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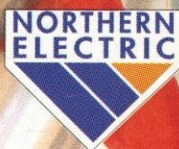
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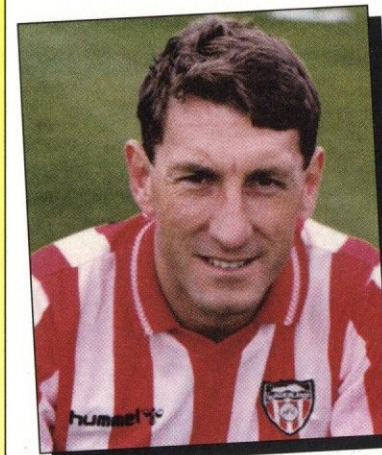
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I used the word fatalism in my opening sentence, as upon my return home last Monday night, I began to wonder if fate really meant us to go down. Fatalism is defined in the Oxford dictionary as "the belief that all that happens is pre-determined and therefore inevitable". It can be the easiest thing in the world to believe this view and to shrug ones shoulders and accept the consequences. However, my philosophy has been, and always will be, to never give up and to never surrender the cause, which is to pull clear and prove wrong a great number of people. Fate can also be described as "destiny or what is destined" we all know at this football club that our destination is in our own hands and that, just like the cup games last year, the remaining matches have to be seen as critical with duff cup ties with a target at the end of as equal importance as Wembley.

After last week's game, over the Easter period, there was an overwhelming feeling of fatalism and depression. Indeed, as the last results occurred during a time of christian celebration, I wondered if the almighty above was punishing me for some mischievous deed of the past!

The Birmingham game was a good example, for we created enough good opportunities to have scored half a dozen times, but we allowed the Blues to convert two out of three chances that fell their way. If we had scored early in the second half, and matched our determination with the second goal, then as you will have seen against Swindon, I am sure the floodgates would have opened. That we did not and worse was to follow in the next game at Grimsby when Mick Harford was red carded after half an hour, had me reaching not only for the bucket, but more for the dictionary.

The success in those strained and tense situations of almost a year ago should stand us in good stead for the final few games.

Today's visitors have a real history of battling against the odds and will be boosted by their victory over West Ham. I have a tremendous amount of respect for David Pleat and his football philosophy, as he continues to produce quality players with very limited resources. However, I shall put aside any kind regards just for today's contest, as we prepare to do battle.

Many thanks for the terrific support here against Birmingham and also at Blundell Park last Monday. Your encouragement meant a great deal to the lads, as it did in last years exploits and we all know what great feats were achieved last season, together.

Enjoy the game.



