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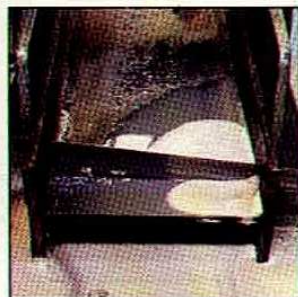
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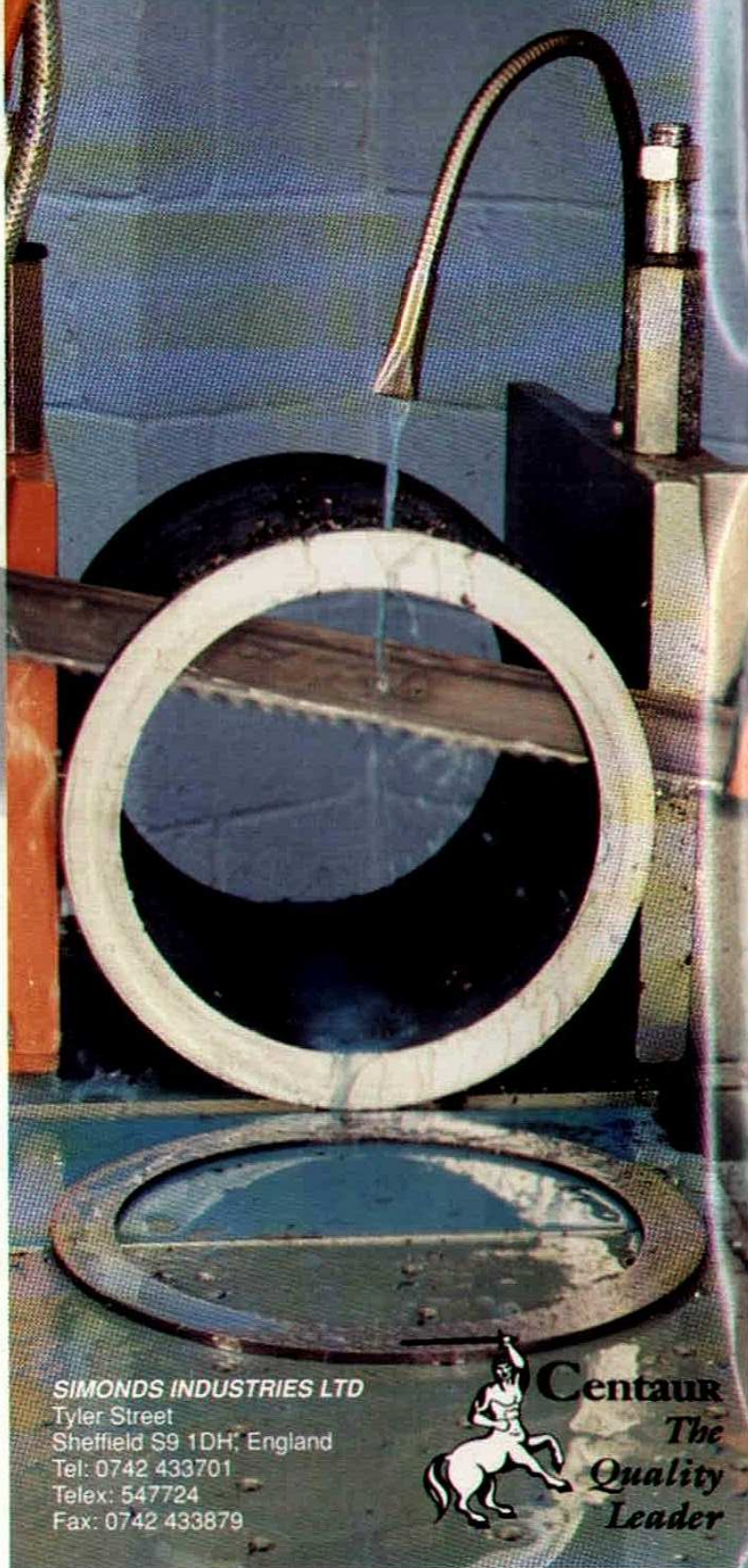
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# Dave Bassett

*I would be  
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A reporter had the cheek to ask me, at Portsmouth on Saturday, if it is all over for Sheffield United; if defeats at Roker Park and Fratton Park had brought our season to a premature end.

Again I pointed out how last season taught us that nothing can be taken for granted until the final whistle. We are not alone in feeling the pressure. Derby played midweek against Wolves and I admit Derby are one of the sides who have put us in danger of missing the play-offs. But Derby, 3-1 up, were held to a draw. In their previous game they lost at home to Sunderland. Reading went down against Grimsby; Bolton drew at home with Luton. At this time of year you will get results like this but it is human nature to concentrate on the statistics of your own club.

Here I have to admit that our performances in our last two away games have been less than satisfying. We thought we could win them both; we were confident of at least two points with two draws. In fact we got nothing and didn't even score a goal - although how we missed at Portsmouth is a mystery. We should have been home and dry before half-time and I had a suspicion that Portsmouth would come out, play better and cause us problems. That is what happened and regrettably we were not able to lift our game to the required standards.

For most of the season we have been the highest scoring team in the First Division; suddenly we have dried up and gone over 180 minutes without a goal. I would be more distressed if we were not making chances; at Sunderland and at Portsmouth we had golden opportunities and, in missing them, we have simply made life harder for ourselves.

But we come to our 41st league match of the season today with the issue still alive. OK, the supreme prize of the championship is beyond us but my plan has always been to go for first place and if not, get second; if not second then third and so down to fifth.

That was my programme at the start of the season and it remains the same today. We have a difficult programme but no more demanding than the others face; there are no easy games left and, with our record of failure against the bottom sides, maybe we are better playing Middlesbrough, Wolves and Barnsley in our remaining games after today.

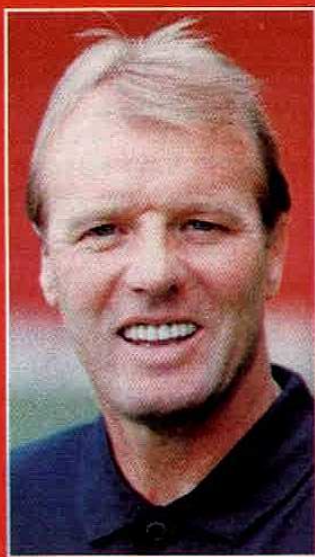
Since last we were at home we have lost the services of our skipper, Brian Gayle, for the rest of the season. Brian is more than a skipper. He is leader on the field and his influence is enormous. I always knew that, with his knee problem, Brian would have his worries but to play almost 40 matches for us is more than I ever expected. No one on the inside of the club doubts his contribution.

Mitch Ward has also been told he cannot play again this season. Mitch picked up a bad injury at Notts County but it was planned that he would be back for the final two or three games and hopefully the play-offs. But medical advice says he must not play again.

So we go into the final drama with Gayle, Ward and John Reed all long term casualties. In addition, of course, we have David Tuttle and Carl Veart suspended today.

I did not question Tuttle's dismissal at Sunderland. Under the guidelines the referee did his duty. But if there was real consistency then Guy Butters should have gone at Fratton Park, a week ago and that might have changed the atmosphere of the match completely. Consistency is all we ask for but we don't always get it.

Finally, although our three sided ground does not, at the moment, lend itself to the right, big match atmosphere can I ask you all to do your utmost to support the team in its last three matches. Nine points at Bramall Lane and may be a win elsewhere could see Sheffield United finishing the season where we believe we belong.



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## KEVIN IS THE FANS' CHOICE

On a very well-attended Supporters' Club Presentation evening after the Reading game the worst kept secret of the season was revealed: KEVIN GAGE won the fan's vote for the Sheffield United Player of the Year.

The information wasn't leaked but Kevin's highly consistent displays just made him odds-on favourite to scoop the award, despite the challenge of Alan Kelly and Roger Nilsen.

Typically Kevin revealed that he felt he had something to prove to himself, and everyone, after "last season's disappointing form when I quite deservedly lost my place to Carl Bradshaw."

Clearly delighted to have won, Kevin this week picked up a similar honour from the Senior Blades in the Executive Suite.

Accepting his awards with dignity and modesty Kevin didn't tell us that he has been similarly honoured before - he was Aston Villa's Player of the Year in a season in which he played mainly in midfield.



Kevin with Beryl Whitney of the Supporters Club and Louise Mason (Miss SUFC).

## UNITED NOT RECOGNISED

The Blades were somewhat surprisingly unrepresented when the awards were made last week to the games outstanding players at the PFA Award Ceremony.

Whilst Alan Shearer was perhaps a logical choice for Player of the Year, the selections for the Endsleigh League Division One team might raise a few eyebrows.

None of United's Internationals were selected, leaving the likes of Alan Kelly and Nathan Blake in the cold, whilst Middlesbrough had three representatives in the team, including the recently acquired Jan Aage Fjørtoft.

The XI who gained the players votes were (in 4-4-2 line-up).

HISLOP (Reading)  
COX (Middlesbrough)  
STUBBS (Bolton Wanderers)  
SHORT (Derby County)  
THATCHER (Millwall)  
McATEER (Bolton Wanderers)  
RAE (Millwall)  
POLLOCK (Bolton Wanderers)  
HENDRIE (Middlesbrough)  
ALDRIDGE (Tranmere Rovers)  
FJØRTOFT (Middlesbrough)

Coach Brian Eastick comments, "That team would cost you about £15 million! I'm a bit surprised Alan Kelly isn't in for his consistency and Miller, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, is also extremely reliable whereas Hislop produces eye-catching performances but is a bit in and out."

Unfortunately he seems to have an "in" day whenever he faces the Blades!

## MICK HEATON

"One of the most honest men I've known in football, on and off the field" was ex-United player David Bradford's assessment of our former full-back MICK HEATON who was tragically killed in a traffic accident earlier this week. He was 48.



Mick was a bustling, ebullient character who didn't make a regular here (31 league starts in four years), but moved to Blackburn for £7,000 in October 1971 and became a fixture in their team. He played almost 170 times until forced to retire in 1975 and was captain of Rovers' Division Three Championship team.

After starting a Sports Shop, he returned to football and eventually became Rovers First Team Coach under Howard Kendall, a partnership successfully continued at Everton, and then later with less success at Manchester City.

With spells as Manager at Workington, Scout for Newcastle and work on Blackburn's Community Scheme he was lively, busy and popular. We mourn his loss and sympathise with his wife, family and friends.



# HELLO - AND GOODBYE

If DAVE TUTTLE'S return to the side against Reading was, as Dave Bassett put it, "like signing a new player" his dismissal at Sunderland has been a cruel blow to United when they need him most.

Brian Gayle had another operation to clean out his knee a week ago and, although he is back at the Lane hobbling about, he will clearly not be fit to play this season.

The return of "Tutts" was therefore perfectly timed but his suspension for his sending-off at Roker Park rules him out of today's crunch fixture and forces another re-think about our defensive structure.

Fortunately, the trip on Craig Russell has brought only a one match ban and the ex-Spurs defender is therefore available for the big game at Middlesbrough on Monday.

He enjoyed rave reviews for his resilience and quality in his comeback games against Reading, Sunderland and Portsmouth but the single goal conceded in each of the encounters has resulted in only one point being gained - a clear sign that the problems are more at the other end of the pitch rather than in the regularly re-organised defensive area.

Whilst Carl Veart also forced to sit today out because of his suspension



through the totting up process, Nathan Blake and Paul Rogers return - and Dane Whitehouse, carried off at Sunderland, may be ready to resume if his knee has totally recovered from heavy bruising.

● Mitch Ward will soon be starting to get down to some light work after resting his punctured lung. The pain has largely settled down and he has been to the Lane to see the lads. John Reed is about, too, but still on crutches that support the knee that sustained cruciate ligament damage against Charlton.

## BLADES CHASE £10,000 PRIZE

Few would disagree that goals, sending-offs and bookings cause most excitement and controversy amongst players and fans.

All three factors contribute to the FA initiative which is aimed at rewarding attractive play and discouraging misconduct on the field - with a £10,000 cheque awaiting each Divisional winner.

Teams score two points for every home goal, four for every one away, but points are deducted for players either cautioned (one point) or dismissed (two points). The Fair Play awards cover Endsleigh League fixtures only to ensure an equal number of games.

Currently United trail Wolves by three points but the situation can change dramatically because of the points system - the 'minus' points are deducted from those achieved by goal-scoring.

A glance at the top positions clearly shows where the Blades strengths - and weaknesses - lie. A glut of goals between now and the end of the season, allied to some sensible behaviour, could reap a double reward of promotion and the £10,000 bonus.

Current standings:

### DIVISION ONE

	P1	Gls H	Gls A	Credit	Cts	S/O	Debit	Balance
Wolves	36	36	25	172	47	3	53	+119
Sheffield United	39	33	31	190	64	5	74	+116
Bolton Wanderers	37	40	20	160	41	2	45	+115
Luton Town	38	28	24	152	35	1	37	+115
Grimsby Town	39	34	21	152	41	1	43	+109

## IN BRIEF

### PITCH MARKS

Last Thursday our playing surface was inspected by Dr. S. W. Baker, Senior Research Officer, as part of the process of selecting the Groundsman of the Year.

Our pitch has been short-listed, through other clubs' and referees' reports, as one of the best in the division. Head Groundsman Glen Northcliffe admits to being "a little surprised as we only put in undersoil heating last summer and, having been relaid so recently, the pitch is not as good as it will be!"

We await the official comments with interest.



Rob Scott.

### LEAGUE FIRSTS

It looks as if the loan spells of Rob Scott and Tony Battersby are doing them no harm at all. Rob netted his first league goal when Scarborough beat Fulham 3-1 recently. Whilst Tony made his full debut for Southend last Saturday and scored the third as Burnley went down by a similar scoreline. Tony made substitute appearances to begin with against Bristol City and Wolves.

### LES HANSON

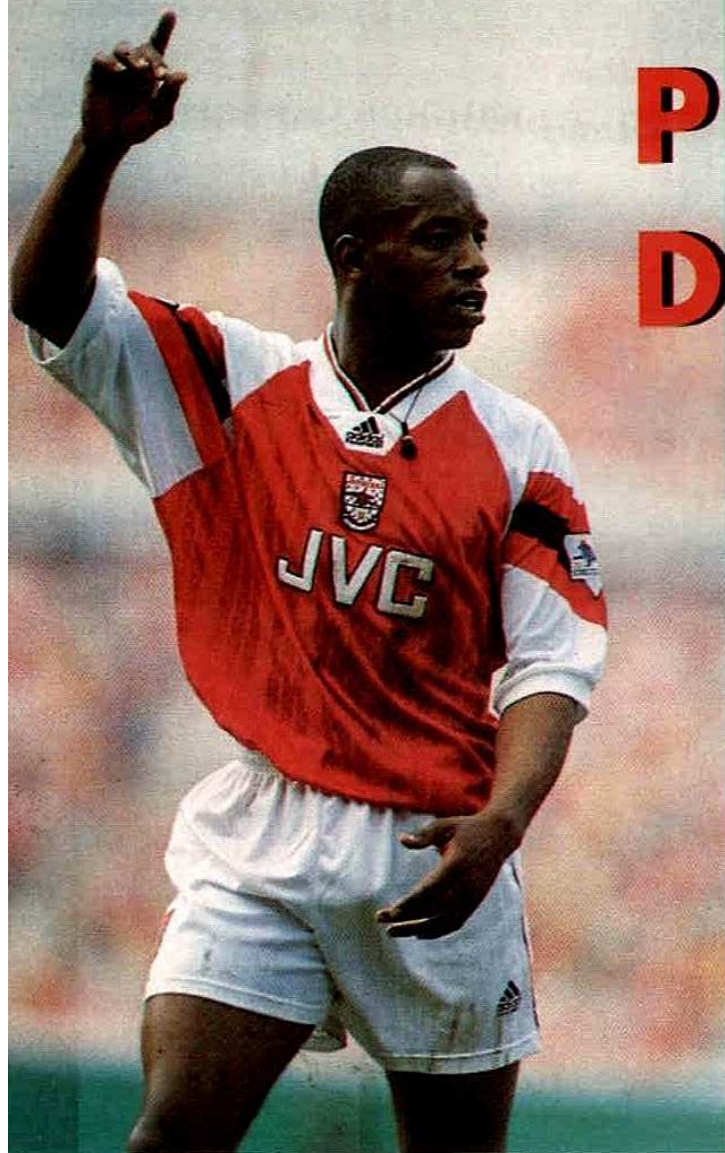
Les died on 23rd March, aged 85, having been a life-long Blade and remarkably retaining a Season Ticket for the SAME SEAT in the John Street Stand for 53 years. He will be sadly missed by wife, Daisie, family and all friends at the Lane.

