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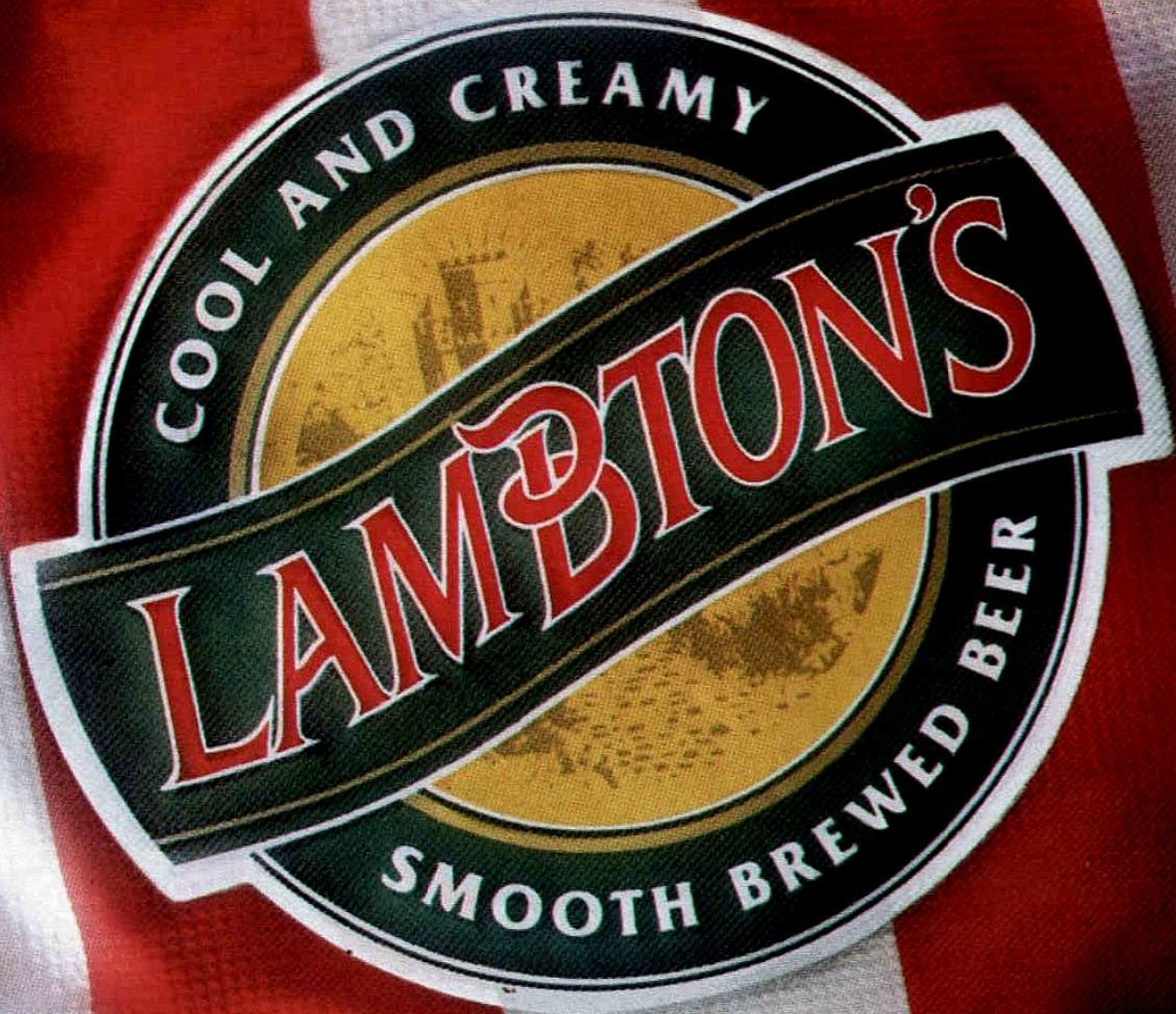


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JOHN FICKLING

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On the Ball

We m back

From a results point of view the last week has been disappointing. Following on from our undeserved cup defeat at Blackburn we entertained Leicester and travelled to Watford, twice going down by the odd goal in games that we could have had something out of.

We said before the Leicester game that they were a good, hard working side who were a credit to themselves and their manager. This proved to be the case but I felt that we matched them only to lose out on the night because of two clinical pieces of finishing from Tony Cottee.

While Leicester had more of the first half and took the lead with a quality goal we opened them up a couple of times. Although Quinny or Kev Phillips were out of luck we can shouldn't forget that chances were made and who is to say that we won't take our chances in the return.

Gavin McCann's free kick pegged Leicester back after Cottee's second goal which had arrived somewhat fortunately via a ricochet although that's taking nothing away from Cottee who took his chance well.

Our goal was straight off the training ground. It was a quality ball in from Gavin who put it exactly where Bobby Saxton had told him to. It was very difficult for Kasey Keller to defend because if he committed himself he risked being stranded if anyone got a touch on it.

The goal gives us something to grasp in the second leg at Filbert Street. We've got to remain optimistic and we'll certainly be going there ready to have a go and while Leicester have the advantage we're only a single goal behind and anything can happen.

We travelled to Watford where we lost for only the third time in the league this season but felt that we should have had at least a point.

We already knew that teams tend to raise their game against us and that was certainly the case. Once again the kick off was delayed to allow for a bumper crowd - in this case Watford's biggest for three years - and as always there was excellent support from our fans.

In the early stages we were the better side and took the game to them so when they opened the scoring it was very much against the run of play.

Quinny brought us back into it when he mopped up after Kev's shot was too strong to hold and at half time we felt that we could go on to win the game. The winner when it came was a bit of a wonder goal but Gifton Noel-Williams was the first to admit that it was the kind of hit



With Captain Kevin Ball

and hope snapshot that more often than not ends up in row Z!

Even then I thought we'd get back into it and we would have if not for our old mate Alec Chamberlain. I spoke to Alec afterwards and he said he'd thought we'd probably score as well. As it was he cost us a point but he still has a lot of feeling for the club and was keen to pass on his best wishes to our fans both for the turn out at Vicarage Road but also the reception you gave him earlier in the season at the Stadium of Light.

We moved on from Watford to the north west for a mid season break. It was the ideal opportunity for the manager and Sacko to get the lads together for a few days. We've worked very hard throughout the season and having a few days to relax is something we've benefited from before. We still trained hard and we enjoyed the facilities at the hotel and came away feeling all the better for it.

We got a further boost with the news that Thomas Sorensen has been called up for the full Danish squad. He deserves it and his saves from Matt Elliott and Muzzy Izzet in the Leicester game just go to show how good he is. It's also terrific for Paul Butler to receive his first international call up by the Republic of Ireland. I'm sure both lads will do well and that we'll have other international call ups in the coming months.

International recognition reflects well on the club as did the amazing attendance of over 33,000 for the last home reserve game and it was tremendous that two charities benefited from the game. I was at the match and thought it was a fantastic turn out. It was great to see so many young supporters at the Stadium of Light and I thought our lads put on a first class show to beat Liverpool and stay at the top of the league.

Hopefully the lads in the first team will produce a similar performance with the same outcome this afternoon. We've another full house expected which is brilliant so get behind us and let's make sure we all go home happy.

All the best,
KEVIN BALL

AFTER three successive defeats we must get back on track - starting with today's match against Swindon Town at the Stadium of Light.

Of course I'm disappointed but that's football. I thought we played well at Blackburn and could have got something out of the game at Watford and while Leicester City are a strong side, we probably had more chances than them.

But we are seven points clear at the top of the First Division and in the semi-final of a major cup competition so yeh, it's going okay. We have to get back on track though, but it's going to be hard against a Swindon side on the up.

Jimmy Quinn replaced Steve McMahon as manager and he has got them going. When a new manager comes in you look at results and there's no doubt it's gone well for them.

There's no easy games in football now. Everybody is fighting for their lives as you come into February and with the end of the season on the horizon.

I've always given the players a bit of a break at this time of the season and we spent a few days after the Watford game away from the club. The lads trained just as hard and it gives us the chance to work on a few of the niggling injuries and help gradually improve levels of fitness.

ust get on track

The players have done really well and there is no reason to panic. Nobody likes losing football matches - we need to win a couple of matches and that's what we will be trying to do.

We must be doing something right judging by the number of players who will be away next week on international duty. I'm delighted for the likes of Paul Butler and Niall Quinn who will be in Ireland and Andy Melville and Andy Marriott who will be training with the Wales squad in a rare get-together.

It's fantastic for Thomas Sorensen to be called up for the first time to the Denmark senior squad. It's well deserved and I'm pleased for the lad.

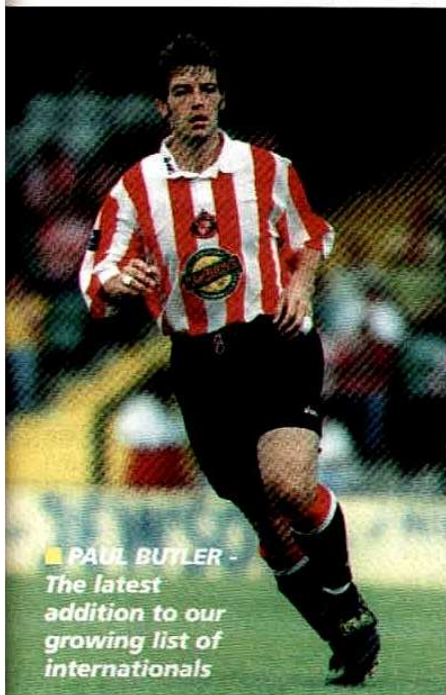
There's been a bit of speculation about certain players leaving the club and I just want to put the record straight. If anybody is unhappy at the club all he has to do is come and see me and if the deal is right he can go. But I have had no problems with any of my players at all.

As a manager you are always looking to strengthen the squad and I have made enquiries for certain players. I never go public and all I can say is I have been turned down.

And please, don't waste your money on me and the England job - not even at 50-1!

A warm welcome to the Stadium of Light to Jimmy Quinn and his players. I hope it is an enjoyable game and we get back on track.

"The players have done really well and there is no reason to panic. Nobody likes losing football matches - we need to win a couple of matches and that's what we will be trying to do."



■ **PAUL BUTLER** -
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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Peter Reid', written in a cursive style.



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PAUL BUTLER may have turned his back on carving out an international career with Wales, but his Sunderland colleague **Andy Melville** is delighted to answer the call from manager **Bobby Gould**.

Former Bury defender Butler had the luxury of choosing between the Republic of Ireland and Wales even though he was born in England and he is set to pull on the famous green jersey next week in a friendly across the Irish Sea.

Melville, meanwhile, links up with the Wales squad later tonight for a three-day get-together in the hope of forcing his way into the reckoning for next month's European Championship qualifier against Switzerland.

"I've really enjoyed forming an effective partnership with Paul in the heart of the Sunderland defence this season," said Melville. "Any partnership benefits when you play together regularly and fortunately that's what we have been able to do."

"We've missed very few games - long may it continue - and while Paul has said no to Wales, I'm delighted Bobby Gould has shown interest in me as well."

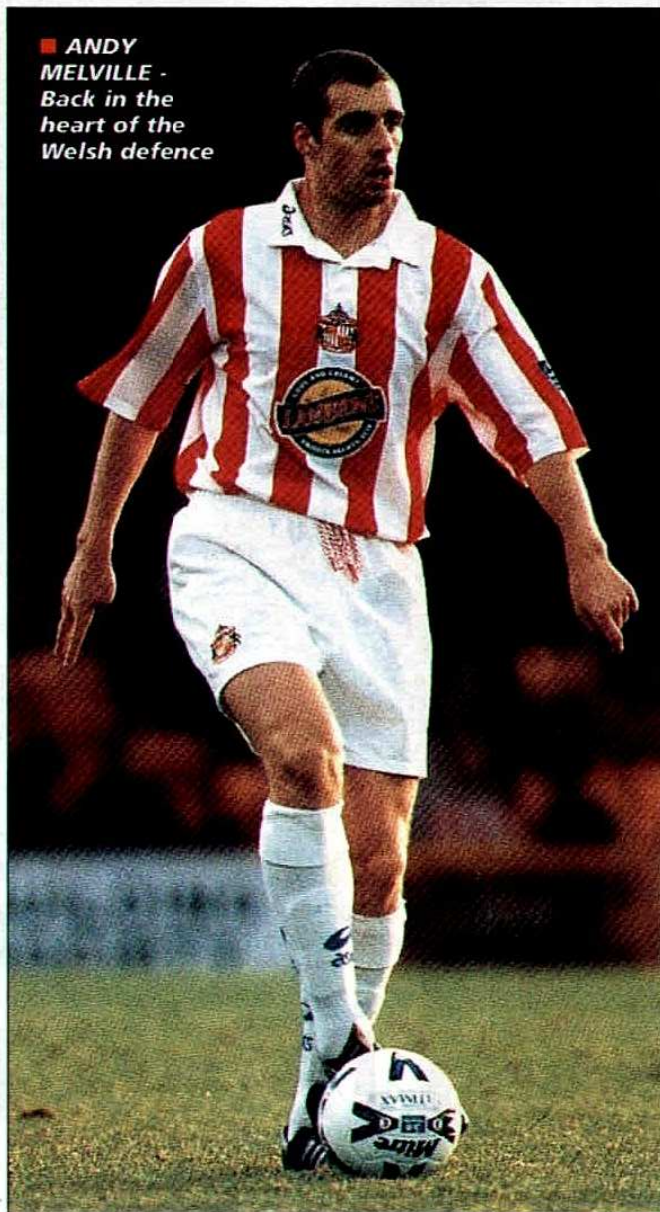
"When I lost my place in the Sunderland side last season and then went out on loan to Bradford City, I must admit I had no idea when I would get back in for Wales."

"To be honest though the season has gone far better than I expected after the way I finished last season. I've always said playing for my country is a bonus, but I'm delighted to be back."

"Wales have had two great results in the European Championship, especially winning in Denmark, and there's a great spirit now among the manager and the players."

"Hopefully I will impress

■ **ANDY MELVILLE** - Back in the heart of the Welsh defence



Wales call keeps Andy happy

the manager over the next few days and he will include me in the squad for the Switzerland game. I was in the squad for the trip to Denmark but had to drop out with flu."

First though Melville is desperate for a return to winning ways at club level after a run of three successive defeats.

"We've had a few days away together which is good for team spirit and I

can't wait for today's match with Swindon to put things right," he said.

"We want to get out there after those three defeats - not that I think we played badly in any of the games. I thought we should have at least had a draw from the Blackburn cup-tie and against Leicester had a few good goalscoring opportunities."

"My clearance which led to the second goal could

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have gone anywhere, but I have played Tony Cottee in. He had a great first touch so there was no way I could redeem myself.

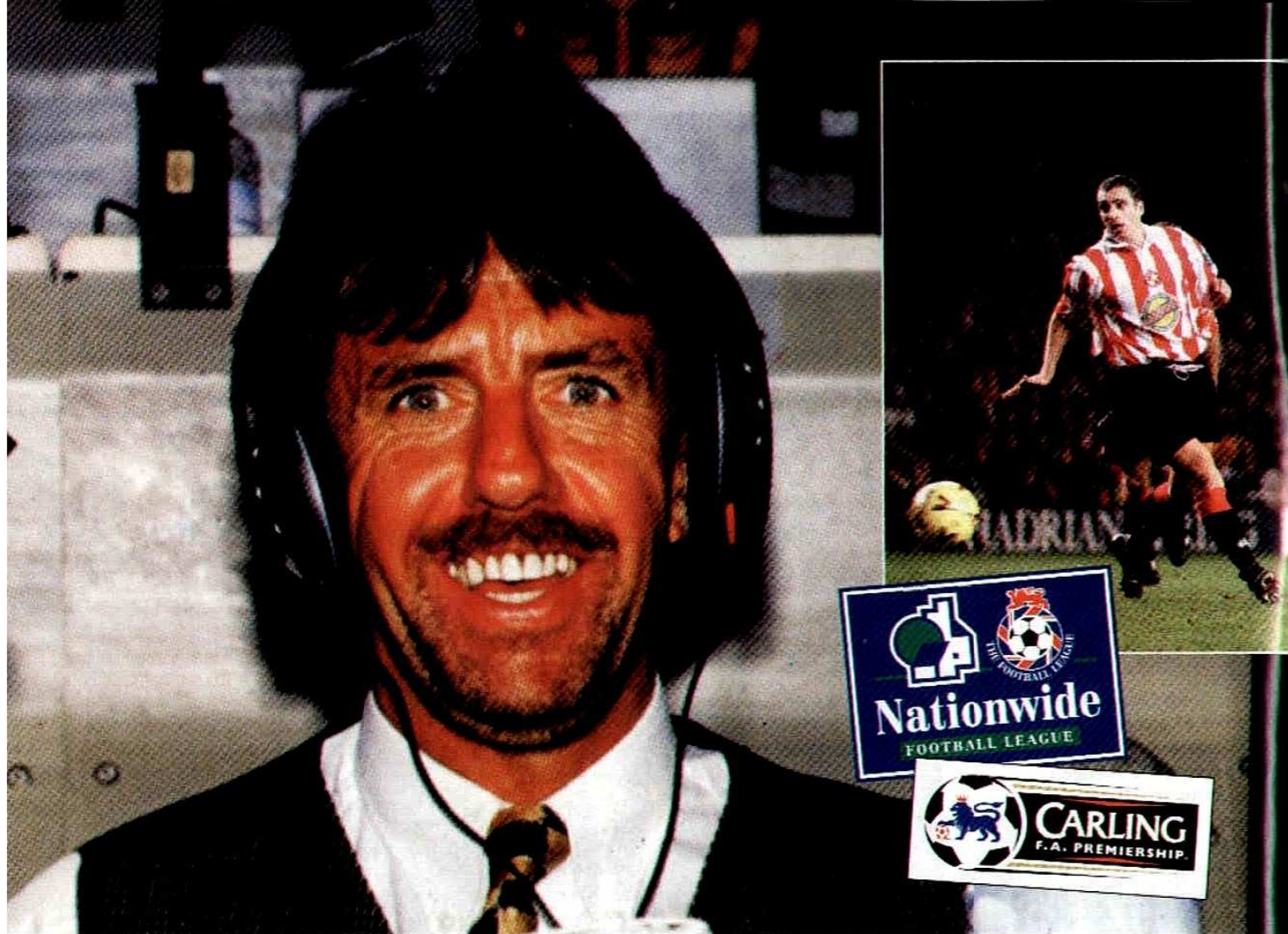
"It was still a class finish and it was proved that if you give players like him half a chance, that's the quality of the Premiership. Most of the their players are internationals so we know how difficult the return leg at Filbert Street is going to be."

