Irons** put the Birkenhead side in front. Blackburn were far from convincing, but must surely have gathered maximum points against Millwall at Ewood last Saturday. After facing the lads on Wednesday, Blackburn finish their fixtures with a visit to Plymouth.

Already the knives are out for **Kenny Dalglish** if his expensive set of stars fail to make the Premier League. Since his arrival at Ewood, the former Liverpool supremo has spent over £5 million. For the record those players and their prices are Duncan Shearer (£750,000), Matt Dickens (£250,000), Chris Price (£150,000), Tim Sherwood (£500,000), Colin Hendry (£750,000) Gordon Cowans (£200,000), Alan

Wright (£500,000), Mike Newell (£1.2 million) Roy Wegerle (£1.2 million).

Tempers were getting frayed at places other than the Baseball "Ground where Newcastle's **Liam O'Brien**, **Kevin Brock** and **Kevin Scott** were all sent off in the 1-4 Mags defeat. Over at Home Park, Plymouth, visiting Oxford's **Jim Magilton** was dismissed for dissent, as the Manor Ground club slumped to a 1-3 defeat at the hands of their relegation rivals. United's **Garry Banister** had put his side level following **Andy Morrison's** opener for Argyle, but the Magilton sending off gave Plymouth the points on a plate. **Nicky Marker** with his first goals of the season, and **David Lee** with his first for the club saw Argyle to victory. Pilgrims boss **Peter Shilton** is confident they will avoid the drop, with just one more win from the two games remaining.

The result for Oxford was a bitter blow, after improved form had given them a fair chance of avoiding the drop. On Easter Saturday, they sacrificed a two goal lead at home to Bristol Rovers, when victory could just about have secured safety.

Marksmen for the Pirates in that match were **Tony Pounder** and new

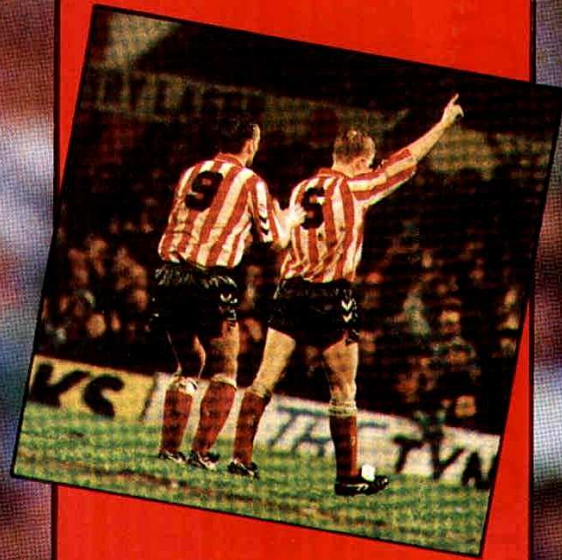
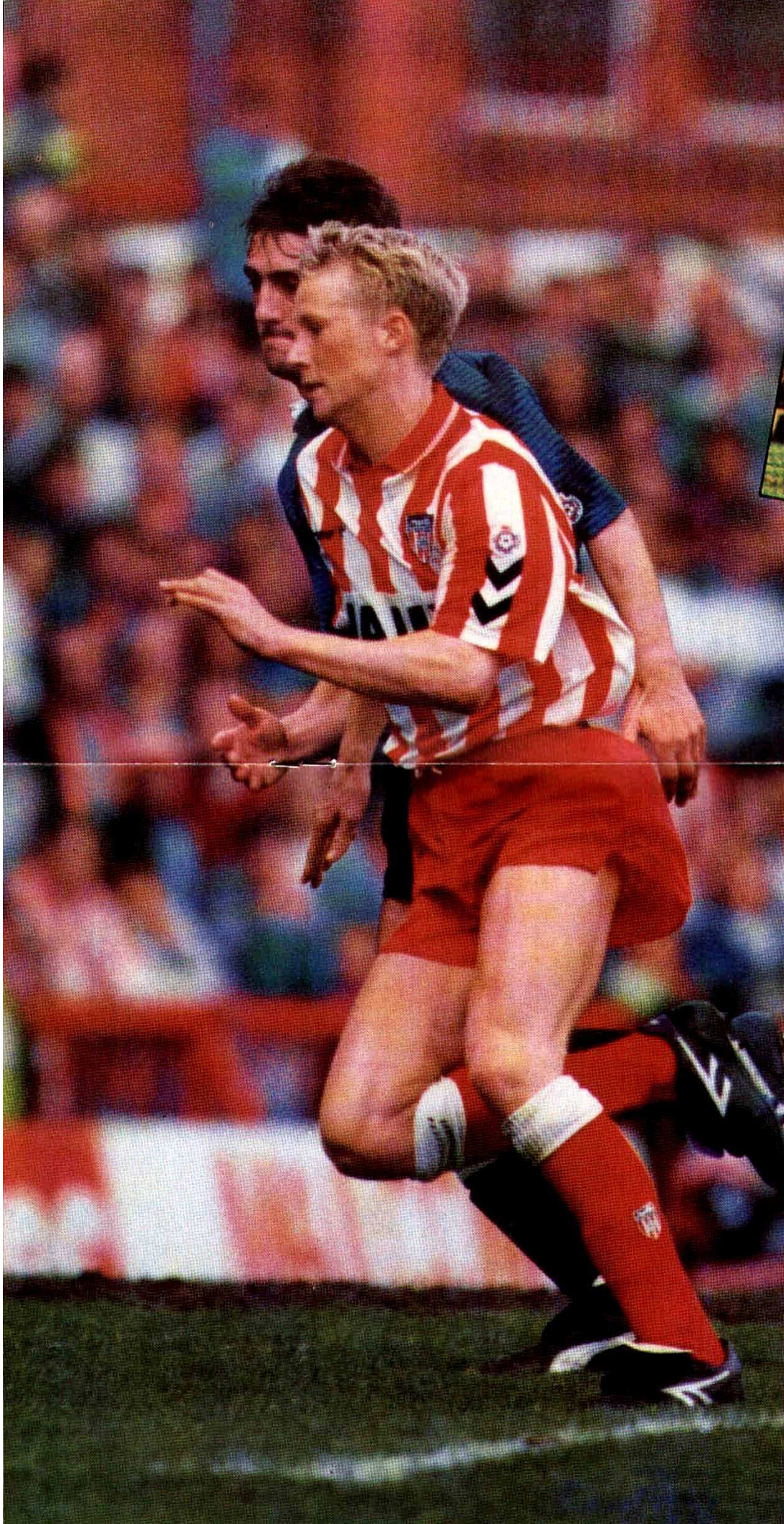
signing **John Taylor**. The same duo were on target when the Twerton club demolished luckless Brighton 4-1, with former Cambridge striker Taylor scoring at hat trick. Mark Gall netted a consolation goal for the Seagulls.

Down at Fratton Park, Pompey maintained their interest in promotion with a hard earned win over Bristol City. **Steve Wigley**, back in the team for the injured **Darren Anderton** scored the all important goal. City were somewhat unfortunate, with exciting striker **Andrew Cole** going close on several occasions. Veteran Pompey Keeper **Alan Knight** was in outstanding form.

