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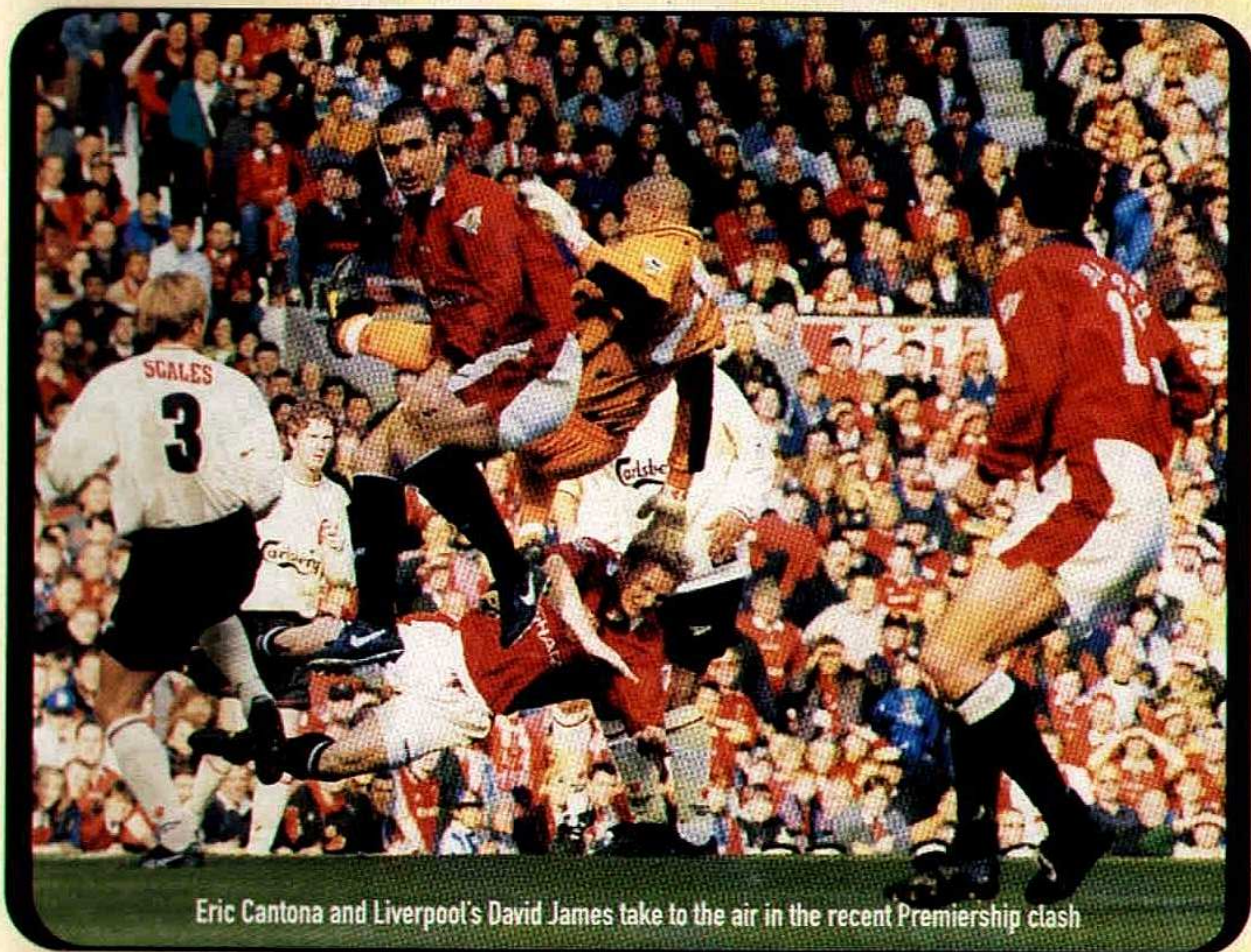
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Eric Cantona and Liverpool's David James take to the air in the recent Premiership clash



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1957, 1965, 1967

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1947, 1948, 1949, 1951

1959, 1964, 1968, 1980

1988, 1992

**FA Challenge Cup Winners**

1909, 1948, 1963, 1977

1983, 1985, 1990, 1994, 1996

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1957, 1958, 1976

1979, 1995

**Football League Cup Winners**

1992

**Finalists**

1983, 1991, 1994

**European Super Cup Winners**

1991

**FA Charity Shield Winners**

1908, 1911, 1952, 1956, 1957

1983, 1993, 1994, 1996

**Joint Holders**

1965, 1967, 1977, 1990



"We expect such a lot from our professional footballers. It's part of the bulldog breed of the British syndrome."

# Alex



Pictures (cover and this page) John Peters



# Ferguson



**I am looking at the big picture tonight and taking into account all our commitments and the demands on our players.**

In other words you will see a few different faces in our team as we welcome Swindon Town and Steve McMahon to Old Trafford for the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

I intend no disrespect to either Swindon or the competition itself but we are at the tail end of one heck of a spell...a round of World Cup qualifiers involving many of our senior players, playing Liverpool, always a demanding match, and then the long trip to Turkey to face Fenerbahce in the UEFA Champions League before our match at Newcastle United at the weekend.

By any standard that is a pretty testing run and it is why I have built up a squad this season which has quality and strength in some considerable depth. This is an occasion to use it and bring in a few fresh legs.

I feel I am also duty bound in fairness to the players who have sat on the bench and have been desperate to play at first-team level, but have had to be patient. I have explained to those who have been left out that with a bit of luck we will be involved in anything up to sixty games this season and that sooner or later they will be needed.

## Intensity

This is one of those occasions and at this stage everything points this evening to players like Paul Scholes, Raimond van der Gouw, Simon Davies, Terry Cooke, Michael Appleton, Ben Thornley and the always supportive Brian McClair getting a taste of the top action.

People I speak to in Europe are always amazed at the intensity of the game in this country. Managers and coaches ask me how do we plan and motivate our teams when so much is asked of them.

We tend to take it all for granted, at least until one of our clubs come a cropper in European competition and wonder why. I assure you, in any comparison with Continental countries, we expect such a lot from our professional footballers. It's part of the bulldog breed of the British syndrome.

I doubt if I can change the system but at least I can devise a strategy better able to deal with it, and as I say, we have a pool of players at Old Trafford these days which I believe is capable of taking the strain.

## Inspiration

We are now in a much better position to ride with a few injuries and also ring the changes to cope with the demands of a wave of big games.

So no insult to Swindon if this evening's team represents a few changes compared with the line-up at St James' Park on Sunday. I must be careful not to make too many changes of course, something I possibly did last season when we perhaps had too many young ones in the side and came unstuck against York City.

Whatever our team though I have every confidence they will perform to expectations and we will certainly not be underestimating Steve McMahon's side. Teams from a lower division always seem to draw inspiration when they come to play Manchester United.

I have seen them three times this season, partly because of going to watch my son, Darren, play against them for Wolves, and so I am well aware of their qualities.

They will test us I know. Steve was a fighter as a player and his team bring the same approach.

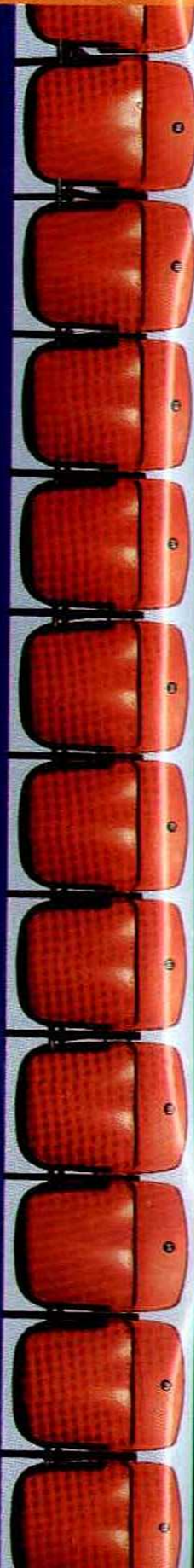
At the same time we are going well at the moment. We were all thrilled by our two-goal win in Turkey, a result which has us on course to qualify from the UEFA Champions League for the quarter-finals.

Questions have been asked about our record in Europe playing away, but on this occasion we supplied the right answer.

We will need to concentrate of course, especially after the shock of our defeat at Newcastle.

It was a chastening experience. Perhaps the recent matches caught up with us. The one thing certain, though, is that we will quickly recover.





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## Record Breakers

The Museum and Tour Centre, sponsored by Express Cargo Forwarding Limited, recently broke their attendance record when they welcomed their 150,000th visitor of the year. Gary and Stephanie Doherty were visiting from Magherafelt in County Londonderry, and in recognition of the occasion were treated to lunch in the Red Café.

In 1995 the total number of visitors was 149,543, and the Museum expect to welcome a

massive  
170,000  
visitors  
this year.

Picture:  
John Peters



## Casino Swindon

This evening's visitors, Swindon Town, have announced a new partnership with Grosvenor Casinos which will allow the gaming giants to develop a unique casino complex on the club's County Ground site.

It will establish the Robins as the first football club in Europe to have a casino in their stadium.

The deal, which is still subject to legislative change by central government, approval by local magistrates, landlord consent and planning permission, would bring an estimated 100 permanent new jobs in the Swindon area.

Development of this casino venture will commence as soon as all necessary approvals have been received which is likely to be in the first half of 1997. Grosvenor believe the County Ground is an ideal venue for this new initiative as the football club is already a major area for leisure and brings with it easy accessibility and plenty of parking areas.

Swindon Town director, Rikki Hunt, said: "The initiative is all part of the club's aim to be at the forefront of commercial thinking in football and the fact that we didn't hear about this but went out and got it demonstrates the level of ambition that exists.

"The Board want to put Swindon Town on a solid

financial footing and this deal goes some way to helping us achieve that goal," he added. "We want to be more self reliant and the cash injection we will receive will help us develop the club."

## Pedal Power

It was a case of déjà vu at Swindon Town's County Ground recently when Robins' midfield player Mark Walters was told to get on his bike!

The former Liverpool and Aston Villa star, was voted 'Man of the Match' in Swindon's Coca-Cola Cup second round first leg tie with Queens Park Rangers and was rewarded with a top of the range mountain bike. It was his second such award for he also picked up a bike for his Coca-Cola performance against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the first round of the competition.

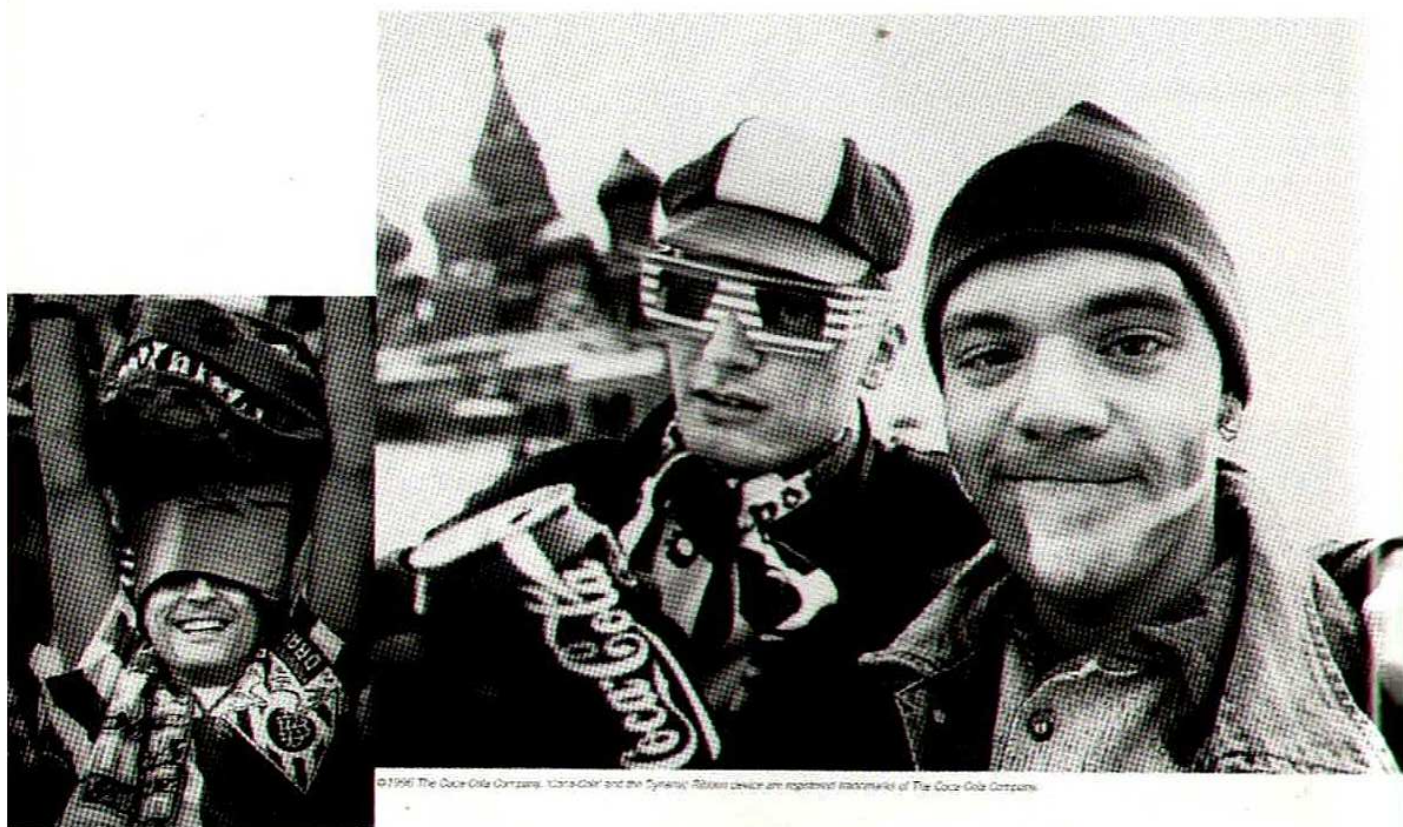
And then, would you believe it! Mark completed his hat-trick with another 'Man of the Match' showing in the second leg against Rangers in London. It was performance which prompted Robins' club chairman, Mike Spearman to say: "He should open a bike shop in Swindon soon!"

At this rate the Wiltshire club will be able to dispense with the services of the team coach!





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### **SOUTHAMPTON v UNITED**

The Dell, Saturday 26th October  
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### **UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

### **UNITED v FENERBAHCE SK**

Old Trafford, Wednesday 30th October  
Kick-off 7.30pm

Sales will continue to ST holders and members who can purchase a seat on a best available basis on production of voucher 32/CC (duly completed) and their membership card on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th October, 9.30am - 5.00pm.

