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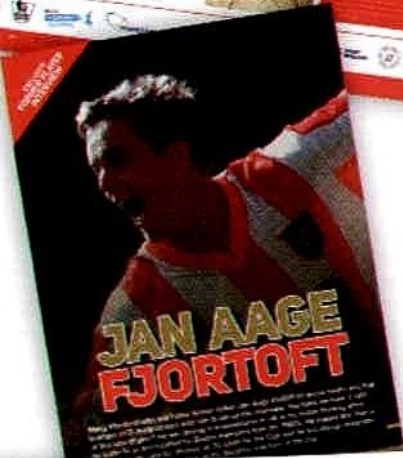
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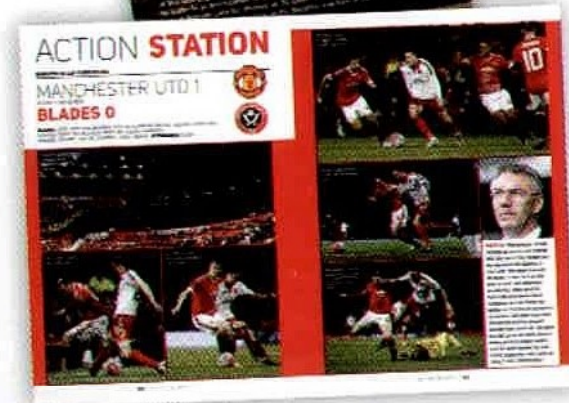
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THE GAFFER: NIGEL ADKINS

Welcome back for this afternoon's SkyBet League One game against Swindon Town - It feels like a long time since we were last at the Lane!

We've had three away trips, the first being the mouth-watering Emirates FA Cup Third Round tie at Old Trafford. I must say the support you provided the players on the day was magnificent. Thank you. We so nearly managed a result that would have seen Manchester United return to play at a full house here at Bramall Lane.

The players demonstrated the grit and resilience that is required to be successful, with a dramatic comeback at Wigan Athletic on the Tuesday evening following the late Saturday afternoon kick-off in front of almost 75,000 supporters.

A draw away from home, especially against opposition higher than you in the league, adds another point to the total. However, the manner of the spirit and character shown by the players gives me belief that the heart and soul in this team is strong.

A couple of decisions went against us on the night and at 3-0 down with 20-odd minutes left against strong opponents, it is always going to be a challenge. It was a challenge that the players met head on, another goal from Billy Sharp and a brace from Matty Done levelled the scores. The team finished the game very strongly, with a superb level of fitness and intensity, it is a shame that we ran out of time in our search for the winner.

The third away trip in a week was at Colchester United and again, thank you to all who travelled to support the team - a great effort.

Billy scoring again, this time from the quick distribution of Academy graduate George Long, put us in front. Colchester started the second-half very strongly and gained momentum to level, but I must congratulate the players on winning the game with a David Edgar goal from a corner in the later stages. It takes grit, resilience, character and a team spirit to achieve an away victory.

It's not just the players, though, we have a togetherness and belief to achieve throughout the club. Andy Crosby's organisation at set-plays has again proved profitable, whilst Dr Jim Moxon went out of his way for the team to attend a fixture to give Billy an important injection to help him play.

Our medical and sports science team have been very busy recently, providing care and attention in recovery and fitness protocols for the team, with new part-time addition Jules Hayton adding vast experience in that area.

The January transfer window provides an opportunity that we are endeavouring to take to keep improving the group. It also applies to players moving on as we manage budgets and the size of the squad.

Finally, welcome to Swindon Town's players, management and supporters who have made the long trip north and we wish them a safe journey back to Wiltshire after the game.

United together

Nigel

"IT TAKES GRIT, RESILIENCE, CHARACTER AND A TEAM SPIRIT TO ACHIEVE AN AWAY VICTORY"

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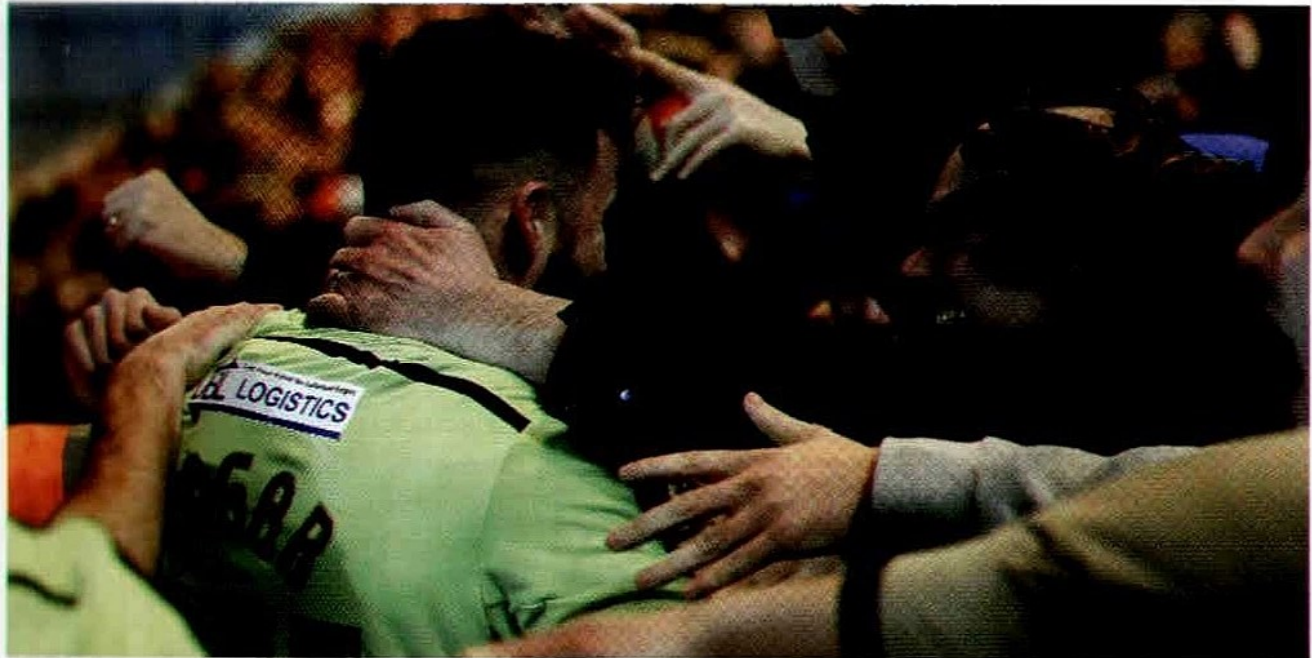
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'MY GOAL', CLAIMS EDGAR



UTB can confirm the goalscorer of United's late winner last weekend.

"The scorer of the winning goal at Colchester was Sheffield United's No.34, David Edgar!" said David Edgar after the game, clearing up some confusion.

"Fair play to Bash, he got across the front of his marker and got a flick on, but the final touch came off me, that's for sure, although it wasn't the prettiest of goals, I am claiming it."

Media sources at Colchester originally thought Chris Basham had netted, but after closer inspection, the Canadian added a vital touch.

A number of media outlets will still have Basham as the scorer as it is difficult to amend, once the official stats provider, who supply numerous sources including newspapers and websites, names who they think is the goalscorer but the matter is now with the Football League to have defender David duly credited.

With that settled, the Canadian skipper acknowledged it was a job well done in Essex, as United enter today's clash just a point off the top six. David says if it has to be substance over style in a bid to break into the play-off pack in the coming weeks, then so be it.

He continued: "It doesn't really matter who scored the winning goal, it is another three points on the board, but it was definitely fortunate. The winning goal was for those 800 or so hardy souls who had made a long, long trip down to Colchester on a cold winter's day.

"It was a tough second-half, we were far from our best, but we ground out an important win and gave the

fans a moment to enjoy. We were disappointed with the goal we conceded, but we showed our fighting spirit to snatch a winner at the death."

David is confident the Blades are now firmly on the right track as Bramall Lane prepares to welcome in-form Swindon Town this afternoon and the Birmingham City loanee points to the camaraderie within the squad as key to United's upturn in results and performances in recent weeks.

He added: "It was a tough week for everyone connected with the club with three games on the road.

"For the players, Old Trafford was mentally draining, Wigan took a lot out of us having fought back from 3-0 down and credit to Colchester they came out with a point to prove in the second-half and took the game to us.

"But we have a real togetherness and team spirit within the squad. We work our socks off individually and collectively and as a team we never believe or accept we are beaten."

January is always regarded as an important month for all teams and United are no different with David believing there is still more to come.

He finished: "We are slowly but surely finding our consistency, we haven't suffered with injuries and suspensions of late but we know there are good players waiting in the wings to take the starting jerseys if we don't perform. We are going to have to win ugly at times, but things are coming together and if we keep progressing and improving then we will give ourselves the best possible chance of being successful."

PROPERTY VIEWING TIPS FROM REDBRIK

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

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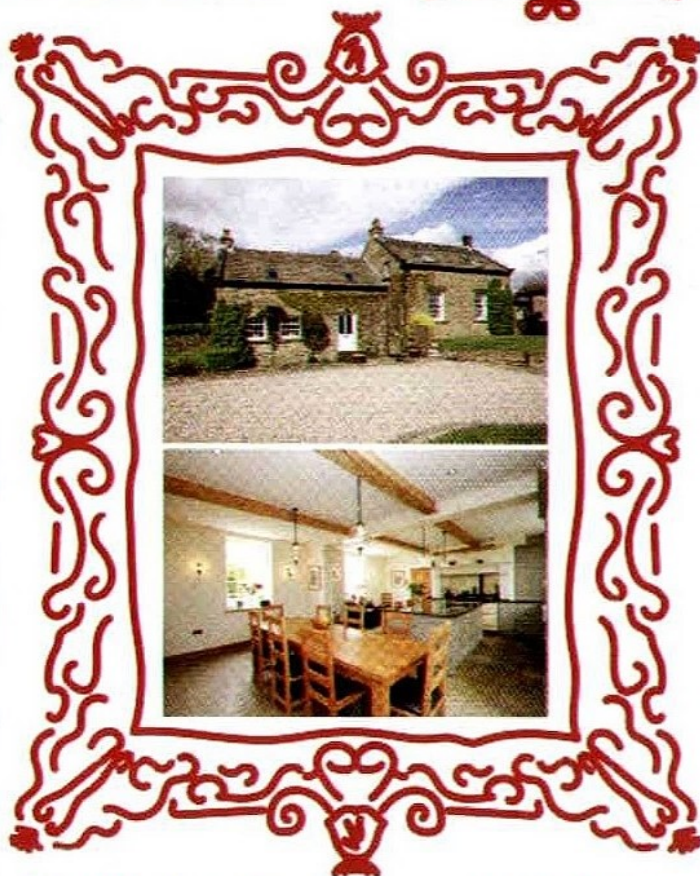
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4. Book a viewing!

5. Ask questions and don't just concentrate on the exciting stuff! Find out about the boiler, the electrics and windows. This is all important information that could save you a headache further down the line!

6. Once you've weighed everything up, call the agent and give them the honest feedback, it really is valued.

7. If you're interested in the property then

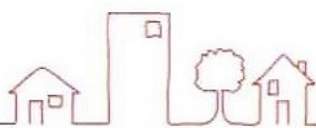


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FULLY-FOCUSED **DEAN** IS HAPPY TO STAY

Dean Hammond says he is focused on helping the Blades win promotion to the Championship rather than about his own long-term future, having committed himself to United until the end of the current campaign.

The experienced midfielder, who has described representing the club as an 'honour', extended his loan from Leicester City on the eve of last Saturday's clash against Colchester United, having previously signed at Bramall Lane in late October.

Manager Nigel Adkins has spoken of his admiration for Dean in recent weeks and months, and with the midfielder out of contract at the King Power Stadium in the summer speculation has already begun about a permanent move to S2.

But the player himself has vowed to channel all his energies into helping the Blades regain a place in England's second-tier, believing other matters will take care of themselves if the aforementioned goes to plan.

He remarked: "I'm just living in the present at the moment. I'm just enjoying playing my football and not thinking about anything else.

"We're in the mix and my focus is on trying to do something here. That's what I'm concentrating on, doing well for Sheffield United and nothing else."

The 32-year-old knows what it takes to win promotion, having done so twice in consecutive seasons under the stewardship of his current boss at Southampton, whilst he was a regular in the Foxes side that reached the top-flight in the 2013-14 campaign.

He continued: "I'm loving it and to play for a big club like this is a real honour. Like everyone else, I want to achieve something with the Blades.

"It was always part of my plan to stay because I know the manager well, I've had success under him in the past, and I've seen the ambition here. It's a great club with a superb fan base and excellent facilities that wants to push on, back into the Championship and beyond, why not?"

Reflecting on the win over the U's at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, which came courtesy of

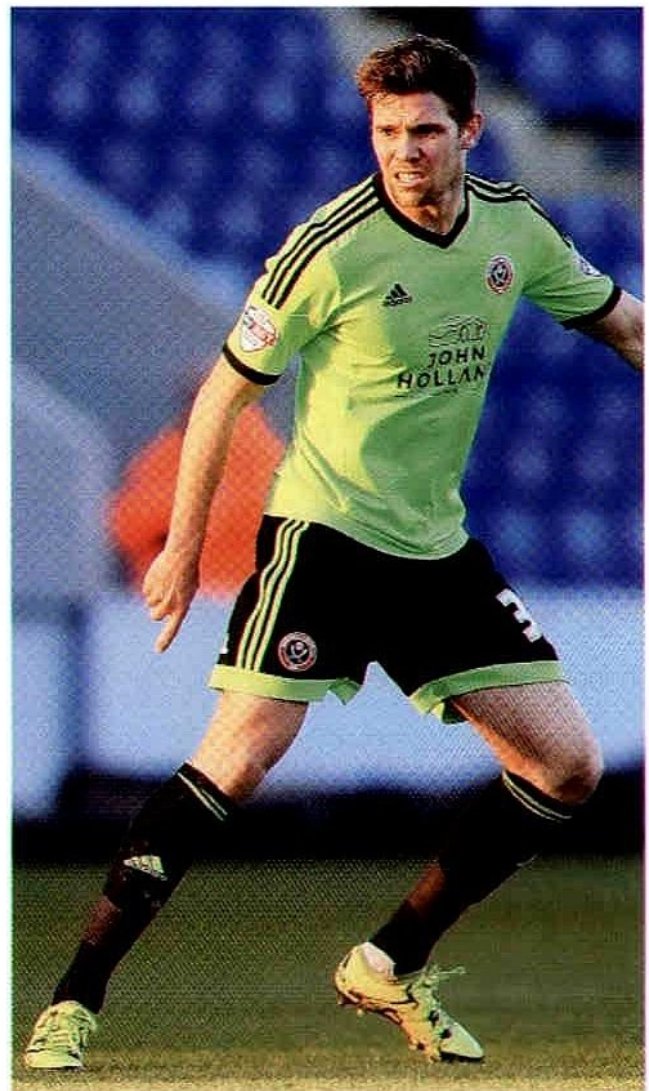
"WE'RE IN THE MIX AND MY FOCUS IS ON TRYING TO DO SOMETHING HERE. THAT'S WHAT I'M CONCENTRATING ON, DOING WELL FOR SHEFFIELD UNITED AND NOTHING ELSE"

David Edgar's last-gasp strike, Dean was honest in his assessment.

He finished: "That probably wasn't our best performance but it was a winning performance and that's what counts. We got a bit of luck but it was luck that was deserved. It was a hard week with three away games and perhaps that showed a little bit in the second-half.

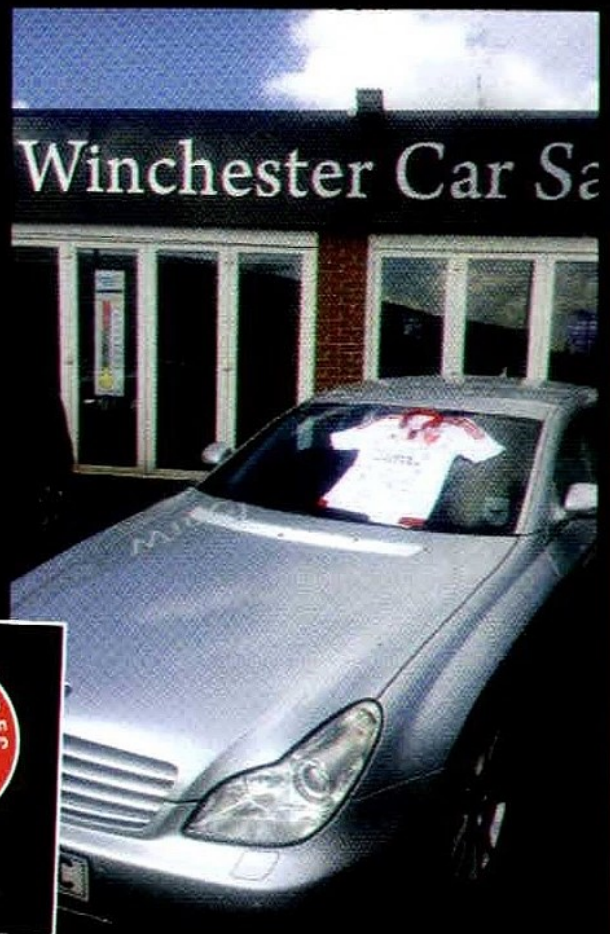
"We dug it out and that's the sign of a good team. If you can win games when you are not at your best then you are always going to stand a good chance.

"If we can win these games and beat the teams above us as well then we'll have a great chance. If we hit form and go on a good run then people are going to be worried about us, that's for sure."



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The new initiative will see the company's customers receive free vouchers to be spent on tickets and merchandise bought from Sheffield United.

Vehicle purchases from the dealership, in Herries Road South, will qualify customers to a spend of up to £150 at the Blades.

Tajinder Singh, director of Winchester Car Sales, said: "As a well-established reliable car dealership for the region this is about giving something back through the football club who we support in various ways.

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INSIDE LANE

All the latest news from in and around S2...

THE FUTURES IS BRIGHT

United's Futures Programme continues to go from strength to strength.

The initiative, which is run in conjunction with The Sheffield College, sees youngsters spend part of their week training at the SteelPhalt Academy with the club's scholars, gaining an insight into the workings of a professional football club, as well as studying for a BTEC Diploma in Sport, Performance and Excellence - the equivalent to three A-Levels.

Striker Brodie Litchfield, who was part of the programme last year, earned himself a scholarship with the Blades and recently Futures goalkeepers Jim Pollard and Jordan Greaves made their

Academy debuts. We put a few questions to Jim, who featured in an Under-16s victory, to enable him to give Unitedites an insight into the Futures Programme...

What's the best thing about the United Future programme?

Constantly being involved, it is great being in and around football in training, playing, watching and coaching.

To date what has been your best experience since joining?

Making my debut for the Academy and training with first-team keepers George Long and Mark Howard.

What's the best thing the course has over other options you had?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

...to **Connor Kiddy**, who celebrates his 16th on 31st January. Love from mum, dad, Lauren, Brad and Louise. Have a great day.



...to **Josh Tyree** on his 21st. 'Our little Blade has finally grown up!' Love mum, dad and Lewis.

...to **Aidan Fry**, who is eight tomorrow! He plays for Junior Blades Under-8s and his favourite players are Chris Basham and Billy Sharp. With love from mum and dad.



Opportunity... football-wise the sky is the limit. Educationally, studying a range of subjects to gain three A-level equivalent qualifications, I'm not sure I would have attained that if I had stayed in Sixth Form.

How has the course improved you both as a footballer and educationally?

I'm much more confident to try things, training every day and playing with better players can only make me a better player. I am much more relaxed in my education as the

subjects are something I want to study.

In three words sum up the programme?

Demanding, fun, challenging.

For more information about the United Futures programme contact Lee Dunn at The Sheffield College via email at lee.dunn@sheffcol.ac.uk



WELCOME...

Enjoy your first football match **Felix!** Love from daddy, Deb, Michael, Sharon and uncle Matt.



