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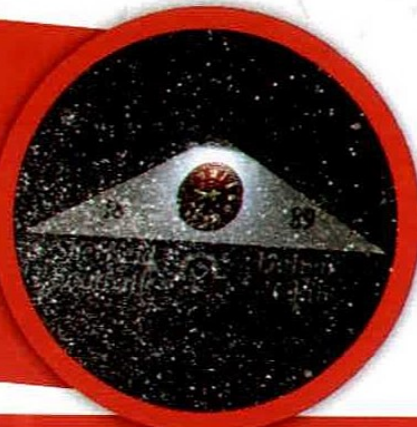
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...enjoy Wednesday evening's Capital One Cup semi-final effort again with a picture special as more than 30,000 braved the conditions to see United worry Spurs.

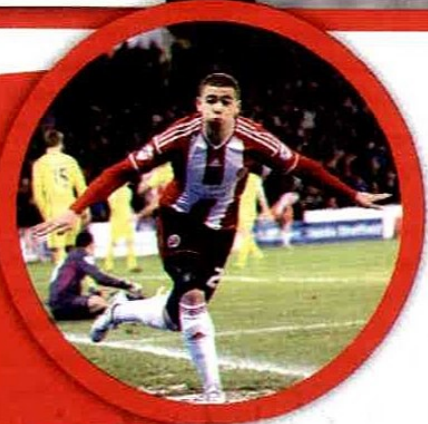


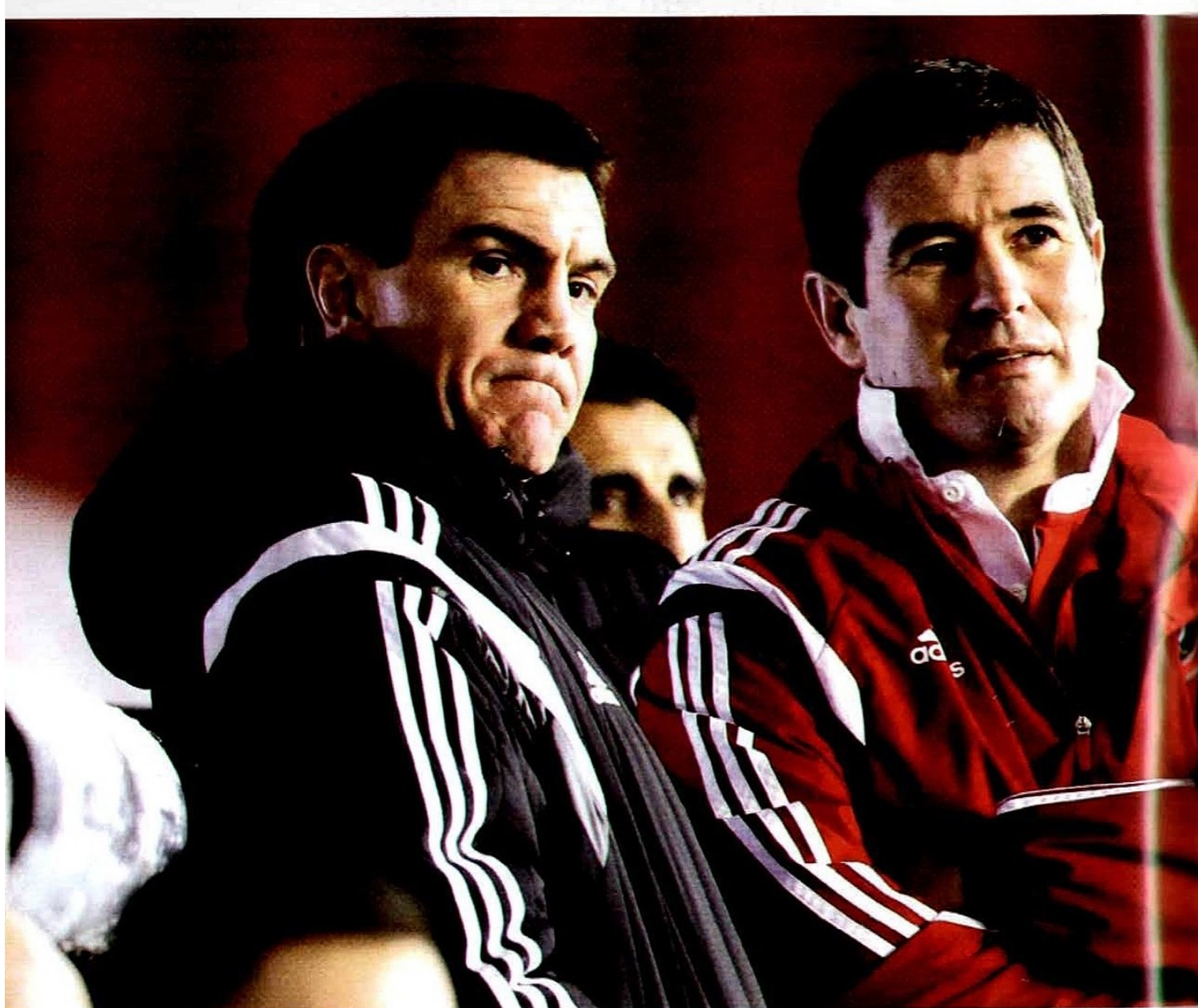
20 Socialise with Jay

Blades defender and Swindon old boy Jay McEveley dropped in to the Social Club this week to answer the questions set by United's Twitter and Facebook followers.

61 Che Adams

Not only did the teenager score his first goals in professional football in midweek – in a semi-final no less – he also had to face the national media. Read our slant on it...





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Reflecting on Wednesday evening, it is difficult to put your finger on the over-riding emotion. Strangely, conflicting words such as disappointment, pain, pride and encouragement could all be used to describe another incredible evening at Bramall Lane.

The players and staff could not hide their disappointment at the final whistle because we pushed Tottenham so, so close. For about ten minutes we had them on the back foot, they were reeling and not only did it look like we were taking them to extra-time, we were pouring forward and Louis Reed had a great opportunity to test the goalkeeper. That's why it felt so painful, we came within inches. But we shouldn't look back at the game

negatively, there was plenty to be proud of, plenty to be encouraged about as we plot more magical nights here – a full house is something to behold.

More than 30,000 supporters inside this special stadium is another reason to be proud. The crowd and players gave everything and we came within a whisker of causing a major upset. We told the players to walk out, hold their heads high and that they can all be immensely proud of themselves and what they have achieved in this cup run – hopefully, the fans feel the same way too.

We were patient, we had to be, and we recovered from conceding a special goal, which we couldn't do anything about. We

stayed in the game, remained composed and said at half-time that one goal for us would change the whole game.

The substitutions we made in the second half were all positive, Michael Doyle had been booked and couldn't make a couple of challenges tracking back, whilst Michael Higdon and Che Adams gave Spurs a different set of problems to assess.

Of course, it was a great night personally for Che, what a story? From Ilkeston FC in the Northern Premier League to scoring two goals in the semi-finals of the League Cup in the space of three months!

We have said all along that Che could be



"Che has a long way to go, but we like what we see and there is more to come, we are sure. He will feature in some of the league games between now and the end of the campaign, because he certainly has a lot to offer."

a real top quality player, he has bags of potential and just needs to learn the little things which will come with experience. We fought off a few other clubs for his signature and hopefully it will prove to be a shrewd bit of business.

Che has a long way to go, but we like what we see and there is more to come, we are sure. He will feature in some of the league games between now and the end of the campaign, because he certainly has a lot to offer.

Ultimately, though, Christian Eriksen was the difference in the midweek. Tottenham's quality showed, Harry Kane played a tremendous ball through for their second

goal, which was also a terrific finish.

Post-match, we congratulated Mauricio Pochettino and his staff and he reciprocated, he is obviously a very, very good manager, but also, as we have discovered over the two games, he is a very nice man too, and he has shown us a tremendous amount of respect after both games.

It is something of a consolation that if you do lose, you lose to someone as classy as Mauricio and when he came in to share a drink with us afterwards, we wished Tottenham all the best for the final.

When you lose a semi-final at the end of January it would be easy to think that's it,

season over, but for us it is just starting.

With new additions in this transfer window, the aim is to step up to the challenge of staying firmly in the promotion hunt – starting today – and, it cannot be forgotten, we've also got a (and potentially more) mouthwatering tie in the FA Cup.

The attention now, though, is a very tough league fixture against Swindon Town, who also have promotion aspirations, and we hope loyal Unitedites will get behind us, like in midweek, to make this a forceful place yet again.

We offer a warm welcome to Mark Cooper and the Swindon contingent, and wish them a safe trip back to Wiltshire this evening.

Kyle Walker and Che Adams
enjoy a moment of mutual
respect at the final whistle



PRIDE

For the second time in under a year, the Blades did themselves proud in the semi-finals of a top domestic cup competition.

On Wednesday evening, Nigel Clough's side put the frighteners on Premiership Tottenham Hotspur with a late revival.

A double from Che Adams – his first goals in professional football – almost took the Capital One Cup semi-final to extra-time before £11m

Danish international Christian Eriksen intervened with a late goal.

The Blades managed a creditable 2-2 draw in front of more than 30,000 at Bramall Lane and despite the aggregate defeat, there were many reasons to be proud for every Unitedite.

To mark the tremendous achievement of boss Clough and the players, UTB presents a six-page photo special...



The storm after the storm
- Bramall Lane as the snow
continued to fall late on



The Spurs players huddle up
to keep warm in the snow



Michael Doyle
snaps at the ankles
of Mousa Dembele



Ryan Flynn in an
aerial duel with
Christian Eriksen



The aid of a deflection
helps Che Adams to his
second Blades goal

There's snow
place like home



Marc McNulty
battles for
possession



Captain Blade on
top form





New boys Paul Coutts, Kieron Freeman and John Brayford enjoy the semi-final atmosphere

Stefan Scougall congratulates Che Adams after his second



Louis Reed can't believe he had a chance to score his first goal and put the Blades ahead



A dejected Jose Baxter at full-time



Stefan Scougall looks to evade Ryan Mason's challenge



Michael Higdon attempts to make an impression after his late introduction





The boss has instructions for Louis Reed



Stefan Scougall makes time for a Blades fan at the final whistle



Bob Harris fails to hide his disappointment but applauds the contribution of the Unitedites

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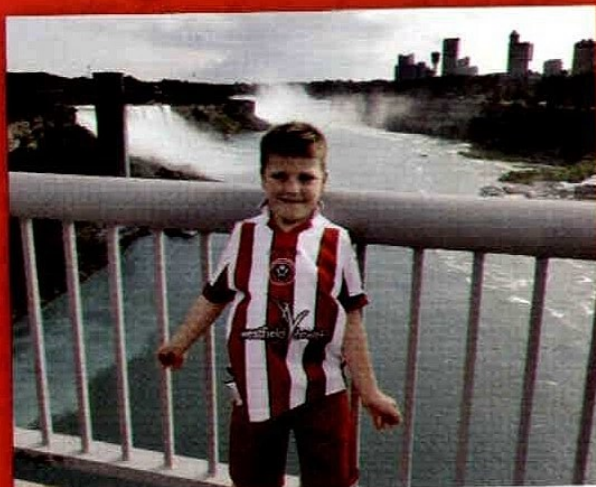
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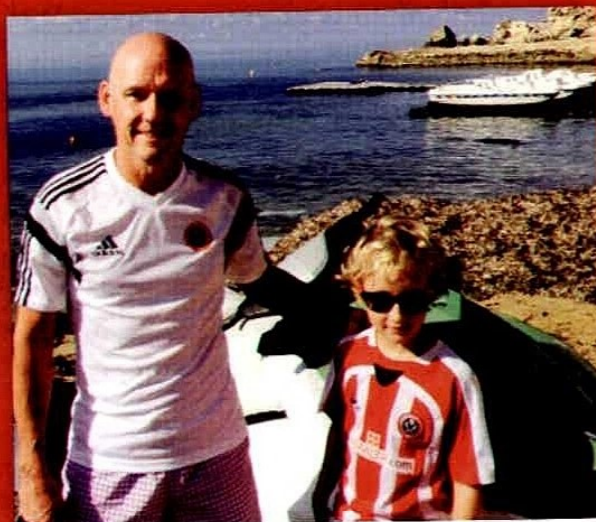
UTB loves to see Unitedites spreading the Blades message around the world. Even if fans are miles away from Beautiful Down Town Bramall Lane, they love to show off their merchandise...



This is young Blade Joe Marks confirming his allegiance at Niagara Falls. His mum, Louise, tells us: "His dad and brother are West Bromwich Albion supporters and I am Sheffield born and bred and he chose to follow my team. His Dad does take him to matches, though."



Here's Unitedite Alex Lytollis about to head down a waterslide in Hurghada, Egypt, in his Blades shirt.



"It says 'visit Malta.com', so we did!" That's the message from father and son Clive and Sebastian Bullock as they show off their Blades badges in the Mediterranean sunshine.



Pictured whilst on her holiday in Gran Canaria, here's Francesca Oxley proud to be wearing her Blades shirt.

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SEASON IV



Blades Historian **John Garrett's** inimitable account of following the Blades and retelling stories of yesteryear certainly gets fans talking. Where will his mind take us this week...

The long and snowy road

Ever dreamed of a white Christmas? No, me neither. Hate the stuff to be honest. Any snow that landed on the estate that I grew up on got bagged and sold to Eskimos.

It's OK when you are a kid, I mean what could be better? The minute a flake falls in Sheffield every school is immediately shut, the roads grind to a halt and the scene resembles Siberia. There are plenty of games to play to pass the time on – spot the gritter is a popular one at the moment. We used to have a competition

to draw what we thought a snow plough looked like as well. 46 years and I still don't know if I have it right yet!

I had and still have the oldest sledge going. Made by my dad for my brother back in the 1950s, like my brother it looks its age, but when I was a kid it could fly down Bishop's Park. There would always be some smart Alec who would leave you for dead on some plastic fantastic, I remember one laughing at me as he slipped past at an alarming rate on his Ferrari red creation. He

wasn't laughing at the bottom when he missed the compact ice bend and slammed into the wall at the bottom. He still wasn't laughing when the ambulance arrived!

I also hate snow because of the issues it causes with footy. Times have changed so much, you see film and pictures from years ago when straw was laid, braziers lit at the side of the pitch to thaw the frozen surfaces out and snow piled high all around the inside of the ground. They were hardy souls both on and off the pitch back

in those days, don't forget that league fixtures took place on Christmas day until 1958.

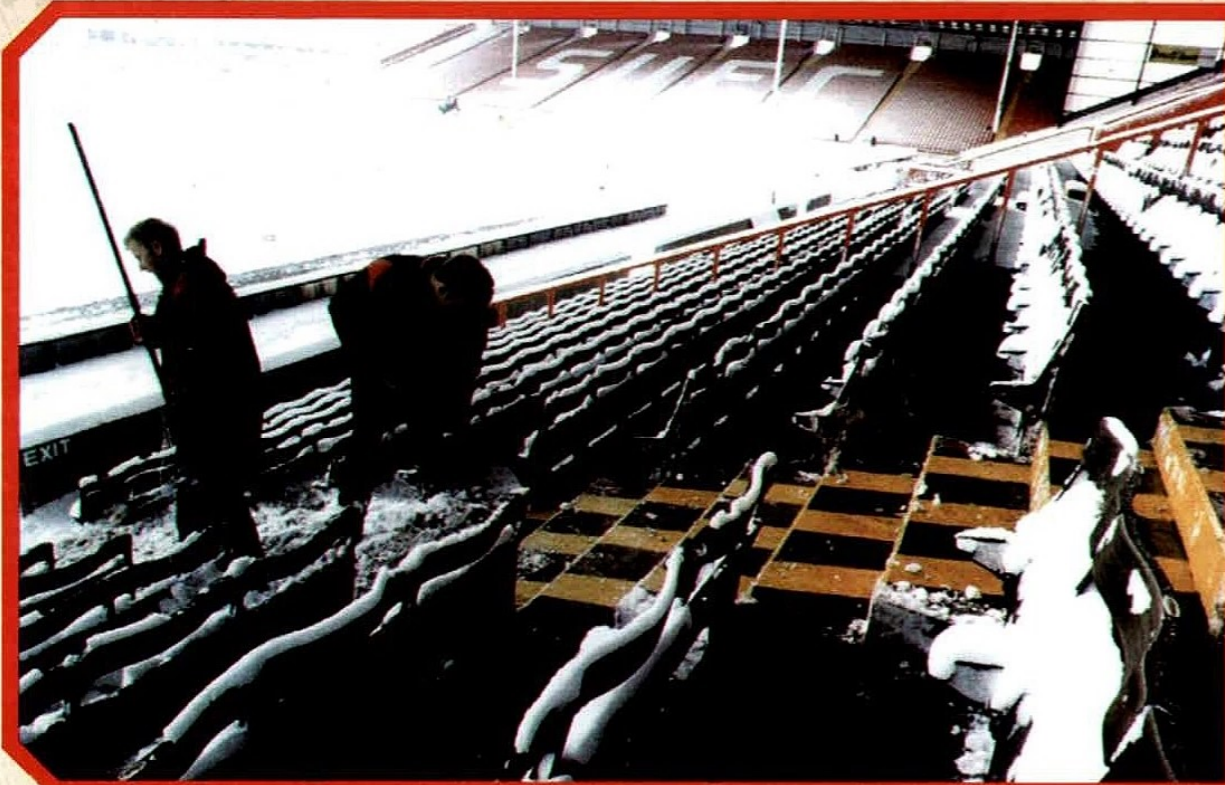
It doesn't seem that long ago that, if the white stuff fell, you could simply put an appeal out to anyone who wanted to help for a free ticket to get a game on to turn up with a shovel and wellies and dig away. These days there is so much red tape, health and safety will always rule, as will liability insurance.