Due to the shortage of time, postal applications are not recommended.

A further announcement regarding latest ticket availability will be made via usual channels on Friday 25th October.

### **UNITED v CHELSEA**

Old Trafford, Saturday 2nd November  
Kick-off 3.00pm

### **UNITED v ARSENAL**

Old Trafford, Saturday 16th November  
Kick-off 3.00pm

All tickets have now been sold for both of these games.

### **COCA-COLA CUP THIRD ROUND**

### **POSSIBLE REPLAY**

### **SWINDON TOWN v UNITED**

County Ground, Wednesday 13th November  
Kick-off 7.45pm

In the event of tonight's game resulting in a draw, ticket information will be announced via usual channels on Friday 25th October.

### **UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

### **UNITED v JUVENTUS**

Old Trafford, Wednesday 20th November  
Kick-off 7.30pm

Latest ticket information will be announced at tonight's game.

### **MIDDLESBROUGH v UNITED**

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Pictured with a strictly "not to scale" can is Chairman Martin Edwards and Danny McGregor, United's Commercial Manager.

Picture: John Peters



## Photo Session

On Tuesday 29th October, the Museum and Tour Centre is organising a photo session with the Premiership trophy, FA Cup and Charity Shield. The photographs are 10" x 8" laminated in full colour and are priced £9 each. Booking is required - please telephone 0161 877 4002 to reserve your place.

The session will be held

from 3.30pm

- 9.00pm.

We apologise to supporters who attended the last session for any inconvenience caused due to teething problems with the new equipment.



## Forces Request

Mark Viner is a soldier serving in Split in the former Yugoslavia who would like a female pen-pal aged 18+ to correspond with. Mark can be contacted at the following address: 24742573 LCPL VINER, 66TPT SQN, 9 (UK) REGT RLC, OP RESOLUTE, BFPO 544.

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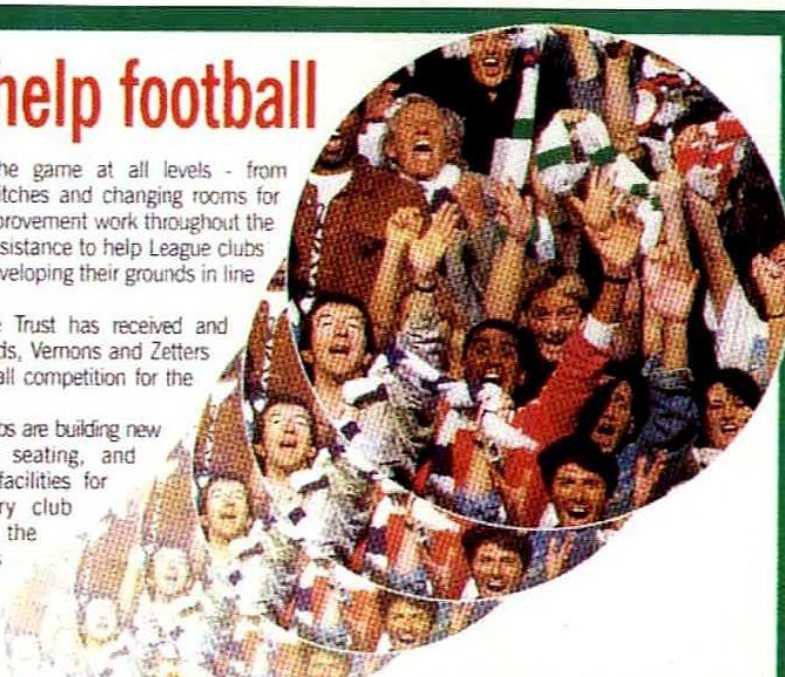


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# UNITED

IN THE COMMUNITY

## HOLIDAY COURSES

We are currently midway through our first week of courses at Brooklands Sports Club, Sale, and at the Cliff Training Ground. Next week, from Wednesday 30th

October - Friday 1st November, we are at

FAILSWORTH SPORTS CENTRE (MU24) from 10.00am - 3.00pm EACH DAY.

\*Before Christmas, we will be staging a course at the Cliff Training Ground, and all previous participants will receive a form.



Pictured here with Trevor Dwyer and Faz Page, two of our coaches, are a group of enthusiastic youngsters taking a break from one of our holiday courses.

## ADULT COACHING COURSE

The above course takes place on Saturday 23rd November from 2.00pm - 5.00pm at the Cliff Training Ground for all people who teach or look after youngsters in junior teams, youth clubs, etc.

## EVENING CLUB

A new evening club opens on Tuesday 29th October from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. This is open to boys and girls and will be held on the floodlit astro-pitch.

## COMPETITION WINNER

Well done to Mark Flood from Sale who won our recent competition in the Membership magazine. We look forward to seeing him on our next holiday course.

## AWARDS SCHEME

With regard to the certification for the summer courses, we have a number of certificates in the office with no addresses. If you attended a summer course and have not received your certificate please contact the Community Office at the address at the bottom of this page.

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# Swindon Town's



Back row (left to right): John Smith, Peter Noble, Roger Smart, Owen Dawson, Peter Downsbrough, Stanley Harland (captain), John Trollope, Don Heath.  
Front row (left to right): Frank Burrows, Joe Butler, Rod Thomas, Chris Jones, Willie Penman, Don Rogers.

It was on that day that they vanquished the mighty Arsenal to win the Football League Cup at Wembley and record the finest moment in their history. It was a victory that grabbed all the national headlines and thrust the homely Wiltshire club into the sporting limelight.

The triumph was the finest moment in their history and the only time Swindon Town had lifted one of the game's top prizes. They have enjoyed a brief flirtation with top grade football since - one season, 1993-94, in the Premiership - but that afternoon in north London remains the pinnacle of their achievements. Swindon Town were founded in 1881, but it wasn't until 1920 that they gained election to the Football League. Their record shows that the vast majority of the time has been spent in the Second and Third Divisions.

As a Southern League club they reached the FA Cup semi-final on two separate occasions, 1910 & 1912, but that was as near as they were going to get to major cup success until the memorable day of 27 years ago.

They began their triumphant route to the final with a 2-1 first round win over Torquay United at the County Ground. Roger Smart and Peter Noble scored the goals. Then it was off to Valley Parade for their second round match against Bradford City. Smart was again on target, but Swindon had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

Back at the County Ground they managed to overcome the Yorkshire club, but only following a remarkable fightback after Bradford had taken a 2-0 lead inside the opening eighteen minutes. The Robins eventually won the game 4-3 with John Smith, Don Rogers, Peter Noble and Sherrell (own-goal) scoring the goals.

**Saturday 16th  
March 1969 is a  
date etched  
indelibly in the  
memory of  
anyone with an  
interest in the  
fortunes of  
Swindon Town  
Football Club.**

A Don Rogers goal gave them a 1-0 home win over Blackburn Rovers and a passage through to the last sixteen where they were drawn to meet First Division Coventry City at Highfield Road.

Many fans could be excused for thinking that the Robins' gallant cup run was about to be terminated, but it was the Sky Blues who had to battle for the survival. Goals from Rogers and Smart put Swindon in a commanding position but a late rally by Coventry saw the game end 2-2. A reply was required and the spotlight shifted to the County Ground.

This time there was to be no let off for the First Division side as Swindon swept to an impressive 3-0 win with goals from Rogers, Smart and Willie Penman.

The twin towers of Wembley began to loom large for the Wiltshire club as they entered the quarter-final and a tricky tie against Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

On the face of it the promised to be a harder hurdle to clear than Coventry, but the intimidating atmosphere of the Baseball Ground held no fears for Swindon and they proceeded to hold the Second Division promotion candidates to a goalless draw.

The Robins were becoming replay specialists by this time and sure enough they did the trick again by beating The Rams 1-0 at the County Ground. Not surprisingly, it was a goal from Don Rogers which booked their ticket for the semi-final.

Swindon had already played eight games in the competition which in normal circumstances would have been sufficient for a place in the final to be assured, but they weren't about to complete the job the easy way. In the last-four they were paired with First Division Burnley. Staged over two legs, with the first at



Turf Moor, it gave Swindon an excellent opportunity to reach their first ever major final. And their hopes were boosted even more after they won the first game 2-1 with goals from Stan Harland, the team captain, and Peter Noble, who would play for Burnley later in his career. Ralph Coates scored the Clarets' goal.

It was a great result and all that now remained between Swindon and a place in the final was the second leg on their own patch. A draw would be enough to see them through, but with six minutes of the second half completed events had taken a turn for the worse. Burnley scored twice, through Frank Casper (father of our own Chris Casper), and Steve Kindon, to take a 3-2 aggregate lead. It was an anxious time for the Robins, but help was at hand and within six minutes John Smith had scored to level the overall scores. The remainder of the game brought no further addition to the scoresheet and extra-time also passed goalless.

So a third game was required to decide the winner, but that didn't present Swindon with any problems they hadn't encountered before. After all they had already negotiated three replays to reach the semi-final.

The game which would decide their destiny was played on a neutral venue at The Hawthorns, home of West Bromwich Albion. The question was could they summon the reserves of physical and mental stamina to scale this one last obstacle to clinch their place

in the final?

The answer was in the affirmative as John Smith, Peter Noble and Arthur Bellamy (own-goal) scored the goals to give them an historic victory in a match which went into extra-time.

Nobody could deny that Swindon had deserved their success. They had appeared in a remarkable eleven



matches to reach the final, but their greatest test lay ahead in the shape of the mighty Arsenal. And despite their courageous performances on the route to Wembley very few people outside Wiltshire gave them much chance of providing an upset.

That didn't bother Swindon Town or their legions of fans. Come what may they were going to enjoy themselves on their big day out in the Capital and that is just what they did!

Wembley's normally immaculate pitch was suffering after staging 'The Horse of the Year Show' and several of Arsenal's players were still recovering from a bout of flu, but these were never offered as excuses for the Gunners' failure to beat their Third Division opponents.

Swindon took the lead in the 35th minute when Arsenal's towering defender Ian Ure (he later spent three seasons at Old

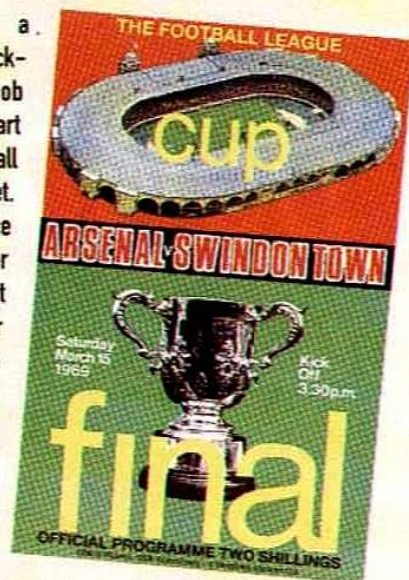
Trafford), made a complete mess of a back-pass to 'keeper Bob Wilson and Roger Smart nipped in to tap the ball into an unguarded net. Arsenal forced the pace for a most of time after Smart's goal and, but for heroics from Peter Downsborough in the Swindon goal, the Gunners may have put the game beyond recall. As it was, they didn't make a breakthrough until four minutes from the end

when Downsborough, of all people, made a rare mistake which allowed Bobby Gould, the Arsenal striker, to head the equaliser. So, for the third time in consecutive ties Swindon were faced with a session of extra time. It was a half-hour which was to belong to the Robins' flying winger, Don Rogers.

He scored twice, the second in the very last minute, to provide a fairy-tale ending to the greatest day Swindon Town have ever enjoyed.

And, as if that wasn't enough for one season, they went on to make it a double celebration by clinching promotion to the Second Division after finishing as runners-up to Watford.

Footnote: As a Third Division club, Swindon were ineligible to compete in the European Fairs Cup the following season. However, they did take part in the Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners' Tournament where they met AS Roma. The Italians won the first leg 2-1 in Rome, but were then overwhelmed 4-0 by Swindon at the County Ground.



## MATCH DETAILS

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP - FINAL

Saturday 16th March 1969 - Wembley Stadium  
ARSENAL 1 (Gould), SWINDON TOWN 3 (Smart, Rogers 2)

### ARSENAL:

Wilson, Storey, McNab, McLintock, Ure, Simpson, Radford, Sammels, Court, Gould, Armstrong.  
Substitute: Graham (for Simpson).

### SWINDON TOWN:

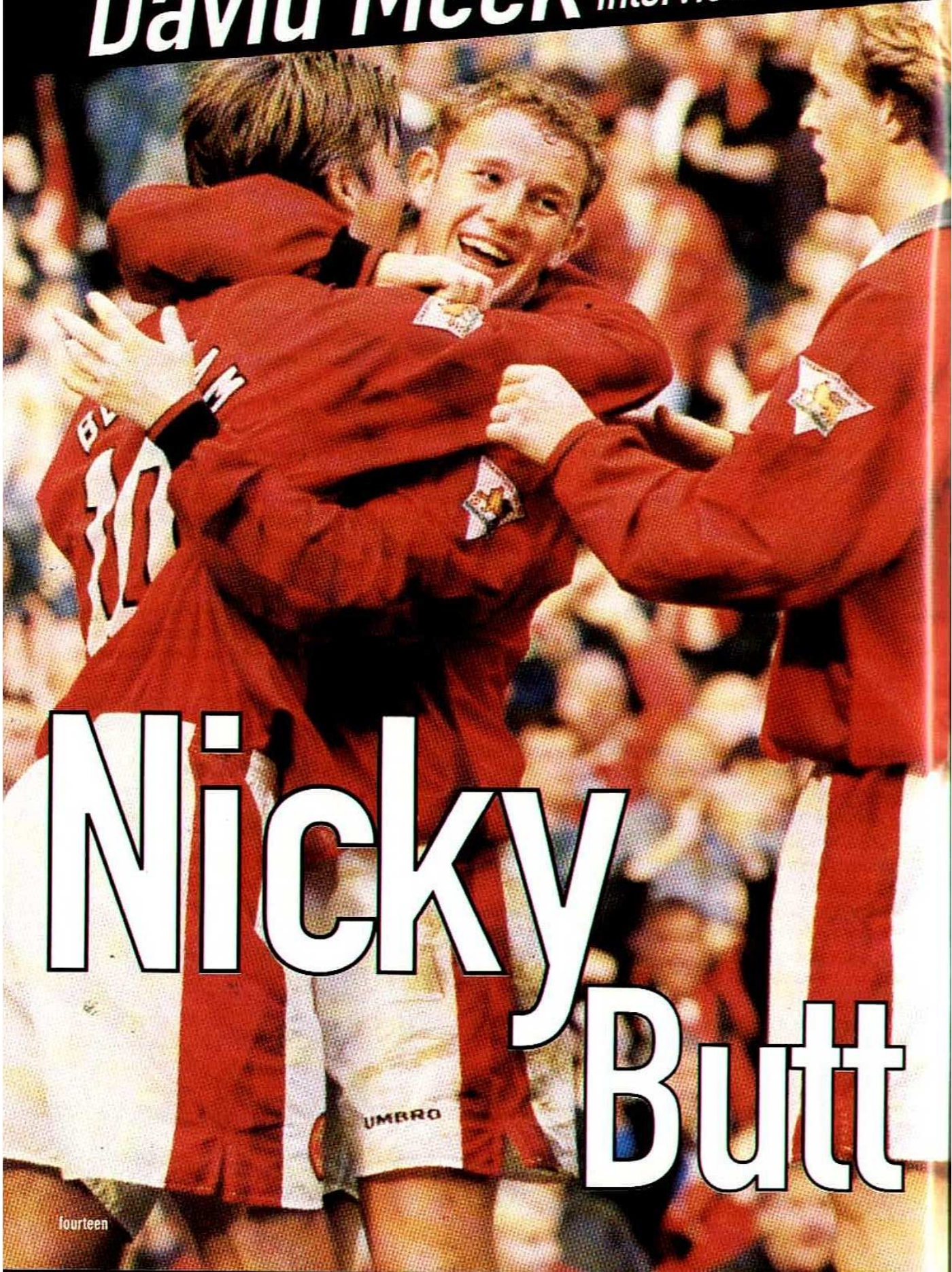
Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers.  
Substitute: Penman (for Smith).