### JUNIOR BLADES

• Anyone interested in sponsoring a Junior Blades team next season, contact Ken on 269 9207.

• Trials for the Junior Blades U-10's will be on 23rd April, ring Dave on 250 1069 for details.





*Ian Wright pointed the way for Palace to reach the top-flight six years ago.*

# PLAY-OFF DRAMA

by Dave Burkinshaw

late Jim Melrose goal but Leeds then won 1-0 at Elland Road with a Brendan Ormsby goal to set up a third game held at Birmingham City's St. Andrews ground. After 90 minutes the score was 0-0 and in the 10th minute of extra time John Sheridan gave Leeds the lead, only for Charlton defender Peter Shirliff to score twice in the last seven minutes to preserve Charlton's First Division status.

In the following season, the finalists were Chelsea from Division One and Middlesbrough from Division Two. Middlesbrough won the first leg at home 2-0 with goals from Trevor Senior and Bernie Slaven. In the return leg at Stamford Bridge in front of a crowd of over 40,000 an early Gordon Durie goal put the Londoners right back in contention. However, there were no further goals and Middlesbrough were promoted and Chelsea were relegated.

For the 1988-89 season the format changed with no team from Division One being involved. The play-offs were now to settle only the final promotion place from Division Two and involved the teams finishing third, fourth, fifth and sixth. The final remained a two legged affair with Crystal Palace and Blackburn Rovers in opposition. An exciting match at Ewood Park saw Rovers lead 2-0 at half-time with two goals from Howard Gayle. With four minutes to go Eddie McGoldrick pulled one back for Palace only for Rovers' striker Simon Garner to score in the last minute to restore the Lancashire team's two goals advantage.

Although facing an uphill battle the Londoners were level on aggregate two minutes into the second half thanks to an Ian Wright goal and a Dave Madden penalty. No more goals were scored in normal time and it was left to Palace's ace marksman Ian Wright to clinch promotion for his side three minutes from the end of extra time with his second goal to leave the aggregate score 4-3.

A season later, 1989-90 and another important change was introduced, a Wembley final and an end to the two legged final system. The first Wembley finalists were Swindon Town and Sunderland. A goal from midfielder, Alan McLoughlin, gave the Wiltshire team a 1-0 victory and promotion to Division One for the first time in their history. However, following an investigation into the club's financial irregularities by the F.A., Football League and Inland Revenue, Swindon were demoted and losing finalists Sunderland were promoted in their place.

Notts County and Brighton contested the 1990-91 final with County emerging as 3-1 winners to clinch promotion. Their goals came from Tommy Johnson two and Dave Regis with Dean Wilkins netting a consolation for Brighton. This was county's second consecutive promotion through the play off system having beaten

**T**he modern play-offs were introduced by the Football League in the 1986-87 season. There had previously been a system of Test Matches to decide promotion and relegation in the Football League between 1892-93 and 1897-98. The Blades achieved their first promotion in the Football League through this system in 1892-93 when they beat Accrington Stanley 1-0.

Opinions of fans and experts alike about the merits or otherwise of the play off system have been mixed but without doubt they have added extra drama and interest to the league season. Below I have described the play off dramas since 1987 to obtain a place in the Premier Division/old Division One.

For the first two seasons following their introduction the play-offs for a place in the old First Division (now the Premier League) involved the team finishing fourth from bottom of Division One and the teams finishing third, fourth and fifth in the old Division Two.

In 1986-87, the two legged play off final was between Charlton Athletic from Division One and Leeds United from Division Two. Charlton won the first leg 1-0 with a



Tranmere the season before for a place in Division Two.

A year later and the Jack Walker/Kenny Dalglish combination at Blackburn Rovers resulted in the Lancashire team returning to Division One for the first time since 1966. They beat Leicester City 1-0 in the final with a controversial penalty from Mike Newell after David Speedie had been fouled.

In May 1993, Leicester City returned to Wembley trying to avenge their defeat a year earlier. Their opponents were Glenn Hoddle's Swindon Town who had now recovered from the trauma of 1990. The resulting final was arguably the best game that the play offs has ever produced. Eight minutes after half time Swindon were 3-0 ahead and seemingly coasting to the Premier League. Their inspirational player-manager Hoddle had scored their first with further goals from a Craig Maskell and Shaun Taylor. Sixteen minutes later City were level after an incredible fightback with goals from Joachim, Walsh and Thompson. Swindon finally clinched a 4-3 win and promotion with a penalty winner from Paul Bodin six minutes from time.

At the end of the 1993-94 season, Leicester City made it to the final for the third consecutive season where their opponents were big spending Derby County. Although County took the lead with a Tommy Johnson goal, two goals from Steve Walsh clinched victory and promotion for City.

The Blades have experienced the play offs once in 1987-88. They finished third from bottom of Division Two and in the semi finals played Bristol City who finished fifth in Division Three. The Blades

lost 1-0 at Ashton Gate after City's Alan Walsh had scored a 38th minute winner. In the return leg at the Lane, an early Carl Shutt goal severely dented the Blades' hopes of avoiding relegation. Colin Morris did level the second leg scores but the Blades could not manage a second goal and were relegated.

In the current race for top five positions in the Endsleigh League Division One only Reading and Barnsley have never previously qualified for the play offs in any division. Below is a summary of the top eights' previous play off appearances:

#### **MIDDLESBROUGH:**

Twice for places in Division One 1987-88 and 1990-91.

#### **BOLTON:**

Three times for places in Division Three 1986-87 and places in Division Two 1989-90 and 1990-91.

#### **WOLVES:**

Once for a place in Division Three 1986-87.

#### **TRANMERE ROVERS:**

Four times, twice for a place in Division Two 1989-90 and 1990-91 and twice for a place in the Premier League 1992-93 and 1993-94.

#### **READING:**

No appearances

#### **BARNESLEY:**

No appearances

#### **UNITED:**

Once for a place in Division Two 1987-88.

#### **DERBY COUNTY:**

Twice for a place in Division One/Premier League in 1991-92 and 1993-94.

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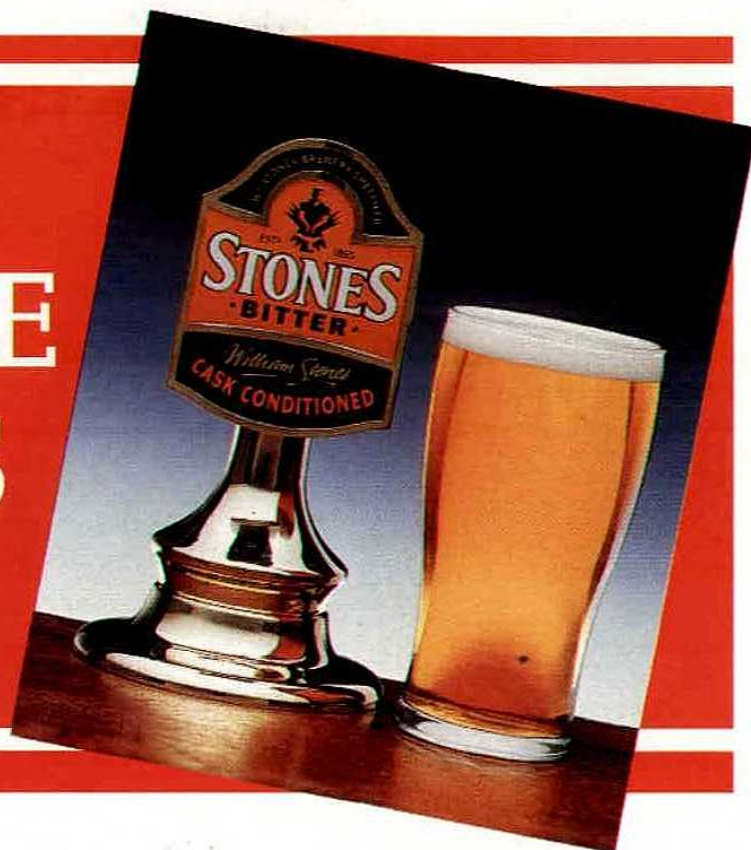
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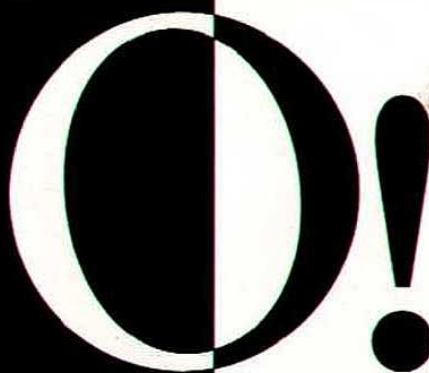
Today's visitors celebrate their Wembley play-off victory over Leicester City in 1993.



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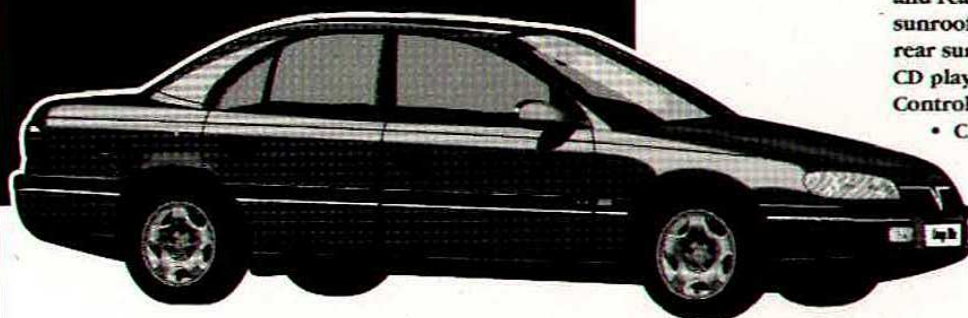
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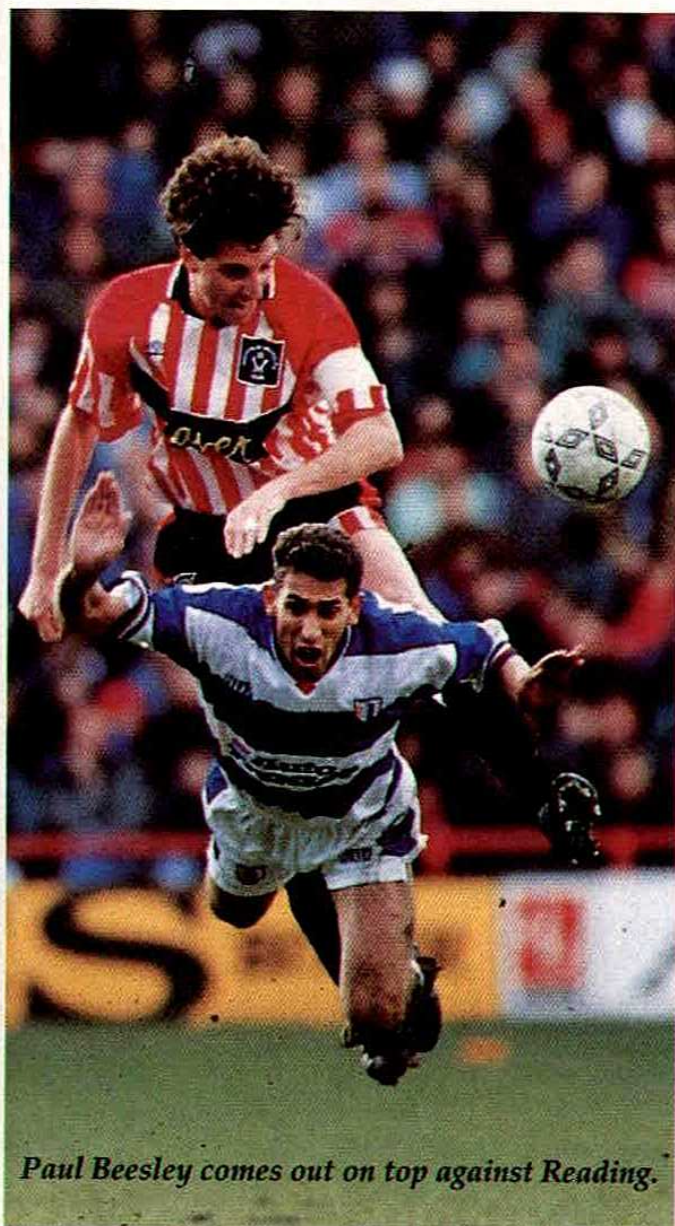
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# STORY SO FAR



*Paul Beesley comes out on top against Reading.*

## ● Monday 20th March

Billy Mercer joins Nottingham Forest on loan.

*Disappointment for the Reserves who lead Derby but are pegged back to 1-1 by a late, disputed penalty kick.*

## ● Tuesday 21st March

Winger Rob Scott agrees to join Scarborough on loan.

## ● Wednesday 22nd March

Endsleigh Division One

### **BOLTON WANDERERS 1 UNITED 1**

**Scorers:** Bolton – Stubbs (42). United – Blake (37).

**Bolton:** Branagan, Green, Phillips, McAteer, Seagrave, Stubbs, Lee, Sneekes, Paatelainen, McGinley, Thompson. Unused sub: Bergsson, McDonald.

**United:** Kelly, Gage, Nilsen, Hartfield, Gayle, Beesley, Rogers, Veart (Littlejohn 75), Whitehouse, Blake, A. Scott (Flo 88).

**Referee:** D. B. Allison (Lancaster).

**Attendance:** 16,756.

United's system, with Nilsen sweeper behind Gayle and Beesley, limits Bolton to pressure without many chances and Blake accepts one of three great chances to gain an honourable draw in a pulsating atmosphere. Wanderers' run of seven home wins is ended.

**Roger Nilsen:** "I worked very well... we always play better against top teams... it might work in our favour having so many of the top teams to play."

*United announce a £1.6 million kit supply deal for the next four seasons with AVEC.*

Despite a goal by Vine and a meritorious performance the Juniors lose 1-3 at Leeds.

## ● Thursday, 23rd March

Ash Fickling is transferred to Grimsby on a 'free' whilst Tony Battersby joins Southend on loan.

## ● Saturday 25th March

Endsleigh Division One

### **UNITED 1 READING 1**

**Scorers:** United – Blake (53), Reading – Nogan (68).

**United:** Kelly, Gage, Whitehouse, Hartfield, Tuttle, Beesley, Rogers, Starbuck (Veart 76), Flo (A. Scott 71), Blake, Black.

**Reading:** Hislop, Bernal, Kerr, Wdowczk, McPherson, Holsgrove, Gilkes, Parkinson, Nogan, Lovell (Hartenburger 75), Taylor. Unused Sub: Lambert.

**Referee:** Jeff Winter (Middlesbrough).

**Attendance:** 19,241

Super crowd for Family Day, super return after a year for Dave Tuttle, but unambitious Reading keep play-off place from us with a resolute display, good fortune – and a goal out of the blue with their only on-target shot. Juniors beat Middlesbrough 2-0 with goals from Quinn and trialist Stewart.