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SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

BLADES 3

SHARP (11), SAMMON (59), EDGAR (63)

BRADFORD CITY 1

LITTLE (83)

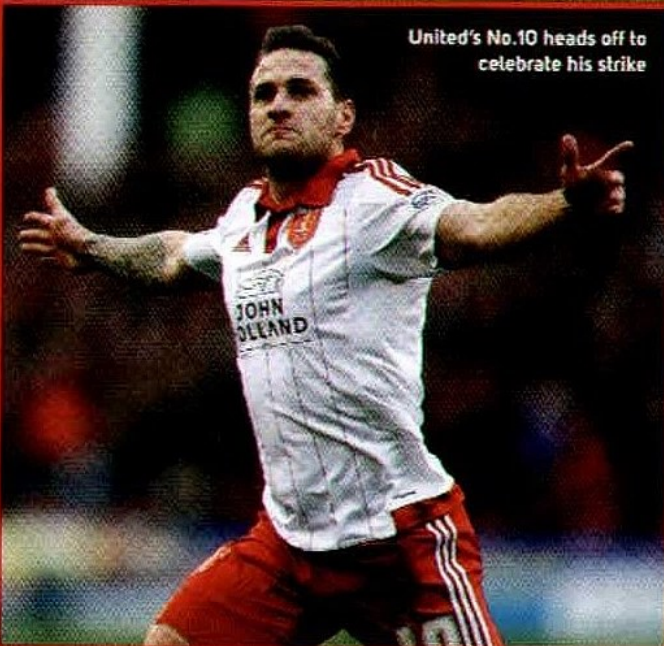
BLADES: LONG, BRAYFORD, BASHAM, COUTTS, SHARP (CAMPBELL-RYCE 90), DONE (SAMMON 26), COLLINS, WOOLFORD (FLYNN 89), McEVELEY, EDGAR, HAMMOND.
UNUSED: HOWARD, BAXTER, REED, K.WALLACE. **ATTENDANCE:** 24,777



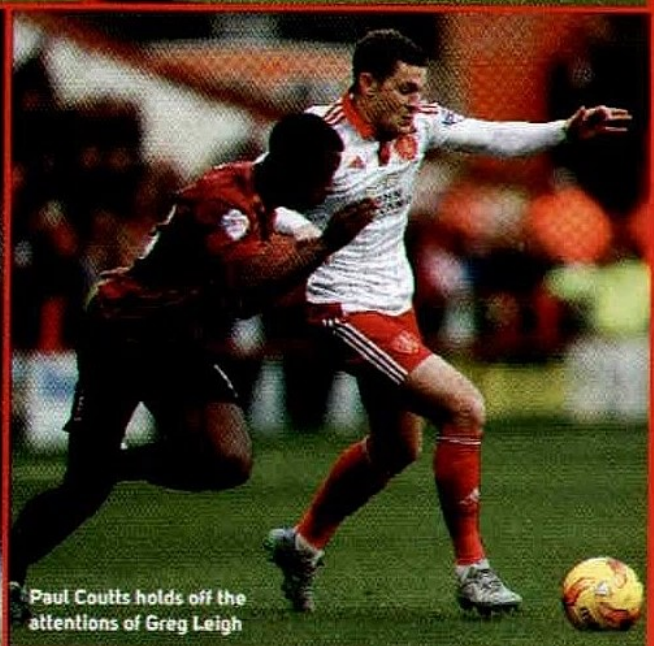
Billy Sharp rifles home the opening goal



United's No.10 heads off to celebrate his strike



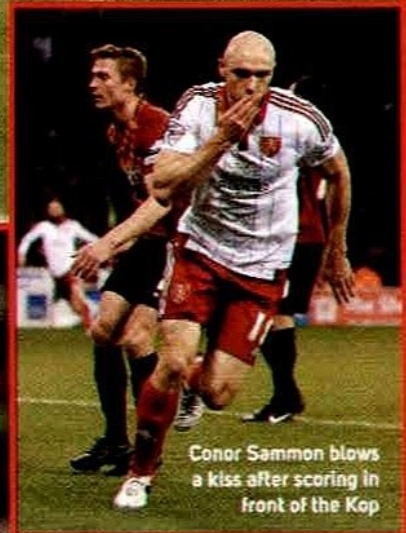
Paul Coutts holds off the attentions of Greg Leigh



David Edgar heads home his first United goal



John Brayford and Kyel Reid keep their eyes on the ball



Conor Sammon blows a kiss after scoring in front of the Kop

GAFFER:

"It was a typical Yorkshire derby, the lads were resolute and we had a real grit about ourselves. We went in front through a fantastic strike from Billy Sharp and then in the second-half for 25 minutes we were excellent and played some very good football, that's how we want to play. We looked assertive and dominant and we must continue to build on the momentum we are gathering."



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STORY SO FAR...

A round-up of what has been happening...

WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

The Blades host a charity Christmas lunch in the Platinum Suite as the club invites a number of local organisations to Bramall Lane to share the festive spirit and meet the playing squad.

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER

United's Boxing Day clash against Wigan Athletic is postponed because of a waterlogged pitch at the DW Stadium and localised flooding in Lancashire.

MONDAY 28th DECEMBER

Sky Bet League One

BLADES 3-1 BRADFORD CITY

GOALS: Sharp (11), Sammon (59), Edgar (63); Liddle (83)

BLADES: Long, Brayford, Basham, Coutts, Sharp (Campbell-Ryce 90), Done (Sammon 26), Collins, Woolford (Flynn 89), McEveley, Edgar, Hammond. **UNUSED:** Howard, Baxter, Reed, K. Wallace.

BRADFORD: Williams, Darby, Evans (Knott 69), Liddle, Hanson, B. Clarke (Cole 76), Leigh (Meredith 69), Burke, Reid, McArdle, McMahon. **UNUSED:** N. Clarke, Marshall, Bowery, Cracknell.

Attendance: 24,777

Referee: M. Haywood

The Lane's biggest crowd of the season sees the Blades secure a fine Yorkshire derby victory over

Bradford City. Goals from Billy Sharp, Conor Sammon and David Edgar ensure United finish 2015 in impressive style.

WEDNESDAY 30th DECEMBER

United reluctantly allow Chris Morgan to leave Bramall Lane to further his career. The Blades stalwart leaves his role as Under-21s coach to become first-team coach to Danny Wilson at Chesterfield.

SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY

Sky Bet League One

BLADES 2-3 PETERBOROUGH

GOALS: Sharp (32), Baldwin OG (84); Washington (18), Oztumer (48), Samuelsen (84)

BLADES: Long, Brayford, Basham, Coutts, Sharp, Collins, Woolford, Sammon (Baxter 56), McEveley (Adams 71), Edgar, Hammond. **UNUSED:** Howard, Flynn, Campbell-Ryce, Reed, K. Wallace.

PETERBOROUGH: Alnwick, Smith, Baldwin, Taylor, Oztumer, Maddison (Samuelsen 78), Almeida Santos, Washington, Beautyman, Fox (Wilson 45), Forrester (Addison 90). **UNUSED:** Angol, Henry, Coulibaly, Nicholson.

Attendance: 22,302

Referee: D. Bond

After an impressive end to 2015, United cannot kick-off 2016 with a victory. Despite an impressive display, United are hit by three impressive Peterborough goals.

MONDAY 4th JANUARY

Marc McNulty will spend the rest of the season with Portsmouth, after extending his loan on the south coast until the end of the campaign.

THURSDAY 7th JANUARY

Defender Craig Alcock leaves Bramall Lane on a permanent basis, joining Doncaster Rovers for an undisclosed fee.

COOKIE'S BLOG...

The Programme Editor gives an offbeat take on Lane life...

It's not very often you pick up your phone on a Thursday night and see an email asking you to give Alexi Lalas a call, but that was the case for me in the build up to our FA Cup tie at Manchester United.

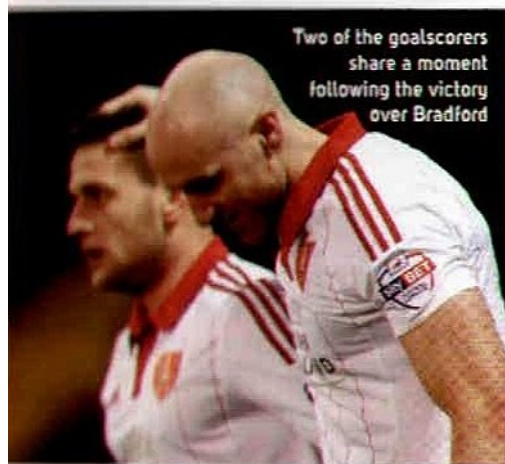
I'm not one to get star-struck, but I remember this guy when I was growing up. For those who aren't aware of Alexi; he is probably the most recognisable United States footballer ever, mainly because of his image, and played in the 1994 World Cup Finals.

He clocked up almost 100 appearances for the US and also played for and managed the Los Angeles Galaxy before taking up a role as an analyst with Fox Sports, who broadcast English football fixtures.

It was in his role with Fox Sports that he made contact, he was a studio guest for the FA Cup tie and was looking for a little bit of Blades background to balance his opinion. It appeared our chat worked as he mentioned the 'original United' and also our own 'beard' John Brayford!

And, coincidentally, he's not the only player from the 1994 World Cup I've spoken to recently..

I've also been in contact with Jan Aage Fjortoft regarding an article for today's UTB... find out what he had to say on page 45.



Two of the goalscorers share a moment following the victory over Bradford



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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW:

JAY MCEVELEY

Skipper Jay McEveley is predicting an entertaining clash against his former club this afternoon, as the Blades look to break into the top six of Sky Bet League One.

And he believes regaining a play-off spot could give United a big psychological edge on their rivals as Nigel Adkins's men look to mount a push for automatic promotion during the second half of the campaign.

The experienced defender is confident the season is now taking shape in a positive manner, a belief that comes on the back of an impressive December which saw Adkins win Manager of the Month, a resolute display at Old Trafford and most recently the late goals at both Wigan and Colchester.





"We aren't where we want to be, we'll be the first to admit that, but things are looking a lot more promising than they were after the loss to Shrewsbury," commented Jay.

"That defeat was a real low point, we had hit rock bottom after an inconsistent few weeks and we knew something had to change and thankfully we have turned things around over a period of time.

"As a team we went back to basics and focused on being difficult to beat, we have conceded too many goals, but we know when we do keep clean-sheets we will pick up points quickly because we have a number of players who will regularly score goals.

"The improvement started at Barnsley, in a game we should have won, but after getting a point there we won four games on the spin in December and have started 2016 well, in difficult circumstances."

The improvement in results on the field coincided with the 30-year-old returning to United's back-four and Jay is more than happy to have played his part in a run of five wins from his last eight starts.

But the versatile defender insists the upturn in United's fortunes has been a collective effort.

He continued: "I started the season well and was enjoying my football and the responsibility of

captaincy, but then I broke my toe against Rochdale and when I initially returned I knew I was still a couple of weeks away from full fitness.

"I played in the JPT game at Fleetwood and then came on for the second-half against Shrewsbury and late on at Barnsley. Then I got my place back against Oldham in the cup and I have started every game since.

"The Gaffer wanted a big, strong back-five to make us tough to beat and resolute and that means I have slotted back in at left-back.

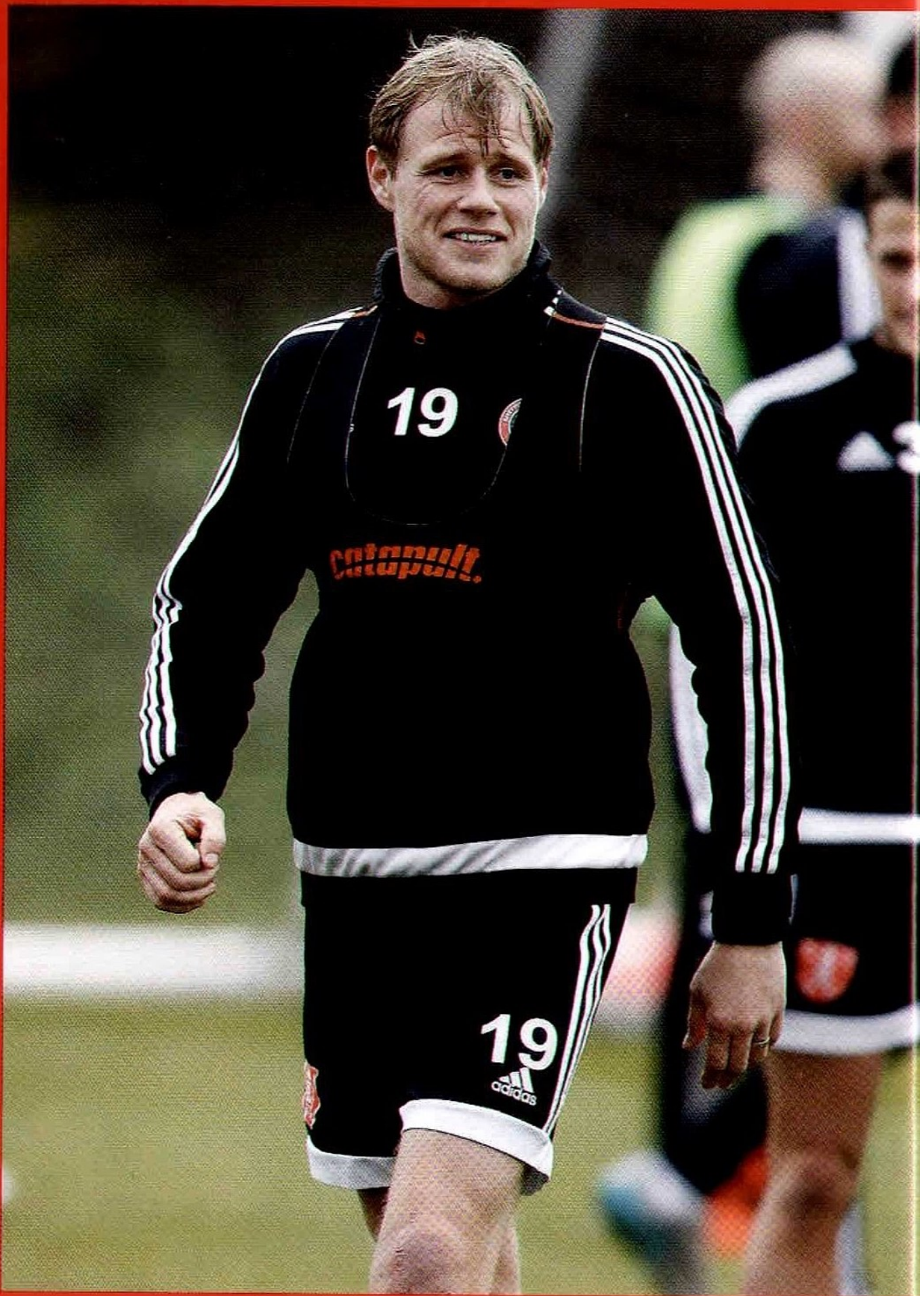
"But since the draw at Barnsley, where the supporters saw how much it meant to us to be at this club, we have been united together, from the fans, to the management and throughout the playing squad.

"We have become more consistent together and it has been a learning curve for everyone. The fans, like they always have here, back you in big numbers and they do play a huge part in our success.

"Against Manchester United, they took over Old Trafford in a crowd of over 74,000. They sung their hearts out from the first minute to the last and at Wigan they were sucking the ball in during the second-half as we fought back gamely from 3-0 down.



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"HOPEFULLY WE HAVE HAD OUR BAD SPELL IN TERMS OF RESULTS AND ALSO WITH INJURIES, BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT WEEKS THE MAJORITY OF THE SQUAD HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION"

"But credit to the players too, we have had a settled squad, not necessarily a team, but a core of players who have given it a real go for each other and that must continue."

Speaking from experience, Jay knows how momentum can put fear into other sides in this division when United begin to make their move up the table. With that in mind he says the Blades must use that to their advantage and finish the month strongly, remarking: "We are there or thereabouts, but we still have plenty of work ahead of us."

"But I know when I was at Swindon and you saw Sheffield United picking up results you start to fear what they are capable of, and having been here for 18 months I know what we are capable of."

"There can be no doubting the quality we already have and if the Gaffer strengthens where he sees fit then we should have a very good chance of this season being a success."

"Hopefully we have had our bad spell in terms of results and also with injuries, because for the first time in recent weeks the majority of the squad has been available for selection."

Looking ahead to this clash against his former employers, Jay says he has nothing but fond memories of his time in Wiltshire.

Under the management of Paulo Di Canio, the Robins were in pole position to win promotion to the Championship in the 2012-13 season, leading the division prior to the controversial Italian opting to leave the County Ground in February 2013. Town eventually finished sixth, losing out to Brentford in the play-off semi-finals.

Fast-forward to the current day, Jay says he is full of admiration for the philosophy of caretaker boss Luke Williams, who is leading Swindon up the table following the unfortunate resignation of Martin Ling because of health reasons.

On today's fixture, United's No.19 says the Blades will have to maintain the high standards of recent weeks if we are to get the desired result



to hopefully overtake sixth-place Peterborough United.

The skipper concluded: "Luke is someone I know well from my time there, he believes in total football and nobody will make him change his mind."

"This makes Swindon dangerous opposition and we know we will have to be at our best to get a positive result. They have got several good players and despite losing the likes of Gladwin and Byrne, they still have a strong core and they are in top form of late."

"They still have several goal-scoring threats and we will have to ensure we are determined and solid at the back, as they have scored four times in the last two league fixtures."



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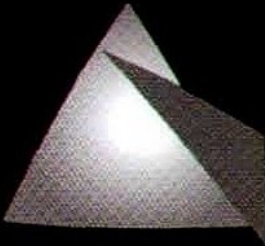
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UNITED'S FUTURE

UNDER-21s LATEST

CREWE 1 BLADES 1

United made it five league matches unbeaten, following a stalemate at Crewe Alexandra.

Callum Saunders, son of former Blades striker Dean, gave the Alex the lead, but Jake Wright netted within a minute to restore parity before half-time and despite dominating the second period, the visitors had to be content with a share of the spoils.

Florent Cuvelier completed over 80 minutes as he stepped up his rehabilitation from injury, whilst James Wallace, Harrison McGahey and Louis Reed all got 90 minutes of action.

Blades: Ramsdale, Banton, Kelly, J. Wallace, McGahey, Evans, McDonagh, Reed, Wright, Cuvelier (Dimaio 81), Coustrain. **Unused:** Perryman, Heh, Brooks, Phillips.

BOLTON 0 BLADES 1

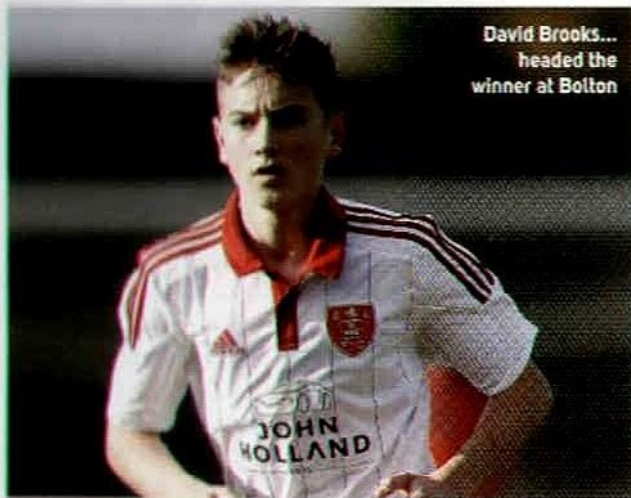
A hard-fought victory over Bolton Wanderers at Leyland, home of the Lancashire FA, saw United extend their unbeaten run in the league to six matches.

A header from diminutive midfielder David Brooks six minutes from time settled the contest in the Blades' favour, after Ben Whiteman had earlier hit the inside of a post.

But Brooks struck with time running out to make it four wins in the aforementioned run and a fourth clean-sheet in the same sequence.

After a delayed kick-off owing to traffic problems for United, Woolery thought he had put the Trotters in front in the 16th minute, but the goal was disallowed for a foul on Willis.

United hit back towards the end of the first-half and created a number of half chances, most notably when Dimaio came close with an effort cleared off the line.



David Brooks... headed the winner at Bolton

UNDER-21s FIXTURES...