"But we are not out of it and neither is there any panic in the camp. We are in a great position in the league and have tremendous strength in depth in the squad."

"Most clubs get caught up with injuries and suspensions at some stage and I know it is going to be very difficult from a personal point of view not to be banned before the season is over."

"I've been booked in four games and another yellow card means I will be suspended for one match, I would say under the present disciplinary system it is virtually impossible for a defender to escape a ban."

"At least last season a yellow card was wiped out if you kept out of trouble for five games, but they've done away with that now. Referees are under a lot of pressure and are only doing their job, but I think they are trying to protect the attackers and might have gone a bit too far." ■



A blessing in disguise?

TV pundit Mark Lawrenson believes Sunderland's double cup defeat by Premiership clubs Blackburn Rovers and Leicester City could prove to be a blessing in disguise.

The former Republic of Ireland international has seen several Sunderland matches this season and has no doubts Peter Reid's side will finish the season as First Division champions with Bolton Wanderers grabbing the other automatic promotion place.

"I think in a way the defeats by Blackburn and Leicester were good for the supporters to see exactly the gulf that there is between the Premiership and the First Division because you can get a bit blasé," said Lawrenson.

"I've been to five or six Sunderland games this season and there's no doubt they are by far the best team in the First Division. I've been impressed and I like the way they play.

"They are organised and the passion here is unbelievable, but you need to be half a yard quicker in thought and, as Leicester showed, teams in the Premiership can score goals from half chances.

"Tony Cottee did just that and it showed you can't afford to make mistakes playing against Premiership teams. The finishing is very different.

"But basically you have to have a side that can pass the ball - and pass it under pressure. Sunderland did not play particularly well but that was more down to Leicester. At the higher level your passing



■ MARK LAWRENSON - The former Liverpool defender has no doubts that Sunderland will gain promotion as champions

has to be better and if it isn't, you keep losing the ball.

"I saw a very similar game a couple of days previously when Wolves played Arsenal - a lot of hard work and honest endeavour but you could see there was a big difference between the teams. Class will tell."

Lawrenson is convinced though that Sunderland will not make the same mistake of three years ago when they were immediately relegated from the top flight.

"Of course, to be successful, they will have to buy some players when they get to the Premiership," he said.

"Everybody knows that and I believe the cup results in the long term were good for the supporters because they are not getting carried away now and know it's going to be difficult.

■ Leicester's Tony Cottee showed the quality of finishing you find in the Premiership



"Those results in the long term were good for the supporters because they are not getting carried away now and know it's going to be difficult."

"I don't see the recent results knocking confidence. I've seen a lot of First Division football this season and feel Sunderland and Bolton are best equipped to get out.

"I think Sunderland will go up as champions while Bolton have a lot of good players going forward. They can afford to lose one or two games, but they don't draw many and will win more than the chasing pack.

"Everything here is geared up for the Premiership and that's why they must buy quality players that become available. As far as I am concerned if they get in, all they need to do in the first season is finish fourth bottom.

"Realistically if they finish higher that's fantastic. If they finish sixth bottom that is something to build on. It's probably more difficult this time round than two years ago because the gulf has got bigger.

"How they fare will depend on what they do in the transfer market. Peter Reid has been very clever in that so far. He does not go out and spend money willy-nilly and when other people want him to. He wants value for money, but sometimes in the Premiership you have to gamble and it costs millions of pounds.

"But I am confident Sunderland won't come straight back down - you don't get relegated and build a fantastic new stadium to be relegated again."

Promotion may be looking good, but the former Liverpool defender reckons Sunderland have it all to do to prevent Leicester City from booking their place in the final of the Worthington Cup.

"I can see it being very difficult," was his honest assessment of the outcome of the second leg at Filbert Street. "It's a game where Sunderland have even less pressure on them, but I would not bet against Leicester at home.

"It's a tall order but I don't think the supporters will be too disappointed if Sunderland are promoted and I will be delighted if they do.

"I live in Newcastle and being selfish, I would love to see all three North East teams in the Premiership next season." ■

Gerry sets the pace

ALTHOUGH he may be approaching his 55th birthday, Gerry Donaghue has lost none of the fitness enthusiasm which has been his trademark throughout a varied and interesting career.

Countless numbers of players have the former Newcastle United, Scarborough, South Shields and Gateshead midfielder schemer to thank for easing their way back to match fitness after recovering from injuries ranging from niggles to serious operations.

He can be seen most days pounding the beat at the Charlie Hurley Centre on a one-to-one basis or cycling the narrow lanes of the surrounding areas long after the normal training sessions have finished.

"I have always kept myself fit and look forward to coming in to work," he said. "Ever since I joined Newcastle United in 1952, I have done my training up here.

"I had a two-year contract with them but finished after a year because I did not think I was good enough. I took a degree and played football on a part-time basis.

"After ten years with Alf McMichael at South Shields, and nine years at Scarborough where I won three Wembley medals and I was 41 when I finished playing at Gateshead."

But Gerry was always destined to continue in the game and after initially helping Chris McMenemy with Sunderland's youth set-up, he linked up with Graham Taylor.

"Graham asked me to do some assessment work for him when he got the England job, and while I considered it an honour, I missed the day to day involvement," he said.

"Chris went to Newcastle and asked me to work with the young players but I think it is fairly common knowledge, Kevin Keegan did not have a lot of time for the reserves and the youth set-up.

"When Paul Bracewell came back to Sunderland, I came back to help Pop Robson and Ricky Sbragia with the Academy. The boss then asked me if I would do rehabilitation with the players and that's what I have been doing for the last couple of years.

"Most of the pros are spot on, but a lot of them don't like the hard work because they get into a routine. I have a routine and try to vary it day to day depending on how long they have been out.

"To be fair some players can do the hard work without any bother and don't need to see a ball, but you get others who need a ball every day.

"Obviously they all want to be back playing as soon as possible but you get different reactions where some players need a kick up the backside and others a comforting arm around their shoulder.

"But I get a kick out of helping them and great satisfaction when they are back in the team. It's often a six days a week job and even on Sundays I usually end up taking a six-mile walk with my wife." ■

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JANUARY

22ND Northern Ireland Youth international George McCartney became the latest highly rated youngster to sign up for a future at The Stadium of Light. The talented left back agreed a contract which takes him up to 2003.

Gerry Harrison had his loan spell at Luton extended for a further month while goalkeeper Luke Weaver also signed up for another month at Scarborough.



Rob Mason's

RednWhite Diary

Injury to Weaver recently allowed former Sunderland Youth 'keeper Phil Naisbett to get a taste of league football at The McCain Stadium.

23RD "I thought we played as well as we have done for an awful long time" said Peter Reid after watching Blackburn remove Sunderland from the FA Cup after we had dominated for long periods.

An excellent surface allowed

Sunderland to get their high quality passing game going leaving Rovers to chase shadows for much of the early stages.

Niall Quinn was agonisingly close to opening the scoring with a cushioned volley after Kevin Phillips picked him out with a superb through ball.

Quinn turned provider in the second half to send Lee Clark clear but although Clarkie beat the defence

and substitute 'keeper Tim Flowers he didn't beat the assistant referee's flag. The fact that the Match of the Day cameras later showed him to be onside only left the RednWhite Army to ponder what might have been.

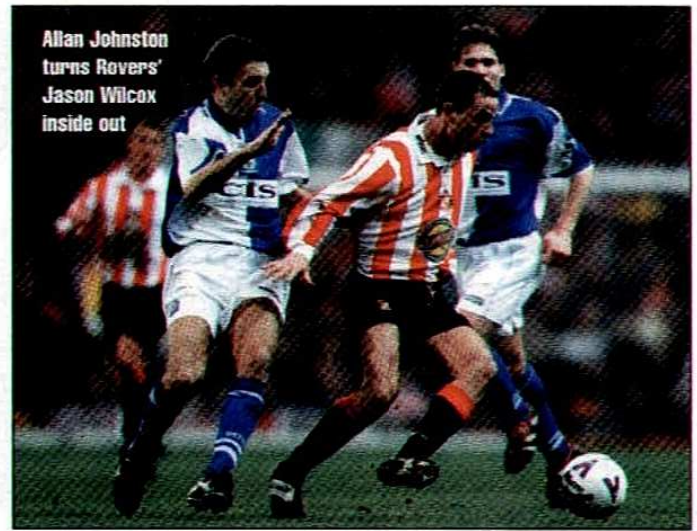
The 8,000 Sunderland supporters who managed to get tickets swelled the Premiership club's attendance to the highest of the season - though less than saw Sunderland Reserves four days later!

"I thought the Sunderland fans were super and created a great afternoon for us," said Brian Kidd. "I do feel sorry for Sunderland. I'm not just saying that, I thought they were unfortunate, I thought they were terrific. Reidy's got a smashing team."

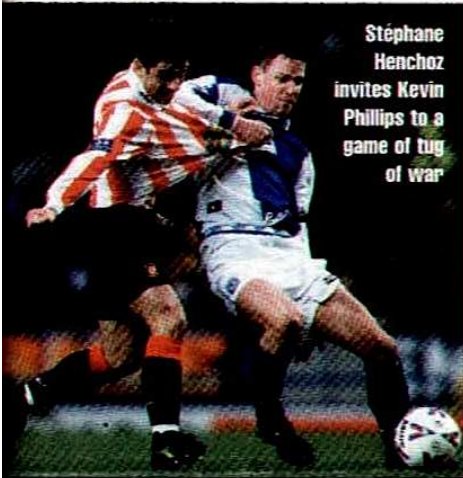
Jeff Kenna was sent off for bringing down his former Southampton club mate Kevin Phillips but within five minutes Keith Gillespie gave Rovers the lead much against the run of play and despite late pressure there was to be only disappointment.

There was worse news than a lost match with the announcement that England Under 18 defender Elliott Dickman was being forced to retire through injury.

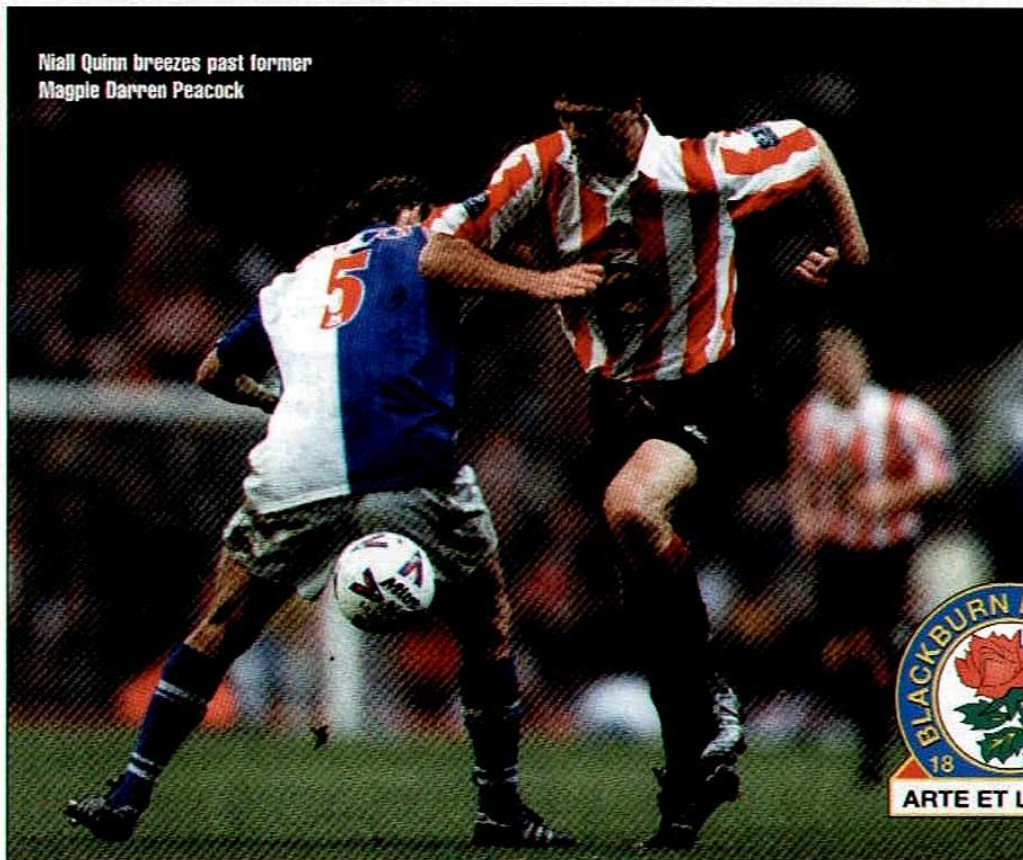
Allan Johnston turns Rovers' Jason Wilcox inside out



Stéphane Henchoz invites Kevin Phillips to a game of tug of war

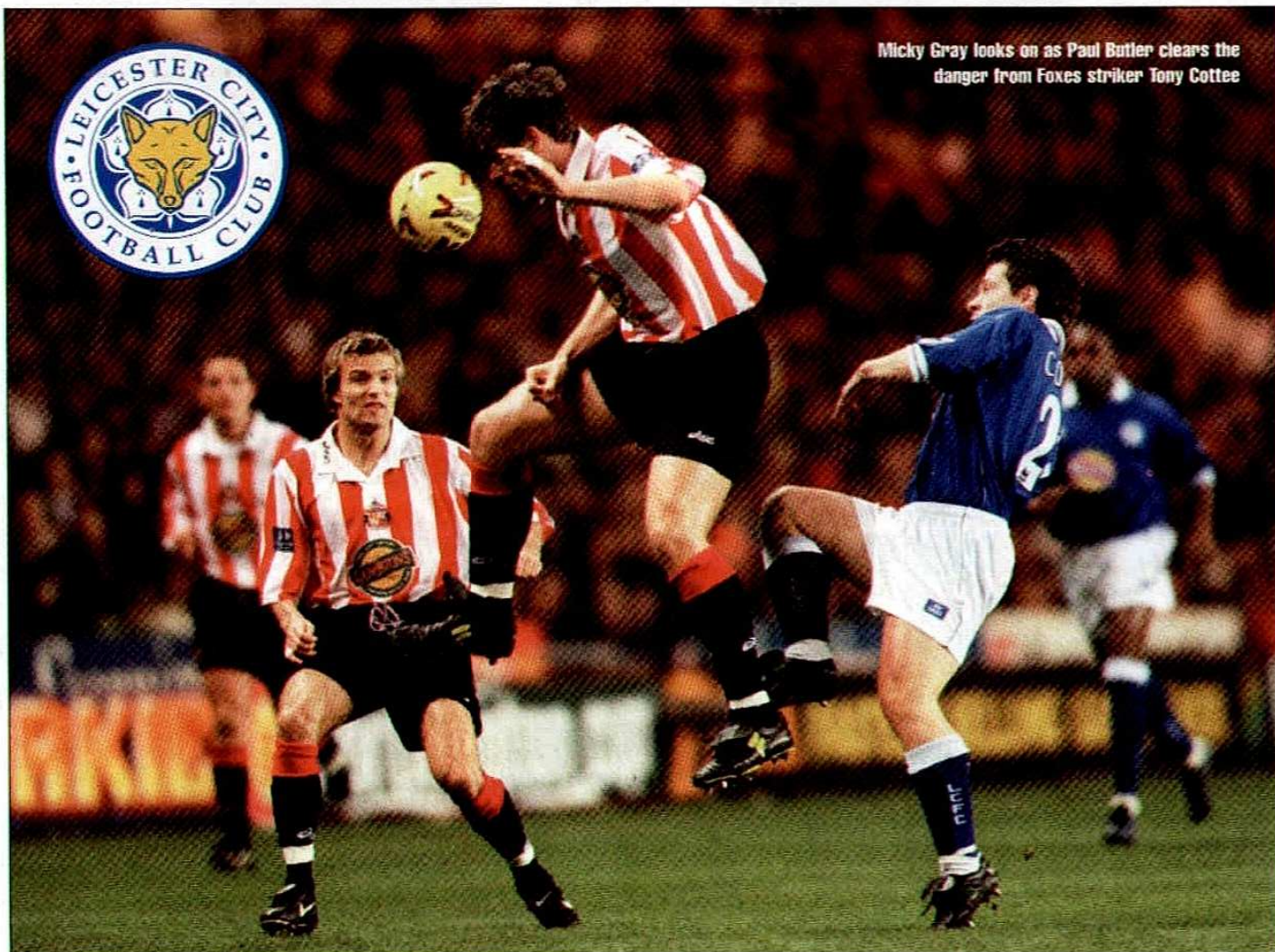


Niall Quinn breezes past former Magpie Darren Peacock





Micky Gray looks on as Paul Butler clears the danger from Foxes striker Tony Cottee



25TH Peter Reid and Martin O'Neill came face to face at a pre-Worthington Cup semi final press conference at The Ramside Hall Hotel where Martin O'Neill demonstrated that his oft reported love for Sunderland is more than just paper talk by reeling off a string of facts about Sunderland's early sixties history.

26TH The Stadium of Light played host to its first ever cup semi final when Leicester City became the first Premiership side to play at the ground.

The Worthington Cup tie saw two goals from Tony Cottee put the visitors in command before Gavin McCann's first home goal brought us back into the tie.

Thomas Sorensen was at his very best in the first half with eye catching saves from

Matt Elliott and Muzzy Izzett the highlights of a superb display.

Tony Cottee had scored four times in a previous cup appearance against Sunderland almost eight years to the day earlier, but that 1991 ZDS quarter final haul for Everton was insignificant compared to the expertly taken brace he collected in the blue of Leicester.