Kevin Gage finishes top of the poll in the Supporters Club Player of the Year vote.

## ● Monday, 27th March

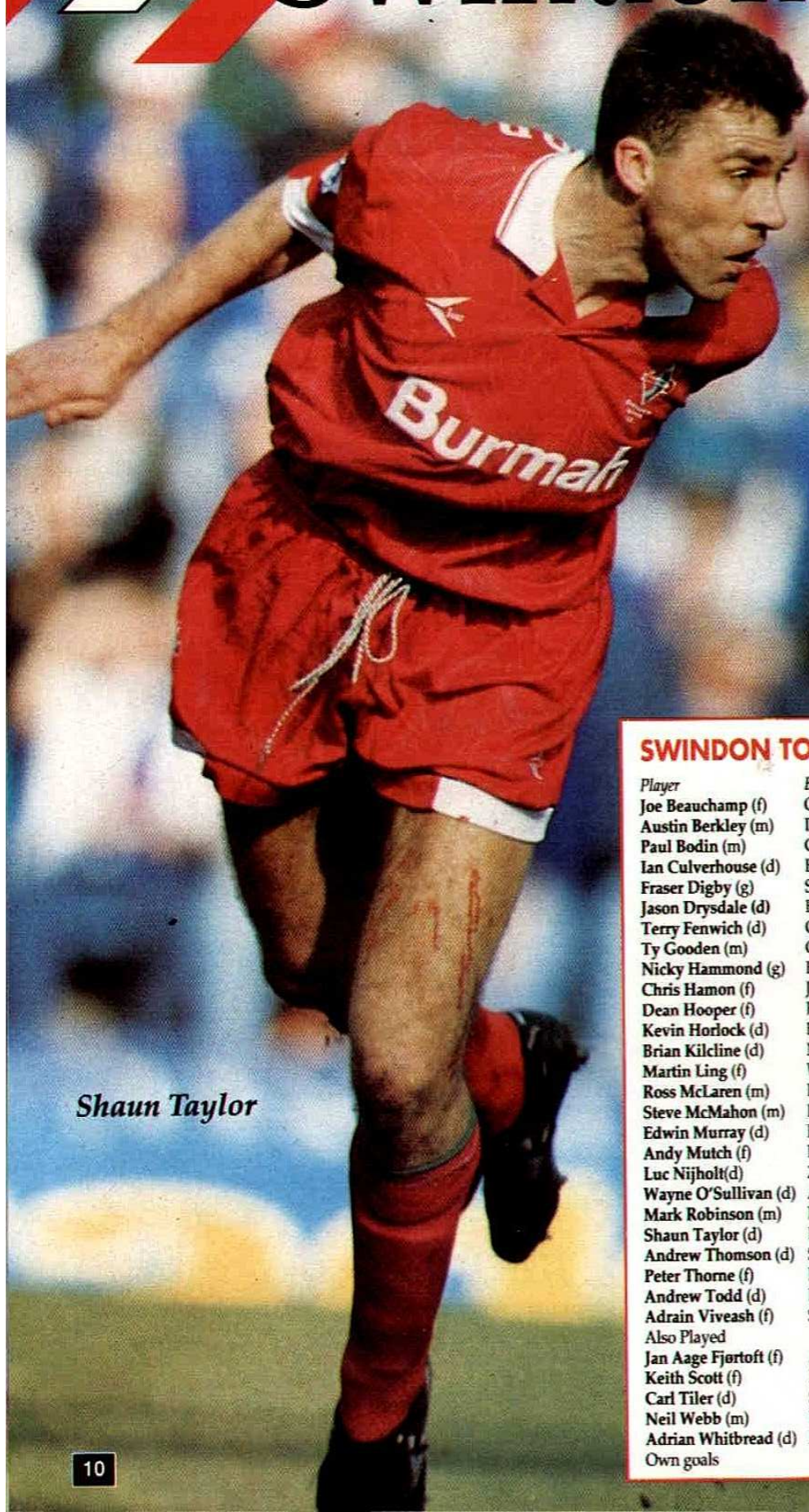
Juniors win 3-1 at Darlington with goals by Wood (2) and Powell.

## ● Tuesday, 28th March

Disappointing 0-0 draw in the Reserves table-top encounter with Everton who survive despite Blades' chances.



# Swindon Town



Shaun Taylor

## SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL

1994-95  
League & Cup

Player	Birthplace	Age	Signed from	App.	Goals
Joe Beauchamp (f)	Oxford	24	West Ham United	42(5)	3
Austin Berkley (m)	Dartford	22	Gillingham	-(2)	-
Paul Bodin (m)	Cardiff	30	Crystal Palace	32	6
Ian Culverhouse (d)	B. Stortford	30	Norwich City	12	-
Fraser Digby (g)	Sheffield	27	Manchester United	39	-
Jason Drysdale (d)	Bristol	24	Newcastle United	1	-
Terry Fenwick (d)	Camden	36	Tottenham Hotspur	2	-
Ty Gooden (m)	Canvey Island	22	Wycombe W.	10(3)	1
Nicky Hammond (g)	Hornchurch	27	Arsenal	11	-
Chris Hamon (f)	Jersey	24	-	-(4)	-
Dean Hooper (f)	Harefield	23	Hayes	-(4)	-
Kevin Horlock (d)	Bexley	22	West Ham United	38(4)	1
Brian Kilcline (d)	Nottingham	32	Newcastle United	9(1)	-
Martin Ling (f)	West Ham U.	28	Southend United	34(5)	2
Ross McLaren (m)	Edinburgh	32	Derby County	3	-
Steve McMahon (m)	Liverpool	33	Manchester City	14(1)	-
Edwin Murray (d)	Redbridge	21	-	7(1)	-
Andy Mutch (f)	Liverpool	31	Wolves	12(13)	2
Luc Nijholt(d)	Zaaandam	33	Motherwell	39	1
Wayne O'Sullivan (d)	Akrotiri	21	-	24(9)	-
Mark Robinson (m)	Manchester	26	Newcastle United	44	-
Shaun Taylor (d)	Plymouth	32	Exeter City	38	4
Andrew Thomson (d)	Swindon	21	-	24	1
Peter Thorne (f)	Manchester	21	Blackburn Rovers	16(1)	8
Andrew Todd (d)	Derby	20	Middlesbrough (L)	9	-
Adrain Viveash (f)	Swindon	25	-	10	1
Also Played					
Jan Aage Fjørtoft (f)	Aalesund	28	now Middlesbrough	46	26
Keith Scott (f)	London	27	now Stoke City	26(3)	11
Carl Tiler (d)	Sheffield	25	Nottingham Forest (L)2	-	-
Neil Webb (m)	Reading	31	Nottingham Forest (L)5(1)	-	-
Adrian Whitbread (d)	Epping	23	now West Ham U.	1	-
Own goals					1



**S**windon come to Bramall Lane facing the very real prospect of suffering relegation for the second season in succession. The Robins dropped out of the Premiership, with the Blades, last May and had been hoping to make a quick return to the top.

But, after getting off to a good start this term, they went into a run of 14 league games without a win and that plunged them into a situation from which they have been having great difficulty in escaping.

It was during this run that the club decided to dispense with the services of manager John Gorman. Steve McMahon, the former England midfielder, was signed from Manchester City to take over as player-manager at the end of November.

Yet, in spite of some new signings, results have not shown a marked improvement and a recent run of four consecutive defeats left Swindon struggling well behind the safety line.

Though they took some heart from last Saturday's 3-1 home win over Oldham, it was unfortunate for them that the two clubs immediately above them - Sunderland and Portsmouth - also collected three points and that left Swindon five points short of fifth-from-bottom Sunderland, the club they must catch if they are to escape the drop.

Mr. McMahon signed striker Peter Thorne from Blackburn for £200,000 in January and he made a splendid start, scoring eight times in his first 11 full games for the club. That included a hat-trick in their 5-2 win at West Bromwich.

With Thorne scoring so well, it was decided to sell top scorer Jan Aage Fjortoft to Middlesbrough for £1.3 million shortly before last month's transfer deadline. The Norwegian international had scored 26 times.

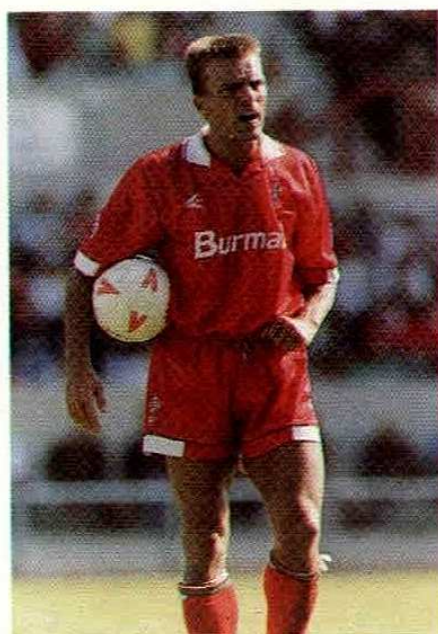
Sadly, Thorne has not been the same without Fjortoft alongside him and he has not since added to his goals tally.

Ty Gooden, who had earlier been playing in midfield, has been partnering Thorne in the Swindon attack.

Some of the Fjortoft fee was used to re-invest in left-back Jason Drysdale, signed from Newcastle for £340,000.

The left-back position has posed something of a problem since Paul Bodin was injured. Ed Murray played here for a while, then Kevin Horlock was switched from midfield. Last week, with Drysdale not available, Mark Robinson played here.

In spite of Swindon's struggles, Horlock's form has not suffered and he was included in the N. Ireland squad that met the Republic of Ireland in last month's European Championship qualifier in Dublin. Kevin was among the substitutes and has not yet won his first cap.



Luc Nijholt.

Horlock had earlier looked settled in one of the two central midfield positions, the other being occupied for much of the season by Joey Beauchamp.

Martin Ling and player-manager McMahon played on the flanks in midfield last week. Luc Nijholt, who

normally plays in midfield, was used at right-back against Oldham with Adrian Viveash and Shaun Taylor filling the centre-back places.

The versatile Wayne O'Sullivan has played both in defence and midfield as Mr. McMahon has been ringing the changes in a bid to find a winning team.

Nicky Hammond and Fraser Digby remain in fierce competition for the goalkeeper's jersey, Digby having been in favour these past few weeks.

Swindon have won three away games in the league - at Notts. County (1-0), Burnley (2-1) and WBA (5-2). They drew at Port Vale (2-2), Stoke (0-0), Oldham (1-1) and Grimsby (1-1) but were beaten at Tranmere (2-3), Charlton (0-1), Barnsley (1-2), Portsmouth (3-4), Middlesbrough (1-3), Bolton (0-3), Bristol City (2-3), Southend (0-2), Luton (0-3), Millwall (1-3), Watford (0-2), Derby (1-3) and Reading (0-3).

Whilst they have been struggling in the league, Swindon made a bold bid for a place in the Coca-Cola Cup Final at Wembley. After leading Bolton by 2-1 from their home leg in the semi-final, Swindon battled well in the return game but were ultimately beaten on aggregate by a goal two minutes from the end.

## MANAGERSHIP

Steve McMahon, who took over as Swindon's player-manager in November, found himself deeply involved with a double challenge - earlier this month he was hoping to guide his team through to a Wembley Cup Final whilst today he continues the task of trying to preserve Swindon's First Division status.

Sadly, Swindon lost their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Bolton but at least the manager is now free to concentrate upon the club's battle for First Division survival.

Mr. McMahon's distinguished playing career embraced both Merseyside clubs and a run of 17 games in the England team.

He joined Everton whilst still at school, turning professional in 1979. Soon after making his senior debut the following year, he was in the England under-21 side, winning six caps at that level.

Aston Villa signed him for £300,000 in 1983 and he remained with them for just over two years before returning to Merseyside with Liverpool. Whilst at Anfield he won three League Championship medals, played in two FA Cup Finals and one League Cup Final and collected all of his full England caps.

He moved on to Manchester City for £895,000 in December 1991, remaining with them until taking up his present post.

Throughout his career, Mr. McMahon has been associated with attack-minded teams so he has naturally encouraged his Swindon men to continue with the pleasing style of play.



### THE LAST TEN MANAGERS

Les Allen	Nov 1972	- Feb 1974
Danny Williams	Mar 1974	- May 1978
Bobby Smith	May 1978	- Oct 1980
John Trollope	Nov 1980	- Mar 1983
Ken Beamish	Mar 1983	- June 1984
Lou Macari	July 1984	- July 1989
Ossie Ardiles	July 1989	- Mar 1991
Glenn Hoddle	April 1991	- June 1993
John Gorman	June 1993	- Nov 1994
Steve McMahon	Nov 1994	-





## MATCH FACTS

### UNITED'S RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	7	6	0	1	14	5
Away	8	2	1	5	10	16
Total	15	8	1	6	24	21

### LANE BACKTRACK

1907-08	FAC	2-3	Brown, Lipsham
1969-70	D2	1-2	Badger
1970-71	D2	2-1	Woodward, Colquhoun
1979-80	D3	2-1	Benjamin (p), Brown
1980-81	D3	3-0	Kenworthy (p), Peters, Trusson
1987-88	D2	1-0	Cadette
1989-90	D2	2-0	Booker, Deane
1993-94	P1	3-1	Falconer, Bradshaw, Rogers

● Swindon's first victory here was more than 87 years ago in the FA Cup. Having drawn 0-0 at Swindon, First Division United were confident of beating Southern League Swindon Town at the Lane, but Swindon gained their unexpected victory in extra-time.

● Swindon's last victory here was on 9th February 1970 - their first league visit to Bramall Lane. Since then we have won six successive home games. The only league draw between the clubs was last season's 0-0 draw at Swindon.

● When we won the old Division Four Championship in 1981-82 our points total (96) was a record for the Division - not a difficult feat since it was the first season with three points for a win! However in 1985-86 Swindon were Champions with 102 points. This is the highest total ever achieved in any Division.