Mon 10th Aug	QPR	(H)	W 3-0
Mon 17th Aug	Bristol City	(A)	L 1-2
Mon 24th Aug	Leeds United	(A)	L 1-2
Mon 31st Aug	Sheffield Wed	(H)	D 1-1
Mon 7th Sept	Watford	(A)	W 2-0
Mon 14th Sept	Charlton Ath	(H)	L 0-3
Mon 21st Sep	Cardiff City	(A)	W 4-0
Mon 12th Oct	Bolton W (Cup)	(A)	W 4-3
Mon 26th Oct	Hull City	(H)	W 3-1
Mon 2nd Nov	Huddersfield	(A)	L 0-1
Tue 10th Nov	Brentford	(A)	W 3-2
Mon 16th Nov	Coventry City	(H)	W 3-0
Thu 19th Nov	Leeds Utd (Cup)	(H)	L 0-1
Mon 23rd Nov	Barnsley	(A)	D 0-0
Mon 30th Nov	Nottm Forest	(H)	W 2-0
Mon 7th Dec	Crewe Alex	(A)	D 1-1
Mon 14th Dec	Bolton Wand	(A)	W 1-0
Mon 21st Dec	Birmingham C	(H)	W 2-0
Mon 25th Jan	Hull City	(A) 7pm	North Ferriby United
Mon 1st Feb	Huddersfield	(A) 1pm	Bramall Lane
Mon 8th Feb	Nottm Forest	(A) 1pm	Wilford Lane
Mon 15th Feb	Barnsley	(H) 1pm	Stocksbridge
Mon 22nd Feb	Coventry City	(A) 2pm	Ricoh Arena
Mon 29th Feb	Crewe Alex	(H) 1pm	Stocksbridge
Tues 8th Mar	Birmingham C	(A) 7pm	St Andrews
Tues 15th Mar	Bolton Wand	(H) 1pm	Bramall Lane
Mon 21st Mar	Millwall	(A) 2pm	TBC
Mon 4th Apr	Colchester U	(H) 2pm	Stocksbridge
Tues 12th Apr	Crystal Palace	(A) 2pm	Selhurst Park
Mon 19th Apr	Ipswich Town	(H) 1pm	Stocksbridge
TBC	Leeds United	(H)	Bramall Lane
TBC	Sheffield Wed	(A)	

* Fixtures are subject to change.

The second-half ebbed and flowed and it was always the visitors who appeared to have the upper-hand. Whiteman struck the woodwork with a free-kick, but in the 84th minute Brooks nodded home from close-range to ensure the points returned with the visitors back over the Pennines.

Blades: Willis, Phillips, Brown, Whiteman, Banton, Evans, Heh (De Girolamo 61), Dimaio, Wright (Cockertine 73), Brooks, Coustrain. **Unused:** Perryman, Adebowale.

NEWS

- United are in action at Bramall Lane on Monday 1st February (1pm kick-off), when Huddersfield Town provide the opposition. Admission is free for season ticket holders and Under-16s, otherwise £3 adults.
- Owing to the schedule and a postponement, the Under-21s haven't had a league fixture in 2016 as of yet, but they have played two friendlies against Rotherham and Sunderland.



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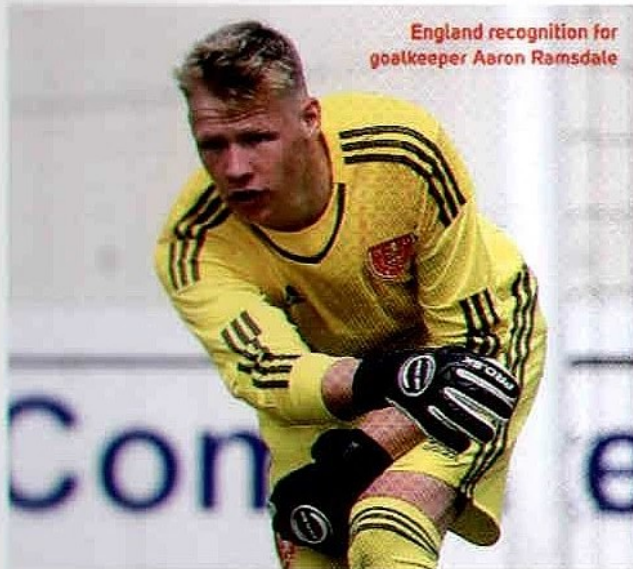
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UNDER-18s LATEST



England recognition for goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale

WEDNESDAY 1 BLADES 2

United stole the bragging rights at Middlewood Road, and in the process completed a league double over the Owls with another deserved success.

A late brace from Connor Hall put the Blades in the ascendancy and despite a late consolation from the home side, United ran out worthy winners by the same scoreline as in the corresponding fixture at the SteelPhall Academy back in August.

Despite the wet and windy conditions, United started brightly and were dominant for much of the opening 20 minutes.

During the first period Mallon and Maw on either flank were the main dangers for the Blades, although in a typical blood and thunder derby there was little in the way of goalmouth action.

As the game progressed into the second-half the visitors continued to pass the ball confidently and accurately, although the game still lacked quality in the final third.

It appeared like being one of those frustrating derby matches, until the game swung massively in United's favour in the 75th minute. Great combination play involving Brown and Gilmour resulted with the latter sending in a superb cross, which was met by the head of Hall, who nodded into the bottom corner.

Now in the lead, the visitors set about scoring that decisive second and it came four minutes from time as Hall reacted first to scramble the ball home from close-range following Semple's knock down.

Wednesday launched several balls forward in injury-time and got a goal back with the last meaningful action

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Tue 27th Oct	Bradford (FAYC1)	(H)	D 0-0 WP
Sat 31st Oct	Leeds United	(H)	W 2-0
Sat 7th Nov	Nottm Forest	(A)	L 0-2
Sat 21st Nov	Barnsley	(H)	D 2-2
Tue 24th Nov	Chesterfield (FAYC2)	(A)	W 3-0
Sat 28th Nov	Birmingham C	(A)	L 1-2
Sat 5th Dec	Sheffield Wed	(A)	W 2-1
Tue 15th Dec	Reading (FAYC3)	(A)	L 3-1
Sat 19th Dec	Hull City	(A)	W 5-0
Sat 9th Jan	Crewe Alex	(H)	W 4-3
Sat 23rd Jan	Bolton W	(H)	11am
Sat 30th Jan	Leeds United	(A)	11am
Sat 6th Feb	Nottm Forest	(H)	11am
Sat 20th Feb	Birmingham C	(H)	11am
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Sat 9th Apr	Walford	(H)	11am
Sat 16th Apr	Hull City	(H)	11am
TBC	Huddersfield T	(A)	

* United's home fixtures will be played at the SteelPhall Academy at Shirecliffe, fixtures are subject to change.

of the contest, but it mattered not as United left with all three points.

Blades: Perryman, Charlesworth, Brown, Gilmour, Cummings, Semple, Maw (Adebowale 89), Gordon, Litchfield (Hall 70), Hallam, Mallon (Ford 80).

NEWS

- Goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale recently spent time at an England goalkeeping training camp, which was held at St George's Park.
- Last Saturday's league clash at Huddersfield Town was called off at the 11th hour owing to a frozen pitch at PPG Canalside.



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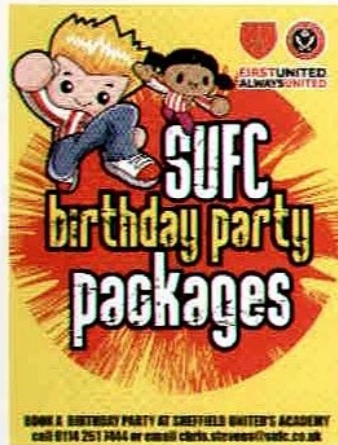
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TC ENTERTAINS

Before you read on can you identify all four of these former Blades?

Many will spot (from left), Kevin Gage, Jamie Hoyland and Tony Currie, but it will be left to older fans to recognise former goalkeeper Keith Waugh, who is far right.

Keith, the last line of defence in the Fourth Division title-winning season back in the early 1980s, was TC's guest at the Peterborough fixture earlier this month.

Another older former Blade joins TC in his suite for today's game - Mick Jones, accompanied by wife Glynis, will be dining in John Street.

WELCOME...

Today we offer a warm welcome to members of **Crosspool Juniors** and **Handsworth Boys**, who are taking advantage of United's Cashback Initiative scheme.

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CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a number of Blades in recent weeks. Condolences to the family and friends of all...

🕯️ **Michael Smith**, aged 75, sadly passed away on 7th January. A beloved husband, devoted dad, father-in-law, loving granddad, great granddad, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and special friend. Will be fondly remembered and forever a Blade.



Gordon Stuart Thompson, lifelong Blade and season ticket holder, passed away in November. Rest in peace.

Robert (Bob) Jerrom, aged 84, after enduring a long illness, passed away peacefully at home on 28th December, surrounded by his family. A true Blade from the Kop for over 65 years. Will be sadly missed.

Doris Bishop was born the year before we last won the cup v Cardiff City. She spent several years in St Barnabas sheltered flats near Bramall Lane and once kept the bingo session listening to the cheers coming from the Lane as we put six past Spurs! She died on Boxing Day and United duly obliged by beating Bradford City in the next match.



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Our next Football Camps will be starting on Monday 8th February, running through to Friday 12th February 2016. We will have camps at the United SteelPhalt Academy, Derek Dooley Sports and Community Centre in Crookes, Westfield Sports Centre and Meadowhead School.

VENUES AND DATES

- ▶ **SteelPhalt Academy and Crookes:** Monday 8th February - Friday 12th February 2016
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The Kinder +Sport Futsal Cup, part of Ferrero's global Kinder +Sport project, is a new schools competition for Under-16 boys and girls run by the Football League Trust.

Over 20 teams, made up of one boys and one girls team from each of the 10 different clubs, made the trip to the EIS. Unfortunately, both sides representing the Blades were unable to progress to the Regional Finals, although Newfield boys did have the satisfaction of beating our counterparts from Sheffield Wednesday!

We would like to thank Handsworth Grange and Newfield for representing us in the Area Finals and would like to wish all the remaining teams the best of luck on their quest to reach the finals!



BRADFIELD ARE A CREDIT

Bradfield School recently travelled to Derby for the Area Finals of the Football League Girls Cup to represent United and the Community Foundation for the second year running.

The Football League Girls Cup competition is a six-a-side competition for Under-13s girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in March.

There were 10 teams competing for the chance to progress through to the next round, with Bradfield being drawn in a strong group with teams from Nottingham Forest, Chesterfield, Notts County and Wednesday.

Unfortunately the girls were unable to progress, however, they were a credit to their school and played fantastically well.

We would like to thank Bradfield School for representing us in the Area Final and would like to wish all the remaining teams the best of luck on their quest to reach the finals!



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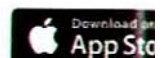
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PAUL HOLLAND provides a round-up of Blades-related topics this week on the web forums and social media platforms...



Following the defeat to Peterborough United in the last home game, the Blades have lost, drawn and won in that exact sequence.

Prior to the game at Old Trafford, Nigel Adkins was named as League One Manager of the Month after the Blades won all of their respective fixtures throughout December. Well done Nigel. 📌

Despite the result I am sure that everyone connected with the club enjoyed their trip across



the Pennines and, whilst the final whistle didn't end in a result which the side richly deserved, it was pleasing that the players congratulated the 8,500 travelling support.

David Edgar (@davidedgar141) wrote on his Twitter account: "Hard to swallow yesterday, but want to say a big thank you to the fans. Unreal. Hope everyone enjoyed their day out. I know we did."

The Blades went on to draw 3-3 at Wigan Athletic the following Tuesday despite finding themselves three goals behind, before ending the week with a last-gasp winner at Colchester United. At half-time, with the Blades ahead, BBC Radio Sheffield posted this comment from former player Keith Edwards. 📌

My last social media piece for this edition comes from the Facebook page VIP Blades. Supporter Daniel Hall was proud to post this splendid picture his daughter drew of cult-hero John Brayford. 📌



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F-OCUS

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1. We signed Chris Basham from this club?

B _ _ _ _ _

2. We signed Stefan Scougall from this club?

L _ _ _ _ _

3. Mark Howard's first club?

A _ _ _ _ _

4. We signed Paul Coumts from this club?

D _ _ _ _ _

5. Jose Baxter's first club?

E _ _ _ _ _

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S _ _ _ _ _

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- The Nürburgring race track in Germany is where we find seven year-old **Daniel Brown** showing his true colours.
- Sisters **Emma** and **Rachel Keeling** enjoyed a tour of Barcelona's Nou Camp during a recent cruise around the Mediterranean. In their words, 'what a stadium, but doesn't compare to BDTBL!'
- You can't miss **Michael Ionnia** in his green away shirt as the Unitedite visits the Buggiba car museum in Malta.
- Scott Endersby** and his son **Finley** proudly wear their Blades shirts whilst holidaying in Spain.



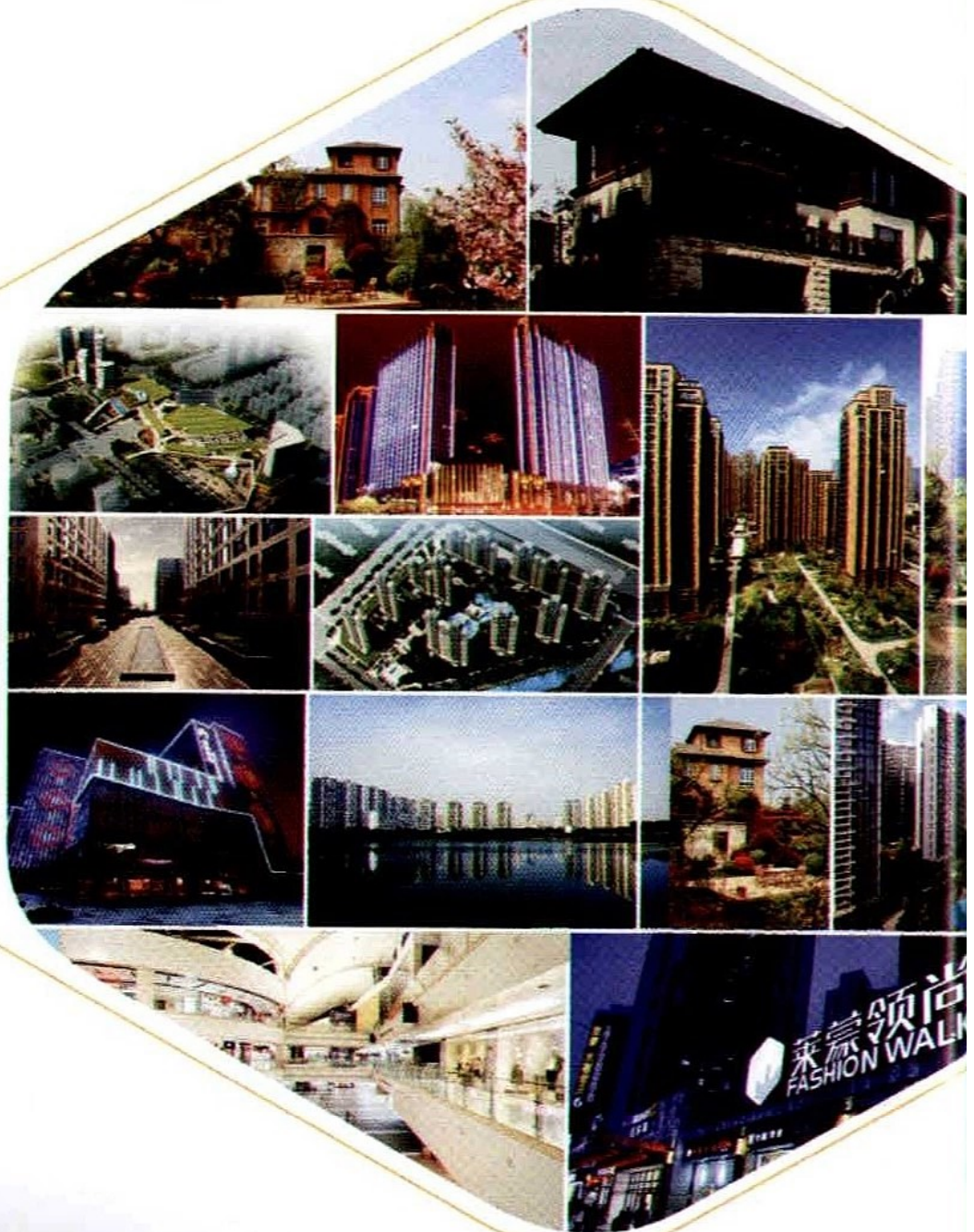
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BALDY'S SLAPSHOT

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A glorious May evening in 2006 and thousands of Blades fans turn out in the car park to salute Neil Warnock and the team, who had just won promotion to the Premiership. It was ahead of a trip to the Town Hall for a Civic Reception. As you can see, the surrounds of Cherry Street have changed somewhat and, if you look closely, you can see Homer Simpson celebrating with fellow Unitedites!





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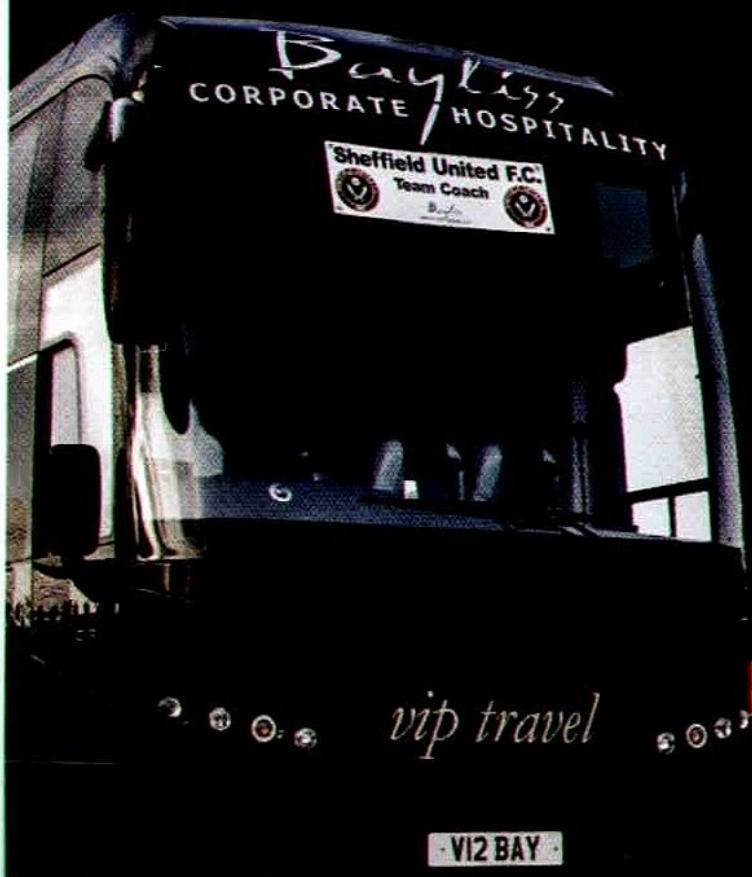
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Blades Historian JOHN GARRETT'S inimitable account of following the Blades and retelling stories of yesteryear certainly creates feedback! Where will his mind take us this week...

CARAVAN OF LOVE

What an awful year 2015 was in terms of losing Bladesmen.

Shred, Alan Woodward, 1952 Championship winner Howard Johnson, Ken Furphy and Howard Kendall all passed to a higher league and then, in December, we lost Alan Hodgkinson followed, the very next day, by Martyn Harrison, our long serving photographer.

At one point someone suggested that we should have a permanent black armband as a part of the

kit design for next season - the usual football black humour, but a fair point. We spent so much time mourning loss last year that it was untrue.