Attendance: 98,189

# Greatest Day



# *The* **David Meek** *Interview*



# Nicky Butt



**There's nothing the Old Trafford crowd likes more than an old fashioned, mud and guts tackle, especially when it is beautifully timed and wins the ball.**

**Manchester United fans have always had a warm appreciation for the whole-hearted player prepared to commit himself and play with a little bit of devil. It's why Nobby Stiles was such a popular player and why the Reds' faithful loved Denis Law.**

It wasn't just because they were great players, it was because they played with a fire and a passion that made it obvious how much they cared.

And the tradition is still very much alive as Nicky Butt gives the present day midfield the kind of ball-winning bite needed to make the most of talents like Eric Cantona.

Roy Keane can put himself about a bit as well of course and together he and the 21-year-old Butt make one of the best midfield partnerships in the League, arguably as good as anything United have had over the years.

Manager Alex Ferguson clearly thinks so, which is why he was prepared to sell Paul Ince and give the Keane and Butt duo their head. They have not let him down and their combination at the heart of the team had much to do with last season's League and FA Cup 'double'.

## Intelligence

This season has seen the partnership handicapped by injury to Keane, but the Gorton-born Butt is more than capable of standing on his own feet because in addition to his tackling he reads the game well and passes the ball with a crisp accuracy and intelligence that Cantona appreciates and clearly enjoys.

Butt may not have the eye-catching silky touches of David Beckham, the eye for goal like Paul Scholes, or the qualities of the Neville brothers, but it is worth remembering that Butt led the charge of the 'Fab Five' into the first team. He had a maturity which made him the leader playing comfortably in Premiership company.

He may still find it hard to come up with the kind of goal scored from the halfway line by Beckham on the opening day of the season, and there is no doubt the London boy is ahead as a pin-up for the girls, but Butt is a players' player appreciated by those around him for commitment and unselfish work.



It's true he has had the occasional headline away from the sports pages, notably figuring in a court case, and is an experience he desperately wants to put behind him.

"I have been involved in one bad incident and because I also come from a fairly rough area some people have got the impression I am a trouble-maker but it is simply not true. It takes a lot to wind me up. I'm not a bad lad and that spot of bother was not me. It's behind me now anyway and I just want to get on with my football," he explained.

There is no doubt that the emergence of Butt and the other youngsters from the highly charged FA Youth Cup winning

team of 1992 has given Ferguson a cracking base - inspired, solid and committed, as well as gifted. As Butt says: "I think it has helped to come through as one of a group. It shares the pressure. One month like the opening of the season it was David Beckham in the headlines for his goal and getting into the England team. Before that Gary and Phil Neville were in the limelight and at one point it was all 'Scholesy' and his goals. It also helps I think that the five of us are all good friends.

## Proud

"The manager has put a lot of faith in us and I think we all want to repay that loyalty and do him proud. He treats us like a father really, almost like we were his own kids.

"He pulls us in when there is something he hears about that he doesn't like but the big thing is that he is there for us.

"Last season was unbelievable. The team was very confident and at times we were leaving the opposition for dead. This season has had its disappointments. Playing Juventus in Italy was a shaker but Roy Keane will be back soon and he is one of the best players in Europe."

Over the years, Manchester United have been well served by players from Gorton and Collyhurst...and Nicky Butt is adding splendidly to a proud tradition.





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## EUROPEAN TRAVEL

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## SIR MATT BUSBY PLAYER OF THE YEAR - 1996/97

The voting for this season's award is now well underway and all members have the opportunity of voting for the player who, in their opinion, has been United's best performer in a particular game. The player who receives most votes at the end of the season will be named the Sir Matt Busby Player of the Year.

To vote, all you have to do is pick up the telephone and dial **0891 2345** followed by the player's squad number. For players with single squad numbers, you should dial a 0 before the squad number (ie: David May - 0891 2345 04).

The cost of the call has been limited and you can vote as many times as you wish throughout the season. We would, however, ask junior members who wish to vote to seek permission before using the telephone.

## THANKS

Kay Howarth from Bolton would like to convey her thanks to Stuart Worthington and all the stewards who have helped her over the last nine months whilst she was pregnant. Kay was allowed admission into the stadium through a wider door as she could not fit through the turnstile and then the stewards helped her to her seat.

Well, Kay has now had a baby girl named Bryony Leigh weighing in at 10lbs 2oz who was born on Tuesday 24th September.

A big thanks to all concerned and best wishes to mum and daughter from all at United.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

.....the Manchester United Supporters Club, German Reds, who recently celebrated their tenth anniversary. Best wishes are sent from everyone at Manchester United.

## JUVENTUS PROGRAMMES

Supporters are advised that all copies of the match programme from Turin have now been sold.



## 1996 Yearbook

Season Ticket holders can collect their free copy of the new Members' Yearbook after this evening's game, or throughout the season, from the Membership Office on production of the relevant voucher from their match voucher book. Packed with statistics and photographs, this is the definitive account of how each United team fared last season and is a must for every fan. It would be most helpful if you would have your voucher ready before you arrive at the office.



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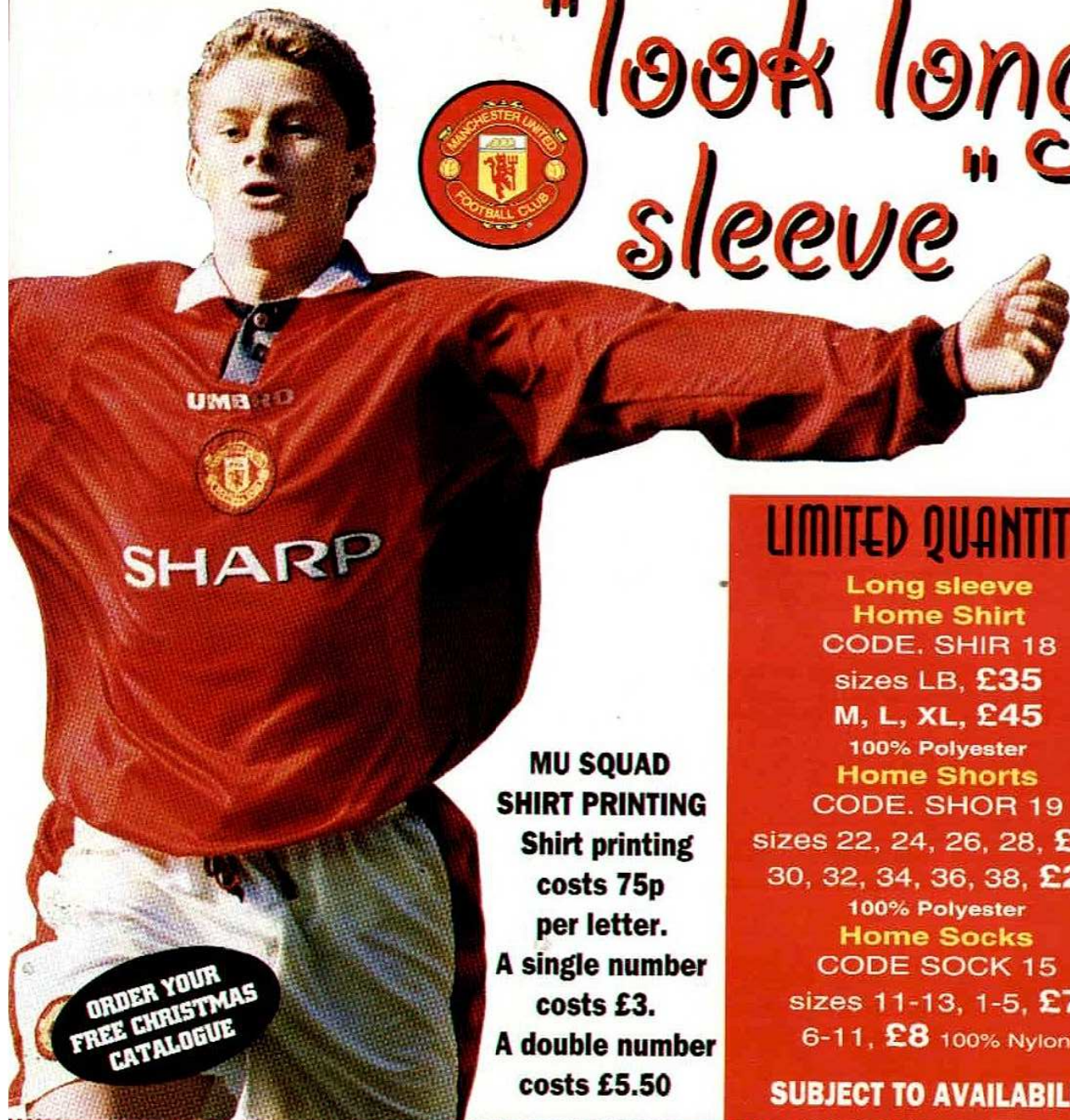
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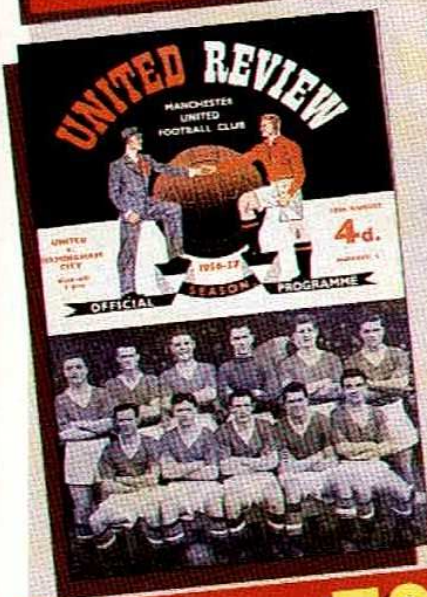
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# Fifty Years On

**Iain McCartney, Secretary of the United Review Collectors' Club, continues his look at the life and times of the match programme.**

## 1956~57



A season in which United contested a unique 'treble' of the League Championship, the FA Cup and the European Cup, but at the end of an exciting and eventful campaign it was only the Championship trophy that went on display at Old Trafford.

A total of twenty-seven 'Reviews' were produced, of which four were un-numbered European Cup ties against Anderlecht, Borussia Dortmund, Bilbao (all played at Maine Road) and Old Trafford's first competitive European fixture against Real Madrid.

The FA Cup Final was reached, lost unluckily to Aston Villa, and the solitary home draw against Everton in the Fifth Round is covered by issue no.16.

Issue no.1 for the opening League fixture of the season against Birmingham City included for the first time a programme token and token sheet, two items that in years to come would be for many the main reason for buying a programme. The token sheet was found on the inside back page, resulting in many collectors in later years finding copies of this issue a page short.

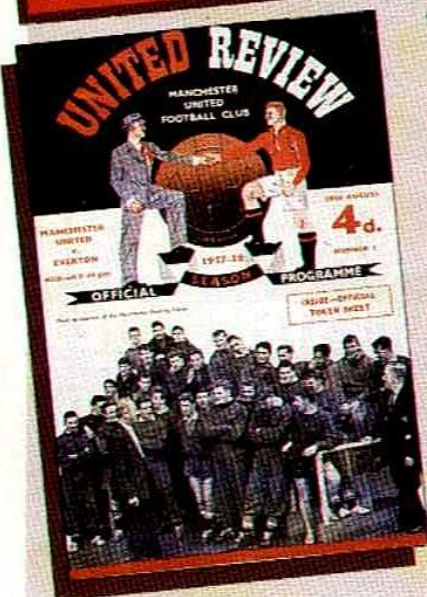
'Review' no.3 v. Portsmouth featured a model of the ground on the cover, which included the proposed floodlighting system due to be installed before the end of the season. The lack of such facilities was the reason why the first three European ties were played at Maine Road. Issue no.19 v. Bolton Wanderers covered the first floodlit match at Old Trafford.

Another Old Trafford 'first' was marked by issue no.6 earlier in the season with the debut of a youngster by the name of Bobby Charlton against Charlton Athletic.

Issues 21 and 22, at Easter, were identical in content and the 4-0 and 2-0 victories over Sunderland and Burnley respectively saw the Championship trophy remain at Old Trafford.

Programmes covering the Cup Final and the FA Charity Shield helped add to the collectors' enjoyment, but one issue still frustrates the modern day collector and that is no.11 - a postponed issue from 22nd December against West Bromwich Albion.

## 1957~58



The season which is forever etched in the minds of United supporters throughout the world. Once again the team competed on three fronts and it was only the events at Munich which prevented additions to the list of honours.

This dramatic season produced thirty-one 'Reviews', broken down as follows - twenty-one League, three FA Cup, one FA Charity Shield, four European Cup, one postponed (no.20 against Wolverhampton Wanderers) and a representative match between an FA XI and an Army XI on 30th October. It is worth pointing out that this particular programme is numbered 10, the same as the issue for the League match against Burnley.