The last time I can recall us having a mass dig out where all mucked in and helped was when we had Villa in an FA Cup game – 28th January 1996 to be accurate and we needed the TV money and the game on, all rallied round and we lost to a goal from Dwight Yorke, who then got pelted with snowballs from the Kop at every available opportunity. These days it can be the roads and pavements around the ground that get the game called, nothing to do with the Club concerned, more the local authority. Our undersoil will always do its job.

Port Vale, though, will live long in the minds of those who attended on Boxing Day 2014.



The scene as we set off from Port Vale



A bit damp in the morning and more than a bit rainy in Burslem. On the pitch is was one of those days, managed by a former Blade and with another hero starting against us in the middle of the park, the Valiants didn't need any extra motivation.

As the second half progressed it was clear that the rain had now turned to snow, but there was no chance of it sticking, I mean, it had been raining and the ground was wet! Even if it did, the weather had been forecast and therefore the services would be well prepared for anything that would come, wouldn't they?

The coaches were outside the away turnstiles so we were out and on. Outside, it became very obvious that the snow was covering and fast, still, Stoke to Sheffield isn't that far as the crow flies is it?

The way we were directed saw all the Blades traffic crawl uphill,

by the time we got to the top traffic was really struggling, over an hour had passed but most were in sight of the floodlights at Vale Park and heaters were in overdrive on our coach!

I have to hand it to the driver that we had, I wouldn't have fancied ferrying 50 people down the A50 and A38 in that weather. Two lanes were down to one and that was straight down the middle and covering fast, I swear someone told me they had seen a plough! If it was then it must have been pulled by horse because it wasn't making a great deal of difference to the road, I realised that the 10th time that we swerved towards the central reservation with the passengers screaming.

Mobile phone means that you can keep in touch with friends and colleagues even in the frozen wastelands of Staffordshire and it was very

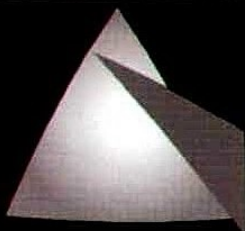
clear that all were having a Christmas nightmare. We had, for some reason, set off up the M6 before it was pointed out that we were now heading for Penrith and Sheffield wasn't near there, as it turned out we probably should have let him get on with it and cut across Manchester, but that is a different story. The team coach was struggling at some point near Junction 29 of M1 and life was no better if you were lucky enough to be in the vicinity of the motorway – the main arterial route of the country was also apparently impassable.

By the time that our coach got as far as the Parkway we had been on the move (and I use that term loosely) for five-and-a-half-hours. I'd personally more than had enough of being sat, I decided, along with my youngest, that we would do the remainder on foot, so off we set up the road itself. Loads more stir-crazy Blades were also making a break for it as the

traffic was at a standstill. It was a real blizzard by now and my choice of some flat soled desert boots as match apparel proved disastrous, if it was four miles I walked eight as I did my best Michael Jackson impression between abandoned cars and vans.

It took two hours, probably a bit more, until we got outside the front door at Handsworth, when I rang the coach to see if they were OK they hadn't moved an inch and were still the other side of Catcliffe. I had phoned the Copthorne to organise some hotel rooms for those with cars that were stuck at the Lane and they finally checked in at 2.45am, just short of an eye watering 10 hours – you could fly to New York in less!

I don't think any of us have ever had a journey like it before, all I know is that I certainly don't ever want one again.

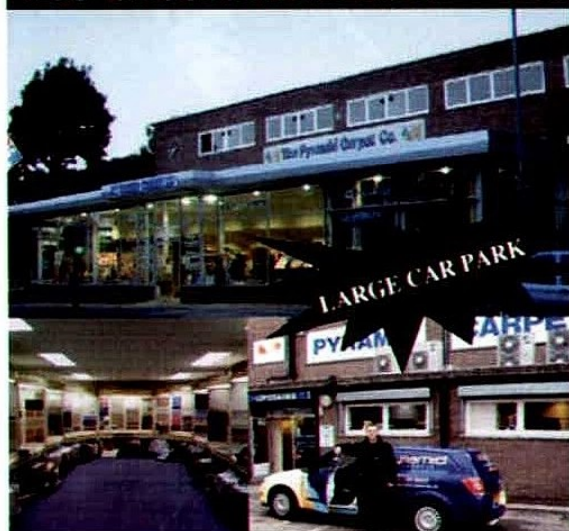


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The SUFC Prediction League returns for the first time in a fortnight and let's hope today's participants fair better than those who took part in the Preston programme.

Between Bob Harris, representing the players and Mosborough Blade Asa Hall for the fans, the duo

mustered just two points, with Bob responsible for those, although it did little to help the players make up any ground in the chase for top spot.

Fitness Coach Lee McMahon fared a little better for the staff, though, and his four point accumulation, which included predicting the

correct score of Leicester City v Aston Villa (1-0), meant the staff regained the lead and do so by two points over the fans.

On to today's action, let's introduce the contestants, we have new signing Kieron Freeman for the players, Academy Manager Nick Cox obliges for the staff, whilst

Intake Blade Damien Bennet will be looking to succeed where Asa failed last time out.

The headline game is obviously Chelsea v Manchester City in the late Premiership kick-off, interestingly Kieron and Damien are predicting 2-1 home wins, with Nick sitting on the fence.



PLAYER

Kieron Freeman
Defender



STAFF

Nick Cox
Academy Manager



FANS

Damien Bennet
Intake Blade

CHELSEA V MANCHESTER CITY

2-1

1-1

2-1

CRYSTAL PALACE V EVERTON

1-1

1-0

2-2

BOLTON V WOLVES

2-1

1-2

1-2

CARDIFF V DERBY

1-1

0-2

0-2

CHESTERFIELD V DONCASTER

3-1

2-1

2-2

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Blades on film

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Goalscorer Adam Burley

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gf0asMXkAOI>

When United met Swindon Town on the final day of the 1999/2000 season, there was little for the two teams to play for.

Neil Warnock, who had been appointed as manager in December 1999, steered the Blades to safety from the relegation zone, whilst our opponents Swindon had unluckily fallen foul of the bottom three. This one minute clip evaluates a last day draw.

United's goals came through homegrown starlets Wayne Quinn and Adam Burley but were forced to come down from 2-1 down before drawing the match.

The clip begins with a well distributed pass from Bobby Ford and Quinn (0.10) does enough to outpace his marker before firing home past the 'keeper. Swindon levelled through Giuliano

Grazioli, who netted the first of his brace for the afternoon. A long clearance from their 'keeper and an excellent flick-on evades the United defence and the striker does enough to lob the ball over a surging Simon Tracey.

The visitors took the lead when a neat ball through was tapped to Grazioli, who had enough space inside the box to hit home. The Blades blushes were saved through youngster Adam Burley, who netted his only goal for the Club. Michael Brown's left-footed free-kick on the edge of the box (0.50) was stopped short of goal

by the Robins defence but fell kindly to Burley to smash home in front of the Kop.

It was not one of the better games seen under Neil Warnock but the video is of high quality and still worth a watch to re-visit some old Lane favourites.



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SOCIAL CLUB

UTB asks United's Facebook friends and Twitter followers to come up with questions for the players...



JAY MCEVELEY

Jay McEveley is looking forward to facing his former club Swindon Town this afternoon and earlier this week paid a visit to the Social Club to answer questions from you, the fans, about all things United. The experienced defender spoke honestly and openly about his first six months as a Blade and his preferred position, in addition to revealing which team he supports, who rules the roost in the dressing room and his desire to help the Blades win promotion to the Championship this season.



@Joe8Farmer

What have you thought of the fans in your time at Bramall Lane?

They have been amazing since the day I walked through the door. They have had plenty to cheer in cup competitions this season, but they continue to back us in fantastic numbers both home and away in the league too. We were amazed by the numbers at Preston last week.



@mjball

What's it like in the changing room before kick off? Serious? Or banter?

It is a mix really, when the instructions are being read out and communicated everyone is focused, but there is also a relaxed atmosphere where possible, the Gaffer is big on that but also knows when to fire the lads up.



@Daffin_SUFC

How did your career start?

It started with my Dad taking me to train with a local side, when I was about six, but teams didn't start until U9s, so I didn't start playing regularly until I was eight. From then I never looked back and always wanted to be a footballer.



Michael Mikey Beckett

Great to see you are clearly enjoying your time here Jay, who would you say has been the biggest influence on your career so far?

Everyone says it, but it would have to be my Dad, he was the one who took me training in all weathers after he had been at work all day.



@sufcBilly

Left back or centre back?

I would have always said left back in the past, but since coming here I have felt comfortable at centre back and I just wish it had happened three or four years ago. I enjoyed playing left back and would more than happily still do a job there, but I am happy in the middle now.



Louis Winny

Who's the best player you've ever played with?

Tugay at Blackburn. He was 33 when I started playing alongside him and he was simply unbelievable, if he had been five or six years younger at the time I am sure he would have played for the likes of Barcelona and Real Madrid.



@Alex67346012

Who do you support Liverpool or Everton?

Everton, despite my Dad always buying me Liverpool kits as kid! I was at Goodison Park from the age of eight and went

to matches every week. Me and James Wallace give Higgy and Jose some stick because they are Reds.



Antony M May

How does it feel for you to be playing against a former side? Does it give you even more desire to win?

It does, I suppose, but it is a big game anyway and one we really could do with winning. I had a good time with Swindon, but I am fully committed to the Blades now and loving my time here.



@Dannyblade1983

Do the coaching staff join in with banter?

All the time! They are always joking and trying to make it a relaxed atmosphere, which is what you need. There are times to work and times to have a laugh and it is important to get the right balance.



Kevan Smith

Are you looking forward to playing with John Brayford?

I am, he is a top class player and his signing shows real intent by the Club.



@onlyonefishpie

Would you rather win a cup or gain promotion to the Championship with the Blades?

Promotion every time, a Club like Sheffield United needs to be in the Championship and beyond. The cup competitions are nice and a welcome distraction sometimes, though.



Matt Boreman

Are you intentionally as Scouse as possible in your tweets?

I didn't really know I was! I just text and tweet as quickly as possible and write it how you say it!



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@IDurb

What is the best and biggest ground you have ever played at?

It would have to be Wembley on both counts in the 2006/07 Championship play-off final when Derby County beat West Brom 1-0 to win promotion back to the top-flight.



Jack Rhodes

Are all the back four going to grow beards like Brayford?

That can't happen unfortunately, I have been trying to grow a beard for years and it just won't happen.



@Matthew94796677

Who is your best mate in the squad?

Higgy. It has to be really, we travel together for three hours a day and when we stay overnight during the week we room together in the hotel, so I can't get away from him!



Adam Hawkhead

Who would win in a fight, the Scousers or the Scots?

It would have to be us Scouse lads!



Martin Sillince

What filling does Jose have in his pre-match pie?

We are all professionals and we all prepare properly by eating the right things, honest!

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Tony Moore... picked up from Burton Albion

NON-LEAGUE STARS

In the ongoing search for new talent the Blades have scoured many different markets both nationally and internationally.

Inspired by the recent debuts for Che Adams and Kieran Wallace, who were signed from Ilkeston FC this article focuses on United's signing of players from British non-league clubs.

The first United squad I recall included long serving club legends Joe Shaw, Cec Coldwell and Alan Hodgkinson, who had played for Upton Colliery, Norton Woodseats and Worksop Town respectively before signing for the Blades.

The 1960s also saw the Blades sign a number of promising young players from non-league clubs to be developed further through the junior and reserve teams. The most notable of these were forwards Mick Jones from Dinnington Miners Welfare, Alan Birchenall from Thorneywood Athletic, Mick Hill from Bethesda Athletic and Willie Smith from Cumnock Juniors. Jones and Birchenall were both later sold by United for fees of £100,000, whilst Jones and Hill won full international caps for England and Wales respectively.

Moving into the 1970s and United had less success in the non-league market although teenage midfielder Gary Hamson, who made his debut at Cardiff in October 1976,

had played for Ilkeston Town previously. He was sold to Leeds United for £140,000 in July 1979. In the latter stages of the decade manager Harry Haslam did try to unearth another gem from non-league circles. His most notable signing was forward Imre Varadi from Letchworth. He also signed full-back Tony Moore from Burton Albion and forward Tommy Smith from Bromsgrove Rovers, who made first team appearances.

Ian Porterfield, who was appointed United's manager in the close season 1981, tended to sign more experienced players. However, he did introduce utility player Bob Atkins, signed from Enderby Town, to the first team in 1982.

Porterfield also used the Scottish non-league for potential first team players, giving first team debuts to forwards Russell Black and Don Peattie, who had been signed from Gretna but neither had a significant impact. Also signed whilst Porterfield was boss was midfielder David Frain from Dronfield United, who made his first team debut in March 1986 shortly after Porterfield had been dismissed.

When the Blades appointed Dave Bassett as manager in January 1988 he transformed the Blades playing squad, seeking to play a more direct style of football. He actively sought out talent from the non-league and introduced a number of such players



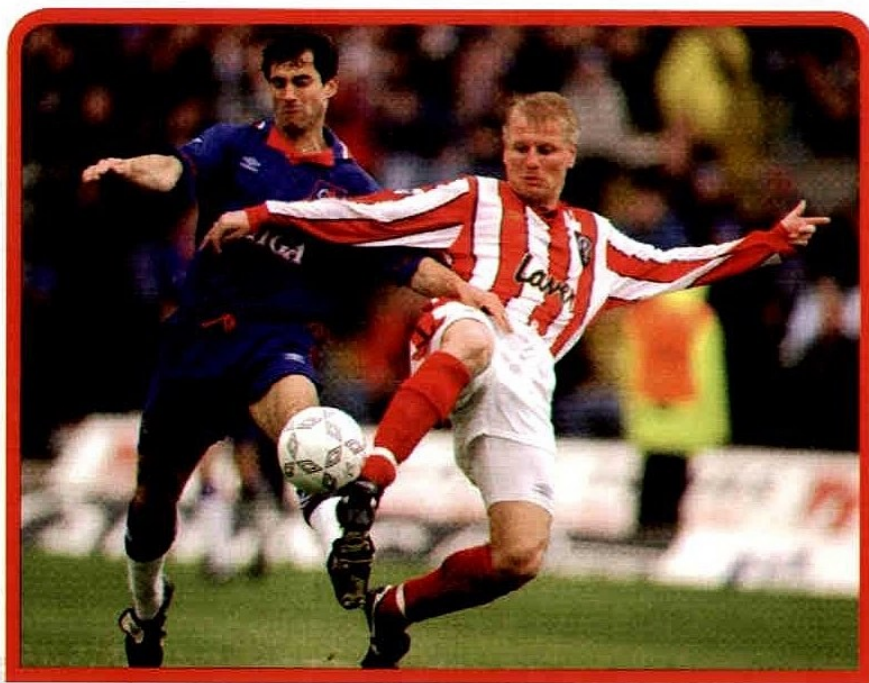
to the first team with varying degrees of success. Arguably his most successful of such signings were midfielder Paul Rogers and striker Andy Scott, both from Sutton United, and forward John Francis, from Emley.

Rogers and Scott were both signed when the Blades were in the top flight and Rogers in particular seemed very comfortable playing at that level.

Other Bassett non-league signings to sample first team football with less success were utility player Rob Scott, defender Mark Blount and full-back Ross Davidson, who had been signed from Sutton United, Gresley Rovers and Walton and Hersham respectively.

Since the advent of the twenty-first century the number of players signed by the Club from non-league to make an impact with the first team has declined. Under Neil Warnock's management, forward Andy Smith, from Ballyclare Comrades, made his first team bow in 2000 and in April 2004 midfielder Ashley Sestanovich, from Hampton and Richmond Borough, made his debut as a substitute against Nottingham Forest.