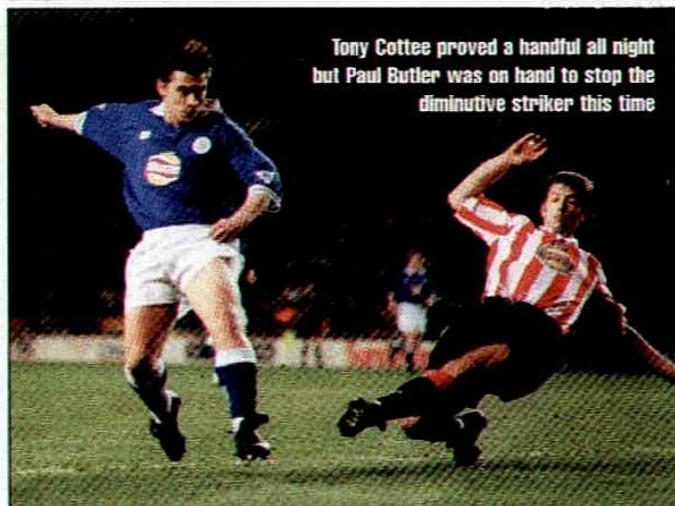
Nonetheless 'half-time' in the tie came with only a single goal separating the sides so while Leicester are in pole position Peter Reid's side are still in with a chance of progressing to the final.

Marksman Cottee acknowledged that Leicester

still had work to do: "We haven't had the best of home records lately and Sunderland have one of the best away records in the game these days. We're happy with the result but we're taking nothing for granted."



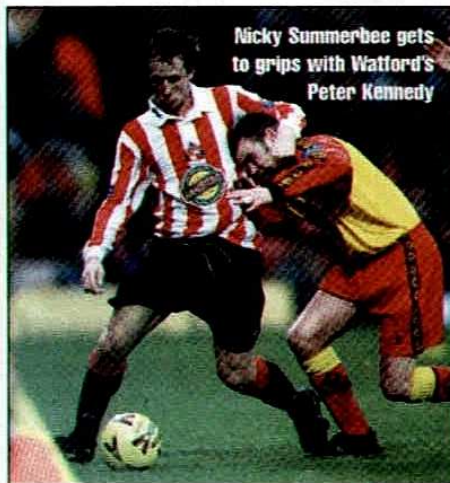
Rob Mason's
**Red'n'White
Diary**



Tony Cottee proved a handful all night but Paul Butler was on hand to stop the diminutive striker this time

27TH A new record attendance for the Pontins League was set at the Stadium of Light when an astonishing 33,517 turned out to see Sunderland Reserves defeat Liverpool Reserves by a single goal scored by Michael Proctor.

30TH Elton John was part of a crowd 5,000 bigger than Watford's previous best of the season and almost double their previous home gate. If evidence was needed to show that matches against Sunderland these days are becoming clubs' 'Game of the Season' then this was it. The home players and fans celebrated their victory as if it was a cup win and no doubt the lads face more occasions like this from now on.



Nicky Summerbee gets to grips with Watford's Peter Kennedy

Former Villa winger Tony Daley fashioned the Hornets first chance in the 19th minute, providing a glorious cross for Nick Wright to head Watford's first league goal of the year.

SuperKev was determined to score at his old ground and deserved a goal for an acrobatic bicycle kick only to be denied by Alec Chamberlain. Phillips continued to be a threat and it was from one of his venomous strikes that we got the equaliser when Quinny headed home Chamberlain's parry.

Gifton Noel-Williams smashed the winner early in the second half leaving



Niall Quinn easily wins this aerial battle

Sunderland to chase the game but despite an adventurous switch to a three man defence with Johnno and then Mickey Bridges pushed into the hole behind the front two the equaliser just wouldn't come with Chamberlain being equal to all we could launch at him.

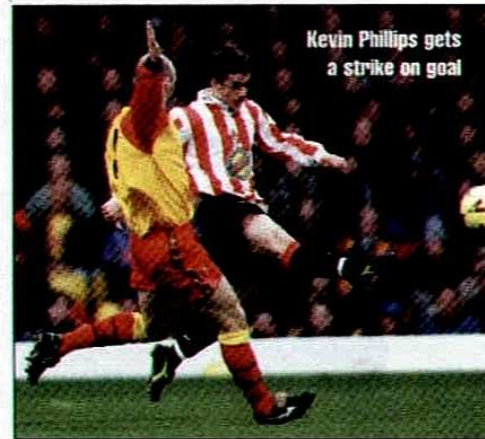
"We're delighted with the win but we had to work hard for it and I'm sure Sunderland will go up," said our former 'keeper.

Two goals apiece for Ross Marchant and Jonjo Dickman helped the Under 17's to a handsome 4-1 away win at Leicester in the FA Premier Youth Academy while the table topping Under 19's were held to a goalless draw by their Filbert Street equivalents.

FEBRUARY

1ST The Pontins League game with Derby County originally scheduled for Monday and then rearranged for Wednesday was finally rescheduled as the final game of the season on May 4th.

5TH Just five days before Thomas Sorensen was expected to earn his first full cap for Denmark in their friendly with Croatia in Split, a tribute to every goalkeeper to ever play for the lads was published in the form of, "Sunderland's Number Ones." ■



Kevin Phillips gets a strike on goal



Micky Gray gets the better of his man to cross into the danger area



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INTO THE LIGHT...

Swindon Town

New manager Jimmy Quinn has restored stability after a ten-month nosedive which saw Swindon Town fall from play-off contenders to lower-table skirmishers.

In the first week of December 1997, the Wiltshire club's second season back in the First Division was shaping up nicely as they moved into fifth place.

At that stage, they were only five points behind the eventual top two, Nottingham Forest and Middlesbrough, and pressing on ahead of the play-off finalists, Charlton Athletic and Sunderland.

A return to the Premiership - where they had spent one season in 1993-94 - appeared to be a possibility. Instead it turned out to be the starting point for a period of austerity.

Steve McMahon's side took only 15 points from the last 25 matches, and it was as well that the only victories were against three of the six sides who finished below them in the final table.

When they signed off with a home defeat by Sunderland in May, the safety margin was a mere four points - and things did not get better in the early weeks of this season.

Apart from successive wins against Bristol City and Oxford United - two sides who were to settle in the danger area - it was another struggle until Mr McMahon resigned after a 4-1 home trouncing by Watford.

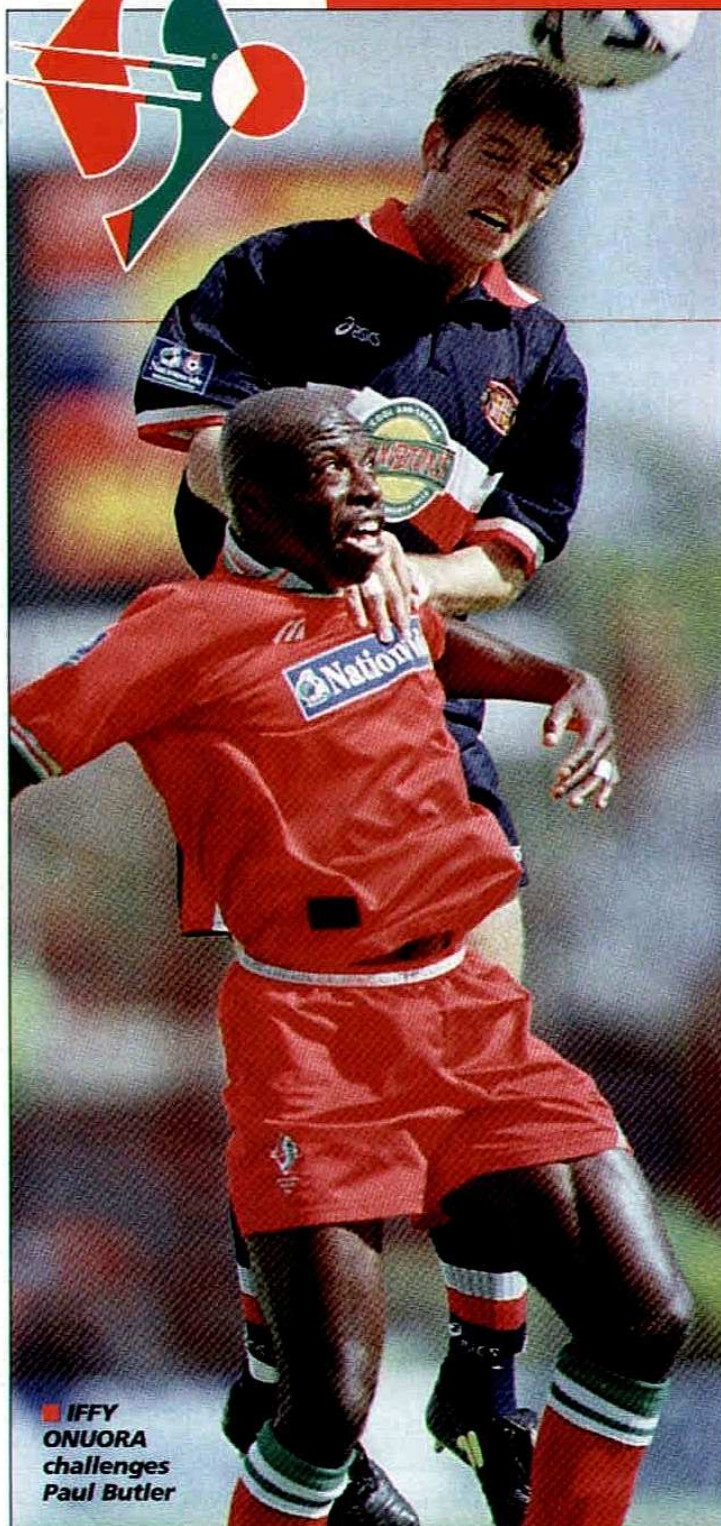
Tired of abuse which came to be directed at his family, he brought the curtain down on a four-year

SWINDON'S TEN IN A ROW

Swindon's last ten League results

DATE	VEN	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	SCORERS
Nov 21	H	Crystal Palace	2-0	11,718	Ndah Walters pen
Nov 28	A	Grimsby Town	0-1	5,657	
Dec 5	H	Norwich City	1-1	9,262	Walters
Dec 12	H	Bradford City	1-4	7,447	Onuora
Dec 19	A	Barnsley	3-1	15,342	Onuora 2 Hay
Dec 26	H	Wolverhampton W.	1-0	11,627	Onuora
Dec 28	A	Bristol City	1-3	16,257	Ndah
Jan 9	H	Sheffield United	2-2	7,583	Ndah Onuora
Jan 16	A	Port Vale	1-0	5,405	Ndah
Jan 30	H	Bury	1-1	7,797	West o.g.

LEAGUE POSITION: November 21 (15th), January 30 (15th)



IFFY
ONUORA
challenges
Paul Butler

MANAGER: Jimmy Quinn

BORN: Belfast, 18th November 1959



PLAYING CAREER

Clubs:

Oswestry Town, **Swindon Town** (1981-84, 49 Lge apps, 10 goals), **Blackburn Rovers** (1984-86, 71 Lge apps, 17 goals), **Swindon Town** (1986-88, 64 Lge apps, 30 goals), **Leicester City** (1988-89, 31 Lge apps, 6 goals), **Bradford City** (1989-90, 35 Lge apps, 14 goals), **West Ham United** (1990-91, 47 Lge apps, 18 goals), **Bournemouth** (1991-92, 43 Lge apps, 19 goals), **Reading** (1992-97, 182 Lge apps, 71 goals), **Peterborough United** (1997-98, 47 Lge apps, 25 goals). **TOTAL:** 569 Lge apps, 210 goals.

HONOURS

With Swindon Town: Promotion from Division Three, 1986-87
With West Ham United: Promotion from Division Two, 1990-91
With Reading: Division Two Championship, 1993-94

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Northern Ireland: 46 Full (12 goals)

MANAGEMENT CAREER

Clubs: **Reading** (joint-manager, Dec. 1994-May 1997), **Swindon Town** (Oct. 1998 to date).

term which covered relegation and promotion at the first attempt.

Chairman Rikki Hunt was genuinely saddened by the circumstances. "As far as I was concerned, he had a job for life here," he told John Ley, of The Daily Telegraph.

His respect for the outgoing manager was such that he named the former England and Liverpool midfielder as the ideal photofit of the person to fill the vacancy. "A man with at least two or three years' experience, somebody who will have no money but who can get the best out of what we've got."

The description was matched by Jimmy Quinn, a Division One play-off finalist in two-and-a-half years as joint-manager at Reading, and more recently Barry Fry's player-coach with experience of a tight budget at Peterborough United.

Even better, he is a former Swindon player, a member of the side which won promotion from Division Three in 1987, and still adding to a career total of over 200 League goals with five for Peterborough this season.

At the age of 39, the former Northern Ireland striker is now ready to concentrate on management, and so far, he has

brought about an improvement in results.

A 3-0 win against Huddersfield Town - when the Yorkshire side were leading the table in October - began a steady accumulation of points, with the exception of seven goals conceded in two defeats by Bradford City. Progress towards a mid-table spot accelerated when travelling form improved after only two away wins in 13 months. Top scorer Iffy Onuora scored twice at Crewe in November and repeated this feat at Barnsley in December.

When George Ndah netted in a third away success at Port Vale in January, the Robins had scored for seven

games in a row to confirm the strength of the strike force assembled by Mr McMahon.

Onuora had claimed over 40 per cent of the League goals, and more than 30 were shared between himself, Ndah and former England winger Mark Walters.

The defensive record had been the main problem during a difficult year in 1998.

Only two relegated sides conceded more than Swindon's 73 last season, but goalkeeper Frank Talia began to benefit from an increased proportion of clean sheets after Mr Quinn's appointment.

SQUAD ABC

BRIAN BORROWS: Now in his 19th season as a professional and past 600 League games, the bulk of these with Coventry City. Started at Everton and Bolton, then capped at England B level while at Highfield Road.

DARREN BULLOCK: Former non-League midfielder, joined Huddersfield Town from Nuneaton Borough for £55,000 in November 1993, a Division Two play-off winner in 1995, and cost Swindon £400,000 two years ago.

SAM CAMPAGNA: Centre back previously on schoolboy forms with Nottingham Forest, made a First Division debut in November.

STEVE COWE: An ex-Aston Villa junior, untried in League football until joining promotion-bound Swindon on loan in 1996, completed a permanent move before scoring one of the title-clinching goals at Chesterfield.

PHILIPPE CUERVO: French midfielder, previously with Sochaux

SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL

(1998-99 appearances for Premiership, Worthington Cup & FA Cup)

PLAYER	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTHDATE	PREVIOUS CLUB	APPS	GLS
Brian Borrows	Liverpool	20.12.60	Coventry City	29	-
Darren Bullock	Worcester	12.2.69	Huddersfield Town	20(5)	1
Sam Campagna	Worcester	19.11.80	School	(-1)	-
Steve Cowe	Gloucester	29.9.74	Aston Villa	2(5)	-
Philippe Cuervo	Ris-Orangis	13.8.69	Sochaux	2(5)	-
Sol Davis	Cheltenham	4.9.79	School	19(4)	-
Jimmy Glass	Epsom	1.8.73	Bournemouth	2	-
Ty Gooden	Canvey Island	23.10.72	Wycombe Wanderers	27	1
Gareth Hall	Croydon	12.3.69	Sunderland	30	1
Chris Hay	Glasgow	28.8.74	Celtic	8(6)	1
Stephen Howe	Annitsford	6.1.73	Nottingham Forest	5(3)	-
Robin Hulbert	Plymouth	14.3.80	School	8(6)	-
David Kerslake	Stepney	19.6.66	Ipswich Town	8	-
Scott Leitch	Motherwell	6.10.69	Hearts	17(1)	-
Frazer McHugh	Nottingham	24.7.81	School	(-1)	-
George Ndah	Camberwell	23.12.74	Crystal Palace	28(1)	10
Iffy Onuora	Glasgow	28.7.67	Gillingham	28(3)	16
Alan Reeves	Birkenhead	19.11.67	Wimbledon	18(1)	1
Mark Robinson	Rochdale	21.11.68	Newcastle United	23(1)	-
Frank Talia	Melbourne	20.7.72	Blackburn Rovers	31	-
Craig Taylor	Plymouth	24.1.74	Dorchester Town	9(3)	-
Mark Walters	Birmingham	2.6.64	Southampton	27(3)	9
Kevin Watson	Hackney	3.1.74	Tottenham Hotspur	7(8)	-
Adam Willis	Nuneaton	21.9.76	Coventry City	11	-

ALSO PLAYED: Neale Fenn (loan from Tottenham) 4 apps.
(Up to and including Saturday 30th January)

■ **MARK
WALTERS**



■ **BRIAN
BORROWS**



and St
Etienne,
impressed

in a trial in 1997, and made 23 League appearances in his first season.

SOL DAVIS: Former YTS defender, made debut at 18 in November 1997, and became a regular in the senior squad after starting in the closing five games last season.

JIMMY GLASS: A loan spell at Portsmouth provided his only League experience as a Crystal Palace understudy to goalkeeper Nigel Martyn, moved to Bournemouth in 1996, an ever-present at Dean Court last season until given a free transfer in the summer.

TY GOODEN: Signed in 1993 after his release by Wycombe Wanderers, made

his Swindon debut in the Premiership, won a Division Two medal in 1996, and easily headed last season's appearance list with 39 League games

GARETH HALL: Former Chelsea and Wales defender, returning to the Stadium of Light after leaving in the summer, signed for Sunderland during the 1996 promotion season, and a regular in the one year in the Premiership.

CHRIS HAY: Scored four League goals in 1996-97 as Celtic's cover for Pierre van Hooijdonk and Paolo di Canio, then exploded into English football with 13 in 16 games last season, but later troubled by injuries.

STEPHEN HOWE: Spent seven years as a professional with Nottingham

Forest, played in the UEFA Cup during a limited first-team career, joined Ipswich on loan in 1996-97, and moved to Swindon for £30,000 last year.

ROBIN HULBERT: England Youth midfielder from the junior ranks, made a one-off substitute appearance as a 17-year-old last season, now establishing a foothold in the senior squad.