Of the other issues, no.9 covered the FA Charity Shield against Aston Villa, and four issues were produced for the European Cup ties - Shamrock Rovers (no.6), Dukla (no.11), Red Star (no.17) and AC Milan (no.30). Three FA Cup programmes also feature in the collection - Ipswich Town (Third Round - no.19), Sheffield Wednesday (Fourth Round - no.21) and West Bromwich Albion (Fifth Round - no.23).

No.21 for the Sheffield Wednesday Cup tie is perhaps the most famous of all 'Reviews', with its blank spaces where the United team should have been, and is an issue kept by many who have no other programmes in their possession.

Programme contributors Alf Clarke and Tom Jackson lost their lives at Munich along with the lads they wrote about, and their places were taken by Keith Dewhurst and Eric Thornton, with David Meek contributing his first programme article in no.23. This issue also contained a tribute to Duncan Edwards, who had died some two weeks after the crash.

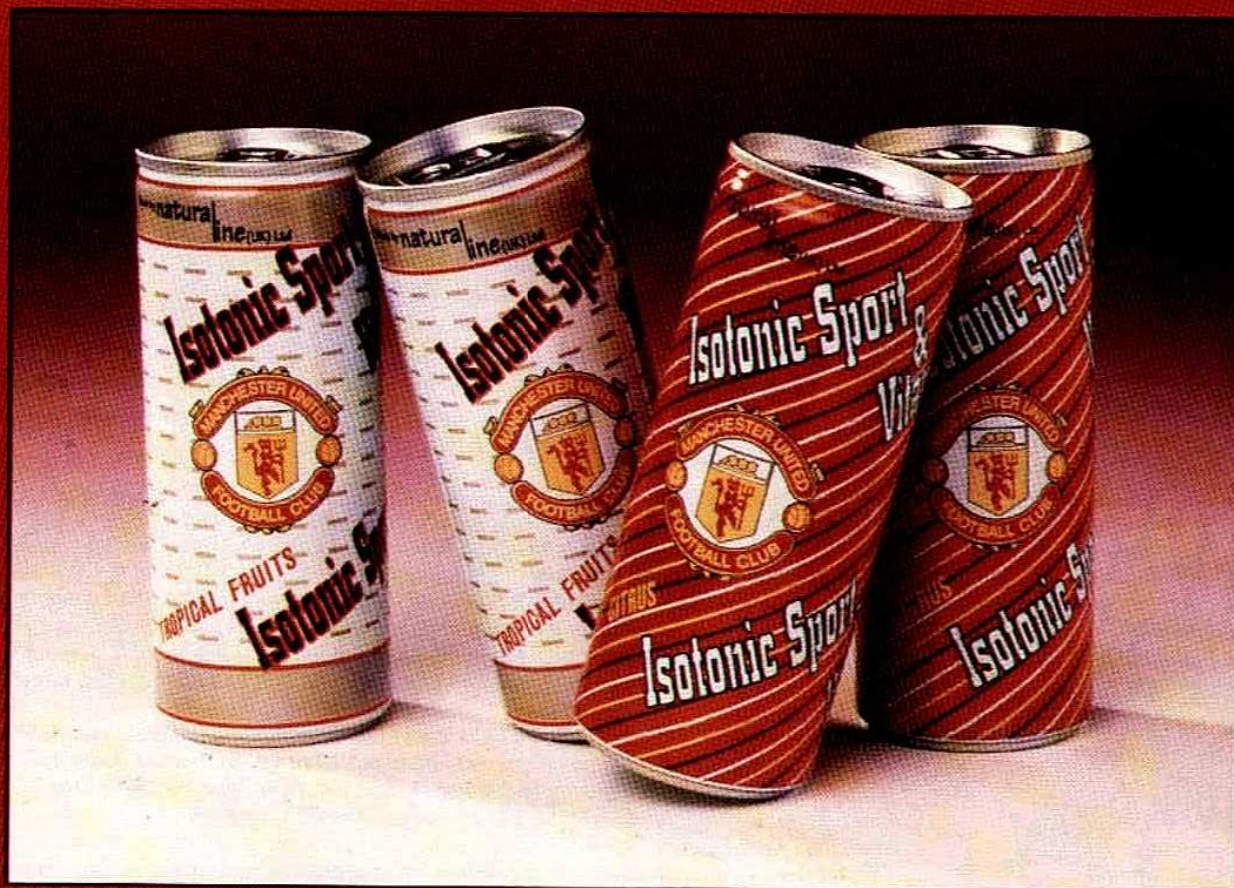
The programmes following the dramatic Cup tie with the Owls contain numerous references to the aftermath of the crash and together with the previous nineteen programmes produce a record of an unforgettable season.

A couple of items of note. The Charity Shield and European issues along with the representative match did not have the supporter and player on the cover, just the match details. Secondly, a programme does exist for the postponed Wolves match, but copies are very rare and along with a copy from the match in Belgrade against Red Star would be outside the means of most collectors.

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3. SV Hamburg are the oldest German side.

2. The Football Pools first started in 1923

4. David Seaman started his career at Peterborough.

## ? QUICK QUIZ ?

1. Who was the last Third Division player to be awarded an England cap?
2. Which nation's Football HQ are located in Gloucester?
3. Who did David Pleat succeed as Sheffield Wednesday manager?
4. Who scored the only goal of the 1985 FA Cup Final?
5. In which year were Chelsea formed?
6. Which Scottish side made their European debut in 1992?

## IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Leeds win the League, Liverpool win the FA Cup, Celtic win the Scottish League and Cup, The Scottish FA Player of the Year Award went to the whole Scotland World Cup Squad and three up/three down promotion/relegation came into effect. West Germany won the World Cup Final beating Holland?

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## 'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood

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QUICK QUIZ: 1. Steve Bull; 2. Canada; 3. Gloucester; 4. Norman Whiteside; 5. 1905; 6. Airdrie.  
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. False; 2. True; 3. True; 4. True.  
IN WHICH YEAR: 1974.  
SPOT THE GROUND: Stamford Bridge, Chelsea.



# Old Trafford welcomes

**Last term Steve McMahon saw out his first season as player-manager with Swindon Town by guiding the club to the Division Two title and promotion.**

Since then the Robins have continued to impress in their new elevated status in the First Division, on which form they arrive at Old Trafford tonight.

They defeated fellow League rivals Queens Park Rangers in the two-legged Second Round tie despite losing the first game 2-1 at home. This came on the back of an excellent First Round triumph against promotion favourites Wolverhampton Wanderers. So, with confidence and spirits at a high in the Swindon camp, they will endeavour to notch a so-called giant-killing this evening.

However, the elated tenor around the County Ground at present is in dramatic conflict to the pre-McMahon period. Indeed, the Robins' fans have been put through the ultimate of rollercoaster emotions in recent years as their club have endured highs and lows of an astonishingly swift nature.

Swindon brooded sullenly in the Fourth Division before they were awoken by the forceful impact of Scotsman

and former United favourite Lou Macari.

The tough talking Macari took the helm at the club in 1984 and it was almost a case of what could have been when he was sacked, only to be reinstated nine days later. Undeterred, he then led them to two promotion winning seasons. In 1985-86, the Robins went into the old Division Three with a record 102 points, and the following season Division Two status was gained through the play-offs when they overcame Gillingham. Osvaldo Ardiles then took over and continued Macari's success by leading the club to a Wembley play-off shoot-out against Sunderland to achieve Division One graduation.

Euphoria swept through the whole town over the defeat of the Rokerites as the realisation dawned that their team were with the big boys in the top flight. Sensationally, however, the bubble was burst with the punishment of automatic demotion of one league for financial irregularities.



Back row (left to right): Peter Thorne, Wayne Allison, Fraser Digby, Steve Mildenhall, Frank Talia, Shaun Taylor (now Bristol City), Kevin Watson, Kevin Horlock. Middle row (left to right): Jonathan Trigg (Physiotherapist), Lee Collins, Mark Robinson, Edwin Murray, Steve Finney, Mark Seagraves, Mark Walters, Ty Gooden, Frederic Darras, Dean Hooper, Steve Cowe, Ross MacLaren (Reserve Team Coach). Front row (left to right): Scott Leitch, Ian Culverhouse, Jason Drysdale, Andy Rowland (Coach), Steve McMahon (Manager), Paul Allen, Alex Smith, Wayne O'Sullivan.



# Swindon Town

It was heart-wrenching and devastating, although words could not express the immense feeling of dejection. The arrival of the present England manager, Glenn Hoddle, in 1991 was the perfect antidote as he led them into the Premiership after a nail-biting 4-3 victory over Leicester City in 1993. Hoddle then moved on to Chelsea and his assistant John Gorman took over. Sadly, relegation followed for two consecutive seasons.

But now McMahon, formerly a tough-tackling midfielder with Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City, is leading them to another high in the tracks of their adventure. They say you have to endure the lows to appreciate the highs, and Swindon fans are certainly making the most of their present rise.

Their most famous day, of course, came in this very competition when they lifted the Football League Cup in 1969, more of which can be read about on pages 12 and 13.