Southend after promising so much, are fading as the season draws to an end. They have not won in five games, and their latest reversal came at Molineux where **Steve Bull** notched his 20th league goal of the season. United's **Ian Benjamin** replied but **Derek Mountfield** and **Paul Birch** ensured Wolves will be in the top half of the table. With **David Webb** about to depart Roots Hall and squabbles in the Boardroom, some of the gloss has gone from Southend's impressive rise from Division Four. Even the usually reliable **Brett Angell**

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Up to and including 21st April 1992)

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	Leading Goalscorers	L'gue Best	Gates Ave
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				
Ipswich	44	15	3	4	39	21	8	8	6	27	27	80	Kiwomya 16, Dozzell 11, Whitton, Milton 7	20,673 13,295
Leicester	44	14	4	4	40	21	9	4	9	21	29	77	Wright 12, Mills, Walsh, Kitson 6	18,555 14,025
Derby	44	10	4	8	33	23	11	5	6	32	26	72	Williams P10, Davidson, Ormondroyd 8, Simpson 7	21,363 14,287
Middlesbro	43	13	6	2	33	12	7	5	10	19	27	71	Slaven 16, Wilkinson 11, Falconer 5	19,424 14,556
Cambridge	44	9	9	4	30	17	9	7	6	29	26	70	Dublin 15, Claridge 9, Taylor 5	9,766 7,107
Charlton	43	8	7	6	23	22	11	4	7	29	24	68	Leaburn, Lee 11, Webster 5	9,724 6,310
Blackburn	43	13	4	4	37	18	6	6	10	26	31	67	Speedie 20, Sellars 6, Atkins, Garner, Newell 5	19,511 13,228
Swindon	43	14	3	5	37	22	3	11	7	30	31	65	Shearer 22, White 10, Calderwood, Hazard, Mitchell 5	12,400 9,616
Portsmouth	42	14	5	2	39	12	4	6	11	23	36	65	Whittingham 10, Anderton, Burns 7, Beresford, Powell 6	20,106 11,870
Wolves	44	11	6	5	35	22	7	4	11	25	28	64	Bull 20, Mutch 9, Birch, Cook 8	18,574 13,501
Southend	44	11	4	7	36	25	6	6	10	26	35	61	Angell 20, Ansah, Benjamin 9, Tilson 6	10,003 6,820
Bristol Rov	44	10	9	3	42	29	5	5	12	16	32	59	White 11, Saunders 9, Mehew 8, Taylor 6	7,138 5,796
Watford	43	8	5	9	20	21	8	5	8	25	25	58	Butler, Porter, Blissett 8, Bazeley 5	13,547 8,417
Tranmere	43	9	9	4	36	30	4	9	8	17	23	57	Aldridge 20, Irons 6, Morrissey 5	13,705 8,832
Millwall	43	9	3	9	29	31	7	6	9	31	37	57	Kerr 12, Rae 11, McGinley 8	12,882 8,020
Barnsley	43	10	4	8	25	25	5	6	10	18	29	55	Currie 7, Archdeacon, Rammell, Saville 6	12,454 7,520
Bristol City	44	10	8	4	29	22	3	7	12	23	42	54	Allison 10, Cole 6, Rosenior 5	20,183 11,228
Grimsby	43	7	5	10	25	27	6	6	9	21	32	50	Woods 8, Dobbin 6, Cunningham, Rees 5	11,613 6,937
Sunderland	42	10	6	5	34	21	4	1	16	21	38	49	Armstrong, Goodman 9, Byrne 7, Gabbiadini 5	29,224 18,419
Plymouth	44	11	5	6	25	23	2	4	16	16	37	48	Marshall 13, Fiore 4	9,735 6,232
Oxford	44	10	5	7	38	29	2	5	15	25	42	46	Magilton 11, Simpson 8, Durnin 7	7,795 5,697
Newcastle	44	8	8	6	37	30	3	5	14	26	53	46	Peacock 15, Kelly 10, Hunt 9	30,306 20,791
Port Vale	44	7	8	7	23	24	3	7	12	17	30	45	Foyle 11, Van der Laan 5	10,384 7,269
Brighton	43	6	6	9	32	34	5	4	13	19	37	43	Gall 12, Meade 7, Byrne, Codner, Robinson 5	10,854 7,728



**"Wise men say
Only fools rush in...."**

David Rush has been in excellent form recently and his goal against Ipswich was just reward for his efforts. David has just become a Dad for the first time too, congratulations.

STATISTICS

By Rob Mason

1ST TEAM APPEARANCES

Name	League	Rumbelows Cup	FA Cup	Total
Reuben Agboola	1	0	0	1
Gordon Armstrong	38	2	6	46
Brian Atkinson	26+1	0+1	7	33+2
Kevin Ball	28+2	0	5	35+2
Peter Beagrie	5	0	0	5
Gary Bennett	36	1	4+1	41+1
Paul Bracewell	37	2	7	46
Kieron Brady	4+4	0+1	0+3	4+8
John Byrne	26	0	7	33
Tim Carter	1	0	0	1
Tony Cullen	1	0+1	0	1+1
Peter Davenport	23+9	2	7	32+9
Marco Gabbiadini	9	0	0	9
Don Goodman	16+2	0	0	16+2
Paul Hardyman	26+2	2	7	35+2
Thomas Hauser	5+6	1	0	6+6
Warren Hawke	1	0	0	1
John Kay	39	2	7	48
Brian Mooney	4+3	0	0	4+3
Tony Norman	41	2	7	50
Richard Ord	3+1	0+1	0	3+2
Gary Owers	21+5	2	1	24+5
Colin Pascoe	11+8	1	0+2	12+10
Anton Rogan	31	1	7	39
David Rush	18+5	1	5	24+5
Craig Russell	1+3	0	0	1+3
Ian Sampson	5+1	1	0+2	6+3
Paul Williams	4+3	0	0	4+3

* = penalty scored

1ST TEAM GOALSCORERS

Name	Div 2	Rumbelows Cup	FA Cup	Total
John Byrne	7(*)	0	7	14
Gordon Armstrong	9	0	1	10
Don Goodman	9	0	0	9
Marco Gabbiadini	5	0	0	5
Peter Davenport	3	0	2	5
Gary Owers	4(**)	0	0	4
David Rush	3	0	1	4
Brian Atkinson	2	0	2	4
Gary Bennett	3	0	0	3
Kieron Brady	3	0	0	3
Paul Hardyman	2	0	1	3
Colin Pascoe	2	0	0	2
Kevin Ball	1	0	0	1
Peter Beagrie	1	0	0	1
Thomas Hauser	0	1	0	1