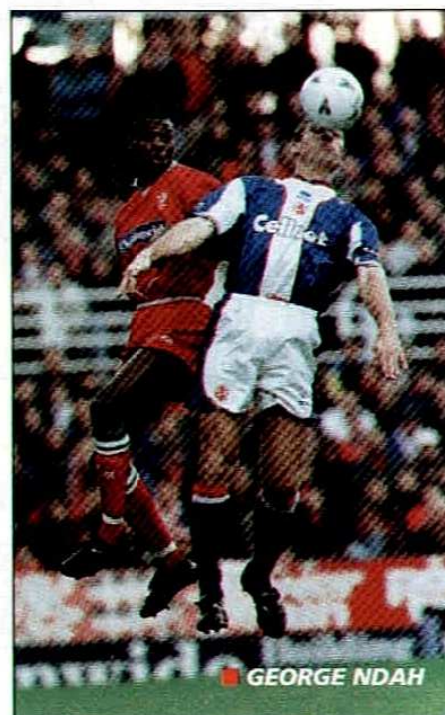
DAVID KERSLAKE: An England Youth and Under-21 cap with QPR, helped Swindon to promotion in 1993 before big-money transfers took him to Leeds and Spurs, re-signed last season after a stint with Ipswich.

SCOTT LEITCH: Midfielder with 144 League outings in Scotland for Dunfermline and Hearts, signed in 1996 for £15,000, played in a Division Two title-winning team in his first full season south of the border.

FRAZER McHUGH: England Under-16 Schools midfielder, introduced in the Worthington Cup in August, scored an FA Youth Cup winner against Leeds.

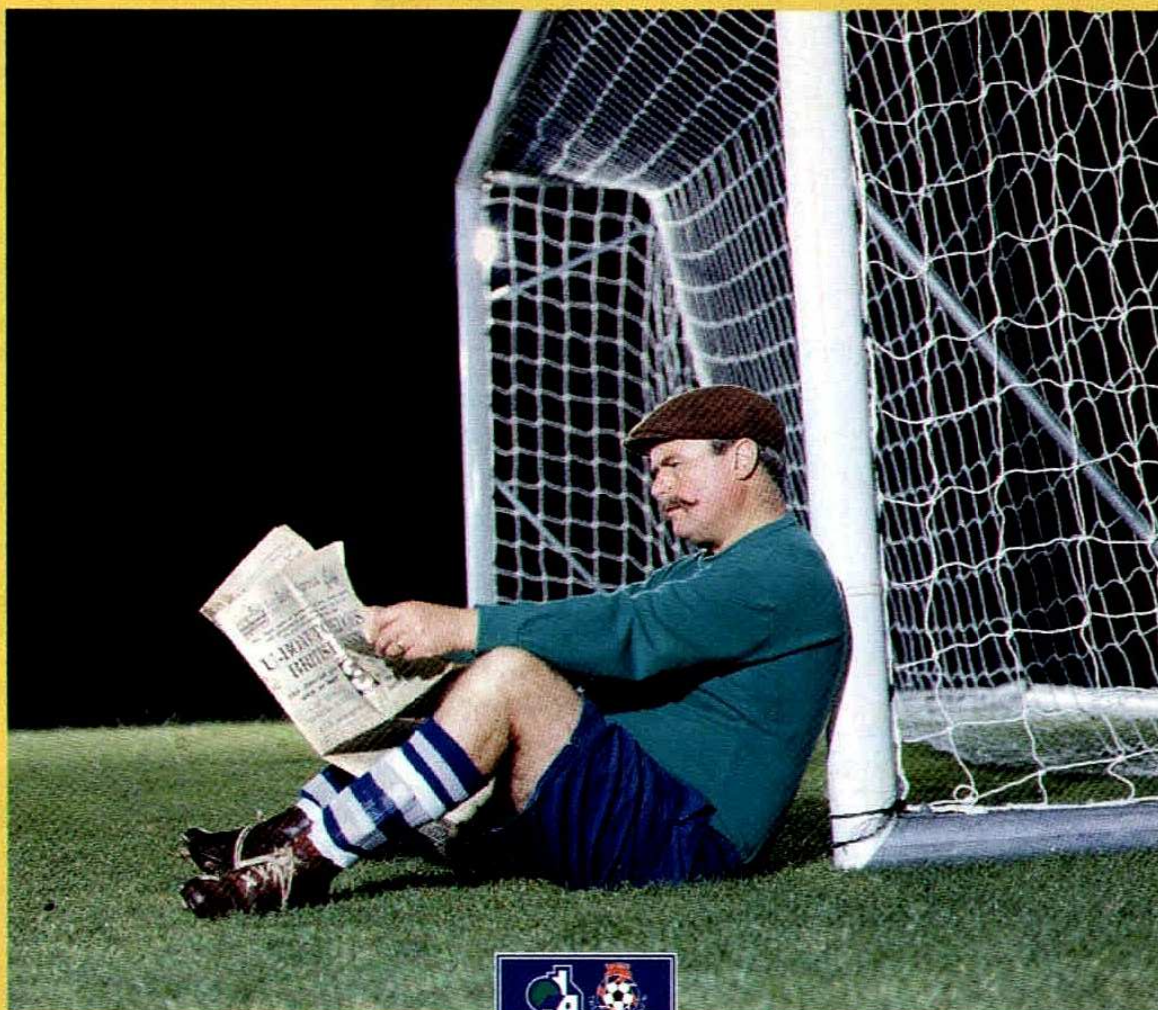
GEORGE NDAH: Started in the Premiership as a teenager with Crystal Palace, a frequent substitute in the Eagles' promoted team in 1997, made nearly 100 League appearances before Swindon bought him for £500,000 in November 1997.

IFFY ONUORA: Scottish-born striker who represented British Universities, scored 30 League goals in five seasons at Huddersfield, played for Mansfield until setting a personal-best with 21 for Gillingham in 1996-97, moved to Swindon for £120,000 in March last year.



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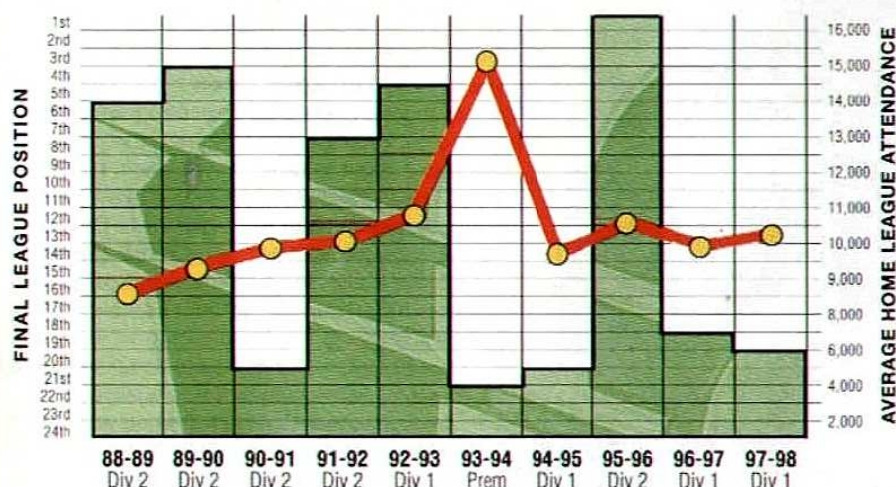


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SWINDON'S TEN-YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Coloured area indicates league positions (see left), thick rule denotes average attendances (right)



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ALAN REEVES: Former Norwich junior, made his reputation at Chester and Rochdale, moved into the Premiership with Wimbledon, signed on a free transfer last summer.

MARK ROBINSON: Ex-West Brom trainee, developed with 137 League matches at Barnsley, now approaching 350 in all after a £450,000 switch to Newcastle in 1993 and Swindon's then-club record deal of £600,000 in July 1994.

FRANK TALIA: An Australian Under-21 keeper signed by Blackburn in 1992, made League bow on loan to Hartlepool, now in his third season at Swindon, first-choice since Fraser Digby's summer departure to Crystal Palace.

CRAIG TAYLOR: Brother of Town's former Premiership defender, Shaun, arrived from

non-League Dorchester Town for £25,000 in April 1997, and played in 32 League games in his first full season.

MARK WALTERS: A European Cup player as a teenager with Aston Villa, three times a championship winner with Rangers, capped once by England, substitute for Liverpool's FA Cup Final squad against Sunderland in 1992, joined Swindon from Southampton in 1996-97.

KEVIN WATSON: Scored on League Cup debut for Tottenham in 1992, appeared on loan for Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet, signed for Swindon on a free transfer in 1996.

ADAM WILLIS: A summer recruit after three seasons with Coventry City, finally making a League debut shortly before his 22nd birthday in September.

Snapshots

■ The Robins went out at the first stage in both cup competitions this season, losing 3-2 on aggregate to Wycombe Wanderers in September and 3-1 in a replay at Barnsley last month.

■ Mark Walters scored Town's only FA Cup goals in three seasons - one against Stevenage Borough last year, the other at Barnsley last month.

■ Former England B full back Phil King, now recovering from a long-term knee injury, re-joined the club from Aston Villa in 1997 after two League Cup Finals with Sheffield Wednesday.

■ Philippe Cuervo was added the casualty list in December when he broke a leg in a reserve game.

■ Striker Charlie Griffin became Jimmy Quinn's first signing for a small fee from Western League club Chippenham Town shortly before Christmas.

■ The first and last of Jimmy Quinn's League goals spanned 16 years - for Swindon v Hereford in September 1982 and for Peterborough against Barnet in September 1998.

NEXT HOME LEAGUE MATCH AT THE SUNDERLAND STADIUM OF LIGHT



Wolves

Wolves are in a tenth season at this level, and they need to make up ground on the top six if they are to end their longest spell in any division since a golden era in post-war football.

This is the 40th anniversary season of their last Championship under the legendary Stan Cullis, and though they won the League Cup as late as 1980, modern times were coated with despair and then frustration.

Aside from a couple of play-off appearances, both of which stopped short of Wembley, they have searched in vain for Premiership status to match superb facilities at the new Molineux.

This season stirred the imagination with four straight wins - their best start in 29

years - and yet by November, it was time for another change of management.

What did not alter was their inconsistency. A fall to 12th place prior to Mark McGhee's departure, a climb to fifth in four matches under Colin Lee, and another tumble back to 12th after the caretaker's appointment to the end of the season.

Another surge seemed to be in progress when a 1-0 victory over Ipswich was followed by an FA Cup success at Bolton, the latter result setting up a re-run of last year's semi-final meeting with Arsenal.


The Premiership champions survived despite a first goal for by Norwegian newcomer Haavard Flo, and Wolves were left to concentrate on the elusive promotion target until Mr Lee's position is due for review.

Assistant manager during Mr McGhee's three-year reign, he had staked his claim to the job with a spectacular debut in which Feyenoord loanee David Connolly scored four goals in a 6-1 hammering of Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

The Republic of Ireland striker seized his opportunity in the absence of club record goal-scorer Steve Bull and the rising Molineux teenager, Robbie Keane.

Eighteen-year-old Keane is in the unusual position of dividing his international service between three Irish teams.

The young Dubliner helped his country win the European Under-18 Championship in July, scored twice in a Euro 2000 qualifier against Malta in October, and will be required for the World Under-20 Championship in Nigeria later in the season.

A full-page photograph of Darren Williams, a footballer, in a Liverpool kit. He is wearing a white shirt with red vertical stripes, black shorts, and black socks with red stripes at the top. He is standing on a green football pitch, looking off to the side. A white football with 'Mitre' branding is on the ground near his right foot. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

Back into action as a 70th minute substitute for Andy Melville at Watford last week, Darren Williams is pushing hard for a return to a place in the starting line up.

"Not being involved in the starting eleven is obviously disappointing for myself," says Darren, "I've got to look to progress from being on the bench to get onto the field. Once you get your chance you've got to take it. If you don't, there's only yourself to blame. The lads have done terrifically, being top of the table proves that so I can't really argue with not being in the starting line up. I've had a few problems with injuries but hopefully things can go from here and I can get back involved."

Capped by England at 'B' and Under 21 level last season, Darren was called up again last September for the Under 21 meeting with Sweden.

Twenty-two at the end of April the player who is known for his versatility would like to settle into a position he could regard as his own.

"After this season I'll maybe decide which is the position I want to settle down to. It's okay as a back up in case we get a few injuries. From my point of view, ideally I'd like to settle down in one position so that I can work on improving in that position. As far as which position is the one I'd like to concentrate on I'll make my decision towards the end of this season and go from there."

A bargain £50,000 (plus appearance payments) capture from York City in October 1996, Williams has proved to be one of the shrewdest Sunderland signings of the nineties.

**Leading
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**Dar
Will**

Youth team coach Ricky Sbragia noted Darren's progress from the age of 14 when Williams impressed the then York City Youth coach in a couple of schoolboy games.

Darren initially joined York in 1992 after being attached to his home town side Middlesbrough as a schoolboy. He did well at Bootham Crescent - once scoring for City's Youths against Sunderland at The Charlie Hurley centre - and was given his league debut as a 17 year old on Boxing Day 1994 coming on as a substitute in a 4-0 home win over Blackpool who were managed by former Sunderland centre half Sam Allardyce.

Although he didn't appear in the first team again until the following season, Darren was signed as a professional in June '95 and soon forced his way into the York side.

He played against Sunderland in a pre-season Testimonial for Tony Canham before his full debut came against today's opponents in August '95. Darren remained a regular until the end of October featuring in both legs of York's sensational League Cup defeat of Manchester United.

However for most of the remainder of the 1995-96 season he was out of the York side although he scored his first goal in the Auto Windscreens Cup against Notts County. He was recalled as a substitute in York's hour of need and helped City to avoid relegation on the last day of the season when he was drafted in to help the Minstermen win a crucial game at Brighton.

At the start of the following season - 1996-97 - Darren turned out as a guest for a Sunderland XI in a Testimonial for former Newcastle defender Wes Saunders



■ **DARREN WILLIAMS - Looking to prise his way back into the team**

at Spennymoor in a game in which Peter Reid played.

Williams was still out of favour at York where he was out of contract and working on a weekly basis. He was only used once as a substitute in the first three months of the season and almost became part of Dario Gradi's Crewe side before Sunderland moved in for him. Darren played his first game as a Sunderland player in a 1-0 win for the Reserves at Coventry in October and the following New Year's Day he was named as a sub for the first time at the home of the same opponents in the Premier League.

Although he wasn't called upon that day he immediately impressed after coming on as a sub for Steve Agnew in the cup at Highbury a few days later. Williams went on to exceed double figures by the end of the season scoring in the Premier League at Leicester and Middlesbrough. At The Riverside he'd been included to mark Juninho but when the brilliant Brazilian was left on the bench Darren made the most of it to score the only goal of the game against his local side.

Last season it looked as if he was going to be asked to play at right back, featuring there in the pre season games prior to the signing of Chris Makin. He played in the first league game at The Stadium of Light as a substitute and forced his way into the side in the televised win at Birmingham a month into the campaign.

His first home goal in the League Cup against Bury following a brilliant run from central defence where he'd replaced Richard Ord helped to cement his place in the team. From that day when he was

named as Man of the Match Darren remained a regular first team choice missing out only through suspension following a sending off at Reading and an injury at this time last year.

He scored on his return to the side in the home draw with Ipswich and added another in the home win over Stoke, finishing the season with over forty appearances including the Play Off Final at Wembley.

His rise to prominence was recognised at international level. He made his Under 21 debut as a 70th minute substitute alongside Darren Holloway for England away to Switzerland in March and a month later was in action alongside Kevin Phillips at Loftus Road for England 'B' against Russia.

"I was delighted to get 'B' and Under 21 caps last year. Unfortunately this season I've had a few injuries which have caused me to miss out on games but hopefully I might get the chance to get back in again."

In the first game of this season he came on as a sub for broken leg victim Lee Clark and three days later captained the side on his return to York City in the Worthington Cup. Darren stayed in the side until ruled out by injury at the end of September.

After returning in the important win at Bolton he has been in and out of the side. Being sent off for two bookable offences at Lincoln, suspension cost Williams his regained place.

Having played in the last five reserve games he has played in front of crowds of 20,583 and 33,517 in two of his three home reserve matches and on both occasions was quick to show his appreciation of such fantastic turn outs.

"It's good for the lads who are not involved in the first team," says Darren. "To turn out in front of over 33,000 for the reserves at the Stadium of Light was magnificent. I think we've got to give something back to the crowd and if we do that they'll keep turning up."

Darren demonstrated his excellent attitude and ability with a first class performance that was one of the highlights of the reserves win over Liverpool to force his way back into the first team picture last weekend. With Sunderland chasing the game, Peter Reid withdrew Andy Melville and installed Darren on the right side of a three man defence.

"I felt towards the end Watford just sat back and tried to hang on to the lead and we deserved a point but we've got to look to next week against Swindon and get ourselves back on track."