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*Alan McLoughlin*

*Peter Coyne*

## **Club Honours**

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*Champions: 1996*

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*Runners-up: 1963, 1969*

*Division Four*

*Champions: 1986*

*Football League Cup*

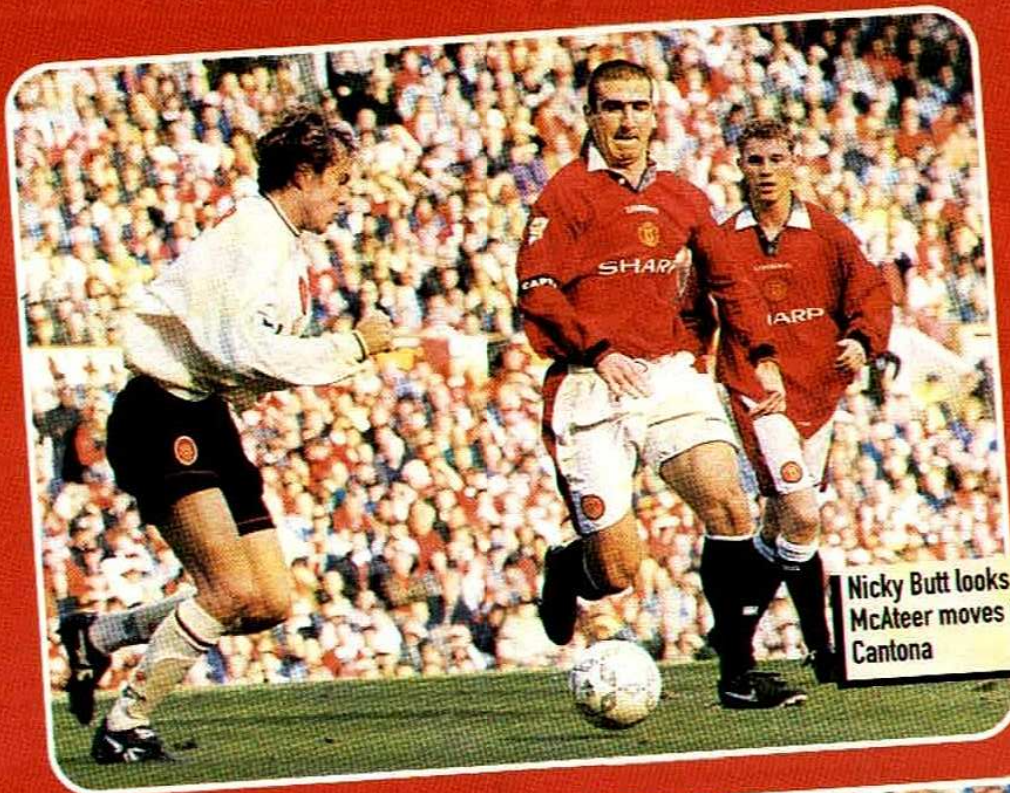
*Winners: 1969*

*Anglo-Italian League Cup*

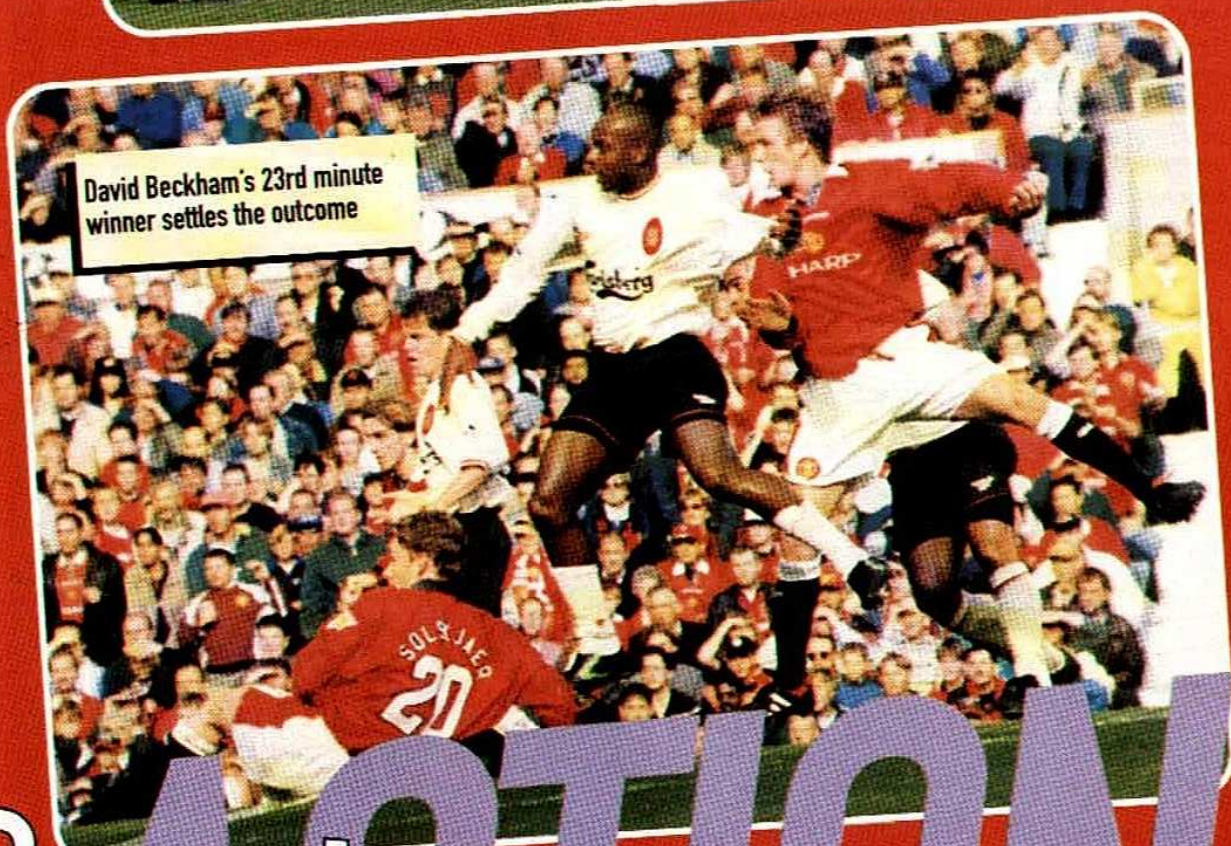
*Winners' Cup*

*Winners: 1970*





Nicky Butt looks on as Jason McAteer moves in on Eric Cantona



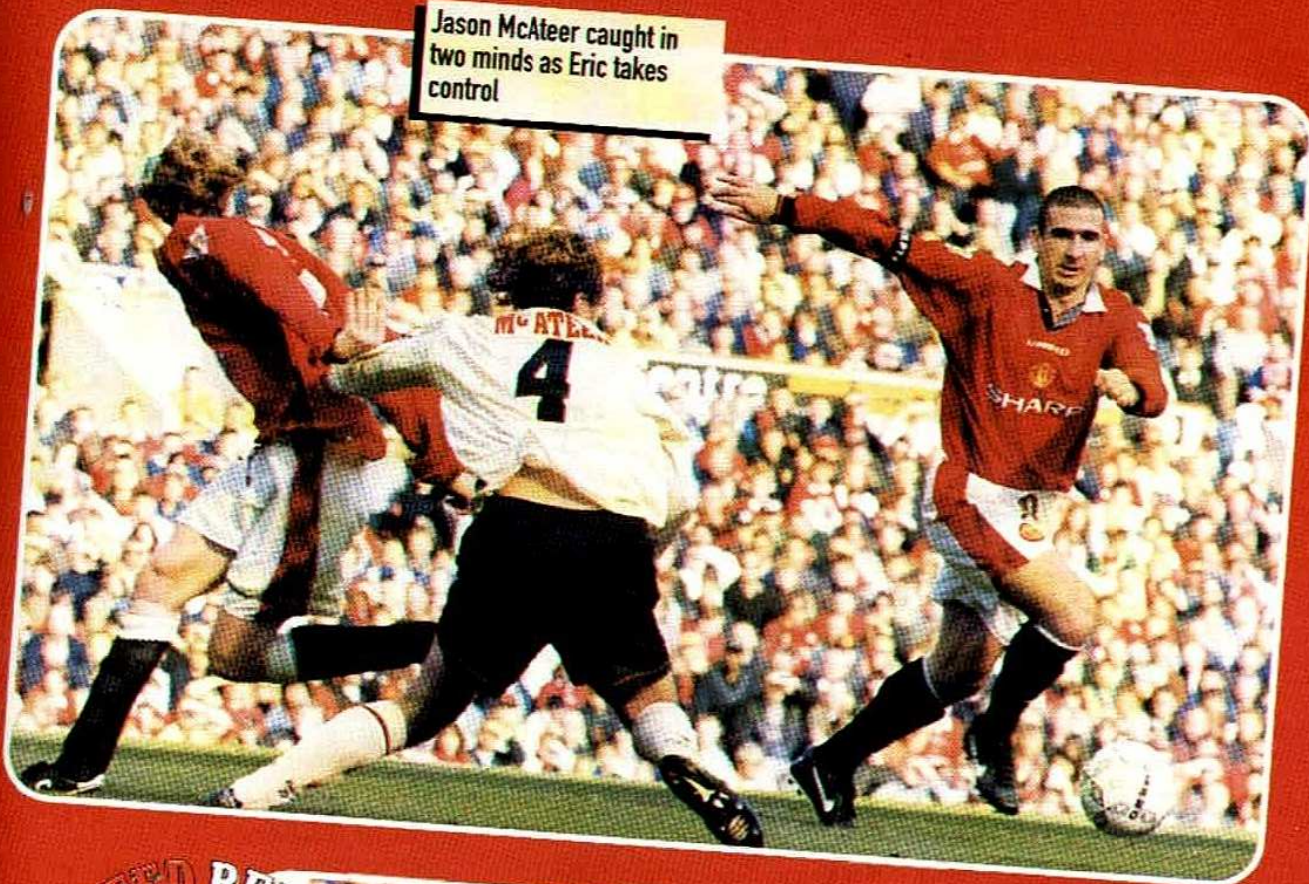
David Beckham's 23rd minute winner settles the outcome

# Premiership ACTION!

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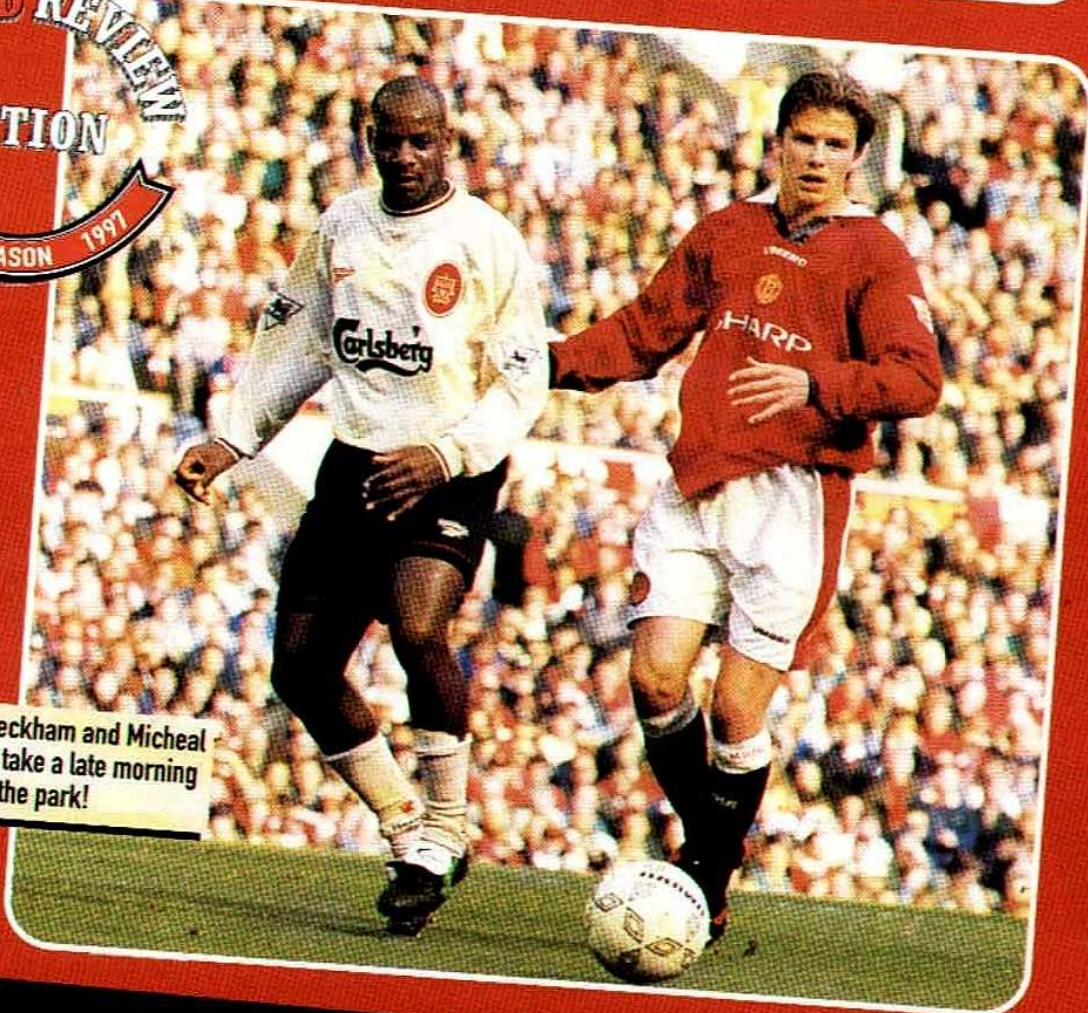


Jason McAteer caught in  
two minds as Eric takes  
control



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David Beckham and Micheal  
Thomas take a late morning  
stroll in the park!





# Swindon Town Profile

## Fraser Digby

Goalkeeper

Age: 29

Served an apprenticeship at Old Trafford ten years ago but was never given a first-team opportunity by United. Loaned out to Oldham Athletic and Swindon Town for experience before joining Town for £30,000 in December 1986. Has made over four hundred appearances for the Robins.

## Frank Talia

Goalkeeper

Age: 24

Spotted by a scout playing for the Australian under-21 side, Sunshine George Cross, before arriving in England and having trials with Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers. Joined Blackburn Rovers in August 1992 before moving to Swindon in November 1995 for £150,000.

## Ian Culverhouse

Defender

Age: 32

A cultured defender remembered for his outstanding performances in Norwich City's first European campaign in 1994. A product of the Tottenham Hotspur youth policy who was included in the PFA Second Division representative team last season.

## Wayne O'Sullivan

Defender

Age: 22

Made his debut for Swindon against Port Vale in August 1994 having joined the club as a trainee. Established himself in the first-team last season making thirty-four appearances and was a regular in the Republic of Ireland's under-21 squad.

Kevin Horlock

## Mark Robinson

Defender

Age: 27

Cost a then-club record fee of £600,000 in July 1994 after moving from Newcastle United. Started his career with West Bromwich Albion before moving to Barnsley and then on to Tyneside.

## Mark Seagraves

Defender

Age: 30

A rock in the heart of the Robins' defence since Swindon paid Bolton Wanderers £100,000 for his services in June 1995. A former Liverpool apprentice who made his League debut for Norwich City whilst on loan from Anfield. Joined Manchester City in September 1987 before moving to Burnden Park in September 1980.





# In the Visitors' Dressing Room

## **Gary Elkins** Defender

Age: 30  
Left-sided defender who made over one hundred appearances for Wimbledon prior to his move to Swindon last month. Was with Fulham as a youngster and also had a loan spell with Exeter City before joining The Dons.

## **Frederic Darras** Defender

Age: 30  
Signed a three year contract with Swindon in August after a free transfer from French club Bastia. Spent eleven years with Auxerre earlier in his career and made nineteen European Cup appearances.

## **Jason Drysdale** Defender

Age: 25  
Joined the Robins from Newcastle United in March 1995 for £350,000 but has been desperately unlucky with injuries since. A former Watford trainee, he won an FA Youth Cup winners' medal with the Hornets and made the move to St James' Park in August 1994.

## **Edwin Murray** Defender

Age: 23  
Signed for Town as an Associated Schoolboy in 1988 and graduated through the ranks to gain professional status in 1991. Is yet to establish himself in the senior team after playing centre-half for the reserves in the last two seasons.



## **Kevin Horlock** Defender/Midfielder

Age: 23  
A Northern Ireland international who has proved a great asset to Swindon since a free transfer move from West Ham United in the summer of 1992. A

tough tackler who has demonstrated his attacking abilities with twelve goals in forty-five League games last season.

## **Paul Allen** Midfielder

Age: 34  
A vastly experienced midfielder and member of an illustrious footballing family with Clive and Bradley also making their mark in the game. Signed on a free transfer from Southampton in October 1995, after lengthy spells with both West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur.

## **Ty Gooden** Midfielder

Age: 24  
Signed by John Gorman in 1993 following a successful trial period after being released by Wycombe Wanderers. A former Arsenal trainee who made over thirty appearances last season to receive a Championship winners' medal. Celebrating his twenty-fourth birthday today.

## **Lee Collins** Midfielder

Age: 22  
Signed a two year contract in November 1995 after a trial period. Made his first team debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield defeat by Hereford United.

## **Scott Leitch** Midfielder

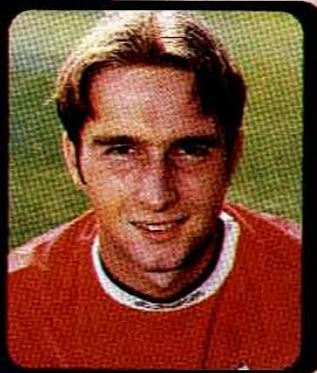
Age: 27  
A £15,000 bargain buy from Heart of Midlothian in April this year after making a name for himself in Scotland after spells with Motherwell and Dunfermline Athletic.

## **Alex Smith** Midfielder

Age: 20  
A former Everton trainee who signed professional forms in January this year. Played in the Toffees' European Cup Winners' Cup campaign, but never appeared in the Premiership. Made thirteen first-team appearances last season.

## **Mark Walters** Midfielder

Age: 32  
Skilful midfielder who has been at the top of the game since starting his career with Aston Villa in 1982. Joined Town this summer on a free transfer



from Southampton, having also had spells with Rangers and Liverpool. Has one England cap and three Championship winners' medals to his name.

## **Kevin Watson** Midfielder

Age: 22  
Came through Tottenham Hotspur's junior ranks having joined the White Hart Lane side at the age of eleven. Made twelve first-team appearances under Terry Venables in 1994 before captaining the reserve side for the last two seasons. Has also had loan spells with Bristol City and Barnet.

## **Wayne Allison** Forward

Age: 28  
Joined Swindon in the summer of 1994 for £475,000 and weighed in with sixteen goals in his first season. A Yorkshireman who served his apprenticeship with Halifax Town before catching the eye of Watford who invested £250,000 for his services in July 1989. Moved to Bristol City for £300,000 a year later where he finished top scorer in 1995 for the third time.

## **Steven Gowe** Forward

Age: 22  
Recruited on loan from Aston Villa midway through last season to cover for the injured Stephen Finney. Impressed enough that he was signed for £100,000 and made his League debut at Peterborough United in March of this year.

## **Stephen Finney** Forward

Age: 22  
No relation to the legendary Tom, although he did start his career with Preston North End as a schoolboy in December 1987 and turned professional four years later. Spent two years with Manchester City before joining the Robins in the summer of 1995.

## **Peter Thorne** Forward

Age: 23  
Signed from Blackburn Rovers in January 1995 having joined the Ewood Park club as a trainee in 1989. Made his only first-team appearance for Rovers against United in the FA Charity Shield at Wembley. A £200,000 signing who scored ten goals in twenty-two games in last season's title-winning season.