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug	12	Barnsley	3-0	A	Brodie, Russell & Smith
	17	Huddersfield Town	2-2	H	Robinson & Russell
	24	Scarborough	5-0	A	Brodie3, Russell & Cronin
	27	Sheffield Wed (Cup)	1-2	A	McGee
	31	Bradford City	4-2	H	Brodie 2, Robinson, Smith
Sept	14	Sheffield United	6-1	A	Brodie (3), Russell, Gray, Robinson
	21	Newcastle United	3-3	H	Russell (2), Brodie
	28	Scunthorpe United	1-2	A	Robinson
Oct	5	Middlesbrough	2-3	H	Smith, McGee
	12	Doncaster Rovers	4-5	A	Smith, Gray, Moor, Cronin
	19	Leeds United	2-2	H	Russell, Gray
	26	York City	4-1	A	Gray, Smith, Robinson, Russell
	28	Bury (FAYC)	3-3	A	Russell, Smith, Ferry
Nov	6	Bury (FAYC Replay)	2-0	H	Smith 2
	9	Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	A	
	16	Darlington	0-1	H	
	23	Hartlepool United	3-0	H	Brodie, Smith, Moore
	27	Man Utd (FAYC)	2-4	H	Lawson, Russell (pen)
	30	Rotherham United	1-2	A	Moore
Dec	7	Hull City	2-0	H	Moore (2)
	14	Barnsley	1-4	H	Brodie
	28	Scarborough	3-3	H	Moore, Russell, Robinson
Jan 92	4	Bradford City	4-2	A	Moore (2), Russell (2)
	11	Huddersfield	3-0	A	Cronin (2), Brodie
	21	Sheffield United	3-0	H	Russell, Brodie, Moore
Feb	8	Doncaster Rovers	1-0	H	Russell
	15	Leeds United	1-0	A	Russell (pen)
	22	York City	2-2	H	Cronin (2)
	29	Halifax Town	2-0	A	Smith, Robinson (pen)
Mar	7	Sheffield Wed	1-0	H	Jeffers
	14	Darlington	1-1	A	Moore
	16	Scunthorpe	2-0	H	Brodie (2)
	21	Hartlepool United	1-1	A	Russell (pen)
	28	Rotherham United	2-2	H	Patterson (2)
Apr	11	Halifax Town	8-1	H	Russell (4), Brodie, Smith, Moore, Carr
	18	Newcastle United	3-2	A	Jeffrey, Russell, Gray
May	25	Hull City		A	
	2	Middlesbrough		A	

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 2

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	ATT	POS
Aug 17	Derby County	1-1	Home	20,569
20	Barnsley	3-0	Away	12,454
24	Millwall	1-4	Away	10,016
31	Oxford United	2-0	Home	16,151
Sept 3	Portsmouth	0-1	Away	9,621
7	Blackburn Rovers	1-1	Home	17,043
14	Swindon Town	3-5	Away	11,147
17	Charlton Athletic	4-1	Away	5,807
21	Grimsby Town	1-2	Home	16,535
24	Huddersfield (L/C)	1-2	Home	8,161
28	Middlesbrough	1-2	Away	19,424
Oct 5	Brighton & HA	4-2	Home	15,119
9	Huddersfield (LC)	0-4	Away	11,177
12	Cambridge United	0-3	Away	7,657
19	Port Vale	3-3	Away	7,525
26	Bristol Rovers	1-1	Home	14,746
Nov 2	Watford	3-1	Home	12,790
5	Ipswich Town	1-0	Away	9,768
9	Bristol City	0-1	Away	10,570
17	Newcastle United	1-1	Home	29,224
23	Plymouth Argyle	0-1	Away	6,007
30	Southend United	1-2	Home	13,575
Dec 7	Wolves	0-1	Away	11,922
14	Leicester City	1-0	Home	15,094
21	Portsmouth	1-0	Home	14,432
26	Tranmere Rovers	0-1	Away	13,658
28	Oxford United	0-3	Away	6,140
Jan 1	Barnsley	2-0	Home	16,107
4	Port Vale (FA C3)	3-0	Home	15,564
11	Millwall	6-2	Home	16,533
18	Derby County	2-1	Away	15,384
Feb 1	Port Vale	1-1	Home	19,488
5	Oxford United (FAC4)	3-2	Away	9,968
8	Bristol Rovers	1-2	Away	6,318
11	Tranmere Rovers	1-1	Home	18,060
15	West Ham (FAC5)	1-1	Home	25,475
22	Southend United	0-2	Away	7,473
26	West Ham (FAC 5 Rep)	3-2	Away	25,830
29	Wolves	1-0	Home	20,106
Mar 9	Chelsea (FAC5)	1-1	Away	33,948
14	Watford	0-1	Away	8,091
18	Chelsea (FAC 6 Rep)	2-1	Home	26,039
21	Bristol City	1-3	Home	18,933
29	Newcastle United	0-1	Away	30,306
April 5	Norwich City (FAC SF)	1-0	Neutral	40,102
8	Leicester	2-3	Away	16,533
11	Charlton Athletic	1-2	Home	21,326
14	Ipswich Town	3-0	Home	22,131
16	Plymouth	0-1	Home	23,813
18	Grimsby Town	0-2	Away	8,864
20	Middlesbrough	1-0	Home	25,093
25	Brighton & HA	3.00pm	Away	
27	Swindon	7.45pm	Home	
May 2	Cambridge United	3.00pm	Home	
9	Liverpool FA Cup Final		Wembley	

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FIRST TEAM

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Refs
Norman	Williams	Hardyman	Bennett	Ord	Owers	Bracewell	Pascoe	Armstrong 1	Gabbiadini	Atkinson	Davenport	Sampson	D B Allinson
Norman	Williams	Hardyman	Bennett	Ord	Owers 1	Bracewell	Atkinson	Armstrong 1	Gabbiadini(c)	Hauser(s)	Pascoe 1(11)	Sampson	J Brandwood
Norman	Williams	Hardyman(c)	Bennett	Ord(s)	Owers 1(p)	Bracewell	Atkinson(s)	Armstrong(c)	Gabbiadini	Hauser(c)	Pascoe(8)	Sampson(5)	J M Carter
Norman	Kay	Hardyman(c)	Bennett	Ball	Owers	Bracewell	Atkinson	Armstrong 1	Gabbiadini 1	Hauser(s)	Pascoe	Davenport(11)	K J Breen
Norman	Kay(c)	Hardyman	Bennett	Ball	Owers	Bracewell	Atkinson	Armstrong	Gabbiadini	Hauser(s)	Pascoe (11)c	Sampson	A Buksh
Norman	Kay(c)	Agboola	Bennett	Ball(c)	Owers	Bracewell	Atkinson(s)	Armstrong	Gabbiadini	Hauser(c)	Pascoe(8)	Ord	D Phillips
Norman	Kay	Hardyman	Bennett(c)	Ball(c)	Owers 1(d)	Bracewell	Atkinson	Armstrong 1	Gabbiadini 1	Pascoe	Hauser	Davenport	D Ellery
Norman	Kay	Hardyman	Bennett	Ball	Owers 1(p)	Bracewell	Davenport	Armstrong	Gabbiadini 3	Pascoe	Hauser	Ord	T Holbrook
Norman	Kay	Hardyman	Bennett	Ball	Owers	Bracewell	Davenport	Armstrong	Gabbiadini(s)	Pascoe 1	Hauser(10)	Ord	J Key
Norman	Kay	Hardyman	Bennett	Ball	Owers	Bracewell	Davenport	Armstrong	Hauser 1(s)	Pascoe(s)	Atkinson(11)	Ord(10)	E J Parker
Norman	Kay	Hardyman(d)	Bennett	Ball(c)	Atkinson(s)	Bracewell	Davenport	Armstrong	Rush	Beagrie(c)	Brady 1(6)	Sampson	R Hart
Norman	Kay	Rogan	Sampson	Ball(c)	Owers	Bracewell	Davenport	Armstrong 1	Rush 2(c)	Beagrie 1	Brady	Hardyman	J Worral
Norman	Kay	Rogan	Sampson(c)	Ball	Owers (d)	Bracewell	Davenport(s)	Armstrong	Rush (s)	Hardyman	Brady(8)	Cullen(10)	T E West
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Norman	Kay	Rogan	Ball	Hardyman(s)	Rush	Bracewell	Davenport 1	Armstrong 1	Byrne	Atkinson	Ord (5)	Brady	T Holbrook
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Norman	Kay	Rogan	Bennett	Hardyman(s)	Rush	Mooney	Goodman	Armstrong	Byrne(s)	Atkinson	Owers(5)	Davenport(10)	A Bennett
Norman	Kay	Rogan	Bennett	Hardyman	Rush(s)	Bracewell	Mooney(s)	Armstrong	Byrne	Atkinson(c)	Davenport(6)	Owers(8)	R Poulain
Norman	Kay	Owers	Bennett	Rogan	Sampson	Bracewell	Davenport 1	Armstrong(s)	Hawke(s)	Atkinson	Hardyman(9)	Rush(10)	G Courtney

(s) = substituted. Number in brackets next to sub indicates player replaced. Number indicates goals scored. (c) = caution. (d) = dismissed. (p) = penalty scored.