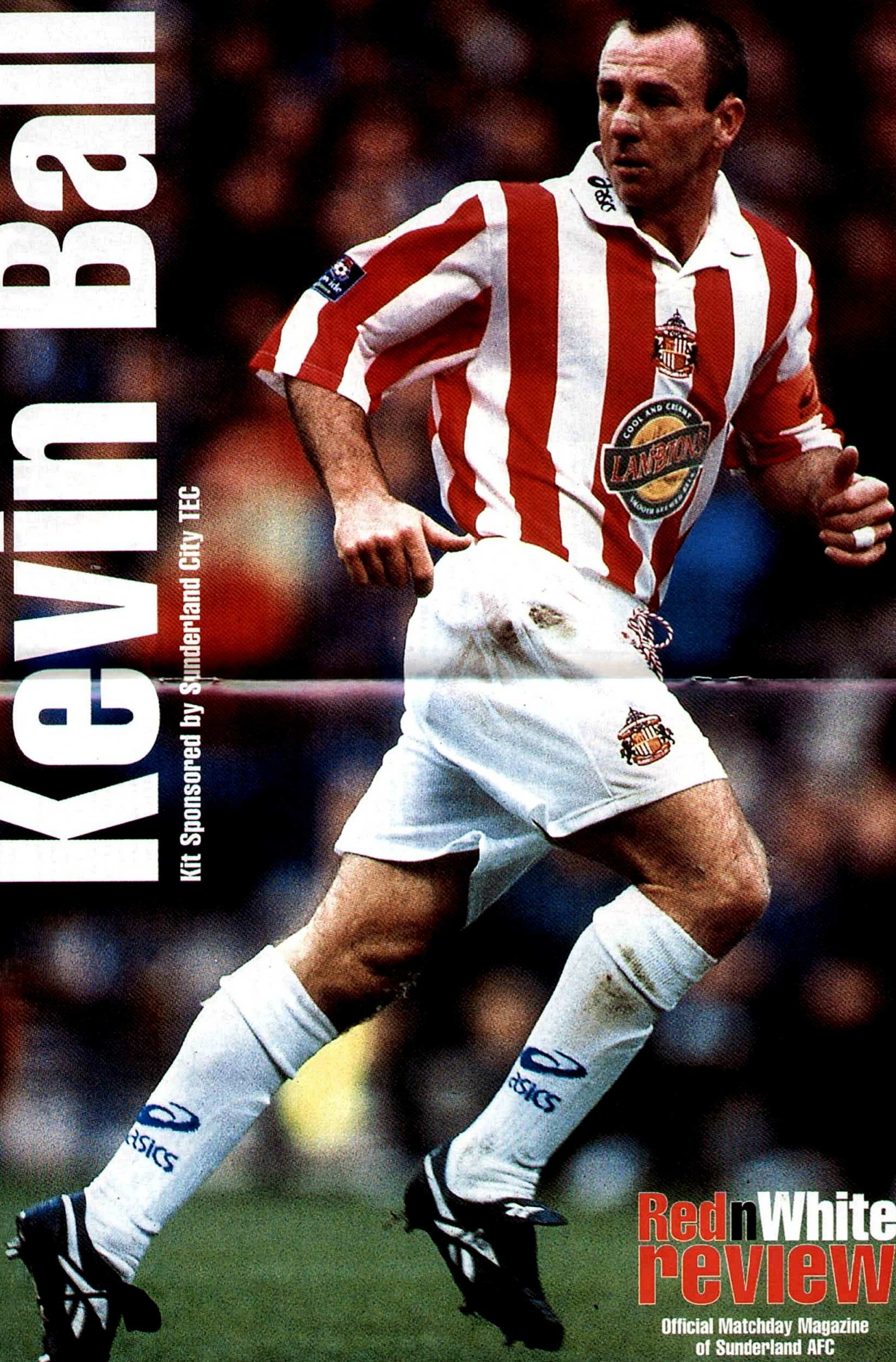
With 81 first team appearances so far in his Sunderland career, Darren has firmly established himself among the first team squad and no doubt once he fights his way back into the starting eleven he will be a difficult man to shift. ■

ren Williams

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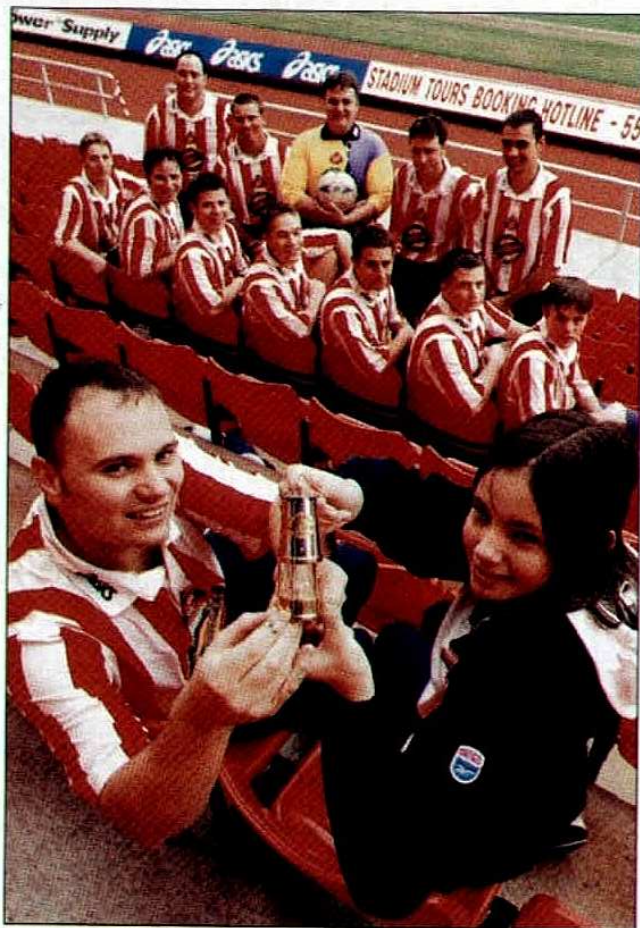
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with Community Officer **BOB OATES**



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Our team of the week award this time has to go to "GRINDON ROVERS" who fought their way through to the semi-finals of the Cup for the first time ever, after narrowly avoiding relegation from the Premier Division twice. Mark Deary has been in particularly outstanding form.



COMMUNITY PROFILE BOB OATES (Community Officer)

It is rapidly approaching the end of Bob Oates second year in charge of SAFC's community programme. An ex-professional footballer, Bob cut his teeth as Community Officer at Burnley FC before moving to Sunderland in 1996.



Bob, as well as being very hard working is not too unfamiliar to playing the odd practical joke or winding up his staff with articles in the matchday programme. Still insisting he is only 34 years old the community staff managed to dig up this pre-war photo of Bob in his prime.



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This February half-term Sunderland AFC are again holding Soccer Schools throughout the North-East area.

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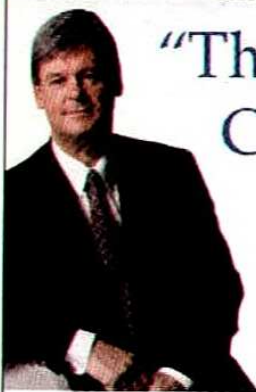
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TABLE TOPPERS

LEICESTER CITY U 19'S 0
SUNDERLAND U.19'S 0

The Under 19's deserved all three points from their trip to Leicester's Belvoir Drive training Ground but stayed on top of Group C of the FA Premier Youth Academy despite being held to a goalless draw.

"We played really well," said a pleased Pop Robson. "We dominated the game throughout and had chances but it wasn't our day. Michael Proctor had what looked like a half decent goal disallowed for offside while Mark Maley and George McCartney were outstanding and Shane Harte in midfield had probably his best game for the club."

Maley almost got on the scoresheet, hitting the bar after exchanging a one-two with Mark Proctor at the end of a tremendous break from the back.

SUNDERLAND: Porter, Pitts, McCartney, Robson, Maley, Rice, Lamb, Harte, Proctor, Kyle and Convery (Ingram 75).

LEICESTER CITY U.17'S 1
SUNDERLAND U.17'S 4

"We played really well and dominated the game," said a delighted Ricky Sbragia after seeing his side rediscover their scoring touch after a recent run when the team's quality play has not been rewarded.

"We passed it well, knocked it about and had some clinical finishing on the end of it."

Leicester in fact took an early lead but with the inclusion of Craig James in the back four, Jonjo Dickman was restored to the midfield. "Jonjo added strength in the middle of the park and started and finished the move for one of our goals," noted Ricky.

James, Harrison, McGhie and Huggins were involved in the move for Dickman's second goal which saw him volley home after a one-two with Tom Vickers. He'd already equalised with a header over the stranded 'keeper after City's stopper came out of his box to head away a long ball from Craig James.

Sunderland controlled the second half and extended the lead through a brace from Ross Marchant: "Ross has been out recently and he gave us more of a cutting edge and led the line quite well," added Ricky.

The Harrogate born 16 year old scored his first and our third of the game from a David Morgan throw in, spinning away from his marker to receive the ball which he volleyed home. He later took his tally for the season to seven with a low shot after the ball was played in from the right.

SUNDERLAND: Dowell, Harrison, Morgan, Ramsden, James (Morley 80), Huggins (Black 65) Dickman, McGhie, Lynch, Marchant and Vickers (Taylor 70).

IRISH EYES SMILING

Sunderland Under 19 players **Brendan McGill** and **Thomas Butler** are currently involved in an important youth tournament in South Africa.

They played their part in helping the Republic to defeat the host nation 2-1 in their opening game, Thomas coming on as a substitute for Brendan in the 70th minute.

Eire's next fixture was against Spain and depending upon their progress our lads could be back by now, or early next week.

The date for our FA Youth Cup trip to Nottingham Forest is to be confirmed but at the moment the likely date is February 16th by which date McGill and Butler should be available.

ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 17

Newcastle United	15	11	2	2	32	10	+22	35
Sheffield Wed.	13	9	1	3	33	22	+11	28
SUNDERLAND	15	6	3	6	24	16	+8	21
Leeds United	14	6	3	5	30	24	+6	21
Leicester City	15	6	3	6	23	22	+1	21
Nottingham Forest	14	6	2	6	19	20	-1	20
Barnsley	13	5	3	5	19	28	-9	18
Middlesbrough	13	4	2	7	19	23	-4	14
Derby County	14	1	3	10	11	42	-31	6

ACADEMY LEAGUE UNDER 19

SUNDERLAND	15	7	5	3	27	19	+8	26
Newcastle United	15	6	4	5	23	22	+1	22
Nottingham Forest	14	5	6	3	23	17	+6	21
Leeds United	14	6	3	5	18	20	-2	21
Middlesbrough	14	6	3	5	20	25	-5	21
Sheffield Wed.	13	6	2	5	25	24	+1	20
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Derby County	13	4	3	6	22	20	-2	15
Barnsley	13	3	4	6	15	18	-3	13

Youth Spotlight

FA Premier Academy League Under 19s

SEPTEMBER 1998				F-A
5	Sat	BRISTOL CITY	H	3-1
12	Sat	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	1-0
19	Sat	Charlton Athletic	A	3-1
26	Sat	Sheffield Wednesday	A	2-2
OCTOBER				
3	Sat	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	1-1
17	Sat	Newcastle United	A	1-4
24	Sat	Middlesbrough	A	1-1
31	Sat	LEICESTER CITY	H	0-0
NOVEMBER				
7	Sat	DERBY COUNTY	H	2-1
14	Sat	LEEDS UNITED	H	4-1
21	Sat	Barnsley	A	2-0
28	Sat	Arsenal	A	1-2
DECEMBER				
4	Fri	Nottingham Forest	A	1-1
19	Sat	NEWCASTLE UNITED	H	1-2
JANUARY 1999				
16	Sat	SHEFFIELD WED.	H	4-1
30	Sat	Leicester City	A	4-1
FEBRUARY				
13	Sat	NORWICH CITY	H	
20	Sat	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	
27	Sat	BARNLEY	H	
MARCH				
6	Sat	Derby County	A	
20	Sat	Leeds United	A	
27	Sat	Aston Villa	A	

FA Premier Academy League Under 17s

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FEBRUARY				
13	Sat	EVERTON	H	
20	Sat	MIDDLESBROUGH	H	
27	Sat	BARNLEY	H	
MARCH				
6	Sat	Derby County	A	
20	Sat	Leeds United	A	
27	Sat	Aston Villa	A	

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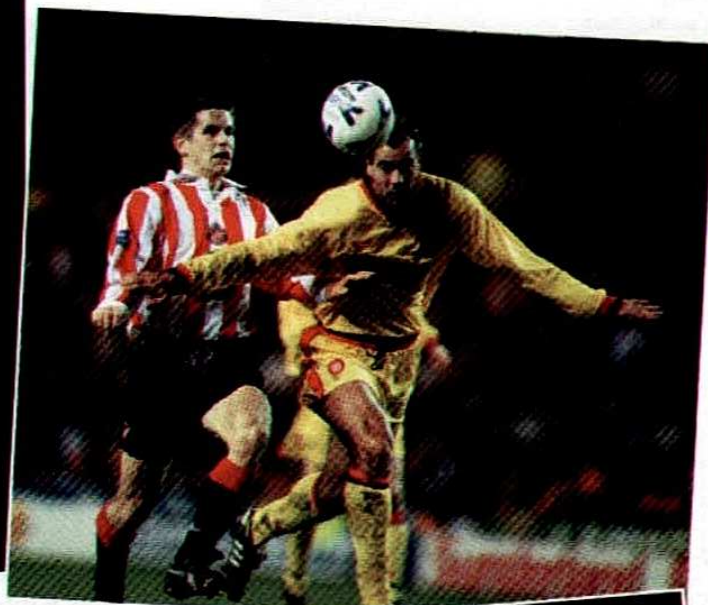
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Liverpool Reserves 0



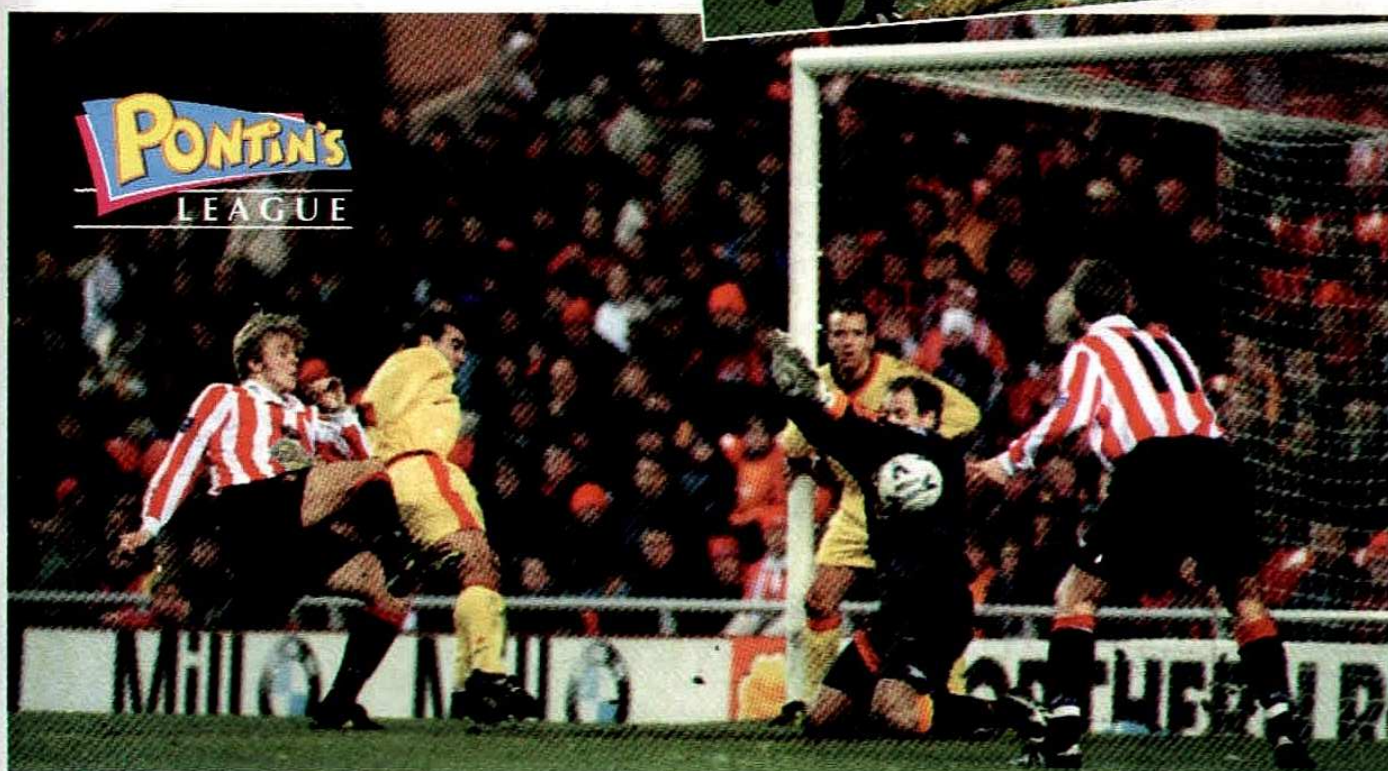
Sunderland's Record Attendance

A new crowd record for a Sunderland Reserves game was established last month when 33,517 fans packed the Stadium of Light to see Sunderland beat Liverpool Reserves 1-0 after a 53rd minute strike by Michael Proctor.

Two charities also received a boost to their funds as over £10,000 was collected on the evening. The Club made entry free to the game and instead asked fans to give to the Sunderland Royal Hospital Scanner Appeal and Dr Barnado's children's charities.

A club spokesperson said: "It was a phenomenal turn out on the night and the atmosphere inside the stadium was tremendous. Everyone appeared to be really enjoying themselves and it was great to see so many youngsters."

It was revealed last week that the Pontins League have recognised the record as official. ■



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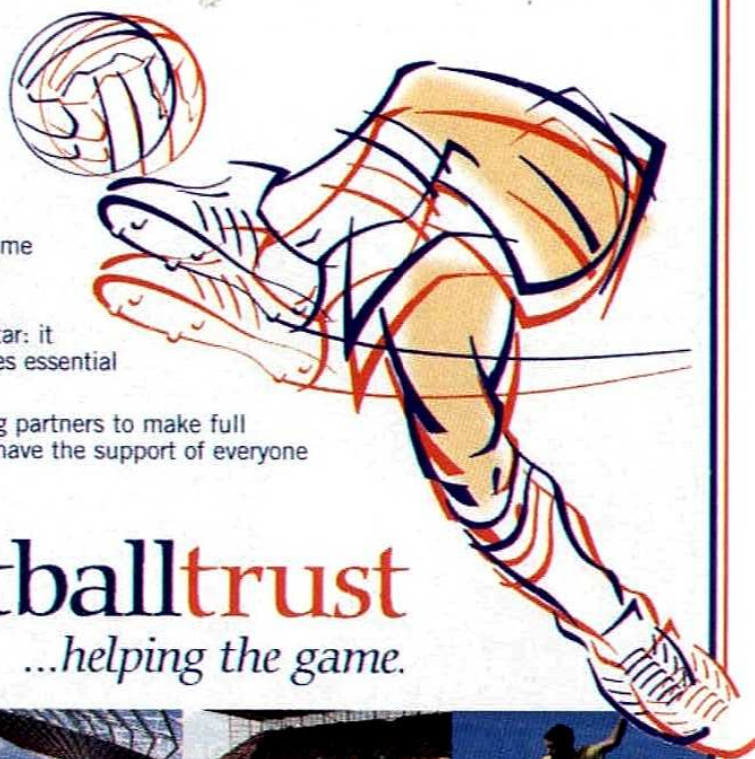
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**BIRMINGHAM CITY RES. 0
SUNDERLAND RESERVES 2**
20/1/99, Keys Park, Hednesford.