It will be interesting to watch the development of Adams and Wallace to see if their signings will herald another era of successful Blades' transfer activity in the non-league market.



Paul Rogers signed from non-league and played for United in the top flight

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COOKIE'S BLOG...

The Programme Editor gives an offbeat take on Lane life

No less than 30 minutes after Wednesday's emotion-sapping Capital One Cup semi-final second leg on Wednesday, the Blades goalkeeper Mark Howard's shoulders visibly dropped.

As the players came to terms with the exit from the competition, despite the heroics, showering and getting ready to go meet their families, Mark checked his phone in the dressing room.

There were hard luck messages aplenty from friends and family before he noticed there was an email from the PFA.

"That's charming, what they trying to say about my performance," he said with a smile coming back across his face.

The email was a circular from union advising players about different career opportunities. Basically it was details of a course that Mark could go on to learn how to become a train driver!

Of course, the PFA does a great job for their members but the timing of Wednesday night's email was unfortunate, although in the disappointment it did give him a little light at the end of the tunnel!



The STORY so far...

A comprehensive round-up of all things Sheffield United and Bramall Lane



Look who's delighted to be back!

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

United's U21s hammer Coventry City 7-0 at Shirecliffe, with six goals coming in the second half after Joel Coustrain's first half opener. Diego De Girolamo nets a hat-trick, Kieran Wallace scores a brace, whilst substitute Sam Berry also gets on the scoresheet.

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

Sky Bet League One
MK DONS 1-0 BLADES
GOALS: Baker (67)
MK DONS: Martin, Lewington, McFadzean, Kay, Bowditch (Clarke-Harris 65), Reeves (Baldock 90), Grigg, Spence, Baker, Alli, Carruthers (Randall 86). Unused: McLoughlin, Hodson, Green, Hitchcock.
BLADES: Howard, Alcock (Adams 82), Harris, Doyle, Murphy, Scougall (Reed 45), Baxter, McNulty (Higdon 65), McEveley, Campbell-Ryce, Kennedy.
Unused: McGahey, Long, Dimaio, K. Wallace.
Referee: L. Mason
Attendance: 9,633

In another even game at the top of League One, United suffer a first defeat of 2015. It is a tale of one good chance for each team. Jamal Campbell-Ryce's effort hits goalkeeper David Martin's leg and trickles just wide, whilst for the MK Dons, Carl Baker slots home midway through the second half.
United's U18s slip to a 4-1 defeat against Huddersfield Town.

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

United's U21s home fixture with Barnsley is postponed because of a frozen pitch at Shirecliffe.

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

Capital One Cup semi-final first-leg
TOTTENHAM 1-0 BLADES
GOALS: Townsend (74, pen)
SPURS: Vorm, Walker, Dier, Vertonghen, Davies, Townsend, Mason (Dembele 64), Stambouli (Paulinho 74), Eriksen, Adebayor (Soldado 64), Kane. Unused: Friedel, Kaboul, Rose, Lennon.
BLADES: Howard, Harris, Basham, Flynn, Doyle, Murphy, Scougall (K. Wallace 87), McNulty (Baxter 82), McEveley, Campbell-Ryce, Reed. Unused: Alcock, Higdon, Turner, Kennedy, Adams.
Referee: N. Swarbrick
Attendance: 35,323
United's hopes of reaching the Capital One Cup final remain very much alive following a determined performance at White Hart Lane. The visitors more than match their Premier League opponents for more than 70 minutes, before Andros Townsend settles the first leg with a penalty kick following a handball by Jay McEveley.

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

Chris Porter's Blades contract is terminated to enable the striker to join Colchester United.

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

United make their first signings of the January transfer window, with Paul Coutts and Kieron Freeman arriving on two-and-a-half year contracts from Derby County. United pay an undisclosed fee for midfielder Coutts, whilst defender Freeman arrives on a free transfer after the Rams cancelled his contract by mutual consent.

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

FA Cup fourth round
PRESTON 1-1 BLADES
GOALS: Gallagher (19); De Girolamo (68)
PRESTON: Stuckmann, Clarke, Humphrey, Kilkenney (King 62), Gallagher, Woods, Buchanan, Reid, Welsh (Davies 74), Huntington, Ebanks-Blake. Unused: Hudson, Laird, Wiseman, Brownhill, Browne.
BLADES: Howard, Alcock, Basham, Baxter, Davies (Harris 82), McGahey, Higdon, Reed, De Girolamo (McNulty 78), Kennedy, Dimaio (Murphy 56). Unused: Long, Doyle, Scougall, Campbell-Ryce.
Referee: K. Stroud
Attendance: 10,770

United's barrage of cup fixtures continues with a replay needed to decide this FA Cup fourth round tie. Nigel Clough's side play out another close encounter, at Deepdale, Paul Gallagher gives Preston the lead before Diego De Girolamo's first Blades goal secures a draw.

Cult hero John Brayford is back - but this time he signs on a permanent deal. The 27-year-old versatile defender, who impressed in a loan spell with the Blades last season, signs for an undisclosed fee and agrees a three-and-a-half year deal. The Blades have been patient in tracking him and securing his signature is the result of a tremendous amount of hard work by the Board of Directors and staff at Bramall Lane.



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Inside Lane

All the latest news from in and around S2

Congratulations, Claire

Congratulations to Claire Keir who was the winner of our 2014 quiz, which was published in the Preston North End programme earlier this month.

Claire wins this pair of Mark Howard's match worn gloves.

Claire, who got all of the following questions right to net the prize, was drawn at random from all correct submissions received. Many thanks to all for entering...

The correct answers were...

1. Who scored United's first league goal of 2014? (Chris Porter)
2. Who became our youngest ever league player, when he made his debut against Rotherham United in April? (Louis Reed)
3. Name the player who scored United's third goal in the FA Cup semi-final against Hull City at Wembley? (Jamie Murphy)
4. How many Premier League teams did United defeated in cup competitions in 2014? (Four)
5. Name the current Blade signed on a free

transfer from Notts County during the close-season? (Jamal Campbell-Ryce)

6. How many consecutive victories, in all competitions, did the Blades amass during the months of February and March? (Ten)

7. Who wore our number 21 shirt during last season's memorable FA Cup run? (Stefan Scougall)

8. How many times were the Blades beaten by two or more goals at Bramall Lane in 2014? (Once)

9. Who scored United's last goal of the 2013/14 season? (Ben Davies)

10. How many Bramall Lane clean sheets did Mark Howard kept in all competitions in 2014? (Thirteen)

Senior Blades

Senior Blades membership is now open for renewal and this can be done either with Mike Webb or at the Ticket Office.

On the first renewal date a record number of 305 renewals and new memberships were made.

From January to December 2014, the number of lunches enjoyed by our members at the monthly meetings was 2,626.

We are entertaining over 200 members for lunch at each meeting and new members are always welcome.

Supporters' Club

On behalf of the Supporters' Club, I would like to welcome back 'The Beard' to BDTBL.

John, it is a pleasure to see, in this day and age, a player sensing a spiritual home... one we, as fans, can hopefully have rocking again in the coming weeks. I'm sure I echo the thoughts of many, by saying thank you for returning.

Thanks also to The Board, Mal Brannigan and the Gaffer for making this happen, along with the signings of other new boys.

We, as supporters can play our part in this most important period in our season, in our history, even. So a plea to one and all, get behind the lads and be the ones making all the noise, 'everywhere we go'...

Trevor Payling

Official Supporters' Club Chairman



Happy birthday...



... to **Ian Dyson** - 60 years young! Happy birthday, love from, Karen, Joe, Richard, Megan and the girls.

... to **Andy Keyworth**, who turned 48 on Friday, have a great day and enjoy the match, love from all your family who are with you today watching the Blades.



... to **Emily Burtoft** (the one in the old luminous away shirt), she is 15 today and her favourite players are Jose Baxter and Marc McNulty. Have a fab day from all the family.

... to **Philip Ashworth** on your 50th. Love and best wishes from all your family and friends.



... to **Ian** - happy 60th, love from Rose, Stephen, Laura and Nick.

Community



Headed up by former Blades midfielder, **Mark Todd**, Sheffield United Community Foundation is a charity working in the areas of sport participation, education, health and social inclusion. For more community news, visit: www.sufc-community.com email: community@sufc.co.uk or call: 01142 619883



Volleyball at All Saints

Foundation has its own Premier League visit

The Community Foundation recently received a visit from Matt Baird of the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) to personally congratulate the team responsible for the delivery of the PL4Sport and PL4Girls projects. These programmes had been identified as being amongst the highest performing projects in the country and Matt was keen to see the sessions in action and gain an insight into the underlying reasons for their success.

Matt was able to see the 16 female footballers enjoying the PL4Girls football session at Birley Secondary School. The Premier League 4 Girls programme is aimed at girls aged 14-25 who want to enjoy playing informal football with their friends. The sessions are delivered by level 2 female coaches who structure the sessions around the girls wants and needs.

Later, Matt visited an open community Volleyball session at All Saints Sports hall and over two hours saw over 40 participants in attendance. Volleyball, along with Basketball, Badminton and Handball are delivered as part of the PL4Sport programme, which is aimed at 14-25 year old male and females. Matt summed up his visit by saying:

"It's always a privilege to have the opportunity

to visit sessions run by the Community teams and see the impact of their work in changing the lives of young people. The excellent work the Club is undertaking in areas such as raising sports physical activity levels through regular sports participation, supporting social inclusion, and identifying and training the next cohort of talented female footballers is clear to see and the Premier League are delighted to be able to support the Community Foundation in providing these essential opportunities to local young people."

If you are interested in either of these Premier League programmes visit our website or contact our Programme Coordinator rachel.charles@sufc.co.uk

School Sport Programme a big hit

The Community Foundation are delighted to be supporting eight primary schools in close proximity to their new home at the Redtooth Academy on Firhill Crescent.

The School Sport Programme, which is funded by the Premier League Charitable Fund, seeks to provide two hours of high quality PE during curriculum time and one hour of extra-curricular football per week to all eight primary schools for the entire duration of the 2014-15 school year. The schools involved include Firs Hill, Watercliffe Meadow, Pyebank, St.

Catherine's, Byron Wood, Hucklow, Whiteways and St. Patrick's.

The main purpose of the programme is to improve the provision of physical activity and sport through positive experiences together with increased opportunities for participation and creating playing pathways for the children. The programme also aims to strengthen the existing link between the Community and the SUFC Academy through improved talent identification and progress of young players into the Academies development centres.

All eight schools have now engaged in the programme and are developing skills in sports such as handball, basketball and football. Each school also entered a team into the local area finals of the u11s Kinder+Sport Kids Cup where, out of 19 schools, St. Catherine's and St. Patrick's made it to the final. It was St. Catherine's who triumphed and will now represent SUFC in Derby in February.

Although this particular programme focuses on providing sessions to schools close to the Academy, the Community Foundation is proud to be delivering initiatives in every postcode in Sheffield!

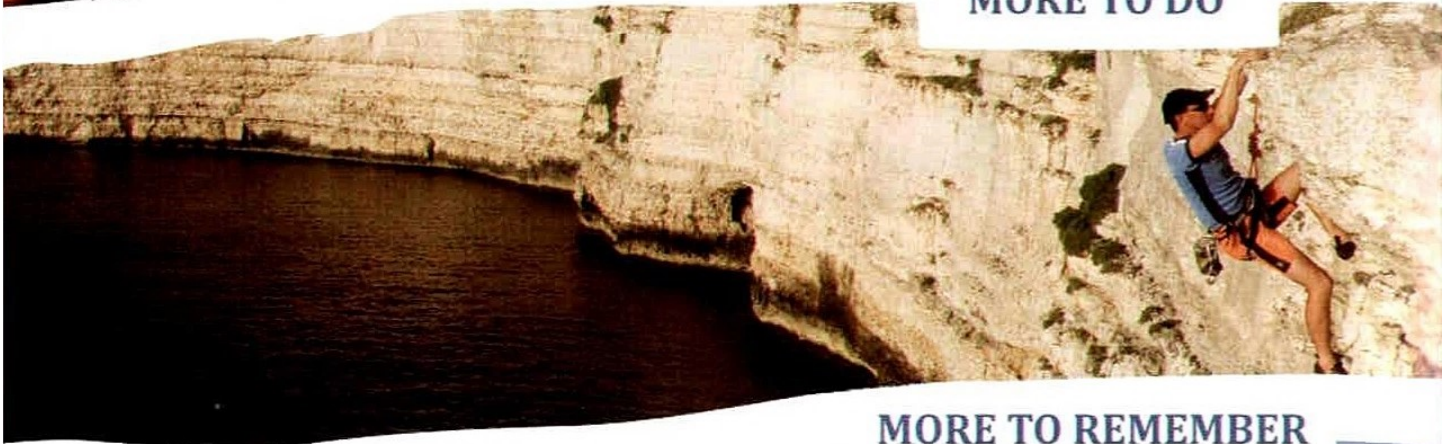
The Community Foundation would like to say a big thank you to the Premier League for funding this programme and to our local schools for making us so welcome!



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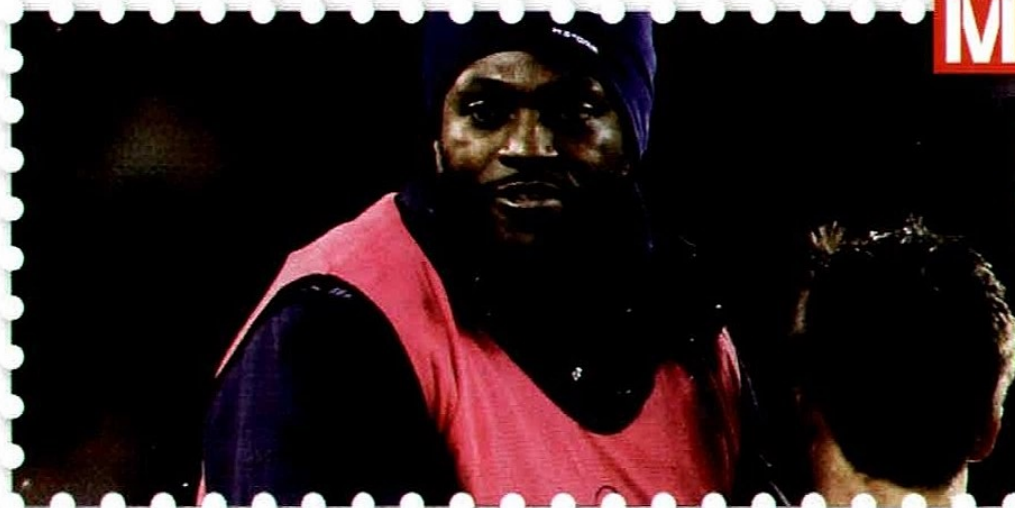
Quizzical fun for young (and young at heart) Blades fans

Easy

Add these squad numbers together to find the name of the person who wears the squad number which matches the answer...



Middling



this should be difficult, but who is getting consoled by Emmanuel Adebayor on Wednesday, the size difference may help!

Hard

Three helpful clues which should assist you in identifying a Blade...

1

He played for us last year

2

He cost us quite a bit of money (but he's worth it)

3

He has a famous beard!



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BRAVING THE COLD

Well done to our mascots and player escorts who dodged the snow and didn't let the cold snap ruin their Capital One Cup semi-final second leg on Wednesday evening.

Here they all are meeting Captain Blade and having a team photo on the pitch.

The Blades mascots were Henry Allen, Aidan Fry, Layton Hartley and William Mortimer, whilst Morgan Edlin led out the Spurs players.

Our player escorts were Charlie McCabe, Meabh and Aoife Brannigan, William Bolger, Jack Horsfield and twins Harvey and Harrison Hall.



MASCOTS

AWAY MASCOTS



LUKE REINHARDT

Age – 8
Hobbies – Football
Fave Blades – John Brayford and Michael Doyle
School – Birley Spa
Score prediction – 2-1 United!



OLIVER STOCKS

Age – 7
Hobbies – Football
Fave Blades – Marc McNulty and Stefan Scougall
School – Clarborough, Retford
Score – 2-1 United!



HARRY HULL

Age – 9
Hobbies – Football, fishing and rugby
Fave Player – Yaser Kasim
School – Crudwell Primary
Score – 2-1 Swindon!



JOEL PALMER

Age – 10
Hobbies – Tennis and football
Fave Blade – Jamie Murphy
School – Greenhill Junior
Score prediction – 2-0 United!



FINLEY STOCKS

Age – 8
Hobbies – Football and swimming
Fave Blades – Bob Harris and Mark Howard
School – Clarborough, Retford
Score – 1-0 United!