Of course, I knew Shred, who didn't? I had met both Howards and Ken before, but Woody, Hodgy and Baldy were good friends. I got to know our former players through working for the club and thought the world of them. Because Woody's visits were less frequent due to him living in the States they also tended to be the most expensive as he did like a pint or four of proper beer when he was over



A minute's applause or silence was commonplace in 2015



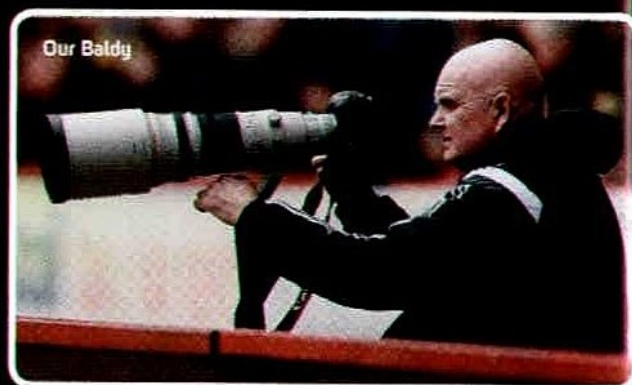
A sober Baldy took this picture on the weekend in question

here, I tended to get roped in with him as a willing accomplice. Bless you Woody - my liver sends its fondest regards.

Hodgy was like your favourite Granddad. He was just a lovely, genuine, brutally honest legend who loved Sheffield United, without question. His regular phone calls were looked forward to, as were his and wife Brenda's regular visits 'home' for the game. She often said that she suspected he would sooner be at Bramall Lane than with her at home. Sometimes she may have had a point! I don't like funerals, but sadly, over the course of a year, I seemed to have a season ticket.

My relationship with Martyn was slightly different. He was not just a work colleague, but a very good mate. Because he was a Blade, I knew him before we worked together, but getting to know him, you quickly realised that he was a thoroughly nice bloke - not many had a bad word to say about our Baldy. He was good company and would do anything for anyone, as long as they were Blades, of course.

Cookie, our programme editor and part of our media team, had many adventures with Baldy. They travelled to away games together over many years, spending hours and hours sitting side-by-side talking absolute rubbish. Travelling together saved time and money and also swelled the coffers of the De Rodes Arms at Barlborough, the owners of that establishment should be able to retire on the profits of Cookie and Baldy's countless visits for all-you-can-eat breakfasts on a Saturday morning or a carvery ahead of an evening trip.



Our Baldy

One of my favourite Baldy tales is from a weekend at Exeter we had a few years ago. It was the last game of the regular season and a few colleagues took the opportunity to have the weekend away. As well as Baldy, Cookie and myself, there was Richard Batho, who worked with us a few years ago, and Dave McCarthy, our operations guy.

The idea was a good one, travel down together in a mini bus, have a night out in Devon, go to the match the following day and then come back to Sheffield en masse. Simple and a real plan, especially as there was still all to play for in the game.

We organised transport and designated Richard as the driver, so all we needed were some digs for the night on the doorstep of St James Park. All good so far.

Dave Mac did the research and announced that he had sorted a caravan on the biggest caravan park in Europe, located in Exmouth, a short drive away from

our destination and all for the unbeatable price of a tenner a head split between those going. What could possibly go wrong?

The journey down was a doddle, we arrived at the caravan site in good time. Too good as it happened, apparently the caravan wasn't ready, but the bar was open so we relocated for a couple of hours. A couple of us had Blades-related shirts on and we were accosted by a lad who was originally from Gleadless, had lived there a good many years and was a Blade as well. Thankfully he knew where the caravan number was (not far from him), which was a good job as we would never have found it in a million years. He also produced some tea bags, milk and sugar - top man.

Now, as I have said, this was the biggest caravan park you have ever seen, hundreds of the things. Pretty well every other rental van was fairly new and quite palatial. Ours looked like the one mum and dad had in the 1960s, I think it was a Bluebird. The worst on the whole park. The curtains had been thoughtfully closed to hide the true horrors awaiting the bargain holiday makers. It was truly gothic, bright orange-stained velour upholstery, brown carpet, brown walls, brown cupboards and even brown water when you turned the brown taps on. The television worked at least, well, that is if you wanted to watch just ITV. We sat and looked at each other, stood and looked at each other. It was no use, we went to the pub.

Now, we turned up in Exmouth on the day that it was either shut or had been evacuated. Mind, we had sunk a few and had a good craic, but I was one of the first back to Chez Grim and that's when it dawned on me that the night was going to get worse, for two reasons... 1. I was sharing with Cookie.

2... Him and Baldy were a nightmare when drunk together.

They returned somewhat refreshed in the early hours and in good spirits. The caravan lurched as Cookie's ample frame slid into the bed at the side of mine. Baldy was next door.

Now, at some point that week some idiot had been daft enough to upload a version of the CD that Ronnie Sharp did of all the old Blades terrace songs. Now, in the wee small hours Baldy wanted to share the tunes with his travelling companions.

"I love you JG," cooed a sloshed Baldy as Ronnie belted out a Lane classic, funny for the first hour. I politely advised where I was going to stick his iPhone if he didn't stop, whilst he nearly fell off the bed in the next room as Cookie turned over at the other side of a paper-thin wall.

The following early morning (I am always up first) I got my own back. Apparently, if you throw bits of remnant pizza on the roof of a caravan, the gulls attack it like a scene from Pearl Harbour, hitting the roof like hailstones and waking up drunken colleagues. It was funny.

When Baldy finally raised his head, I think it was his idea to try and lure a gull into the caravan with bits of banana, strategically putting pieces towards the shower, where Cookie was trying to clear his head. I don't know who was more petrified when they came face to face, Cookie or the gull?! It wasn't a nice sight for the gull, that's for sure.

The game was much less fun, I have to admit, but Baldy was one of the very best and any time in his company was a pleasure. Many of you will know that anyway, but it was a fact.

A top man, top Blade and a top snapper. Away trips will not be the same without him.



Our caravan in Devon was not as palatial as these

FAVOURITES...



...THEN...

KEVIN GAGE
V HARTLEPOOL UNITED

SATURDAY 23RD
JANUARY 1993

What is your favourite food and drink?

A Sunday roast and a mug of tea.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

Harry (Bassett) at Wimbledon and Graham Taylor at Villa.

What is the most annoying thing about being a footballer?

Having to watch your diet.

What are your hobbies outside football?

Playing my kids Nintendo.

Which team did you support as a boy?


QPR and Arsenal.

Who was your favourite player?

Gerry Francis and Stan Bowles.


FACE TO FACE

Kevin Gage poses the questions to **...KEVIN GAGE**



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It was exactly 23 years ago today that former defender Kevin Gage went 'Face-to-Face' with Kevin Colliver of Handsworth, answering these questions from the Blades fan. Over two decades later, showing how times have changed, Ryan Flynn opted to answer the same questions via email.

...AND NOW

RYAN FLYNN

V SWINDON TOWN

SATURDAY 23RD JANUARY 2016

What is your favourite food and drink?

Steak with peppercorn sauce
and a Tropicana orange.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

Steve Heighway, when I
first went full-time.

What is the most annoying thing about being a footballer?

No Christmas break!

What are your hobbies outside football?

Running about after the wee man!

Which team did you support as a boy?

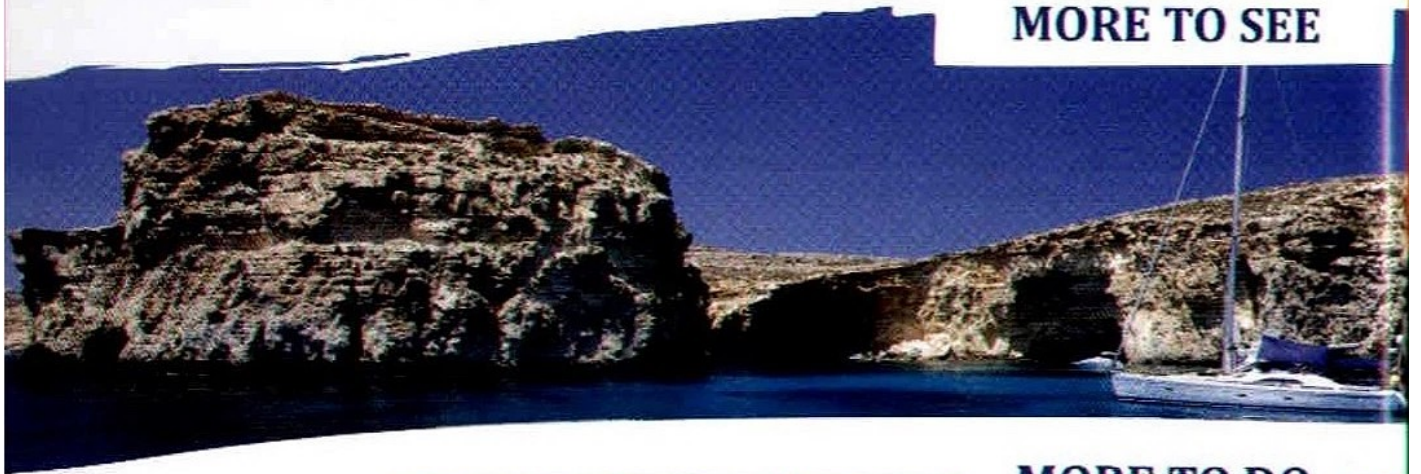
I was a Hibernian season ticket holder
when I was younger and used to
go to Easter Road with my dad.

Who was your favourite player?

I loved watching Gianfranco Zola
when he was at Chelsea.



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EXCLUSIVE
FORMER PLAYER
INTERVIEW



JAN AAGE FJORTOFT

Many #twitterblades will follow former striker Jan Aage Fjortoft on social media and that is where UTB made contact with him to set up this interview. You think we have it cold at this time of year? He was driving in temperatures of -16 in his native Norway when he spoke to us and recalled his Blades memories from the 1990s. He played less than a year at Bramall Lane but clocked up 23 goals for the club and will always remember his time in Sheffield, particularly as his daughter was born in the city!

Jan, who also played in his homeland, Austria and Germany, began his English career with today's visitors, coincidentally making his debut for them at Bramall Lane. After Swindon, he moved on to Middlesbrough before Howard Kendall tempted him to S2...

"It was a fantastic time for me," said the former Norwegian international. "It started with Howard calling me at a stage in my career when Middlesbrough were playing one up front and had signed Fabrizio Ravanelli for big money. Howard called and said he wanted to take me on loan, I didn't want that. So he said he wanted to buy me and after talking to Middlesbrough, the deal was done very quickly. I had a good rapport with Howard and that was one of the keys to the move.

"I loved playing at Bramall Lane, a very underestimated stadium in my opinion. It inspired me to score goals, although it helped having a really good team at the time, we created a lot of chances.

"We had some very interesting games. I remember the first game of the season against Sunderland, when I combined with our Greek friend Vass (Borbokis), he set me up and I did likewise; and the season before, the play-off semi-final at Ipswich, when I scored and lost my head. There's also a couple of Blades goals that I class in my top ten, when I look back at my time with United it is filled with scoring goals.

"The Play-off Final at Wembley, though, is a bad memory. I've said before that I didn't think we were properly prepared for that game and there is a picture somewhere of everyone lying on the turf disappointed and I'm just standing there because I thought that

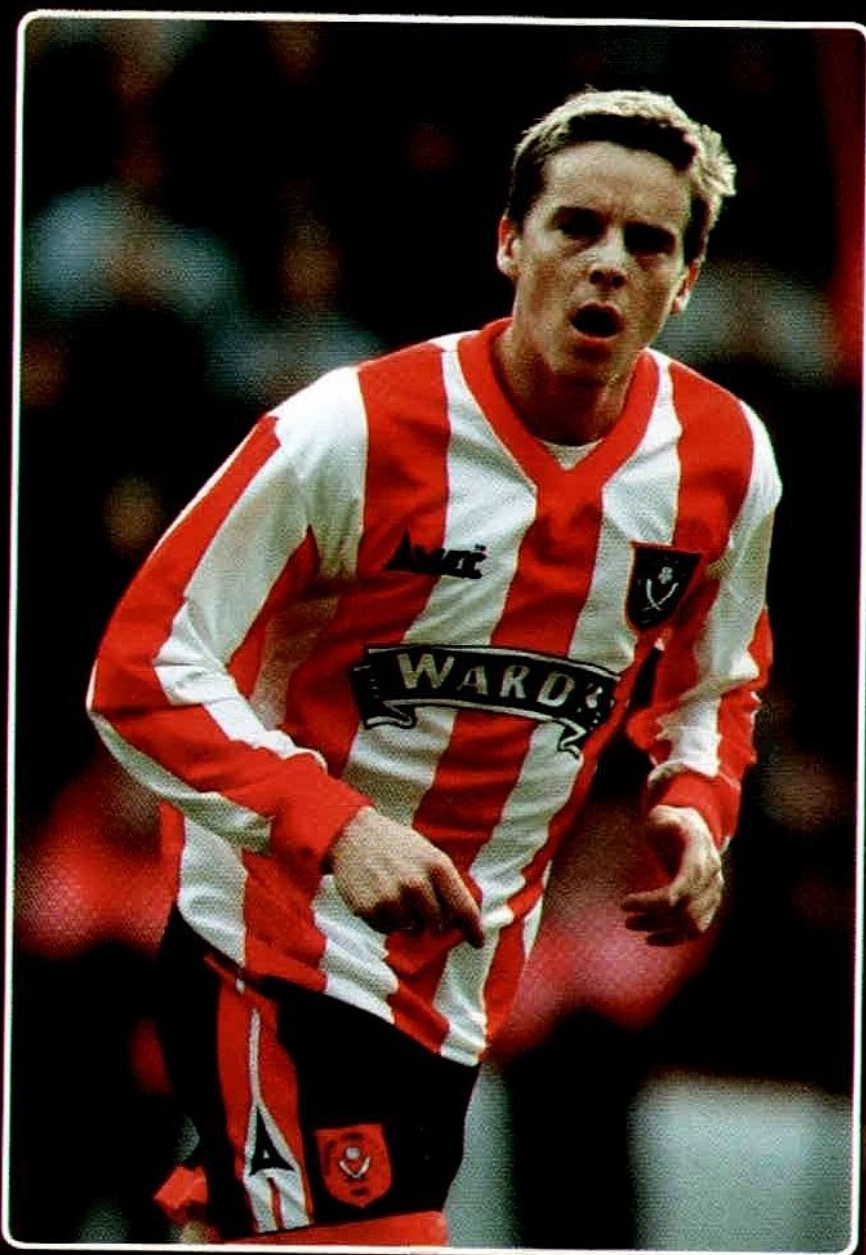
performance was a consequence of what we did in training, we were not prepared."

Despite the play-off heartache, Jan began the following season scoring goals and was well into double figures before that January day which Blades fans of a certain age will still want to forget. He recalls: "I think the supporters

called it 'Black Thursday', the day myself and Brian Deane were sold," continued Jan.

"I played for four clubs in England and I had a principal that when my club came to me and said they had agreed a fee with another club then it was telling me they wanted me to go, for whatever reason. I remember a

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game against Bury, I was in the shower and Charles Green came in and said we have agreed a fee with Barnsley, who were in the Premier League at the time. I met Danny Wilson the following day and that was it. I was at Barnsley when they told me that United had also sold Brian Deane and I thought that they were kidding. I'm told that day is still part of the folklore with Blades fans. I've kept in touch with Brian, who has managed in Norway, so that day gets brought up a lot."

He adds: "When I signed for Barnsley I continued to live in Sheffield, I loved my time in the city."

"Because you are always on the move as a footballer, a lot of people didn't buy houses and in my playing days I bought just one - in Dore. We lived next door to the Abbeydale Tennis Club and it was very friendly up there. I still

keep in touch with the owner of the Tennis Club. We had a great time in Dore, I have three children and the middle one, Lisa, was born in Sheffield. I still have very fond memories of the city."

"I always look out for the results of my former teams but I don't get back so often, although I did go to Swindon last season. I took my son and he asked why I don't go back and I said I'm always looking to tomorrow and if you did go back often then it wouldn't be so cool."

"I keep in touch over Twitter, though, that's my football communication. I speak to Blades fans and there's a few former players on there too. I enjoy Twitter, it is great to keep in touch."

Jan would need far more than 140 characters, though, to share the following amusing story with his followers on the social

networking site, as he recalls an incident inside Bramall Lane.

He concludes: "I'd left and was returning to play with Barnsley. I got on well with Simon Tracey, he was a good guy. He seemed to be permanently on a diet, like myself, and we were always having a go at each other's size."

"So when I came back to Bramall Lane with Barnsley, we were lined up in the tunnel and the Blades lads were having a go at me, we used the same gym at the time so I saw them regularly."

"Simon said to me that he knew all about my chips, I used to try it on him in training all the time, but I responded by saying 'my dear fat friend, the only chips you know about are the ones you put in your mouth' and after a laugh, we went out onto the pitch and, yes, that's right, I went one-on-one with him, I chipped him and scored!"

DAVE BURKINSHAW'S... **BLADES A-Z**

Our long-serving programme contributor takes us on a journey each home match through the alphabet to look at Blades-related topics...

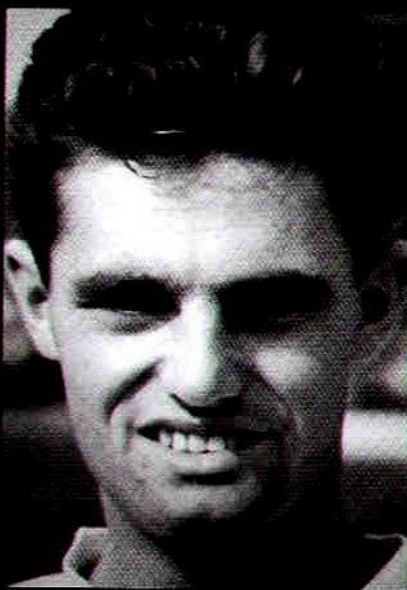
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NEWCASTLE UNITED

Three of United's most memorable games against Newcastle were in cup competitions.

Back in March 1961, Second Division Blades beat the First Division Magpies 3-1 at St James's Park in the FA Cup Sixth Round. A hat-trick from Billy Russell inside the first 18 minutes of the game gave United a famous victory.

In the Football League Cup the Blades beat Newcastle in both the 1969-70 and the 1988-89 seasons.



Billy Russell netted a hat-trick against Newcastle United

The first of these victories was a 2-0 home win with goals from Alan Woodward and John Tudor, whilst the second victory came courtesy of a 3-2 aggregate win. This second success followed the impressive 3-0 home win in the first-leg courtesy of two goals from Brian Deane and one from defender Paul Stancliffe. The Blades were again in a lower division than the Magpies at the time of these games.

Ironically one of the Blades' scorers in the 1969-70 game, John Tudor, became a favourite at St James's Park after he joined them in 1971 as part of a player-exchange deal, in which the Blades received goalkeeper John Hope and forward David Ford.

NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham's two famous clubs, Forest and County, have a long history of games against the Blades.

United first played league games against Forest in the 1893-94 season and against County in the 1897-98 season.

A curious link between Notts County and the Blades in more recent times has been the number of County managers who have had links with United, either because they have also managed United or played for the Blades. Those who



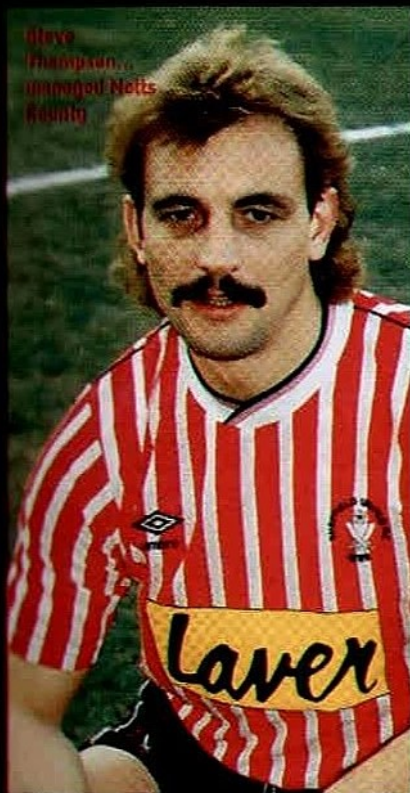
The 1988 League Cup meeting with the Magpies

have managed both clubs include Jimmy Sirrel, Neil Warnock, Howard Kendall, Russell Slade and Steve Thompson.

Those who have played for United and managed County include John Barnwell, Gary Brazil, Billy Dearden, Craig Short, Keith Curle and Shaun Derry. Derry and Short also played for County.