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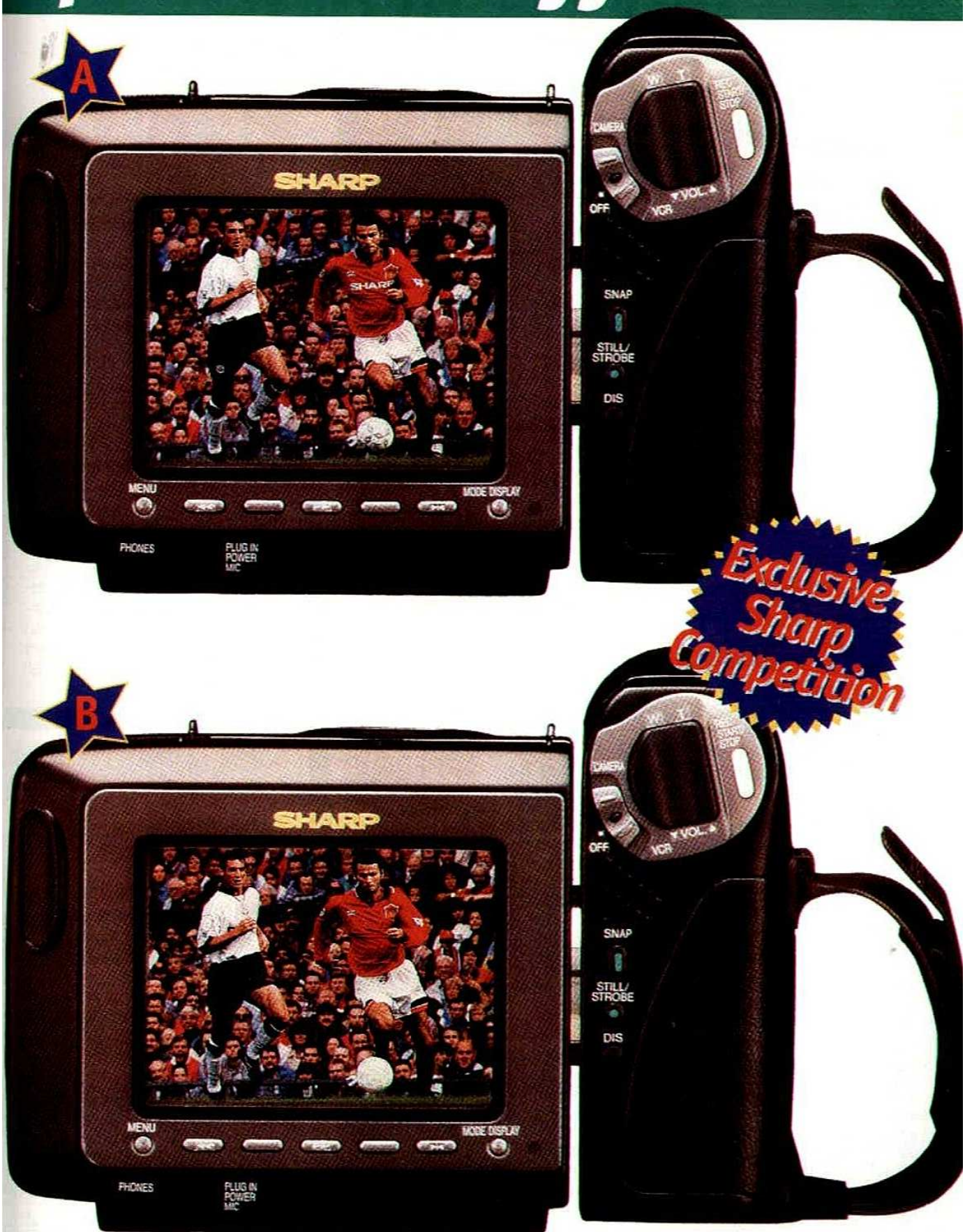
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United's performance against Liverpool was open to interpretation. Some of the nation's scribes felt it a good defensive show - others saw it as a fortunate home win. However, our triumph in Istanbul received a unanimous thumbs-up.

**Henry Winter, Daily Telegraph**

As a team, United did not deserve victory. But their defence did. In goal, Peter Schmeichel made the difficult look straightforward while David May timed his interceptions well. Nicky Butt's willingness to tackle back also helped break Liverpool's often hypnotic control of the ball.

**Paul McCarthy, The Express**

ANYTHING David Beckham achieves after his opening day extravaganza is going to smack of anticlimax.

When you have scored from the halfway line, as he did at Wimbledon, what else is there left to achieve?

How about clinching the biggest game of the season so far with an exquisite strike and ending the unbeaten run of your biggest title rivals?

The ironic thing is, that no matter how well Beckham plays, Alex Ferguson is just waiting for the opportunity to pull him out of the firing line.

Ferguson knows all too well that young players can only survive for so long on adrenalin, eventually they hit the wall and need a break from the pressure and expectancy.

**Paul Wilson, The Observer**

LIVERPOOL MISSED the opportunity to go seven points ahead of Manchester United when, despite an astonishing amount of chances, they were unable to find a reply to a well-taken first-half goal by David Beckham and fell to their first defeat of the season.

Alex Ferguson had expressed concern beforehand about a Liverpool breakaway at the top of the table. United managed to prevent that possibility with one of their least convincing performances.

**Ian Ridley, The Independent On Sunday**

IT HAPPENS too often in big games for it to be simple misfortune. Liverpool outpassed and outplayed Manchester United at Old Trafford yesterday but still departed goalless and pointless after spurning a 10-gallon hatful of chances. For coincidence read carelessness.

A goal by the boy David Beckham, admirably performing a man's job, settled another titanic North-west confrontation - if one less intense than those of the past, thanks to a morning kick-off and the visitors' patient style - thus maintaining United's unbeaten record and ending Liverpool's. If Liverpool are to usurp United as champions, they cannot afford to be as wasteful as this.

**Peter Fitton, The Sun**

**ERIC CANTONA** had sworn he would deliver once again for United.

It might have been muttered in hushed tones, but the big man never betrays Alex Ferguson's faith in him.

And yes, he did deliver again - with a major performance in Turkey when the European Cup was the prize at stake.

The great Frenchman, always with a gift for dealing the spectacular at the right sporting moment, could not really fail.

He silenced the wild-eyed fanatics of Fenerbahce with that contemptuous personal belief that he cannot ever be a long-term loser.

**Ken Lawrence, News of the World**

**DAVID BECKHAM** did not exactly walk off the pitch with a bag of swag over his shoulder.

But as Liverpool left Old Trafford they were still patting their pockets, wondering how the young England star managed to filch three points off them.

The United faithful are well used to seeing one-sided games at the theatre of dreams. But in this case the traffic was going the wrong way.



Colin Malam, Sunday Telegraph

**M**ANCHESTER United won this morning's renewal of Lancashire's most bitter rivalry without damaging too seriously the belief that this could be Liverpool's season to become champions of England again. All the Merseysiders lacked yesterday at Old Trafford was someone to apply a finishing touch to their overwhelming domination of the game.

David Walker, Daily Mail

MANCHESTER UNITED produced their best performance on foreign soil for five years last night to leave the English champions just one victory away from a place in the knock-out stages of the Champions League.

Rob Hughes, The Times

IN THE midnight hour on the banks of the Bosphorus, Manchester United turned out the lights of Fenerbahçe, the Turkish champions. With two splendid goals in a controlled second half, it was unquestionably the most impressive English performance on foreign soil in the European Cup since the end of the ban, six years ago, which followed the Heysel Stadium atrocity.

Steve Millar, Daily Mirror

**T**HEY came to the land where East meets West and took us on a magic carpet ride to soccer heaven.

Magnificent, marvellous Manchester United became the Sultans of Sting with the perfect powerful performance on a night of European glory.

They hadn't won for almost three years abroad and in the hostile, volatile land of belly-dancers they could easily have gone belly-up in this Champions' League match.

Paul McCarthy, The Express

MANCHESTER UNITED cannot play in Europe away from their Old Trafford citadel.

So ran the myth until it was destroyed in Istanbul last night.

It was not just the victory that left Alex Ferguson glowing with pride, it was the maturity of a performance that exorcised the memory of a painful night in Turin a month ago.

David Lacey, The Guardian

**M**ANCHESTER United sent some of the most fervent fans in Europe home early here last night and began at last to look part of the modern European football community. Naivety gave way to nous as Alex Ferguson's team survived early scares to see off Fenerbahçe in some comfort.

Lee Clayton, Daily Star

United took a giant step towards the knock-out stages and all of a sudden they have the look of a team who might just have what it takes to live with the superpowers after all. As the song goes, 'Glory, Glory Man United'.

Glenn Moore, The Independent

Manchester United finally exorcised their Turkish nightmare last night as they took a huge step towards becoming the first English team to reach the knock-out stages of the Champions' League.

Two goals in five minutes just before the hour were enough to quell the keen but limited challenge of the Turkish champions, Fenerbahçe. A return victory at Old Trafford in a fortnight's time, coupled with a Juventus win over Rapid Vienna, would ensure United's passage with two games to spare.



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Both clubs are represented by mascots this evening.

**UNITED:** James Brackenridge from Boothstown is 10 years old and  
a pupil at St Andrews School. His hobbies are football and the  
cubs. James does a lot of charity work for the Association for  
Children with heart defects.

**SWINDON:** Tim Hall is 8 years old and a pupil at Eldene Junior  
School, Swindon. He plays for Brunel Boys and is a member of the  
Junior Robins. Although a Swindon supporter, Tim is also a fan of  
Manchester United.

Please give both boys a warm welcome when they lead out the  
teams before tonight's game.

## Birthday Greetings

21st October	Richard Baker 9
23rd October	Mark Meacham 2, Catherine Melia 13, Ellie Purbrick 7, Stephen White 8
24th October	Marc Cohen 10, Jennifer Kerrod 8
25th October	Charlotte Farrell 9, James Lardes 10
26th October	Christian Key 4

## Junior Views

The winner of our Junior Views competition tonight  
is 14-year-old Lisa Soppitt from Whitehaven,  
Cumbria, who has sent us this poem. A gift voucher  
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### Manchester United Past, Present and Future

Busby Babes, their memory lives on  
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Charlton, Gregg, Law - they were the best  
Georgie better than all the rest  
But what about Edwards, Whelan, Byrne  
They were great,  
sadly all killed in Munich, 1958

Whiteside, Pearson and Frank Stapleton  
Macari, McIlroy, McQueen  
the list could go on  
Robson, Moses, Bailey and  
young Brian McClair  
The 80s at Old Trafford,  
they were found there  
Cantoan, Giggs, Schmeichel  
full of desire  
Sparky Hughes always on fire

Butt, Beckham, Keane and Ince  
Midfield Dynamos  
Always up for a challenge  
Always standing tall  
Bruce, Irwin and Pally  
rock solid defence  
Prolific scorers?  
We're kept in suspense

First the Greenhoff brothers  
Jimmy and young Brian  
Then came Gary and Phil Neville  
With the courage of roaring lions  
Sharpe, Scholes and Cole  
spurred on by the crowd so loud  
Charging up the pure green turf  
To make Ferguson and Kiddo proud

All the present squad helped bring good luck  
Premier League champions  
and winners of the FA Cup  
The chanting of "CHAMPIONS" echoes  
around the land

The United supporters are making a stand  
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bubble

While Alex Ferguson adds with a grin:  
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Depart Manchester Airport Wednesday morning

Free time in Vienna. Coach transfer to stadium

Return to Manchester immediately after game

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- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Airport tax
- Coach transfers
- One night's accommodation in 4 star hotel in Vienna

Depart Manchester morning of Tuesday 3rd December

Arrive Vienna at midday

Free time from Tuesday afternoon until coach transfer on Wednesday to stadium for the game

Return to Manchester immediately after game arriving early Thursday morning

Priced based on two people sharing twin room - single room supplement: £25

\*Flights from London are being organised by David Dwyer Sports Tours (Tel: 0171 831 7799, Fax: 0171 831 9482). Match tickets are being supplied by Manchester United Football Club.



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	<b>£2000</b>	P Baker of Swinton
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NOTTINGHAM FOREST	<b>£2000</b>	S Grundy of Chadderton
	<b>£2000</b>	M Halliday of Leeds
	<b>£1000</b>	Alan Pearson of Ashby-De-La-Zouch
RAPID VIENNA	<b>£2000</b>	John Robottom of Walsall
	<b>£2000</b>	P Hill of Stafford
	<b>£1000</b>	Steven Harris of Rawtenstall
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# Whatever happened to...



**Peter Fletcher experienced opposite ends of the emotional spectrum during an Old Trafford career in which delight with early progress was balanced by the double sadness of relegation and unlooked-for departure at the tender age of 20.**



It all began so promisingly for the tall, lean striker, a Mancunian who enlisted as a starry-eyed apprentice in August 1969 in the same intake as Sammy McIlroy. 'Fletch the Stretch' had supported City as a boy but as he grew older his father took him to Maine Road and Old Trafford on alternate weeks.

Peter explains: "Dad told me to watch the best and learn, and gradually I picked up on

the excitement generated by Matt Busby's brilliant side. Denis Law became my hero and I became a United fan. I was at Wembley for the European Cup Final in 1968, which was absolutely inspirational, and I was thrilled to sign for such a great club."

There followed steady movement through the junior sides - highlighted by a trophy for being top scorer in a youth tournament in Switzerland - before Peter was called up for first-team friendlies in 1972, towards the end of Frank O'Farrell's managerial reign. His

League introduction arrived when he rose from the bench to replace Trevor Anderson at Stoke City in April 1973 as the Reds, now guided by Tommy Docherty, struggled clear of demotion. Sadly, the following term brought more travail for a frankly poor side which lacked confidence or any semblance of much-needed continuity. It was into this nightmare scenario that Peter stepped for his only First Division starts, two desperately tense February encounters with Derby County and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Three months later, United went down and Peter was in the stand to watch the infamous confrontation with City which underlined the Reds' fate. Soon after that traumatic afternoon, he was told he was surplus to requirements.

He recalls: "It was very upsetting. I had dreamed of joining United and thought, as a kid, that it would go on forever. I was so naive. Apart from anything else, I was losing my job. It seemed more like losing an arm. To that point I had done nothing since my schooldays but play for United. I still had a year on my contract to run but the manager told me I would never play in another senior game and I couldn't face that."

thirty eight

Happily, relief was at hand. Although Peter had made only seven League appearances, five of them as substitute, he had forged a reputation - mainly through his exploits partnering Brian Kidd in the reserves - as a footballing frontman and Second Division Hull City wanted him. Accordingly, in May 1974, the disappointed youngster moved to Boothferry Park, valued at some £36,000 in the deal that took Stuart Pearson to Old Trafford.