"We did well to achieve such a good result against a very good Birmingham side," said satisfied coach Adrian Heath.

"I thought we were quite fortunate to beat them earlier in the season at Durham so we knew it was going to be difficult game and it turned out to be that way."

Goals from Michael Bridges and Paul Thirlwell secured a third successive 2-0 win and Heath was particularly pleased to welcome Paul Thirlwell back after injury. "It was nice to see him back. He scored as well and that's a part of his game we've been working on. We've been trying to encourage him to get further forward and when the opportunity arose he played a lovely one-two and produced a terrific strike."

Thirlwell's was only one of several performances that impressed the coach: "I thought Smithy was outstanding, he really worked hard for the team and made a terrific contribution and Bridgy was lively. Apart from the away game at Leicester when I wasn't very happy the players have

been first class in every game."

Bridges opened the scoring in the 10th minute, finishing off a move that featured Smithy and Danny Dichio.

Nicky Summerbee got in 90 minutes as he worked his way back to fitness but there were bookings for Chris Lumsdon and Darren Holloway - the latter fouling the Brazilian Fumaci who was introduced to the St. Andrews faithful when our first teams met before Christmas.

SUNDERLAND: Marriott, Holloway, Williams, Craddock, Heckingbottom (McCartney 87), Summerbee, McCann (Maley 70), Lumsdon, Smith, Bridges (Thirlwell 45) and Dichio. Unused subs, Duke, Porter & Convery.

ROBBIE RATES RECORD

**SUNDERLAND RESERVES 1
LIVERPOOL RESERVES 0**

Stadium of Light, 27/1/99
Attendance: 33,517

"Absolutely magnificent, an unbelievable turn out," was how Robbie Fowler reacted to the smashing of the record gate in the history of the Pontins League.

In attendance as a spectator to see his big mate Steve McManaman's return from injury, Fowler saw the RednWhite army (many of them cadets!) dwarf the previous record of 21,000 who turned up at Old Trafford to witness Eric Cantona's return from his infamous suspension.

The game itself lived up to expectations with youngsters Thirlwell and Lumsdon dominating the midfield while Darren Williams was a tower of strength at the back and George McCartney had an excellent game at left back. It was from a long ball from McCartney that Summerbee was fouled by Jamie Cassidy for a 29th minute penalty.

Brad Friedel saved Dichio's spot kick but Sunderland weren't to be denied and eight minutes after the break Michael Proctor pounced for the all important goal when the visitors failed to clear after blocking a Williams header from a Summerbee corner.

SUNDERLAND: Marriott, Holloway, McCartney, Williams, Craddock, Thirlwell, Summerbee, Lumsdon, Dichio, Proctor (Duke 75) & Smith. Unused subs Maley, Porter, Heckingbottom and Lamb.



● PAUL
THIRLWELL

Reserve Spotlight

PONTINS LEAGUE FIXTURES 1998-99

AUGUST 1998

			F-A
10	Mon	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H 4-1
20	Thur	Manchester United	A 0-0
24	Mon	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H 3-2

SEPTEMBER

15	Tue	Derby County	A 2-0
21	Mon	EVERTON	H 3-0
30	Wed	Leicester City	A 1-2

OCTOBER

5	Mon	STOKE CITY	H 1-1
14	Wed	Aston Villa	A 1-0

NOVEMBER

17	Tue	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H 0-1
30	Mon	Preston North End *	A 7-1

DECEMBER

7	Mon	Blackburn Rovers	A 1-1
14	Mon	MANCHESTER UNITED	H 2-0

JANUARY 1999

13	Wed	Leeds United	A 2-0
20	Wed	Birmingham City *	A 2-0
27	Wed	LIVERPOOL	H 1-0

FEBRUARY

16	Tue	Everton	A
22	Mon	LEICESTER CITY	H

MARCH

1	Mon	Stoke City	A
16	Mon	ASTON VILLA	H
23	Tue	Liverpool	A
29	Mon	LEEDS UNITED	H

APRIL

13	Tue	Nottingham Forest	A
26	Mon	PRESTON NORTH END	H

MAY

4	Tue	DERBY COUNTY	H
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All games kick-off at 7pm
(7.15pm when marked*)

PONTINS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	PL	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SUNDERLAND	15	10	3	2	30	9	33
Manchester Utd	14	10	2	2	37	17	32
Everton	13	7	4	2	18	10	25
Nottingham F	11	5	3	3	15	9	18
Leeds Utd	13	5	2	6	19	20	17
Blackburn R	13	4	4	5	15	16	16
Leicester C	15	4	4	7	19	31	16
Liverpool	10	4	3	3	12	10	15
Aston Villa	14	4	3	7	20	24	15
Birmingham C	15	3	5	7	16	23	14
Derby C	13	2	4	7	13	24	10
Preston NE	10	2	3	5	9	21	9
Stoke C	10	2	2	6	9	18	8

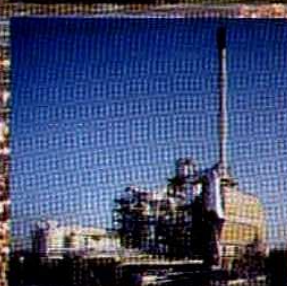
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Sunny Rae looks on the bright side



ALEX RAE has no doubts sorting out problems in his personal life has helped him to quickly come to terms with injury.

The Scotland B international was stretched off in the FA Cup defeat

at Blackburn and must now wait a further three weeks before the full extent of a knee problem is diagnosed.

But he is far from being down in the dumps even though he may have kicked his last ball of the season and faces the prospect of another long haul back to match fitness.

"I am not despondent," he says quite cheerfully. "Obviously I am disappointed after just getting back into the team after my previous problems, but injuries are all part and parcel of football.

"Previously I would have lost my head a bit, but I am giving myself more time to recover than I would have done.

"It's in a brace at the moment for another three weeks until the swelling goes down. Ligament damage used to finish careers but big Quinny had an operation recently and as he has come back okay, I can take heart from that if it comes to the worst.

"It goes without saying though that I want to be back as soon as I can and play my part in helping the club to promotion. I'm mentally stronger and I don't think I could have accepted such an injury if I had not sorted myself out."

Rae admitted to drink and personal problems four months ago but after a short spell away from the club is enjoying life to the full again.

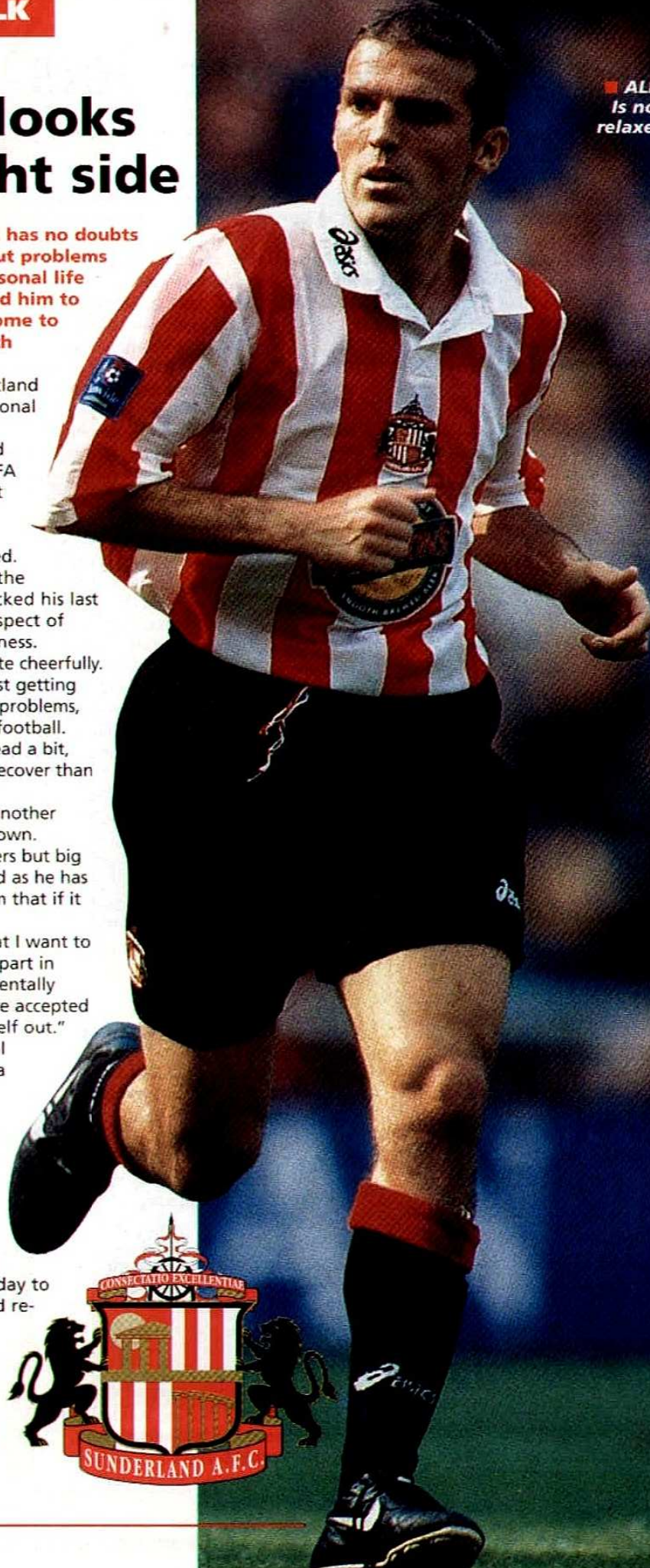
"I am in good spirits even though it's going to be a long road back," he said. "It's hard enough when you are in the gym on your own, but I am giving my body every chance.

"I go to as many AA meetings as I can to keep on top of it. Sure, it's a day to day thing, but it keeps me going and re-charges my batteries.

"It's 15 weeks now since I had a drink but I still go into pubs with my wife and friends. I didn't know how to deal with a problem but somebody said to me it's a lot easier when you have had a drink than when you are sober." ■



■ **ALEX RAE** - Is now more relaxed about things



Sunderland's Number Ones

With Thomas Sorensen seemingly promised his international debut in Denmark's friendly with Croatia on Wednesday and Andy Marriott in line for a Welsh 'B' international call up next month our goalkeepers are earning deserved recognition.

Sunderland have been served by many great goalkeepers over the years and 'RednWhite Review' Club Editor Rob Mason has produced a book on every goalkeeper ever to play first team football for the lads right from the club's formation in 1879 up to the present day.

The book features interviews with many Sunderland 'keepers including all six of the men to play for the lads at Wembley beginning with 1937 cup final goalkeeper Johnny Mapson who as a youngster played for Swindon schoolboys before turning down his home town team in order to join Reading for whom he only played twice before joining Sunderland and stepping straight into the 1936 championship side.

There are also many first hand comments on our 'keepers by past and present players and a foreword by the man who has played more games for the club than anyone - Jimmy Montgomery.

There have been many great characters who have kept goal over the years. Ted Doig won four Football League Championship medals for Sunderland in the club's early years and is the goalkeeper on the famous T.M. Hemy painting in the entrance to The Stadium of Light. Doig was as bald as Steve Agnew and would

be seen abandoning his goal and chasing his cap if he lost it.

Undoubtedly the greatest 'character' to keep goal for the lads was L. R. Roose, the Welsh international who played for Sunderland between 1908 and 1911. Roose was a former pupil of "War of the Worlds" author H.G. Wells and a friend of Music Hall star Marie Lloyd. He was the 'Gazza' of his day being a practical joker who once turned up for an international in Ireland with his hand strapped claiming he wouldn't be able to play only to remove the bandages shortly before the kick off and revealing there was nothing wrong with him. Roose would sometimes charter his own train from London to get him to matches when he was on Stoke's books while on other occasions he would arrive by horse and carriage.

Did you know that Sunderland have had an Olympic Gold Medallist in goal or that another played over 200 first class cricket matches while also playing full back for Everton? 'Sunderland's Number Ones' also contains the tale of the English international signed at midnight in a Manchester toilet and recalls the tale of the goalkeeper sacked by the club for taking the day off to take his wife to Whitley Bay after the crowd swore at him during a home defeat.

With many rare photographs, original caricatures and a comprehensive statistics section the book costs £7.95.

Available in Club Shops, the Supporters' Association, Hills and other good bookshops or post free from Northdown Publishing, P.O. Box 49, Bordon, Hants. (Cheques payable to Northdown Publishing Ltd).

Win yourself a copy...

The RednWhite Review has two copies of 'Sunderland's Number Ones' to give away.

- Name the former Sunderland goalkeeper who played against us for Watford last Saturday.

The man in question afterwards revealed that when he went to retrieve the ball after saving from Niall Quinn a Sunderland fan shouted: "You never made saves like that for us!"

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TREBLE TOP

With the Reserves top of the Pontins Premier Division and the Under 19's top of their group (Group C) in the Premier Youth Academy as well as the first team topping the first division of the Football League, league tables certainly make for good reading at the moment.

After last Saturday's results the combined league statistics for these three sides read:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
60	34	18	8	117	49	119

It's only the beginning of February and of course there's a lot of football still to be played before anything is won but hopefully we'll hit the bullseye by the end of the season.

KING CHARLIE

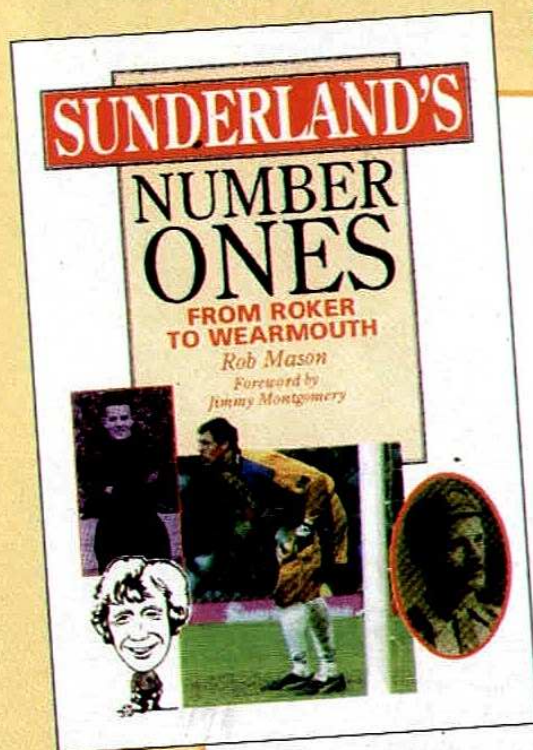
The one and only Charlie Hurley turned up at Vicarage Road last Saturday to see the lads in action. Player of the Century Charlie took in the match on the 30th anniversary of his 350th league game for Sunderland.

TWR 8 OUT NOW

The new issue of TWR is now available from the club shop, supporters association and newsagents. This month's edition includes revealing interviews with Michael Bridges and Bobby Saxton, Gary Rowell's column and a feature on the new Sunderland's Goalkeepers book, "Sunderland's Number Ones".

MATCHMAN AWARDS

Andy Melville is the December Sunderland 'Matchman of the Month' based on performance marks in 'Match' magazine. Andy averaged 7.16 marks.



Red 'N' White Messages



Club News

Happy Birthday for today to **JOANNE THOMPSON** from daughters Sarah and Emily and husband Paul who also wishes her a Happy Anniversary.

Happy 40th birthday for tomorrow to south west corner season ticket holder **DANNY BEER** of Seaham. Best wishes from all the family.

North Stand steward (Access 10) **JOHN ROGERS** was 40 last Sunday. Best wishes from Norma, Amy and Charlotte.

Happy 10th birthday for next Saturday to **SEAN BURTON** of Crook who sits in the MacDonald's Family Corner. Happy 11th birthday to Ben Wylie of Peterlee from Mam, Dad and Jonathan.

CRAIG LITTLE (right) of South Shields is 16 next Wednesday. Craig attends every game in the McEwans Stand



with his mam, sister Ashleigh and brother Michael who travels from Walthamstow in East London.

One season ticket holder missing this afternoon will be **TONY JACKSON** (right) (seen here with daughter Katie) of Morpeth. This afternoon Tony is appearing in Morpeth



Pantomime Group's production of, "The Lambton Worm."

Happy 34th birthday today to North Stand season ticket holder **ANDY RANKIN** of Consett. A member of the Consett branch of the Supporters' Association, Andy can't wait to take his



two year old son Liam to his first match. Liam has already been on the Stadium tour - and liked the players childrens' creche best.

KERRIE ANN MOORHEAD (left) plays for Sunderland Ladies Under 16's. The Oxclose youngster is fifteen next week and is seen here on Wembley Way with her brother Christopher.

Another long distance traveller to the Stadium of Light is **SUSAN**

GRIFFITHS of North Wales. McEwans Stand season ticket holder Susan is celebrating her 22nd birthday and names Niall Quinn as her favourite player.

SAFC PHOTOGRAPHIC & DIGITAL IMAGERY AWARDS

After discovering the extent of Wearside artistic riches, SAFC is now putting the spotlight on the photographic and digital imagery skills of local people with a follow up competition.

This time the focus will be on photographs and works of digital imagery which reflect Sunderland AFC, our supporters and the City of Sunderland.

All winning pieces of work will be added to the permanent collection of contemporary art at the Stadium of Light. There are attractive prizes for winning pieces of work. Entries should be submitted to the Reg Vardy Gallery at the University of Sunderland's School of Art and Design by February 22nd.

All artwork shortlisted for judging will be part of a special exhibition being held at the Reg Vardy Gallery, Sunderland between March 2nd and 12th.

Application forms can be obtained from the PR department at the Stadium of Light or the Reg Vardy Gallery.



Editor's Mailbox

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The RedNWhite Review is happy to include your RedNWhite messages but unfortunately cannot guarantee publication due to limitations of space. However we'll do our best. Please send your requests in to arrive at least a fortnight before the match you'd prefer your request to be seen in. Sadly we regularly receive requests for particular games that arrive too late to be included.



