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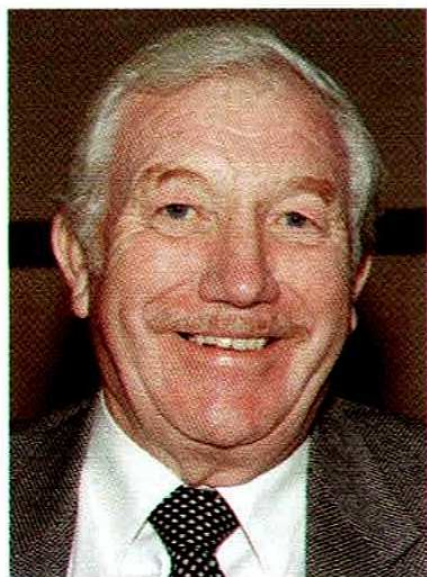
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To all Blades fans...

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking a lot of people for their efforts since I came back to the Club as Chairman; firstly, and most importantly, our superb supporters, then Neil Warnock, his players and backroom staff who have turned things round on the pitch.

But they are not the only ones who have contributed and I don't forget the rest of the staff here who have all worked together, from the moment I arrived, even though I was conscious that we were next to bottom of the league and would have settled for finishing the season just two places higher.

Such was the dramatic improvement that some of the more optimistic amongst us felt a play-off place was on the cards but, on that fateful November night when we lost to Port Vale, mere survival seemed a long way off.

Now Neil has a little more concentrated time during the summer to add to his squad, a task that has been hampered so far by the time spent with the current team for training and matches etc.

It has been nice to sit round a

boardroom table working with directors who have a common purpose, founded on a Sheffield identity, and I thank them for that.

It isn't going to be easy. Neither we nor Neil can wave a magic wand, but we can all pull together to continue turning things around – with the support of our fans. We salute you.

Derek Dooley,
Football Club Chairman

NEW FACES...

* The Club is pleased to announce the appointment of **Alan Bamford**, a lifelong Blades supporter, as a director of SUFC Football Club.

Formerly a director of construction company Henry Boot plc, Alan's experience will be of major benefit to the Club's property and youth academy development.

* Blades' Safety Officer, **Rob McRobbie**, has been appointed as Estates Manager for SUFC and will continue to be responsible for all health, safety, fire and security matters, as well as overseeing the continued development of the stadium, Blades Enterprise Centre, Hotel and Football Academy.

Born in Sheffield, Robbie actually played against Blades legend, Alan Woodward in city schoolboy matches, and with him for Yorkshire Boys.

* **Brendan Forkin** has joined us as Retail Development Manager, responsible for the Club's merchandising structure. He brings a wealth of experience from home and abroad, including Leicester City, Coventry City and a spell in South Africa for Mark Goldberg (ex-Crystal Palace Chairman).

* **Mike Glossop** has joined us as Sales Manager of our **Conference & Banqueting** division.

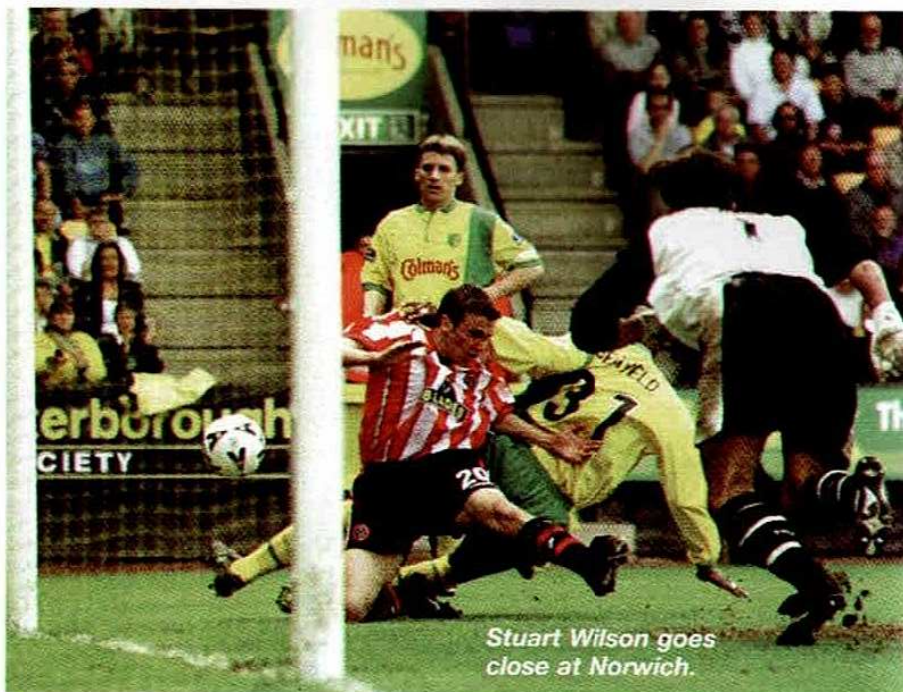
Neil warnock

First of all I would like to thank all the Blades fans who travel away to watch us – they were magnificent again at Norwich last weekend, as they have been all season.

They have followed us through thick and thin, through the ups and the downs and I know there have been more downs than ups during the course of the year. I would like to thank everyone who has turned up.

I have received many letters about performances away from home and it is true to say that while results have been poor I think at Norwich and Forest, and at the last few home games, we have had more than enough opportunities to have won the games.

Now comes a difficult time because we have to try and sign players for next season over the summer. I have been all over the place looking at recommended players, and watching videos, you would think some of them were world-beaters!



Stuart Wilson goes close at Norwich.

But I have come to the conclusion that I am intending to stick with the home market to try and get the players we need to ensure that our defensive record next season will be far better than we have seen so far.

No team has a cat in hell's chance when you concede as many goals as we have and, whilst a lot of the young lads have done well, I do think we need more experience in the squad. You only have to see the levelling out of performances to work out where I am going to try and improve the squad. And the players I bring in will need to be able to go straight into the side rather than just being squad players – you are going to have to trust me to get the right players in.

The directors have promised to help and I hope everything we have talked about will come to fruition over the next few months.

It is going to be a difficult league next season but today you will see our new strip which I think is fresh and I am sure will go down well with our fans. By the way, please observe the plea on page 3 about the end of match procedure today.

From my point of view it has been a fantastic six months and whilst results have evened out recently it is no more than I expected, having changed the squad only slightly since I arrived. I have cleared the decks for some new ones and from my own point of view I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you.

I know you all have opinions, I know you think I choose the wrong



A Forest defender clips Paul Devlin in full flight

team most of the time, but no-one will give any more than me during the close-season, and at the start of next, to show you that I want us to be where everyone one of us wants to be and that is high up in the league.

I want every player who comes to the Club to wear the red and white shirt with pride, which I don't think has always been the case over the last few years.

Thanks for the help and encouragement that my wife, Sharon, daughter, Amy, and I have received since we came to the Club. My other daughter, Natalie, and son, James, have really enjoyed the games and are convinced that we are really going places.

I am under strict orders from all the family to make sure that I do make a success of this job and James particularly, being at Sheffield University, doesn't want to take any flak next season. He is, however, looking forward to certain games that we are hoping will be on the fixture list and I'm sure it goes without saying that these games will not be ones to miss!

All that remains is for me to say thank you once again to everyone at the Club, from the administrative side to the backroom staff and the board, my secretary Donna and all the unsung heroes behind the scenes. It is now a family club with the friendliness it has always had. We aim to improve that friendliness still further everywhere, apart from on the field, and I am sure you are all hoping that I can do my job to the best of my ability.

Have a good summer and we'll see you next season.

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Concession	£135	£140	£9
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Concession	£110(110)	£120(120)	£7(7)
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Sheffield United fan John Collingsworth was only a lad when he got hooked on the Blades and it was the start of a passion that has stayed with him ever since.

Now John, aged 52, is passing on his fervour to son Andrew, aged 13. He has just bought Season Tickets for the first time as part of the **SHARP BLADE** discount scheme that offers reduced prices for buying early.

The scheme is part of United's push to make football affordable for all. **SHARP BLADE** Season Tickets are available until the end of this month (31 May).

John, from Doncaster and company director of Brocol Distribution, fitted kitchen suppliers, said: "We enjoy the matches tremendously and have seen the Blades go from strength to strength. It is something we both want to be part of next season and this is the first time I have bought a Season Ticket."

He added: "The atmosphere at Bramall Lane is amazing. Everyone is passionate about the Blades. We have a great day out at a safe and family orientated ground. Having the Season Tickets will allow Andrew and myself to have a shared hobby."

With one exception, discounted Season Ticket prices and matchday tickets in all parts of the ground are cheaper or have been held at this season's rate.

The Club has introduced a three-tier pricing structure for Season Tickets, Razor Blade (for existing Season Ticket Holders only which has now closed), Sharp Blade (discounted Season Ticket prices for all fans) and Full Blade (full price Season Tickets).

*** Sharp Blade Season Tickets are available NOW until 31 May.**

Quick shots

Summer date in paradise for Shaun

SHAUN MURPHY won't be going to Trinidad with the Blades on the post-season, two game trip next week.

The defender – available again today after serving a one-match ban – will be given an opportunity to go home to Perth, Australia, for a

short holiday and reunion because he has more football ahead of him in the summer.

Not only has Shaun featured at the top of the Divisional Opta rankings, he has re-established himself in the Australian national squad in recent months.

Oz will take on Paraguay in Sydney but after that have a June date in Tahiti to look forward to as Australia take part in a tournament which includes New Zealand, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

Oh! Well, we'll stick to Cleethorpes, Shaun!



Phil's family affair

A trip to Exeter this weekend will help decide the fate of **PHIL JAGIELKA**'s brother, Steve, who will turn out for Shrewsbury hoping that his team, currently at the bottom of the Third Division, don't drop into the Conference.

Phil, who was on the bench for us at Norwich last week and who made his England U-17 debut as a substitute in the 2-0 win in Luxembourg recently, said:

"I think they will have a decent chance, but will still have to rely on Chester and Carlisle slipping up. I spoke to Steve this week and he says they will have to regard the fixture as a Cup Final and hope that it is enough."

Steve, 22, has another year left on his contract and ponders his future whilst Phil has just landed his first – a three year deal at the Lane following promising displays in the Juniors and Reserves.

He came on at half-time on the right hand side of a three man midfield and reports suggest that he did well although he himself concedes that the opposition wasn't exactly top-drawer: "We passed it around and created loads of chances but couldn't score."

Phil, 17-years-old but still eligible for the national squad, could be in line for a match against America in Tunisia next month.



'Dev' – the people's choice

PAUL DEVLIN scooped a number of awards this season, including the prestigious Supporters' Club Player of the Year trophy which he received from Supporters' Club officials, Beryl and Pete Whitney, before the match against Crewe Alexandra.

It follows a similar award he received whilst at Birmingham City before his move to the Lane.



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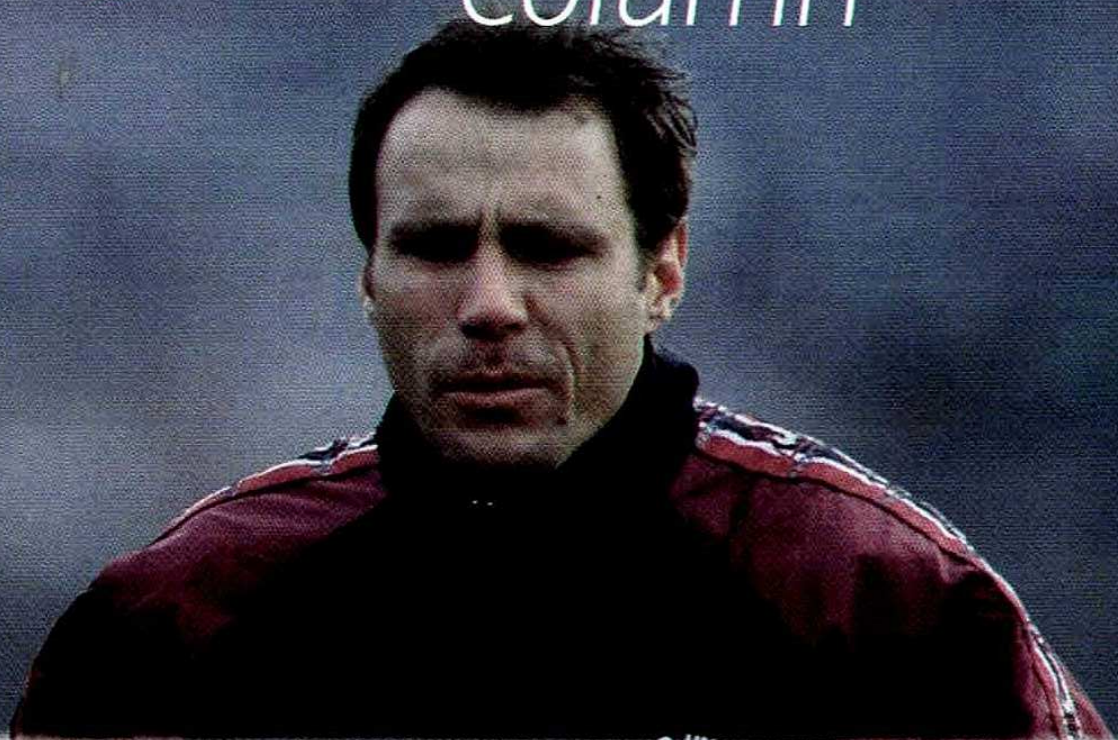
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Captain's column



We've reached the end of the road and I should, on behalf of the boys in the dressing-room, thank our supporters for being behind us through what has at times been a difficult campaign.

It hasn't been easy, although at least the troubles have been largely restricted to the playing side and not centred on off-field activities – in that regard there has been reassuring progress.

There have been too many low points in our performances and the matches at Manchester City and Port Vale spring easily to mind.

But I would select the defeat at QPR when the managerial changes were taking place as the worst. Not too many players could hold their heads up on that night and say they earned their money.

But there have been many positive aspects, too, and I would have no hesitation in saying that, individual matches apart, our developing team spirit is the most significant.

At crisis point when Neil Warnock took over and we were almost bottom of the pile last November, the lads knew what they had to do and deserve credit for the way in which they dug themselves out of the hole we were in.

From looking like being odds-on for relegation the recovery was so rapid and dramatic that at one stage there were even whispers of us sneaking into the play-offs – that's how far we came as a team.

But, however much you fight, you need a bit of luck, too. Those vital three points against Portsmouth were achieved through a brilliant single goal by Paul Devlin – perhaps my choice as our goal of the season – plus solid graft, and a bit of luck when I cleared off the line with about ten seconds left.

In football, things can change on incidents like that. We could have gone six points adrift of Pompey if we

had lost that day but the win gave us belief and we set off on a run, playing with the confidence that almost ensures that you make your own luck!

Ironically, we had started the season at Portsmouth which was always going to be difficult, particularly as they had a new millionaire chairman which had fired up their fans and players.

We also had grounds for optimism, fielding one or two new players under a new manager and new ideas in Adrian Heath. It went sour for 'Inchy' but the sort of fortune I mentioned earlier didn't seem to go his way too often.

There were games when we seemed to have no luck at all; for example, we had loads of chances at Swindon and Stockport, hammered them both at times, but won neither. I used to look at the Sunday newspapers afterwards just to check that we had only drawn!

But we eventually got it right and there were some super wins and performances, including the match at Newcastle which was memorable for the most part. It was nice to relive some F.A. Cup semi-final memories against them and battle it out with the likes of Shearer and Ferguson.

I am looking forward to next year with huge optimism, knowing that the gaffer's main priority is to strengthen and improve the squad.

This season has to be regarded as a learning process and the principal factor to take on board is that if we are not working at 100%, at a high tempo, in every match we could struggle to break down teams. We are all in it together and accept that scoring goals, and defending them, are responsibilities of everyone – it's a team thing and we shall start next season with that focus.

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The Story so far

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

Nationwide League Division One

FULHAM 4 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

SCORERS: Phelan (12), Clark (61, 63), Melville (72).

FULHAM: Taylor, Finnan (Uhlenbeek 77), Melville, Coleman, Phelan (Trollope 81), Hayward, Goldbaek, Clark, Lewis (Peschisolido 77), Horsfield, Hayles. Unused: Hahnmann, Morgan.