JASON HARRIS

Age – 5
Hobbies – Football
Fave Player – Andy Williams
School – Grange Infants
Score – 3-1 Swindon!



MY TOP TUNES

PAUL COUTTS

Paul Coutts certainly hasn't showed any signs of nerves when he was asked to give UTB his top three tunes earlier this week.

The 26-year-old, who joined for an undisclosed fee from Derby County earlier this month, has picked in his opinion

'three classics', all three Paul confesses he can sing (badly) on the karaoke and the UTB editorial team reckon his new team-mates might put that theory to the test on the forthcoming away trip to Gillingham.

Not that we like to give the players ideas!

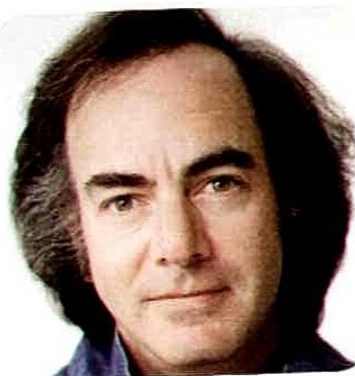
KENNY ROGERS - THE GAMBLER

I am told Jay McEveley likes this one, but if I was pressed into singing a song or having a go on karaoke I reckon this would be my best effort, although I have to admit I am an awful singer, despite loving my music. Kenny is a legend.



NEIL DIAMOND - SWEET CAROLINE

Surely everybody will agree but you just can't helping liking this song, it isn't only




a true classic, but a song that everyone can sing along to at party regardless of your age. Again I could sing this on karaoke, but I don't think I could hit those high notes! All together now Sweet Caroline...



TAKE THAT - NEVER FORGET

From The Ultimate Collection! I know I will probably cop a bit of stick from the lads for this one, but what can you say, it is another classic, probably their best ever track. I do like the older music I have to admit and this isn't the only Take That song I really like. So let's never forget...

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Today we welcome...



Swindon Town



If last season was about building a platform for Swindon to push for a place in the Championship, this campaign is all about driving on to achieve that ambition.

Mark Cooper and his players have done the first part of the job after establishing themselves as one of the prime contenders for promotion from League One and now the task is attempting to make the most of the opportunity they have created for themselves.

They arrive at Bramall Lane today on the back of a five-game unbeaten run that has included four victories, with the goals flowing for the Robins over that spell of matches as they have cemented a position at the top of the table.

The 3-1 win against Chesterfield in their most recent fixture two weeks ago was another example of the consistency

Swindon have shown so far this season, yet boss Cooper was not satisfied with his side's efforts and insisted he wants more as they take on the Blades. Setting high standards is part of his ethos and he will expect a performance from his players today.

Their away form so far has certainly been worthy of a side looking to secure automatic promotion. Eight wins on their travels this season represents the most impressive figure in League One so far, with the 28 goals they have scored away from their County Ground home also the highest total in this division.

In what looks certain to be a tight race among the top clubs between now and the end of the season, maintaining that away form is likely to be vital to Swindon's hopes of success and they will also need their star men to continue their current

trend of sparkling form.

Leading scorer Andy Williams arrives at the Lane in a run of great form, with his goal against Chesterfield a fortnight ago continuing his run of scoring games to five in succession and his form and fitness will be crucial to Swindon's hopes in the coming months.

With goals coming from a variety of areas in Cooper's squad, this appears to be a Swindon side that is ticking over in fine order just now and a victory in this game would cement the belief that the Robins are the team to beat in the race for a prized top two finish this season.

Winning games at tough venues such as this fuels confidence and having proved their worth time and again on the road this season, Cooper will be keen to test his squad against Nigel Clough's cup heroes.

Squad list

- 1 **Wes Foderingham**
GK 24 Shepherd's Bush
- 2 **Nathan Thompson**
DF 24 Chester
- 3 **Nathan Byrne**
DF 22 St Albans
- 4 **Massimo Luongo**
MF 22 Sydney, Aus
- 5 **Jack Stephens (L)**
DF 21 Torpoint
- 6 **Jordan Turnbull (L)**
DF 20 Trewbridge
- 7 **Ben Gladwin**
MF 22 Reading
- 8 **Yaser Kasim**
MF 23 Karrada, Iraq
- 9 **Michael Smith**
FW 23 Wallsend
- 10 **Andy Williams**
FW 28 Hereford
- 14 **John Swift (L)**
MF 19 Portsmouth
- 15 **Harry Toffolo**
DF 19 Welwyn Garden City
- 16 **Connor Waldon**
FW 19 Swindon
- 18 **George Barker**
FW 23 Portsmouth
- 19 **Louis Thompson**
MF 20 Dover
- 20 **Jonathan Obika**
FW 24 Enfield
- 21 **Mathew Jones**
DF 19 Swindon
- 22 **Darren Ward**
DF 36 Harrow
- 23 **Jack Barthram**
DF 21 Newham
- 24 **Jermaine Hylton**
FW 21 Birmingham
- 25 **Tyrell Belford**
GK 20 Nuneaton
- 26 **Anton Rodgers**
MF 22 Reading
- 27 **Josue Antonio**
DF 18 Mweyon
- 29 **Raphael Rossi Branco**
DF 24 Campinas, Bra
- 30 **Harry Agombar**
MF 22 London

Two to Watch **michael smith + andy williams**



Every side with promotion ambitions needs a constant source of goals from a couple of reliable strikers and Swindon have a potent duo leading their line in Andy Williams, pictured, and Michael Smith.

The strike pair have contributed 28 goals to the Swindon cause so far, with manager Mark Cooper happy to alternate between an array of forwards that also includes the dangerous Jonathan Obika and the recently signed Jermaine Hylton.

"All the strikers have been good and it's important we keep them all motivated and ready," says Cooper. "We have three or four good strikers at the club, and I don't like to use the word rotate, it's important we try to freshen things up. There are lots of matches to play and they can all contribute."

Williams is clearly revelling in his role leading the scoring charts for Swindon, as he spoke about the great bond that has developed between this Robins squad over the last 18 months.

"We're just a group of friends which is the best part about it," stated Williams in a BBC interview. "It's a great feeling at the moment. It's one of the best teams I've ever played in. "We all get on so well and I hope that drives us forward in the coming months."

Williams believes he is starting to hit his peak at the age of 28, as he says he has learned to hone aspects of his game from working with ex-Swindon boss Paulo Di Canio and the current Swindon coaching staff.

"I'm definitely more mature, I've put in more work, and it's down to some of the coaching I've had as well," said the former Bristol Rovers, Hereford and Yeovil forward.

"I learnt a lot under Mr Di Canio before he left and I'm starting to show some of that now. I've also done a lot under (coach) Luke Williams, which is starting to pay off."

The Robins' other primary goal getter, Smith, took his League One goal tally into double figures for this season on Boxing Day, yet he has only scored twice in his last 13 appearances and will be keen to get his scoring form back on track in this game.

"I did not want the two week break we have just had because I like to play games and I need to start scoring again," says Smith. "The boys just want to play football and get as many points as quickly as we can."

"I'm chuffed to bits that we are winning but I have gone four games without a goal now, it does start eating away at you. Of course there is pressure to score goals. I'm a striker and that's my job, so hopefully I can start scoring again soon."

The arrival of Hylton earlier this month confirmed that Swindon boss Cooper is keen to keep his forward players on their toes from this point forward and if it is to be Williams and Smith up front against the Blades today, they will know there is a couple of fine marksmen on the bench waiting to take their place if they let their standards drop.



A two-week break in the middle of a frantic League One season is a rarity and Swindon chief Mark Cooper hopes his side's fortnight of inactivity will have refreshed his troops ahead of this trip to Bramall Lane.

Swindon's most recent victory against Chesterfield must feel like a distant memory for Cooper and his troops, but he has looked to use the last 14 days wisely in the build-up to a push for a top two finish in the final third of this League One season.

"It has been good to have a free week without matches and it has given us a chance to do some things on the training ground and put in a few new ideas," says Cooper.

"We have had an opportunity to refocus, get some freshness

back into the group and get ourselves ready for what will be a busy run of games from this point forward. There are a lot of games in League One and you have to make the most of the days off you have to work with the players and make sure they are ready for the next challenge."

At the age of 46, Cooper is emerging as one of the rising stars among a healthy crop of youthful English managers working in League One and the Championship, with this former midfielder, who played over 450 league games for a host of clubs, impressing all with his confidence both on the touchline and in his dealings with the media.

Cooper believes his team has taken huge strides forward since their eighth place finish last season, but he is keen for

them to push on from here and strive to secure the promotion he craves.

"We had a 20 minute spell in our last match when we conceded too much possession and a year ago we may have conceded a goal during that period," he continues. "That didn't happen this time, we were solid defensively and that is a sign of the progress we have made."

"Of course, we are desperate to play like we have done in patches this season all the time, but we accept that is not possible and it is all about carrying on working."

Cooper has urged his players to embrace the challenge of being League One leaders, as he looks forward to another test of his side's promotion credentials against the Blades.

"It's better to be top of the

league than at the bottom and while there is a pressure that goes with it, I'm sure they can handle it," he adds. "When you are at the top of the league, you are there to be shot at, but we have to try and embrace that. The players are enjoying themselves at the moment and rightly so. If you can't enjoy it now, you never will."

"We're not looking at anything other than the next game, as boring as it sounds. No-one really thought we'd be where we are in the league at this stage, but we are really enjoying the ride. We just try to focus on what we do. We just keep working really hard. They are a really good group of players at this club, level headed, desperate to work hard and learn more. Hopefully that attitude will take them a long way."

Top Boys

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** profiles winners of Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' award.



MIKE SUMMERBEE

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town.

Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of honours under the Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road.

Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, where he was player-manager, he has since been a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

DON ROGERS

England U23s winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success.

Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as the Robins won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at

Crystal Palace in November 1972.

Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall before reuniting with Stan Harland at Yeovil Town in March 1977.

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success.

Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in exchange for Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969-70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973.

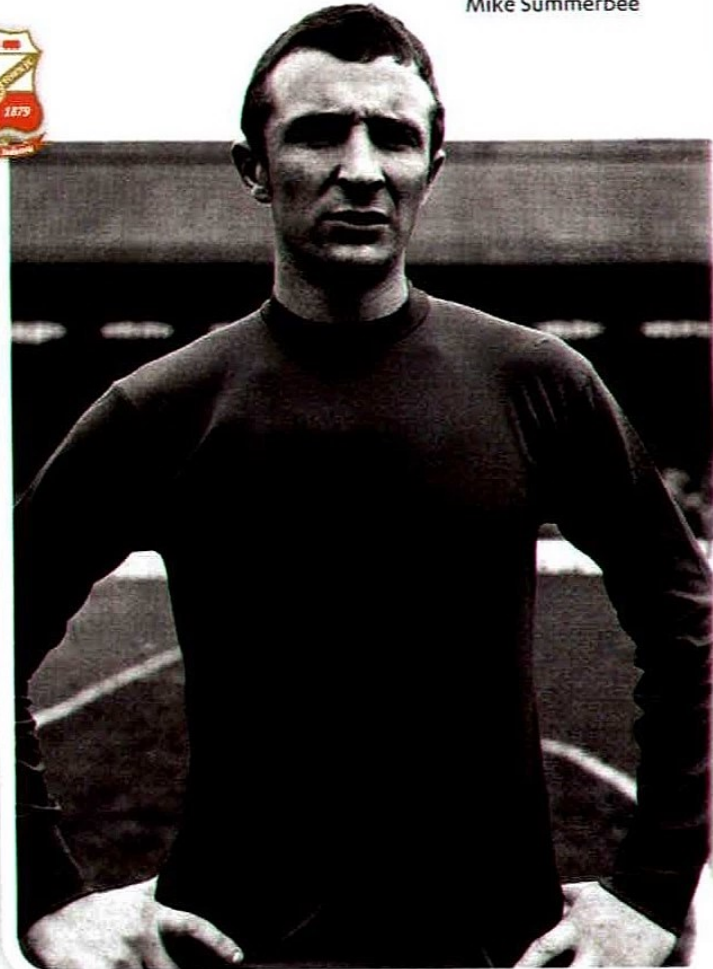
Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975-76 and won promotion in 1976-77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980.

JOE BUTLER

Versatile midfielder Joe Butler was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1969-70 and 1972-73.

He turned professional with hometown Newcastle United in September 1960, given his League debut against Manchester City in April 1964, but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and joined Swindon in August 1965.

Starring in their 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, he was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and helped the Robins to win the Anglo-Italian



Cup in 1970. He netted 18 goals in 342 League games prior to joining Aldershot in March 1976, then played for Witney Town.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record.

Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in

Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success.

He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later Swindon's youth team boss, he was awarded the MBE.

FRASER DIGBY

England U21s goalkeeper Fraser Digby was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions.

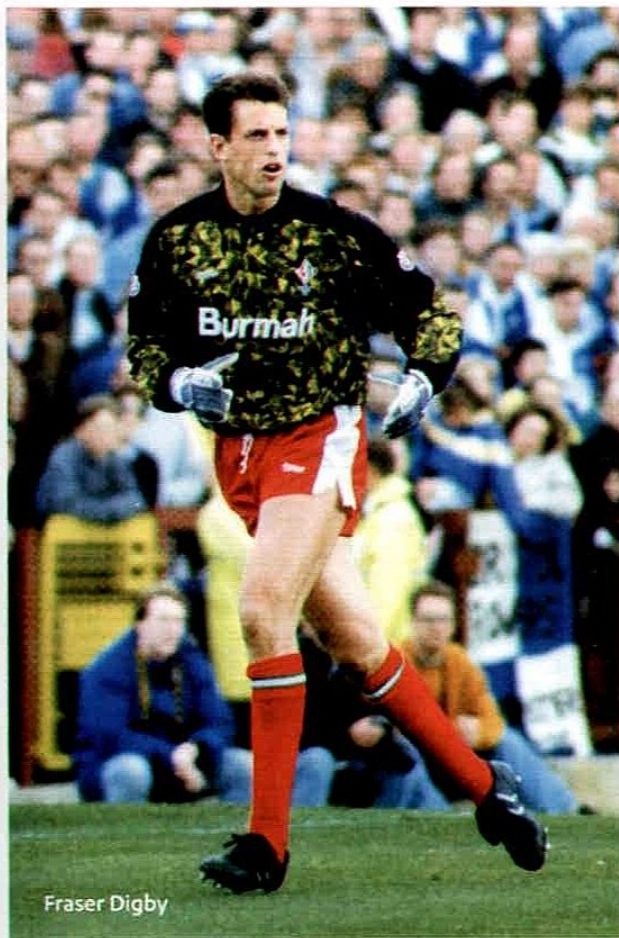
Initially with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986, appearing in their 1986-87 promotion campaign. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons, including their 1993 Wembley triumph and were



Don Rogers



John Trollope



Fraser Digby

League Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95.

Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title success, he had a testimonial match in July 1997 and played 417 League games, joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Alan McLoughlin was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final in 1989-90.

Starting with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1986 and helped qualify for the play-offs in successive years. He scored 19 times in 106 League games before sold to Southampton for £1,000,000 in December 1990.

Moving to Portsmouth in February 1992, he was ever-present as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-

93. He joined Wigan Athletic in November 1999, then played for Rochdale and Forest Green Rovers, since holding coaching posts.

LEE PEACOCK

Former Scotland U21s striker Lee Peacock was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon won promotion in 2006-07.

Initially with Carlisle United, he helped them to win the Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion in 1996-97. He joined Mansfield Town in October 1997 and moved via Manchester City to Bristol City in August 2000. Starring as they won the LDV Vans Trophy and reached the Second Division play-offs in 2002-03, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in July 2004.

He moved to Swindon in January 2006 and netted 20 goals in 125 League games before joining Grimsby Town in January 2010, then Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh.

Connections

Blades Statistician **Andrew Kirkham** highlights a few links between today's teams...

Three former United managers or players have been in charge at the County Ground. Iffy Onuora was manager for 40 games (2005-06), Danny Wilson for 120 games (2008-2011) and, after Dennis Wise left in 2006, David Tuttle was named caretaker for 24 hours.