There have been many memorable games with Forest with some of the best occurring in the last 25 years.

In the league there was a run of such games in the early 1990s. In 1990-91 United won their first league game of the season in a



Steve Thompson... managed Notts County

thrilling 3-2 home win which kick-started the fight against relegation.

A season later, 1991-92, United completed a fabulous league double winning 4-2 at home and 5-2 at the City Ground. A 2-0 win at Forest in the relegation battle at the end of the 1992-93 season was memorable not only for the win but



Programme cover from the play-off victory over Forest

also because it was popular Forest manager Brian Clough's last home league game.

No summary of memorable games against Forest would be complete without a mention of the 4-3 play-off semi-final home win of 2002-03 to complete a 5-4 aggregate triumph. This was arguably one of the most tense and emotional games ever witnessed at the Lane.

NORWAY

During the 1990s the Blades signed four Norwegian players, believing they would cope with the physical demands of the English league.

Three of these featured regularly for their national team, which was doing well qualifying for two World Cup Final tournaments in 1994 and 1998.

The first of these signings was striker Jostein Flo from Sogndal at the start of 1993-94. He was joined later in the season by defender Roger Nilsen. Both gave their all for United but they could not prevent the club's relegation from the Premiership in 1994.

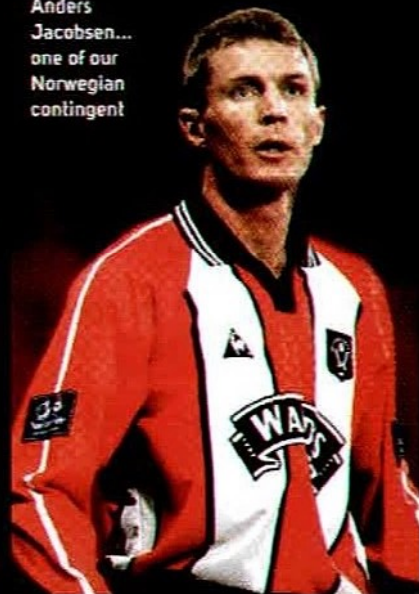
Flo made 53 appearances for Norway and Nilsen 32. Both are now involved in the coaching and management side of the game, with Flo most recently Director of Football at Stromsgodset and Nilsen manager of IF Floya's women's team.

During the 1996-97 season the Blades signed striker Jan Aage Fjortoft from Middlesbrough. One of Norway's most successful internationals with 71 appearances and 20 goals, he proved a popular player with Blades fans, scoring some memorable goals. His career since retiring from playing has involved coaching and television work, including being one of the pundits on Sky Germany.

As the decade closed perhaps the least well known and least

successful of these Norwegian imports was central defender Anders Jacobsen. He made 12 league appearances for the Blades before joining Stoke City. He later returned to Norway as a player and then coach.

Anders Jacobsen... one of our Norwegian contingent



During the 2010-11 season the club signed on loan Norwegian international winger Bjorn Helge Riise. He had one or two useful performances for the Blades, most notably in the 2-0 home win against Leeds United, scoring one of the goals.

NORTHERN IRELAND INTERNATIONALS

Over the years United have had surprisingly few players capped by Northern Ireland.

The United players who have won such honours have been defender Colin Hill and later winger Keith Gillespie.

Blades striker Jamie Ward was called into squad whilst at the Lane but did not win his first cap until after he had joined Derby County. Now at Nottingham Forest, he has helped his national team qualify for the 2016 European Championships in France.

ACTION STATION

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

BLADES 2 PETERBOROUGH 3

SHARP (32, PEN), BALDWIN OG (84)

WASHINGTON (18), OZTUMER (48), SAMUELSEN (85)

BLADES: LONG, BRAYFORD, BASHAM, COUTTS, SHARP, COLLINS, WOOLFORD, SAMMON (BAXTER 56), McEVELEY (ADAMS 71), EDGAR, HAMMOND.

UNUSED: HOWARD, FLYNN, CAMPBELL-RYCE, REED, K.WALLACE. **ATTENDANCE:** 22,302



Neill Collins looks to make a telling contribution in the opposition's penalty area

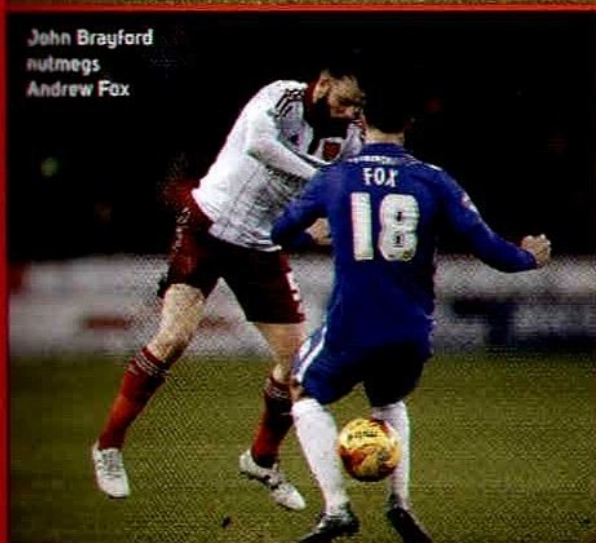


Billy Sharp fires home from the spot

Conor Sammon looks to get the better of Jack Baldwin



John Brayford nutmegs Andrew Fox



Chris Basham nips in ahead of Harry Beautyman



Substitute Jose Baxter takes aim



GAFFER:

"There was a fantastic atmosphere inside Bramall Lane, but we are frustrated to have lost the game in the manner we did. Our preparation told us about Peterborough's threat from long-range and we conceded two goals from outside the penalty area, so that's disappointing. They will think they have scored three excellent goals, but we have to do more to prevent them."



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AWAY FANS IN FOCUS: **SWINDON TOWN**

ROB CLARKSON, from ground-logging site footballgroundmap.com, shares the essential stats on our visitors, their fans and their ground.

6,933 MILES...

how far Swindon fans will travel to watch their team this season - that's 2,993 miles more than United fans

169 MILES...

Swindon's shortest round trip this season to The Den, Millwall

410 MILES...

Swindon's longest trip this season to Highbury Stadium, Fleetwood

48...

number of grounds the average Swindon fan has been to - that's three more than the average United fan

TOP 3 GROUNDS

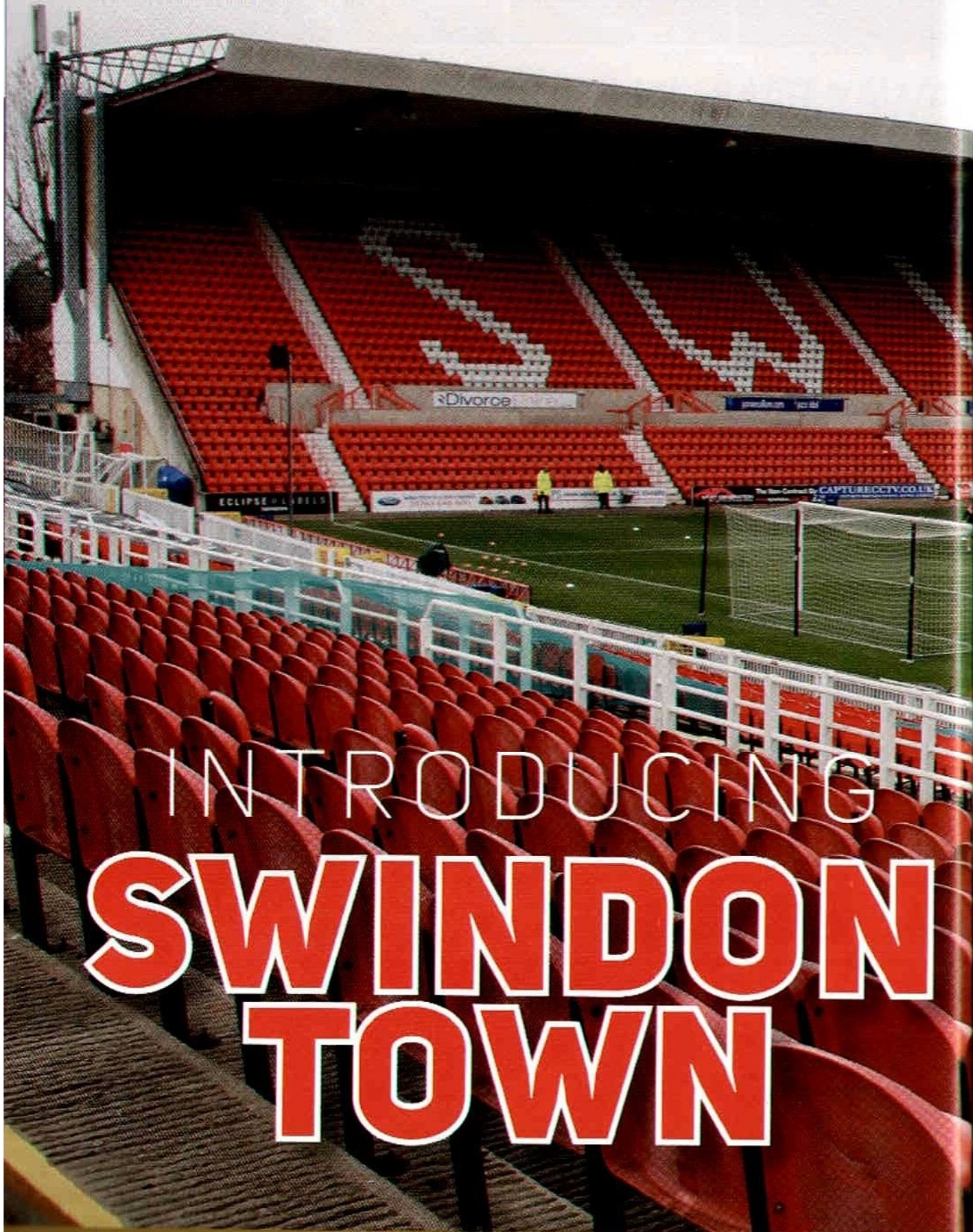
Swindon fans' top-rated grounds:

1. St James' Park
2. Wembley
3. Villa Park

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SWINDON:

- Swindon originally played close to Okus Quarry but moved on after a young fan fell into the quarry. Two other homes made up their early years before the club moved to the County Ground in 1896
- The War Department took over the stadium in 1940 and prisoners of war were housed in specially-made huts on the pitch
- Known as the Wiltshire County Ground in its early days, the stadium was the first to be fitted with floodlights in 1951, although the first fully floodlit game didn't take place for another five years
- A Rolex clock was fitted to the Stratton Bank stand to celebrate promotion in 1963. To this day it still claims to be the only ground in the world with a Rolex clock
- Had England won the rights to the 2018 or 2022 World Cups, it was hoped that the County Ground would have become a training venue for teams playing in Bristol





INTRODUCING
**SWINDON
TOWN**

Stability has been a missing ingredient in the Swindon Town story this season, yet they can dare to believe a push for promotion to the Championship could still be within their grasp with 20 games left to play.

The departure of manager Mark Cooper in October became inevitable amid a slump in form that eventually saw the Robins fail to win in ten successive league games, with the exit of his replacement, Martin Ling, last month adding to the uncertainty at the County Ground.

Despite the difficulties that come with a double managerial change, Swindon's players have responded impressively and they arrive here under the watch of interim boss Luke Williams on a run that has seen them win six of their last eight League One games, with strikers Nicky Ajose and Jonathan Obika in hot form of late.



AGAINST THE BLADES

A rundown of the players set to face the Red and White wizards this afternoon...



GOALKEEPERS

Lawrence Vigouroux (22) – A highly promising goalkeeper who was on Tottenham's books before he moved to Liverpool in 2014. He is currently on loan at Swindon and has got the first-team football he has been craving this season.

Tyrell Belford (21) – Another young 'keeper who cut his football teeth with Liverpool, he moved to Swindon in 2013 and is pushing Vigouroux for a spot in the Robins side. He has been capped by England at junior international levels.

DEFENDERS

Raphael Rossi Branco (25) – This Brazilian got his break in English football with Brighton, but that deal turned sour and he had to wait to get his chance with Swindon in 2013. He is a versatile performer who is at home in a full-back role or in midfield.

➔ **Jordan Turnbull (21)** – The Southampton academy is noted for its success in producing top quality players over the last decade and Turnbull is one of many to have come through the ranks

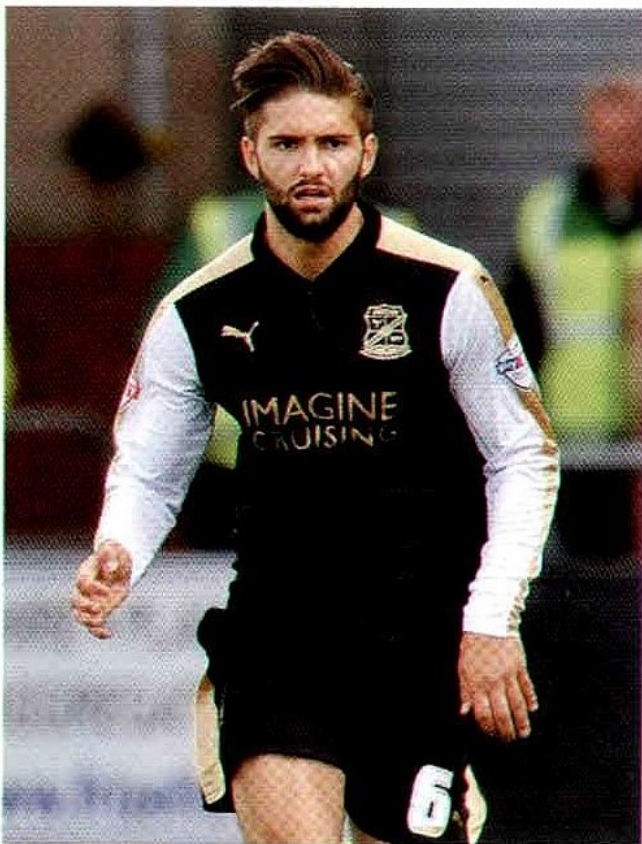
at St Mary's. On loan at Swindon for a second successive season, he is making his mark once again.

Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill (20) – Another youthful member of this Swindon defensive line-up, he moved to the club last summer after his dream of breaking into the star-studded Arsenal first-team came to an end.

➔ **Brad Barry (20)** – This talented youngster started his career with Brighton, but failed to make a first-team



breakthrough with the Championship club and joined Swindon last summer. He has seen plenty of first-team action this season.



Nathan Thompson (25) – A stalwart of the Swindon cause since he made his first-team debut in October 2010, Thompson has emerged as a leader of a youthful Robins squad. With plenty of competition for places in this team, he faces a battle to get a start at Bramall Lane today.

James Brophy (21) – This rising star made his mark in non-league football before he got his chance to shine in League One after a move to Swindon last summer. He has made 14 League One appearances so far in his debut season as a Robin.

MIDFIELDERS

Drissa Traore (23) – An Ivory Coast-born star who arrived at Swindon via a spell with Notts County, he has proved to be a valuable squad member for the Robins. Traore started his career in France with Le Havre.

Jeremy Balmey (21) – This Swindon squad is loaded with talented youthful performers and this rising star is pushing for a regular spot in their line-up. Like Traore, this Frenchman started his career with Le Havre.



Yaser Kasim (24) – An Iraqi international who started his senior career in English football with Brighton, he made the move to Swindon in 2013. He has worn the captain's armband during his time as a Robin.

Fabien Robert (27) – This Frenchman made a flying start to his Swindon career, as he bagged three goals in the opening month of the season. He has not proved to be quite so prolific in recent months and will be keen to get back in the scoring groove this afternoon.

📌 **Anton Rodgers (22)** – After leaving Oldham in

the summer of 2014, the son of former Liverpool manager Brendan, found a home for his talents at Swindon. He has been capped by the Republic of Ireland at Under-19s level.

Ellis Iandolo (18) – A youngster who made a move to Swindon last summer, he has made a couple of League One appearances so far this season as he strives to confirm he has what it takes to shine at this level.

FORWARDS

Jonathan Obika (25) – Much was expected of this striker as he made

his way through the ranks at Tottenham, but he struggled to plot a route into the first-team. He has been in Swindon since the summer of 2014 and will be a goal threat today, after scoring three times in his last two League One appearances.

📌 **Nicky Ajose (24)** – Swindon's potent striking duo of Obika and Ajose will carry their hopes for the rest of this season and this one-time Manchester United graduate has been in sparkling form of late, scoring a brace in his last two appearances. Has scored 13 goals so far this campaign.

Jermaine Hylton (22) – Signed in last year's January transfer window, Hylton adds to the competition for places in a talented Swindon attacking line. He will be looking to score his first goal of the season if he gets his chance today.

Michael Smith (24) – This striker has been with Swindon since a move from Charlton in January 2014 and he will be keen to get his first goal of this campaign today. Smith scored twice against the Blades in last season's dramatic League One play-off semi-final.



THE UNLIKELY LADS

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles big-name Swindon players not usually associated with the club...

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 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road.

Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport, he became a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon.

DAVE MACKAY

Former Scotland international wing-half Dave Mackay had a spell as Swindon Town's player-manager.

He helped Hearts win all three major Scottish honours before moving to Spurs in March 1959, skipping their 1960-61 'double' success and two further FA Cup triumphs. He joined Derby County in July 1968 and was

joint Footballer of the Year as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69.

Swindon's player-boss from May 1971 until November 1972, scoring once in 26 League games, he managed Nottingham Forest, Derby's 1974-75 League Championship-winning side, Walsall, Doncaster and Birmingham.

OSSIE ARDILES

⬇ Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie Ardiles made two League appearances for Swindon Town in 1989-90.

Together with Ricky Villa, the World Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988.



Appointed Swindon's player-boss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989-90 Second Division Play-off Final success but they were denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.

GLENN HODDLE

⬆ Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle was player-manager as Swindon reached the Premiership in 1992-93.

Signing for Tottenham in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991.

Scoring once in 64 League games for the Robins, he then took charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 Play-off Final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.



BRIAN MARWOOD

Former England international winger Brian Marwood helped Swindon win promotion to the top-flight in 1992-93.

Signing for Hull City in February 1978, he was leading marksman in their 1982-83 promotion triumph and moved to Wednesday for £115,000 in August 1984. He joined Arsenal for £600,000 in March 1988 and starred in their 1988-89 League Championship success, moving to United for £350,000 in September 1990.

Joining Swindon in March 1993, he scored once in 11 League games and joined Barnet in August 1993. He became PFA chairman, since working at Manchester City.

TERRY FENWICK

Versatile defender Terry Fenwick was capped 20 times by England before joining Swindon Town.

Signing professional for Crystal Palace in December 1976, he

featured in their 1978-79 Second Division title triumph and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980.

He scored in the 1982 FA Cup Final, then skippered Rangers to the Second Division title in 1982-83 and 1986 League Cup Final. Reunited with Venables at Tottenham in December 1987, he joined Swindon in September 1993 and made 28 League appearances while at the County Ground.

NEIL RUDDOCK

Ex-England international central defender Neil Ruddock played for Swindon during the 2001-02 campaign.

A former Millwall apprentice, 'Razor' turned professional in March 1986, moving to Spurs a month later. He returned to Millwall in June 1988 and joined Southampton in February 1989. Appearing in the 1992 ZDS Cup Final, he rejoined Spurs in

YOU MAY NOT KNOW...

- 36 players have made League appearances for United and Town, including current Blade Jay McEveley and two goalkeepers - Tom McAlister and Frank Talia. Danny Wilson, meanwhile, has managed both clubs.
- Swindon are one of two non-league clubs to beat United in the FA Cup at Bramall Lane. In January 1908 the clubs drew 0-0 at Swindon but Southern League Town triumphed against top-flight United, 3-2, in the replay, scoring the winner in extra-time.
- Left-back John Trollope made his first league appearance for Swindon on 20th August 1960, that season's opening day, and his final appearance on 8th November 1980. In total he made 770 league appearances for Swindon (including three as a substitute) and holds the league record for most appearances for one club. Between 1961 and 1968 he made 328 consecutive league appearances and 368 in league and cup.