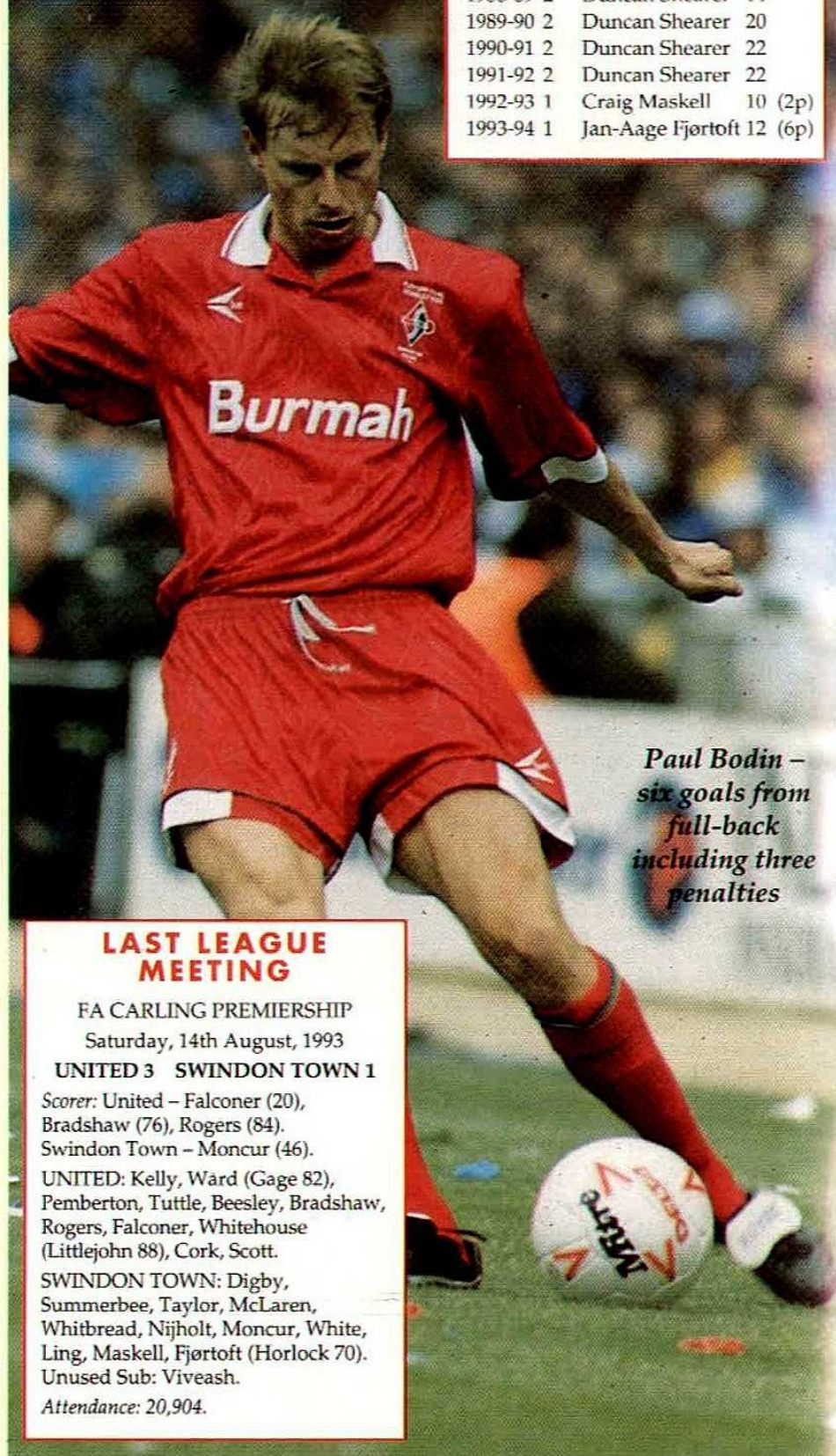


Joe Beauchamp

## HOT SHOTS

Swindon Town's top league marksmen in the last 10 seasons.

Season	Div.	Top Scorer (League)
1984-85	4	Colin Gordon 17
1985-86	4	Charlie Nenry 18
1986-87	3	Steve White 15
1987-88	2	Jimmy Quinn 21 (6p)
1988-89	2	Duncan Shearer 14
1989-90	2	Duncan Shearer 20
1990-91	2	Duncan Shearer 22
1991-92	2	Duncan Shearer 22
1992-93	1	Craig Maskell 10 (2p)
1993-94	1	Jan-Aage Fjortoft 12 (6p)



Paul Bodin - six goals from full-back including three penalties

## LAST LEAGUE MEETING

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Saturday, 14th August, 1993

UNITED 3 SWINDON TOWN 1

Scorer: United - Falconer (20), Bradshaw (76), Rogers (84).  
Swindon Town - Moncur (46).

UNITED: Kelly, Ward (Gage 82), Pemberton, Tuttle, Beesley, Bradshaw, Rogers, Falconer, Whitehouse (Littlejohn 88), Cork, Scott.

SWINDON TOWN: Digby, Summerbee, Taylor, McLaren, Whitbread, Nijholt, Moncur, White, Ling, Maskell, Fjortoft (Horlock 70).  
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Attendance: 20,904.



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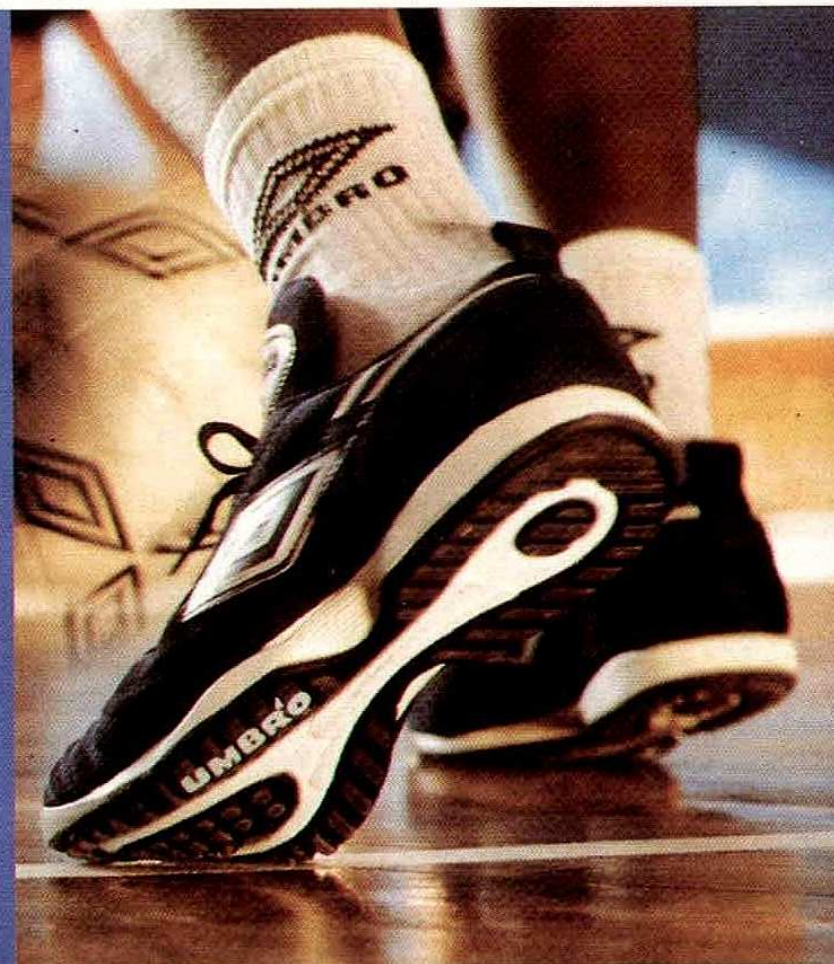
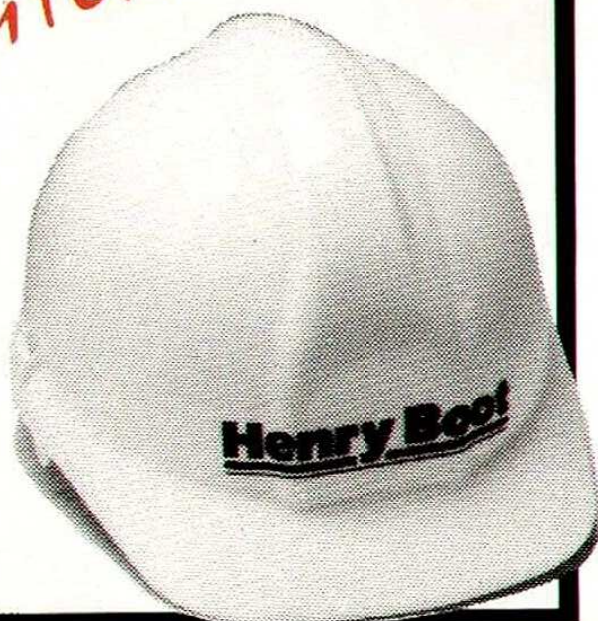
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## UNITED 1 READING 1

**Saturday,  
25th March, 1995**

Top: Shaka Hislop  
again the saviour,  
this time blocking  
Charlie Hartfield.

Left: Nathan Blake slips  
the ball past Hislop to  
put us ahead.



# ACTION

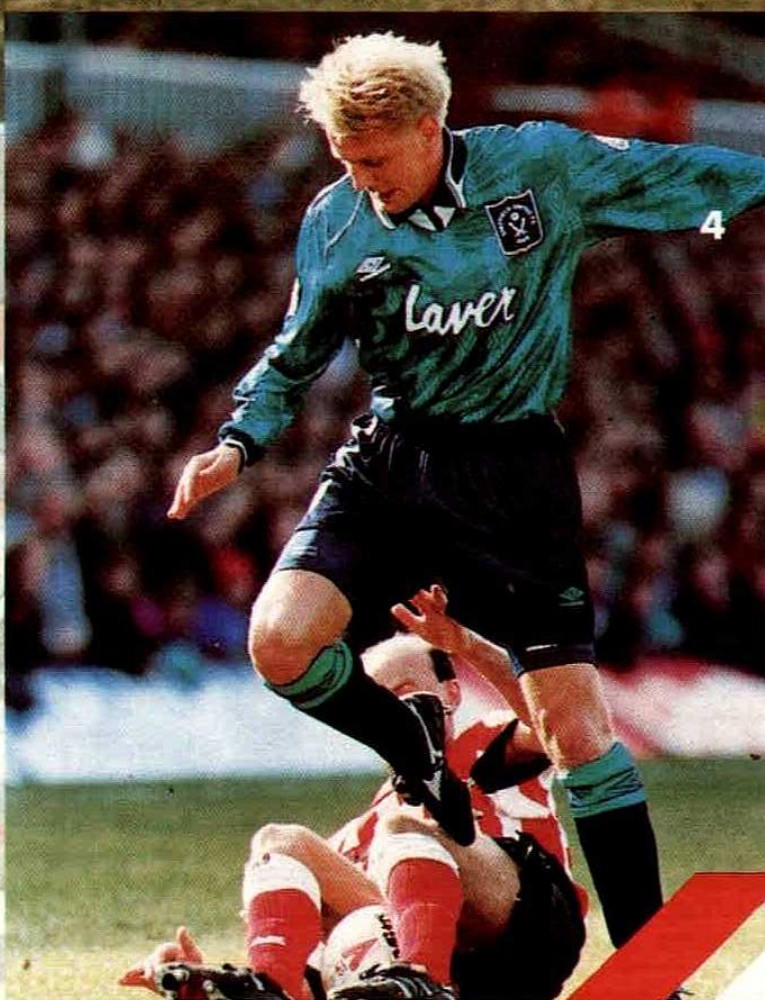


## SUNDERLAND 1 UNITED 0

**Saturday,  
1st April, 1995**

Top: Andy Scott strikes his  
shot just wide of the  
Sunderland upright.

Right: Paul Rogers tries  
to get to the ball at  
Roker Park.





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# RUSTY BLADE

## ACRONYMS

My comments a few weeks ago about the alternative meaning of those sponsors' initials or names on teams' shirts continues to exercise the agile minds of some of our readers.

For 'LAVER' Mrs. Sarah Eggington of Sheffield 2 has come up with 'Loud And Vocal Encouragement Required', which has seldom been more necessary than today.

Mrs. Eggington says, however, that she's really a QPR fan at heart but laments the lack of passion from her team's supporters. She claims that 'COMPAQ' obviously stands for 'Crowd Often Maintains Pretty Average Quietness'.

Just down the road from QPR, notes Sarah, is the 'Capital's Own Over-Rated Side', whilst her husband chipped in with 'Chelsea Only Observe Relegation Struggle'. East Anglian supporters might possibly agree with Sarah's assessment of 'Feeble Ipswich Sink On Nil Scores'. From Coventry she came up with 'Players Expect Unremitting Grind Eternally, Or Trouble' but she was rather more positive about Villa: 'Manager Using Likely Lads Enjoys Revival'. Manchester United are summed up simply with 'Some Hope - A Repeat Performance!'.

One which Blades fans will enjoy refers to a team not a million miles from Sheffield 6: 'Strikers Are Not Doing Enough. Relegation Struggle Over? - No!'

Are there any more out there?

## MIXED BLESSINGS

Today's match is a reminder of just how the fortunes of teams can change. Last season we played Swindon in the first match of the 1993/94 Premiership season. Who would have guessed then that both sides would be in the Endleigh First Division the following year?

If things haven't gone strictly according to plan for the Blades this season, spare a thought for the plight of Swindon. The fortitude of those loyal travelling fans here today has to be admired (but any sympathy must be tempered with our own need for all three points), whilst the home supporters can at least take comfort from the fact that the Blades' plight could have been a lot worse. (Remember we were lying in 19th place at the end of that

dreadful run in October, whilst Swindon were then in the top half of the league?).

It's easy to be a football supporter when things are going well but it's at times like this that the true fans have to stand up and be counted.

## OOH AAH

Highly creative and individual players are often labelled as 'enigmatic'. Eric Cantona's immortal words about 'When the seagulls follow the trawler...' clearly did nothing to dispel the belief of some people that he does his thinking on a different level from the rest of us mortals.

I can reveal, however, that Eric was merely revealing Manchester United's team tactics, in code. Substitute Cantona, whilst the seagulls are team mates, following his every move. Thus, when Cantona makes his run into the box and shoots for goal, Hughes, Giggs and co hang around to pick up any scraps.

Eric is not alone with the fishing metaphors. It's a little-known fact that when Gazza hums the immortal Geordie ditty "You shall have a fishy on a little dishy when the boat comes in" it's the signal to those around him that he about to go on one of his runs for goal. The term "push the boat out" of course means something entirely different for Gazza...

Then there's that famous line from Confucius: "When the owls meet the forest their net will bulge seven times." Personally I haven't a clue what that could mean!



So many changes... action from the first game of last season's Premiership season. Willie Falconer has gone and Swindon's John Moncur (left) is now with West Ham.



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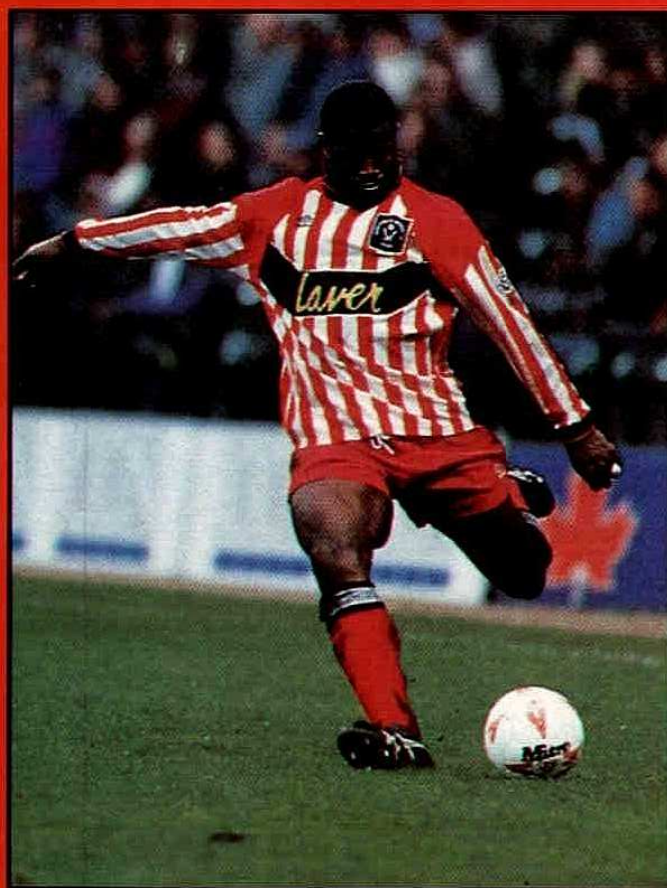
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# BLADES MEN



## Nathan Blake

Nathan joined United from Cardiff City in February last year after his goal for Cardiff against Manchester City in the F.A. Cup had made a lot of Premiership clubs suddenly take an interest. He had scored seventeen goals that season before he joined United and Cardiff obviously believed he would do the same because they managed to get a clause inserted in the transfer agreement that United would pay an extra £200,000 if they remained in the top flight. At the time of his transfer the possibility of United staying up did not look too good but Nathan helped then so nearly make it. Cardiff must have been cursing when they realised they were only a minute away from their additional fee.

Nathan took no time at all to decide upon the move to United: "I was in bed on the Wednesday when I got a call from United offering me a move, and on the following day I travelled to Sheffield and signed. It was just the sort of move I'd been looking for because I was only on a weekly contract, and with my goal scoring record I fancied my chances in the Premiership."