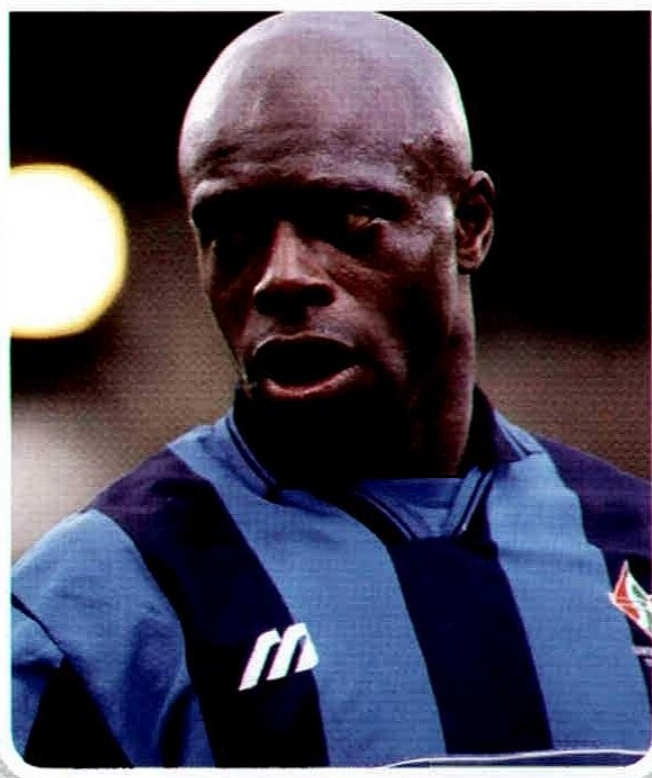
Along with Danny Wilson, the other United manager with Swindon connections is John Harris who began his career there but made no league appearances before moving to Swansea Town.

* Today sees the 30th league meeting between the clubs and there have been just three victories on the opponent's grounds. United won 2-0 at Swindon in December 1989 (Peter Duffield broke his leg as the first goal was scored) and 3-1 in December 1994. Swindon have won just once at the Lane, winning 2-1 on 9 February 1970, their first league visit here. Len Badger scored one of his seven

league goals in that game. There have been two 0-0 draws in the previous 29 games, both at the County Ground.

* Three Swindon Town 'Players of the Year' have been Blades at some time namely: Chris Kamara (1980), Frank Talia (2000) and Tommy Mooney (2004) just one United 'Players of the Year' has played for Swindon, namely Glenn Cockerill (1985).

* The Blades and the Robins are among the 15 of the present 92 Football/Premier League to have had at least one player who made 600 or more league appearances for them. United's top appearance maker is Joe Shaw with 632, none as a sub. Swindon's record holder, John Trollope, is also the record holder for any club. Between 1960 and 1980 he made 770 league appearances – although his total did include three as a substitute!



Iffy Onuora... amongst the players to represent the Robins and the Blades



24/01/15 FA Cup fourth round Attendance: 10,770 Referee: K. Stroud

Preston North End

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Sheffield United

Gallagher 19

De Girolamo 68



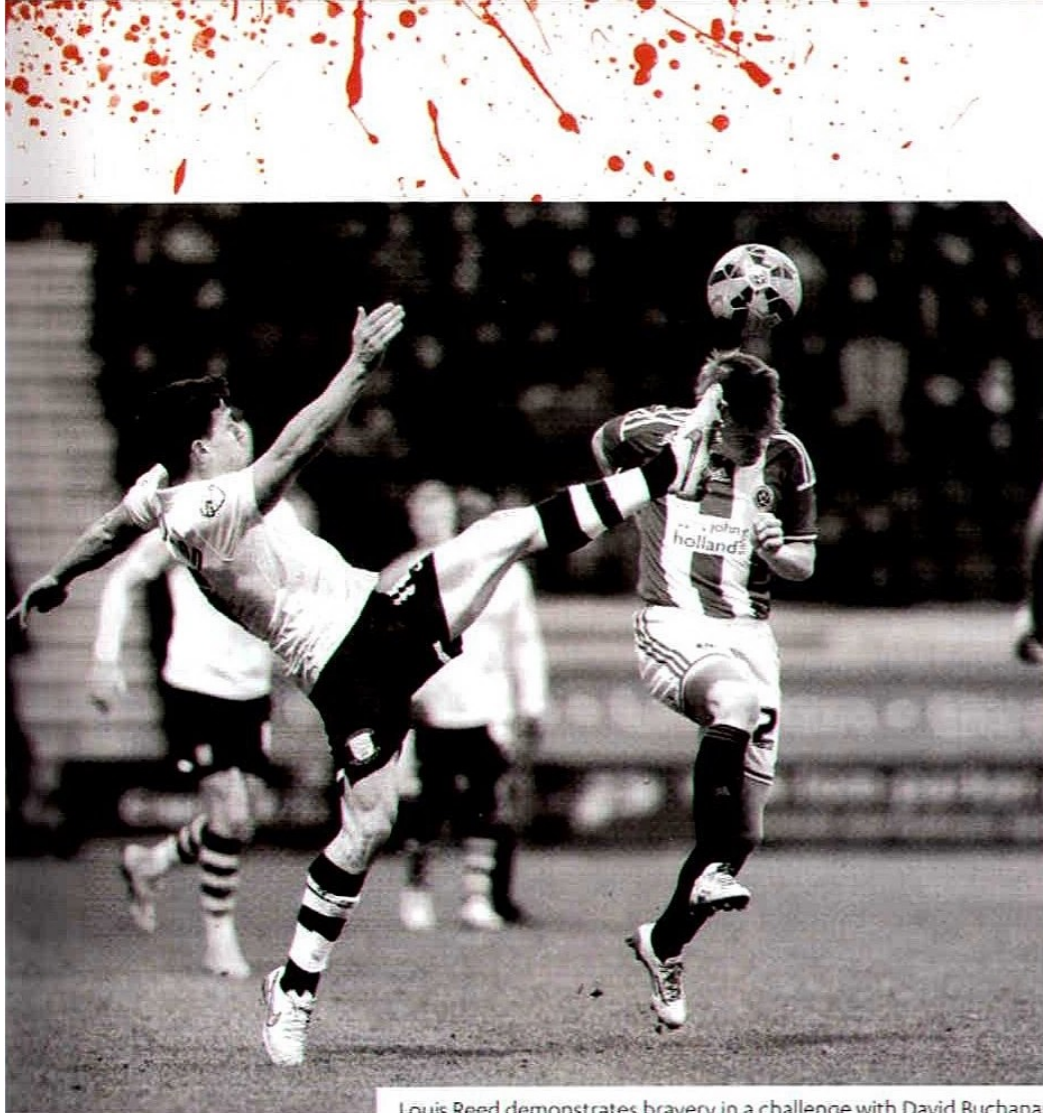
Jose Baxter challenges Paul Gallagher



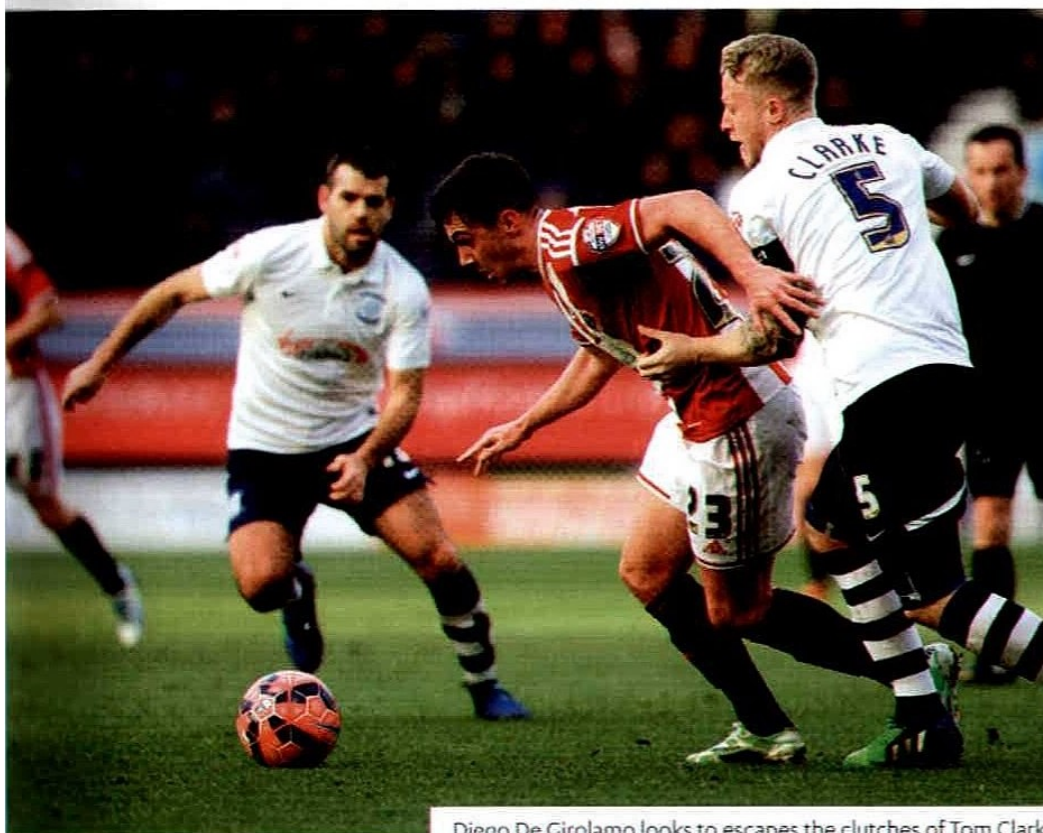
Jamie Murphy sees his route to goal blocked by Thorsten Stuckmann



Diego De Girolamo scores the equaliser from close-range in a crowded penalty area



Louis Reed demonstrates bravery in a challenge with David Buchanan

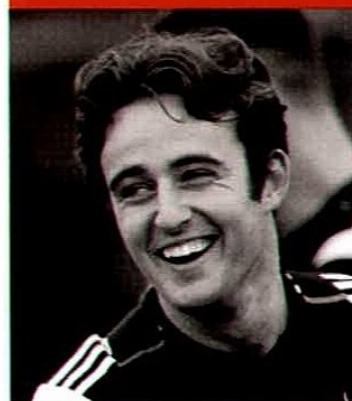


Diego De Girolamo looks to escape the clutches of Tom Clarke

UTB Man of the Match

Jose Baxter

Influential on the ball in his new role as skipper



Preston Stats

Possession	47
Shots on target	4
Shots off target	9
Corners	16
Fouls	8

Blades Stats

Possession	53
Shots on target	3
Shots off target	6
Corners	2
Fouls	18

Blades line-up

Howard, Alcock, Basham, Baxter, Davies (Harris 82), McGahey, Higdon, Reed, De Girolamo (McNulty 78), Kennedy, Dimaio (Murphy 56). Unused: Doyle, Scougall, Campbell-Ryce, Long.

The Manager's view...

"It is about building momentum. We believe success in all competitions goes hand-in-hand. We don't like losing, we fight and scrap and we deserved our goal. It is another midweek we have filled with the replay but we came with the intention of not getting knocked out."

The turning point

66 mins. Had Tom Clarke's minute header from Paul Gallagher's cross landed inside Mark Howard's far post instead of inches wide, then the whole tie would have probably taken a totally different complexion. Thankfully for the Blades it didn't and two minutes later Diego De Girolamo was in the right place at the right time to fire home an equaliser.

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Inside Lane

All the latest news from in and around S2

Blades pledge to 'Make It Better'

United will donate 6,000 match day tickets to The Children's Hospital Charity as part of their pledge to raise £25,000 for the charity's 'Make it Better' campaign.

The Club will donate 2,000 tickets for each of their home fixtures against Colchester United on 10th February, Peterborough United on 3rd March and Crewe Alexandra on 28th March.

Following the recent announcement of a pioneering partnership between the charity and the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League, grassroots football in Sheffield will also benefit from United's ticket donation.

The tickets will be sold by the charity directly to the Junior Sunday League Clubs at a special price of £6, with £2.50 from each sale going towards its 'Make It Better' campaign

which aims to raise £10m in total by 2016 with a brand new wing including private rooms and parent beds, increased parking, a secure outdoor space and a giant play tower amongst the developments planned.

A total of £2.50 from each ticket will go directly to any Junior Club which sells a ticket and the remaining £1 will go towards the League's development fund.

Tchad Western, corporate fundraiser at The Children's Hospital Charity, said: "We are delighted with Sheffield United's donation of match day tickets and we thank them for their continued support and generosity."

United manager Nigel Clough said: "As a community-focused Club, we are proud to support such a wonderful local charity in this way and we hope that this fundraising initiative goes some way to reaching our £25,000 fundraising target."



"We hope that all the players of the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League get behind the ticket scheme to raise funds for both their Club and the hospital."

Mal Brannigan, managing director of United, said: "The Children's Hospital is nationally and internationally recognised, and the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League is the largest of its kind in the country."

"Together they are likely to have impacted on every family in Sheffield, so we're honoured to be working with them both."

Nathan Batchelor, league secretary of the volunteer-run league, said: "The ticket donation is a wonderful idea to

raise funds for The Children's Hospital Charity.

"We are honoured to be involved and we urge our League's Clubs to get involved too as every ticket sale not only benefits the Charity, but their own Club and the League."

"We are extremely grateful to Sheffield United for their generosity and to The Children's Hospital Charity for involving us in this initiative."

For more information about The Children's Hospital Charity and their Make It Better campaign, visit www.tchc.org.uk

For more information about the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League visit: sheffeldjfl.pitchero.com

Welcoming the Hatters

The Blades welcome the Westfield Health Sheffield Hatters to Bramall Lane today to celebrate their recent cup success.

The Hatters made history earlier this month by becoming the first ever winners of the Women's British Basketball League (WBBL) Trophy. As special guests of the Club, they will parade the trophy prior to kick-off at today's game.

They will be joined by Graham Moore, Vice-President of Sheffield United and Chairman of

Club sponsor Westfield Health.

Mr Moore said: "We are delighted that the Hatters won the first ever WBBL Trophy final after a tense contest with the Nottingham Wildcats."

"We'd like to congratulate them on this major milestone. They made history in the process and we're really proud of their achievements as one of Britain's most successful teams."

The Sheffield Hatters were formed in the early 1960s, becoming the first women's basketball team in England. They have since developed into one of the most successful women's sports clubs



in the country, winning 19 league titles, 15 championship titles and 16 national cups over the last 25 years.

Dave McCarthy, Sheffield United operations director, said: "We're

honoured to welcome the Hatters to Bramall Lane today to celebrate not only their recent cup win, but their status as one of the country's top women's sports clubs."



Ticket information



It could be a home tie against Manchester United for the winner of Tuesday's tussle between North End and the Blades

BLADES V PRESTON NORTH END

FA Cup Fourth Round replay

Tuesday 3rd February 2015, Kick Off 7.45pm

Ticket prices are as follows:

Advance Ticket Prices: £15 adults, £10 adult season ticket holders, £10 concessions, £5 juniors U17s.

Matchday Ticket Prices: £18 adults, £13 adult season ticket holders, £13 concessions, £5 juniors U17s.

Tickets are on sale now.

Supporters purchasing tickets will be allocated 100 loyalty points. Season ticket holders who have signed up to the automatic cup scheme will automatically have their cards activated and payment debited for this fixture.

GILLINGHAM V BLADES

Sky Bet League One. Saturday 7th February 2015, Kick Off 3pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Blades supporters.

We have initially been allocated 1,000 tickets.

Tickets are priced at: £15 adults, £15 seniors, £10 under 18s, juniors U12 with an accompanying adult – free (max 2 per adult), additional under 12s £5

Ambulant tickets are available at the age appropriate price, however, to receive a carer you must be on higher rate DLA for care or mobility.

Six pairs of wheelchair/carers tickets are also available at the age appropriate price.

This match is a category B fixture therefore 100 Loyalty Points will be awarded to supporters purchasing tickets.

Tickets are on sale on the following dates to Members Only (including season ticket holders):

Should any tickets remain they will go on general sale on Monday 2nd February.

The Official Away Blades service is running for this fixture, priced £30, or £29 for Season Ticket/Membership Card holders. Departs 8am.

BLADES V COLCHESTER UNITED

Sky Bet League One. Tuesday 10th February 2015, Kick Off 7.45pm

This match is a Category B fixture.

Tickets are priced from £18 adults, £10 concessions, £7 juniors.

Supporters are advised to purchase tickets in advance as ticket prices increase on a match day by up to £2

Tickets are on general sale now.

Supporters purchasing tickets will be allocated 150 Loyalty Points.

BRISTOL CITY V BLADES

Sky Bet League One. Saturday 14th February 2015, Kick Off 3pm

* Please note that this match will be postponed if we progress to the fifth round of the FA Cup.

This match is ALL TICKET for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 1,100 tickets. There will be no further allocation due to redevelopment at Ashton Gate.

Tickets are priced at: £23 adults, £18 seniors over 65, £18 under 21s, £15 under 19s, £10 under 8s.

Ambulant/carers tickets are available at the age appropriate price, however, you must be on middle or high rate DLA for care or mobility.