Our league record v the Robins:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	12	2	1	29	11
Away	16	3	5	8	21	30
Total	31	15	7	9	50	41

July 1992 and joined Liverpool for £2.5million in July 1993.

He starred in their 1995 League Cup Final triumph, then played for West Ham and Crystal Palace before joining Swindon in August 2001. Scoring once in 15 League games, he has since worked in the media.

PAUL INCE

Midfielder Paul Ince gained 53 England caps before playing for Swindon.

Initially with West Ham, he moved to Manchester United for

£1million in September 1989 and was England's first black captain. He amassed numerous honours, including the 'double' in 1993-94, joining Inter Milan for £8million in July 1995.

Later with Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Wolves, he joined Swindon in August 2006 and made three League appearances whilst at the County Ground. He became Macclesfield Town's player-boss in January 2007 and has since managed MK Dons, Blackburn, MK Dons again, Notts County and Blackpool.



LUKE WILLIAMS INTERVIEW

Luke Williams never expected to be in control of Swindon Town's fortunes as they headed into the second half of this League One season, but that is the position he has found himself in over the last few weeks.

The departures of two managers over the course of this campaign has shaken the foundations at the County Ground, yet the team have hit some of their best form in the last few weeks as Williams has impressed in his elevated position.

Back-to-back wins against Southend and Crewe - and the eight goals Swindon have scored in those two matches - have set them up perfectly for this eagerly-anticipated trip to Bramall Lane, with their youthful leader relishing his role over the last few weeks.

"There is a lot more pressure on matchdays than during the week," said Williams as he reflects on his first couple of games as a manager. "There is so much to do during the games and in the build-up, but I know these players well and that has helped me.

"I try to remain calm and remain analytical on the touchline. I try to remove as much emotion as I can. It's not easy. I expect fans to be emotional and express themselves. That's why we do it as a job and other people come here to watch it as a spectacle."

Williams may be a managerial novice, but he impressed in his coaching role at Brighton after cutting his coaching teeth in the youth team set-ups with Leyton Orient and West Ham.

The respect he commands at Swindon was highlighted as he was invited to take on first-team duties following Martin Ling's sudden exit last month, with two wins from his opening two matches

in charge confirming he has embraced the task presented to him.

"We were fortunate enough to have Martin (Ling) here and his experience helped us all," he reflects. "He changed the shape of the team and we've continued with that and it's bringing us goals and it's making us a team that can always be a threat.

"There are a lot of young players in this team and they have been selected heavily on their technical ability. You have to show trust in players and we do that at Swindon. Consistency is always going to be an issue with young players, but we want to control matches and show what we can do on the ball.

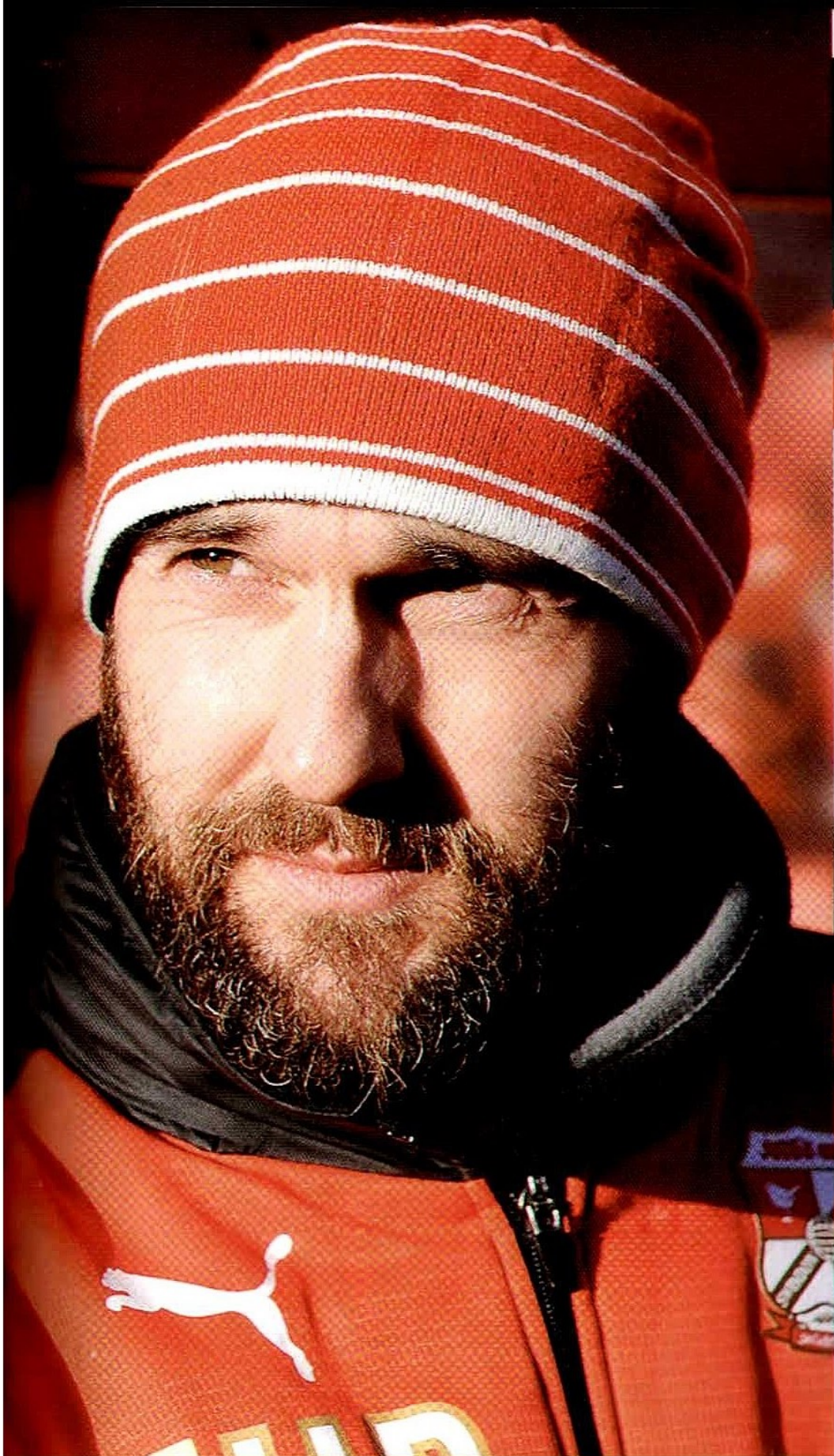
"These players are tremendously brave. They will make mistakes at times and we have to support them through it. These boys are hurt when they make mistakes but what you see is they don't crumble, they don't go hiding and they don't make excuses."

The form of strike duo Jonathan Obika and Nicky Ajose will be crucial to Swindon's hopes for the rest of this season, with their young manager impressed by the qualities of a pair who have scored seven goals between them in Williams's first two games as the club's manager.

"I wouldn't want to play against them," he adds. "Between them they've got everything and the team are delivering the ball to those boys time and time again.

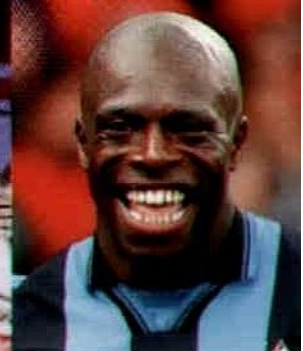
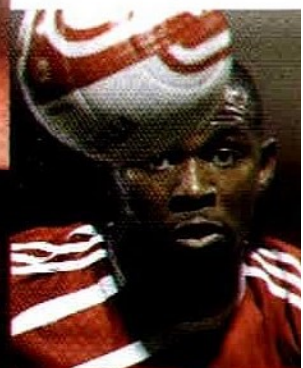
"I still don't think you've seen the best of Jonathan. I struggle to find something that he hasn't got that could take him to the top level.

"Then you have Nicky, who is a goal machine. He is so driven by goals and I think they are forming a great partnership."



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ENJOYABLE EVENING FOR SUDS

Earlier this month, Sheffield United Disabled Supporters (SUDS) held their anniversary dinner at Brunswick Gardens in Woodhouse.

It was well attended by over 65 members and their families and friends and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Several members of the Blades staff attended to offer their support, including Liaison Officer John Garrett, who, as usual, acted as compare/auctioneer/raffle ticket salesman, as well as colleagues Dave McCarthy and Simon Westbury, plus three members of the Under-21s squad.

Chris Morgan, who was appointed SUDS Ambassador last year, was also there despite recently joining Chesterfield, and

made it quite clear that as long as SUDS wanted him as their Ambassador, he would be honoured to continue to support them.

Also in attendance was Graham Moore (Westfield Health) and Trevor Payling (Chairman, Official SUFC Supporters' Club).

Entertainment was provided by an accomplished saxophonist and set a relaxed and pleasant tone to the evening. The food, as usual, was exceptional, as was the service. A raffle was held with several excellent prizes up for grabs, including the draw for the complete Jamie Murphy match-worn kit, which raised £269 towards the wheelchair accessible mini bus appeal. The winner was TJ Boggett.



CONGRATS, MARTIN

United recently played a part in helping Bluebell Wood Children's hospice raise in excess of £1,000.

The Blades donated match tickets and goods for the fundraising event and pictured presenting the SUFC prize is Ken Weeks to the winner, Martin Brook.

SUDS' Richard Rourke commented: "I would like to put in black and white everyone's thanks to the one person that is responsible for all the events that SUDS arrange, Janet Ireland, without whose hard work and dedication to our band of rogues we would surely blow away in the wind. Her strength and determination seem boundless and I know I speak for everyone when I say words aren't enough... thanks, Janet."



FREDDIE READS ALL ABOUT IT

This is Freddie Clarke, reading his favourite Christmas present from granddad Ian.

The youngster also enjoyed his first birthday last week and will soon be joining granddad Ian and dad Paul at Bramall Lane.

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	YA / Student	13.00	15.00	10.00	12.00
	Under 18	11.00	13.00	8.00	10.00
South Stand & Jahn Street Family Enclosure	Adult	27.00	29.00	22.00	24.00
	Over 60/Disabled	20.00	22.00	15.00	17.00
	YA / Student	15.00	17.00	12.00	14.00
	Under 18	13.00	15.00	10.00	12.00
South Corner / Away End	Adult	25.00	27.00	20.00	22.00
	Over 60 / Disabled	19.00	21.00	13.00	15.00
	YA / Student	14.00	16.00	11.00	13.00
	Under 18	12.00	14.00	9.00	11.00

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V BLADES



Sky Bet League One, Tuesday 26th January, 7.45pm

This match is **ALL TICKET** for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 2,500, the North Stand must be sold first.

Tickets are priced at: North Stand (1,000 tickets): £25 (adults), £20 (seniors 60+), £12 (under-19s). Under-8s free with a full paying adult, proof of age will be required on the turnstile. East Stand (1,500 tickets, possible restricted view): £24 (adults), £19 (seniors 60+), £11 (under-19s). Under-8s free with a full paying adult, proof of age will be required on the turnstile.

Ambulant tickets are available at £25 per pair, however, you must be on middle or high rate DLA for care or mobility. Nine pairs of wheelchair/carer tickets are available at £25 per pair.

100 Loyalty Points will be awarded to supporters purchasing tickets.

Tickets are on general sale now.

Away Blade Coach Travel: Leaves 3pm, price £22 or £21 members.

BLADES V

WIGAN ATHLETIC



Sky Bet League One, Saturday 6th February, 3pm

This match is a **Category B** fixture.

Tickets are priced from £18 (adults), £10 (concessions) and £8 (juniors).

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

Tickets are on sale now.

Supporters purchasing tickets will be allocated 150 Loyalty Points

DONCASTER ROVERS

V BLADES

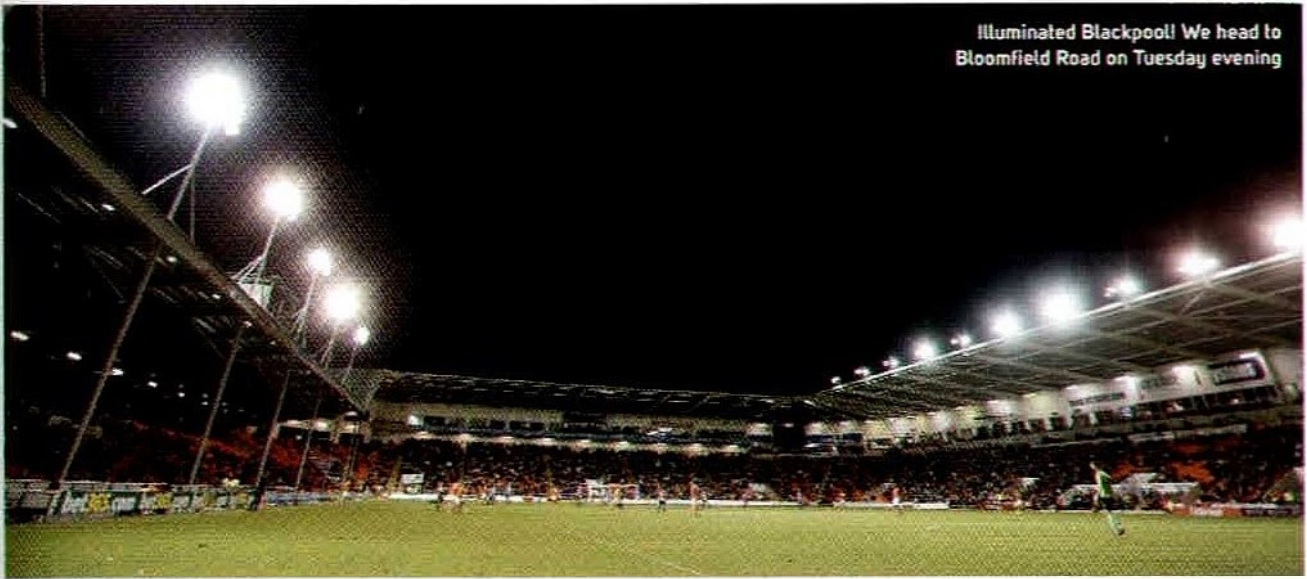


Sky Bet League One, Saturday 13th February, 3pm

This match is **ALL TICKET** for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 4,200 tickets.

Tickets are priced at: £23 (adults), £17 (seniors 60+), £13 (young adult 17-21), £8 (juniors 12-16), £5 (under-12s).



Ambulant tickets are available at the age appropriate price with a carer free of charge if required, however, you must be on middle or high rate DLA for care or mobility. 18 pairs of wheelchair/ carer tickets are available at the age appropriate price.

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

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Wed 27th Jan - 25,000+ LP

Thu 28th Jan - 20,000+ LP

Fri 29th Jan - 15,000+ LP

Mon 1st Feb - 10,000+ LP

Tue 2nd Feb - 5,000+ LP

Wed 3rd Feb - 2,500+ LP and 2016 Super Draw Lotto participants.

Should any tickets remain they will go on general sale on Thursday 4th February.

Away Blade Coach Travel: Leaves 12.30pm, price £14 or £13 members.

BLADES V

PORT VALE



Sky Bet League One, Saturday 20th February, 3pm

This match is a **Category B** fixture.

Tickets are priced from £18 (adults), £10 (concessions) and £8 (juniors).

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

Tickets are on sale now.

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ROCHDALE

V BLADES



Sky Bet League One, Saturday 27th February, 3pm

This match is **ALL TICKET** for Blades supporters.

We have been allocated 3,503 tickets.

Tickets are priced at: £22 (adults), £16 (seniors 65+), £16 (young adult 17-21), £5 (under-17s). Proof of age will be required on the turnstile.

Ambulant tickets are available at the age appropriate price with a carer free of charge if required, however, you must be on middle or high rate DLA for

care or mobility. 16 pairs of wheelchair/ carer tickets are available at £16.

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):

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Tue 9th Feb - 30,000+ LP

Wed 10th Feb - 25,000+ LP

Thu 11th Feb - 20,000+ LP

Fri 12th Feb - 15,000+ LP

Mon 15th Feb - 10,000+ LP

Tue 16th Feb - 5,000+ LP

Wed 17th Feb - 2,500+ LP and

2016 Super Draw Lotto participants.

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Welcome once again to Bramall Lane for today's fixture. We are delighted to welcome all associated with Swindon Town, including Chairman Lee Power and his guests. It is another busy fixture for the Commercial Department with a full complement of sponsors joining us.