UNITED: Tracey, Kozluk, Quinn, Sandford, Murphy, Ford, Woodhouse, Brown, Devlin, Bent (D'Jaffo 73), Wilson (Gysbrechts 50). Unused: Ribeiro, Woodward, Duke.

REFEREE: M. Warren (Walsall).

ATTENDANCE: 12,197.

Trailing 1-0 at the break, the sending off of Murphy for two bookable offences eliminates any chance United have of winning at Craven Cottage. Fulham take full advantage to score three times in eleven minutes. Neil Warnock is not at the game due to a scouting mission.

Kevin Blackwell: "Looking at Fulham shows us where we have got to get to, although we certainly don't possess Mr. Fayed's money."

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

Phil Jagielka receives a call-up for England U17's friendly in Luxembourg later in the month.

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Triallists Brian Kelly and Richard O'Connor play in the Reserves' 2-2 home draw with Wrexham, an encounter in which Ben Doane scores at both ends after Adam Burley has given the Blades the lead.

Neil Warnock checks a future prospect in a match in Norway.

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

Nationwide League Division One

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

FOREST: Beasant, Terry, Hjelde, Vaughan, Scimeca, Rogers, Prutton, Bart-Williams, Johnson (Gray 70), Harewood (John 63), Lester. Unused: Crossley, Cooper, Edds.

UNITED: Tracey, Kozluk, Quinn, Sandford, Murphy, Ford, Woodhouse, Ribeiro (Brown 61), Devlin, Bent, D'Jaffo. Unused: Woodward, Gysbrechts, Wilson, Hamilton.

REFEREE:

T. Jones (Barrow-in-Furness).

ATTENDANCE: 17,172.

United fail to score in their fourth successive game, whilst Forest have a goal disallowed, hit the woodwork and have a penalty saved by Tracey in a game played in typical April weather. A heavy downpour in the first half leaves the pitch almost waterlogged, but after the interval glorious sunshine greets the players.

United Juniors beat FLYA Premier Merit Division title chasers Rotherham 3-1 thanks to goals from Mark Ward, Lewis Killeen and Nick Montgomery.

MONDAY 24 APRIL

Nationwide League Division One

SHEFFIELD UNITED 1 CREWE ALEXANDRA 1

UNITED: Tracey, Kozluk, Quinn, Sandford, Murphy, Ford, Woodhouse, Ribeiro (Brown 84), Devlin, Bent, D'Jaffo (Wilson 45). Unused: Woodward, Gysbrechts, Wilson, Hamilton.

CREWE: Kearton, D. Wright, Smith, Walton, Foran, Street (S. Wright 88), Lunt, Sorvel, Little, Rivers, Cramb (Tait 88). Unused: Ince, Critchley, Hulse.

REFEREE: B. Knight (Orpington).

ATTENDANCE: 9,923.

United score their first goal in five games, but only after a late scare from Crewe whose goal is bombarded throughout the second-half, following a dull opening period.

Curtis Woodhouse: "It was a great cross from Rob Kozluk - I couldn't miss! I'm making a bit of a habit of popping up at the far post."

TUESDAY 25 APRIL

United beat Pontin's League Division One leaders Rotherham on their own patch thanks to a goal from Adam Burley.

Neil Warnock goes on a player-spotting mission in Morocco.



Bruno splashes in a shot at Forest.

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UNITED MASCOT

PETER GROGAN

AGE: 9

SCHOOL: Norton
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FAVE BLADES: Paul Devlin, Shaun Murphy, Lee Sandford and Michael Brown

HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football, swimming, cycling and PlayStation.

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UNITED MASCOT

GEORGE SANDFORD

AGE: 9

SCHOOL: Hook Junior, Hampshire

FAVE BLADE: Lee Sandford
HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football and SUFC.



UNITED MASCOT

CALLUM ZIDE

AGE: 11

SCHOOL: Arbourthorne

FAVE BLADES:

Curtis Woodhouse and Marcus Bent

HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Watching football and playing for Junior Blades.



UNITED MASCOT

MARK NEWTON

AGE: 10

SCHOOL: Norton
Free

FAVE BLADES: Curtis Woodhouse and Wayne Quinn

HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football, swimming, Pokemon and watching wrestling.



UNITED MASCOT

THOMAS ELLIOTT

AGE: 12

SCHOOL: City

FAVE BLADES:

Simon Tracey, Wayne Quinn, Curtis

Woodhouse and Marcus Bent

HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football, computers and PlayStation.



UNITED MASCOT

CALLUM JOE BUNFIELD

AGE: 7

SCHOOL: Thurcroft Juniors

FAVE BLADES:

Marcus Bent, Paul

Devlin and Michael Brown

HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football, cricket, golf and computer games.



SWINDON MASCOT

LISA STRATTON

AGE: 15

FAVE PLAYER:

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by Curtis'
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PAUL DEVLIN

JOCK COMES HOME

The principal guest at today's fixture is a former Sheffield United player of a golden era. You would probably think that there was nothing unusual if we told you that he trained in a gym most days or that he still swam just as frequently.

This former Blades striker has also been a vegetarian since his early twenties and you probably still wouldn't raise an eyebrow in these health conscious times. But if we were to add that he is now in his 85th year maybe you would start to take notice.

Welcome back **Ephraim 'Jock' Dodds**, legendary centre forward of the 1930s.

The Club believe Jock is the only surviving member of United's 1936 F.A. Cup Final starting eleven. We are indebted to him for offering his runners-up medal from that match on indefinite loan to Sheffield United, to be used for display and

educational purposes. Jock will present the medal at today's match.

Blades officials John Garrett and Dominic Field met the former Scottish war-time international striker in Blackpool, now his home, thanks to contact with Blades fan and author Gary Armstrong, who interviewed Jock for the next installment of his Blade Runners series.

John Garrett commented: "On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Jock for sharing some of his wonderful pin sharp memories and welcome him back today. He is a truly wonderful character."

Born in Grangemouth, Scotland, in 1915, Jock signed for United from Huddersfield Town in the pre-season in 1934 on a free transfer and comments: "I was delighted to sign for Sheffield United. As an apprentice at Huddersfield I had not been getting the chances and I was always grateful to manager Teddy Davison for giving me a chance. United offered me £8 a week

during the season and £6 in the close season."

This was a decent wage compared to the £2 a week coal miners were earning in his adopted home of Consett, County Durham.

Jock adds: "We lodged with a Mrs. Cocker just off the Moor, near the ground. The people of Sheffield and the supporters of the Club made me feel so welcome."

Among the highlights of his Blades career was the 1936 Cup run. Jock scored in the fifth round win against

Leeds – in front of Bramall Lane's biggest ever crowd of over 68,000 – and also grabbed two in the quarter-final success against Tottenham.

In the final, Second Division United lost 1-0 to giants of the day Arsenal, although Jock did hit the crossbar just after the Gunners opened the scoring.

Jock scored an amazing 113 goals in 178 league appearances for

the Blades and even refused a move to Sheffield Wednesday before being sold to Blackpool for £10,000, where he played with the

likes of Sir Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen.

He also represented Shamrock Rovers, Everton and Lincoln, and scored a hat-trick for Scotland against England at Hampden Park in 1942 – for which he picked up £1.50.

A truly natural goalscorer of his time, Jock also holds an official world record for scoring the fastest ever hat-trick – completed in two and a half minutes in 1942.

whilst he also managed to score eight goals in another encounter for Blackpool in 1941 – and could even afford the luxury of missing a penalty!

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NPOWER SCORES WITH BLADES IN NEW AFFINITY DEAL



Blades mad NPOWER Agency employee, Brian Henderson, kicks off the new deal with Michael Brown at Bramall Lane.

Sheffield United Football Club has launched an innovative new affinity scheme with NPOWER, a major UK Gas and Electricity Supplier.

Under the new scheme, for every SUFC fan that changes their Gas and Electricity supply over to NPOWER, SUFC will earn a commission payment.

Commenting on the scheme, David Black, Sales Director for NPOWER, said: "We are delighted to be able to join forces with Sheffield United to develop this new deal.

"As a major national player in the energy supply market, we are committed to giving something back to the people and communities we serve.

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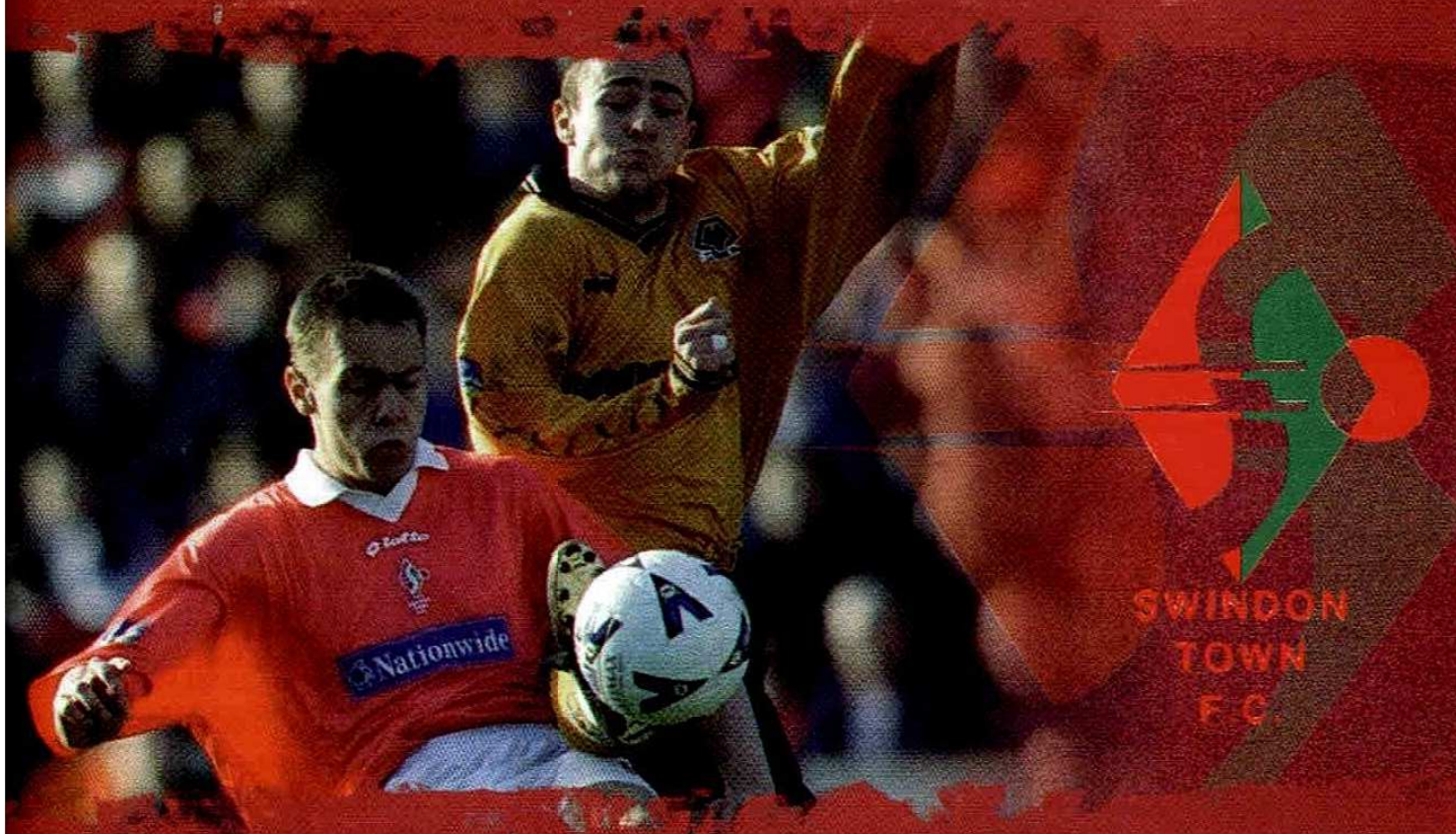
Sheffield United Manager, Neil Warnock, said of the scheme: "We are delighted that NPOWER is supporting our efforts to build for the future. Sheffield United and its supporters will benefit from this scheme, both now and in the long term, and it will help the Club's growth."

Blades supporters who are interested in finding out more about the new scheme should call NPOWER free on 0800 716268, quoting Sheffield United Football Club.



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Swindon Town



It has been a season to forget for Swindon Town and though their relegation from the First Division was only confirmed in the last few weeks of the season, it seemed inevitable for some time. The departure of manager Jimmy Quinn last Tuesday was equally predictable.

Quinn had a near impossible job to keep the trap door closed as any thoughts of moving into the transfer market have been blocked by the club's critical financial position, while league form has been hit by the sale of key players. An example of that came as Wolves moved to sign their key striker George Ndah and as financial restrictions left the club with little option, he was moved on.

They have been sitting at the foot of this league throughout the campaign, though Quinn had managed to inspire a handful of miraculous victories against some of the top clubs in this league. Their win at the home of champions Charlton is one of the few good memories they will take from this campaign and a little burst shortly into the New Year also boosted the hopes of their fans.

But Swindon are one of the clubs suffering in the modern football climate where money talks. The days of them mixing it with the big guns in the Premiership are long gone and most Robins fans doubt whether they will ever come back. The sad reality is that their place at the foot of this league suggests they may not

be returning to this league in a hurry.

They live in the hope that an ambitious backer may come along and bring back the glory days. It is a scenario that all clubs in Swindon's position dream about, but for today they can concentrate on ending their First Division stay in style.

The players Quinn was working with are an honest bunch who have proved what is possible with those shock results throughout the campaign. They have battled all the way and have three victories on the road to their credit so far.

One final three point haul at Bramall Lane this afternoon will give those long suffering followers something to feel good about over the summer.

Last Season's SUMMARY

LEAGUE - 17th in DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A
H	23	7	8	8	40	44
A	23	6	3	14	19	37
T	46	13	11	22	59	81

F.A. CUP

Round 3 -

home to Barnsley - drew 0-0

away to Barnsley - lost 1-3

WORTHINGTON CUP

Round 1 -

home to Wycombe W. - won 2-1

away to Wycombe W. - lost 0-2

TOP SCORERS

Iffy Onuora - 20 (1 pen)

George Ndah - 11

Mark Walters - 10 (3 pen)

MOST APPEARANCES

Frank Talia - 43

Iffy Onuora - 40+3

George Ndah - 40+1

Brian Borrows - 40

Gareth Hall - 39+2

PLAYERS USED - 32

PLAYERS SCORED - 10

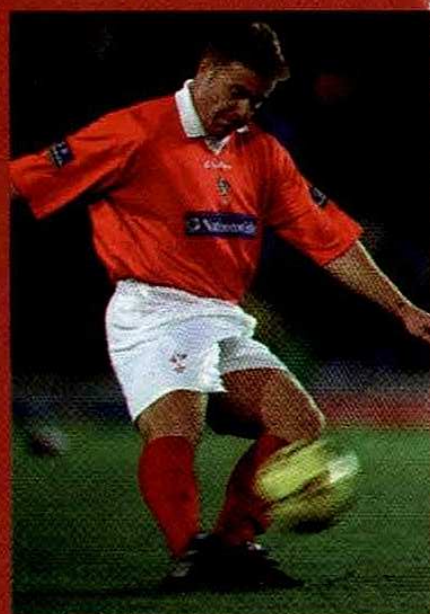
ATTENDANCES

Highest:

11,718 v Crystal P. 21 November

Lowest:

5,765 v Tranmere Rovers 3 March



Gareth Hall.



Back Row: Alan McDonald (Assistant Coach), Craig Taylor, Gareth Davies, George Ndah, Steve Mildenhall, Iffy Onuora, Alan Reeves, Chris Hay, Dave Moore (Physiotherapist).

Middle Row: Frazer McHugh, Robin Hulbert, Philippe Cuervo, Charlie Griffin, Jimmy Glass, Frank Talia, Giuliano Graziosi, Mark Robinson, Lee Collins, Steve Cowe.

Front Row: Sol Davis, James Williams, Mark Walters, Gareth Hall, Mike Walsh (First Team Coach), Jimmy Quinn (Manager), Scott Leitch, Ty Gooden, Bobby Howe, Paul McAreavey.

STEVE MILDENHALL

(goalkeeper)

Born: 13.05.78

A local lad who has progressed through the youth ranks at the club and has broken into the first team this season. He has been kept busy as the goals have flown in, but he has shown plenty of potential.

MARK ROBINSON (defender)

Born: 21.11.68

A former Barnsley defender who played 137 league games for our Yorkshire rivals. Moved on to Newcastle where he played under Kevin Keegan, before joining Swindon in 1994. He has seen the highs and lows at the club since.