TUDOR CRISPS

LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL WITH TUDOR

Supporters will have noticed the excellent condition of the Roker Park pitch throughout the season, so much better than at many of the famous grounds around the country. The credit for this, of course, belongs to groundsman Steve Millard, and visiting schools see the amount of work he puts into it.

The first surprise to the children is to see the grass being cut with a small (almost garden-sized!) motor mower. We have estimated that every time the pitch is cut the groundsman walks four miles following the mower! It's a long job, taking nearly a full day to complete.

The next stage in preparing the pitch for play is to mark the white lines. String is stretched between pegs to make the position of the lines and keep them straight. The paint is applied by a small three-wheeled barrow, the front wheel leaving a neat band of paint wherever it goes. An uncomfortable job, for the groundsman's feet must be kept apart as he walks to avoid treading on the wet paint. The lines add up to nearly half a mile!

The nets are attached to hooks on the back of the goalposts and crossbar and pegged down to the ground all round the back. Children never know why we use nets: they usually think it's to stop the ball going into the crowd. The last job in preparing the pitch is to put in the corner flags (flags at the centre line are not compulsory).

After the match the flags and nets are put away and the tedious job of replacing all the divots begins. This is another long job which takes at least a day. The groundsman's nightmare came true recently with a spate of home matches in quick succession leaving so little time for preparation.

Our young visitors always hope to get onto the pitch but they have to be disappointed: even the players rarely train on the Roker pitch, and an extra 6000 feet over the season would leave the surface looking like a ploughed field. In fact the image of a farmer chasing raiders from his cabbage field is not too different from the groundsman's expression when he spots an unauthorised foot on his turf!

GOODMAN GOALS

AN IN DEPTH LOOK AT THE GOALSCORING HISTORY OF OUR RECORD SIGNING

Don Goodman will be looking for his second goal against Swindon this season in tonight's game. He scored one of West Brom's goals against them in a 2-2 draw in the Rumbelows Cup way back in August to give him a total of three goals against the Wiltshire club including a rare penalty.

The chart shows the number of goals Don has scored against each of the thirty nine clubs he has been on the mark against. As he has twice been transferred in mid season it should be noted that his overall total for 1986/87 was ten while this season he has eighteen goals equally split between West Brom and ourselves up to the time of writing which is prior to the Brighton game.

Of his nine goals for Sunderland, seven have been at home and these have all been scored at the Roker End. Don has scored three headers and six with his right foot since his transfer with all nine goals being converted from within the penalty area.

A '2' in a column indicates that he scored twice in the same game as with his recent brace against Ipswich whereas '1+1' in a column shows that Don scored twice against a club in the same season but in different games.

His that trick in our 6-2 victory over Millwall was the fourth of his career, the others being against Crystal Palace, Barnsley and Tow Law Town. Obviously his treble against the Northern League side was in the FA Cup as was his only other goal against non league opposition. That strike in West Brom's 6-0 First Round win over Marlow last November has proved to be a very costly goal as it was that game that is responsible for Don being cup tied as we go to Wembley. A similar situation kept Reuben Agboola in the stands when we met Norwich in the 1985 Milk Cup Final.

Any record of goals has to take into account the number of games played. Prior to the Brighton match Don had played a total of 255 games plus a further 29 as sub. In the league he has 83 goals in 221 games plus 25 as sub. In the last four seasons Don has scored 63 times in 131 games plus 14 as sub.

A detailed career record for Goodman can be found in the Roker Review for the match with Portsmouth last December.

Rob Mason

HULL CITY V SUNDERLAND AFC LADIES at Reckitts Playing Fields, Hull 13/4/92

The Sunderland girls made the long journey down to Hull to play in the quarter-finals of the Yorkshire Under 16's Cup against the top team in the Yorkshire

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GOODMANS GOALS

OPPONENTS	FOR BRADFORD CITY				FOR WEST BROMWICH ALBION						FOR SAFC	TOTAL
	83/4	84/5	85/6	86/7	86/7	87/8	88/9	89/90	90/1	91/2	91/2	
BARNLEY	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	6
BLACKBURN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
BRENTFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
BRIGHTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
BRISTOL CITY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BOURNEMOUTH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1+1	0	0	0	3
BURNLEY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CHARLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CRYSTAL PALACE	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	6
DARLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DERBY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
EXETER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
HUDDERSFIELD	0	0	0	1+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HULL	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	6
IPSWICH	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	5
LEEDS	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1+1	0	0	0	5
LEICESTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1+1	5
LEYTON ORIENT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MAN CITY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
MARLOW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MILLWALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
NEWCASTLE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1+1	1	0	0	4
OLDHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
OXFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
PLYMOUTH	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
PORTSMOUTH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PORT VALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
PRESTON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
READING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SCUNTHORPE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SHEFFIELD UTD	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
SHREWSBURY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
STOKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
SUNDERLAND	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
SWINDON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1+1(P)	0	1	0	3
TOW LAW	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
WATFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WEST HAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
WOLVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	9	5	8	2	7	16	21	8	9	9	94

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League. They surprised the more experienced home team with some fine attacking football that was rewarded by goals from Kirsty Hudson and Allyson Beardmore.

The score at half-time was a deserved 2-1 lead but they

equalised almost straight from the kick off. A hard fought second half was decided when Sue Smith, playing a captains role in defence, scored from long range to make the final score 3-2 to Sunderland. They now meet Bradford City in the Semi-Final.

D O'Neill

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MEDIA

By Dave Treadwell

"SIX 0 SIX" (Saturday 18th April 1992 - Radio 5)

There seems to have been some upset over the suggestion in a previous programme that this show was less than brilliant, so the trek home from Grimsby gave me a chance to listen in again. Thankfully, Professional Bloke Danny Baker was elsewhere detained and the replacement was no less than Jimmy Hill. This made you wish you were at home and then you could ask him about fixing kick-off times!! Amazingly, this proved a bit of a masterstroke as Jim proved a more than adequate replacement, just as Simon O'Brien had recently. Shorn of Baker's artificial cockney accent, the show takes off.

As with all Phone-ins, you really are at the mercy of the callers and on this particular day, there was a distinct shortage of berks, thus making a decent forum for debate. Major topics that week were Penalty Shoot-Outs and a spectacular lack of judgement by the Manchester Police.

The thorny subject of Penalty Shoot-Outs really exposed the variance between the

views of supporters and the media. Jimmy Hill defended shoot-outs on the grounds that TV Companies (having paid money for the coverage) had a right to know when the games would finish to slot into the schedules. Now, what about the money that the supporters had paid to see the game (which is far in excess of TV money) and when you consider the ease with which TV extends News bulletins without warning surely deflate that theory. One caller suggested sudden death after ninety minutes, but Our Jim did not believe that was the right way, making him the only person in the country to hold that view!