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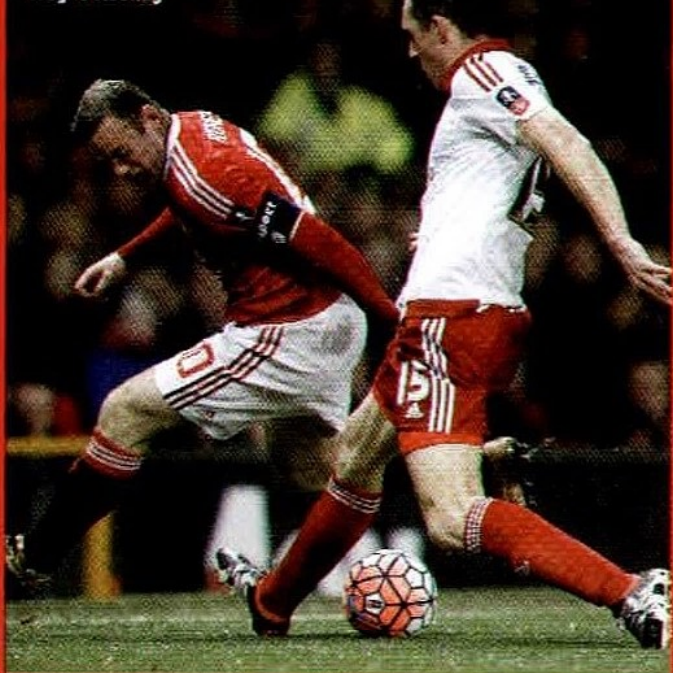
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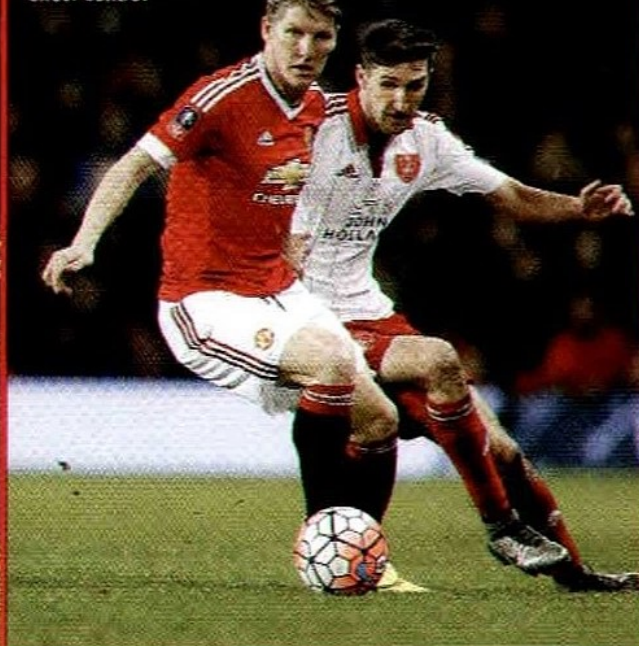
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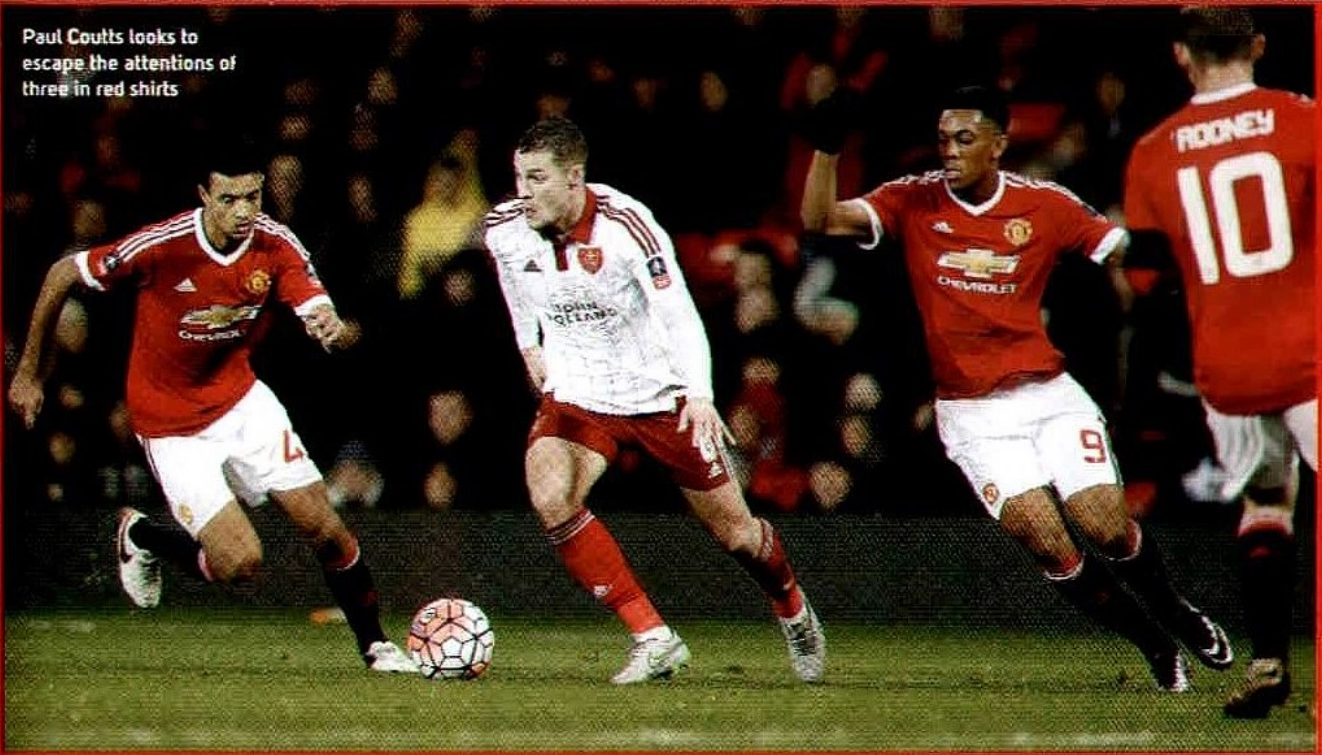
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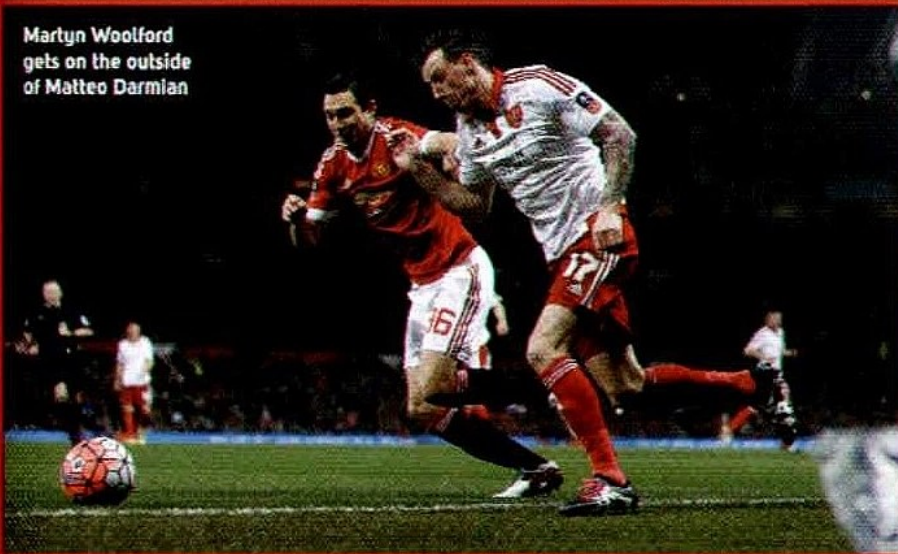
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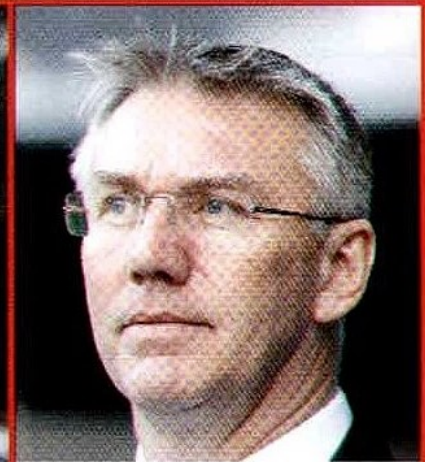
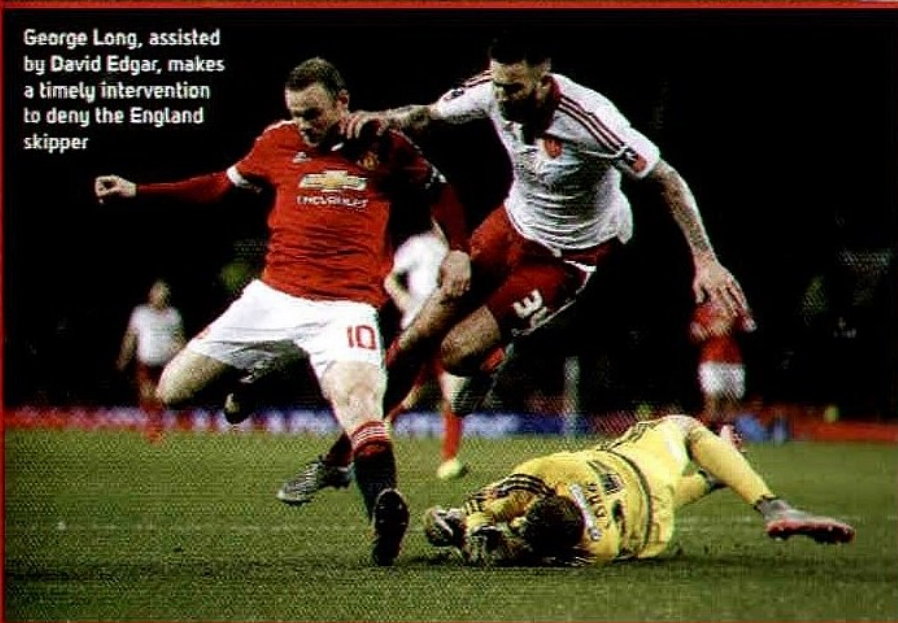
Paul Coutts looks to escape the attentions of three in red shirts



Martyn Woolford gets on the outside of Matteo Darmian



George Long, assisted by David Edgar, makes a timely intervention to deny the England skipper



GAFFER: "Manchester United showed us the utmost respect with the team they fielded and we wanted to be positive to start with. We knew it would be tough, it was, but we did ever so well. We defended excellently, were resolute, had a grit and desire about ourselves and we threw our bodies on the line on numerous occasions. We were organised, disciplined and the players worked their socks off. We gave it a real go, as we have done in every game in recent weeks, and we were backed by over 8,500 fans who were so noisy it was unbelievable."

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Who scored United's first goal of 2016?

2

From which club did the Blades sign Matt Done?

3

Who was United's leading scorer in all competitions last season?

4

Who is this former Blade?

5

What is Swindon Town's nickname?

6

Who scored Swindon's last goal at Bramall Lane?

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In which decade did Swindon win the Football League Cup?

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Which club play their home games at Kenilworth Road?

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Name the ground?

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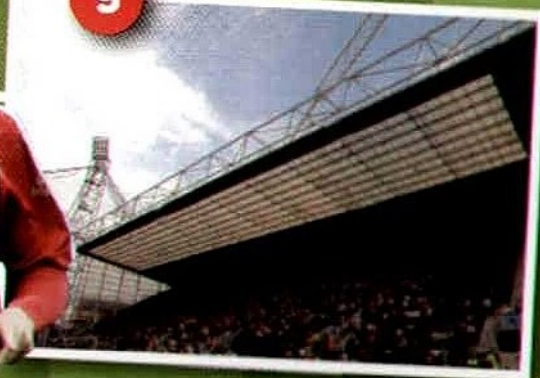
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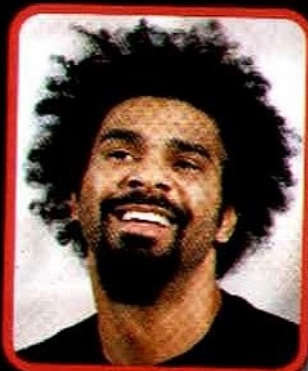
BIRTHDAY SPOTLIGHT

MARTYN WOOLFORD

Born: 13th October 1985, Pontefract

MARTYN SHARES HIS BIRTHDAY WITH...

actor Sacha Baron Cohen, better known to the younger generation as Ali G. From the sporting world, footballers Gabriel Agbonlahor, Scott Parker and Wes Brown celebrate on the same day as Wooly, as do a number of other sportsmen, namely swimmer Ian Thorpe, former sprinter John Regis and boxer David Hays. 🍷



ALSO ON 13TH OCTOBER...

a few years before Martyn was born, well-known American TV personality Ed Sullivan passed away. The Ed Sullivan Show saw him attract guests such as Elvis Presley, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles.

PLUS, ON THE ACTUAL DAY OF MARTYN'S BIRTH, IN 1985...

which was a Sunday, the Radio One UK chart confirmed that Jennifer Rush 🍷 had held on to top spot with *The Power Of Love*. The ballad was the UK's biggest selling song of 1985 and stayed at the top of the charts for five weeks. Celine Dion covered the hit and took it to number one in the United States, Canada and Australia.



AND FINALLY...

also 'born' on 13th October was fictional children's character Paddington Bear. The friendly bear from deepest, darkest Peru with his old hat, battered suitcase, duffle coat and love of marmalade, first appeared on the date in 1958. Paddington books have been translated into 30 languages across 70 titles and sold more than 30 million copies worldwide.

Ed Sullivan, Sacha Baron Cohen and Paddington





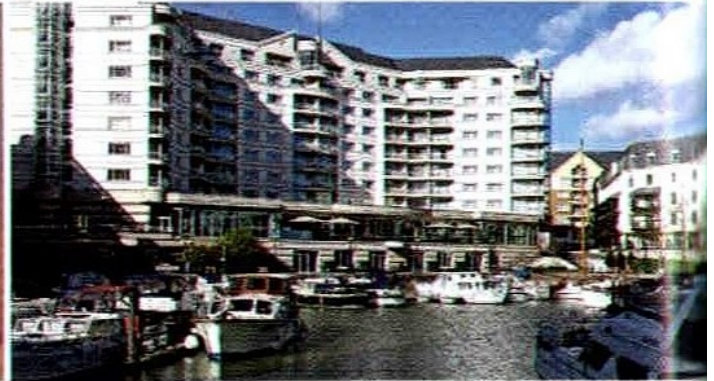
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LAST TEXT... EE customer review

LOCK SCREEN PICTURE... The classic default sea picture, I've not got around to changing it yet

LAST SONG PLAYED... Joy Division - 'Love Will Tear Us Apart'

RINGTONE... Default classic ringtone, again, I will look to change it later

MESSAGE ALERT... iPhone chime

LAST PICTURE TAKEN... I'm yet to test the camera

WHAT TIME IS YOUR ALARM SET FOR?... 7am

HOW MANY CONTACTS... 210

LAST MUSIC DOWNLOAD... Shed Seven - Chasing Rainbows

MOST CALLED PERSON... Darren Jones, a mate who likes to keep in regular contact, also known as busy!

MOST TEXTED PERSON... It's a group chat with my mates on WhatsApp

MOST VISITED WEBSITE... YouTube. I always find myself Googling something on there

MOST UNUSUAL APP... The QTests we have to do before training

MOST FAMOUS PERSON IN YOUR CONTACTS... John Stones, who I know from my Barnsley days



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INSIDE LANE

All the latest news from in and around S2...



BLADES DUO HELP OPEN NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mark Howard and Stefan Scougall joined Wednesday skipper Glenn Loovens in opening a new library at Brunswick Primary School recently.

The event took place during an assembly in the school hall so all pupils could be involved. The excitement of the children was plain to see as they saw the old library being transformed into a new facility by means of a virtual tour on a big screen.

The players were quizzed by pupils about their reading habits. Mark and Stefan both admitted to enjoying Biff, Chip and Kipper as kids and Stefan's love of Harry Potter books was very well received by the audience.

The library is very much the work of staff member Joanna Brennan and she was delighted that the players had been able to attend the unveiling.

Jo said: "It was fantastic to have the support of Mark and Stefan. Their attendance and the way they spoke about their love of reading really inspired all of our children. The players engaged so well with our excited young readers and were great role models who helped to create a sense of anticipation about the launch of the new library."

SUPPORTERS' CLUB

After three tough fixtures on the road, we return to Bramall Lane, following very creditable performances at Old Trafford, the DW Stadium and the Weston Homes Community Stadium.

Enormous credit to all those travelling supporters who took in all three games, given the proximity to Christmas and New Year, it has been nothing short of brilliant.

On to today, a chance to, perhaps, move into the play-off places. We all know how important January is, with regard to setting the tone for the remainder of the season, let's hope we can continue to pick up points.

SUSC, the official Supporters' Club, is to continue to seek new members. An organisation formed back in the 1920s that represents fans' interests, we have close ties to the club and it is hoped to have representatives on hand in the future, in proximity to the International Bar and also Annie's Bar in the Copthorne Hotel. Come and say hello and join us.

Trevor Payling, Chairman, Official SUSC

THINKING OF SUMMER?

Senior Blades have already got their first outing booked. This will be to Scarborough on Wednesday 18th May and tickets will be on sale at the February lunch meeting, priced at £14 for members and £18 for non-members.

For those non-members, why not join Senior Blades for £4 a year membership and straight away save £4 on the cost of your ticket?

When the next trip is organised for later in the year, you will have saved another £4 immediately, makes sense really and you enjoy the benefits of being a member too!

Captain Blades' quiz answers, from pages 32 and 33...
Scoreline... 2-0 to the Blades
Unravel... Derek Geary
Focus... Matt Done
Concentrate... Blackpool, Livingston, Arsenal, Derby,
Everton, Sunderland
Played for both, from page 61... Brian Howard,
Lacinel Jean-Francois, Ifly Onuora
4-3-3 answers, from page 71... 1. Billy Sharp,
2. Rochdale, 3. Jose Baxter, 4. David Cotterill, 5. The Robins,
6. Nathan Byrne, 7. 1960s, 8. Luton Town, 9. Deepdale,
Preston, 10. The Evo-Silk Northern Premier League

TEASER ANSWERS...

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SEASON STATS 2015-16

Player	DoB, PoB	LEAGUE			CUP / PLAY-OFFS			UNITED CAREER			Assists	Yellows	Reds
		Apps	Subs	Goals	App	Subs	Goals	Apps	Subs	Goals			
1 Mark HOWARD	21.9.86, London	15	-	-	1	-	-	104	-	-	-	-	-
2 Kieron FREEMAN	21.3.92, Arnold	17	2	-	3	-	1	45	10	3	1	1	-
3 Bob HARRIS	28.8.87, Glasgow	5	-	-	2	-	-	71	9	3	3	1	-
4 James WALLACE	19.12.91, Fazakerley	-	4	-	3	-	-	11	9	-	2	-	-
5 John BRAYFORD	29.12.87, Stoke-on-Trent	7	-	-	2	-	-	52	-	3	-	1	-
6 Chris BASHAM	30.5.88, Peterborough	26	-	2	5	-	-	79	2	3	3	5	-
7 Ryan FLYNN	4.9.88, Edinburgh	5	5	-	1	1	1	135	43	17	-	-	-
8 Paul COUTTS	22.2.88, Aberdeen	13	1	-	3	1	-	37	3	-	3	1	-
10 Billy SHARP	5.2.86, Sheffield	25	1	13	2	2	-	75	21	26	7	3	-
11 Jose BAXTER	7.2.92, Liverpool	14	5	4	2	2	3	89	27	28	5	1	1
12 Marc McNULTY	14.9.92, Edinburgh	1	4	1	3	-	-	24	27	14	-	-	-
13 George WILLIS	30.7.95, Sheffield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Matt DONE	22.7.88, Oswestry	11	2	4	3	1	2	28	7	14	-	2	-
15 Neil COLLINS	2.9.83, Troon	25	-	3	3	1	1	207	4	14	1	3	-
16 Steffen SCUDGALL	7.12.92, Edinburgh	4	6	-	3	2	1	51	19	5	2	-	-
17 Martyn WOOLFORD	13.10.85, Pontefract	9	7	1	6	-	-	75	7	1	3	1	-
18 Conor SAMMON (I)	6.11.86, Dublin	12	9	5	4	2	1	16	11	6	2	2	-
19 Jay McEVELEY	11.2.85, Liverpool	15	2	-	6	-	-	63	6	1	5	7	-
20 Jamal CAMPBELL-RYCE	6.4.83, Lambeth	10	4	-	2	1	-	36	13	7	3	-	-
22 Louis REED	25.7.87, Barnsley	5	5	-	3	3	-	28	21	-	1	-	-
23 Michael HIGDON	2.9.83, Liverpool	-	2	-	2	-	-	14	10	5	-	-	-
24 Diego DE GIROLAMO	5.10.95, Chesterfield	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	6	1	-	1	-
25 George LONG	5.11.93, Sheffield	11	-	-	7	-	-	97	1	-	1	1	-
26 Terry KENNEDY	14.11.94, Barnsley	-	1	-	2	-	-	16	6	-	-	-	-
27 Dom CALVERT-LEWIN	16.3.97, Sheffield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
28 Cellum McFADZEAN	16.1.94, Sheffield	1	-	-	1	-	-	11	12	1	-	-	-
29 Che ADAMS	13.7.96, Leicester	13	4	6	3	2	1	21	14	10	6	3	1
30 Kieran WALLACE	26.1.85, Nottingham	7	4	-	4	2	-	13	10	-	3	1	1
31 Connor DIMAID	28.1.96, Chesterfield	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
32 Harrison McGAHEY	26.9.95, Preston	3	1	-	4	1	-	24	7	-	-	-	-
33 Flo DUVELIER	12.9.92, Anderlecht, Bel	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	-	-	-	-
34 David EDGAR (L)	19.5.87, Ontario, Can	17	1	2	2	-	-	18	1	2	-	3	-
35 Dean HAMMOND (L)	7.3.83, Hastings	13	-	1	3	1	-	16	1	1	-	6	-
ALSO PLAYED													
9 Jamie MURPHY	28.8.89, Glasgow	1	-	-	-	-	-	104	18	21	-	-	-
21 Craig ALCOCK	8.12.87, Truro	1	2	-	2	-	-	28	9	-	2	1	-

LEAGUE ONE TABLE													
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GO	PTS
1 Burton	25	9	3	1	21	9	6	0	4	13	10	+15	54
2 Walsall	26	7	3	3	19	13	6	4	1	25	12	+15	52
3 Gillingham	27	10	2	1	29	11	5	4	5	24	23	+19	51
4 Coventry	27	8	5	1	27	16	5	4	4	20	11	+20	48
5 Wigan	27	8	4	2	24	11	5	5	3	20	17	+16	48
6 Peterborough	26	6	4	3	26	19	6	1	6	26	19	+14	41
7 SHEFF UTD	26	7	1	5	27	21	4	6	3	17	17	+6	40
8 Millwall	26	6	1	6	17	15	6	3	4	24	18	+15	40
9 Southend	26	6	2	5	14	17	4	6	3	19	17	-1	38
10 Bradford	24	5	4	2	12	9	5	3	5	13	17	-1	37
11 Port Vale	26	7	4	1	20	11	3	2	9	10	19	0	36
12 Doncaster	26	5	5	3	18	13	4	3	6	15	22	-2	35
13 Rochdale	25	6	2	4	19	15	3	5	5	15	15	+4	34
14 Swindon	26	6	2	6	26	25	4	2	6	15	19	-3	34
15 Bury	25	5	4	3	20	18	4	2	7	15	22	-5	33
16 Scunthorpe	26	5	3	5	10	12	4	2	7	18	24	-8	32
17 Barnsley	25	5	2	6	17	16	4	1	7	20	25	-4	30
18 Chesterfield	27	3	3	7	22	24	6	0	8	15	22	-9	30
19 Blackpool	26	6	2	5	16	13	2	2	9	10	21	-8	28
20 Fleetwood	24	5	3	4	22	12	2	2	8	10	22	-2	26
21 Shrewsbury	26	3	2	6	15	20	4	3	6	16	25	-14	26
22 Oldham	25	1	4	8	14	27	2	6	2	12	12	-13	21
23 Colchester	26	3	4	6	20	24	2	2	9	15	37	-26	21
24 Crewe	25	2	3	8	12	27	3	2	7	14	21	-22	20