ADAM WILLIS (defender)

Born: 21.09.76

Given his professional chance at Coventry, but he failed to make

a league appearance for the Premiership outfit before taking his talents to Swindon a couple of years ago. Had a spell out on loan at Mansfield last season.

ALAN REEVES (defender)

Born: 19.11.67

A well travelled defender who started his career at Norwich. It was at Chester and Rochdale that he made his name before the Premiership chance came at Wimbledon. A consistent performer for Swindon, this Liverpool-born star has been unable to halt their slide.

SOL DAVIS (defender)

Born: 04.09.79

Davis has learned his trade the hard way in Swindon's battle to beat the drop. Established himself in the side last term and has held his own this season. He has time to bounce back and return to the First Division.



Star player

Alan REEVES

GARETH HALL (defender)

Born: 12.03.69

A quality defender who showed his class as he kicked-off his career at Chelsea. A successful spell at Sunderland was to follow, but his gamble of moving to Swindon has not paid off as he would have hoped.

JAMES WILLIAMS (midfielder)

Born: 15.07.82

A raw talent who has confirmed his potential once again this term. Made his league debut for Swindon at the back end of last season and this Liverpool-born grafter is tipped for the top.

SCOTT LEITCH (midfielder)

Born: 06.10.69

Another Scot in the Swindon ranks, he lists Dunfermline and Hearts on his former employer's list. With over 100 league appearances to his credit in Swindon colours, he will feel demotion as much as anyone when this season draws to an end.

LEE COLLINS (midfielder)

Born: 03.02.74

A Scot who has made a successful move down south. Started out at Albion Rovers and made the switch to Swindon in the 1995/96 season.

PAUL McAREAVEY (midfielder)

Born: 03.12.80

On the fringes of Jimmy Quinn's first team this season, he has plenty of time to make a big impact in the game. A Belfast-born youngster who is tipped to play at international level for his country.

CHARLIE GRIFFIN (striker)

Born: 26.06.79

A youngster being given his chance of league football at Swindon. When a club suffers financial problems, it often puts its faith in youth and Jimmy Quinn has done just that with Griffin this season.

GULIANO GRAZIOLI (striker)

BORN: 23. 03.75

Made a break in league football with Peterborough and has done a decent job for Swindon. A powerful striker with a good eye for goal, he has made a late bid to succeed in the pro ranks after starting out in non-league circles.

STEVE COWE (striker)

Born: 29.09.74

Given his chance at shine at Aston Villa as he made his break in the game, but it is at Swindon that he has found a home. He has been at the club for the past five seasons and is a vital squad man.

OUR LAST 10 GAMES AGAINST SWINDON TOWN (United's score first)

1993/94

A	PL	D	0-0	12,882
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1994/95

A	D1	D	2-2	11,013
H	D1	W	3-1	12,217

1996/97

H	D1	W	2-0	12,301
A	D1	L	1-2	8,811

1997/98

H	D1	W	2-1	18,015
A	D1	D	1-1	5,956

1998/99

H	D1	W	2-1	15,977
A	D1	D	2-2	7,583

1999/2000

A	D1	D	2-2	5,504
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THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Include:

Brian Richardson
Paul Richardson
David Munks
Peter Dornan
Tom McAlister
Chris Guthrie
Steve Foley
Mark Dempsey
Brian Marwood
Jan Aage Fjortoft
Graham Anthony

THE BAD BOYS

As yet, no United player has been sent off against Swindon Town.

HAT-TRICK HEROES

Our only hat-trick against Swindon was in a friendly more than 100 years ago

Arthur Watson 2 November 1892

PENALTY SAVERS

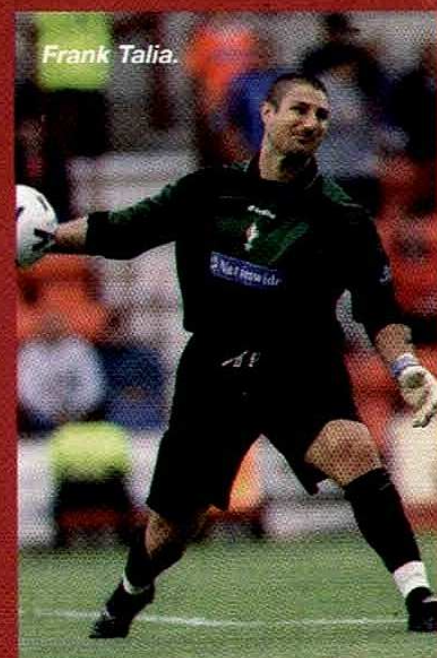
As yet, no Blades' 'keeper has saved a Swindon Town penalty.

FROM THE SPOT

We have scored all three of our penalties against Swindon Town.

Ian Benjamin 1979-80

Tony Kenworthy 1980-81
(both home and away)



Frank Talia.



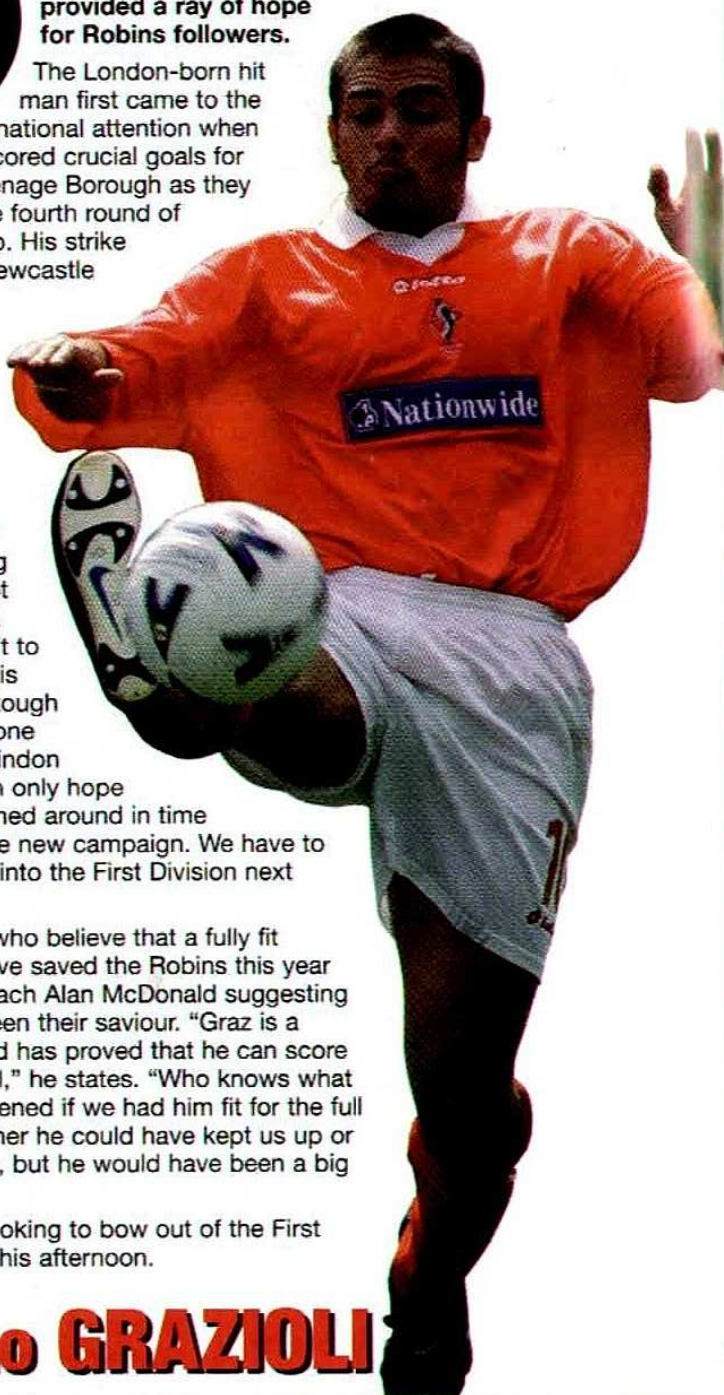
In a season of almost constant disappointments for Swindon Town, the return to fitness and form of striker Guliano Grazioli has provided a ray of hope for Robins followers.

The London-born hit man first came to the national attention when he scored crucial goals for non-league Stevenage Borough as they progressed to the fourth round of the 1998 F.A. Cup. His strike against mighty Newcastle United was the stuff of dreams, but this season has been more akin to a nightmare as injury and relegation have struck him down.

"We said all along that we would not give up without a fight, but it wasn't to be," he says. "This has been a very tough season for everyone involved with Swindon Town and we can only hope that it can be turned around in time for the start of the new campaign. We have to try and get back into the First Division next year."

There are those who believe that a fully fit Grazioli could have saved the Robins this year with Swindon coach Alan McDonald suggesting he could have been their saviour. "Graz is a quality striker and has proved that he can score goals at this level," he states. "Who knows what might have happened if we had him fit for the full campaign. Whether he could have kept us up or not, I don't know, but he would have been a big help."

Grazioli will be looking to bow out of the First Division in style this afternoon.



Guliano GRAZIOLI

Last Ten Games

11/03	D1	A	Charlton Athletic	W	1-0	19,569	Crowe
18/03	D1	H	Wolves	L	1-2	8,748	Williams
22/03	D1	A	Norwich City	W	2-0	13,662	Hay (2-1p)
25/03	D1	A	Portsmouth	L	1-4	15,305	Gray
1/04	D1	H	Manchester City	L	0-2	12,397	
8/04	D1	A	QPR	L	1-2	12,633	Grazioli
15/04	D1	H	Tranmere Rovers	W	3-1	4,925	Griffin, Grazioli, Gray
22/04	D1	H	Fulham	W	1-0	7,556	Grazioli
24/04	D1	A	Stockport County	L	0-3	5,362	
29/04	D1	H	Barnsley	L	1-2	6,151	J. Williams

While Adrian Heath's spell in charge at the start of the season was short and not particularly sweet, some of the signings he made for the Blades have been star players and were crucial figures in the excellent run of form enjoyed after Neil Warnock's arrival.

Two men stick out in particular. Defender **Shaun Murphy** arrived from West Brom on a free transfer in the summer and has been a rock in the heart of United's defence. His total of 687 clearances is not just the most made by a Blades player, but also more than any other stopper in Division One.

Up front meanwhile, **Marcus Bent** was snapped up from Port Vale and has had an excellent season, scoring goals and never giving the

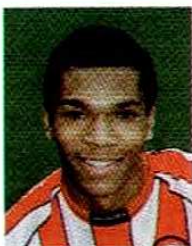
opposition a minute's peace with his pace and eye for the target.

The former Crystal Palace star has had a total of 86 strikes at goal this season, 32 more than his nearest challenger Paul Devlin. Bent has also embarked on 144 dribbles with the ball, only Devlin's total of 210 is superior at Bramall Lane.

Wing-back **Wayne Quinn** has made the most passes, although that category is a close run thing with five players having made in excess of 1,000 passes in 1999-2000, illustrating the fact that United have been playing some decent football.

Quinn has also made the most crosses, beating off the challenges of Devlin, Bobby Ford and his opposite wing-back, Robbie Kozluk.

	Total	SHOOTING
	Shots	Accuracy
Bent	86	47.67%
Devlin	54	53.70%
Smith	47	68.09%
Ford	33	42.42%
Woodhouse	27	33.33%



	Total	CROSSING
	Crosses	Accuracy
Quinn	236	32.20%
Devlin	172	26.74%
Ford	162	33.33%
Kozluk	115	28.70%
Smith	100	25.00%



	Total	DRIBBLE
	Dribbles	Success
Devlin	210	77.62%
Bent	144	71.53%
Ford	90	88.89%
Quinn	89	87.64%
Derry	73	95.89%



	Total	TACKLE
	Tackles	Success
Sandford	114	51.75%
Derry	108	59.26%
Murphy	108	54.63%
Kozluk	98	31.63%
Woodhouse	98	52.04%



	Total	PASSING
	Passes	Accuracy
Quinn	1,552	56.31%
Devlin	1,316	64.82%
Kozluk	1,304	58.05%
Ford	1,219	68.50%
Murphy	1,214	63.26%



	CLEARANCES	BLOCKS
Murphy	687	148
Sandford	439	111
Quinn	212	64
Kozluk	191	67
Craddock	159	27



Fan talk

BLADES FANS' MATCH OF THE DAY

Pictured shortly after tying the knot in Playa Dorado, Dominican Republic, last month are Blades fans **Adrian and Pauline Cousin-Cookson**.

The happy couple are pictured with (in the Blades change colours) Ivan and Christopher Pimperton, who are both members of the Razor Blades Season Ticket Scheme, and Adrian and Pauline's children, Kieron and Elle, both of whom are Junior Blades.



AUSSIE BLADE

Neil Sheedy, aged 24, is currently combining work and leisure 'Down Under' and is pictured, on the left, with a certain star of an Australian soap.

After gaining his University degree he worked for a year to help finance this trip and left Sheffield in early September 1999, for Sydney, calling in at Bangkok on the way!

With some friends he then made his way clockwise around the coast of Australia, working 'here and there'.

He particularly enjoyed seeing the Grand Prix in Melbourne, swimming with the dolphins and, of course, drinking the Aussie beer!

His Mum and Dad – a steward in the John Street Stand – are looking forward to his return in July.



PLEASE KEEP OFF THE PITCH

The Club has been reminded by the Football League that in the interests of crowd safety supporters should NOT enter the field of play at any time – before, during or after a game.

This is especially appropriate at the end of today's game and details of the players' 'Thank you to the fans' gesture will be given over the tannoy.



WORTHWHILE 550 MILE ROUND TRIPS

Neill Farnsworth, and his sons Adam, 9, and Andrew, 15, are more than happy to make the 550-mile round trips from their Torquay home to Bramall Lane to watch the Blades. His five visits this season – against Wolves, Manchester City, Tranmere, West Brom and Stockport – have resulted 15 points out of a maximum 15 – something of a lucky charm!

Neill's affiliation with the Blades comes from being born in Sharrow. For the past 14 years he has lived in Torquay, but often makes the taxing journey to Sheffield 2.

He keeps in touch with the news at Bramall Lane and, being a talented artist, he often sketches pictures of United players, some of which are on sale in the Blades Superstore.

His youngest son, Adam, is Sheffield United crazy and has been a mascot twice already this season. Neil comments: "The mascot package is excellent, I'd recommend it to anyone, especially the Dads!"

**Neill is on the lookout for a few of this season's matchday programmes to try and complete his collection. He needs programmes from the games against Walsall, Charlton, Portsmouth and Fulham. If anyone can help he can be contacted on 01803 292353.

BLADES SAFE AFTER LANE DRAW

United Reserves ensured their safety from relegation with a point from their draw with promotion-chasing Wrexham. The Bramall Lane result, combined with Walsall's defeat against Blackpool, meant the Blades could not be dragged into the bottom two of Division One of the Pontin's League.

A Blades team containing three trialists – Palestinian striker Wassim El Banna, Middlesbrough's Brian Kelly and Wimbledon's Richard O'Connor – led twice against the Welsh outfit.

Adam **BURLEY** gave United the lead after 33 minutes when he calmly slotted home after Wrexham goalkeeper Walsh failed to hold a high cross into the penalty area.

But Andy **MORRELL** levelled for the visitors on 59 minutes. He was allowed a free header to beat Matt Duke following a cross from the right.

Ben **DOANE** replaced Andy Woodward on 61 minutes and the utility defender experienced an eventful final half hour. Firstly, on 68 minutes, he stepped up and fired a free-kick low into the corner from the edge of the penalty area.

But it was the same player who levelled the scores seven minutes later when he headed into his own net following yet another deep cross; under pressure Doane was unable to steer his header away from the top left hand corner of the net.

RESULT

Sheffield United 2 Wrexham 2
Pontin's League – Division One
Wednesday 19 April 2000

United: Duke, Woodward (Doane 61), Davies, Kelly (J. O'Connor 64), Gysbrechts, R. O'Connor (Cryan 72), Wilson, Jagielka, El Banna, Macari, Burley. Unused: Mosley, Anderson.

Wrexham: Walsh, Evans, Cooper, Moody (Watkin 71), Roberts, Thomas, Chalk, Warren, Morrell, Faulconbridge, Lowe. Unused: Cox, Rogers, Johnson, Arkle.

Scorers: United – Burley (33), Doane (68). Wrexham – Morrell (59), Doane og (75).