Match Day Prices 2014/15

KOP	Cat A		Cat B	
	Advance	Match Day	Advance	Match Day
ADULT	£22.00	£24.00	£18.00	£20.00
OVER 60	£17.00	£18.00	£12.00	£14.00
YOUNG ADULT UNDER 22/STUDENT	£12.00	£14.00	£10.00	£12.00
UNDER 17	£11.00	£12.00	£7.00	£9.00
South Stand/John Street	Cat A		Cat B	
	Advance	Match Day	Advance	Match Day
ADULT	£26.00	£28.00	£22.00	£24.00
OVER 60	£18.00	£20.00	£14.00	£16.00
YOUNG ADULT UNDER 22/STUDENT	£13.00	£15.00	£11.00	£13.00
UNDER 17	£12.00	£14.00	£10.00	£12.00
South Corner /Bramall Lane Stand (Away End)	Cat A		Cat B	
	Advance	Match Day	Advance	Match Day
ADULT	£24.00	£26.00	£19.50	£21.50
OVER 60	£18.00	£19.50	£13.00	£14.00
YOUNG ADULT UNDER 22/STUDENT	£14.00	£15.00	£11.00	£12.00
UNDER 17	£12.00	£13.50	£7.50	£8.00

Ten pairs of wheelchair/carer tickets are available at the age appropriate price.

This match is a category A fixture therefore 50 loyalty points will be awarded to supporters purchasing tickets.

Tickets are on sale on the following dates to Members Only (including season ticket holders):

Mon 2nd Feb – 20,000+ Loyalty Points

Tue 3rd Feb – 15,000+ LP

Wed 4th Feb – 10,000+ LP

Thu 5th Feb – 5,000+ LP

Fri 6th Feb – 2015 Super Draw Members and 2,500+ LP

Should any tickets remain they will go on general sale on Monday 9th February

The Official Away Blades service is running for this fixture, priced £30, or £29 for Season Ticket/Membership Card holders. Departs 8am.

NOTTS COUNTY V BLADES

Sky Bet League One. Tuesday 17th February 2015, Kick Off 7.45pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 1,500 tickets, priced £24 adults, £15 seniors (60+) and young adults (16-21), and £6 juniors (under 16).

Ambulant/carer tickets are available, however you must be on middle or high rate DLA for care or mobility. Tickets are at the above prices with the carer going free of charge.

Nine wheelchair/carer tickets are available at the above prices with the carer going free of charge.

This match is a category B fixture therefore 100 Loyalty Points will be awarded to supporters purchasing tickets.

Tickets are on general sale, subject to availability.

The Official Away Blades service is running for this fixture, priced £16, or £15 for Season Ticket/Membership Card holders. Departs 4pm.

BLADES V COVENTRY CITY

Sky Bet League One. Saturday 21st February 2015, Kick Off 3pm

This match is a Category B fixture.

Tickets are priced from £18 adults, £10 concessions, £7 juniors.

Supporters are advised to purchase tickets in advance as ticket prices



Reda Johnson may want to rethink his head gear when he visits with Coventry in three weeks

increase on a match day by up to £2

Tickets are on general sale now.

Supporters purchasing tickets will be allocated 150 Loyalty Points.

ROCHDALE V BLADES

Sky Bet League One. Tuesday 24th February 2015, Kick Off 7.45pm

This match is ALL TICKET for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 3,230 tickets, priced £20 adults, £14 seniors 65+ and young adults aged 16-21 (photographic proof required on turnstile), and £5 juniors u16.

Ambulant/carer tickets are available at the age appropriate price, however, you must be on middle or high rate DLA for care or mobility. Sixteen pairs of wheelchair/carer tickets are available at £14 for the pair.

This match is a category B fixture therefore 100 Loyalty Points will be awarded to supporters purchasing tickets.

Tickets are on sale on the following dates to Members Only (including season ticket holders):

Mon 2nd Feb – 19,000+ Loyalty Points

Tue 3rd Feb – 15,000+ LP

Wed 4th Feb – 10,000+ LP

Thu 5th Feb – 5,000+ LP

Fri 6th Feb – 2015 Super Draw members and 2,500+ LP

Should any tickets remain they will go on general sale on Monday 9th February.

The Official Away Blades service is running for this fixture, priced £18, or £17 for Season Ticket/Membership Card holders. Departs 3.30pm.

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- Competitions to win a mascot package for every home game – subject to status

- Chance to be a mascot at away fixtures – subject to status

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Adult memberships – only £25 to join

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- Attend 5 games and get a free ticket for a Cat B home league game*

- £1 discount off SUFC official coach travel

- 10% discount in the Blades Superstore*

- Super Draw – 5 weeks membership entry*

- 100 loyalty points

- Ability to book online or over the telephone and have your card activated for each game – no need to queue or collect tickets

- Priority on high profile away tickets where demand exceeds supply (subject to required amount of loyalty points)*

- Membership Card

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As always a very special thank you goes to today's matchday sponsors for their continued support:



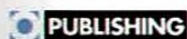
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LATEST SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS



CJCT was the main match sponsor for the league victory over Preston North End earlier this month and Rob Cunliffe is pictured receiving a framed, signed shirt from Ryan Flynn and man of the match Michael Doyle.



Meadowhall was the matchball sponsor against Preston and Ian Middleton received the signed matchball from Ryan and Michael after the game.



Presto Tools was the programme sponsor against North End and John McDonald is pictured receiving a framed, signed programme from the players



DECEMBER FAN OF THE MONTH

ROY FRISBY

Chesterfield fan Roy Frisby has been named the Sky Bet League 1 Fan of the Month for December.

Roy has been an integral part of the club's fans' forums launched at the start of the season.

Roy is the intermediary between the loyal East Stand fans in the Proact Stadium and the club - discussing issues or comments that may arise.

Roy said: "Everything I do is for the benefit of the club. To be rewarded by winning the Sky Bet League 1 Fan of the Month Award is amazing!"

"I attend a meeting with club representatives every month where I will make sure any supporter comments are relayed to the club and discussed."

Chesterfield Chief Executive Chris Turner said: "Roy is a dedicated supporter who has passed on his love of the club to his family. I would like to thank him for his support and congratulate him on winning the Award."

To Nominate a Mate you think deserves to be January's Sky Bet Fan of the Month visit - www.skybet.com/fan

Roy's scorecast prediction:

CHESTERFIELD **2**

DONCASTER ROVERS **0**

WITH GARY ROBERTS
TO SCORE FIRST - **40/1***

*subject to change

If Roy was to win the £250,000 Transfer Fund, he would buy former Chesterfield striker Craig Davies!



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From left, Luke, Matt and Ed

In safe hands

Meet United's medical team

As part of any successful management team comes a hardworking and dedicated medical team who aim to provide the best possible care for the players.

That is no different here at United and although it is a relatively new department, that is led by Head of Medical, Matt Brown, the team which includes Ed Owen (Physiotherapist), Lee McMahon (Strengthen and Conditioning Coach) and Luke Smith (Masseur) have been in place throughout this season and the quartet are very much a vital part of Nigel Clough's backroom staff.

In this exclusive interview with UTB, Matt says he wanted to give the fans a taste of the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure the players are in the best possible condition to perform to their maximum come matchday.

Matt takes up the story: "We just wanted to give an insight into what happens in and around the treatment room.

"It is a structured day for the injured players, they have to report for 9am and don't leave before 3pm in the afternoon.

"We were lucky in the early part of the season that we

had the chance to take Terry Kennedy under our remit and the same with Flo Cuvelier, who we took at nine months post operation from the Academy's medical staff and our job was to reintroduce them into the first-team squad.

"James Wallace has been a work in progress all season, but we knew that would be the case when we signed him, hopefully we can get to the bottom of his problems and he will be physically stronger moving forward.

"Ben Davies suffered quite a serious foot injury in October and again we knew it would take

an awful lot of hard work to get him on the road to recovery, thankfully he is getting there with each passing day.

"Between the four of us, we all work together to give the players the best possible care as medical staff. All of our paths cross, Luke Smith is our masseur, but he can still do strappings and apply tapes and plasters etc. Macca (Lee McMahon) has previously never had this rehabilitation environment and structure that we have now to work within, basically in the past he got the players fit and kept them fit by warming them up properly.



"He now has a rehab remit which helps us. Firstly it takes bodies out of the treatment room and secondly it offers the lads a chance to be reintroduced into the footballing environment.

"It is fantastic for us because we know Lee has a real pride in his work and now he is part of a team within a team and he contributes heavily to successfully getting players back available to the manager as soon as possible."

It isn't just Matt, Ed, Lee and Luke that are instrumental to the mechanics of United's off field care for the players, there are many individuals that also play a part at different junctures, Matt continues to explain:

"Our medical team has contact and working relationships with well respected practitioners

within our sector across the region.

"It isn't just us that you see on the pitch working with the players or even the ones out on the training ground, I have personally worked with our Chiropractor for 13 or 14 years.

"Our dentist is a fan of the Club and he is at every game, he is a visible presence and we know he will be there if we need him. If we are away at Colchester on a Tuesday night we know he will be with us. Russ (Taylor) also helps massively with when we sign new players and they need to register with a dentist in the local area when they first arrive.

"The Doctor, Jim Moxon, is also a crucial member of our extended team too and very good at his job, as you would expect. Again he is at matches both home and away and

that allows each one of us to concentrate on our own roles.

"Having worked and been based in the East Midlands for the last 20 years or so I got to know all the relevant people I would need to call upon in that area, we now have that in place here too.

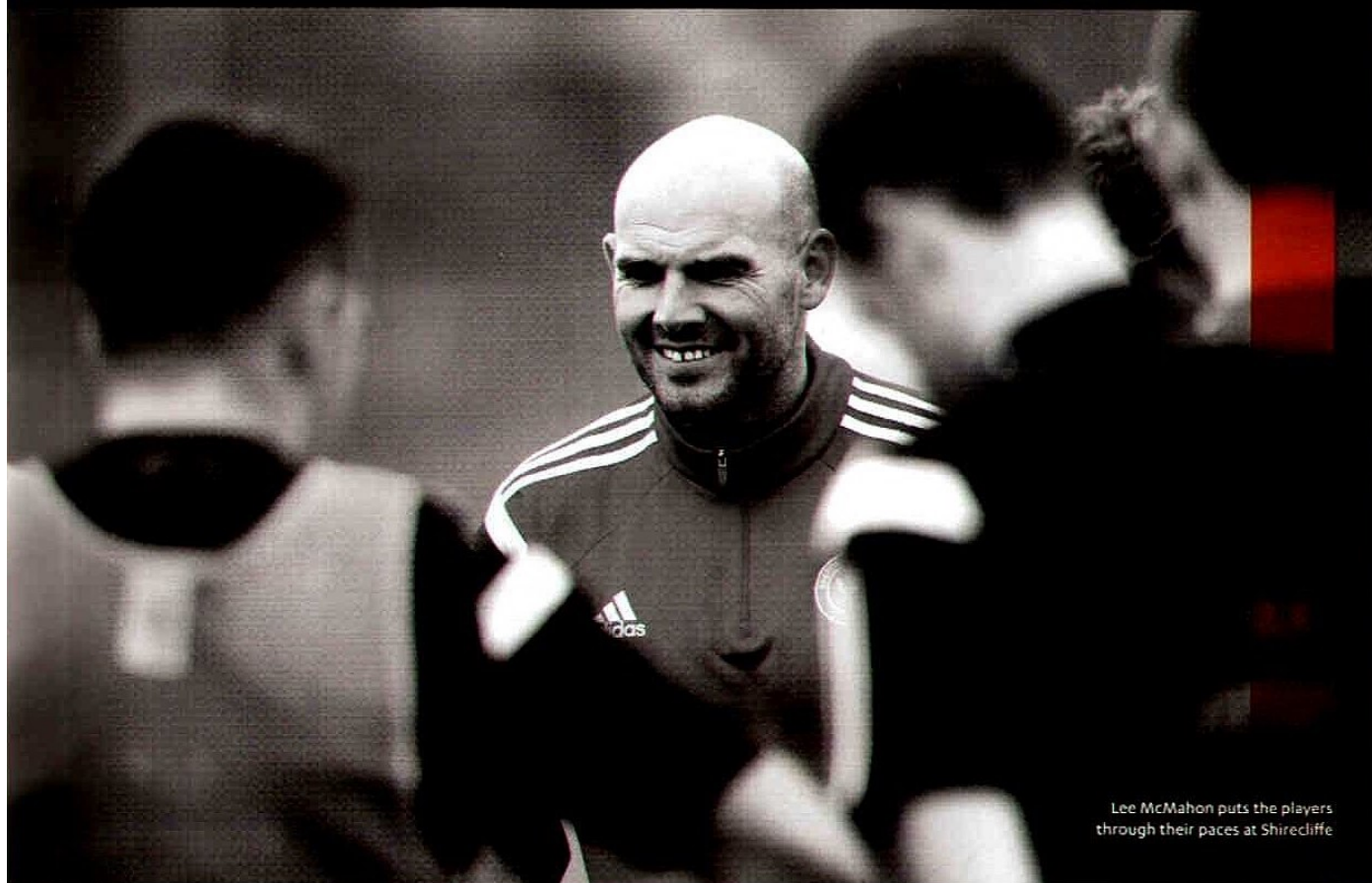
"A normal day on a normal week without a midweek game is roughly a 9-5 day. Myself, Ed, Luke and Macca, along with Lee Rickards (who works alongside Lee) have a meeting at 8.30am when we report to the training ground to plan the day.

"We know who is coming in and who is doing what. The injured lads report at 9am and everyone knows who they are working with when and what they are doing at specific times.

"We all report back to each

Ed Owen (seated)
and Matt Brown on
matchday duty >





Lee McMahon puts the players through their paces at Shirecliffe

other on the previous day's events, it is an open and frank discussion and believe it not it can get heated at times. We are honest and open, it is football and we need to be to make sure we get better each day, it is then my job to report to the Gaffer.

"When I talk to Nigel I know who is training, who isn't, who needs to see the Doc and anybody who is off sick. The whole day is planned before 9.30am.

"The lads that are scheduled to train or have played in the previous game arrive at around 9.30am and we just reassess them before training starts at 10.30am.

"Once it is just us and the injured players we get to work, they have a weight session daily, either upper or lower body depending on the individual and their injury.

"We are very practical and hands on, they also have a cardio session, if they can walk

they walk, if they are able to jog then we let them jog and if they are able to run then we push them as much as we can.

"It is important to get the lads around the main group rather than making them feel withdrawn from the first-team, which injuries do. The Gaffer is very big on keeping everyone together and involved and the players respond positively to that approach."

Weekends are a busy, but often rewarding part of the week for Matt and his staff, he adds: "Ed and Luke usually have the injured lads on a Saturday morning if we are at home, logistically it works out better for everyone and then I cover the Sundays.

"Normally the lads are in for treatment between 9-12 and then we are report to Bramall Lane for 12.30pm. We then have 30 minutes or so working together to get ready for the players who are involved to arrive from 1pm.

"We have a lot to prepare, from strappings, to rubs, to deep heat treatment and tablets. Each player has his own preferences in terms of preparation and in the hour before the teams are announced it is just about getting everyone right."

Matt concludes by thanking his team for their unquestionable commitment and backing, saying:

"Since I started at United, officially in July, all the medical staff have been fantastic, not one has ever moaned or dragged their feet.

"They have been open and made the job a lot easier with the constant information they feed me, they work hard every day they are in and we just pull together as a team to do the best job for the Club.

"I can't praise them highly enough for how they have supported me and the management team since we all arrived."

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The Football League and credit card company Capital One have teamed up to launch a nationwide search to find supporters that have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to their club.

To nominate someone for the award visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/Supporter2015

The winner will be announced at the annual Football League Awards 2015 – the tenth anniversary of the event – on Sunday 19th April at The Brewery, London, where they will receive the Capital One Supporter of the Year trophy.

Supporters are asked to nominate fellow fans that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to support their club by submitting suggestions online. Entries will only be submitted

once you press the 'SUBMIT' button at the bottom of the entry form.

Entries must include the nominee's name, supported club, and details of what makes them a great fan of their club, including why you think they should win the award.

Nominations are invited for fans of any current Football League club. A winner for each division will be decided, with the overall Capital One Supporter of the Year announced at the star-studded evening in April, which recognises and celebrates excellence both on and off the field.

Last year's overall winner was

Leeds United fan Phil Beeton. Phil has become one of the most devoted football fans in the country, attending over 2,000 consecutive Leeds United league games. He also formed a Supporters Club branch and organised travel for fellow supporters.

Blades fan Brett Price picked up the League 1 award while

Dagenham & Redbridge's John Chapman received the League 2 accolade.

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Nominations close at 12pm on Monday 9th February 2015.