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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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TICKET PRICES

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GENERAL SALE

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Newcastle: 6.50am

Price: £20.00

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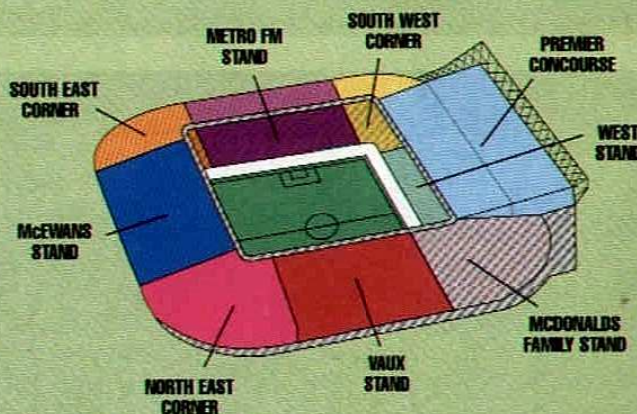
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SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 1989. DIVISION TWO

Sunderland 2
(Armstrong, Hauser)

Swindon Town 2
(McLoughlin, Shearer)

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

TOWN: Digby, Kerslake, Bodin, McLoughlin, Calderwood, Gittens, Jones, White, Shearer (sub Simpson), McLaren, Foley (sub Cornwell.)

ATTENDANCE: 15,849

'U-Boats' late strike

Five months later the clubs met at Wembley in front of 72,843. A more modest gathering witnessed this feast of football, which in truth was a far better spectacle than the play off final played in summer sunshine at the twin towers.

Nicky Summerbee, just turned 18, was in the Swindon team pic, but had still to figure in manager Ossie Ardiles' plans. Shearer, Duncan rather than Alan, was a goalscoring sensation. The Scottish number nine had averaged a goal every other game

in his six year career and caused Benno no end of trouble. A couple of years later he was a big money buy by Blackburn but failed to deliver. Rovers then opted for his namesake in their quest for Premiership honours.

The Lads, fourth in the table, were without Tony Norman, John MacPhail and Paul Bracewell, but a refashioned side opened brightly. Brian Atkinson in particular was prominent and Sunderland enjoyed an early territorial advantage. But Swindon, orchestrated by future Eire international Alan McLoughlin, were no fall guys. They were a different team to that beaten on the season's opening day in Wiltshire, when Warren Hawke and Eric Gates had given The Lads a perfect start to the 89/90 campaign.

While the play was near, little goalmouth action occurred in the first half, until McLoughlin opened the scoring just before the interval, after penetrative play from Steve White.



MatchFile

■ Precious few goals at Wearside during the 1990's - two to be precise in four games. How last season's encounter remained scoreless though, remains one of life's mysteries. The Lads camped out in Swindon's half. Town, second top, but ravaged by injuries, came to Wearmouth determined to defend. They had little choice, such was the quality of Sunderland's attacking play. But good goalkeeping and lady luck kept the Lads at bay. Clarky thundered a 25 yarder against the bar and SuperKev proved he is only human, by scuffing a penalty after he himself had been

felled in the box. Teams before a crowd of 27,553 for the October midweek fixture were:

THE LADS: Perez, Makin (sub Smith), Williams, Clark, Ball, Craddock, Watson, (sub Walters), Bridges, Phillips, Gray.

TOWN: Digby, Borrows, Culverhouse, Bullock, Taylor, Casper, Watson (sub Walters), Collins, Hay, Allison, Gooden.

■ Had Keven Phillips netted from the spot, he would have gone in to this afternoon's game looking to beat Dennis Tueart's four goal career haul against Swindon. Kev scored both goals in the 2-1 away win last May and

earned The Lads a point in their first away league fixture this season.

GAMES IN THE 1990'S

Season	Wearside	Swindon	Div.
1991/92	0-0	3-5	Old Two
1992/93	0-1	0-1	New One
1994/95	1-0	0-1	New One
1997/98	0-0	2-1	New One
1998/99	-	1-1	New One

■ Nicky Summerbee (right) made 112 league appearances for Swindon, the club he joined as a trainee. His debut came against Wolves in September 1989 and Nicky was an ever present in Town's promotion campaign of 92/93 and their single Premiership season the following year. Gareth Hall, likely to appear in the Robins rearguard this

MATCHDAY MEMORIES

by Harry Barrett

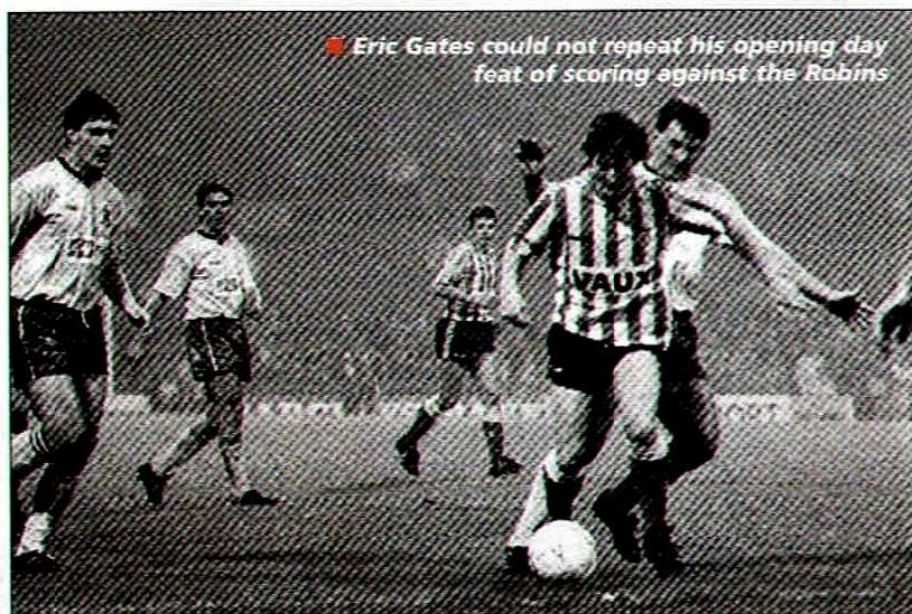
Swindon looked the better side as the game progressed and Gordon Armstrong's leveller from a free kick on 70 minutes was against the run of play. When Shearer netted from a McLoughlin pass a second home defeat of the season was on the cards. Enter Thomas Hauser. During this campaign the lanky German made 29 first team appearances as sub, so his nickname "U-boat" favoured by patrons in the Main Stand paddock, referred to his shirt number rather than the striker's turning circle. Never a prolific goalscorer, Thomas earned his bonus in the last minute. It was not a classic strike, but the goal demonstrated a gritty determination that would eventually take The Lads into the promotion play offs. Unfortunately, effort alone was not sufficient at Wembley.

Interesting to note that in December 1989 there were calls for Martin Edwards' resignation at the Manchester United AGM, after Rupert

Murdoch's reported interest in acquiring the club for Sky TV. On the field Alex Ferguson was being

barracked after a home defeat by Crystal Palace. That loss bracketed United with near neighbour City in mid table, as a certain Peter Reid started his Maine Road career after moving from QPR. How different the 90's might have been.

Elsewhere in the league, Charlton and Luton were battling to avoid relegation from the top flight and 'Boro were in a similar plight in the Second Division. Maidstone, enjoying their first Football League season, had Warren Barton at full back and eventually reached the Fourth Division play offs. At Hillheads, Whitley Bay enjoyed their finest hour, beating Preston 2-0 in the FA Cup in front of 4,500. North End included Brian Mooney, later to join Sunderland in their line up. ■



■ Eric Gates could not repeat his opening day feat of scoring against the Robins

afternoon was a regular in Sunderland's 1995/96 Premiership squad. The Welsh international made the last of his 48 league appearances in red and white stripes against Port Vale in January 1998.

■ Pre match predictions suggest a 42,000 sell out this afternoon, but there cannot be much room for error if a record league gate against Swindon is to be established. Some 41,334 crammed into Roker for the first ever league



game when Sharkey scored three. Seven seasons later, when the clubs again met at Roker, there was just 8,596 in attendance. Mind you, the modest crowd witnessed a sparkling 5-2 home win with Bobby Kerr and John Hughes both netting twice.

■ Today is the 24th league game between the clubs. The first, in September 1963 at the County Ground, featured

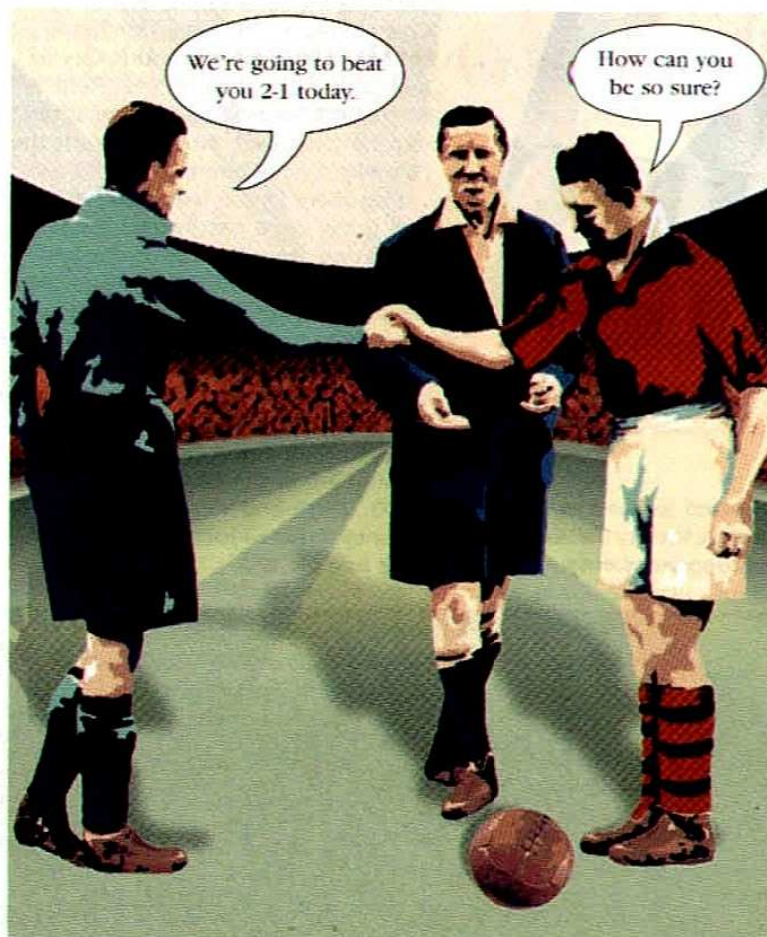
a dashing young winger Mike Summerbee. Five months later at Roker, Nick Sharkey's hat trick paved

the way for a 6-0 home win, as Sunderland pressed their promotion credentials from Division Two.

FULL LEAGUE RECORD:

	P	W	D	L	F-A
Wearside	11	7	3	1	26-8
Swindon	12	3	3	6	13-18
Totals	23	10	6	7	39-26

■ Leading Sunderland scorer in the series Dennis Tueart, claimed the match ball with three goals against the Robins at Roker in November 1973. Vic Halom was also on target that afternoon and the same player found the net in Wiltshire the following March when Sunderland claimed their only double over the West Countrymen. Swindon were relegated to Division Three at the season's end.



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Sam's new goal

SAM AISTON resumes his second loan spell with Chester City next week desperate to break his duck in the goalscoring stakes.

Sunderland's flying winger has completed an unlikely three-match ban and will begin a second month on a temporary basis for the hard-up Third Division club wiser for the first blemish on his professional career.

"I was sent off five minutes from the end at Southend for what the referee said was violent conduct," said the 21-year-old Tynesider. "I pushed

"I keep telling the lads about how the other half live and they don't believe me when I say I have to wash my own shirt in the hotel after matches."

the lad over but he made it look worse than it was, but that's Third Division football for you.

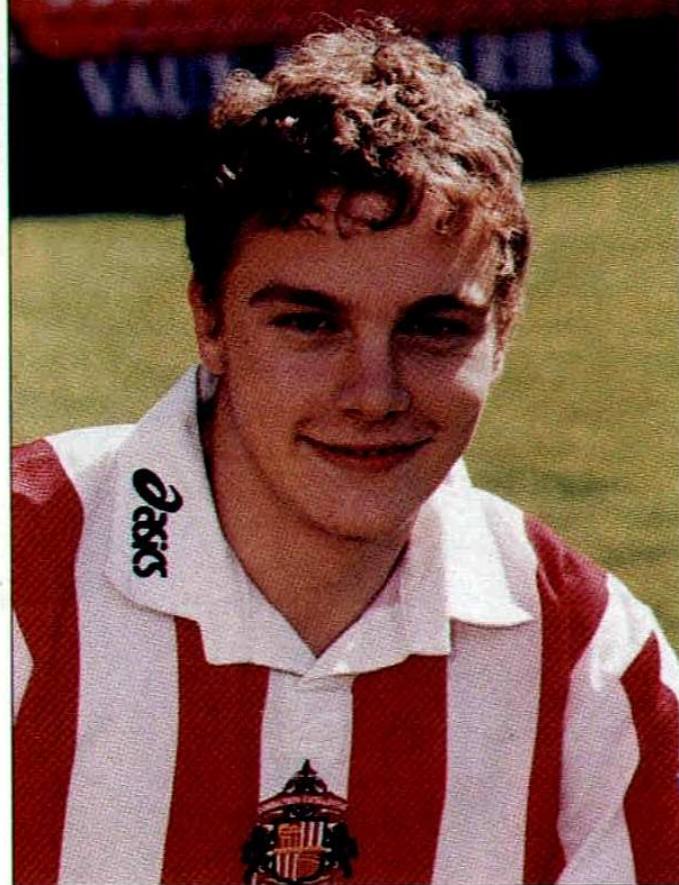
"I felt so ashamed. I have never been sent off since I was at school and it's something I could have done without. I went back to Chester to improve my level of match fitness but I've not had a game for three weeks now.

"The suspension has knocked me back but I start all over again on Monday and hope to get back to full match fitness over the next few weeks.

"I was out injured for a year yet surprisingly I feel more tired after games now than when I first came back and my knee is a bit stiff."

Aiston has enjoyed training with his Sunderland team-mates over the last three weeks but revealed he has endured a fair bit of banter for his lack of goals.

"I've been getting a fair bit of stick because I'm still waiting to score my first league goal," he said. "I can't believe it and while I've been



a bit unlucky, I don't know how.

"But at least I appreciate what I have here. I keep telling the lads about how the other half live and they don't believe me when I say I have to wash my own shirt in the hotel after matches.

"It's a different world down there. The club is up for sale and the Supporters'

Association hold collections to help pay the players' wages.

"But they are a great bunch of lads. I enjoyed a loan spell last season and it's been brilliant again. I'm pleased though it looks as if I will be staying at Sunderland when my contract expires in the summer."



Sunderland Echo Player of the Month

Super 'keeper Thomas Sorensen heads off on international duty after today's game, no doubt with a spring in his step.

Our great Dane has been playing out of his skin since arriving at the Stadium of Light last summer and that form looks set to be recognised in more ways than one.

Thomas may well earn the first full international cap he has been craving, but no matter what happens for Denmark Thomas will be leaving Sunderland this afternoon with the honour of being named the Sunderland Echo Player of the Month for January.

He will be presented with his award shortly before kick-off today, as will the two lucky winners of the Player of the Month draw. The adult winner this month is Lisa Foot of Hylton Castle, Sunderland and the junior winner is six years-old Philip Brown from Penshaw, Houghton-le-Spring.

Statistics Review

Nationwide League Division One 98/99

UPTO AND INCLUDING SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

		HOME						AWAY						Pts
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
SUNDERLAND	29	11	2	1	33	7	6	7	2	27	14	60		
Bradford City	29	10	2	2	34	14	6	3	6	19	18	53		
Bolton Wan.	28	9	4	2	31	14	5	6	2	22	19	52		
Birmingham	29	8	5	2	21	11	7	2	5	24	16	52		
Ipswich Town	29	9	1	5	19	8	6	5	3	19	11	51		
Watford	30	8	6	2	22	15	5	4	5	24	24	49		
Grimsby Town	29	9	4	1	22	9	5	2	8	12	21	48		
West Bromwich	30	9	1	5	31	21	4	6	5	22	24	46		
Wolves	29	7	6	1	20	11	5	2	8	19	18	44		
Huddersfield	29	9	5	1	29	16	3	2	9	13	31	43		
Norwich City	28	6	6	1	24	15	5	3	7	19	24	42		
Sheffield Utd.	29	7	3	4	23	22	4	5	6	21	25	41		
Barnsley	29	5	5	4	23	17	4	5	6	14	19	37		
Crystal Palace	29	7	6	1	30	17	2	2	11	11	34	35		
Swindon Town	29	6	6	3	28	23	3	2	9	12	23	35		
Tranmere Rovers	29	4	5	6	19	20	3	8	3	18	21	34		
QPR	29	5	6	4	18	14	3	2	9	14	25	32		
Bury	29	7	4	3	19	14	0	6	9	8	25	31		
Portsmouth	29	6	3	5	21	16	1	6	8	15	29	30		
Stockport County	29	4	5	6	18	17	2	7	5	16	22	30		
Oxford United	29	5	4	6	20	23	2	3	9	10	28	28		
Bristol City	29	4	6	4	24	27	1	5	9	16	30	26		
Port Vale	29	5	1	8	12	23	2	3	10	17	30	25		
Crewe Alex.	29	4	3	8	20	30	1	3	10	12	30	21		

Player Appearances LEAGUE & CUP

	LEAGUE APPS/GLS	CUP APPS/GLS	TOTAL APPS/GLS
SAM AISTON	+ +1	- +1	- +2
KEVIN BALL	27 2	4 -	31 2
MICHAEL BRIDGES	13 +9 8	5 +1 3	18 +9 12
PAUL BUTLER	28 2	7 +1 -	34 +1 2
LEE CLARK	12 -	4 +1 -	16 +1 -
JODY CRADDOCK	1 +3	3 +2 -	4 +5 -
DANNY DICHIO	15 +10 9	5 +1 2	20 +11 11
MICHAEL GRAY	20 +1 2	6 -	26 +1 2
GERRY HARRISON	- -	1 -	1 -
DARREN HOLLOWAY	- -	- -	- -
ALLAN JOHNSTON	23 3	6 +1 1	29 +1 4
CHRIS LUMSDON	- -	- +1 -	- +1 -
GAVIN McCANN	3 +5 -	2 +1 2	5 +6 2
CHRIS MAKIN	21 +1 -	8 -	29 +1 -
MARK MALEY	- -	1 -	1 -
ANDY MELVILLE	28 2	7 -	35 2
JOHN MULLIN	8 +2 2	4 +1 -	12 +3 2
KEVIN PHILLIPS	10 7	5 2	15 9
MICHAEL PROCTOR	- -	- +1 -	- +1 -
NIALL QUINN	21 +3 12	5 +1 2	26 +4 14
ALEX RAE	12 +3 2	3 -	15 +3 2
MARTIN SCOTT	14 +2 2	5 1	19 +2 3
MARTIN SMITH	3 +4 3	5 +2 1	8 +6 4
THOMAS SORESENSEN	29 -	10 -	39 -
NICKY SUMMERBEE	20 2	3 +2 -	23 +2 2
PAUL THIRLWELL	1 +1 -	2 +1 -	3 +2 -
NEIL WAINWRIGHT	+ +2 -	2 +1 -	2 +3 -
LUKE WEAVER	- -	- -	- -
DARREN WILLIAMS	13 +7 -	5 -	18 +7 -

KEY: Blue shaded areas denote player featured for whole 90 minutes.
 Coloured half areas denote player was substituted.
 Coloured half areas denote player appeared as substitute.
 * Players involved have matching colours.
 = booked = sent-off = Opponents own goal No. = Goals scored
 p = scored from penalty Unused = Sub not used
 Debut = Playing first senior game for the club.