UNITED GATECRASH MILLERS' PARTY

The Blades travelled to Millmoor in the knowledge that Rotherham were already assured of the Pontin's League title, but Dougie Hodgson's United side returned with a well-deserved victory following another Adam Burley strike.

Hodgson commented: "It was great to finish the season on a high note – it was a superb performance and proved we can compete with the best in the division."

The Blades coach also believes the scoreline could have looked sweeter had United taken advantage of the numerous chances they created. Ben Doane, who is carving out a reputation of something of a deadball specialist, peppered the Rotherham goal with three dangerous free-kicks, including one that crashed against the crossbar.

The decisive goal came after 31 minutes and from the unlikely source of Adam **BURLEY'S** right boot. The left-winger cut inside and fired past Pettinger from 12 yards.

Doug added: "In the first half wingers Burley and Smeets caused Rotherham all sorts of problems, with Davies and Woodward overlapping. In the second half, the home side did close up the supply lines from the wings and pressured us, but we defended well and deserved our victory."

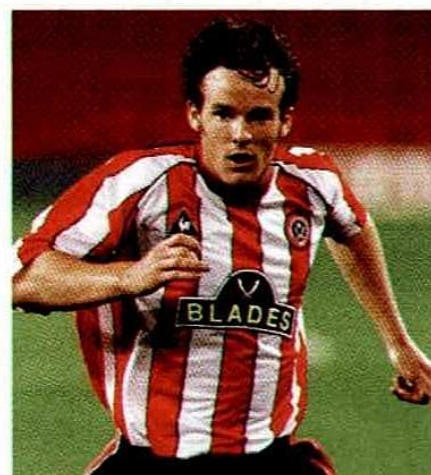
RESULT

Rotherham United 0
Sheffield United 1
Pontin's League – Division One
Tuesday 25 April 2000

Rotherham: Pettinger, Barker, Monkhouse, Ingledow, Artell, Beech, Holyer (Shelton 33), Hudson, Roden (Alabi 83), Berry, Turner. Unused: Connor, Capill, Barraclough.

United: Duke, Woodward, Davies, O'Connor, Gysbrechts, Cryan, Smeets, Doane, Macari (McAughtrie 75), El Banna (Ward 83), Burley. Unused: Dempsey, Anderson, L. Thompson.

Scorer: Burley (31).



TWO IN TWO Adam Burley.

DIVISION ONE 1999/2000

Aug	18 W	Shrewsbury Town	2-2
Sept	1 W	Lincoln City	4-0
	8 W	Scarborough	0-1
	15 W	Walsall	1-1
	29 W	Scunthorpe United	1-2
Oct	6 W	Blackpool	0-2
	20 W	Tranmere Rovers (PLC)	0-1
	27 W	Stockport County	2-0
Nov	3 W	Wrexham	2-0
	10 W	Chesterfield (PLC)	4-0
Dec	1 W	Notts County	3-4
	8 W	Bury (PLC)	1-2
	14 Tu	York City	1-0
Jan	5 W	Blackpool	0-0
	10 M	Bury (PLC)	4-1
	19 W	Scunthorpe United	0-2
	26 W	Lincoln City	1-0
Feb	2 W	Shrewsbury Town	0-1
	7 M	Chesterfield (PLC)	1-1
	23 W	Walsall	1-3
Mar	13 M	Huddersfield Town (PLC)	1-2
	15 W	York City	2-2
	22 W	Scarborough (2.00pm)	3-0
	29 W	Notts County	2-1
April	5	Rotherham United (7.00pm)	1-1
	12 W	Stockport County	1-2
	19 W	Wrexham	2-2
	25 Tue	Rotherham United	1-0

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Up to and including 2 May 2000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham United	22	11	6	5	30	18	39
Stockport County	22	11	5	6	39	26	38
Wrexham	22	10	6	6	36	27	36
Blackpool	22	9	6	7	27	22	33
Scunthorpe United	22	9	5	8	29	27	32
Lincoln City	22	8	7	7	25	27	31
Sheffield United	22	8	6	8	30	26	30
York City	22	9	3	10	23	33	30
Shrewsbury Town	22	6	9	7	19	23	27
Walsall	22	6	6	10	34	33	24
Notts County	22	6	6	10	32	37	24
Scarborough	22	3	7	12	17	42	16

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Keep it in the family



Welcome to everyone in the Family Enclosure today for our final match of the 1999-2000 season against Swindon. It doesn't seem to be nine months since the season began and, unfortunately, it won't go down as a season to be remembered after all our problems - but at least we are safe and will be competing in Division One again next season.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Family Enclosure and its activities. Enjoy the break, have a good holiday and we are looking forward to seeing you again next season. Enjoy the game.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Now, the moment you have all been waiting for...the announcement of the Family Enclosure Player of the Year and the winner is.. PAUL DEVLIN, who edged Marcus Bent into second place and Shaun Murphy into third.

Paul will hopefully be presented with the Family Enclosure Trophy prior to today's game. Congratulations Paul.



LOOK WHO'S HERE!!

The Chaffins in the Family Enclosure.

PRIZE COMPETITION

The winner of the final quiz for the 1999-2000 season was **Lucy Wood**. She correctly answered:

(1) lost 1-0, (2) Doncaster Belles v Croydon, (3) Joe Public FC.

Lucy will receive her prize at today's game and also joins all the other winners of our prize quiz on the Roll of Honour, printed below.

Jason Horsfall	Paolo Bughelli
Greg Burgen	Paul Lock
Robert Elstone	Tracey Garner
Jonathan Parker	Stephen Hughes
Matthew Weigold	Matthew Weigold
Thomas Kirkland	Benjamin Shepherd
Andy Cliffe	Lee Burgen
Thomas Whiteley	Thomas Kirkland
Ryan Walker	Anna Hardisty
Adam Birch	Lucy Wood
Lucy Machin	

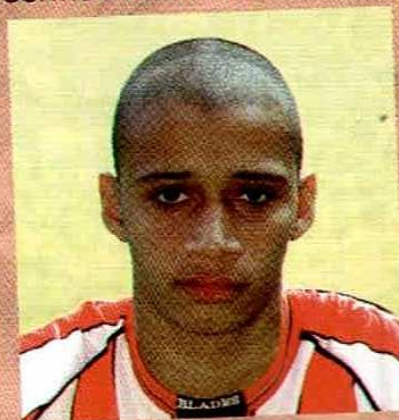
WHERE WERE YOU ON...

4 May 1997 - when the Blades travelled to Charlton Athletic for the last league encounter of the season and drew 0-0.

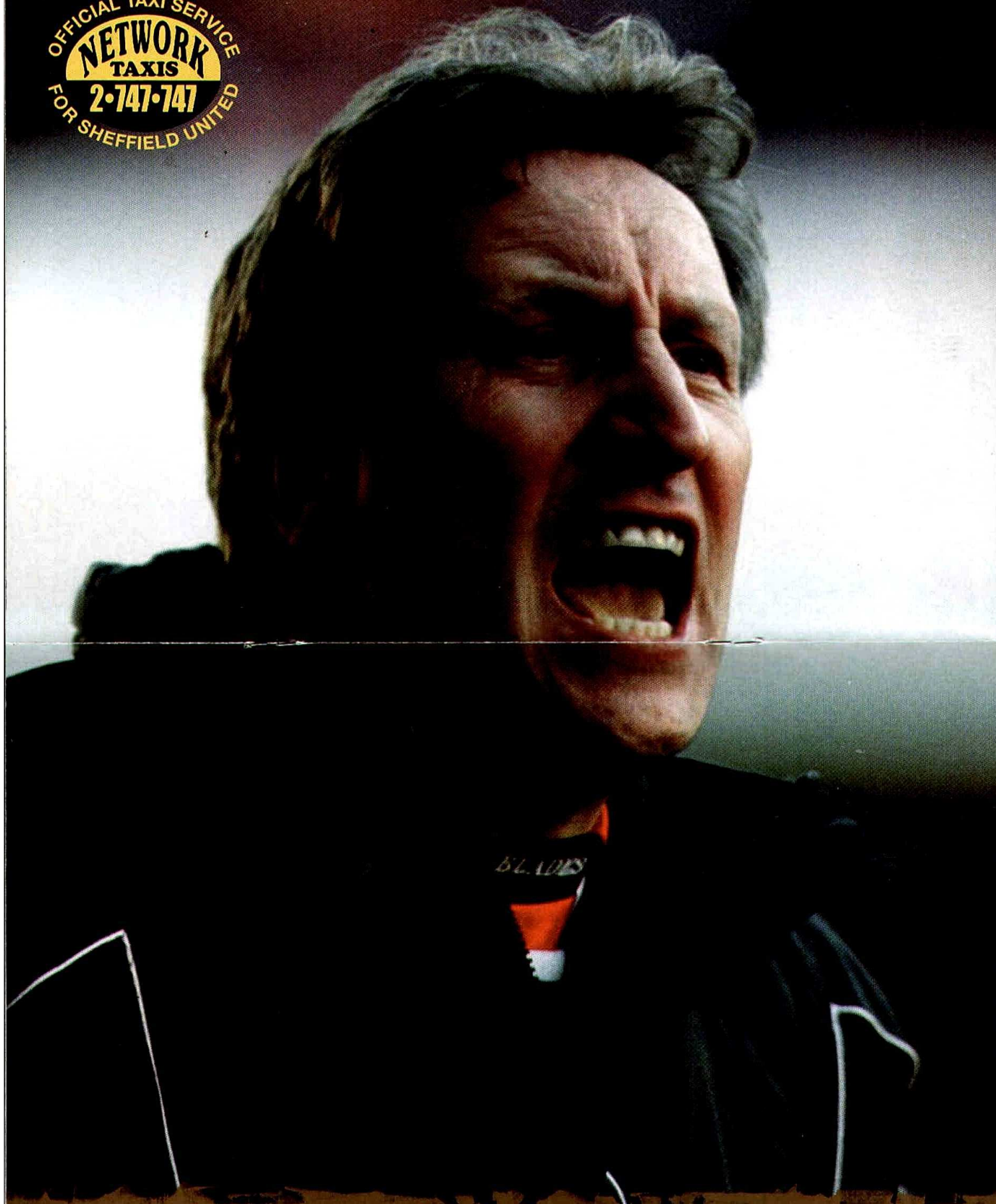
They thought it was all over, but it wasn't - the play-off semi-final and final were to follow... along with that last minute Crystal Palace goal...

MAN OF THE MATCH

The voting for the match against Crewe Alexandra was, in third place, Paul Devlin, second Lee Sandford, but the winner was... CURTIS WOODHOUSE.



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BLADES *Revival*

(22 April 2000)

£1,000	0624 D. Lindsay, S14
£100	2685 D. Drabble, S18
£50	2822 G. Sykes, S20
£50	1994 V. Hicklin, S25
£25	2017, 1816, 0860, 2797, 1189, 2298, 0604, 0555

£500 Thomas Cook Travel Voucher
2004 J. Stewart, S6

BLADES *Magnificent 7*

(21 April 2000)

Sat	£600	5761 C. Robinson, S9
Sun	£100	203902 M. Mills, S7
Mon	£100	000312 G. H. Mathewman, S12
Tue	£100	101980 K. J. Pickering, Stocksbridge
Wed	£150	200796 I. Morton, Oughtibridge
Thu	£150	203055 P. Spaven, S20
Fri	£500	120652 R. Fletcher, Rotherham

(28 April 2000)

Sat	£200	4388 I. Foster, S12
Sun	£100	211203 M. R. Newton, S8
Mon	£100	103433 N. Reaney, S20
Tue	£100	208787 C. G. John, S4
Wed	£150	007075 Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, Worksop
Thu	£150	111411 C. Stepniak, S8
Fri	£500	200342 J. Wallace, S8

BLADES *50/50* MATCHDAY DRAW

(v Crewe)

1st prize	£308	4584
2nd prize	Match tickets	8908
3rd prize	Match tickets	4197
4th prize	Match tickets	4994

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Sheffield United Football Club and the South Yorkshire Police have a very detailed evacuation procedure in place should the need arise. Regular supporters will become aware that throughout the season we will occasionally broadcast the following message: **'ALL POLICE AND STEWARDS GO TO PHASE FIVE.'** In the event that the message is given, please remain seated and listen carefully to the following announcements. Loudspeakers are located not only in the stands but in all concourse areas and outside the stadium. Any Emergency messages will also be immediately relayed to the restaurant areas and private boxes within the stadium.

Whole stands, part of stands, or the entire stadium may have to be evacuated. Depending on the nature of the incident, the evacuation may be forward onto the playing area, once play has stopped, or out of the stadium.

The Public Address System operates on a zone to zone basis throughout the whole stadium. It may be that certain zones are affected but not others. Therefore any announcements will be directed to the area affected and attention will be specifically focused on the spectators using that part of the ground.

If you hear an announcement broadcast within in the stadium which is not directed at the area where you are situated, please ignore it. You should only respond to messages directed at your section of the stadium.

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BLADES DENT MILLERS' TITLE BID

Rotherham would have been crowned champions of the FLYA Merit Premier Division had they their local rivals United at Hooton Lodge. However, they didn't count on the Blades giving their best performance under Coach Ron Reid and three goals in the final 30 minutes gave them a comprehensive victory.

Reid commented: "Our side was a lot younger than theirs and many of the Rotherham players had reserve team experience, but we passed the ball brilliantly and it was a pleasure to watch – an outstanding performance and all our players can be proud of themselves."

Debut triallist goalkeeper, Mervyn Travers, a Republic of Ireland U-17 international currently with Leeds, did well and United were impressive throughout the ranks but had to wait until the 61st minute before opening the scoring. Mark **WARD** netted with ease from the penalty spot after Nick Montgomery had been hauled down.



TIMELY INTERVENTION
Lewis Killeen.

Lewis Killeen was introduced as a substitute and within minutes had doubled the lead. Good work by Lee Thompson and Montgomery ended with **KILLEEN** getting across his marker to score from Stuart Clarke's cross.

Rotherham pulled a goal back from a corner late in the game, which could have caused panic in the Blades defence, but **MONTGOMERY** broke through seconds later and shot across the goalkeeper to add a third.

MATCH FACTS

Rotherham United 1
Sheffield United 3

Football League Youth Alliance –
Merit Premier Division

Saturday 22 April 2000

United: Travers, Dempsey, Hayden, Cryan, Spencer, L. Thompson, Anderson (Tonge 89), Montgomery, Fayenuwo (Killeen 62), Ward, Colvin (Clarke 55). Unused: Mallon, Browne.

Scorers: Ward (61 pen), Killeen (68), Montgomery (87).

SIGNING OFF WITH A POINT

United completed a creditable season with an away point at Port Vale. A second minute strike from Michael Anderson was cancelled out with eight minutes remaining to deny the Blades maximum points.

Ron Reid's side dominated the early exchanges and looked to be heading for a handsome win when **ANDERSON** cut in from the right and curled the ball around the goalkeeper to net a superb individual goal.

For the remainder of the first half, United created and wasted several excellent opportunities, allowing Vale to come more into the fixture. The home side remained on top after the interval, but United almost claimed a second when Mark Ward's shot was parried by the goalkeeper and the ball was cleared

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE - NORTHERN PREMIER MERIT DIVISION

Mar	4	S	Oldham Athletic	1-3
	11	S	Blackpool	2-2
	18	S	York City	2-1
	25	S	Hartlepool United	0-3
April	1	S	Bury	0-2
	8	S	Scunthorpe United	1-2
	22	S	Rotherham United	3-1
	28	F	Port Vale	1-1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

PREMIER DIVISION NORTH

Up to and including Tuesday 2 May 2000

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	8	5	2	1	12	7	17
Blackpool	8	5	1	2	16	12	16
Rotherham United	8	4	2	2	10	9	14
Oldham Athletic	8	4	1	3	15	10	13
Scunthorpe United	8	4	1	3	15	10	13
Hartlepool United	7	3	0	4	9	12	9
Sheffield United	8	2	2	4	10	15	8
Port Vale	7	1	2	4	9	14	5
York City	8	1	1	6	8	15	4

off the line before Lee Thompson could make contact with the rebound.

Going into the closing stages, United looked set for three points, but Vale grabbed the equaliser to spoil a clean sheet for goalkeeper Ben Scott, who was making his debut at this level after stepping up from United's Centre of Excellence U-16s squad.