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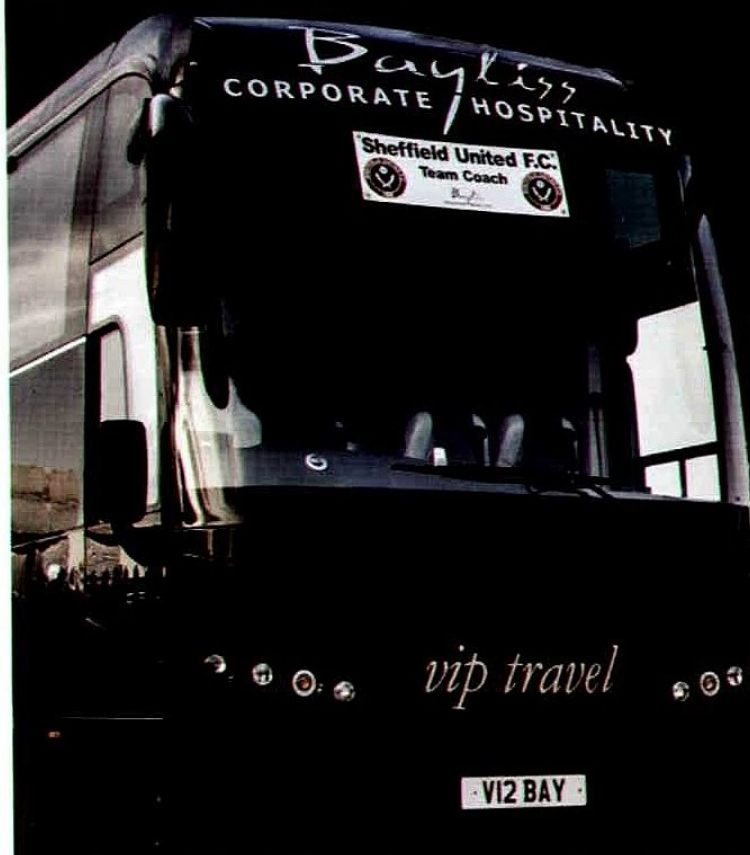
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Plenty of reasons to be optimistic, says Jamie

Jamie Murphy is hoping the majority of the 25,000 plus Blades fans that were inside Bramall Lane for Wednesday's Capital One Cup semi-final second leg with Tottenham Hotspur will be here today to give the players their full backing again.

Despite the midweek aggregate defeat at the hands of Mauricio Pochettino's Spurs, Jamie insists the Blades must bounce straight back from that disappointment, starting this afternoon against Mark Cooper's high-flying Swindon Town.

On the clash against the Robins, who start the day as Sky Bet League One leaders, the Scottish winger, who was keen to congratulate Che Adams on his first professional goals, remarked:

"We have to lift ourselves for Swindon, it is good that we are playing at Bramall Lane and hopefully a lot of the crowd from midweek will stick with us.

"They were tremendous against Spurs and we need more of the

same, because Swindon are flying at the moment and it will be a really tough game, but one we will be going all out to win.

"Che (Adams) did really well and deserved his goals. He has integrated well, he is constantly learning and he is learning off the best in the Gaffer.

"He keeps coming off the bench and showing his potential so I am sure he has a very bright future ahead of him."

Looking back on Wednesday's agonising aggregate loss, despite a spirited second-half fightback that appeared to be taking the last four clash into

extra-time, Jamie said that on reflection there is still plenty to be optimistic about.

In the end Danish international Christian Eriksen's quality ultimately proved to be the difference between the Premiership high-flyers and the Blades and with that in mind, the Scotsman believes it puts United's cup exploits for a second consecutive season into some kind of perspective.

Jamie concluded: "We showed tremendous character in the second-half having fallen behind to a terrific free-kick from Eriksen but in the end we

were disappointed not to at least force extra-time.

"But we can take an enormous amount of pride from what we have achieved over these two games and hopefully we can take the momentum into our forthcoming league fixtures.

"When Che (Adams) got his second, there was no doubt in my mind that we would go on and win the tie, Spurs were rocking and we fancied nicking it in normal time.

"But Spurs showed that bit of quality on the counter attack to nick a goal which ultimately proved to be decisive. That said, we have to take the positives from the tie – we have pushed a top Premiership team all the way over two-legs.

"The disappointment was hard to take, we wanted to get to the final and we felt we arguably deserved a place in the final, but we can exit the competition with our heads held high, we have done ourselves and the Club proud."



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Night to remember for teenager Che

Che Adams announced himself on the big stage on Wednesday night with a brace against Tottenham Hotspur in the Capital One Cup semi-final and despite the agonising 3-2 aggregate defeat, it is a night the teenager will never forget.

The 18-year-old, who confessed post-match that he is an Arsenal supporter, says scoring twice in such a big game, goals that threatened to turn the tie on its head, before Christian Eriksen's decisive second with two minutes remaining, are the moments he has dreamed of since turning professional.

Prior to his move to Bramall Lane in November, Che was playing in the Northern Premier League for Ilkeston FC and admits his progress, which has seen him feature for United against both Southampton and Tottenham in the League Cup, still doesn't seem real at times.

Looking back on Wednesday events that saw him enter the field on 73.35 replacing Jamal Campbell-Ryce, score

his first goal on 76.28 and net the second in front of the kop on 78.48, Che conceded it still hadn't sunk in properly. "I am still lost for words really, to play against Tottenham and come up against all those internationals is absolutely crazy for me personally, considering I was in non-league just a few months ago.

"As you could see from the celebrations when I did score I had no idea what was going on, my mind was a blank, I was in

complete shock. On reflection I was just delighted to have come on and got us back in the tie.

"I bet the Tottenham fans had never heard of me, but I am sure they will know who I am now because those goals gave them a massive scare and if Louis Reed's shot had gone in then who knows what might have happened.

"At 2-1 we had all the momentum and I honestly believe if we hadn't had conceded when we did we

would have either nicked it in normal time or won in it extra-time, Spurs were rocking."

Che whose goals in midweek brought a tear to his Mum's eyes in the Lane crowd, now hopes to establish himself as a more regular starter in Nigel Clough's team, but acknowledges he still has plenty to learn and feels he is in the best place to do so.

The forward added: "I am here to play games and thankfully the Gaffer gave me a chance against Spurs, let's just hope that was the start of things to come. I am just desperate to play football and do well for the Club.

"I am happy with my progress, but there is still much more to come. I am getting used to things with each day that goes by, but it still takes time to sink in on occasions like Wednesday night.

"My next objective is to become a more regular starter, I started against Walsall, but I am eager for more minutes and I am happy to play wherever the Gaffer wants me to."



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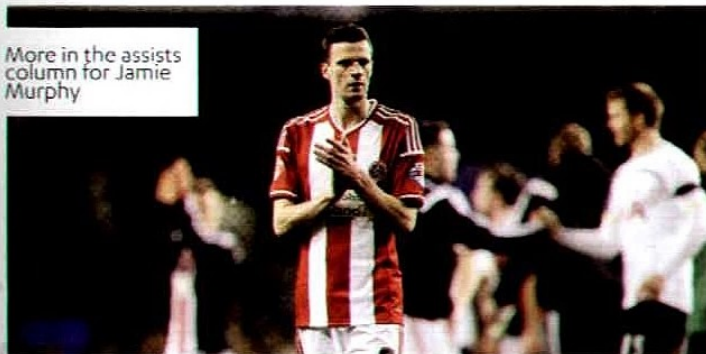
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Player	Place of birth, Date of birth	League Apps	Goals	Cups/Play-offs Apps	Goals	United Career Apps	Goals	+ - =	Goals	Market Value
Adams, Che	Leicester, 13/7/96	1	(1)	-	(2)	2	1	(3)	2	- - -
Alcock, Craig	Truro, 8/12/87	17	(1)	-	7	-	24	(1)	-	3 2 -
Basham, Chris	Peterborough, 30/5/88	16	(2)	-	10	-	26	(2)	-	2 8 1
Baxter, Jose	Liverpool, 7/2/92	15	(4)	3	8 (5)	3	59 (18)	14	5 4 -	-
Brayford, John	Stoke-on-Trent, 29/12/87	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	2	- - -
Campbell-Ryce, Jamal	Lambeth, 6/4/83	12	(4)	4	9 (3)	3	21 (7)	7	3 3 -	-
Collins, Neill	Troon, 2/9/83	8	-	1	3 (1)	-	179 (3)	10	-	- - -
Coutts, Paul	Aberdeen, 22/7/88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -
Cuvelier, Florent	Anderlecht, Bel 12/9/92	1	(2)	-	1 (1)	-	8 (5)	-	1 1 -	-
Davies, Ben	Birmingham, 27/5/81	9	-	4	5 -	-	22 (12)	7	2 1 -	-
De Girolamo, Diego	Chesterfield, 5/10/95	-	-	-	3 (2)	1	3 (5)	1	-	- - -
Dimaio, Connor	Chesterfield, 28/1/96	-	-	-	1 -	-	3 (1)	-	-	- - -
Doyle, Michael	Dublin, 8/8/81	21	(2)	-	11 (1)	-	201 (8)	9	1 5 -	-
Flynn, Ryan	Edinburgh, 4/9/88	9	(11)	1	10 -	2	117 (34)	16	2 3 -	-
Freeman, Kieron	Arnold, 21/3/92	-	-	-	-	-	10 (2)	-	-	- - -
Harris, Bob	Glasgow, 28/8/87	17	(5)	2	13 (1)	-	43 (9)	2	5 6 -	-
Higdon, Michael	Liverpool, 2/9/83	8	(4)	2	3 (4)	3	11 (6)	5	2 - 1	-
Howard, Mark	Southwark, 21/9/86	24	-	-	12 -	-	74 -	-	-	1 -
Kennedy, Terry	Barnsley, 14/11/94	2	-	-	2 -	-	8 (4)	-	-	1 -
McEveley, Jay	Liverpool, 11/2/85	20	(2)	-	8 (1)	-	28 (3)	-	-	5 -
McGahey, Harrison	Preston, 26/9/95	11	(4)	-	6 (1)	-	17 (5)	-	-	1 -
McGinn, Stephen	Glasgow, 2/12/88	-	-	-	4 -	-	32 (10)	-	-	- - -
McNulty, Marc	Edinburgh, 14/9/92	7	(13)	6	7 (3)	4	14 (16)	10	2 2 -	-
Murphy, Jamie	Glasgow, 28/8/89	23	-	4	8 (4)	-	82 (16)	13	11 1 -	-
Reed, Louis	Barnsley, 25/7/97	3	(7)	-	10 (2)	-	13 (10)	-	6 2 -	-
Scougall, Stefan	Edinburgh, 7/12/92	18	(1)	1	6 (2)	-	41 (6)	4	1 3 -	-
Turner, Iain	Stirling, 26/1/84	-	-	-	2 -	-	2 -	-	-	- - -
Wallace, James	Fazakerley, 19/12/91	7	(3)	-	1 (2)	-	8 (5)	-	-	1 -
Wallace, Kieran	Nottingham, 26/01/95	1	(1)	-	(2)	-	1 (3)	-	-	- - -
Whiteman, Ben	Rochdale, 17/6/96	-	-	-	(1)	-	- (1)	-	-	- - -
Willis, George	Sheffield, 30/7/95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- - -
Also played:						Others	3	-	-	-
Butler, Andy	Doncaster, 4/11/83	-	-	-	1 -	1	1 -	1	-	- - -
McCarthy, Paddy	Dublin, 31/5/83	10	(1)	1	-	-	10 (1)	1	-	1 1
O'Grady, Chris	Nottingham, 25/1/86	4	-	1	-	-	4 -	1	-	- - -
Porter, Chris	Wigan, 12/12/83	-	(1)	-	3 (1)	-	69 (49)	23	-	- - -

More in the assists column for Jamie Murphy



Goals: The breakdown

Shots: 39 Headers: 7 Penalties: 3 Own Goals: 1

	Home					Away					CD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1 Swindon	26	8	3	2	24	13	8	3	2	28	12	+27 54
2 Bristol City	25	9	2	1	23	9	7	4	2	25	13	+26 54
3 Milton Keynes Dons	26	10	2	2	36	12	5	5	2	18	15	+27 52
4 Preston North End	26	6	6	1	23	15	7	2	4	17	11	+14 47
5 Chesterfield FC	26	7	3	3	22	14	3	5	5	17	20	+5 38
6 Rochdale	25	4	3	6	17	17	7	1	4	28	16	+12 37
7 Fleetwood Town	27	5	6	3	15	14	5	1	7	12	12	+1 37
8 Bradford	25	4	3	6	16	18	6	3	3	16	11	+3 36
9 Sheff Utd	24	5	4	3	14	12	5	2	5	16	17	+1 36
10 Notts County	26	4	2	7	15	19	5	6	2	15	12	-1 35
11 Doncaster	25	3	4	5	9	13	6	4	3	17	16	-3 35
12 Port Vale	27	7	2	5	20	18	3	3	7	13	20	-5 35
13 Peterborough	26	4	3	6	14	18	6	1	6	19	16	-1 34
14 Oldham	25	5	4	3	18	18	3	6	4	17	20	-3 34
15 Walsall	26	4	4	5	14	16	4	5	4	12	12	-2 33
16 Gillingham	27	6	4	4	23	21	2	3	8	12	22	-8 31
17 Scunthorpe	24	4	2	6	12	19	4	4	4	21	21	-7 30
18 Coventry	27	4	5	4	13	17	3	4	7	14	20	-10 30
19 Barnsley	25	5	2	5	23	21	3	3	7	11	17	-4 29
20 Crewe	26	5	3	5	14	19	3	2	8	11	25	-19 29
21 Colchester	26	3	2	8	14	22	4	4	5	17	20	-11 27
22 Leyton Orient	26	2	3	7	15	18	4	5	5	19	21	-5 26
23 Yeovil	27	2	5	7	6	19	4	2	7	15	20	-18 25
24 Crawley Town	27	4	5	4	14	19	1	4	9	10	27	-22 24

	Away Fans at Lane	Blades (Away)	Round Trip (miles)
Barnsley	2961	-	-
Bradford City	-	1997	90
Bristol City	655	-	-
Chesterfield	-	1957	20
Colchester	-	505	366
Coventry	-	931	190
Crawley	155	-	-
Crewe	-	1549	120
Doncaster	-	4269	44
Fleetwood	-	1285	194
Gillingham	340	-	-
Leyton Orient	599	-	-
MK Dons	268	1451	230
Notts County	1111	-	-
Oldham	1234	-	-
Peterborough	-	1062	190
Port Vale	-	2594	98
Preston	1599	1817	152
Rochdale	791	-	-
Scunthorpe	-	-	-
Swindon	-	873	332
Walsall	-	-	-
Yeovil	155	-	-
Championship			
Mansfield Town	1250	-	-
West Ham	-	1385	340
Leyton Orient	-	715	330
MK Dons	-	1428	230
Southampton	4037	-	-
Tottenham	5486	3993	320
League One			
Hartlepool	-	361	218
Walsall	-	342	142
League Two			
Crewe	-	930	120
Crewe (Replay)	200	-	-
Plymouth Argyle	638	-	-
QPR	-	2735	318
Preston	-	2819	152
Total Mileage			4196

Our League record						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2304	1225	586	493	4266	2546
Away	2304	615	559	1130	2771	4063
Total	4608	1840	1145	1623	7037	6609
Goal Times						
	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
For	3	3	3	8	11	22
Against	2	6	6	8	5	10
For ET	-	-	-	-	-	-
Against ET	-	-	-	-	-	-