After two reasonably productive years on the Humber, Peter switched to Fourth Division Stockport County in 1976, a transfer which enabled the 22-year-old and his wife Margaret to return to their home area. Having re-established his roots he retained them even after joining Huddersfield Town in 1978, travelling over the Pennines every day with four teammates who were also based in Lancashire.

Peter looks back: "There was great camaraderie between us, a bond which helped us on the field." That much was evident as the former Red Devil enjoyed the most successful spell of his career, netting seventeen times in thirty starts as the Terriers lifted the Fourth Division title in 1980. His tally would have been better still but for a back injury which proved to be a chilling foretaste of trouble ahead. Although he recovered after a

lengthy lay-off to perform splendidly in 1981/82, he broke down again and was forced to retire at the season's end.

"I had offers from Malmo in Sweden, from Australia and from

various English part-timers, but I was told that if I didn't finish I would end up with a permanent limp."

Understandably he wasn't going to risk his long-term health and so, still only 28, Peter Fletcher bade a reluctant farewell to the game he loved. After eight months during which he regained the mobility to live a normal life outside football, he became a security supervisor with Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council and now manages a workforce engaged in the never-ending battle with crime.

A family man with three children - Lucie (19), Lindsey (17) and Peter junior (11, and the proud possessor of a United replica shirt) - Peter finds time to take in the local blues-rock music scene. Sadly, his back precludes any sport except snooker, for which he has won a few trophies. "I might not be able to get my chin on the cue," he smiles, "but I can take my time and I don't do too badly."

By Ivan Ponting

**"I was at Wembley for the European Cup Final in 1968, which was absolutely inspirational."**

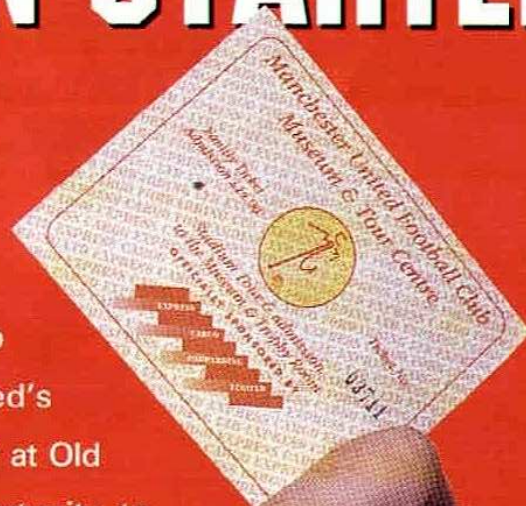


# Peter Fletcher



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# Reserves & Juniors

## 'Save The Bishops'

Bishop Auckland are without any doubt one of the most famous non-league clubs in this country.

They have a proud history which stretches back to the last century and, in their days as an amateur club, they were also one of the most successful with a string of appearances in the FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley and a total of ten victories which represented a record in the competition.

They remain to this day an illustrious name in English football history but their very existence has been in some jeopardy recently following an incident in a FA Cup match with Macclesfield Town last season.

The Bishops ran into financial trouble after settling out-of-court a legal battle with Town's George Shepherd, who was injured in the match.

The famous north east club appeared to be in dire-straits, but that only served to galvanise the local populace into action. The Northern Echo organised a 'Save The Bishops' campaign and the response from the community around Bishop Auckland was magnificent. All manner of fund-raising activities took place, sponsored walks, raffles, race nights, football matches, collections etc.

Many organisations and individuals were approached to throw their weight behind the campaign and United responded rapidly to confirm that a team would be sent to play a friendly against Bishop at Kingsway.

Happily, the collective efforts of numerous people once again proved that, 'where's there's a will, there's a way', and in a remarkably short time the future of Bishop Auckland was assured. So it transpired that United's visit, whilst boosting the coffers even further, was billed as a celebration, rather than a survival match.

United, of course, had good reason to help the beleaguered north-easterners, for it was they who came swiftly to our assistance in the dark days which followed the Munich air crash more than thirty-eight years ago.

They had no hesitation in offering the services of three players - Bob Hardisty, Warren Bradley and Derek Lewin - to bolster United's shattered playing staff. It was a marvellous gesture which has found its own special niche in our club's history, so it was highly appropriate that United were in a position to help the Bishops in their hour of need.

It's remarkable that a few short months ago they looked doomed and yet now there is a feeling of renewed confidence sweeping the little town in County Durham. That was the message that came over clearly on United's visit there two weeks ago.

The tiny Kingsway ground was packed to capacity with everyone enjoying a marvellous celebratory atmosphere. They roared with approval when Warren Bradley and Derek Lewin were introduced to them before the kick-off and there was rapturous applause for the teams when they took the field.

It was one of those nights when they would have cheered had they been told the entrance fee had been doubled.

As for the match. Well, United scored through Ben Thornley inside the opening minute and from then on there was only going to be one winner. Even Bishop Auckland wanted United to win the match, or so it appeared. Two of their players - Mickey

Driscoll and Mark Foster - helped the Reds along by putting through their own goal and substitute Philip Mulryne scored what was the goal of the night with an unstoppable shot from the edge of the area. Jonathon Milroy grabbed Bishops' only goal.

The people of Bishop Auckland are extremely proud of their football club and it's nice to know that the scare is now over and they can once again look forward with optimism.



## Eight Goal Thriller

Three goals in the last eight minutes saved United 'A' from suffering their first defeat of the season.

Wrexham looked all set to become the first team to claim full points from the Reds after they led 3-0 with twenty-three minutes of the game played.

However, a goal from David Brown ten minutes before half-time put United back in with an

outside chance of salvaging the day.

Any chance of a reward from the game appeared to have vanished in the 59th minute when the visitors struck to make it 4-1.

The clock had ticked past the 82nd minute when Jonathan Macken headed home from a Brown cross. Eight minutes remaining, 4-2 down, it still seemed impossible that they could prise something from the game. But all was not lost. An own-goal from Wrexham's Paul Jones pegged the score to 4-3 and in the very last minute Twiss sent over a corner kick for Macken to head the equaliser.



Jonathan Macken

## Junior Reds No4

### GAVIN NAYLOR

Born: Hartlepool, Cleveland 30th May 1979

Schools: Barnard Grove Primary School, Henry Smith's Secondary School

Schoolboy honours: Hartlepool and District, Cleveland County, North of England, England Trialist.

Signed trainee for United: 10th July 1995

Favourite team: Manchester United

Favourite player: Diego Maradona, because of his unbelievable skill.

Favourite ground: Old Trafford

If not a footballer what would be your chosen career: If not involved in sport, I would have liked to have been a fighter pilot in the RAF.

Favourite Music: Most music, including charts and dance music.

Hobbies: All sports, Music, Computer Games.

Biggest influences on your decision to pursue a career in football: My parents and my own determination.





# Reserves & Juniors

## Win In Wales

More than 5,000 people packed into Jenner Park to watch United take on Barry Town in a memorial match for Barry's Matthew Holtham who was tragically killed in a traffic accident.

The Reds' side contained a good sprinkling of squad players for the South Wales public to watch and it was one of them, Chris Casper, who gave United the lead in the 8th minute. Barry pulled one back on fourteen minutes, but two goals, from Michael Appleton and Michael Twiss, in the run up to half-time put United back in control.

Terry Cooke rounded off the scoring by netting direct from a free-kick, ten minutes into the second half.

## Defeat for 'B'

An excellent solo effort from Mark Wilson and a goal from schoolboy Lee Whiteley on his debut could prevent the 'B' from slipping to defeat for the second consecutive Saturday. They went behind to Oldham Athletic in the 10th minute, but it wasn't long before Wilson had raced through the Latics' defence to score with a cracking shot from the edge of the area.

The visitors regained the lead directly from the restart and that's how the teams went in at the break.

United levelled again on the hour, through Whiteley, but with five minutes of the game left Oldham struck to snatch the points.

## Pontin's League Premier Division

1996

Aug. 21	Oldham Athletic	Away	3-1
28	Everton	Home	5-2
Sept. 10	Derby County	Away	2-1
18	Tranmere Rovers	Home	5-1
26	Sheffield Wednesday	Away	1-2
30	Bolton Wanderers	Home	0-0
Oct. 5	Liverpool	Away	3-0
21	Stoke City	Away	
Nov. 13	Nottingham Forest	Away	
27	Birmingham City	Away	
Dec. 11	Derby County	Home	
18	Leeds United	Away	

1997

Jan. 8	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	
22	Tranmere Rovers	Away	
Feb. 5	Stoke City	Home	
17	Blackburn Rovers	Away	
26	Nottingham Forest	Home	
Mar. 19	Birmingham City	Home	
25	Everton	Away	
Apr. 2	Oldham Athletic	Home	
16	Liverpool	Home	
30	Bolton Wanderers	Away	
TBA	Leeds United	Home	
TBA	Blackburn Rovers	Home	

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	7	5	1	1	19	7	16
Blackburn Rovers	7	4	1	2	7	7	13
Sheffield Wednesday	4	3	1	0	11	6	10
Nottingham Forest	7	2	4	1	11	7	10
Stoke City	7	3	1	3	10	13	10
Everton	7	3	1	3	9	12	10
Tranmere Rovers	7	3	0	4	11	15	9
Birmingham City	7	2	2	3	8	6	8
Bolton Wanderers	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
Oldham Athletic	7	2	2	3	8	11	8
Leeds United	7	2	2	3	7	11	8
Derby County	7	2	1	4	13	13	7
Liverpool	7	0	4	3	5	10	4

Up to and including Wednesday 9th October 1996

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United 'A'	8	6	2	0	30	4	20
Stoke City 'A'	8	6	0	2	20	5	18
Crewe Alexandra Res.	8	5	2	1	13	5	17
Everton 'A'	8	5	1	2	17	11	16
Liverpool 'A'	8	5	0	3	12	9	15
Tranmere Rovers 'A'	8	4	2	2	14	12	14
Blackburn Rovers 'A'	9	3	2	4	13	12	11
Marine Res.	8	2	5	1	4	8	11
Preston North End 'A'	8	3	2	3	9	15	11
Wrexham 'A'	8	2	2	4	9	14	8
Morecambe Res.	9	2	2	5	14	25	8
Oldham Athletic 'A'	8	2	1	5	10	17	7
Bury 'A'	8	2	1	5	3	10	7
Burnley 'A'	8	1	1	6	10	18	4
Bolton Wanderers 'A'	8	1	1	6	6	14	4

Up to and including Saturday 12th October 1996

## LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe Alexandra 'A'	7	6	0	1	19	8	18
Liverpool 'B'	9	6	0	3	20	11	18
Manchester City 'A'	8	5	2	1	14	7	17
Tranmere Rovers 'B'	8	4	4	0	15	6	16
Chester City 'A'	8	4	2	2	16	11	14
Manchester United 'B'	8	4	1	3	23	19	13
Oldham Athletic 'B'	8	3	4	1	16	12	13
Burnley 'B'	8	4	1	3	14	10	13
Carlisle United 'A'	8	3	3	2	15	13	12
Blackpool 'A'	9	3	3	3	14	13	12
Wigan Athletic 'A'	9	2	4	3	12	13	10
Blackburn Rovers 'B'	9	3	0	6	12	11	9
Everton 'B'	8	2	2	4	12	17	8
Stockport County 'A'	9	2	2	5	8	18	8
Marine Youth	9	2	1	6	8	26	7
Rochdale 'A'	9	1	2	6	6	17	5
Bury 'B'	8	1	1	6	4	16	4

Up to and including Saturday 12th October 1996





## Match Details

### RESERVE FRIENDLY

Wednesday 9th October 1996

**v. BISHOP AUCKLAND** (Away)

Won: 4-1

Scorers: Thornley, Driscoll o.g., Mulryne, Foster o.g.

van der Gouw, O'Kane, Twiss, Wallwork, Casper, Appleton,

Cooke, Davies, McClair, Scholes, Thornley.

Substitutes: Murdock (for Casper), Pilkington (for van der Gouw),

Mulryne (for Scholes), Macken (for Appleton).

### MATTHEW HOLTHAM MEMORIAL MATCH

Thursday 17th October 1996

**v. BARRY TOWN** (Away)

Won: 4-1

Scorers: Casper, Appleton, Twiss, Cooke.

Pilkington, O'Kane, Neville P., Wallwork, Casper, Appleton,

Cooke, Mulryne, Twiss, Davies, Thornley.

Substitutes: Murdock, Macken (for Twiss), Duncan, Trees, Brebner.

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 12th October 1996

**v. WREXHAM 'A'** (Home)

Drawn: 4-4

Scorers: Brown D., Macken 2, Jones o.g.

Culkin, Brown W., Higginbotham, Duncan, Murdock, Brebner.

Twiss, Mulryne, Brown D., Notman, Hilton.

Substitutes: Macken (for Hilton), Trees (for Higginbotham), Wellens.

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Saturday 12th October 1996

**v. OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'B'** (Home)

Lost: 2-3

Scorers: Wilson, Whiteley.

Sadler, Newham, Bickerton, Mills, Ryan, Neville P.,

Whiteley, Wilson, Wood, Phillips, Naylor.

Substitutes: Gaff, Gardiner, Howard (for Wilson)

### On Loan

Goalkeeper Paul Gibson is the latest of our players to go out on loan. He has signed a one month temporary contract with Vauxhall Conference side Halifax Town.

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO ROLL CALL

#### Appearances

Ryan 7(1), Healy, Mills 7, Higginbotham, Naylor, Wellens 6, Newham 5(1), Bickerton, Phillips, Sadler 5, Rose 3(2), Brightwell, Wilson, Wood 3, Calderone, Clegg G., Evans, Studley 2, Brebner, Brown D., Byers, Culkin, Ford, Hilton, Neville P., Notman, Whiteley 1, Chadwick, Howard, Roche 0(1).