The story of the Manchester Police, who led away a ballboy who threw a ball into

the Stretford End from which it had come has to be the most unbelievable story of the week. It appeared that the ball had been bouncing around the Stretford long before the game started and ended up on the pitch. The luckless ballboy threw the ball back and was ejected for his trouble. Explanation of the policemen's actions on a postcard.....Instead of roundly condemning this action, Jim went for the old "I wasn't there, I didn't see it" school.

Allowing for these two lapses, Jimmy did a fine job in the chair which only makes a mockery of the continuance of Danny Baker in that position. A national phone-in is an excellent idea, so let's have the right man in the chair.

THE ALTERNATIVE VOICE

Although not Officially a fanzine, "5573" looks and reads just like one and a very entertaining read it is too. Produced for the exiled fans in London and Southern England, but they should think about selling at Roker as well.

Whilst passing on info that might appear to be old hat to us locals, "5573" does include match reports which would put the old journo's to shame and the reserve match update is never less than excellent. If you wish to purchase a copy (50p each), contact Peter Jackson at 22 Townfield, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 2DD.

Malcolm Walcott

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IN SUPPORT

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Gavin Richard Stewart aged 14
from Gosforth, Newcastle



Christopher Davies aged 9
from Crossgate Moore, Durham City

ROKER ROOKIES

At our semi final game v Norwich at Hillsborough, the club were invited by the FA to supply some children from the various Sunderland organisations namely The Football in the Community, The Sunderland Junior Ladies Football section and last but not least, 'The Roker Rookies'. An opportunity should be taken to congratulate those involved for the way they represented the club with pride, and the friendliness showed between the Sunderland children and their Norwich counterparts was an example to all involved with Football.

IAN HOPPER
ROKER ROOKIES

Social Convenor
Harry Hood International
Celtic Supporter's Club
10 Burnside Crescent
Hardgate, Clydebank
GLASGOW

Dear Sir

"Congratulations lads on reaching Wembley once again. We are a group of Celtic supporters who would love to come down to your neck of the woods on Cup Final day to pledge you our support.

The connection with Anton (Mad Dog) Rogan is one, not forgetting Ireland's finest scoring sensation John Byrne. So come on lads get writing with suggestions for where we can come to give you our support as we do not want to sit here on our Cup Final Day with our deadly rivals smugly trying to buy us drinks".

It would be a great favour if you could assist us by inserting this in one of your publications

Stephen Collins.

36 Acava Road
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
CV10 9AB

Dear Sir

I am starting a supporters branch for the Coventry and Warwickshire area and would be very grateful if you could give it a mention in one of the matchday programmes before the end of the season. I would like to hear from any Sunderland fans in the area who would like to join.

Contact me by writing to the above address and if possible enclose a self addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully

David Merry

Langley Road, Tunstall
Sunderland

Dear Sir

Recently my friend and I went on a visit to Roker Park, to gather information for an English assignment we were doing for school. We had a very enjoyable and interesting morning. Everyone concerned, particularly Mr Morrow were extremely helpful. We wish you all at Roker Park good luck for the rest of the season and especially for the FA Cup Final. We hope this time we are able to be at Wembley. Sadly, despite queuing for 16 hours, we were unable to obtain tickets for Hillsborough.

Once again thanks to Mr Morrow and all the staff and team.

Yours faithfully

Nasreen Ali & Anna Stacy
(Southmoor School)



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FINAL STEP COMPETITION

Visiting fans may be interested to know the answer to our Semi-Final programme competition in which we asked you to put a name to the legs featured on the front cover.

The response was enormous, hundreds of postcards and letters flooded in, and for some reason a high proportion of them came from ladies! The legs belonged to David Rush of Sunderland and Mark Bowen of Norwich City and from the many correct entries the name of Mr P Turnbull of Sunderland was drawn out as winner. His prize will be dispatched in the near future.

Copies of the programme are still available at Hillsborough.

48 Beechwood Gardens
Lowestoft, Suffolk

Anyone living in the Ipswich or Norwich areas wanting to travel to home or away games please contact Geoff or Neil on (0502) 572123, also we are trying to start off a supporters club so if you're interested contact the above address.

Thank you
Geoffrey Humphrey



Thanks to Mervyn Scarr of Anfield Plain, Stanley for the above photograph of both Sunderland and Norwich supporters at Hillsborough, who brought wreaths to be laid at the memorial for those who died in 1989.

FAN FILE

Name John Dawson
From Durham
Occupation Computers

Usual place in ground
Mainstand Seats

How long a supporter? 18 Years

First match seen?
1 - 0 win v Hull March 1974

Favourite Current Players?
Kevin Ball & Gordon Armstrong

Favourite all time Player? Dave Watson

Best Goal Seen?
Marco v Mags (Play offs).
Gary Rowell's 2nd v Arsenal 18/12/82

Most memorable match
4 - 3 win v West Ham 1989/90

Funniest Moment?
Beating Newcastle in the Play offs

Match day superstition?
Don't have one

Highlight as a supporter?
FA Cup win & Play off win v Newcastle

Lowpoint as a supporter?
Being relegated in 1977/8, Alan Durban's sacking

Favourite away ground?
After the Play offs - St James Park

Best Sunderland XI?
Montgomery, Nicholl, Gray, Todd, Watson, Owers, Bracewell, Rowell, Gabbiadini, Robson, Tueart.
Subs: Ball, Worthington, Proctor, Byrne.

How do you celebrate a win over Newcastle? Never let them forget it.

What is your opinion about moving away from Roker?

We should move because hopefully we will soon be in the Super League and that requires a top class stadium.



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DAF

SCENE

By Dave Treadwell

SCENE LOCALLY

It is a classic 'foot-in-the-mouth' situation. Having virtually handed the Wearside League title to Hartlepool Town in the previous programme and what happens? They lost 8-1 at South Shields. This throws up the intriguing questions - Has anyone ever won the Wearside League after suffering such a heavy reversal? The result throws the title race wide open as Shields now trail Town by just one point and the pack are closing in. Marske United hammered in six at home to IFG Roker, who had lifted the League Cup the day before and Eppleton might still retain the League Trophy after the 4-0 win at Bohemians. Both these teams have several games in hand on the top two and it looks as if this might go to the very last match.

Down at the bottom, the relegation places look likely to be filled by Usworth (11 points), Bohemians (12) and Darlington RA (14). Herrington have 24 points and look all but sure of First Division football next season.

With Bohemians losing to Eppleton, Usworth and Darlington have to win but they shared the goals and the points, a result which was no use to either. Cleator Moor ended any fears of relegation by virtue of a 3-0 win over Newton Aycliffe and Vaux Ryhope had one of their good days - 5-1 winners at Annfield Plain.

Gretna got back on the winning trail in the Northern League, thanks to a 3-0 home win against Ferryhill. Whitby Town seem to have come a little unstuck lately and could only play out a goalless draw with Guisborough Town. Murton therefore stay on top with 75 points and Gretna are just a point away and with four games extra to play. down at the bottom, Langley Park slid further into trouble by losing 2-1 at Brandon and Whickham lost once again, this time 1-0 at Easington.