Brian Atkinson twists and turns to outwit Ian Rodgerson

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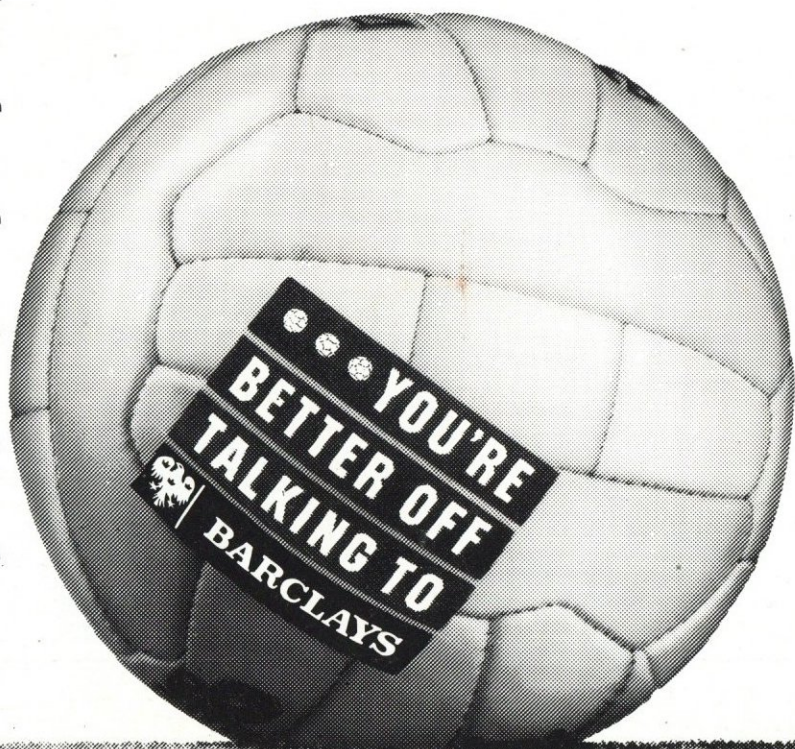
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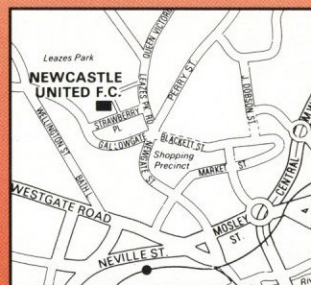
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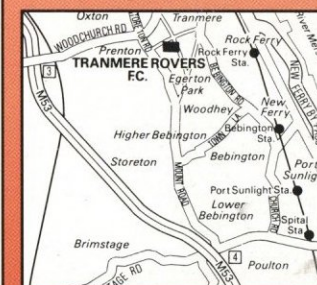
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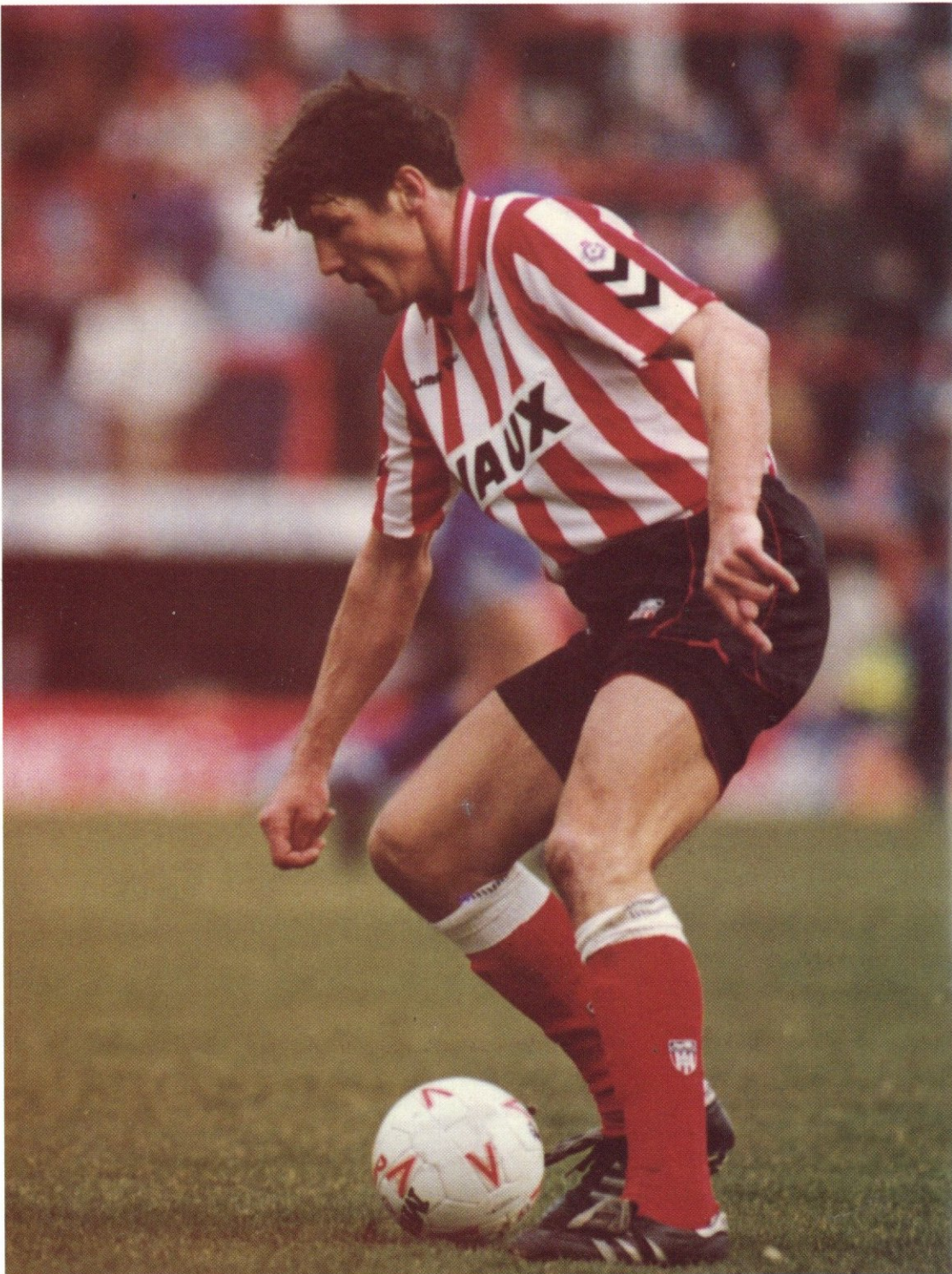
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MICK HARFORD

Interviewed by Rob Mason

EARLY LIFE

Best/Worst School Subjects?

None in particular, I went to St Joseph's in Millfield.

Did you ever get into trouble at school?

Yes quite often, for refusing the cane.

Favourite TV show when you were a kid?

Magpie.

What was the first record you bought?