OUR LEAGUE RECORD						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	2,328	1,237	590	501	4,314	2,580
Away	2,328	623	570	1,135	2,603	4,092
Total	4,656	1,860	1,160	1,636	7,117	6,672

GOAL TIMES						
	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
For	4	10	6	6	19	10
Against	3	9	7	7	7	11
For ET	-	-	-	-	-	-
Against ET	-	-	-	-	-	-

ON THE ROAD	AWAY FANS AT THE LAKE	BLADES (AWAY)	ROUND TRIP (MILES)
SKY BET LEAGUE ONE			
Barnsley	-	3,939	34
Blackpool	636	-	-
Bradford City	3,886	1,479	91
Burton Albion	-	2,012	99
Bury	868	-	-
Chesterfield	2,048	-	-
Colchester	108	889	362
Coventry	1,185	-	-
Crewe	-	1,476	114
Doncaster	1,390	-	-
Fleetwood	99	-	-
Gillingham	-	1,832	400
Millwall	870	-	-
Oldham	-	2,111	80
Peterborough	1,400	1,578	190
Port Vale	-	1,826	88
Rochdale	572	-	-
Scunthorpe	-	1,707	88
Shrewsbury	240	-	-
Southend	1,060	-	-
Swindon	-	1,117	338
Walsall	-	1,267	142
Wigan	-	1,561	141
EMIRATES FA CUP			
Worcester City	2,000	-	-
Oldham Athletic	682	-	-
Manchester United	-	6,554	100
CAPITAL ONE CUP			
Macclesfield	-	795	201
Fulham	-	955	342
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY			
Hartlepool United	-	366	226
Norths County	411	-	-
Fleetwood Town	-	364	192
TOTAL MILEAGE			3,248

GOALS: THE BREAKDOWN			
Shots	Headers	Penalties	Own Goals
36	7	7	2

BLADES STATS

GAME BY GAME - 2015-16



RESULT	POS	DATE	OPPONENTS	KO/GATE	REFEREE	1	2	3	4	5	6
L 0-4	24	Sat 8th Aug	GILLINGHAM	7,511	L. COLLINS	Long	Freeman	Collins	McEveley	McFadzean	Woolford
W 1-0	-	Tue 11th Aug	MORECAMBE - CC1	2,168	S. MARTIN	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	McEveley	K Wallace	Scougall
W 2-0	12	Sat 15th Aug	CHESTERFIELD	23,031	K. WRIGHT	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Scougall
W 3-1	8	Tue 18th Aug	PETERBOROUGH	6,526	N. MILLER	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Scougall
W 2-0	4	Sat 22nd Aug	BLACKPOOL	20,199	D. DEADMAN	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	McEveley	K Wallace	C-Ryce
L 0-3	-	Tue 25th Aug	FULHAM - CC2	5,927	D. WHITESTONE	Long	Alcock	McGahey	K Wallace	McFadzean	De Girolamo
W 2-0	2	Sat 29th Aug	SWINDON	8,614	C. SARGINSON	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins 1	McEveley	C-Ryce
W 1-1*	-	Tue 1st Sep	HARTLEPOOL - JPT1	2,221	S. DUNCAN	Long	Alcock	McGahey	Kennedy	McEveley	Flynn 1
L 1-3	5	Sat 12th Sep	BURY	20,708	D. WEBB	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	C-Ryce
L 2-3	5	Tue 15th Sep	COLCHESTER	17,623	R. WOOTTON	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	C-Ryce
D 2-2	7	Sun 20th Sep	BRADFORD	19,317	N. SWARBRICK	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	C-Ryce
W 3-1	6	Sat 26th Sep	DONCASTER	20,669	M. HEYWOOD	Howard	Alcock	Edgar	Collins	K Wallace	Coutts
D 0-0	6	Tue 29th Sep	BURTON ALBION	5,029	C. KAVANAGH	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	K Wallace	Coutts
L 1-2	7	Sat 3rd Oct	PORT VALE	6,822	B. SAUSBURY	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Collins	K Wallace	Coutts
W 5-1	-	Tue 6th Oct	NOTTS COUNTY - JPT2	5,497	C. BOYESON	Long	Freeman	McGahey	McEveley	Woolford	Reed
W 3-2	6	Sat 10th Oct	ROCHDALE	19,039	D. LANGFORD	Howard	Freeman	Basham	Collins 1	McEveley	Coutts
D 1-1	6	Sat 17th Oct	OLDHAM	5,743	K. WRIGHT	Howard	Freeman	McGahey	Collins	K Wallace	Basham
W 3-0	5	Tue 20th Oct	FLEETWOOD	17,879	E. ILBERTON	Howard	Freeman	McGahey	Collins	K Wallace	C-Ryce
L 1-2	6	Sat 24th Oct	MILLWALL	19,617	A. HAINES	Howard	Freeman	McGahey	Collins	K Wallace	C-Ryce
L 0-1	8	Sat 31st Oct	CREWE	5,227	F. GRAHAM	Howard	Flynn	Basham	Collins	Harris	Baxter
W 3-0	-	Sat 7th Nov	WORCESTER - FAC R1	11,108	S. BENNETT	Long	Freeman 1	Basham	Collins	Harris	Baxter 1P
D 0-0**	-	Tue 10th Nov	FLEETWOOD JPT ADF	1,587	C. KAVANAGH	Long	McGahey	Kennedy	McEveley	K Wallace	Woolford
D 2-2	8	Sat 14th Nov	SOUTHEND	19,007	S. DUNCAN	Long	Freeman	Basham	Collins 1	Harris	Baxter 1
D 1-1	11	Sat 21st Nov	WALSALL	5,780	G. ELTRINGHAM	Long	Freeman	Basham	Collins	Harris	Baxter
L 2-4	12	Tue 24th Nov	SHREWSBURY	17,843	R. CLARK	Long	Freeman	Basham	Collins	Harris	Baxter
D 1-1	12	Sat 28th Nov	BARNLEY	13,571	N. SWARBRICK	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	Harris	Basham 1
W 1-0	-	Sat 5th Dec	OLDHAM - FAC R2	6,938	E. ILBERTON	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
W 1-0	11	Sun 13th Dec	COVENTRY	18,074	I. WILLIAMSON	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
W 1-0	9	Sat 19th Dec	SCUNTHORPE	5,150	A. HAINES	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
W 3-1	8	Mon 28th Dec	BRADFORD	24,777	M. HAYWOOD	Long	Brayford	Edgar 1	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
L 2-3*	8	Sat 2nd Jan	PETERBOROUGH	22,302	D. BOND	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
L 0-1	-	Sat 9th Jan	MAN UTD - FAC R3	74,284	J. MOSS	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
D 3-3	7	Tue 12th Jan	WIGAN	10,113	J. MOSS	Long	Brayford	Edgar	Collins	McEveley	Flynn
W 2-1	7	Sat 16th Jan	COLCHESTER	4,322	B. MALDINE	Long	Brayford	Edgar 1	Collins	McEveley	Coutts
		Sat 23rd Jan	SWINDON	3pm							
		Tue 26th Jan	BLACKPOOL	7.45pm							
		Sat 6th Feb	WIGAN	3pm							
		Sat 13th Feb	DONCASTER	3pm							
		Sat 20th Feb	PORT VALE	3pm							
		Sat 27th Feb	ROCHDALE	3pm							
		Tue 1st Mar	BURTON ALBION	7.45pm							
		Sat 5th Mar	FLEETWOOD	3pm							
		Sat 12th Mar	OLDHAM	3pm							
		Sat 19th Mar	MILLWALL	3pm							
		Fri 25th Mar	CREWE	3pm							
		Wed 30th Mar	SOUTHEND	7.45pm							
		Sat 2nd Apr	WALSALL	3pm							
		Sat 9th Apr	GILLINGHAM	3pm							
		Sat 16th Apr	CHESTERFIELD	1pm							
		Tue 19th Apr	SHREWSBURY	7.45pm							
		Sat 23rd Apr	BARNLEY	3pm							
		Sat 30th Apr	COVENTRY	3pm							
		Sun 6th May	SCUNTHORPE	12.30pm							
		TBA	BURY								

* Won 4-3 on pens

** Lost 4-1 on pens

Home games in **bold**.

Player's name in **bold** denotes number of goals scored.

* Next to score indicates an own goal.

P = Penalty

⚡ = Booked

⚡ = Sent-off

Ⓜ = Substitute used

(number denotes player replaced.)

Competitions-

FAC = Fa Cup

CC = Capital One Cup

JPT = Johnstone Paint Trophy



7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Basham	Baxter	Murphy	Sherp	Adams	Sammon (2)	Scougall (11)	Reed (6)	Howard	K Wallace	J Wallace	Higdon
Basham	J Wallace	Woolford	McNulty	Sammon	Adams (10)	Collins 1 (3)	Reed (6)	Long	McFadden	Sharp	Higdon
Basham	Baxter	Adams 2	Sherp	Sammon	J Wallace (2)	Woolford (5)	Reed (6)	Long	K Wallace	C-Ryce	McNulty
Basham	Baxter 1	Adams	Sharp	Sammon 2	C-Ryce (6)	K Wallace (4)	J Wallace (10)	Long	Reed	Woolford	McNulty
Basham	Baxter	Adams	Sharp 1	Sammon	McNulty 1 (11)	Woolford (9)	J Wallace (5)	Long	McFadden	Reed	Higdon
Reed	J Wallace	Woolford	McNulty	Higdon	Baxter 1 (6)	Dimalo (8)	Adams (2)	Howard	Freeman	Edgar	Sammon
Basham	Reed	Adams	Sharp 1	Sammon	Woolford (2)	Alcock (6)	Higdon (11)	Long	McFadden	McGahay	McNulty
Basham	K Wallace	Woolford	McNulty	Higdon	C-Ryce (6)	Sharp (4)	Howard	Collins	Sammon	-	-
Basham	Reed	Woolford	Sharp 1P	Sammon	K Wallace (8)	Flynn (6)	McNulty (9)	Long	Alcock	Scougall	Higdon
Basham	Baxter	Woolford 1	Sharp 1P	Sammon	McNulty (11)	Scougall (8)	Higdon (6)	Long	Alcock	Reed	K Wallace
Basham	Reed	Woolford	Sharp 1	McNulty	Alcock (5)	Baxter (9)	Sammon (6)	Long	McGahay	Scougall	Higdon
Basham 1	Baxter	Flynn	Sharp 1	Sammon 1	Freeman (2)	Reed (8)	Adams (6)	Long	McGahay	Woolford	McNulty
Basham	Reed	Flynn	Sharp	Sammon	Scougall (5)	Woolford (9)	McNulty (10)	Long	Kennedy	Dimalo	Done
Basham	Baxter	Flynn	Sharp	Sammon	Kennedy (3)	Adams (9)	Done 1 (6)	Long	McEveley	Reed	C-Ryce
Scougall 1	Baxter 2P	C-Ryce	Done 1	Adams 1P	K Wallace (10)	Coutts (6)	Sammon (9)	Howard	Sharp	-	-
Scougall	Baxter	Adams 2	Sherp	Done	K Wallace (5)	McGahay (7)	Reed (6)	Long	Woolford	C-Ryce	Sammon
Scougall	Baxter	Adams	Sharp	Done 1	Sammon (11)	C-Ryce (7)	Long	Kennedy	Reed	Coutts	Woolford
Basham	Hammond	Done	Adams 2	Sharp 1	Coutts (2)	Baxter (3)	Woolford (6)	Long	Kennedy	Reed	Sammon
Basham	Hammond	Done	Adams	Sharp	Baxter 1 (9)	Sammon (5)	Flynn (2)	Long	Kennedy	Coutts	Woolford
Coutts	Hammond	Adams	Done	Sharp	Scougall (7)	Sammon (10)	Long	Freeman	K Wallace	McGahay	C-Ryce
Coutts	Hammond	C-Ryce	Adams	Sammon 1	Scougall (10)	McGahay (3)	Reed (7)	Howard	K Wallace	Done	Sharp
Reed	J Wallace	Scougall	Sammon	Done	Hammond (8)	Sharp (10)	Baxter (7)	Howard	Freeman	-	-
Coutts	Hammond	C-Ryce	Adams	Sherp	J Wallace (7)	Howard	McEveley	McGahay	Scougall	Done	Sammon
Coutts	Hammond	C-Ryce	Adams	Sherp	Sammon (11)	Scougall (9)	Howard	McEveley	McGahay	Reed	Done
Reed	Hammond 1	Adams	Sammon 1	Sherp	Done (6)	McEveley (4)	Edgar (7)	Howard	Coutts	Woolford	C-Ryce
Coutts	Hammond	C-Ryce	Sharp	Done	Woolford (9)	Freeman (11)	McEveley (3)	Howard	Reed	Adams	Sammon
Coutts	Hammond	Adams	Sharp	Done 1	K Wallace (5)	Scougall (10)	Sammon (11)	Howard	McGahay	Reed	Flynn
Basham	Hammond	Woolford	Sammon	Done	Scougall (9)	Sharp 1 (10)	Flynn (10)	Howard	Reed	K Wallace	McGahay
Basham	Hammond	Woolford	Sharp 1	Done	Sammon (11)	Reed (7)	K Wallace (5)	Howard	Scougall	Flynn	C-Ryce
Basham	Hammond	Woolford	Sharp 1	Done	Sammon 1 (11)	Flynn (9)	C-Ryce (10)	Howard	Baxter	Reed	K Wallace
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Basham	Hammond	Baxter	Sharp 1	Done 2	Adams (6)	Woolford (5)	C-Ryce (8)	Howard	McGahay	Reed	Sammon
Basham	Hammond	Woolford	Sharp 1	Done	Baxter (10)	Flynn (9)	Sammon (10)	Howard	Reed	C-Ryce	Adams

Stats all Folks!

Blades Statistician **ANDREW KIRKHAM** delves into the archives to enlighten Unitedites with topical figures...

GOALS GALORE

In 2015 something happened at Bramall Lane for the first time since 1929.

It was Unitedite John Taylor who pointed out that the Blades had scored in every home game - league and cup - in 2015. This has happened only twice before, in the successive years, 1928 and 1929.

One reason for a goal in every home game in those two years was the change in the offside rule for the 1925-26 season. The present rule of two players needed between the receiving player and the goal-line replaced the requirement for three players. This brought a large increase in goals - 4,700 in 1924-25 to 6,373 in 1925-26 (from 1,848 games in both seasons).

2015 SCORES

We played 30 competitive home games in 2015, 15 last season and 15 this. A summary of these 30 games, split into last and this season, is listed below, including the frequency of goals scored, ie. the number of times we scored one goal, two goals etc.

GOAL FREQUENCY

	W	D	L	GL	1	2	3	4	5
Last	6	4	5	27	8	4	1	2	0
This	10	1	4	34	4	5	5	0	1
Total	16	5	9	61	12	9	6	2	1

The most common scoreline in the 30 games was a 1-2 defeat - this happened six times.

2015 SCORERS

Nineteen players scored the 61 goals. 13 scored this season, five of whom also scored in 2015 last season, as did six others. The leading scorers were Jose Baxter 11, Che Adams 9, Billy Sharp 7 and Matt Done 6. There were 11 penalties (Baxter 8, Sharp 2 and Adams 1).

Chris Basham started 27 of the 30 games, finished all but one, scoring only one goal.

1928 AND 1929

We were in the top-flight for both these calendar years. We played many fewer home games than in 2015, but we scored more goals per game:

- ▶ **1928** - 23 games, 65 goals, most common scoreline: 3-1 (6 times)
- ▶ **1929** - 22 games, 61 goals, most common scoreline: 1-1 (3 times)

In 1928 Harry Johnson scored 30 home goals and in 1929 he was top scorer again with 12, giving him a total of 42 out of 126 Lane goals over the two calendar years.

BLANK-FREE SEASONS

We have scored in every home game in two peacetime seasons: 1895-96 with 17 home games (15 league, 1 FA Cup and 1 Birmingham Cup) and 1925-26 with 25 games (21 league, 2 FA Cup and 2 County Cup).

The last time we nearly repeated the feat was in 1970-71, scoring in all but one of our 22 competitive home games - we drew 0-0 with Norwich in April.

GROUNDS AGAIN

It was pointed out by a keen reader of UTB that there was an error in this part of the Peterborough programme about neutral grounds.

I stated that we had played competitive games on 20 neutral grounds - unless you knew better. Someone did.

On 22nd August 1988 we played Halifax Town in the Yorkshire and Humberside Cup and, because their ground was unfit due to bad weather, the game was played at Huddersfield Town's Leeds Road - and technically the attendance was zero as the game was played behind-closed-doors. Francis Joseph scored the only goal.

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- 2 KIERON FREEMAN
- 3 BOB HARRIS
- 4 JAMES WALLACE
- 5 JOHN BRAYFORD
- 6 CHRIS BASHAM
- 7 RYAN FLYNN
- 8 PAUL COUTTS
- 10 BILLY SHARP
- 11 JOSE BAXTER
- 12 MARC McNULTY
- 13 GEORGE WILLIS
- 14 MATT DONE
- 15 NEILL COLLINS
- 16 STEFAN SCUGALL
- 17 MARTYN WOOLFORD
- 18 CONOR SAMMON
- 19 JAY McEVELEY
- 20 JAMAL CAMPBELL-RYCE
- 22 LOUIS REED
- 23 MICHAEL HIGDON
- 24 DIEGO DE GIROLAMO
- 25 GEORGE LONG
- 26 TERRY KENNEDY
- 27 DOMINIC CALVERT-LEWIN
- 28 CALLUM McFADZEAN
- 29 CHE ADAMS
- 30 KIERAN WALLACE
- 31 CONNOR DIMAID
- 32 HARRISON McGAHEY
- 33 FLORENT CUVELIER
- 34 DAVID EDGAR
- 35 DEAN HAMMOND

SWINDON TOWN

- 1 LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX
- 2 NATHAN THOMPSON
- 3 BRANDON ORMONDE-OTTEWILL
- 4 FABIEN ROBERT
- 5 JORDAN WILLIAMS
- 6 JORDAN TURNBULL
- 7 DRISSA TRAORE
- 8 YASER KASIM
- 9 MICHAEL SMITH
- 10 NICKY AJOSE
- 14 MICHAEL DOUGHTY
- 15 JAMES BROPHY
- 16 JORDAN STEWART
- 19 JEREMY BALMY
- 20 JONATHAN OBIKA
- 22 LEE MARSHALL
- 23 JOSH COOKE
- 24 JERMAINE HYLTON
- 25 TYRELL BELFORD
- 26 ANTON RODGERS
- 27 BRADLEY BARRY
- 28 ELLIS IANDOLO
- 29 RAPHAEL ROSSI-BRANCO
- 37 JAMIE CALVIN

TODAY'S MASCOTS



HARRY SPENCER | 9
Hobbies: Football, Taekwondo and cricket
Fave Blade: Billy Sharp
School: Barborough Hall



BRADEN HALLAM | 8
Hobbies: Playing football, table tennis and Xbox one
Fave Blades: Matt Done and John Brayford
School: Greystones



HENRY GRANT | 8
Hobbies: Football, golf and music
Fave Blades: Chris Basham, Mark Howard and George Long
School: West View Primary, Hartlepool



BAILEY SHEEHAN | 8
Hobbies: Playing football for Ecclesfield Red Rose with my brother Lennon
Fave Blades: John Brayford and Dominic Calvert-Lewin
School: Parson Cross



AWAY MASCOTS

MITCHELL OGBOURNE | 8
Hobbies: Football
Fave Robn: Nicky Ajose
School: Grange Juniors



OWEN FOYE | 8
Hobbies: Playing football
Fave Robn: Jonathan Obika
School: Grange Juniors

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