The big game in Division Two was at Chester Moor, where Chester-le-Street and Durham City drew 1-1. This result allowed Stockton to go back to the top as they hammered Horden CW 7-0. In

the chasing group, Dunston FB only drew 2-2 at Prudhoe, which virtually ends their promotion ambitions.

A good day for the Northern sides in the HFS Premier League as Bishop Auckland and Whitley Bay both won away from home. Bishops 1-0 win at second placed Marine was one of their best results of the season and The Bay won by a similar score at Morecambe. After looking relegation certs for most of the season, Whitley Bay now have a five point cushion from the relegation positions and should survive. North Shields just keep on winning, their latest victory being by the humbler margin of 2-0 at Appleby Park against Brigg Town. Out of 34 games played, North have 29 wins, 24 clean sheets and over 100 goals scored. All in all, a fairly successful season and it makes you wonder why Commercial Manager Vic Halom didn't win the seat of Sunderland North!

This quiz is devised to stimulate conversation. No answers are required, just conclusions!!

NEARLY-THE-END-OF-THE-SEASON QUIZ

- 1 Whatever happened to Paul Gascoigne?
- 2 Whatever happened to consultation with supporters?
- 3 Whatever happened to Gatorade questions?
- 4 Graham Kelly smiled during the FA Cup Semi-Final draw. True or False?
- 5 Name the supporter from Ryhope who rushed home after the Norwich game to see the draw for the Final?
- 6 What colours constitute the most boring and unadventurous away strip?
- 7 Name the last time that Sunderland didn't lose to a side who had previously lost X-number of home games??
- 8 Which species of plant is currently thriving on the front of the Fulwell End Roof?
- 9 What do Iain Munro, Stan Cummins and the Late Great Lowell George's Band have in common?
- 10 Why do Tyne Tees fail to show ALL the region's goals on Monday Night editions of "Northern Life"? (Professional Boro fans excluded?)



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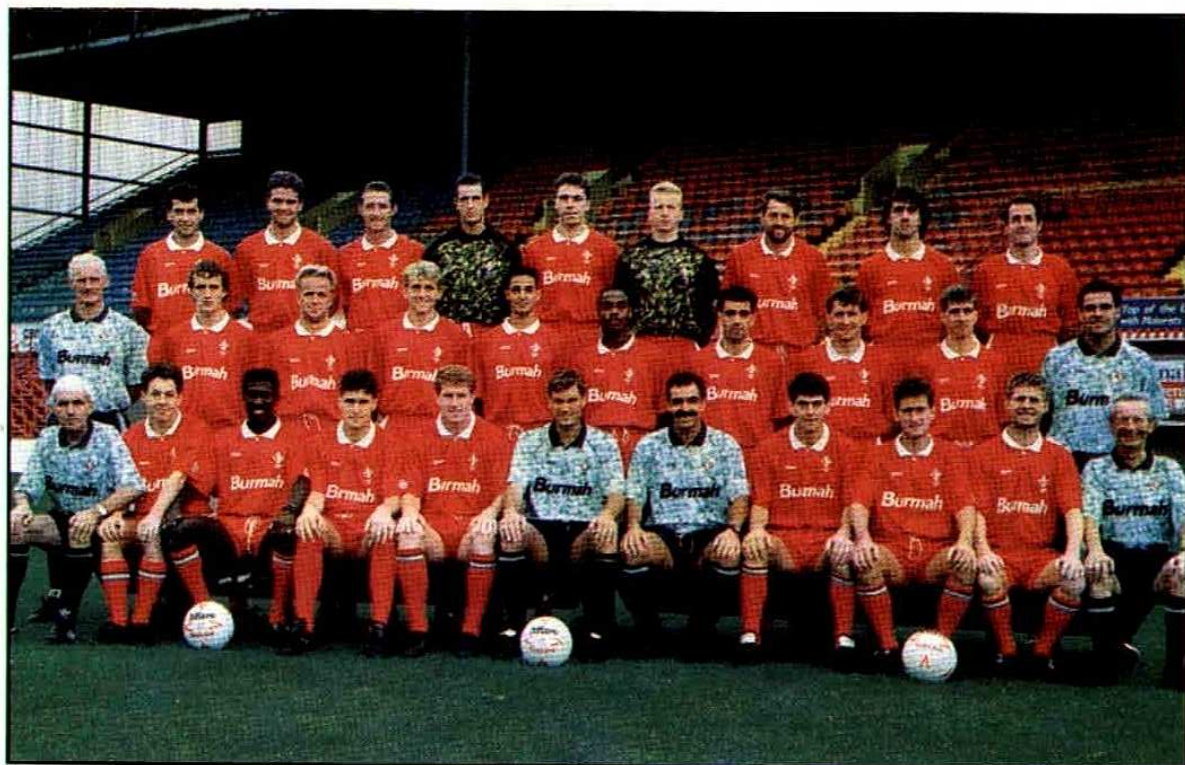


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FIRST TEAM SQUAD

BACK ROW (left to right)

Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Richard Green, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, David Mitchell, Nestor Lorenzo, Steve White.

MIDDLE ROW (left to right)

John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Nicky Summerbee, Darren Hall, Paul Trollope, Edwin Murray, Fitzroy Simpson (now with Manchester City), Shaun Close, Steve Foley, Martin Ling, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager).

FRONT ROW (left to right)

Kevin Morris (physiotherapist), Paul Hunt, David Bennett, Ross MacLaren, Duncan Shearer, Glen Hoddle (Manager), John Gorman (Asst Manager), Tom Jones, David Kerslake, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).



The transfer of leading marksman Duncan Shearer to Blackburn for £750,000 may have helped Swindon's bank balances but it has done little for their goal difference. In seven games since the Scot's departure, this evening's visitors to Roker have managed only six goals. Last Monday away to Watford it was the same old story. The Robins dominated matters, but could not find the net. With three games to go, Swindon still had a chance of making the play offs and the weekend game with Plymouth at the County Ground was vital. But how Glenn Hoddle must wish he still had the services of Shearer.

However, the Swindon manager admitted that but for the Shearer deal, and the £500,000 move of Fitzroy Simpson to Man City, the Robins would have faced a major money problem. Those deals were a devastating blow to hardcore supporters but when the Lancashire cheque books arrived, cash strapped Swindon had no option.

"Without those transfers, there could have been no more football at the County Ground. In this recession, and on average gates of 9,000 - 10,000 the club cannot survive" said the Swindon boss.

While those comments are obviously true, they may not satisfy the loyal Swindon supporters, who in two seasons have seen top flight soccer taken away because of financial irregularities, witnessed the inevitable reaction with relegation only avoided by two points, and now see a possible play off place slip by with the sale of star players.

The last of Shearer's 78 league goals for Swindon, came against Southend and his total of 22 in the Second Division, will surely mean the 29 year old Scot remains leading scorer for the fourth successive season.

The Railwaymen topped the table for a few days in early November, but then a disastrous sequence that saw only one league victory in eleven games brought them down to mid table. FA Cup involvement brought further distraction, and though form picked up from mid March, realistically Swindon will have to settle for Second Division fare next season.

Micky Hazard, Colin Calderwood and David Kerslake are men to watch, and Shearer apart, have been the club's most consistent performers. For Hazard, trips to Wearside are always

a bit special, and the lads rearguard will need to be sharp at corners when defender Calderwood joins the attack. David Kerslake, operating at full back, is a fine footballer with an excellent first touch, and County Ground followers are fearful, he may be the next to leave in order to appease the bank manager.