MATCH FACTS

Port Vale 1 Sheffield United 1

Football League Youth Alliance –
Merit Premier Division

Friday 28 April 2000

United: Scott, Dempsey, Hayden (Brown 38), L. Thompson (Tonge 71), Spencer, Cryan, Anderson, Montgomery, Ward, T. Thompson, Clarke (Fayenuwo 73). Unused: Killeen, Medlock.

Scorer: Anderson (2)

New-look Blades par



It will be a new-look Sheffield United today as the Blades parade their new home kit for next season following the signing of an exclusive two-year contract with one of the country's top kit manufacturers.

And the 'true colours' from the new official kit supplier, the Midlands-based **PATRICK TEAM TEXTILES**, have already proved to be a winner with one of the Blades' best-known fans.

Star of *The Bill* television series **RAY ASHCROFT** is full of praise for the new-look.

"The kit looks and feels great. It's another clear indication the Blades are heading in the right direction," said Ray, who follows the Blades home and away when filming commitments allow.

Team boss Neil Warnock has been instrumental in ensuring there is a 'real United look' to the strip. The home strip features broad red and white stripes, a high V-neck with a black collar, black shorts and traditional red socks. Details of a new away kit will be announced shortly.

Replica kit and a new range of leisurewear, will go on sale from 3 June, although fans can pre-order the replica kit.

It will be exclusively available from the Club's superstore and other official outlets. The cost of all replica shirts will be £3 cheaper than this season's launch price.



NEIL WARNOCK said: "I had an input into the design of the kit. I wanted the kit to be bold and strong but, at the same time, classy – the way I want the team to perform next season. I am sure it will be a winner with the fans."

United Commercial Manager **ADRIAN DANES** said: "This is a six-figure deal with one of the leading kit manufacturers in the UK. It is another terrific commercial boost for Sheffield United and our fans.

"Next season's full strip represents terrific value for money. It will be a lot cheaper to buy and it is guaranteed not to change for two years.

"For the first time we have introduced a replica youth strip at special prices to bridge the big gap between child and adult – we believe this will be a popular move with families.

"It is the earliest the Club has ever launched its new kit and means fans will be able to buy replica shirts for their

ade their true colours

summer holidays as well as the start of the new season. In fact, anyone who pre-orders will have their kit delivered prior to the official launch date and have a chance of winning special prizes," added Mr. Danes.

The contract with Patrick Team Textiles, includes all match and training kit. Patrick Team Textiles Managing Director Mike Campion said: "Patrick is very proud to have been chosen as the exclusive kit supplier to a high profile club such as Sheffield United, who have a tremendous following and exciting potential.

"We have kept the home design in a very traditional style and have had the support and input of Neil Warnock in the design detail," added Mr. Campion.

The Patrick brand has been involved in soccer for more than 50 years, with footwear and clothing, and brings a wealth of experience to Sheffield United's kit supply.

Patrick currently supply kit to fellow Nationwide Division One clubs such as West Bromwich Albion, Stockport County and Worthington Cup finalists Tranmere Rovers, and also to the Irish Football Federation and to the Great Britain and Ireland Rugby League Team.

Kit Price Details

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(34ins-40ins)

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SHORTS

(30ins-32ins)

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CHILDREN

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SOCKS (sizes 11-1)

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HOW TO ORDER

Fans can pre-order the kit via the Club's website (www.sufc.co.uk), fax (0114 272 3030), mail order hotline (Bladesdirect 0114 221 7777) or FREEPOST (no stamp required), Sheffield United Football Club, SF402, Sheffield S2 1ZZ.

CRYSTAL PEAKS, TOO!!!

The official launch date for the kit is **3 June 2000**. From the following day until 10 June the new strip will be available from a special Sheffield United retail outlet at the **CRYSTAL PEAKS** shopping centre.

SALE TIME!!

A massive **SALE** of existing kit, leisurewear and other items begins on **Monday, (8 May)** at the Club's superstore (at the back of the Arnold Laver South Stand) prior to a major re-fit and expansion.

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ENGLAND BOSS GRACES LANE SHOWPIECE

Bramall Lane staged a Cup Final – and Kevin Keegan was there!

That was the scenario last Monday when Croydon edged out Doncaster Belles 2-1 in the AXA F.A. Women's Cup Final.



Left: Kevin Keegan presents a runners-up medal to the Belles' Michelle Jackson.



Above: Doncaster's Gill Coultard tussles with Gemma Hunt.

**** Pictures courtesy of Sheffield Newspapers**

GOING TO THE WALL

Twelve-year-old Gareth Drabble of Manton, Worksop, has a talented mum – and here is the picture to prove it!

When his parents re-decorated his bedroom, complete with Blades pics, mum spent two days painting the United logo on his wall and Gareth, who goes to the matches with his Dad says: "She's done a brilliant job."



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to Kop Season Ticket Holder **Trudy Walker**, who will celebrate her 21st on Thursday. Best wishes from Ian, Mark and Dad. Trudy is pictured at an earlier birthday celebration...



...also **Paige Godbehere**, who is 8 today. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Hollie, Nan and Grandad.

...and best wishes to **Natalie Hinchliffe** (pictured), who will be 7 years old on 4 June. Lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Stephanie and all your friends at SUFC, especially Claire and James...



Lane business...

With Adrian Danes,
General Manager –
Commercial.



Welcome

We have a surprise for all fans today with captain Lee Sandford leading the team out in the new home kit, designed and manufactured by Patrick Textiles UK Ltd, our new official kit supplier.

Neil Warnock has given the kit his seal of approval and we hope you will agree that it will be a superb addition to any Blades fan's wardrobe. The kit goes on sale in early June and we hope to see as many United supporters as possible wearing it when the 2000-2001 campaign kicks off in August. But don't forget, you can pre-order your replica kit and have it delivered to your home in time for your summer holiday – see the insert in the centre of today's match programme for full details.

In preparation for the arrival of our new kit, there will be a massive clearance sale in the Blades Superstore from tomorrow - and all current stock must go as we must make room for our new range.

See page 10 for full details, but don't miss out – you have just two weeks to pick up a bargain.

The Blades Superstore is scheduled to re-open on Saturday 3 June with brand new lines of United merchandise and leisurewear.

Today marks the end of our current campaign and I would like to welcome our sponsors for the encounter against Swindon Town, Match Sponsor, Sixt Leasing, and Match Ball Sponsor, Hallmarks Business Development.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all our sponsors and corporate guests, who have kindly supported us throughout the season. Obviously we will be speaking to you all throughout the summer and look forward to seeing you back at Bramall Lane in August.

Enjoy today's game and have a good summer.

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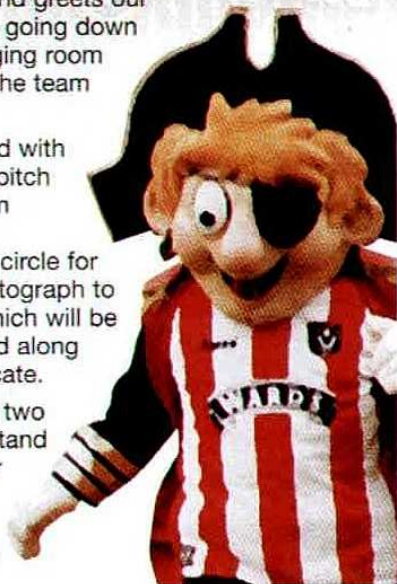
NEW FOR THE COMING SEASON...

In addition to our popular mascot package, we will be introducing a chance for your child to be **Captain Blade's helpers**.

They will be the guiding hands of our famous Club mascot as he meets and greets our Match Sponsors, then going down to the first team changing room for photographs with the team shirts.

Then it is a kick around with Captain Blade on the pitch before joining our team captain and the day's mascots in the centre circle for the toss up and a photograph to mark the occasion, which will be presented to your child along with a souvenir certificate.

The package includes two tickets for the Laver Stand and costs just **£60** per child. For more details, or to book, contact **John Garrett** on **0114 221 3165**.



THANKS TO OUR MASCOTS

Thanks to all mascots and their families for making my first season in charge so enjoyable. It was daunting taking over from Mick Rooker after he had done such a superb job with them for over eleven years, but it turned out to be one of our busiest seasons yet.

We have already taken over twenty provisional bookings for next season and, needless to say, a possible fixture concerning a certain team from across the city is already more than fully booked!

Next season should be superb and we are taking bookings **NOW** so if there is a certain date you have in mind, such as a birthday, then give me a call on **0114 221 3165**.

Photographer, Mick Newton, has done a brilliant job with his pictures and support of the above and thanks also to **UCI Cinemas** (Crystal Peaks) for their support of the mascot package.

Finally, thanks to all the schools who have so far taken part in our **'Kids, United and Health'** roadshow. The results of the flag competition will be published in the first home programme of next season. Keep your eyes open, the roadshow will be coming your way soon.

Enjoy the summer.

John Garrett, Liaison Officer

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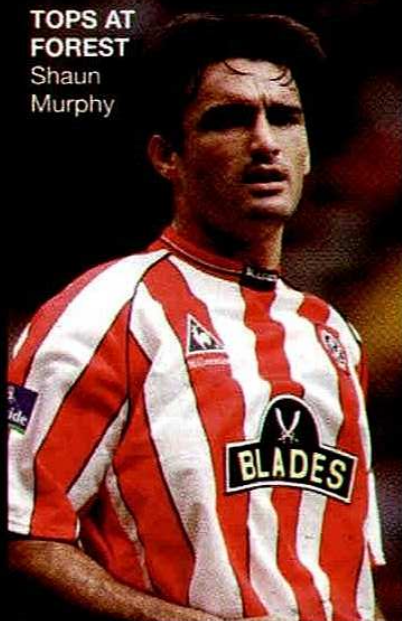
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Shaun Murphy



NOTTS TOO BAD?

"We didn't get a win against Forest but I thought it was a good performance. Murphy had a brilliant game. I counted six crucial tackles or headers he made that would probably have resulted in a goal otherwise. So I, for one, am optimistic for next season. Can't wait for it to start, in fact."

From 'Tony Currie'

GATECRASHED?

"... We have dwindling gates but they are similar to those at Ipswich, Bolton, Huddersfield, Charlton etc. There should be no reason why we can't be in the play-off places this time next season."

From Copenhagen Blade

SIMON SAVES

"Is that four penalties he's saved this season? (Birmingham, Rushden, Swindon, Forest all away). That is a phenomenal record. What a 'keeper! Well and truly THE number 1."

From Red and White Blood

SCOTS MISSED

"Why did Craig Brown not put Paul Devlin in the latest Scotland squad? This is the most blatant bit of discrimination against Sheffield United players I've seen for ages!"

From Reg

SAME AGAIN

"If you had the opportunity to go back in time and choose your club all over again – yet knowing what you know now about the Blades' ups and downs over the years – would you change allegiance? The unanimous verdict in our pub discussion was: 'I wouldn't change a thing'. It's a Blade thing!"

From Musical Blade

FOREIGN BODIES

"When the 1st Division became the Premiership there were about 30 foreigners; now they reckon that figure has risen to just below 200. Something drastic needs to be done. My proposal would be to limit foreigners to four per team and have at least three members of the squad under the age of 21 and be English. This would surely bring more exciting young kids onto the scene. By foreigners I mean those outside the UK."

From Rob Blade

"I agree something must be done, but ... Brussels simply will not allow it. Now if the managers were to come to some sort of agreement behind closed doors, maybe the future of England could be safe. How come Italy or Spain aren't complaining of similar problems?"

From Intake Blade

"How much would Kanu cost if he was English? Fifteen, 17 million? Seriously, think about it. If Shearer

was worth 15 million... Think about how few players with the kind of skill, flair and audacity that Kanu possesses who are English. Actually, there aren't any. Perhaps this is why England are so average. We have no one who can do the unbelievable, and the unexpected. Maybe Joe Cole, but he's still very unproven."

From Beans

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IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE LAST WEEK....

"..... since the first match of the season – Portsmouth away. Glorious sunny weather. Smeets getting sent off, Devlin missing a penalty, Murphy looking awful. Getting sun burned. Nearly getting beaten up in the Shepherd's Crook after the game when we were sussed by the local nutters. Ending up in the middle of a Portsmouth housing estate, very drunk and pushing my mate in a shopping trolley.

Looking forward to doing it all again in August."

Rob



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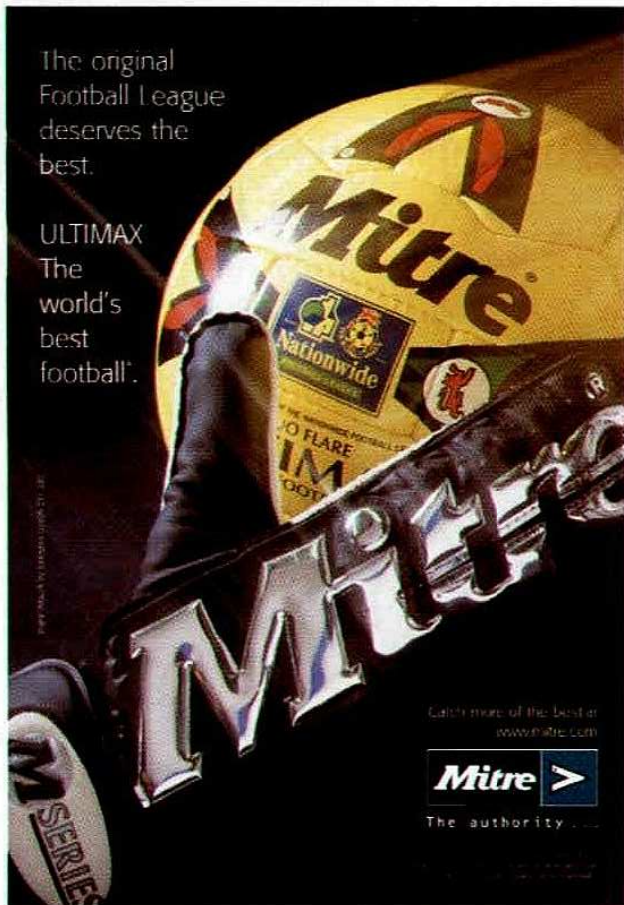


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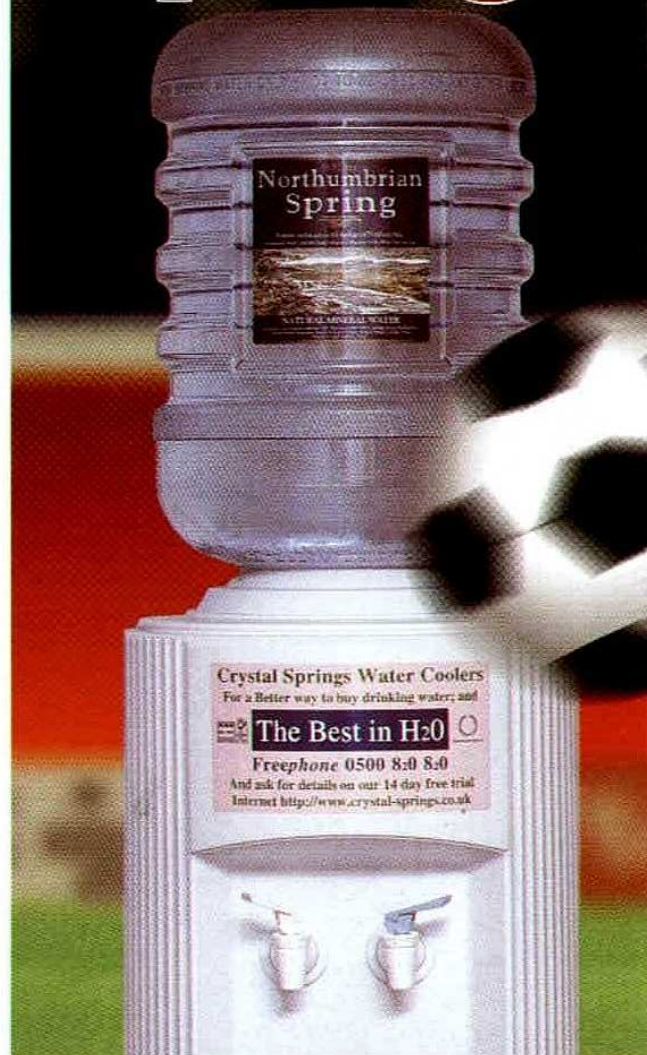
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Interview

With the drop zone in the Premiership fluctuating like a typical British summer, **SIMON TRACEY** has stuck his neck on the line to say that he believes his former club, Wimbledon, will live to fight another day – leaving Sheffield Wednesday to join United in the Nationwide League next season. When the Premiership campaign reaches its conclusion next week, the Blades goalkeeper is sure that our neighbours will be relegated and he will be given the opportunity to extend his impressive record against the Owls.