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GAME BY GAME - 2014/15

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Date	Opposition/Camp	Score	Pos	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sat 9 Aug	Bristol City	1-2	19	19,889	Howard	Davies	Alcock	McCahey	Harris	Reed	Basham	Scougall
Wed 13 Aug	Mansfield (CCR1)	2-1	-	7,929	Howard	Davies	Collins	Butler 1	Harris	Doyle	McGinn	Baxter
Sat 16 Aug	Coventry	0-1	22	2,279	Howard	Davies	Alcock	McCahey	Harris	Reed	Basham	Scougall
Tue 19 Aug	Peterborough	2-1	18	6,578	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Basham	Davies 1
Sat 23 Aug	Crawley	1-0	12	18,178	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Basham	Davies
Tue 26 Aug	West Ham (CCR2)	1-1	-	28,930	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	Harris	Doyle	Basham	Davies
Sat 30 Aug	Preston	1-1	12	11,058	Howard	Davies	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Basham	Campbell-Pyr
Sat 13 Sep	Rochdale	1-0	9	19,122	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Basham	Davies
Tue 16 Sep	Colchester	3-2	6	3,084	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Harris	Doyle	Davies 2
Sat 20 Sep	Swindon	2-5	10	7,536	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Basham	Davies 1
Tue 23 Sep	Leyton Orient (CCR3)	1-0	-	3,223	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	Harris	Wallace	McGinn	Reed
Sat 27 Sep	Gillingham	2-1	7	18,487	Howard	Alcock	Collins	McCahey	McEveley	Doyle	Wallace	Scougall
Sat 4 Oct	Chesterfield	2-3	11	9,723	Howard	Alcock	Collins 1	McCarthy	McEveley	Doyle	Wallace	Scougall
Tue 7 Oct	Hartlepool (LPT2)	2-1	-	1,856	Turner	Davies	Basham	McCahey	Harris	Reed	McGinn	Baxter 1
Sat 11 Oct	Leyton Orient	2-2	10	19,179	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	McCarthy 1	Harris	Doyle	Wallace	Scougall
Sat 18 Oct	Bradford	2-0	7	14,784	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris 1	Doyle	Basham	Scougall
Tue 21 Oct	Yeovil	2-0	6	19,353	Howard	Alcock	Basham	McCahey	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Scougall
Sat 25 Oct	Crewe	1-0	5	5,699	Howard	Alcock	Basham	McCarthy	Harris	Doyle	Wallace	Scougall 1
Tue 28 Oct	MK Dons (CCR4)	2-1	-	8,520	Howard	Alcock	McCahey	McEveley	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Scougall
Sat 1 Nov	Barnsley	0-1	8	24,495	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris	Doyle	Wallace	Scougall
Sat 8 Nov	Crewe (FAC1)	0-0	-	3,222	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Baxter
Wed 12 Nov	Walsall (JPTNOF)	0-1	-	2,127	Turner	Alcock	McCahey	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Reed	McGinn
Sat 15 Nov	Doncaster	1-0	5	11,037	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris	Wallace	Basham	Scougall
Tue 18 Nov	Crewe (FAC1R)	2-0	-	5,987	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Scougall
Sat 22 Nov	Oldham	1-1	5	19,767	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris	Doyle	Basham	Scougall
Fri 28 Nov	Notts County	1-1	5	19,385	Howard	Basham	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris	Doyle	Baxter	Scougall
Tue 2 Dec	MK Dons	0-1	5	17,030	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris	Doyle	Basham	Scougall
Sat 6 Dec	Plymouth (FAC2)	3-0	-	7,348	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Baxter 2P	Scougall
Sat 13 Dec	Fleetwood	1-1	5	4,269	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	McCarthy	Harris 1	Doyle	Baxter	Wallace
Tue 16 Dec	Southampton (CCR5)	1-0	-	21,906	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Cuvellier
Sat 20 Dec	Walsall	1-1	5	20,209	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Baxter	Scougall
Fri 26 Dec	Port Vale	1-2	6	8,524	Howard	McCahey	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Cuvellier	Scougall
Sun 4 Jan	QPR (FAC3)	3-0	-	12,972	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Kennedy	Harris	Doyle	Reed	Scougall
Sat 10 Jan	Preston	2-1	6	19,902	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Kennedy	Harris	Doyle	Scougall	Baxter
Sat 17 Jan	MK Dons	0-1	7	9,633	Howard	Alcock	McEveley	Kennedy	Harris	Doyle	Scougall	Baxter
Wed 21 Jan	Tottenham (CCSF1)	0-1	-	35,323	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Scougall	Reed
Sat 24 Jan	Preston (FAC4)	1-1	-	10,770	Howard	Davies	Kennedy	Basham	McCahey	Alcock	Dimas	Reed
Wed 28 Jan	Tottenham (CCSF2)	2-2	-	30,236	Howard	Flynn	McEveley	Basham	Harris	Doyle	Scougall	Baxter
Sat 31 Jan	Swindon											
Tue 3 Feb	Preston (FAC4R)											
Sat 7 Feb	Gillingham											
Tue 10 Feb	Colchester											
Sat 14 Feb	Bristol City											
Tue 17 Feb	Notts County											
Sat 21 Feb	Coventry											
Tue 24 Feb	Rochdale											
Sat 28 Feb	Crawley											
Tue 3 Mar	Peterborough											
Sat 7 Mar	Fleetwood											
Sat 14 Mar	Scunthorpe											
Tue 17 Mar	Walsall											
Sat 21 Mar	Port Vale											
Tue 24 Mar	Scunthorpe											
Sat 28 Mar	Crewe											
Sat 4 Apr	Barnsley											
Tue 7 Apr	Doncaster											
Sat 11 Apr	Oldham											
Tue 14 Apr	Yeovil											
Sat 18 Apr	Bradford											
Sat 25 Apr	Leyton Orient											
Sun 3 May	Chesterfield											

* Own Goal ** Won 5-4 on pens

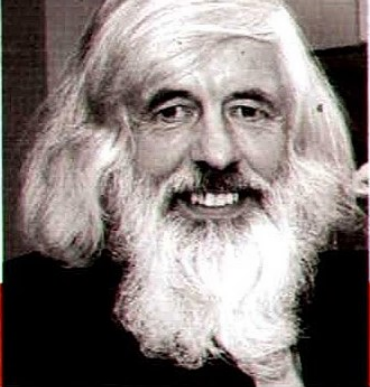
Home games in **bold**. Player's name in **bold** denotes number of goals scored.
P = Penalty. Yellow and Red block colour denotes caution or sending off.

Key:
Booked: Sent off:
Scorer: **bold** Subs: (12)
Numbers in brackets denote player substituted

Competitions:
FAC: FA Cup
CC: Capital One Cup
JPT: Johnstone's Paint Trophy



9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Referee
Flynn	Murphy	Higdon 1	Willis	Collins	Doyle	Baxter (7)	Campbell-Ryce (9)	McNulty (8)	Porter	P. Tierney
Campbell-Ryce	McNulty 1	Porter	Willis	McCahey (10)	Basham	Flynn	Murphy (7)	Higdon (11)	De Girolamo	C. Eltringham
Flynn	Murphy	Higdon	Turner	Collins	McEveley (9)	Doyle (6)	Baxter (8)	Campbell-Ryce	McNulty	G. Scott
Murphy	Baxter 1	McNulty	Turner	Harris	Butler	Reed	Flynn (10)	Campbell-Ryce	Higdon (11)	S. Duncan
Murphy	Baxter 1	Higdon	Turner	Harris (5)	McGinn	Reed (10)	Flynn (10)	Campbell-Ryce	McNulty	A. D'Urso
Flynn	Baxter	McNulty	Turner	McEveley (5)	Wallace (10)	Reed	Murphy	Campbell-Ryce (9)	Higdon	J. Limington
Murphy	Baxter 1	Higdon	Turner	Harris (6)	Wallace (10)	Reed	McGinn	Flynn	McNulty (11)	S. Stockbridge
Campbell-Ryce 1	Baxter	Murphy	Turner	Harris	Wallace (7)	Reed	Flynn (11)	McNulty (8)	Higdon	G. Sutton
Wallace	McNulty	Higdon	Turner	McGinn	Reed (5)	Basham	Flynn 1 (11)	Scougall (9)	Porter	O. Langford
Scougall	Murphy	McNulty 1	Turner	Harris (3)	Reed (7)	McGinn	Flynn (9)	Higdon	Porter	G. Ward
Flynn	Murphy	Higdon 1	Turner	McEveley	Doyle (6)	Davies	Scougall	McNulty	Porter (11)	J. Adcock
Davies	Murphy 1	McNulty	Turner	Harris (5)	Basham	Reed	Flynn (9)	Higdon 1 (11)	Porter	K. Wright
Flynn	Murphy	Higdon	Turner	Harris (5)	Basham	Reed	Davies	Campbell-Ryce (9)	McNulty 1 (7)	M. Brown
Campbell-Ryce 1	De Girolamo	Porter	Willis	Collins (11)	Doyle	Murphy (10)	McNulty (8)			C. Boyeson
Flynn	Murphy	Baxter	Turner	McCahey	Basham (8)	Reed	Davies	Campbell-Ryce (7)	McNulty 1 (11)	A. Haines
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	Baxter	Turner	McCahey (3)	Reed	Davies	Flynn (9)	Porter	McNulty 1 (8)	S. Hooper
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy 1	McNulty 1	Turner	Kennedy	McGinn	Davies	Flynn (9)	Baxter (8)	Higdon (11)	D. Webb
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	Baxter	Turner	McCahey	McEveley (3)	Reed (8)	Davies	McNulty (11)	Higdon	P. Banks
Davies	Murphy	McNulty	Turner	Kennedy	McGinn	Dimaio	Campbell-Ryce (9)	Baxter (8)	Higdon 2 (11)	R. East
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	Baxter	Turner	McCahey	Basham	Reed	Flynn (9)	McNulty (7)	Porter (11)	S. McIlwain
Campbell-Ryce	Flynn	Murphy	Turner	McCahey	Kennedy	McGinn	Scougall (8)	De Girolamo (10)	Porter	M. Russell
Flynn	De Girolamo	Porter	Howard	Kennedy	Scougall (8)	Campbell-Ryce (10)	Baxter (11)			D. Coote
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy 1	Baxter	Turner	McCahey (11)	Reed	Doyle (6)	Flynn (9)	De Girolamo	Adams	K. Hill
Campbell-Ryce	Flynn 2	Murphy	Turner	McCahey	Kennedy	Khan	Whiteman (5)	De Girolamo (11)	Baxter (9)	G. Eltringham
Flynn	Murphy	Baxter	Turner	McCahey	Kennedy	Reed	Campbell-Ryce 1 (11)	De Girolamo	Adams	A. Davies
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy 1	Higdon	Turner	McCahey	K. Wallace	Reed (7)	Flynn (6)	Adams	McNulty (11)	R. Medley
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	O'Grady	Turner	McCahey (7)	Reed	Baxter (10)	Adams	McNulty (11)	Higdon	L. Collins
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	Higdon	Turner	McCahey	Kennedy	Reed (8)	Khan	Cuvelier (7)	McNulty 1 (9)	G. Sutton
O'Grady	Murphy	Higdon	Turner	McCahey	Basham (7)	Adams	Campbell-Ryce	Cuvelier (8)	McNulty (11)	A. Mannner
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	McNulty 1	Turner	McCahey	Kennedy	Adams (9)	K. Wallace (7)	Baxter (8)	Higdon	M. Oliver
Adams	Murphy	O'Grady 1	Turner	McCahey (2)	McCarthy	K. Wallace	Cuvelier (9)	McNulty (7)	Higdon	G. Horwood
Campbell-Ryce 1	Murphy	O'Grady	Turner	McCarthy (7)	Reed (8)	Adams	McNulty (2)	Baxter	Higdon	S. Attwell
Campbell-Ryce 2	Baxter	McNulty 1	Turner	McCahey	Alcock	J. Wallace (10)	Dimaio	Murphy (11)	Higdon (6)	M. Clattenburg
Campbell-Ryce 1	Murphy	McNulty 1	Turner	Alcock (9)	J. Wallace (7)	K. Wallace (8)	Reed	Adams	Higdon	G. Eltringham
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	McNulty	Long	McCahey	K. Wallace	Dimaio	Adams (2)	Reed (7)	Higdon (11)	L. Mason
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	McNulty	Turner	Alcock	Kennedy	K. Wallace (7)	Adams	Baxter (11)	Higdon	N. Swarbrick
Baxter	De Girolamo 1	Higdon	Long	Harris (2)	Doyle	Scougall	Murphy (7)	Campbell-Ryce	McNulty (10)	K. Stroud
Campbell-Ryce	Murphy	McNulty	Turner	Alcock	Kennedy	K. Wallace	Adams 2 (9)	Reed (6)	Higdon (11)	M. Dean



Stats all Folks!

Blades Statistician **Andrew Kirkham** delves into the archives to enlighten Unitedites with topical figures...

THE NAME'S THE SAME

In our last home league game, two of our three used subs were Kieran and James Wallace.

The United web site made it clear, of course, which Wallace came on as the first sub of the two but another well-known site did not.

Having two players with the same surname can cause confusion for those of us who like to keep accurate records. Perhaps the most notable confusion as far as United players are concerned involved Graham and Joe Shaw. For many years several record books listed our record appearance maker Joe as having made 629 league appearances, not the correct total of 632 (at least one current long-running record book still has it wrong) and the fault was with the Football League. From 1888-89, the League's first season, until fairly recent times the League kept a record of players' appearances in wonderful leather bound ledgers.

Each club was allotted four pages and on two of these was a grid with a list of players down the side and a list of games along the top and, after every game, each club informed the league who had played. A clerk then put 11 ticks in that game's column against the relevant players. Sometimes there were errors.

For the occasional United game there were only 10 ticks, sometimes 12 and sometimes no goalkeeper. For one season, in the early 1950s, three of Joe Shaw's ticks were 'given' to Graham – hence the mistake in the record books. The only way to sort out these errors 40 or more years later is to carefully read the press reports – and there is no doubt that Joe played in those three games.

BROTHERS TOGETHER

A previous season's programme has mentioned brothers who have played together for United and they obviously had the same name. They were...

Alan and Stephen Quinn (2000s)	Arthur and David Mercer (1920s)
Andy and Rob Scott (1990s)	Tommy and Bill Sampy (1920s)
Paul and Brian Smith (1980s)	Bernard and Billy Wilkinson (1900s)
Tony and Barry Wagstaff (1960s)	Harry and Will Lilley (1890s)
Bernard and Graham Shaw (1960s)	



Shaw thing... (from left) Joe, Graham and Bernard

NO RELATION

There are 14 examples of non-related players with the same surname playing together for United. The last time (before the Wallaces) was in October/November 1998 when Des and Ian Hamilton started four games and finished two of them together. Before that we have to go the early 1960s when Bernard and Joe Shaw played together but earlier Joe had played many games with Graham, Bernard's brother.

For the record other pairs of players in this category are...

Jack and Fred E Smith (1940s)	Harry (senior) and Charlie Johnson (1900s)
Charlie and Dennis Thompson (1940s)	Archie and Ernest Needham (1900s)
Sydney and John Gibson (1930s)	Harry (snr) and Edward Johnson (1890s)
Harry (jnr) and Martin Johnson (1920s)	Bob and Walter Hill (1890s)
John and Joe Smith (1910s)	

Two other players, likely to cause even more confusion for the statistician, were Fred A Smith and Fred E Smith who played together in the early 1950s. Because of their difference in height Fred A was known as 'Little Fred' and Fred E as 'Big Fred'.

THREE OF A KIND

For two games in March 1964 and two more in March 1965 Bernard, Graham and Joe Shaw all played together. One unusual feature of the 1964 games was left back Graham Shaw playing at centre forward. He didn't score.

TWO PAIRS

For one game in 1907-08 (a 0-0 draw at Birmingham) the Wilkinson brothers both played as did the two Johnsons, Harry and Charlie.

A double pairing also occurred for two games in 1965 – on 27th and 28th December. Both games were against Spurs and both were lost despite the help of Joe and Graham Shaw and the Wagstaff brothers.

ONE PAIR

Of all the players with the same surname, related or not, Joe and Graham Shaw have played together most times. Between 1951-52 and 1965-66 they started 389 league games together and, other than injuries, they finished them together, (they played before substitutes were allowed).

Putting their total of appearances alongside each other into perspective, only eight other players of the 1,000+ who have played league games for the Blades have made more than 389 appearances for the club. Whether any other pair, whatever their surnames, made more appearances together than Joe and Graham may be mentioned in a later programme!



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- 3 Bob Harris
- 4 James Wallace
- 5 John Brayford
- 6 Chris Basham
- 7 Ryan Flynn
- 8 Michael Doyle
- 9 Jamie Murphy
- 10 Stefan Scougall
- 11 Jose Baxter
- 12 Marc McNulty
- 13 George Willis
- 14 Stephen McGinn
- 15 Neill Collins
- 16 Ben Davies
- 17 Harrison McGahey
- 18 Paul Coutts
- 19 Jay McEveley
- 20 Jamal Campbell-Ryce
- 21 Michael Higdon
- 22 Louis Reed
- 23 Diego De Girolamo
- 24 Iain Turner
- 26 Kieron Freeman
- 27 Terry Kennedy
- 29 Che Adams
- 33 Kieran Wallace
- 34 Florent Cuvelier



Manager:

Mark Cooper

- 1 Wes Foderingham
- 2 Nathan Thompson
- 3 Nathan Byrne
- 4 Massimo Luongo
- 5 Jack Stephens
- 6 Jordan Turnbull
- 7 Ben Gladwin
- 8 Yaser Kasim
- 9 Michael Smith
- 10 Andy Williams
- 14 John Swift
- 15 Harry Toffolo
- 16 Connor Waldon
- 18 George Barker
- 19 Louis Thompson
- 20 Jonathan Obika
- 21 Mathew Jones
- 22 Darren Ward
- 23 Jack Barthram
- 24 Jermaine Hylton
- 25 Tyrell Belford
- 26 Anton Rodgers
- 27 Josue Antonio
- 29 Raphael Branco
- 30 Harry Agombar

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