#### Goalscorers

Healy 7(incl. 2 pens.), Wilson 3, Bickerton, Brebner, Brown D., Wood 2, Brightwell, Naylor, Notman, Wellens, Whiteley 1. Up to and including Saturday 12th October 1996

## Lancashire League Division One

1996

Aug.	17	Liverpool 'A'	Away	3-0
	24	Preston North End 'A'	Home	8-1
	31	Everton 'A'	Home	5-0
Sept.	7	Burnley 'A'	Away	3-1
	21	Bury 'A'	Away	0-0
	28	Oldham Athletic 'A'	Home	4-2
Oct.	4	Morecambe Reserves	Away	3-1
	12	Wrexham 'A'	Away	4-4
	19	Stoke City 'A'	Home	
	26	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	Home	
Nov.	2	Preston North End 'A'	Away	
	9	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	Home	
	16	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	Away	
	23	Bury 'A'	Home	
	30	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	Away	
Dec.	7	Morecambe Reserves	Home	
	14	Liverpool 'A'	Home	

1997

Jan.	4	Everton 'A'	Away	
	11	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	Home	
	18	Oldham Athletic 'A'	Away	
	25	Marine Reserves	Home	
Feb.	1	Blackburn Rovers 'A'	Away	
	15	Wrexham 'A'	Home	
	22	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	Home	
Mar.	1	Marine Reserves	Away	
	22	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	Away	
	29	Burnley 'A'	Home	
Apr.	5	Stoke City 'A'	Away	

## Lancashire League Division Two

1996

Aug.	17	Liverpool 'B'	Away	3-2
	31	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	Away	3-6
Sep.	7	Blackburn Rovers 'B'	Home	2-1
	14	Rochdale 'A'	Home	7-0
	21	Everton 'B'	Away	3-1
	28	Wigan Athletic 'A'	Home	2-2
Oct.	5	Carlisle United 'A'	Away	1-4
	12	Oldham Athletic 'B'	Home	2-3
	19	Blackpool 'A'	Away	
	26	Manchester City 'A'	Home	
Nov.	2	Marine Youth	Away	
	9	Chester City 'A'	Home	
	16	Wigan Athletic 'A'	Away	
	23	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	Home	
	30	Burnley 'B'	Away	
Dec.	7	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	Home	
	14	Stockport County 'A'	Away	

1997

Jan.	4	Everton 'B'	Home	
	11	Blackpool 'A'	Home	
	18	Chester City 'A'	Away	
	25	Stockport County 'A'	Home	
Feb.	1	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	Away	
	8	Oldham Athletic 'B'	Away	
	15	Manchester City 'A'	Away	
	22	Marine Youth	Home	
Mar.	8	Rochdale 'A'	Away	
	15	Burnley 'B'	Home	
	22	Blackburn Rovers 'B'	Away	
	29	Bury 'B'	Home	
Apr.	5	Liverpool 'B'	Home	
	12	Carlisle United 'A'	Home	
	19	Bury 'B'	Away	



# Statistics 1996-97

**Key**

<b>17</b>	Appearance	<b>17</b>	Substitute Appearance and player replaced
<b>11</b>	Penalty	<b>2</b>	Number of goals scored
<b>x</b>	Own Goal	<b>S</b>	Unused Substitute

Month	Day	Match	Score	Attendance
August	17	Wimbledon	A	25,786
	21	Everton	H	2-2x 54,963
	25	Blackburn Rovers	H	2-2 54,178
September	4	Derby County	A	1-1 18,026
	7	Leeds United	A	4-0x 39,694
	11	Juventus (Champions' League)	A	0-1 54,000
	14	Nottingham Forest	H	4-1 54,984
	21	Aston Villa	A	0-0 39,339
	25	Rapid (Champions' League)	H	2-0 51,831
	29	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-0 54,943
October	12	Liverpool (11.15am)	H	1-0 55,128
	16	Fenerbahce (Champions' League)	A	2-0 26,200
	20	Newcastle United	A	0-5 35,579
	23	Swindon Town (Coca-Cola Cup R3)	H	
	26	Southampton	A	
November	30	Fenerbahce (Champions' League)	H	
	2	Chelsea	H	
	16	Arsenal	H	
	20	Juventus (Champions' League)	H	
	23	Middlesbrough	A	
	27	Coca-Cola Cup R4		
	30	Leicester City	H	
December	4	Rapid (Champions' League)	A	
	8	West Ham United	A	
	18	Sheffield Wednesday	A	
	21	Sunderland	H	
	26	Nottingham Forest	A	
	28	Leeds United	H	
January	1	Aston Villa (8.00pm)	H	
	4	FA Cup R3		
	8	Coca-Cola Cup R5		
	11	Tottenham Hotspur	A	
	18	Coventry City	A	
	25	FA Cup R4		
	29	Wimbledon (Provisional)	H	
February	1	Southampton	H	
	15	Middlesbrough (FA Cup R5)	H	
	19	Coca-Cola Cup SF 1L		
	22	Chelsea	A	
March	1	Coventry City	H	
	4	Arsenal	A	
	5	Champions' League QF 1L		
	8	Sunderland (FA Cup R6)	A	
	12	Coca-Cola Cup SF 2L		
	15	Sheffield Wednesday	H	
	19	Champions' League QF 2L		
	22	Everton	A	
April	5	Derby County	H	
	6	Coca-Cola Cup Final		
	9	Champions' League SF 1L		
	12	Blackburn Rovers (FA Cup SF)	A	
	19	Liverpool	A	
	23	Newcastle United (Champions' League SF 2L)	H	
May	3	Leicester City	A	
	11	West Ham United	H	
	17	FA Cup Final		
	28	Champions' League Final		

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## FA Carling Premiership Results 1996-97

	Arsenal	Aston Villa	Blackburn Rovers	Chelsea	Coventry City	Derby County	Everton	Leeds United	Leicester City	Liverpool	Manchester United	Middlesbrough	Newcastle United	Nottingham Forest	Sheffield Wednesday	Southampton	Sunderland	Tottenham Hotspur	West Ham United	Wimbledon
Arsenal		28.12	19.04	3-3	0-0	07.12	18.01	26.10	12.04	22.03	04.03	01.01	03.05	08.03	4-1	04.12	2-0	24.11	2-0	22.02
Aston Villa	2-2		1-0	26.12	15.02	2-0	05.04	2-0	16.11	01.03	0-0	30.11	11.01	02.11	29.03	11.05	01.02	19.04	15.03	22.12
Blackburn Rovers	0-2	22.03		16.11	11.01	1-2	1-1	0-1	11.05	02.11	12.04	21.12	26.12	15.02	22.04	30.11	01.03	0-2	01.02	15.03
Chelsea	05.04	1-1	05.03		2-0	18.01	07.12	03.05	19.04	01.01	22.02	1-0	23.11	1-1	28.12	29.03	15.03	26.10	21.12	2-4
Coventry City	23.04	23.11	0-0	12.04		03.05	22.02	2-1	08.03	0-1	18.01	28.12	17.12	0-3	26.10	1-1	01.01	07.12	22.03	05.03
Derby County	11.05	12.04	28.12	01.03	30.11		16.12	3-3	02.11	01.02	1-1	17.11	0-1	23.04	01.01	08.03	1-0	22.03	15.02	0-2
Everton	01.03	0-1	01.01	11.05	04.11	15.03		21.12	15.02	23.04	22.03	1-2	2-0	01.02	2-0	16.11	30.11	12.04	2-1	28.12
Leeds United	01.02	22.04	05.04	01.12	26.12	29.03	08.03		11.01	16.11	0-4	11.05	0-1	2-0	0-2	15.02	02.11	14.12	01.03	1-0
Leicester City	0-2	05.03	07.12	1-3	21.12	22.02	23.11	1-0		0-3	03.05	15.03	26.10	28.12	05.04	2-1	29.03	01.01	23.04	18.01
Liverpool	2-0	18.01	22.02	5-1	05.04	27.10	TBA	TBA	26.12		19.04	29.03	08.03	14.12	07.12	2-1	0-0	03.05	11.01	23.11
Manchester United	16.11	01.01	2-2	02.11	01.03	05.04	2-2	28.12	30.11	1-0		15.02	23.04	4-1	15.03	01.02	21.12	2-0	11.05	29.01
Middlesbrough	0-2	03.05	08.03	22.03	4-0	05.03	26.12	07.12	03.12	3-3	23.11		22.02	12.04	18.01	11.01	19.04	0-3	4-1	26.10
Newcastle United	30.11	4-3	2-1	15.02	15.03	19.04	29.03	01.01	01.02	23.12	5-0	03.11		11.05	1-2	01.03	05.04	28.12	16.11	2-0
Nottingham Forest	21.12	22.02	23.11	11.01	29.03	1-1	28.10	19.04	0-0	15.03	26.12	1-1	07.12		05.03	05.04	1-4	18.01	0-2	03.05
Sheffield Wednesday	26.12	2-1	1-1	0-2	01.02	0-0	11.01	22.03	2-1	11.05	18.12	01.03	12.04	18.11		02.11	15.02	08.03	30.11	19.04
Southampton	15.03	07.12	03.05	0-0	19.04	21.12	05.03	23.11	22.03	28.12	26.10	4-0	18.01	2-2	22.02		3-0	0-1	12.04	01.01
Sunderland	11.01	26.10	18.01	15.12	1-0	26.12	03.05	22.02	0-0	12.04	08.03	2-2	1-2	22.03	23.11	22.04		04.03	0-0	07.12
Tottenham Hotspur	15.02	1-0	29.03	01.02	11.05	1-1	0-0	15.03	1-2	02.12	11.01	23.04	1-2	01.03	21.12	26.12	16.11		02.11	05.04
West Ham United	29.03	04.12	26.10	08.03	1-1	23.11	19.04	18.01	1-0	1-2	08.12	05.04	05.03	01.01	03.05	2-1	28.12	22.02		0-2
Wimbledon	02.11	08.03	14.12	22.04	16.11	11.01	4-0	12.04	01.03	15.02	0-3	01.02	22.03	30.11	4-2	3-1	11.05	1-0	26.12	

Read across for home games \* Read down for away games (c) The FA Premier League Limited 1996

## FA Carling Premiership Table 1996-97

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	Highest Att	Average Att	Top Scorers
1 Newcastle United	10	8	0	2	20	10	24	+10	36,579	36,448	Ferdinand & Shearer 7
2 Arsenal	10	6	3	1	19	8	21	+11	38,140	37,159	Wright 8
3 Wimbledon	10	7	0	3	20	11	21	+9	25,786	15,212	Ekoku 6
4 Liverpool	9	6	2	1	18	7	20	+11	40,739	39,633	Berger 4
5 Manchester United	10	5	4	1	19	11	19	+8	55,128	54,835	Cantona & Solskjaer 4
6 Chelsea	10	4	4	2	16	15	16	+1	28,272	27,343	Viali 5
7 Aston Villa	10	4	3	3	13	10	15	+3	39,339	36,687	Yorke 4
8 Tottenham Hotspur	10	4	2	4	10	8	14	+2	32,847	29,491	Armstrong & Sheringham 3
9 Sheffield Wednesday	10	4	2	4	12	16	14	-4	30,983	24,325	Booth 5
10 Everton	9	3	3	3	10	11	12	-1	40,117	37,842	Ferguson, Speed, Stuart & Unsworth 2
11 Middlesbrough	10	3	3	4	15	17	12	-2	30,215	29,950	Ravanelli 7
12 Derby County	10	2	5	3	9	12	11	-3	18,092	17,751	Dailly & Sturridge 2
13 West Ham United	10	3	2	5	9	14	11	-5	25,064	22,290	Hughes 3
14 Leicester City	10	3	2	5	7	13	11	-6	20,987	19,834	Heskey 3
15 Sunderland	10	2	4	4	8	11	10	-3	22,037	20,067	Quinn 2
16 Leeds United	10	3	1	6	8	15	10	-7	39,694	32,372	Harte & Wallace 2
17 Southampton	10	2	3	5	14	13	9	+1	15,251	15,068	Le Tissier 6
18 Nottingham Forest	10	1	5	4	10	17	8	-7	27,771	24,561	Campbell 4
19 Coventry City	10	1	4	5	4	14	7	-10	23,021	18,460	Dublin, McAllister, Salako & Whelan 1
20 Blackburn Rovers	10	0	4	6	6	14	4	-8	27,091	24,158	Bohinen & Sutton 2

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## Appearances 1996-97

	FA Carling Premiership	Coca Cola Cup	Champions' League	FA Cup	Total
Beckham, David	10	0	3	0	13
Cantona, Eric	10	0	3	0	13
Irwin, Denis	10	0	3	0	13
Schmeichel, Peter	9	0	3	0	12
Pallister, Gary	8	0	3	0	11
Butt, Nicky	8	0	2(1)	0	10(1)
Johnsen, Ronny	7(1)	0	3	0	10(1)
Neville, Gary	7(1)	0	3	0	10(1)
Cruyff, Jordi	7(2)	0	2	0	9(2)
Giggs, Ryan	7(1)	0	2	0	9(1)
May, David	8	0	1(1)	0	9(1)
Poborsky, Karel	6(1)	0	2(1)	0	8(2)
Solksjaer, Ole Gunnar	5(3)	0	2(1)	0	7(4)
Keane, Roy	2	0	1	0	3
Neville, Phil	3	0	0	0	3
McClair, Brian	1(5)	0	0(1)	0	1(6)
Scholes, Paul	1(4)	0	0	0	1(4)
van der Gouw, Raimond	1	0	0	0	1
Cole, Andy	0(3)	0	0(2)	0	0(5)

## Goalscorers 1996-97

	FA Carling Premiership	Coca Cola Cup	Champions' League	FA Cup	Total
Beckham, David	3	0	2	0	5
Cantona, Eric	4	0	1	0	5
Solksjaer, Ole Gunnar	4	0	1	0	5
Cruyff, Jordi	2	0	0	0	2
Butt, Nicky	1	0	0	0	1
Giggs, Ryan	1	0	0	0	1
Irwin, Denis	1	0	0	0	1
Poborsky, Karel	1	0	0	0	1
Own goal	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	19	0	4	0	23

### ALSO PLAYING TONIGHT

#### COCA-COLA CUP, THIRD ROUND

Charlton Athletic v Liverpool  
Leeds United v Aston Villa  
Middlesbrough v Huddersfield Town  
Newcastle United v Oldham Athletic  
Southampton v Lincoln City  
Stoke City v Arsenal  
Tottenham Hotspur v Sunderland  
West Ham United v Nottingham Forest

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A. N. Butler (Wigan)

Assistant Referee No.2:

P. I. Harris (Warrington)

Fourth Official:

N. G. Doherty (Manchester)

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- Whole stands, part stands or the entire stadium may be evacuated. Depending on the nature of the incident, this may take place onto the playing area and out of the stadium.

- Our PA system operates on a zone to zone basis. It may be, therefore, that certain zones are affected but not others. In such an event our main attention will be focused on the zone concerned.

- If you hear an announcement broadcast in an area other than your own you should ignore it and respond only to messages directed at your section. All spectators are asked to respond calmly but as quickly as possible.

- Part of our emergency evacuation policy is to make spectators aware of what is happening and to update this information as frequently as necessary.

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Wednesday  
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