At United everyone thinks of Nathan as a striker, and it's hardly surprising with his record. This season he's managed 15 in 30 league games (including 7 as substitute) last season he got 5 in 12 games (5 as substitute), for United plus 17 for Cardiff, and the season before that he was Cardiff's top scorer with 13. It's surprising, therefore to find that it was United who turned Nathan into a forward.

"Before coming here I'd either played in midfield or defence. I suppose with my scoring record United must have fancied me up front. When I made my league debut for Cardiff at Bristol Rovers in 1990 I was left back. We were winning 1 - 0 with ten minutes left then we let in two goals and lost. I made twelve appearances in all that season, mainly in left midfield but sometimes on the right. It was only as an emergency that I was pushed up front."

Nathan was born in Cardiff and raised in nearby Newport: "Newport were my first club, I went there as a schoolboy, but that didn't last as the club folded. I went to Chelsea on a two year Y.T.S. scheme but left after a year. I had a few problems and went back to Cardiff to finish my apprenticeship there. I started off there as a centre half before moving to the back"


From Cardiff he jumped into the Premiership with United and found that, at first, he was only played as a substitute. "Dave Bassett was great after my move, he explained that he didn't want me to be under too much pressure. United were in a pretty desperate position and he felt that everybody would be looking to me to get them out of trouble, so I was on the bench for the games against Ipswich, Spurs and Leeds. I scored when I came on at Spurs, and then made my full debut at home to Queen's Park Rangers. I scored in that one as well. It was a pressure position that I was in and, strangely enough, I really enjoyed it. I found that I had more time to play the ball at that level and I know that helped me."

The time he joined United was a memorable time for him. Nathan had previously won Wales Under 21 honours, and after scoring at Tottenham for United he made his full debut for Wales the following Wednesday.

This season Nathan got off to a rather quiet start for United before that stunning spell after Christmas when he scored nine in four games, including a brace in four consecutive games.

Last Saturday he was forced to sit out the game against Portsmouth due to suspension. Let's hope that it's made him hungry for goals upon his expected return this afternoon.





**NATHAN BLAKE**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**  
27th January 1972

**BIRTHPLACE:**  
Cardiff

**HEIGHT:** 5'11"

**DATE SIGNED:**  
17th February 1994

**SIGNED FROM:**  
Cardiff City

**TRANSFER FEE:**  
£300,000

**UNITED DEBUT:**  
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13.3.94 v Leeds (Full)

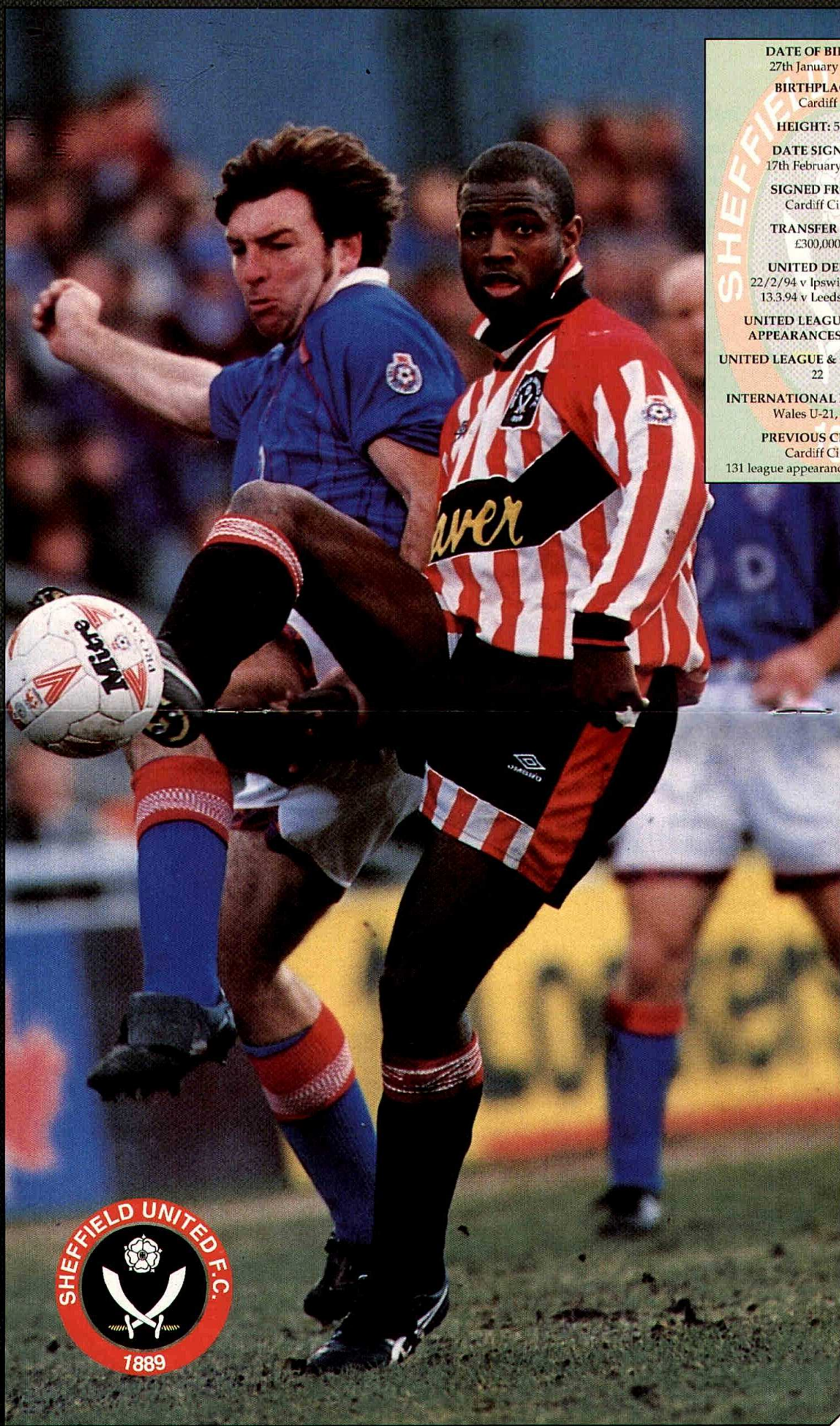
**UNITED LEAGUE & CUP  
APPEARANCES:** 34 (13)

**UNITED LEAGUE & CUP GOALS:**  
22

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:**  
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# A COUNTY CUP TEAM

by Denis Clarebrough

**My heartiest congratulations to any of our supporters who can identify all the victorious United eleven seen in our illustration. The occasion was the County Cup Final in May 1960.**

I regret the passing of the County Cup competition and even more, the fact that the Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association no longer play an annual fixture against the Glasgow Football Association. No harm would come if we had at least one reminder each year that we do have a local Football Association.

United won that 1959-1960 County Cup competition by defeating Rotherham United by two goals to one at Bramall Lane. The season was the first with John Harris as manager; United finishing fourth in the Second Division and for the second season in succession, reaching the sixth round of the F A Cup. It took another twelve months to achieve promotion and another cup run that ended at the semi-final stage.

The strength of the team lay in the defence: Alan Hodgkinson in goal and Graham Shaw at left back were English internationals and Joe

Shaw at centre half had played for the Football League and was worthy of full international status. Cec Coldwell was strong and reliable at right back; Brian Richardson and Gerry Summers offered contrasting styles at wing half.

Joe Shaw is the only member of that famous defence missing from the team in our illustration; on that occasion, his place was taken by Denis Finnigan who died in December of last year.

It was always said that John Harris when writing out his team selection for the next first team game automatically began:-

Hodgkinson: Coldwell, Shaw G.: Richardson, Shaw J., Summers:. The six players were fortunate in that they had few long term injuries and their record of appearances together which began in September 1957 and lasted until 1964 may constitute a record for the Football League.

Harris had more difficulty in finding a satisfactory forward line. The forward line against Rotherham for that County Cup match was:-

Lewis, Nibloe, Pace, Hamilton and Simpson.

The photograph shows the team after the match in the old John Street dressing room. It looks as if outside left, Ron Simpson was intending to be first in the bath but fortunately, his shirt was long enough to cover his embarrassment, while Derek Pace stands, hands on hips to the right. Pace, like Finnigan, is another of our old players that the passage of time has taken from our midst and there are four in all in that photograph who have died, for 'Joe' Nibloe was killed in a car accident in 1964 and Willie Hamilton died in Canada in 1976.

John Nibloe was the son of a former Wednesday and Scotland international full back and looked to have quite a promising future in the game but he lacked speed and Harris sold him to Stoke City while Hamilton, brilliant but unreliable, was transferred early in 1961 to Middlesbrough.

The final member of that forward line against Rotherham and soon to be sold by Harris was the outside right, Kevin Lewis who is seen standing at the back with Finnigan and Nibloe. Lewis had everything that you could want in a winger; two footed, fast and strong, a hard shot, a good header and the ability to be on hand when the ball came in from the left wing. His record of 62 League goals for United and Liverpool in 133 appearances shows the quality of his finishing but his career was a short one.

Harris strengthened that forward line; Billy Russell returned to the team after breaking his leg and Harris signed Keith Kettleborough to replace Hamilton. The industry and determination of Pace, Kettleborough and Bill Hodgson, the speed of Russell and Simpson and the skills of Len Allchurch took United back to the old Division One.



CEC COLDWELL WITH THE COUNTY CUP, MAY 1960.

Rear(left to right):- Lewis, Finnigan and Nibloe.

Front:- Richardson, Hodgkinson, Summers, Coldwell, Simpson, Graham Shaw, Hamilton and Pace.



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## ENDSLEIGH SUPPORTERS CHALLENGE - draws are not enough

The local heats of this competition were held at the Pitz Soccer Centre last week between Grimsby, Notts County and ourselves.

Although the Sheffield United team drew both games 3-3 it wasn't enough to win through to the next stages. Notts County beat Grimsby 6-0 in the other game of a Round Robin.

Representing Sheffield United were Mark Bell, Chris Wood, Jonathan Constantine, Tim Gregory, Gary Wilson and D. Shields.

TC would like to thank them for giving up their time and representing the Blades!

## SUPPORTERS CLUB

Welcome to Bramall Lane for the visit of Swindon with their new Player Manager, the former international and Liverpool favourite Steve McMahon. Unfortunately Steve has found it an uphill struggle which cannot have been helped by having to sell their leading scorer Jan Fjortoft to Middlesbrough on deadline day. They reached the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup losing narrowly to Bolton in the second leg so obviously can play very well at times.

Since my last notes our playing fortunes have dipped badly, and anything less than a win today will put us well below the play-off position. Hopefully, the crowd will give everything they have in supporting the team, so we can only hope that the Players give their all in return. We still have some important games to play against teams above us in the league.

● Our Player of the Year Award Dinner Dance took place after the Reading game. It was a marvellous night with players and management being well represented. According to comments received on the night and since, everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was a huge success. My most sincere thanks to Dave and the players who attended, your presence was, as always, greatly appreciated. The successful player was Kevin Gage with Roger Nilsen and Alan Kelly being joint runners-up. We hope to present the cup

again before the game today so that those of you who were not present can give Kevin a great Bramall Lane ovation. It is well deserved as who can forget his marvellous goals earlier in the season and our award rewards a season's performances.

● Our Stocksbridge Branch will also be hoping to make their nominated Player of the Year Award, to Carl Veart.

● Our thanks again to Jim Harrison and Dave Roberts of Sands Building Services (Sheffield) Ltd. and Joe and Paul Winter of Overdrive Repair Services for their continued sponsorship, of this event along with Terry and Pauline Royles of The Princess Royal, Woodhouse Mill. Also SUFC, John Walker and all who donated raffle prizes.

● Our next Executive meeting will take place on Thursday 29th April in the Sponsor's Lounge in the Directors Suite. Will all Branches send delegates if at all possible.

● Let us make the Swindon team aware of what a Bramall Lane roar sounds like, keep on encouraging the team especially if things do not go to play early on.

● May I on behalf of our Executive Committee wish all of you a happy and enjoyable Easter with a win being the start of a great holiday!

See you all at Middlesbrough. Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

BERYL WHITNEY





## CO SHEFFIELD CO-OP Family Corner

### TODAY'S MASCOTS



Kelly Hamilton, aged 11. A pupil of Wybourn School. Her favourite players are Alan Kelly and Nathan Blake. Kelly's interests include football for the school team, art, swimming and ice skating.



Mark Smith, aged 10. A pupil of Bramley Sunnyside Junior School. His favourite players are Jostein Flo, Nathan Blake and Kingsley Black. Hobbies include chess, rugby and maths at school!



Jennifer Dixon, aged 12 on 13th April. A pupil of Meadowhead School. Her favourite players are Dane Whitehouse, Mitch Ward and Nathan Blake. Interests include playing the piano.



James Mason, aged 7. A pupil of Barugh Green School, Barnsley. His favourite players are Dane Whitehouse, Alan Kelly and Brian Gayle. Hobbies include ice skating, ice hockey and bike riding.

### IS THIS YOU!

If you were spotted by our cameraman in this shot taken at the Reading game and are circled in the picture on page 26, you can claim a **£25 gift voucher** from the Club Souvenir Shop.

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### THIGH'S THE LIMIT



Whilst United are aiming for the top, here's proof that the refreshing name of Sheffield United can reach the parts that others can't get to - in this case a Blades wedding garter worn by Susan, wife of Neil, and sent to us by Unitedite Alan Roberts all the way from New Zealand.