Roker may well enjoy the sight of Glenn Hoddle operating as sweeper, and switching defence for attack with those characteristic forty yard pin point passes. The long ball game with a difference. A recent newcomer to the Swindon midfield is Eire international Gary Waddock. He has been playing with tremendous composure, his style suiting the player manager's insistence on quality soccer.

Leading the line since Shearer's departure has been Australian international David Mitchell, significantly though he has failed to find the net since Duncan moved northwards, and the main provider of Swindon's goals in the last month, has been Tom Jones, a stalwart of the Robins for five years.

Swindon finish their programme, away to Derby. As of last Monday they were two points adrift of a promotion play off place. It is still all to play for, but how Swindon fans must wish they could have retained their playing assets.

SWINDON HOTSHOTS 91/92

League: Shearer 22, White 10, Calderwood, Hazard, Mitchell 5, Jones, Simpson 4, Ling, Taylor 3, Brodin 2, Close, Gibson, Kerslake, MacLaren 1.

Cups: Shearer 10, White 5, Mitchell 2, Hazard, Simpson, Summerbee, Taylor 1.

SWINDON FORM GUIDE 91/92

Division Two		League Pos	
Leicester	H 0-0		
Cambridge	A 2-3	Shearer, Hazard	
Barnsley	H 3-1	Shearer, White, Ling	11
Ipswich	A 4-2	White, Taylor, Calderwood, Hazard	8
Port Vale	A 2-2	White, MacLaren	8
Sunderland	H 5-3	Hazard 2, White, Simpson, Shearer	6
Bristol Rovers	H 1-0	Jones	4
Wolves	A 1-2	White	5
Watford	H 3-1	Shearer, Simpson, Taylor	3
Plymouth	A 4-0	Shearer 4	3
Derby	H 1-2	Hazard	4
Blackburn	H 2-1	White, Calderwood	4
Brighton	A 2-0	Shearer	2
Newcastle	H 2-1	Calderwood, White	2
Charlton	A 0-0		1
Southend	A 2-3	Shearer, White	3
Portsmouth	H 2-3	White 2	4
Tranmere	A 0-0		4
Grimsby	H 1-1	Simpson	7
Middlesbrough	A 2-2	Simpson, Shearer	8
Ipswich	H 0-0		7
Bristol City	A 1-1	Shearer	9
Barnsley	A 1-1	Shearer	9
Millwall	H 3-1	Shearer 2, Ling	7
Cambridge	H 0-2		8
Leicester	A 1-3	Bodin	9
Oxford	H 2-1	Shearer, Kerslake	9
Blackburn	A 1-2	Mitchell	9
Bristol City	H 2-0	Shearer, Jones	7
Brighton	H 2-1	Calderwood 2	4
Grimsby	A 0-0		6
Middlesbrough	H 0-1		9
Oxford	A 3-5	Mitchell 2, Close	10
Charlton	H 1-2	Shearer	10
Newcastle	A 1-3	Mitchell	10
Tranmere	H 2-0	Shearer 2	8
Southend	H 3-1	Shearer, Bodin, Mitchell	8
Portsmouth	A 1-1	Jones	10
Port Vale	H 1-0	Jones	8
Ipswich	A 1-1	Gibson	9
Bristol Rovers	A 1-1	Taylor	9
Wolves	H 1-0	Ling	8
Watford	A 0-0		8

Cup Matches		Cup/Round	
West Brom	H 2-0	Mitchell, Hazard	FLC 1/1
West Brom	A 2-2	Shearer 2	FLC 1/2
Millwall	A 2-2	White 2	FLC 2/1
Millwall	H 3-1	Shearer, White, Simpson	FLC 2/2
Huddersfield	A 4-1	Shearer 2, Summerbee, Taylor	FLC 3
Crystal Palace	H 0-1		FLC 4
Oxford	H 3-3	White 2, MacLaren	ZDS 1
Chelsea	A 0-1		ZDS 2
Watford	H 3-2	Shearer 2, Mitchell	FAC 3
Cambridge	A 3-0	Shearer 2, Calderwood	FAC 4
Aston Villa	H 1-2	Mitchell	FAC 5

SWINDON FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts	POS	Top League Scorer	Average Gate	Round Reached	
											FA Cup	FL Cup
1986/87	Three	46	25	12	9	77-47	87	3*	White 15	7,708	Fourth	Second
1987/88	Two	44	16	11	17	73-60	59	12	Quinn 21	9,541	Fourth	Third
1988/89	Two	46	20	16	10	68-53	76	6	Shearer 14	8,687	Fourth	Second
1989/90	Two	46	20	14	12	79-59	74	4	Shearer 20	9,394	Third	Fourth
1990/91	Two	46	12	14	20	65-73	50	21	Shearer 22	9,436	Fourth	Third

*Promoted after play offs FAC - FA Cup FLC - League Cup

THE SQUAD

PAUL BODIN

Back at the County Ground after barely twelve months with Crystal Palace. Was on loan to the Mags earlier in the season. A Welsh international full back, aged 27, Paul is deadly from the penalty spot. Earlier in his career had experience with Newport and Cardiff.

COLIN CALDERWOOD

Only survivor from Swindon's Fourth Division Championship side of 85/86. Has played over 250 league games for the club since being signed for just £27,500 from Mansfield. Suffered knee ligament injuries last season. Was 27 two months ago.

SHAUN CLOSE

Has generally been sub this season. Attacking midfielder signed from Bournemouth in 1990. Started his career at Spurs for whom he played a handful of First Division games.

FRASER DIGBY

Regained the goalkeeping position a few weeks ago. Former England Under 21 cap who was a junior at Man United but never made the first team. Joined Swindon in 86/87, and was number one until losing his place to Nicky Hammond this season.

NICKY HAMMOND

Enjoyed his longest run in the Swindon first team prior to Digby's return. In his fifth season at the County Ground having originally been on Arsenal's books. Whilst at Highbury, had loan spells with Bristol Rovers, Peterborough and Aberdeen.

MICKY HAZARD

A Wearsider. Explosive playmaker now 32 who joined Spurs from school. Won FA and UEFA Cup winners medals before moving to Chelsea for £300,000. Teamed up with Pompey in 1990, and then moved to Swindon for £130,000 last season.

MARTIN LING

Slightly built midfielder in his second spell at the County Ground. Aged 25 he came back from Southend during the close season. Began his career with Exeter before signing for Swindon first time around in July 1986. That spell lasted for 93 days and two games.

DAVID KERSLAKE

Was linked with Newcastle last month. A £110,000 signing from QPR three years ago. David struggled to gain a regular first team spot in six years at Loftus Road, despite being capped at Under 21 level. Has played at right back this term.

TOM JONES

Has missed only five games since being signed from Aberdeen in 1988. Cost £80,000. Formerly an apprentice at Chelsea, he was released in 1983 and joined Farnborough, moving on to Weymouth in 1986. Had a couple of years north of the border.

ROSS MACLAREN

Experienced midfielder in his fourth season with Swindon. Edinburgh born, he moved to Shrewsbury from Glasgow Rangers in 1980, and then Derby five years later. Has played over 400 league games for those three clubs.

NICKY SUMMERBEE

Beginning to establish himself in the first team. Aged 20, he is following in the footsteps of father Mike, who made his name with Swindon before joining Man City.

SHAUN TAYLOR

A £200,000 signing from Exeter in July. Powerful six foot defender, he was the Grecians Skipper. Came into league football late, being 23 when he joined the Devon club from Bideford in 1986.