SIMON IS OWLS NIGHTMARE

"Wednesday must go down," says Simon. "They have had an appalling season and the defeat against Sunderland cost them dearly – I don't think they will be able to get a result at Arsenal.

"And I hope Wimbledon avoid the drop. Some people have put a lot of work into that club, especially the likes of Dave Bassett and Joe Kinnear, and they won't want to see them relegated after a bad run of about ten games.

"My prediction is, Wimbledon to stay up and Bradford and Wednesday to join Watford in the relegation places."

Simon is really looking forward to playing against Wednesday next season. He has a good record against the blue and white half of the city and hopes to continue the good form which helped the 31-year-old pick up a number of man of the match nominations, and Player of the Year awards, at the Lane this season.

He adds: "United have never lost to Wednesday whilst I've been in goal. I played both games in the famous 1991-92 'double' season and when we drew at home a couple of years later."

There was also an incident in the first derby encounter of the '90s – in November 1991 when goals from Dane Whitehouse and Brian Deane secured a 2-0 success – that spurs Simon on to do well against the Hillsborough side.

"I remember it vividly and it still sours our victory that day. It was just before half-time when Dane scored. I was at the Bramall Lane end and went on a celebratory run around the back of the goal with my arms in the air. One of the Wednesday fans complained to the F.A. that I made obscene gestures and I maintain to this day that I didn't, although the authorities did fine me £500 for leaving the pitch – a small price to pay for such an important victory.

"But derby games are special and will be great for the city – it is just a pity that the matches will be in Division One and not the Premiership."

After a long and tiring season, Simon is now looking forward to his summer break before beginning his preparations for a tough 2000-2001 campaign, when a couple of games against Wednesday could be among the highlights.

He has missed just one and half games this season – through suspension – and has not played as many games in a season since the 1989-90 campaign when he played all but one in the promotion-winning march.

Simon concludes: "It has been a long slog this year; I've played over fifty games and I'm looking forward to a rest and then getting back in shape for next season.

"I've had quite a good run of form, starting quite well, although I've been a bit inconsistent towards the end. The Gaffer has got us well organised and working hard and that was the basis when we won our last promotion, so I'm quite optimistic..."



Blades away



NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0 UNITED 0

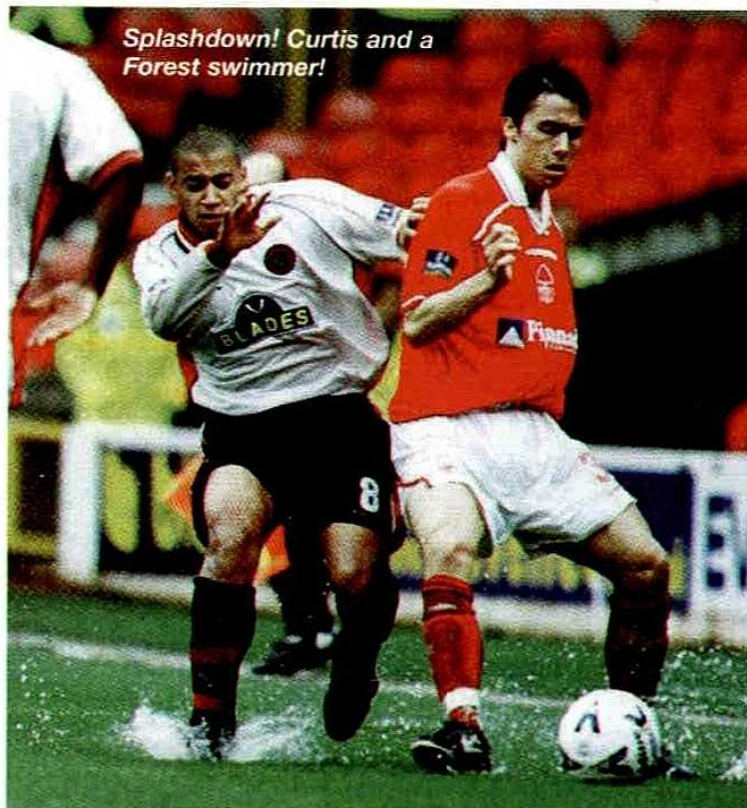
April showers, yes, but this was ridiculous! At 2.30pm it was warm and sunny but as the teams came out the heavens opened. Simon Tracey's goalmouth became like a pond yet, to be fair, the pitch held up very well. Years ago such a downpour would inevitably have resulted in abandonment but, after the rain stopped, the second half was played out in near normal conditions.

The first half was a bit of a joke; players trying to run with the ball often found it sticking in the long grass, and short passes on the ground were definitely out so the referee made generous allowance for the conditions. But when Simon and Lee Sandford clashed with Lester in the penalty area the referee must have thought it was time to impose some authority.

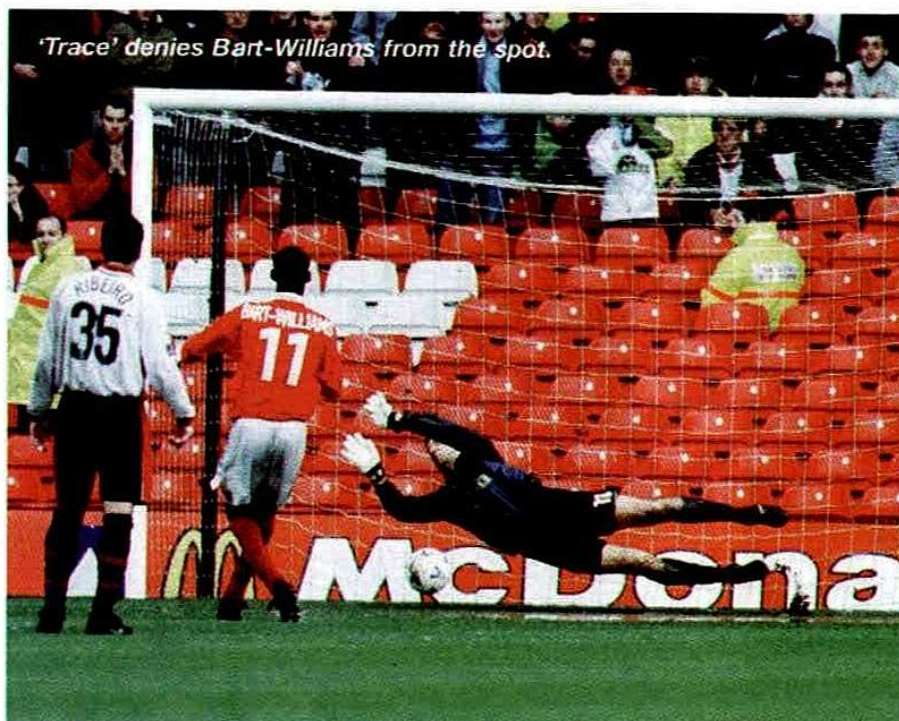
Simon decided that the conditions were perfect for a full-length dive and re-enacted Lester's theatrical fall to show the referee what had really happened. 'Trace' deserved full marks for artistic impression, and the fans loved it; unfortunately the referee didn't, so Simon was awarded a yellow card.

However, much to our relief, he showed how much he was relishing the conditions by bringing off a

Splashdown! Curtis and a Forest swimmer!



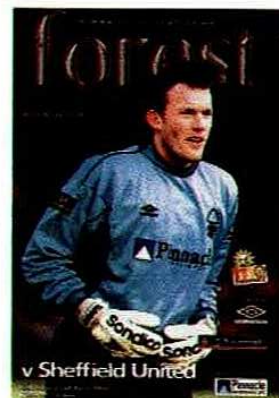
Trip mileage: 92
Season mileage: 5,234



'Trace' denies Bart-Williams from the spot.

really good penalty stop. With the pool of water remaining in the goalmouth until the break, the inevitable chant of "Simon Tracey walks on water" soon rang out from Blades fans!

After the break the weather and the pitch improved and United battled well, far far better than at Fulham, but didn't really look much like scoring. That was the fourth in a row away without a goal but at least this time the endeavours earned a deserved point





NORWICH CITY 2 UNITED 1

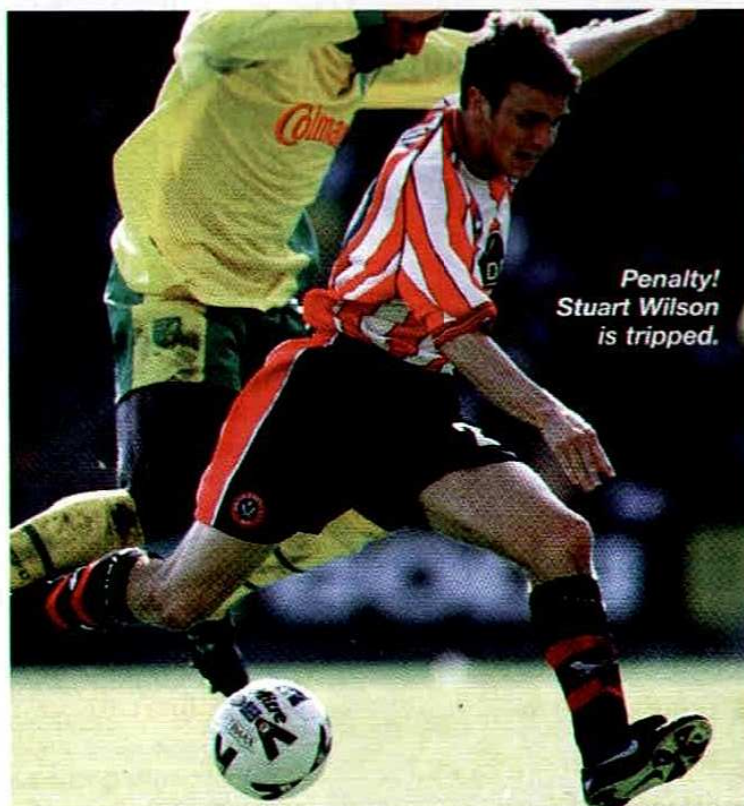
A long journey to end the season but, despite a very reasonable away support, the match ended in disappointment. Falling behind early on, United were very much second best in the first half, but after the break it was entirely different. City must have wondered what had hit them as United played as if their lives depended on it in cup tie fashion.

Unfortunately, all of the effort only translated into Paul Devlin's well taken penalty so the worrying trend of being a second half team remained with them throughout this season.

I remember back in the early 1970s that Crystal Palace had the same problem. To overcome it the manager got them to play a six-a-side match immediately before running out for a league fixture. The visitors were United and despite us beating Ipswich 7-0 at Bramall Lane the previous week,

Palace hammered us 5-1!

The trip to Norwich ended a disappointing season on the road. Early humiliation at both Manchester City and Preston was largely forgotten when the new manager was appointed. An astonishingly comprehensive victory at Birmingham on Boxing Day



*Penalty!
Stuart Wilson
is tripped.*

promised great things, yet we only had one more victory to enjoy away from the Lane, and that was against soon to be relegated Port Vale.

For some it's off to the Caribbean this week to see United, for others of us there's planning to be done for the pre-season tour of Cornwall. Come what may, next season Blades fans will once again be there in force.



**Trip mileage: 298
Season mileage: 5,532**



'Dev' wallops the spot-kick past Marshall.

Community blades



Tony Currie reviews what's been going on with Football in the Community, and other community events. Telephone 0114 276 9314.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Sheffield United Football in the Community will today present Simon Tracey with their Player of the Year Trophy. Simon has had a superb season and has shown what a

great goalkeeper he has always been. Congratulations Simon, you deserve it!

HALF-TIME SHOOT-OUT

Last time out Totley did well but couldn't get near the massive 40 scored by Hazlebarrow School a few matches ago. Today, Westways School will have the last chance to win the title for this season.

Good luck to you all – see you again next season!

Birthday Treats

Come and have your birthday party at Bramall Lane!

Let us show you around the ground, and remember, book Mondays or Wednesdays and you could have a game in the SUFC gym – and you might even get your favourite player to come and present you with an autographed ball for your birthday.

These parties are now held in the Players' Lounge and are very popular, so please book early.

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****Birthday Treats will continue throughout the year as will all our activities.**

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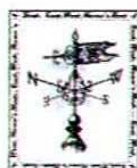
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TC and The Community Programme would like to thank all the players and staff of SUFC, who have given up their time to help us do our bit for good old Sheffield United.



Supporters' club

Welcome to this final game of the season, during which Blades fans have seen the team fall into relegation positions, rise again and then disappointingly slip back into the bottom half of the table.

However, the season will be over today with Sheffield United still in Division One, which for most of the first half of the season looked unlikely. But with the arrival of 'Blade', Neil Warnock, results improved and ensured a safe position.

* Relegation commiserations to the Directors, players and especially supporters of our visitors today, Swindon. Hopefully their time in Division Two will be short.

Unfortunately, as at most clubs in the Nationwide League, Swindon has had no money to spend so have suffered the consequences. They have a neat ground, enthusiastic supporters and room for coaches to park at the football ground, which is a bonus these days.

* Who knows what will happen in the closed season, as you all know, Neil is hoping to bring in some new players so it should be interesting as

nothing stimulates supporters like incoming transfers. Hopefully, some of the present squad will be able to find their 'shooting boots' before the start of next season!

* Finally, on behalf of Pete and myself, thank you to all concerned for your help and support during the past months, especially all Branch officials.

I hope you all have a pleasant break from football and come back next season refreshed and in your thousands – for every game, not just the local derbies.

Blades bosses

Adrian Heath 1999



ADRIAN HEATH

IN BRIEF:

Adrian Heath never won full England honours but he was a dangerous attacking midfield player. His most successful period as a player came with Everton after he scored the goal in 1984 at Oxford in a League Cup tie that proved to be a turning point in the fortunes of both the club and also of their manager, Howard Kendall.

It was Kendall who brought Heath to Bramall Lane to act as his assistant though his League registration as a player was retained. Heath went on to gain

some managerial experience at Turf Moor, again acted as an assistant to Kendall with Everton and had a season with Sunderland as coach to their excellent reserve team.

Heath returned to the Lane as the successor to Steve Bruce and indeed, Bruce had forecast that chairman, Mike McDonald would give Heath the post. The new manager's job was obviously going to be extremely difficult and yet Heath's appointment brought a headline of 'No need to sell' in *The Star* and he stated that 'I insisted on knowing the full facts'.

Soon however, it was obvious that nothing had changed; the wage bill was still too high and, following the pattern of his predecessor, Tebily, Alan Kelly, Lee Morris and Marcelo were sold.

New players were signed on free transfers or, by contemporary standards, small fees; Shaun Murphy, Axel Smeets, Martin Smith, Davy Gysbrechts, Aidan Davison and, after the sale of

Morris, Bruno Ribeiro and Marcus Bent came in, but it was noticeable that Heath failed to find an Assistant Manager.

There were few bright spots for our supporters on the field and dismissal from the League Cup at Deepdale was particularly difficult to accept, but the seemingly never ending boardroom problems were eased by the departure of Carlo Colombotti.

Hopes, however, that Heath might have had regarding the acquisition of any additional significant funds for new players were quickly dashed and results on the field deteriorated further. Matters came to a head on the 23rd of November: chairman Mike McDonald resigned and a few hours later, after the home defeat against Port Vale which left United 23rd in the table, manager Heath quit.

He had taken the post of manager, quoted as saying 'with my eyes wide open. This job is not a poisoned chalice. I would recommend it to anybody'.

VITAL STATISTICS

Born: Adrian Paul Heath, in Stoke on Trent, 11 January, 1961.

Career: Stoke City (1979-82), Everton (1982-89), Espanol (1989), Aston Villa (1989-90), Manchester City (1990-92), Stoke City (1992), Burnley (1992-95), Sheffield United (player and Assistant Manager 13 December 1995 to 7 March 1996), Burnley (Player-Manager, 1996-97), Everton (coach 1997-98), Sunderland (coach 1998-99), Sheffield United (Manager from 13/15 June 1999 to 23 November 1999). Sunderland (coach 1999-).