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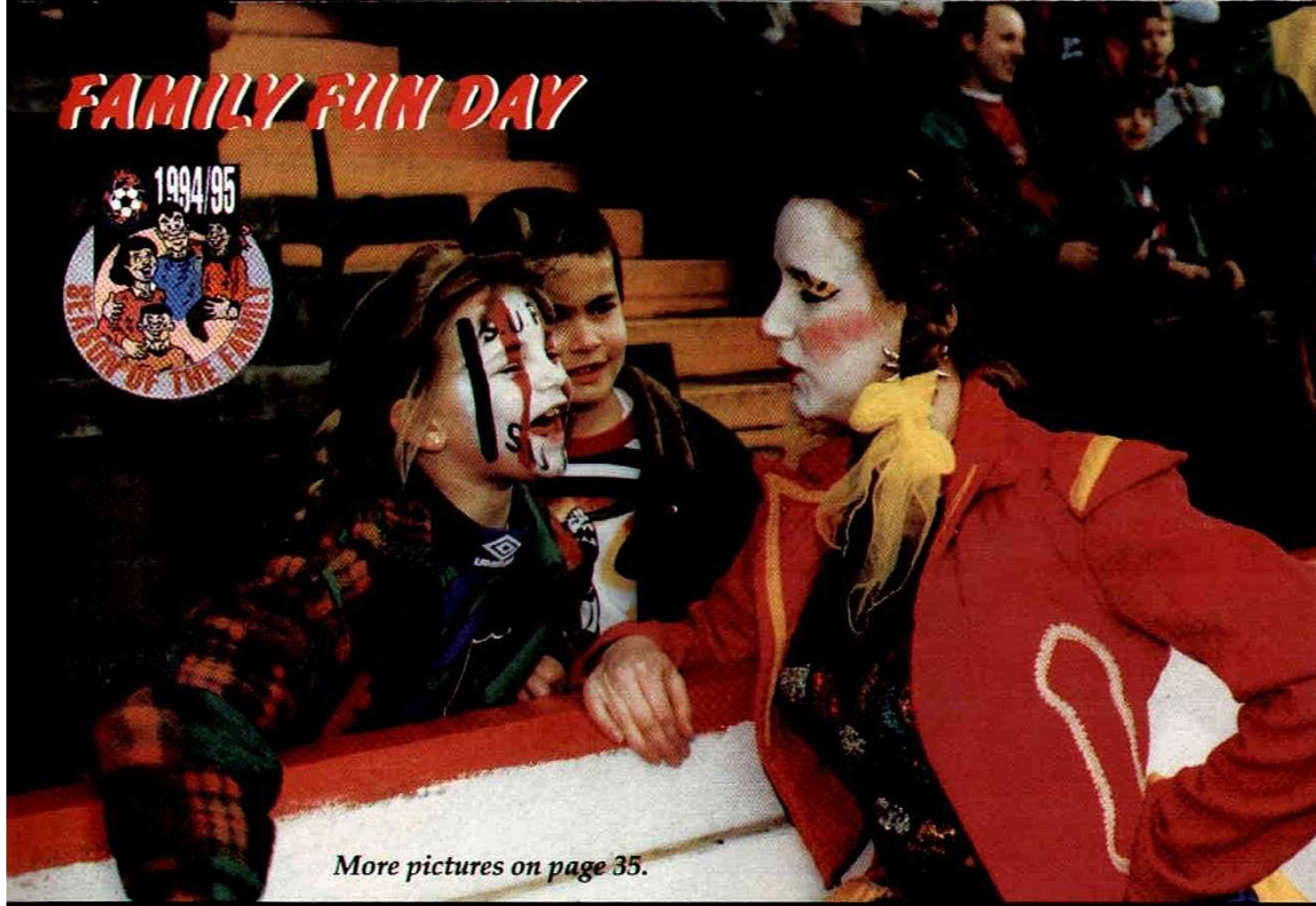


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## PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1994/95

August		
16	Tu	Tranmere Rovers 3-0
30	Tu	Aston Villa 4-2
September		
6	Tu	Everton 1-3
21	W	Notts. County 3-1
28	W	Rotherham United 3-2
October		
6	Th	Blackburn Rovers 1-0
12	W	Leeds United 0-0
19	W	Bolton Wanderers 3-2
27	Th	Sunderland 2-2
November		
10	Th	Stoke City 1-0
17	Th	Nottingham Forest 0-2
22	Tu	Coventry City 2-0
29	Tu	Bolton Wanderers 2-0
December		
7	W	Tranmere Rovers 4-0
January		
10	Tu	Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1
25	W	Sunderland 0-3
February		
2	Th	Stoke City 1-1
8	W	Nottingham Forest 1-0
14	Tu	Coventry City 1-0
22	W	West Bromwich Albion 5-2
28	Tu	Notts County 0-1
March		
8	W	Derby County 1-1
17	Fr	Manchester United 1-1
20	M	Derby County 1-1
28	Tu	Everton 0-0
April		
4	Tu	Manchester United 1-1
10	M	Rotherham United 1-0
13	Th	Aston Villa
19	W	Liverpool
24	M	Wolverhampton Wanderers
May		
3	W	Blackburn Rovers
9	Tu	Leeds United
11	Th	West Bromwich Albion
TBA		Liverpool

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE

Table as at 9th April, 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bolton Wanderers	28	19	4	5	63	37	61
Everton	28	15	8	5	53	26	53
<b>SHEFF. UNITED</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>
Tranmere Rovers	28	13	7	8	54	46	46
Leeds United	26	14	3	9	43	34	45
Notts. County	28	14	3	11	41	43	45
Derby County	26	10	6	10	37	38	36
Stoke City	28	10	5	13	43	39	35
WBA	26	10	5	11	43	44	35
Wolves	27	9	8	10	32	44	35
Liverpool	24	9	7	8	33	33	34
Aston Villa	28	10	4	14	37	44	34
Manchester U.	26	9	6	11	35	38	33
Sunderland	28	8	7	13	42	48	31
Blackburn Rovers	28	7	10	11	24	35	31
Nottingham F.	28	7	7	14	32	41	28
Rotherham United	26	7	3	16	29	49	24
Coventry City	27	6	3	18	23	42	21

# RESE

## KEARTON BLOCKS BLADES BID

### PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Tuesday, 28th March, 1995

### UNITED 0 EVERTON 0

Despite Glyn Hodges' return to match action United failed to make their superiority and experience count in a match that Everton would have lost but for Kearton's goalkeeping display.

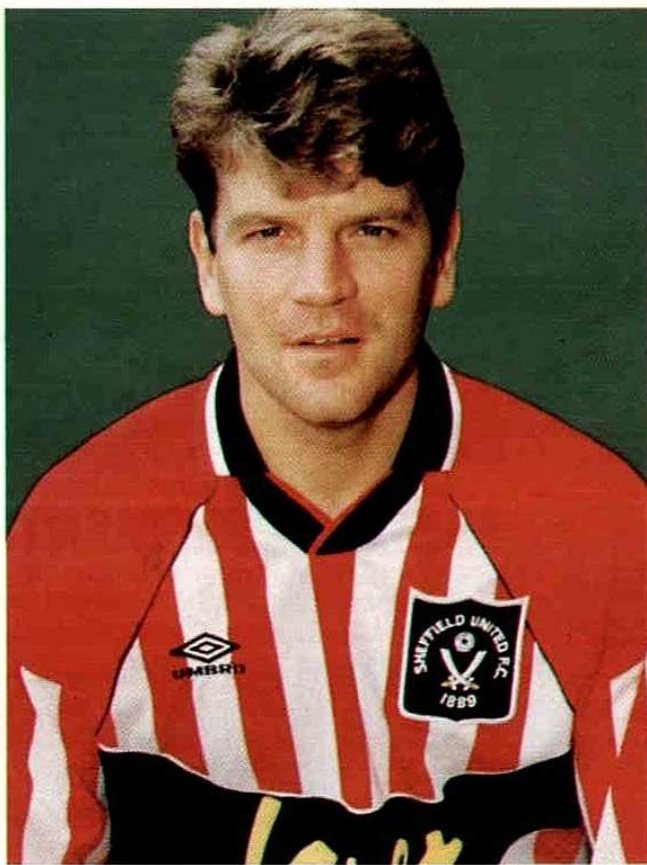
He first denied Quinn who was clean through after beating the offside trap and later in the half got right behind a powerful attempt by Littlejohn.

Holmes, Tynan and Starbuck were all booked on separate occasions and Everton's luckiest escape came 10 minutes after the interval; Littlejohn streaked past Kearton but saw his angled, goalbound shot scooped miraculously off the line by Holmes.

Most United players had efforts wide or blocked but Starbuck and Littlejohn were closest to a goal, Kearton three times making great saves to keep Everton clear of United in second place in the league.

*United:* Tracey, Davidson, A. Scott, Quinn, Foran, Blount, Hodges, Anthony, Littlejohn, Starbuck, Gannon. Unused subs: Letts, Collins.

*Everton:* Kearton, Holmes, Leeman, Allen Holcroft, Tynan (Woods), Price, Townsend, Smith, Grugel. Unused: Henningan.



Glyn Hodges.

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE SCORERS

T. Battersby	8	Also Played:	
A. Littlejohn	8	B. Davison	4
C. Veart	3	A. Fickling	3
G. Anthony	2	S. Dyche	1
N. Blake	2	J. Hoyland	1
M. Foran	2	E. Verveer	1
J. Reed	2		
A. Scott	2	Own goal	1
R. Scott	2		
M. Blount	1		
J. Flo	1		

## IRISH CALL-UP

Goalkeeper Tom Evans and midfielders Derek Johnston and Mick Collins were at Lilleshall last week for the Irish U-18's warm-up prior to their European encounter with Norway.



## VINE IN VAIN

N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Wednesday, 22nd March, 1995

LEEDS U. 3 UNITED 1

The score looks convincing but Leeds' third goal didn't settle it until the last minute.

United, who fell behind in the third minute, were stretched because the defence was too deep, the midfield wasn't in contact with the forwards and the strikers were unreliable in getting hold of possession - they couldn't cop with the home defence squeezing the available space.

That said, the Blades were always in with a shout and Vine netted a powerful effort.

*United:* Evans, Hewitt, Dyer, Hawes, Thorpe, Hocking, Innes (Quinn, h-t), Elton, Vine, Bettney, Metcalf. Unused: Litten.

*Scorer:* Vine.

## BORO' TOPPLED

N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Saturday, 25th March, 1995

UNITED 2 MIDDLESBROUGH 0

A first-half display of attacking composure and secure defence set up a great win for our Juniors against the league leaders.

Despite the youth in the side United played very well, kept a good shape and were disappointed not to be leading at the interval.

They didn't lead until the 69th minute when Quinn drove a 20 yard free-kick past the goalkeeper's left hand. Trialist Steve Stewart added to it six minutes later, cutting in from the right and netting with a left-foot shot.

The Blades lost their way a little in the second-half but still enjoyed a lot of possession and put on a very pleasing performance.

*United:* Evans, Hawes, Quinn, Collins, Thorpe, Hocking, Stewart, Wood, Metcalf, Bettney (Hewitt 60), Innes. Unused: Summerrell.

*Scorers:* Quinn (69), Stewart (75).

## WINDY WIN!

N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Monday, 27th March, 1995

DARLINGTON 1 UNITED 3

Blizzards and strong winds delayed

the game for 15 minutes and United were very poor in the first half. They lacked personality, understanding and responsibility and couldn't get going, even with the wind against the league's bottom team.

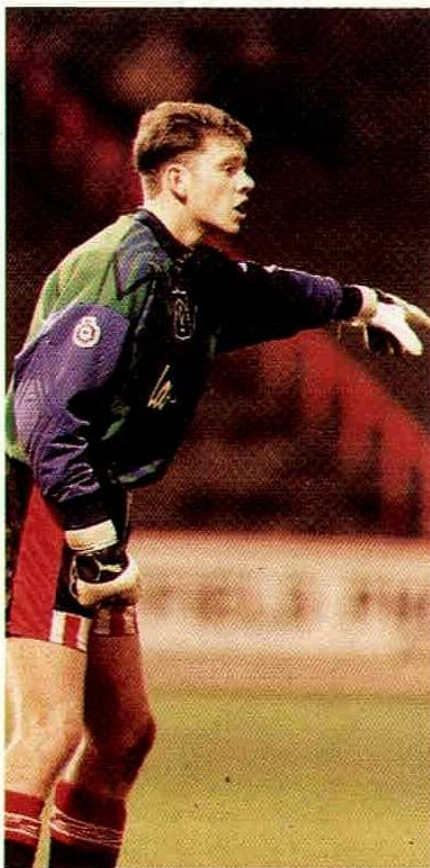
Wood's 41st minute goal, taken at the near post from a corner, was scarcely deserved and Darlington levelled on the hour.

Though Evans kept us in the game, with some fine blocks United were much improved as a tight unit after the break. Our substitutions changed the game as the Blades were able to get hold of the ball for longer periods.

We retained the lead when Paul Wood came in from the left and whacked in a shot from 12 yards. Powell added the third five minutes later, sidefooting home at the back post after a free-kick on the right.

*United:* Evans, Beech, Innes (Johnston 60), Summerrell, Hocking, Collins, Stewart, Elton (Powell 70), Metcalf, Bettney, Wood.

*Scorers:* Wood (41, 71), Powell (76).



Tom Evans - some good saves.

## NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1994/95

August

13 S	Rotherham United	0-3
20 S	Chesterfield	1-0
27 S	York City	0-1

September

3 S	Barnsley (NIL Cup)	1-1
8 Th	Barnsley (NIL Cup)	2-0
10 S	Scunthorpe United	1-3
17 S	Hull City	1-1
24 S	Hartlepool United	4-0

October

1 S	Doncaster Rovers (NIL Cup)	0-3
8 S	Huddersfield Town	0-4
15 S	Bradford City	6-2
22 S	Doncaster Rovers	4-3
28 F	Barnsley	1-0

November

8 Tu	Sunderland	2-7
12 S	Newcastle United	0-3
18 F	Sheffield Wednesday	5-0
26 S	Middlesbrough	1-3

December

6 Tu	Bradford City (FA Youth Cup)	1-1
12 M	Bradford City (FAYC reply)	3-0
17 S	Chesterfield	1-1
20 Tu	York City (FA Youth Cup)	1-0

January

7 S	Scunthorpe United	1-0
14 S	Hull City	2-3
30 M	Everton (FA Youth Cup)	3-1

February

4 S	Huddersfield Town	3-4
11 S	Bradford City	1-4
21 Tu	Leeds United	3-1

March

1 W	Wimbledon (FA Youth Cup)	3-3
11 S	Newcastle United	2-3
13 M	Wimbledon (FAYC Replay)	2-3
15 W	Hartlepool United	1-3
18 S	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1
22 W	Leeds United	1-3
25 S	Middlesbrough	2-0
27 M	Darlington	3-1

April

5 W	Barnsley	1-7
8 S	Darlington	1-0
15 S	Rotherham United	
22 S	York City	
29 S	Doncaster Rovers	

May

2 Tu	Sunderland (noon)	
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## N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Middlesbrough	31	18	6	7	68	50	60
Leeds United	30	17	8	5	78	45	59
York City	29	18	5	6	59	28	59
Barnsley	30	18	4	8	69	42	58
Newcastle United	28	18	3	7	72	45	57
Sunderland	26	15	4	7	52	31	49
Sheffield Wed.	28	13	6	9	39	33	45
<b>SHEFF. UNITED</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>
Scunthorpe U.	28	10	5	13	40	41	35
Hull City	28	10	4	14	45	47	34
Huddersfield T.	27	8	9	10	46	41	33
Doncaster Rovers	25	10	2	13	49	51	32
Rotherham United	27	8	8	11	35	43	32
Bradford City	27	9	5	13	38	47	32
Hartlepool United	30	6	6	18	28	68	24
Darlington	29	3	5	21	33	75	14
Chesterfield	27	3	5	19	28	80	14





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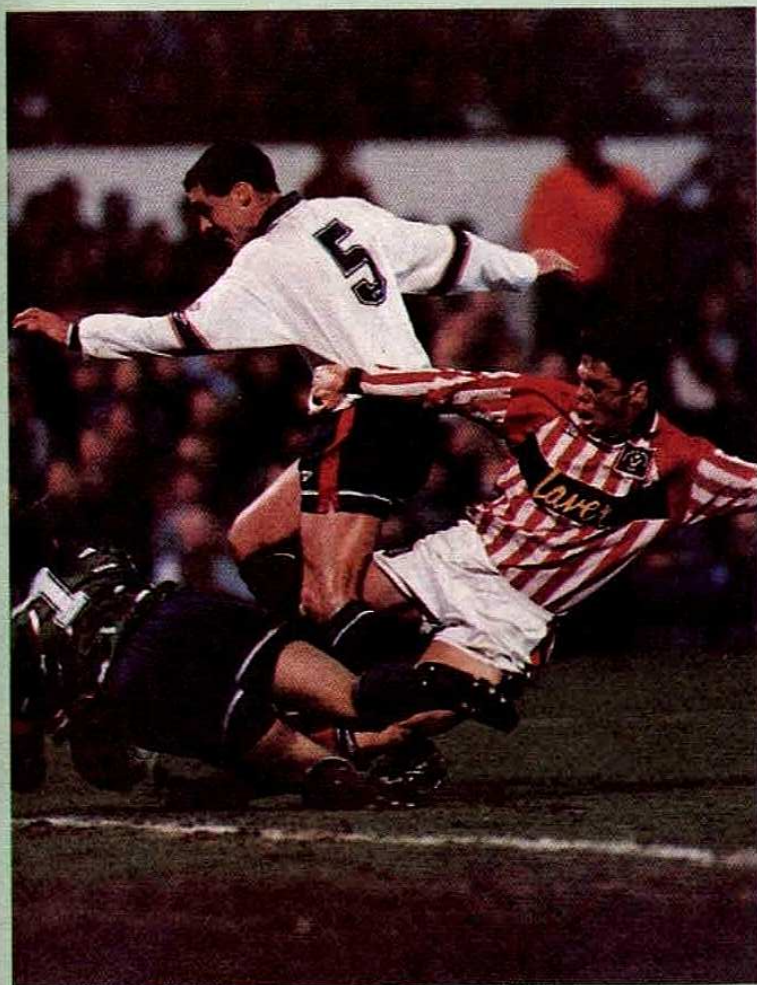
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# BLADES IN ACTION

## BOLTON WANDERERS 1 UNITED 1

Wednesday 22nd March, 1995



**Top:**  
A deadly finish by Nathan Blake with Seagraves in the background.

**Left:**  
Fierce challenge from Carl Veart but Branagan blocks well.

## QUIZ BREAK

as compiled by CHRIS WINTLE

1. Swindon lost 7-1 away from home last season to which team?
2. Who were Swindon's opponents in their first Premier League match last season?
3. How many goals in the league did Jan Fjortoft score last season?
4. Who is Swindon's most capped player?
5. Who was recently sacked as manager of Notts. County after only two months in charge?
6. Whose fanzine is entitled 'Electric Blue'?
7. Up to the semi-final, which three Spurs players have each scored a total of four goals in this season's FA Cup?
8. Which four clubs reached the semi-finals of this season's Scottish FA Cup?
9. Johan Cruyff is coach of which top European club?
10. Which team plays at Deepdale?
11. Who is the current manager of Coventry City?
12. Which three Italian clubs have won the European Cup?
13. If the goalkeepers were Steve Cherry and Chris Marples which two teams would be playing?
14. Which team are known as 'The Saints'?
15. Who were Arsenal's opponents in the semi-finals of the 1995 Cup Winners Cup?