DATE	OPPONENTS	VENUE	F-A	ATT.	POS.
Aug 8 Sat	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	H	1-0	40,537	-
Aug 11 Tue	York City (WC 1/1)	A	2-0	6,277	-
Aug 15 Sat	Swindon Town	A	1-1	10,207	7
Aug 18 Tue	YORK CITY (WC1/2)	H	2-1	22,695	-
Aug 22 Sat	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	5-0	34,155	6
Aug 25 Tue	WATFORD	H	4-1	36,587	1
Aug 29 Sat	Ipswich Town	A	2-0	15,813	1
Sep 8 Tue	BRISTOL CITY	H	1-1	34,111	2
Sep 12 Sat	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1-1	26,816	3
Sep 15 Tue	CHESTER CITY (WC 2/1)	H	3-0	20,618	-
Sep 19 Sat	OXFORD UNITED	H	7-0	34,567	2
Sep 22 Tue	Chester City (WC 2/2)	A	1-0	2,738	-
Sep 26 Sat	Portsmouth	A	1-1	17,022	1
Sep 29 Tue	Norwich City	A	2-2	17,504	1
Oct 3 Sat	BRADFORD CITY	H	0-0	37,828	2
Oct 18 Sun	West Bromwich Albion	A	3-2	14,746	2
Oct 21 Wed	Huddersfield Town	A	1-1	20,741	2
Oct 24 Sat	BURY	H	1-0	38,049	1
Oct 27 Tue	GRIMSBY TOWN (WC 3)	H	2-1 AET	18,676	-
Nov 1 Sun	Bolton Wanderers	A	3-0	21,676	1
Nov 3 Tue	Crewe Alexandra	A	4-1	5,361	1
Nov 7 Sat	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	3-1	40,077	1
Nov 11 Wed	Everton (WC4)	A	1-1 AET 5-4 PEN	28,132	-
Nov 14 Sat	Port Vale	A	2-0	8,839	1
Nov 21 Sat	BARNLEY	H	2-3	40,231	1
Nov 28 Sat	Sheffield United	A	4-0	25,229	1
Dec 1 Tue	LUTON TOWN (WC5)	H	3-0	35,742	-
Dec 5 Sat	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	1-0	36,040	1
Dec 12 Sat	PORT VALE	H	2-0	37,583	1
Dec 15 Tue	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	2-0	33,870	1
Dec 19 Sat	Birmingham City	A	0-0	22,095	1
Dec 26 Sat	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-1	14,248	1
Dec 28 Mon	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	2-0	41,433	1
Jan 2 Sat	Lincoln City (FAC3)	A	1-0	10,494	-
Jan 9 Sat	Queens Park Rangers	A	2-2	17,444	1
Jan 17 Sun	IPSWICH TOWN	H	2-1	39,835	1
Jan 23 Sat	Blackburn Rovers (FAC4)	A	0-1	30,125	-
Jan 26 Tue	LEICESTER CITY (WC 5-F1)	H	1-2	38,332	-
Jan 30 Sat	Watford	A	1-2	20,188	1
Feb 6 Sat	SWINDON TOWN	H			
Feb 13 Sat	Bristol City	A			
Feb 17 Wed	Leicester City (WC 5-F2)	A			
Feb 20 Sat	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	H			
Feb 27 Sat	Oxford United *	A			
Mar 2 Tue	PORTSMOUTH	H			
Mar 6 Sat	NORWICH CITY	H			
Mar 9 Tue	Bradford City	A			
Mar 13 Sat	Grimsby Town	A			
Mar 20 Sat	BOLTON WANDERERS	H			
Mar 21 Sun	Worthington Cup Final				
Mar 27 Sat	Bury	A			
Apr 3 Sat	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H			
Apr 5 Mon	Crystal Palace	A			
Apr 10 Sat	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H			
Apr 17 Sat	Barnsley	A			
Apr 24 Sat	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H			
May 1 Sat	Stockport County	A			
May 9 Sun	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H			
May 22 Sat	FA Cup Final				

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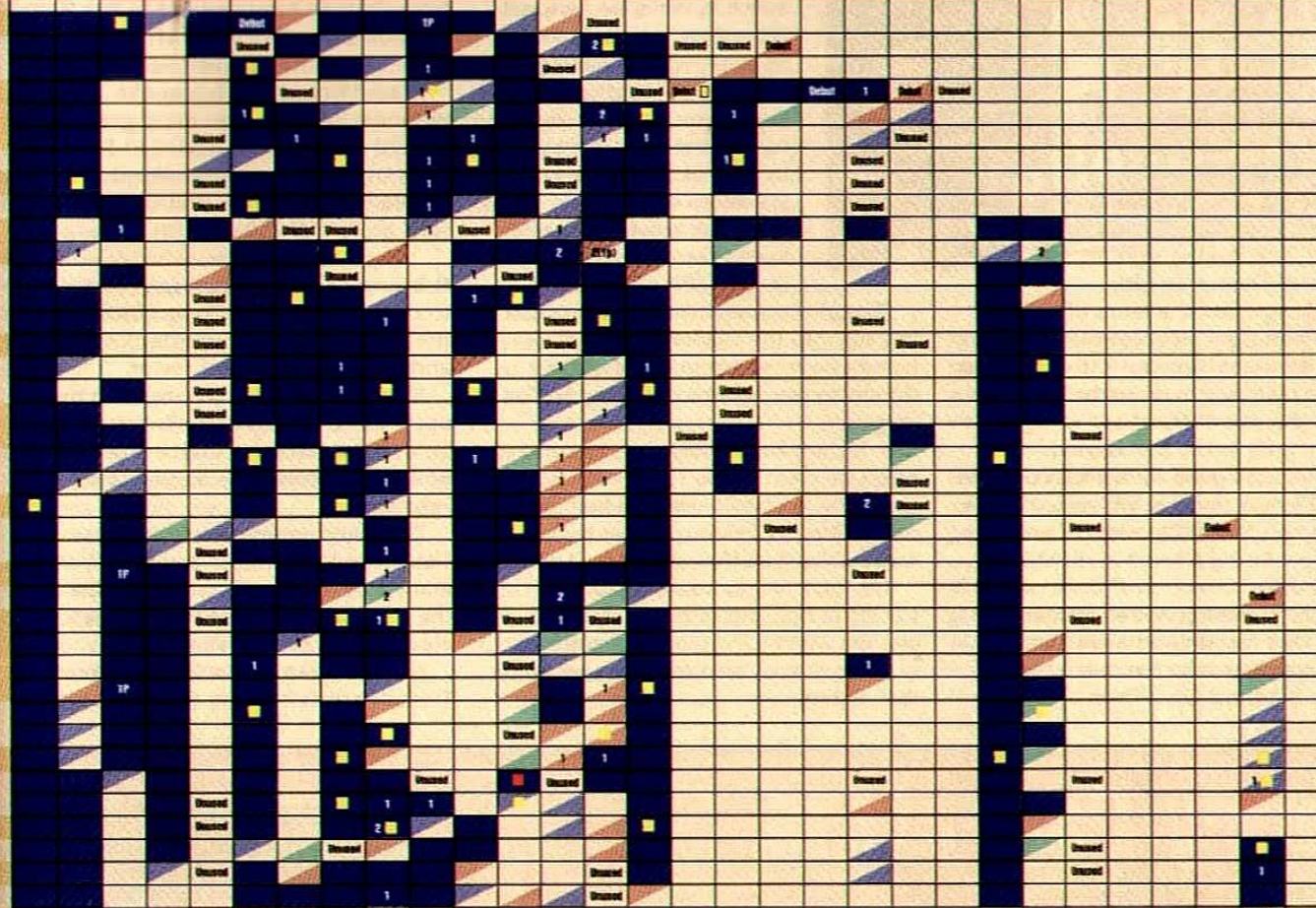
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■ Don Goodman (right) may have to send apologies for his absence if Barnsley should take him to the FA Cup semi-finals for the second year in a row.

The former Sunderland striker is available for the next two rounds - and with a tempting opportunity to advance into the last eight in next week's home tie with Bristol Rovers. But the terms of a three-month loan from Japanese club Hiroshima would bar any further progress because he is due to return to J-League duty at the end of March.

The money in the East is good - apparently too good for Mark McGhee to offer him new terms at Wolves last May - but the tie-up with Barnsley became an attraction during a break in Hiroshima's programme.

An old friendship was an additional factor when he received a call from player-manager John Hendrie, a team-mate in Bradford City's Third Division



championship side in 1985. "I love it in Yorkshire," he said. "It's where I was born and probably where I belong." At the time Mr Hendrie was looking for a partner for Ashley Ward, but the top scorer's £4.25m move to Blackburn dictated that Goodman would become a replacement until the signing of Mike Sheron from QPR.

Though Barnsley still hold hopes of a late run into the play-offs, the first benefit from the temporary deal for Goodman was a touch of the old FA Cup magic.

In his Sunderland days, he was cup-tied when we went to the 1992 Final, but last season he reached a personal best in the competition by helping Wolves to the semi-final before their defeat by Arsenal.

The most memorable day was in scoring in the sixth round at Leeds. "It was the winner and put my hometown club out of the Cup. Can things get better than that?"

■ A former sports school administrator from Canada has returned to the First Division some five years after a first crack at English football with Watford.

Mark Watson, a 28-year-old defender from Vancouver, signed for Oxford United after a spell in Sweden with Osters. Though he played in only 18 League games for Watford, he has won more than 50 caps for Canada.

■ Brummie comedian Jasper Carrott is to receive the ultimate acclaim from the club which he supported as a boy and later served as a director.

Birmingham City have asked him to open the £4.1m Railway End Stand before the televised match against Bolton Wanderers on Sunday 21st February.

The stand-up joker said he was "honoured" to accept the invitation to mark a development which is seen as the next step towards Birmingham's elevation to Premiership status.

He was a fan of the Blues before Trevor Francis became the club's most

Harry Barrett is

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Talking Football

Money can't buy you self-confidence

Self esteem leads to self confidence. In all walks of life people at one with themselves can cope with the pressures that are part and parcel of living. Whether you're dealing with a classroom of 14-year-olds, clearing up bedpans, or taking shoot out spot kicks in a cauldron of partisan support, steady nerves are required if one is not going to succumb to stress, tension, depression and general anxiety.

It would seem Stan Collymore is having difficulties with his self esteem.

Villa's wayward striker, as with many a high profile performer is a loner. At both Forest and Anfield, Stan failed to

fit in with the prevailing dressing room camaraderie. Some would suggest it was self inflicted, in much the same way as Pierre Van Hoojdonk has hardly endeared himself to the present City Ground squad. Others might argue Collymore should count his blessings and "pull himself together", rather than go off in a sulk.

His manager John Gregory implied as much with the statement, "Stressed out? Try telling that to a 29-year-old at somewhere like Rochdale, with three months left on his contract, a wife, three kids and a mortgage."

The implication being, that high earners, financially set up for life at an early age, should have no worries whatsoever. Try telling that to superstars in the music industry, world famous entertainers, pools and lottery winners,

or indeed the inheritors of massive wealth, who have ended their days dejected and depressed. Elvis, Tony Hancock and the Marquis of Bath, to name but three, hardly thought life was a bed of roses.

Money does not necessarily bring happiness. In Stan's case it seems to have compounded problems of personal insecurity. It is alleged he feels isolated, has few friends and is frustrated by an inability to produce consistently, the high quality performances of which he is capable. Of course the macho men will suggest he should "snap out of it".

Lower down the football pyramid, players do not have the luxury of personal counsellors and psychiatrists, or indeed afford a weekend in New York to cope with individual difficulties, as Paul Merson famously did in January.

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famous player in the 1970s - and now he is a personal friend of Francis the manager.

The new stand will take St Andrew's capacity up to 30,200, rivalling Sheffield United's Bramall Lane as the second largest ground in the division after the Stadium of Light.

■ Bolton Wanderers' surge back into contention for promotion was accompanied by a long-awaited goal for Danish Under-21 midfielder Claus Jensen.

The £1.6m summer signing from Lyngby opened his League account in England at the 25th attempt when Colin Todd's side took their unbeaten run into double figures.

"I've been used to scoring goals all my life so it was a big relief to get this one," said the third member of a Danish trio at the Reebok Stadium. The founder members were Michael Johansen and World Cup player Per Frandsen.

■ Brian Horton reversed the sequence of his career by putting his first club as a player before the one which brought him out of exile as a manager.

Shortly before his 50th birthday, he left Brighton to take over at Port Vale as successor to the Nationwide League's second longest-serving boss, John Rudge.

A three-month period without a win prompted a first change of management in 15 years - and brought Mr Horton back to Vale Park after a break of nearly 23 years.

As a midfield player, he had clocked up 236 League appearances in the Potteries before going on to help both Brighton and Luton Town into the old First Division.

His management career is now in its 15th season, having spanned promotion at the first attempt with Hull City and a wide range of experience with Oxford United, Manchester City and Huddersfield Town.

When he moved back to Brighton last February, the south coast side were



second from bottom in Division Three but comfortably retained their League status and pushed on towards a challenge for the play-offs this season.

A similar challenge, albeit at a higher level, awaited him at Port Vale, and he said: "It's close down there, but we've got a good chance of staying up."

■ Huddersfield Town have been promised new funding to push for the play-offs following a takeover by Bradford-based businessman Barry Rubery.

■ STAN COLLYMORE



But then again, they can lead relatively normal lives, are not placed on a pedestal, expected to be a lifestyle guru, and isolated socially and economically from the community and supporters.

Stan as a man, might have been more content had his playing career not taken off and he was still foraging for goals at Stafford Rangers or possibly Southend. However, at any level, footballers can be cruel, and a thick skin is essential. Though a team game, there are inevitable tensions between players, competition for places and when money is involved, jealousies come to the fore. In fact, just like the office, building site or any workplace.

To survive in today's high pressure Premiership self esteem is essential. Stan

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VILLA MANAGER JOHN GREGORY

Collymore appears to be pretty low in that department.

The positive side of collective self esteem came through in Dublin last weekend when Ulster beat Colomiers to win Rugby Union's European Cup. Skipper David Humphreys admitted afterwards that the will of Ulster supporters had fuelled an unlikely success. For once, the province dominated by sectarian strife, came together united in purpose, representing a part of Ireland, which in addition to the famous six countries, also includes three from the Republic. Perhaps the self esteem resulting from the victory, will be a further impetus to the Peace Process. Perhaps too, the soccer authorities could take a leaf out of rugby's rule book and as part of the Good Friday agreement move towards an all Ireland football association and one international team. This afternoon Ireland take on France in the Five Nations. Sons of Ulster, Cork and Dublin, all wearing the green. Why not a similar vision for the 2006 World Cup qualifiers?

Self esteem. While Collymore and Hoddle display the worrying extremes of too much and too little, the Ulster experience surely shows how sport can be a catalyst for its positive side.

The Squads

The Lads

The Robins

GOALKEEPERS

ANDY MARRIOTT
THOMAS SORESENSEN

JIMMY GLASS
FRANK TALIA

DEFENDERS

PAUL BUTLER
JODY CRADDOCK
MICHAEL GRAY
DARREN HOLLOWAY
CHRIS MAKIN
ANDY MELVILLE
MARTIN SCOTT
DARREN WILLIAMS

BRIAN BORROWS
SOL DAVIS
DAVID KERSLAKE
ALAN REEVES
MARK ROBINSON
CRAIG TAYLOR
KEVIN WATSON
ADAM WILLIS

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GAVIN McCANN
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STEVE COWE
CHRIS HAY
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IFFY ONUORA
MARK WALTERS

Match Facts

Mascots



Belated birthday wishes to **JOANNE DAVISON-WHITE** was 5 yesterday. Her favourite players are Leo Clark and Thomas Sorensen. She enjoys watching Sunderland and dancing.



LAUREN BETH McDOUGAL is aged 3. Her favourite player is Kevin Phillips.

Officials

REFEREE:

Mr. Paul Robinson (Hull)

Last at the Stadium of Light for the visit of Chester in the Worthington Cup last September, Mr. Robinson also officiated when Tranmere visited Wearside last season. A Senior Agricultural Craftsman Mr. Robinson has completed the Paris, Humber and Scarborough marathons.

ASSISTANT REFEREES

Mr. C.W. Oliver and Mr. A.N. Smith.



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SWINDON TOWN SCORERS:

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BARNLEY	v	CREWE
BRADFORD	v	WATFORD
BURY	v	IPSWICH
PALACE	v	BIRMINGHAM
GRIMSBY	v	BOLTON
NORWICH	v	STOCKPORT
PORT VALE	v	HUDDERSFIELD
PORTSMOUTH	v	TRANMERE
SHEFFIELD UTD	v	WEST BROM
WOLVES	v	OXFORD
VILLA	v	BLACKBURN
LIVERPOOL	v	'BORO
FOREST	v	MAN UTD
DARLINGTON	v	MANSFIELD
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