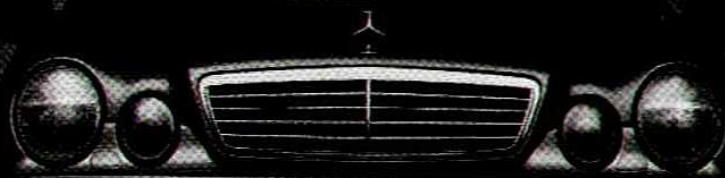
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United started 1970-71 as one of the promotion favourites but, having missed out in the previous season due to their poor away record, were horrified that the new campaign opened with a 3-1 defeat at Orient.

Blades leave it late

Football League Division Two
August 22nd 1970

**SHEFFIELD UNITED 2
SWINDON TOWN 1**

There was discord in the United camp; Gil Reece had handed in his sixth transfer request in three years which followed a similar move by Colin Addison who apparently had a training ground row with coach, Cec Coldwell.

Manager, John Harris, reacted decisively and axed Addison and John Flynn, replacing them with Geoff Salmons and Bill Dearden. For Dearden, it was his first league appearance for the Club since his £10,000 transfer from Chester in the Spring.

THE TEAMS

UNITED: Hodgkinson, Badger, Hemsley, Powell, Colquhoun, Salmons, Woodward, Barnwell, Dearden, Currie, Reece.

SWINDON: Downsborough, Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Smith, Smart, Horsfield, Noble, Rogers.

ATTENDANCE: 18,718.

REFEREE: Mr. J. K. Taylor (Wolverhampton).

Swindon were also expected to be amongst the promotion pacesetters and Harris said: *"They're one of the best teams in the Division and a fine footballing side."*

Town boss, Fred Ford, focused on the battle of the big name wingers: *"Rogers is in brilliant form and was the best forward on view*

against Hull last week... we have Woodward to contend with... he is fast, direct and scores some beautiful goals. But I have my plans and I don't think he will cause too much trouble."

The first half was dominated by the Blades with Salmons hitting the post and John Barnwell going close on his home debut. United finally took the lead in the 59th minute with a spectacular goal from **WOODWARD** who volleyed home after Currie's cross was headed on by Reece.

Rogers then staked his claim to be regarded as the best winger in the Division. In the 73rd minute his 40 yard run left United players standing before passing to **PETER NOBLE** who smashed in the equaliser.

Noble missed a great opportunity when he rounded Hodgkinson but screwed wide of an open net. This proved costly when two minutes from time United skipper **EDDIE COLQUHOUN** headed home Woodward's free-kick via the underside of the bar. Colquhoun had already gone close to scoring for both sides, heading against the Town crossbar as well as his own and claiming an earlier headed effort had crossed the line before being cleared by Burrows.

Although Swindon later gained revenge with a 3-0 win at the County Ground, the Blades did clinch promotion this time, finishing runners up to Leicester City.

PLAYER NOTES

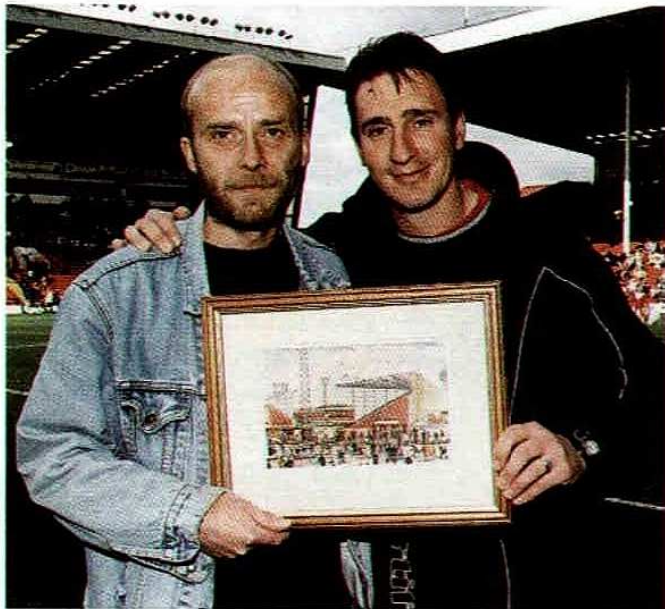
* Town centre-back **FRANK BURROWS** has had a lengthy managerial career with spells at Portsmouth, Cardiff City and Swansea.

* Whilst **ALAN WOODWARD** was to play in the First Division with United, Rogers had to leave Swindon to achieve the same. He moved to Palace in November 1972.

* **REECE** and **ADDISON** remained at Bramall Lane for the entire season. Reece was a particularly vital influence towards the end of it when he scored a number of crucial goals.



Eddie Colquhoun rises above Peter Noble to head the late winner.



MARATHON MAN DOES UNITED PROUD

United's entry in the 2000 Flora London Marathon, **PAUL HANSON**, was disappointed with his performance around the streets of the capital – despite a very creditable time and position!

Paul, from Sheffield, and a Season Ticket Holder in the John Street stand, completed the 26 mile course in 3hrs 25mins 3secs – finishing fifth in the Division One section of the Football Challenge.

He comments: "I went off too quickly and paid the price towards the end."

Despite being unhappy with his run, United were proud of his performance and Coach Dougie Hodgson presented him with a commemorative print of Bramall Lane at half-time during the Bank Holiday Monday encounter against Crewe.

Grimsby Town, Bolton, Manchester City and Birmingham were the top four in the division which had fifteen finishers, whilst Aston Villa's representative led the Premiership – there was no Sheffield Wednesday runner in the final listings!

* **TONY URBANO**, a London Blade, came up to run the Sheffield Marathon in a time of 4 hours 37 minutes – and raised £600 for our Disabled Blades Supporters Club, courtesy of sponsorship by his employers, Bank Julius Baer. Congratulations and thanks, Tony, particularly from the Disabled section.

DEV AND MARCUS HONOURED

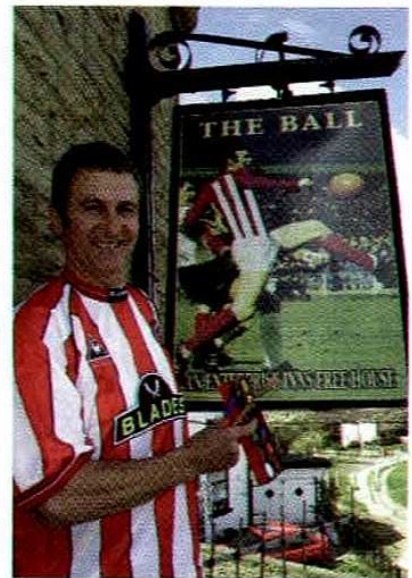
Members of the Disabled Enclosure were delighted to get in on the act when their own Player of the Year awards were made prior to our last match. Winner **PAUL DEVLIN** and runner-up **MARCUS BENT** are pictured with their awards.

RAY IS ON 'THE BALL'

These are busy times for TV personality and mega Blades fan, **RAY ASHCROFT**, who, probably more than most, gives United a much appreciated profile both nationally and locally, wearing his Blades shirt with pride at every opportunity and shunning hospitality to sit on his beloved Kop.

We are delighted he has helped front the launch of the new kit today and wish him every success in his latest venture, one which will be close to the heart of many a thirsty Unitedite.

He has taken over 'The Ball' on Myrtle Road, Heeley, the Public House which stands next to our former training ground, overlooking Bramall Lane. Already he has had red stripes painted on the white shirt of the footballer on the pub sign and no doubt wishes to make the place a **real** football fan's watering hole – a place to chew the fat without any trouble!



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LONG TIME - NO WIN

Swindon have won just one league game at the Lane - by 2-1 on their first ever league visit here in 1969-70. Since then we have won nine games and drawn one, scoring in all eleven games.

TOP FLIGHT FIRST

Swindon have spent just one season in the top division - in the Premier League in 1993-94. Their first ever game in the top flight was here at Bramall Lane and they lost 1-3. United's **Willie Falconer** scored on his debut but sadly, we were both relegated at the end of the season.

RECORD BREAKER

Between 1960 and 1980 Swindon Town's left back **John Trollope** played 770 league games (767 starts and 3 subs) for Town - his only league club. This is the all-time record of appearances for one club. United's **Joe Shaw** made 632 league appearances for the Blades.

PENALTY AT LAST

Up to and including last Saturday nearly 100 goals had been scored from the penalty spot in Division One. The average is about four. Barnsley and Portsmouth lead the way with eight. Two clubs have just one to their credit - ourselves and Norwich City.

GOAL FAMINE ENDS



Curtis Woodhouse's last minute goal against Crewe brought to end our run of four games without a goal. We had gone about 528 minutes without a league goal (80 minutes against Birmingham City, four complete games and 88 minutes against Crewe) - our worst barren spell since December 1992. Then in the Premiership, we scored after 32 minutes against Chelsea on 27 November and our next league goal came after 23 minutes (a Dane Whitehouse penalty) against Oldham on New Year's Day. There had been six blank games in between - a total of 621 goal-less minutes.

HAPPY HARRIERS

Congratulations to **Kidderminster Harriers**, Nationwide Conference champions. From next season they will be a Football League club - the first one to begin with the letter K and the first 'Harriers'. Despite not being a league club so far they have visited Bramall Lane in the distant past. In 1890-91 both ourselves and Kidderminster were in the Midland Counties League and we beat them twice, 4-0 at home and 2-0 at Kidderminster.

FORM GUIDE

Last six League games

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Manchester City	4	2	0	12	3	14
2 Bolton Wanderers	4	1	1	16	11	13
3 Ipswich Town	4	1	1	10	5	13
19 Swindon Town	2	0	4	8	10	6
23 Sheffield United	0	3	3	2	12	3

* up to and including 30/4/2000

LEADING LEAGUE MARKSMEN

Andy Hunt	(Charlton Athletic)	24
Shaun Goater	(Manchester City)	22
David Johnson	(Ipswich Town)	20
Robert Taylor	(Manchester City)	20
Craig Hignett	(Barnsley)	19
Ade Akinbiyi	(Wolves)	18
Iwan Roberts	(Norwich City)	17
Wayne Allison	(Tranmere Rovers)	16
Marcus Bent	(Sheffield United)	16
	(includes 1 for Port Vale)	
Marcus Stewart	(Ipswich Town)	16

* up to and including 30/4/2000

Blades Roll Call 1999/2000

	League		Cups		United Career	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
BENT, Marcus	31	15	3	1	34	16
Hammersmith, 19/5/78						
BROWN, Michael	20 (2)	3	-	-	20 (2)	3
Hartlepool, 25/1/77						
BURLEY, Adam	- (1)	-	- (2)	-	- (3)	-
Sheffield, 27/11/80						
D'JAFFO, Laurent	6 (8)	1	-	-	6 (8)	1
Aquitane (Fr), 5/11/70						
DEVLIN, Paul	39 (4)	11	5	-	77 (23)	18
Birmingham, 14/4/72						
DOANE, Ben	- (1)	-	- (1)	-	- (2)	-
Sheffield, 22/12/79						
FORD, Bobby	37 (3)	2	6	-	103 (13)	4
Bristol, 22/9/74						
GYSBRECHTS, Davy	9 (8)	-	2	-	11 (8)	-
Heusden (Bel) 20/9/72						
HAMILTON, Ian	3 (5)	-	2 (3)	-	48(11)	4
Stevenage, 14/12/67						
HUNT, Jonathan	8 (6)	-	5 (2)	-	25 (9)	2
London, 2/11/71						
KOZLUK, Rob	35 (3)	-	4	-	49 (3)	-
Sutton in Ashfield, 5/8/77						
MURPHY, Shaun	41	3	6	-	47	3
Sydney, 5/11/70						
QUINN, Wayne	40 (2)	-	6 (1)	-	134 (7)	3
Truro, 19/11/76						
RIBEIRO, Bruno	8(11)	1	1 (1)	-	9 (12)	1
Setubal (Port), 22/10/75						
SANDFORD, Lee	42	1	5	-	142 (8)	4
London, 22/4/68						
SMEETS, Axel	2 (3)	-	2 (1)	-	4 (4)	-
Kawara (Zai), 12/7/74						
TRACEY, Simon	44	-	7	-	289 (3)	-
Woolwich, 9/12/67						
WOODHOUSE, Curtis	33 (3)	3	5	-	80 (12)	6
Driffield, 17/4/80						
WILSON, Stuart	4 (2)	-	-	-	4 (2)	-
Leicester, 16/9/77						
WOODWARD, Andy	2 (1)	-	-	-	2 (1)	-
Stockport, 23/9/73						
ALSO PLAYED						
CRADDOCK, Jody	10	-	-	-	10	-
Bromsgrove, 25/7/75						
HALL, Paul	1 (3)	1	-	-	1 (3)	1
Manchester, 3/7/72						
MORRIS, Lee	- (1)	-	-	-	16 (18)	8
Driffield, 30/4/80						
MARCELO	9 (1)	2	2	2	61 (22)	32
Rio de Janeiro, Br. 11/10/69						
NOTMAN, Alex (I)	7 (3)	3	-	-	7 (3)	3
Edinburgh, 10/12/79						
LAUNDERS, Brian	- (1)	-	-	-	- (1)	-
Dublin, 8/1/76						
SMITH, Martin	24 (2)	10	6 (1)	5	30 (3)	15
Sunderland, 13/11/74						
KATCHOURO, Petr	8 (15)	1	3 (4)	2	63 (58)	23
Minsk, Bel. 2/7/72						
DAVISON, Aidan	1 (1)	-	-	-	1 (1)	-
Co. Durham, 11/5/68						
DERRY, Shaun	31 (3)	-	7	1	73 (10)	1
Nottingham, 6/12/77						



Blades

line-ups

The numbers above the players are for substitution reference only

date	opponents	res.	pos	gate	away	1	2	3	4	5	6
Aug	7 S PORTSMOUTH	0-2	-	17,667	1,160	Tracey	Ford	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Sandford
	10 Tu SHREWSBURY T. (WC1(1))	3-0	-	6,419	243	Tracey	Ford	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Sandford
	14 S WALSALL	1-1	21	12,581	1,235	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy 1	Sandford
	21 S Manchester City	0-6	24	30,110	1,181	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Sandford
	24 Tu Shrewsbury Town (WC1(2))	3-0	-	1,723	334	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Sandford
	28 S IPSWICH TOWN	2-2	23	12,445	1,229	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy 1	Sandford
	30 M Tranmere Rovers	3-1	17	5,436	727	Tracey	Kozluk	Derry	Craddock	Murphy	Sandford
Sept	4 S CRYSTAL PALACE	3-1	10	11,886	727	Davison	Kozluk	Sandford	Derry	Craddock	Murphy
	14 Tu PRESTON NORTH END (WC2(1))	2-0	-	5,350	653	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Ford	Derry	Murphy
	18 S CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1-2	15	13,216	1,011	Tracey	Derry	Sandford	Ford	Craddock	Murphy
	21 Tu Preston North End (WC2(2))	0-3	-	5,658	380	Tracey	Derry	Sandford	Ford	Gysbrechts	Murphy
	25 S WOLVES	3-0	12	14,163	1,886	Tracey	Kozluk	Sandford	Derry	Murphy	Craddock
Oct	2 S Huddersfield Town	1-4	16	14,238	2,298	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy 1	Craddock
	9 S Crewe Alexandra	0-1	20	5,304	768	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Craddock
	16 S NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2-1	13	15,687	2,431	Tracey	Kozluk	Sandford	Derry	Murphy	Craddock
	19 Tu NORWICH CITY	0-0	15	11,907	634	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Sandford	Craddock
	23 S Swindon Town	2-2	15	5,504	610	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Derry	Murphy	Craddock
	26 Tu Wolves	0-1	17	24,402	811	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Murphy	Gysbrechts	Sandford
	30 S HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	0-1	18	14,928	2,237	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Murphy	Sandford	Hunt
Nov	6 S Barnsley	0-2	19	16,301	1,894	Tracey	Derry	Quinn	Murphy	Sandford	Hunt
	14 Su BOLTON WANDERERS	1-2	21	10,013	967	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Sandford	Derry	Murphy
	20 S Stockport County	1-1	21	6,614	686	Tracey	Gysbrechts	Murphy	Sandford	Kozluk	Hunt
	23 Tu PORT VALE	1-3	23	8,965	334	Tracey	Kozluk	Quinn	Murphy	Sandford 1	Gysbrechts
	27 S West Brom	2-2	21	12,278	464	Tracey	Gysbrechts	Murphy	Sandford	Derry	Ford
	30 Tu QPR	1-3	21	9,922	600	Tracey	Gysbrechts	Murphy	Sandford	Derry	Ford
Dec	4 S PORTSMOUTH	1-0	21	10,834	607	Tracey	Derry	Quinn	Sandford	Murphy	Bent
	12 Su RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS (FAC3)	1-1	-	10,104	2,393	Tracey	Derry	Murphy	Ford	Quinn	Woodhouse
	19 Su BLACKBURN ROVERS	2-1	20	10,437	891	Tracey	Ford	Derry	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn
	21 Tu Rushden & Diamonds (FAC3R)	1-1 (6-5 on pens)	6,010	1,181	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin	
	26 Su Birmingham City	2-0	16	22,874	1,008	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin 1
	28 Tu FULHAM	2-0	15	17,375	878	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Quinn	Sandford	Hunt
Jan	3 M Grimsby Town	2-2	16	7,618	2,215	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Hall 1
	8 S Newcastle United (FAC4)	1-4	-	36,220	4,000	Tracey	Kozluk	Gysbrechts	Sandford	Quinn	Ford
	15 S Walsall	1-2	16	6,222	1,108	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin 1
	22 S MANCHESTER CITY	1-0	16	23,862	5,263	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	29 S Ipswich Town	1-1	16	17,350	566	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
Feb	5 S TRANMERE ROVERS	3-1	14	14,219	613	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin 1
	12 S Crystal Palace	1-1	15	14,877	913	Tracey	Kozluk	Gysbrechts	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	19 S WEST BROM	6-0	13	14,519	1,348	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin 1
	26 S Charlton Athletic	0-1	15	19,249	1,344	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
Mar	5 Su QUEENS PARK RANGERS	1-1	14	11,554	464	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	7 Tu BARNSELY	3-3	13	22,376	5,250	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	11 S Port Vale	3-2	12	5,484	1,272	Tracey	Ford	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	18 S STOCKPORT COUNTY	1-0	12	14,907	762	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	21 Tu Bolton Wanderers	0-2	12	11,891	953	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	25 S BIRMINGHAM CITY	1-2	12	15,486	2,147	Tracey	Kozluk	Gysbrechts	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
Apr	1 S Blackburn Rovers	0-5	13	17,769	918	Tracey	Woodward	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	8 S GRIMSBY TOWN	0-0	12	11,612	646	Tracey	Woodward	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	15 S Fulham	0-4	13	12,197	1,743	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	22 S Nottingham Forest	0-0	14	17,172	885	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	24 M CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-1	14	9,923	624	Tracey	Kozluk	Murphy	Sandford	Quinn	Devlin
	29 S Norwich City	1-2	16	16,921	650	Tracey	Kozluk	Gysbrechts	Sandford	Woodhouse	Wilson
May	7 Su SWINDON TOWN										
	20 S (FAC Final)										
Mar	28 Tu LATVIA (Friendly)	0-1	-	3,956	-	Tracey	Kozluk	Woodward	O'Connor	Quinn (3)	Smeets