ANSWERS:  
1. Newcastle United.  
2. Sheffield United.  
3. Twelve.  
4. Rod Thomas.  
5. Howard Kendall.  
6. Manchester City.  
7. Jürgen Klinsmann, Teddy Sheringham, Ronny Rosenzweig.  
8. Airdrie, Hearts, Hibernian and Celtic.  
9. Barcelona.  
10. Preston North End.  
11. Ron Atkinson.  
12. AC Milan, Inter Milan and Juventus.  
13. Notts. County and Chesterfield.  
14. Southampton.  
15. Sampdoria.



## TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR MEL

**P**rior to our recent home game versus Charlton Athletic Dane Whitehouse presented a goalkeeper shirt to Blades supporter Stuart Podoski who will be wearing the shirt when he does a sponsored parachute jump in June. Stuart will be raising money in sponsorships in aid of the Weston Park Cancer Care Fund, in memory of Blades goalkeeper Mel Rees. Anyone wishing to sponsor Stuart may do so at the Pools Office.



## SCALBY JUNIORS

Scalby FC's under-11s from Scarborough, are visiting us as our guests in the Family Enclosure at Bramall Lane today.

The team which play in the Scarborough and District Minor League, have had a good first ever season lying mid-table and through to the semi-final of the League Cup. Scalby Football Club were founded in 1908 and have always been strong representatives of the various leagues in Yorkshire's premier seaside town. Their principal sponsor is Merlin Gerin who has assisted with their travelling costs to the Lane.

Let us hope that many of the youngsters enjoy their first ever trip to an Endsleigh First Division game and go away as new supporters of The Blades.

## WELCOME TO LAYTOWN

Mr. John Cooney, through Tony Currie, John Dungworth and Ticket Office employee Rod Dobson, has arranged a special weekend for the lads in his team, Laytown United FC from Drogheda, County Louth in Ireland.

They are guests of the club at today's game after attending Tony Currie's Football in the Community Coaching Clinic this morning.

Based in Sheffield Hallam University for the weekend, the lads are all big United fans with Alan Kelly not surprisingly their favourite player.

Tomorrow they take on Sheffield United FC U-15s and are hopeful of inviting our boys to Ireland later this summer. We hope they have a wonderful time here and that they bring the luck of the Irish with them for the Blades today!

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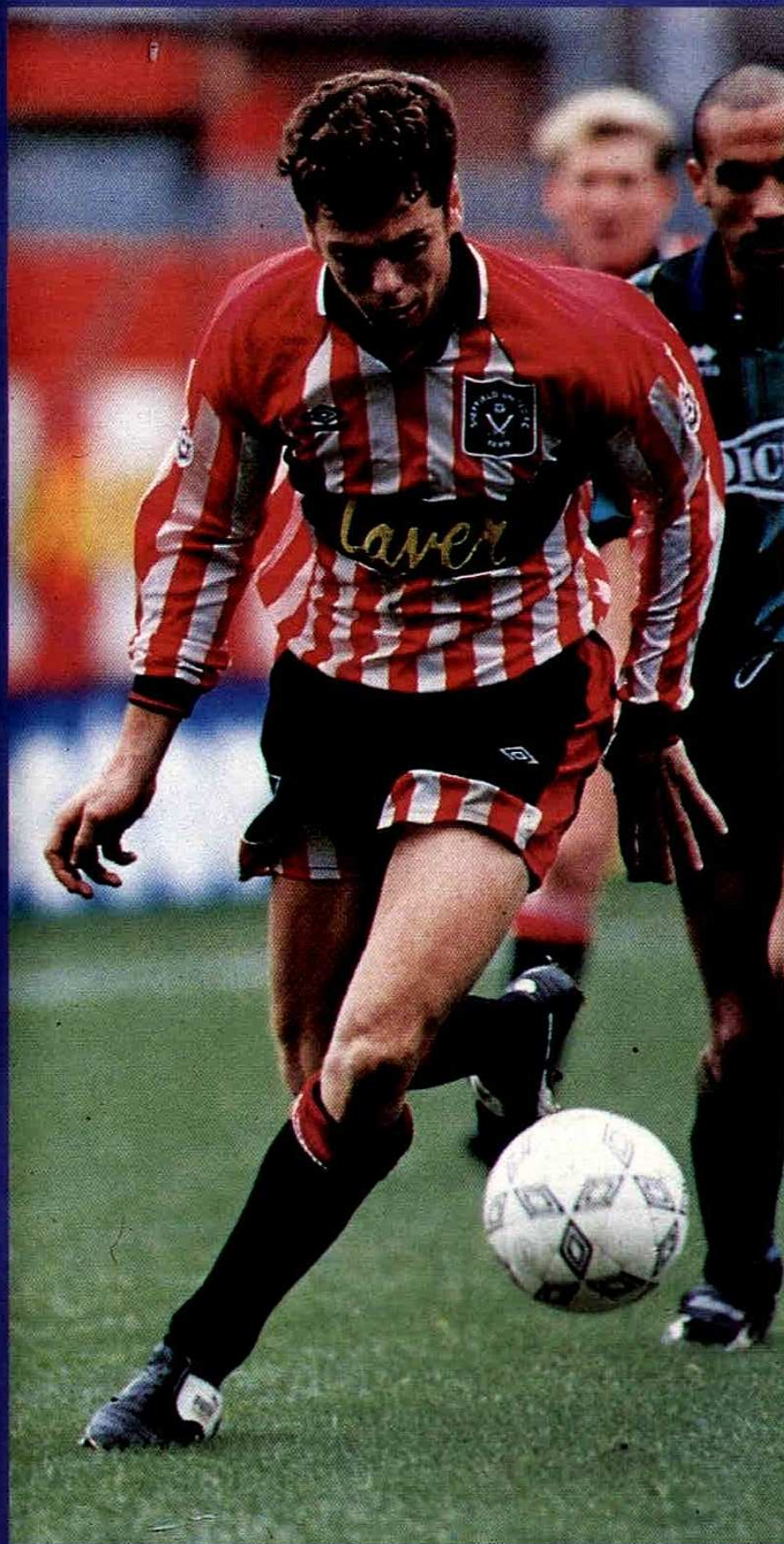
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## **Carl Veart**

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*Birthplace:* Whyalla, Australia.

*Wife:* Samantha.

.....  
*Last film seen:*

"Just Cause".

*Favourite place visited:*

Adelaide, Australia.

*Favourite other pastimes:*

Cricket, golf..

*Most prized possession:*

Wife.

*Ideal alternative career:*

Electrician which I was before signing for Sheffield United.

*Other talents:*

Sleeping, watching TV.

.....  
*Best friend in soccer:*

Damian Mori (Adelaide City).

*Most awkward opponent:*

The next one.

*Results you look for:*

Manchester United.

*Sweetest victory:*

Grand Final win with Adelaide last year.

*Pet hate in game:* Cheats.

*Matchday routine:* Wake up about 9.00, have bowl of porridge, watch TV, toast about 11.30, then have a shower and go to game at 12.45.

*Best soccer advice received and who from:*

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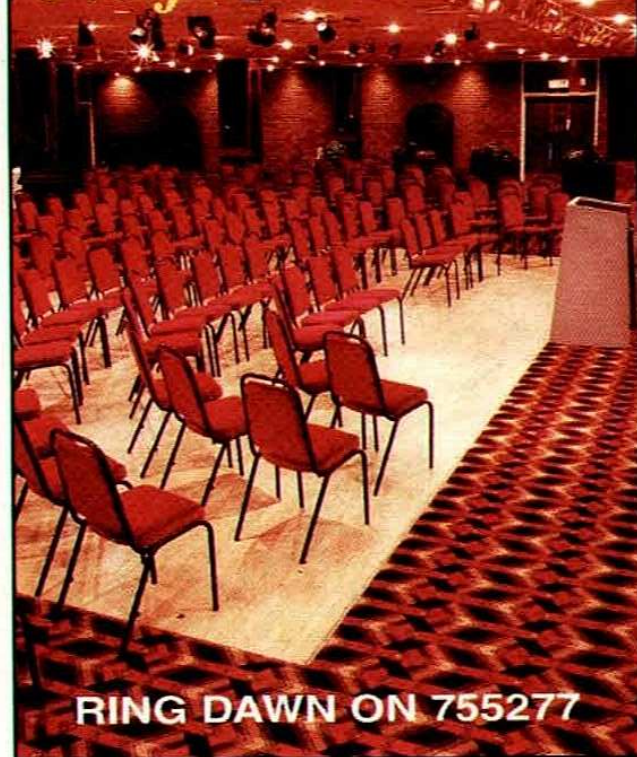
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Middlesbrough	41	22	9	10	61	35	75
Bolton Wanderers	40	20	12	8	62	37	72
Tranmere Rovers	40	21	8	11	63	44	71
Wolverhampton W.	40	20	9	11	68	52	71
Reading	41	19	9	13	48	38	66
Barnsley	40	18	10	12	57	45	66
<b>SHEFFIELD UNITED</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>62</b>
Derby County	41	17	11	13	58	44	62
Grimsby Town	41	15	13	13	58	52	58
Watford	40	15	13	12	45	42	58
Luton Town	41	15	12	14	57	56	57
Millwall	41	15	12	14	55	54	57
Oldham Athletic	40	14	11	15	53	54	53
Charlton Athletic	40	14	10	16	51	57	52
Southend United	41	14	8	19	45	68	50
West Bromwich Albion	41	14	8	19	42	53	50
Stoke City	40	12	14	14	39	45	50
Port Vale	41	13	10	18	51	59	49
Portsmouth	41	12	12	17	46	59	48
Sunderland	41	11	15	15	36	40	48
Swindon Town	40	11	10	19	48	66	43
Burnley	41	10	11	20	43	68	41
Bristol City	41	10	11	20	38	57	41
Notts County	40	8	10	22	42	59	34



## UNITED'S ROLL CALL 94/95

Player	Birthplace/Date of Birth	1994/95 League App.	Goals	Cup App.	Goals
Graham ANTHONY	South Shields 9.8.75	-(1)	-	2	-
Tony BATTERSBY	Doncaster 30.8.75	-	-	2(1)	1
Paul BEESLEY	Liverpool 21.7.65	22(1)	2	1	-
Salvatore BIBBO	Basingstoke 24.8.74	-	-	2	-
Kingsley BLACK	Luton 22.6.68	7	1	-	-
Nathan BLAKE	Cardiff 27.1.72	23(7)	16	4(1)	1
Mark BLOUNT	Derby 5.1.74	3(1)	-	2	-
Ross DAVIDSON	Chertsey 13.11.73	-	-	2	-
Ashley FICKLING	Sheffield 15.11.72	-	-	4(1)	-
Jostein FLO	Eid, Norway 3.10.64	21(6)	4	2(1)	2
Mark FORAN	Aldershot 30.10.73	1	-	1(1)	-
Matthew FQREMAN	Newcastle 15.2.75	-	-	1(2)	-
Kevin GAGE	Chiswick 21.4.64	38	5	4	-
John GANNON	Wimbledon 18.12.66	12	-	3(1)	1
Brian GAYLE	London 6.3.65	35	1	3	-
Charlie HARTFIELD	London 4.9.71	23(2)	1	3	-
Glyn HODGES	Streatham 30.4.63	15(5)	3	2	-
Doug HODGSON	Melbourne 27.2.69	-(1)	-	2	-
Alan KELLY	Preston 11.8.68	33	-	4	-
Adrian LITTLEJOHN	Wolverhampton 26.9.70	8(7)	1	2(1)	1
William MERCER	Liverpool 22.5.69	3	-	-	-
Roger NILSEN	Tromso, Norway 8.8.69	28	-	2	-
John REED	Rotherham 27.8.72	11(1)	2	2	1
Paul ROGERS	Portsmouth 21.3.65	39	2	4	-
Andy SCOTT	Epsom 2.8.72	16(16)	4	6(1)	4
Rob SCOTT	Epsom 15.8.73	-(1)	-	2(2)	-
Philip STARBUCK	Nottingham 24.11.68	19(3)	1	-(1)	-
Simon TRACEY	Woolwich 9.12.67	5	-	2	-
David TUTTLE	Reading 6.2.72	3	-	-	-
Carl VEART	S. Australia 21.5.70	27(8)	11	4	-
Mitch WARD	Sheffield 18.6.71	10(4)	2	4	1
Dane WHITEHOUSE	Sheffield 14.10.70	31(4)	5	4	3
Also played:					
Franz CARR	Preston 24.9.66	-	-	1	1
Bobby DAVISON	South Shields 17.7.59	1(2)	1	3	-
Ashley FICKLING	Sheffield 15.11.72	-	-	4(1)	-
Mark HAWTHORNE	Glasgow 31.10.73	-	-	3	1
Jamie HOYLAND	Sheffield 23.1.66	-(2)	-	5	-
Scott MARSHALL	Edinburgh 1.5.73	17	-	-	-
Own goal			2		