ADRIAN VIVEASH

Former trainee. Local born he usually adopts an attacking midfield role. Stands 6' 1" and is aged 22.

DAVID MITCHELL

Glasgow born, but capped 17 times for Australia. Signed for a nominal fee from Chelsea in the close season. Made only one appearance for the Londoners after being signed from Feyenoord for £200,000 in December 1988. Previously with Glasgow Rangers. Played twice on loan for the Mags last season.

GARY WADDOCK

On loan from Millwall. 30 year old Eire international, born appropriately enough on 17 March. Has 20 full caps.

Most of his career spent at QPR but injuries threatened to end his career. Spent some time with Belgian outfit Charleroi, before joining Millwall in 1989.

STEVE WHITE

Aged 33 this prolific goalscorer was a free transfer signing from Bristol Rovers in 1986, where he had begun his career in 1977. Moved to Luton and Charlton for fees totally £350,000, between two spells with the Pirates. Troubled by injury in the last twelve months.



THE BOSS - GLENN HODDLE

Succeeded Ossie, and has continued the same skillful style. Frequently appears in the side as a sweeper. One of the most fluent footballers in recent years, Glenn's talents probably earned greater appreciation in Marseilles than at home. Though the hub of the Tottenham team for many years, pundits feel he should have won more than 53 caps. Indeed the major soccer debate of the 1980's was whether or not England's tactical approach should be built around the elegant midfielder.

RECENT MANAGERS

John Trollope	1980 - 1983
Ken Beamish	1983 - 1984
Lou Macari	1984 - 1989
Ossie Ardiles	1989 - 1991
Glenn Hoddle	1991 -

HISTORY

TIMEWARP

1881 Club formed
1920 Original Members Div Three
1921 Original Members Div Three South
1958 Original Members new Div Three
1963 Promoted to Div Two (Second)
1965 Relegated to Div Three
1969 Promoted to Div Two (Second)
1874 Relegated to Div Three
1982 Relegated to Div Four
1986 Promoted to Div Three (Champs)
1987 Promoted to Div Two (Third)
Highest Position: 4th in Div Two 1990
FA Cup: Semi Finalists 1910, 1912
FL Cup: Winners 1969

When Swindon struggled to beat Torquay in a Round One League Cup tie in August 1968, few foresaw they were watching the eventual winners. But the side fashioned by Danny Williams picked up the trophy seven months later on a Wembley surface, ruined by Horse of the Year Mounts, who had churned up the hallowed turf. But Swindon showed themselves to be thoroughbreds, easily overcoming a plodding Arsenal team that contained some famous names - Bob Wilson, McLintock, George Graham and Georgie Armstrong to name but four.

Swindon became the second team from Division Three to lift the trophy, and like QPR, two years before, the cup winners also gained promotion!

Don Rogers, and his powerful left wing play, is the man usually linked with that famous triumph. Certainly the former apprentice, then 24, terrorised defences with explosive running. But arguably it was a trio of Newcastle United cast offs who provided the backbone for Swindon's success.

Most influential was slightly built Peter Noble. A journeyman midfielder, he turned out for the Mags on just 25 occasions, before joining Swindon in January 1968. Peter had once played for Consett, and at the County ground he combined commitment with flair. During the cup run he netted four goals, including one in the 3-1 Final victory. He moved to Burnley in 1973 after over 250 appearances for the Railwaymen, going on to give excellent service for almost seven years at Turf Moor. He finished his career at Blackpool.

Anchorman Joe Butler spent a decade with Swindon, after being discarded by Newcastle in 1965. The former Gallowgate junior played three first team games for the Mags, but went to top the 400 mark with Swindon. After leaving the County Ground, he spent just over eighteen months at Aldershot before hanging up his boots.

Fife born Willie Penman, a dapper inside forward, enjoyed the greatest success at St James'. He was a member of the 64/65 side that won the Second Division Championship, having moved to Gallowgate in 1963 from Glasgow Rangers. After 65 matches for the Mags, Willie moved to Swindon in 1966. Four years later the midfielder teamed up with Walsall where he finished his playing days.

After seeing off Torquay, Swindon required a replay to beat Bradford City in Round Two. At the next stage a Don Rogers goal beat Second Division Blackburn, to earn fourth round trip to Coventry. Four goals were shared at Highfield Road, but a 3-0 scoreline in the County Ground replay suggested Town

could go far. Derby were then beaten, to earn a tilt with First Division Burnley in the semis. Each side won the away leg 2-1, and with no penalties in those days, the tie went to a third match at West Brom. Swindon edged home by the odd goal in five, and the rest is history.

LAST TIME

Saturday 2nd December 1989 Division 2
Sunderland 2 (Armstrong, Hauser)
Swindon Town 2 (McLoughlin, Shearer)

THE LADS: Carter, Agboola, Hardyman, Bennett, Ord (Kay), Owers, Atkinson, Armstrong, Gates, Gabbiadini, Pascoe (Hauser).

RAILWAYMEN: Digby, Kerslake, Bowden, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Gittens, Jones, Shearer, White (Simpson), McLaren, Foley (Cornwell).

Attendance: 15,849

A short passing game was the order of the day two season ago, when four goals were shared, in an entertaining match. Fulwell Enders inconvenienced because of safety problems with crush barriers, increased the population of the clock stand paddock, on a sharp winters afternoon.

The Lads, fourth in the table and four points behind leaders Sheffield United, opened brightly. Brian Atkinson in particular showed some deft touches, and the absence of playmaker Bracewell was not evident. Richard Ord in for the injured John McPhail, impressed, as he combined with Gary Bennett to thwart attacking forays by leading marksman Duncan Shearer.

Either side could have won. At the end of 90 minutes, a draw was fair, with Sunderland showing commendable application by twice coming from behind.

Alan McLoughlin, later to join Southampton made the visitors tick, and on reflection it was obvious Swindon were destined to contest the play offs.

Of course the Wembley match four months later, was one to forget for Wearsiders. We were outplayed in virtually every department, and it was truly amazing Swindon won by just one goal, and that cruelly deflected by Gary Bennett.

But then fate took a hand...

IN RECENT TIMES

Season	Division	Home		Away		Final Position	
		Home	Away	Lads	Swindon		
1989/90	Two	2-2	2-0	6P	4		
1988/89	Two	4-0	1-4	11	6		
1973/74	Two	4-1	2-0	6	22R		
1972/73	Two	3-2	1-1	6	16		
1971-72	Two	1-0	1-1	5	11		
1970/71	Two	5-2	0-2	13	12		

THE LADS V SWINDON - COMPLETE RECORD

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F-A	P	W	D	L	F-A
Division Two	7	6	1	0	25-7	7	2	2	3	7-9
FA Cup	1	1	0	0	4-2	0	0	0	0	0-0
FL Cup	1	1	0	0	3-2	1	0	0	1	1-3

TEAMCHECK

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Mr T E West (Hull)

A police officer who has two teenage children, Mr West has been a league referee since 1988 and in that year lined a UEFA Cup tie between Juventus and Athletic Bilbao.

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IAN SAMPSON	6	SHAUN TAYLOR
PAUL BRACEWELL (Capt)	7	MICK HAZARD
PETER DAVENPORT	8	TERRY GIBSON
GORDON ARMSTRONG	9	GARY WADDOCK
WARREN HAWKE	10	GLENN HODDLE
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