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All home games in CAPITALS. Player's name in bold denotes scorer.

▲ = withdrawn ■ = booked ♦ = sent off

P = penalty † = own goal ● = penalty shoot-out scorers



7	8	9	10	11	sub 12	sub 13	sub 14	sub 15	sub 16	Referee
Smeets	Hamilton	Devlin	Katchouro	Woodhouse	Hunt (11)	Davison	Gysbrechts	Smith (10)	Burley	T. Bates
Smeets	Hamilton	Devlin	Katchouro 1	Hunt	Smith 2 (11)	Davison	Gysbrechts	Burley (9)	Doane	M. Cowburn
Smeets	Hamilton	Devlin	Katchouro	Smith	Marcelo (11)	Davison	Gysbrechts	Burley	Ford (7)	K. Hill
Ford	Hamilton	Devlin	Katchouro	Smith	Marcelo	Davison (8)	Gysbrechts (11)	Hunt (14)	Doane	P. Richards
Ford	Hamilton	Hunt	Marcelo 2	Smith 1	Smeets	Davison	Katchouro (10)	Doane (2)	Burley (8)	G. Cain
Ford	Craddock	Woodhouse	Marcelo	Smith 1	Katchouro (3)	Davison	Hamilton	Smeets	Burley	C. Foy
Ford	Woodhouse	Marcelo	Devlin 2	Smith 1	Quinn	Davison	Hamilton (3)	Smeets	Burley	S. Mathieson
Ford 1	Woodhouse	Marcelo 2	Devlin	Smith	Quinn (3)	Duke	Hamilton	Smeets	Burley (4)	D. Laws
Smeets	Woodhouse	Katchouro 1	Devlin	Smith 1	Hunt (7)	Davison	Hamilton	Gysbrechts	Burley	R. Pearson
Devlin	Katchouro 1	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith	Quinn	Davison	Hunt (8)	Smeets (8)	Gysbrechts	K. Leach
Devlin	Katchouro	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith	Quinn (5)	Davison	Hunt (9)	Kozluk	Smeets	G. Laws
Ford	Devlin 1	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith 2	Katchouro (9)	Davison	Hunt (4)	Smeets (8)	Gysbrechts	P. Danson
Devlin	Hunt	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro (8)	Davison	Sandford	Ford	Gysbrechts	K. Lynch
Devlin	Hunt	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro (11)	Davison	Sandford	Ford	Morris (10)	M. Dean
Devlin	Ford	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith 2	Katchouro (9)	Davison	Hunt	Smeets	Quinn (3)	L. Cable
Devlin	Ford	Marcelo	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro (4)	Davison	Hunt	Smeets	Gysbrechts	M. Jones
Devlin	Ribeiro	Katchouro	Woodhouse	Smith 2	Sandford	Davison	Hunt	Smeets	Ford	A. Hall
Derry	Devlin	Ribeiro	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro	Davison	Hunt (9)	Smeets	Doane	D. Pugh
Devlin	Derry	Bent	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro (10)	Davison	Ford (2)	Smeets	Gysbrechts	T. Heilbron
Devlin	Ford	Bent	Woodhouse	Smith	Katchouro (8)	Duke	Kozluk	Smeets (7)	Gysbrechts	R. Styles
Ford	Devlin	Bent 1	Woodhouse	Smith	Davison	Katchouro (7)	Doane	Burley	Davies	M. Warren
Woodhouse	Ford	Quinn	Katchouro	Bent 1	Devlin (10)	Davison	Burton	Doane (16)	Launders (7)	M. Cowburn
Hunt	Derry	Katchouro	Bent	Ford	Davison	Devlin (7)	Smith (9)	Ribeiro (6)	Burton	T. Jones
Woodhouse	Ribeiro 1	Quinn	Bent	Smith 1	Davison	Kozluk	Hunt	Devlin (10)	Doane	M. Halsey
Woodhouse	Ribeiro	Quinn	Bent	Smith	Davison	Kozluk (15)	Hunt (2)	Devlin (10)	Doane	F. Stretton
Devlin 1	Ford	Smith	Ribeiro	Gysbrechts	Kozluk (9)	Hunt (10)	Cullen	Katchouro (6)	Walker	T. Leake
Ribeiro	Bent 1	Smith	Hunt	Devlin	Katchouro (10)	Smeets (9)	Hamilton (7)	Cullen	Duke	B. Knight
Woodhouse	Bent 2	Smith	Brown	Devlin	Hall (11)	Gysbrechts (9)	Kozluk (2)	Katchouro	Hunt	M. Pike
Derry 1	Woodhouse	Hunt	Bent	Smith	Katchouro (9)	Duke	Hamilton (11)	Gysbrechts	Doane	B. Knight
Derry	Hunt	Brown	Bent	Smith 1	Hall	Gysbrechts (10)	Katchouro (11)	Hamilton (6)	Duke	G. Frankland
Derry	Brown	Devlin 1	Bent 1	Smith	Katchouro (11)	Ford (6)	Hamilton	Gysbrechts	Hall (9)	M. Fletcher
Derry	Brown	Ford	Bent 1	Smith	Katchouro (11)	Hunt	Hamilton	Gysbrechts	Woodhouse (5)	W. Burns
Derry	Woodhouse	Hunt	Bent	Smith 1	Doane	Ribeiro (5)	Katchouro (10)	Hamilton (7)	Smeets	M. Halsey
Derry	Brown	Ford	Bent	Smith	Hall (10)	Gysbrechts	Katchouro (11)	Ribeiro (5)	Hamilton	P. Durkin
Derry	Brown 1	Ford	Bent	Notman	Katchouro (11)	Ribeiro	Gysbrechts (6)	Woodhouse (7)	Smeets	N. Barry
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent 1	Katchouro	Hamilton	Gysbrechts	Ribeiro (11)	Smeets	Duke	A. Butler
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent 1	Notman	Derry (8)	Gysbrechts	Ribeiro (11)	Hamilton	Smeets	P. Richards
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent 1	Notman	Derry (11)	D'Jaffo (10)	Duke	Hamilton	Ribeiro (8)	J. Brandwood
Derry	Brown 1	Ford	Bent 3	Notman 1	Ribeiro (7)	Gysbrechts (3)	Woodhouse	D'Jaffo (10)	Katchouro	George Cain
Derry	Brown	Ford	Bent	Notman	Ribeiro (9)	Duke	Woodhouse	D'Jaffo (11)	Jagielka	Paul Danson
Derry	Brown	Ford	Bent	Notman 1	Ribeiro	Gysbrechts	Woodhouse (7)	D'Jaffo	Jagielka	Roy Pearson
Woodhouse	Brown 1	Ford	Bent 1	Notman 1	Derry (2)	Davison	Gysbrechts	Ribeiro (7)	D'Jaffo (11)	Tony Leake
Derry	Brown	Woodhouse 1	Bent 1	D'Jaffo 1	Notman (11)	Davison	Gysbrechts (10)	Ribeiro (8)	Hamilton	Mark Cowburn
Brown	Woodhouse 1	Ford	Bent	D'Jaffo	Ribeiro (2)	Notman (11)	Hamilton (6)	Gysbrechts	Duke	Ray Oliver
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent	D'Jaffo	Ribeiro (2)	Duke	Notman (11)	Hamilton (6)	Gysbrechts	Bill Jordan
Brown	Ford	Woodhouse	Bent 1	D'Jaffo	Ribeiro	Woodward (2)	Hamilton	Wilson (3)	Duke	Terry Heilbron
Brown	Ford	Woodhouse	Bent	Wilson	Kozluk	D'Jaffo (10)	O'Connor	Ribeiro	Duke	M. Messias
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent	Wilson	D'Jaffo (11)	Duke	Ribeiro (8)	Kozluk	Gysbrechts	E. Wostenholme
Brown	Woodhouse	Ford	Bent	Wilson	D'Jaffo (10)	Duke	Ribeiro	Woodward	Gysbrechts (11)	M. Warren
Ford	Ribeiro	Woodhouse	Bent	D'Jaffo	Gysbrechts	Woodward	Wilson	Hamilton	Brown (8)	T. Jones
Ford	Ribeiro	Woodhouse 1	Bent	D'Jaffo	Gysbrechts	Woodward	Wilson (11)	Hamilton (8)	Brown	B. Knight
Ford	Ribeiro	Quinn	Bent	Devlin 1 P	D'Jaffo (3)	Woodward	Jagielka	Hamilton (6)	Brown (8)	K. Leach
Brown	Ribeiro	Ford	Wilson	D'Jaffo	Duke (1)	Woodhouse (5)	Bent	Devlin (9)	Jagielka (7)	G. Barber



Blades

line-ups

GOAL ASSISTS

Quinn	9
Kozluk	3
Katchouro	1
Smith	5
Hunt	2
Marcelo	1
Woodhouse	5
Devlin	9
Murphy	4
Ford	4
Ribeiro	1
Bent	4
Brown	2
Sandford	1
Derry	1
Others	16

GOALS

Headers	24
Shots	43
Penalties	1
Own goals	
Shoot-out	

DISMISSALS

Axel Smeets	1
Simon Tracey	1
Davy Gysbrechts	1
Shaun Murphy	1

BOOKINGS

<i>First team only</i>	
Sandford	10
Derry	12
Murphy	10
Marcelo	2
Smith	1
Kozluk	5
Hunt	3
Craddock	1
Devlin	5
Woodhouse	9
Quinn	2
Gysbrechts	3
Bent	1
Ford	3
Ribeiro	1
Hamilton	1
Brown	6
Tracey	1

LANE ENDS

<i>United's goals this season scored at:</i>	
The Kop	27
Bramall Lane	15

GOAL TIMES

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
For	8	12	8	20	7	12
Against	15	7	16	11	12	16

* Plus one scored and one conceded in extra time against Rushden

ATTENDANCES

	High	Low	Average
1 Manchester City	33,027	30,057	32,088
2 Birmingham	29,050	17,150	21,741
3 Wolves	25,500	18,186	21,541
4 Charlton	20,043	18,663	19,557
5 Blackburn	24,743	15,671	18,768
6 Ipswich Town	21,760	14,514	18,370
12 Sheffield United	23,862	8,965	13,768
20 Swindon Town	12,397	4,701	6,976

* up to and including 30/4/2000

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

As at Wednesday 3 May 2000

	HOME							AWAY								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
Charlton Athletic	45	15	3	5	37	18	12	7	3	42	25	36	91			
Manchester City	45	17	2	4	48	17	8	9	5	26	22	35	86			
Ipswich Town	45	15	3	4	37	17	9	9	5	32	25	27	84			
Barnsley	45	15	4	3	48	22	9	6	8	40	43	23	82			
Birmingham City	45	15	4	3	37	16	7	6	10	28	28	21	76			
Huddersfield Town	45	14	5	4	43	21	7	6	9	19	25	16	74			
Bolton Wanderers	45	13	5	4	42	26	7	8	8	26	24	18	73			
Wolves	45	15	5	3	45	20	5	6	11	18	28	15	71			
Fulham	45	12	7	3	30	13	4	9	10	16	28	5	64			
QPR	45	9	12	2	30	20	6	6	10	29	32	7	63			
Blackburn Rovers	45	10	9	3	32	16	5	8	10	22	31	7	62			
Norwich City	45	11	6	6	26	22	3	9	10	19	27	-4	57			
Tranmere Rovers	45	10	8	4	34	25	5	4	14	22	41	-10	57			
Stockport County	45	8	8	6	31	28	5	7	11	22	36	-11	54			
Nottingham Forest	45	9	10	4	29	18	4	4	14	21	35	-3	53			
Sheffield United	45	10	7	5	36	22	3	7	13	21	47	-12	53			
Portsmouth	45	9	6	7	35	24	4	6	13	19	39	-9	51			
Crystal Palace	45	7	11	5	33	26	5	4	13	22	40	-11	51			
Grimsby Town	45	10	8	5	27	25	3	3	16	14	42	-26	50			
Crewe Alexandra	45	9	5	9	27	31	4	4	14	17	36	-23	48			
WBA	45	5	11	6	23	26	4	8	11	18	34	-19	46			
Walsall	45	7	6	10	26	34	4	7	11	26	41	-23	46			
Port Vale	45	6	6	10	27	29	1	9	13	21	39	-20	36			
Swindon Town	45	5	6	12	23	37	3	5	14	13	38	-39	35			

BLADES TOTAL LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
H	1973	1066	499	418	3765	2203
A	1974	502	476	996	2411	3644
T	3947	1568	965	1414	6176	5847

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1		Frank Talia	1
3	Wayne Quinn	Mark Robinson	2
4	Lee Sandford	Gareth Hall	3
5	Rob Kozluk	Scott Leitch	4
7	Shaun Murphy	Gareth Davies	5
8	Curtis Woodhouse	Bobby Howe	7
9	Marcus Bent	Wayne Gray	9
10	Paul Devlin	Giuliano Grazioli	10
11	Bobby Ford	Michael Meaker	11
12	Laurent D'Jaffo	Alan Reeves	12
13	Simon Tracey	Lee Collins	16
14	Matt Duke	Steve Cowe	17
15	Ian Hamilton	Steve Mildenhall	18
16	Axel Smeets	Adam Willis	19
18	Davy Gysbrechts	Charlie Griffin	20
19	Andy Woodward	Sol Davis	21
20	Stuart Wilson	Phillipe Cuervo	23
23	Kevin Davies	Frazer McHugh	25
25	Ben Doane	James Williams	32
27	Adam Burley	Andy Williams	33
33	Andrew Smith	Jim Quinn	40
35	Bruno Ribeiro		
37	Michael Brown		
40	Phil Jagielka		



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