Date	Opposition	F-A	Gate	Pos.	KEEPER	2	3
Aug. 13	WATFORD	3-0	17,277	-	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
24	UDINESE (A-I Cup)	1-2	7,497	-	Tracey	Gage	Davidson
27	NOTTS. COUNTY	1-3	15,301	15th	Tracey	Gage	Nilsen*
30	Charlton Athletic	1-1	8,678	13th	Tracey	Gage	Nilsen
Sept. 3	Tranmere Rovers	1-2	7,253	18th	Tracey	Gage	Nilsen*
6	Piacenza (A-I Cup)	2-2	4,744	-	Tracey	Foreman	Scott A.
10	BOLTON WANDERERS	3-1	14,904	13th	Tracey	Gage	Nilsen
13	SUNDERLAND	0-0	15,239	16th	Tracey	Gage	Nilsen
17	Reading	0-1	9,036	20th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
20	Stockport County CCC 2(1)	5-1	5,109	-	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
24	Port Vale	2-0	9,324	12th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen†
27	STOCKPORT C. CCC 2(2)	1-0	5,065	-	Kelly	Fickling	Scott, A.†
Oct. 1	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	2-0	14,223	8th	Kelly	Gage	Scott
5	ANCONA (A-I Cup)	3-3	1,827	-	Bibbo	Davidson*	Scott, A.†
8	Grimsby Town	0-0	8,930	10th	Kelly	Gage	Scott, A.
16	BARNSELY	0-0	12,317	14th	Kelly	Gage	Scott, A.*
18	WBA	0-1	12,715	14th	Kelly	Gage*	Scott, A.
22	LUTON TOWN	1-3	13,317	17th	Kelly	Gage	A. Scott
25	BOLTON W. CCC 3	1-2	6,939	-	Kelly	Gage	A. Scott
29	Millwall	1-2	8,445	19th	Kelly	Gage*	Nilsen
Nov. 2	Stoke City	1-1	11,556	18th	Kelly	Gage†	Nilsen
5	BRISTOL CITY	3-0	11,568	15th	Kelly	Gage†	Nilsen
12	DERBY COUNTY	2-1	15,001	9th	Mercer	Gage	Nilsen
15	Cesena (A-I Cup)	4-1	-	-	Bibbo	Ward	Scott, A.†
20	Burnley	*2-4	11,475	13th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
26	SOUTHEND UNITED	2-0	13,403	10th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
Dec. 3	Luton Town	6-3	8,516	6th	Kelly	Gage†	Nilsen
10	WBA	2-0	13,891	7th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen†
17	Watford	0-0	8,919	7th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
26	MIDDLESBROUGH	1-1	20,693	7th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
27	Swindon Town	*3-1	11,007	6th	Kelly	Gage	Scott, A.
31	PORTSMOUTH	3-1	13,467	5th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
Jan. 2	Wolverhampton W.	2-2	27,809	5th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
7	MAN. UNITED FAC 3	0-2	22,322	-	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
14	MILLWALL	1-1	12,650	5th	Kelly	Gage†	Nilsen
21	Bristol City	1-2	10,211	6th	Mercer	Gage*	Nilsen
Feb. 4	Derby County	3-2	15,882	6th	Mercer	Ward	Nilsen†
11	STOKE CITY	1-1	13,900	7th	Kelly	Ward	Blount
18	Southend United	3-1	4,700	6th	Kelly	Ward	Blount
21	BURNLEY	2-0	13,349	5th	Kelly	Gage	Blount
25	Oldham Athletic	3-3	9,640	4th	Kelly	Gage*	Whitehouse
Mar. 4	PORT VALE	1-1	13,647	6th	Kelly	Gage	Whitehouse
7	TRANMERE ROVERS	2-0	14,137	3rd	Kelly	Gage†	Whitehouse
11	Notts County	1-2	11,102	5th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
18	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	2-1	11,862	3rd	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
22	Bolton Wanderers	1-1	16,756	5th	Kelly	Gage	Whitehouse
25	READING	1-1	19,241	6th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
April 1	Sunderland	0-1	17,259	6th	Kelly	Gage*	Nilsen
8	Portsmouth	0-1	8,216	7th	Kelly	Gage	Nilsen
15	SWINDON TOWN						
17	Middlesbrough						
22	WOLVERHAMPTON W.						
29	Barnsley						
May 6	GRIMSBY TOWN						

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Davidson	Rogers	Hoyland <sup>3</sup>	Hodgson <sup>4</sup>	Veart	Hartfield <sup>2</sup>	Blake <sup>5</sup>	Hodges <sup>5</sup>	Littlejohn <sup>1</sup>	Scott, Foreman, Kelly, Davison, Anthony		
Nilsen <sup>*</sup>	Rogers	Gayle	Marshall	Ward <sup>†</sup>	Flo <sup>5</sup>	Blake	Hodges	Whitehouse <sup>10</sup>	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Littlejohn <sup>*</sup>	Kelly
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Nilsen <sup>5</sup>	Rogers	Gayle	Marshall <sup>5</sup>	Veart <sup>5</sup>	Hartfield <sup>†</sup>	Davison <sup>*</sup>	Hodges <sup>10</sup>	Littlejohn	Flo <sup>*</sup>	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Kelly
Scott A.	Blount	Fickling	Hoyland	Scott R.	Gannon <sup>1</sup>	Davison	Carr <sup>†</sup>	Hawthorne	Battersby <sup>†</sup> , Johnston, Dungworth, Evans		
Nilsen	Rogers	Gayle <sup>5</sup>	Marshall <sup>5</sup>	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Veart <sup>5</sup>	Blake	Hodges	Whitehouse <sup>†</sup>	Scott <sup>†</sup>	Davison <sup>†</sup>	Kelly
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Nilsen	Rogers	Gayle <sup>5</sup>	Marshall	Reed <sup>5</sup>	Veart	Blake	Gannon	Whitehouse <sup>7</sup>	Scott <sup>*</sup>	Hoyland <sup>†</sup>	Evans
Nilsen	Rogers	Gayle <sup>5</sup>	Hodgson <sup>†</sup>	Ward	Hoyland	Flo <sup>2</sup>	Davison <sup>*</sup>	Whitehouse <sup>30</sup> †	Gannon <sup>†</sup>	Blake <sup>*</sup>	Evans
Nilsen <sup>†</sup>	Rogers <sup>5</sup>	Gayle	Marshall	Reed <sup>5</sup>	Gannon	Littlejohn <sup>*</sup>	Flo	Whitehouse <sup>7</sup>	Hoyland <sup>*</sup>	Blake <sup>†</sup>	Bibbo
Scott, A. <sup>1</sup>	Rogers	Foran	Hoyland	Ward	Gannon	Flo <sup>*</sup>	Blake	Whitehouse	Hodgson	Littlejohn <sup>*</sup>	Bibbo
Scott	Rogers	Gayle	Marshall	Reed <sup>10</sup>	Gannon	Littlejohn <sup>†</sup>	Flo <sup>1</sup>	Whitehouse	Ward <sup>*</sup>	Blake <sup>†</sup>	Bibbo
Scott, A. <sup>1</sup>	Hawthorne	Fickling	Hoyland <sup>5</sup>	Veart	Ward <sup>1</sup> †	Battersby <sup>10</sup>	Anthony	Davison	Foran <sup>†</sup> , R. Scott <sup>*</sup>	Foreman, Letts, Spooner	
Scott, A.	Rogers	Gayle	Marshall <sup>5</sup>	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Gannon <sup>5</sup>	Littlejohn <sup>*</sup>	Flo	Whitehouse	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Blake <sup>*</sup>	Bibbo
Scott, A. <sup>*</sup>	Rogers	Gayle	Marshall	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Gannon	Blake	Flo <sup>5</sup>	Whitehouse	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Hartfield <sup>*</sup>	Mercer
Scott, A.	Rogers <sup>5</sup>	Gayle <sup>5</sup>	Marshall	Ward <sup>5</sup>	Gannon	Littlejohn <sup>†</sup>	Flo <sup>*</sup>	Whitehouse	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Blake <sup>*</sup>	Mercer
A. Scott	Rogers <sup>5</sup>	Gayle	Marshall <sup>5</sup>	Reed <sup>5</sup>	Gannon	Blake <sup>1</sup>	Flo <sup>†</sup>	Whitehouse	Littlejohn <sup>*</sup>	Hodgson <sup>†</sup>	Mercer
A. Scott	Hartfield	Gayle	Beesley <sup>*</sup>	Reed	Veart	Blake <sup>1</sup>	Littlejohn <sup>†</sup>	Whitehouse	R. Scott <sup>†</sup>	Fickling <sup>*</sup>	Mercer
Nilsen	Hartfield <sup>5</sup>	Gayle	Marshall	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Veart	Blake <sup>10</sup>	Littlejohn	Whitehouse	Starbuck <sup>†</sup>	A. Scott	Mercer
Nilsen	Hartfield	Beesley	Marshall	Rogers	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Starbuck	Blake	Whitehouse	Ward	A. Scott <sup>†</sup>	Mercer
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Scott, A. <sup>2</sup>	Gannon	Blount	Fickling	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Anthony	Battersby	Hawthorne <sup>1</sup>	R. Scott	Foreman, Pearson, Letts, Butterfield, Evans		
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Scott, A.	Hartfield <sup>5</sup>	Gayle	Beesley	Rogers	Starbuck	Flo	Littlejohn <sup>1</sup>	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Scott, R. <sup>†</sup>	Foran	Mercer
Nilsen	Hartfield	Gayle	Scott, A. <sup>1</sup>	Rogers	Veart	Starbuck <sup>†</sup>	Hodges	Blake <sup>2</sup>	Whitehouse <sup>†</sup>	Flo	Mercer
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Whitehouse	Hartfield	Gayle	Beesley <sup>10</sup>	Rogers	Ward	Flo	Black	Blake	Veart	Blount	Mercer
Nilsen	Whitehouse	Gayle	Beesley <sup>1</sup>	Rogers	Reed <sup>†</sup>	Flo <sup>1</sup>	Black <sup>*</sup>	Blake <sup>5</sup>	Veart <sup>†</sup>	Scott, A. <sup>*</sup>	Mercer
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## PLAY-OFF DATES

Semi-Final 1st Leg - Sunday 14th May. Semi-Final 2nd Leg - Wednesday 17th May. Final - Monday 29th May (Bank Holiday)

The play-offs only involve the clubs which finish between 2nd and 5th in the Endsleigh League Division One.

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# HOME AND AWAY



## MIDDLESBROUGH v UNITED

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Monday, 17th April, 1995, kick-off 3.00 p.m.  
This match is ALL TICKET for Blades fans.  
Please contact the Ticket Office regarding the availability of tickets. At the time of going to Press standing tickets (£8.00 each) were still available. The last day for purchase of tickets is Saturday, 15th April.

### Travel Club:

Depart 10.00 a.m. Fare £6.50 adult members/season ticket holders. £5.50 concession. £7.50 non-members.

● Coaches MAY now be full – check the Pools Office for availability.

## UNITED v WOLVERHAMPTON W.

Endsleigh League Division One  
Saturday, 22nd April, 1995, kick-off 3.00 p.m.  
This match is ALL TICKET and there will be no cash admission on the turnstiles on matchday. Tickets are now on general sale.

Please note that the Bramall Lane Lower Tier is not available to home fans for this match. Season ticket holders who sit in this area should already have received a letter offering alternative seats for this match. These should be claimed by Saturday, 15th April. We apologise for any inconvenience cause.

## BARNSELY v UNITED

Endsleigh League Division One  
Saturday, 29th April, 1995, kick-off 3.00 p.m.  
This match is ALL TICKET FOR BLADES FANS. An initial allocation of 2,800 seats, price £10.00 each, went on sale on Wednesday, 12th April to season ticket holders and Blades Revival members.  
Tickets went on sale to Blades members on Friday, 14th April.

A further allocation of 1,400 seats, price £10.00\* is expected to go on sale today to season ticket holders, Blades Revival members and Blades members (two tickets per voucher N, Revival Card or Membership Card – maximum six applications per person).

\*Subject to tickets having arrived at Bramall Lane. If these tickets are delayed an alternative time of sale will be announced.

Should any tickets remain unsold they will go on general sale on Tuesday, 18th April, 1995.

Tickets applications can be made in person/by post including all relevant vouchers/membership details and payment/and by telephone if paying by Access/Visa/Switch.

### Travel Club:

Depart 1.00 p.m. Fare £3.00 adult members/season ticket holders. £2.50 concession. £4.00 non-members.

● Please book by Thursday, 27th April.

## UNITED v GRIMSBY TOWN

Endsleigh League Division One  
Sunday, 7th May, 1995, kick-off 3.00 p.m..  
Please note that this match is now on the Sunday. Although this match is not currently all ticket supporters are advised to purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets are on sale now.

## EASTER CLOSING

The Club Offices will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 17th April, and will re-open on Tuesday as normal.

## HORST'S HAPPY VISIT

German sports journalist HORST BLASIG lives in Berlin but supports United and his visit for the game against Tranmere brought smiles all round. Not only did he meet Dave Bassett but the Blades won convincingly and sent



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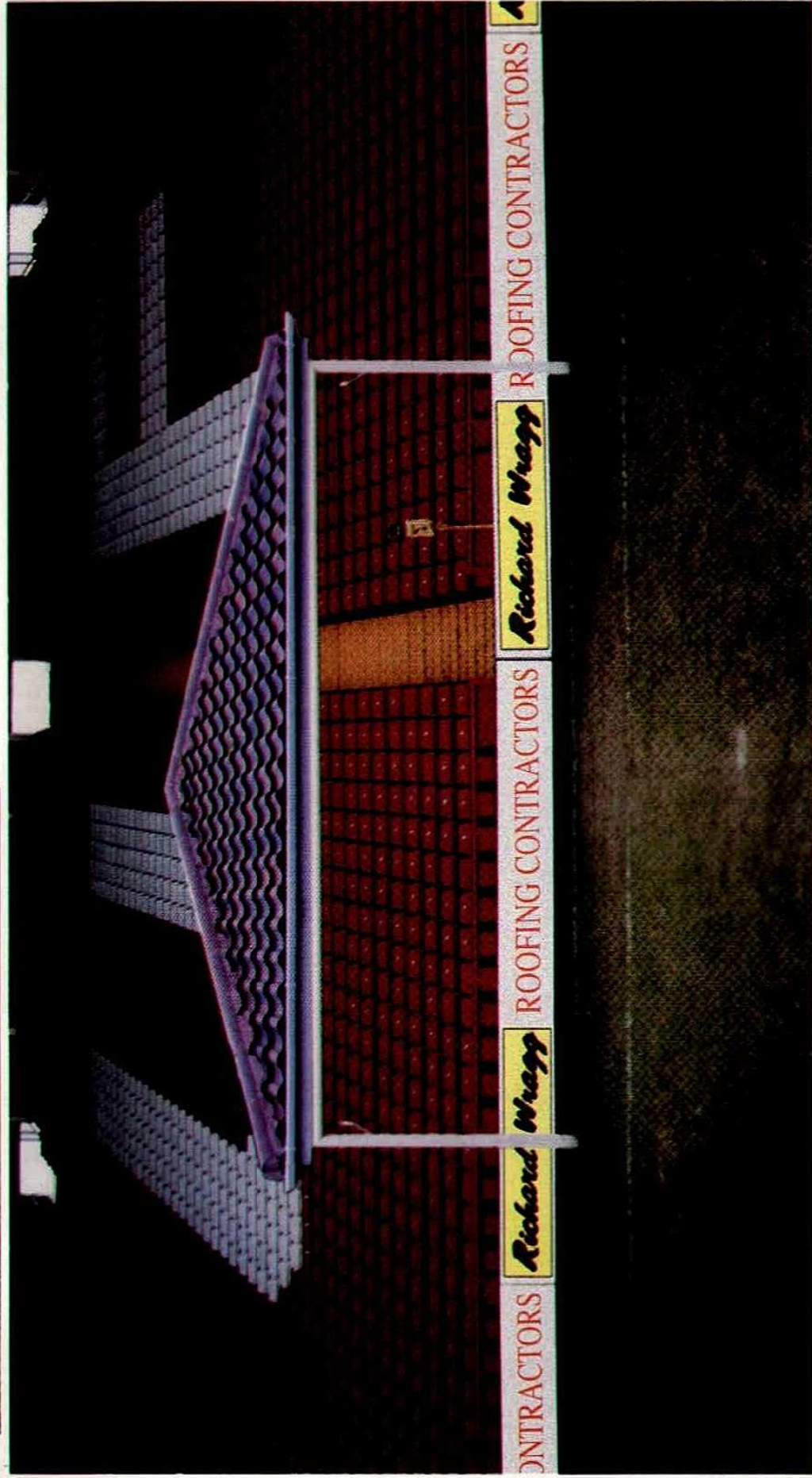
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**EDDIE LOMAS**  
(Manchester)

Eddie is a Capital Projects Manager with Salford NHS Trust and has two children, Andrew (14) and Gemma (11).

Interests: Golf, cycling and gardening... Began refereeing in 1974, making it to the list in 1993, nine years after qualifying for "the line". Is Chairman of various local Referees Associations.

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