"Crazy Horses" by The Osmonds.

What was your first football strip?

A West Ham away strip, the one with two maroon hoops. I didn't support West Ham, I just liked the strip.

First match you saw?

Sunderland 2 - 1 Blackpool 12th March 1966, I remember Alan Ball was playing for Blackpool and we won with two goals from John O'Hare.

Favourite player as a kid?

Colin Todd.

Who had the biggest influence on your early football career?

My parents and several people at Lambton Street Boys Club, especially Norman Alder.

HOME LIFE

Do you have children and if so how old are they and do they like to come to the match?

I've a 5 1/2 year old son called William, last Saturday's match was his first game - so I don't think I'll let him come any more!

What do you do that irritates other people?

I criticise.

Favourite TV programme now?

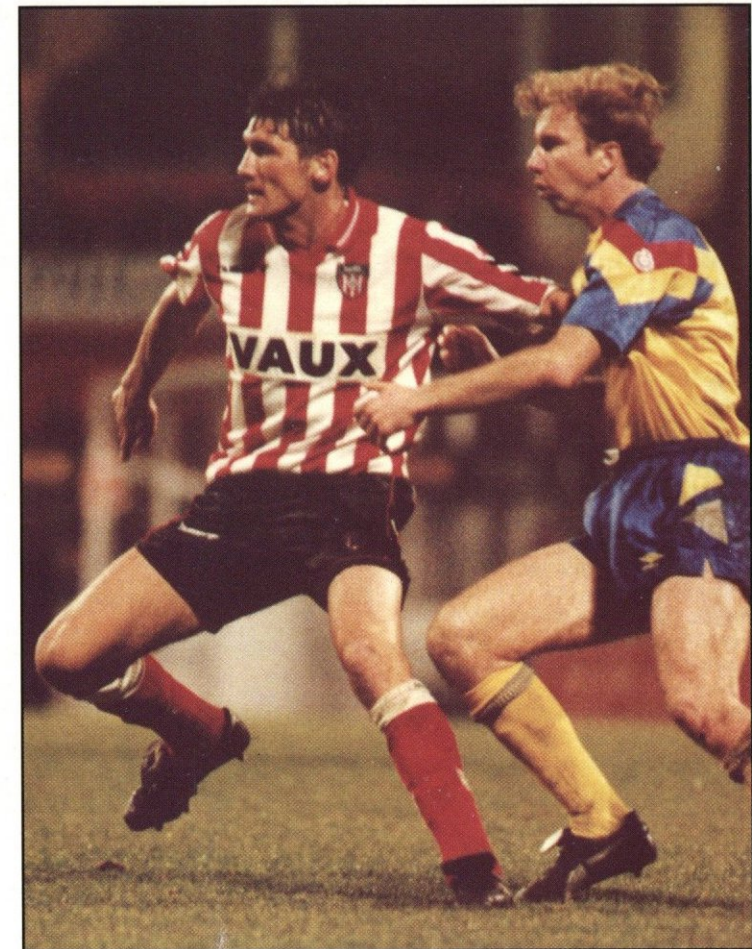
I like Rik Mayall a lot. "Bottom" is particularly good.

Which programme can you not stand?

Look North.

When you retire where would you like to live?

The south east, for business reasons.



OTHER SPORTS

Favourite other sport?

I love watching cricket and I like golf although I'm not an avid follower.

Favourite sports person?

Ian Botham.

Most boring sport?

Snooker.

FOOTBALL

If you were a referee which one would you be like?

Allan Gunn of Brighton.

Do you keep a scrapbook about your career?

My mam and my sister do.

Do you read the letters page in the Sports Echo?

I read most sports papers.

Who is the biggest joker at the club?

Anton Rogan.

What's the funniest thing you've heard during a game?

When I was playing for Luton we were drawing a game when Mal Donaghy urged us to "score before they equalise!"

by Rob Mason

Brentford 1-1

Tuesday 6th April 1993
Griffin Park
Division One
Scorers: Gayle (42), Goodman (80)
Caution: Dickens (dissent)
Dismissals: None
Attendance: 9,302
Referee: Martin Bodenham (Cornwall)

BRENTFORD: Benstead, Statham, Sansom, Millen, Evans, Ratcliffe, Stephenson (Bennett 77), Dickens, Gayle, Blissett, Manuel. Unused Sub: Allon.

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Gray, Owers, Butcher, Ball, Cunnington, Goodman, Harford, Atkinson, Armstrong. Unused Subs: Davenport, Colquhoun.

Brian Atkinson was restored to the side in place of Peter Davenport for our visit to Griffin Park where Gary Owers and John Kay made their Sunderland debuts in 1987.

The lads played with great commitment as they battled to erase the memory of the Southend defeat. Chances were few and far between in a dour match but Marcus Gayle gave the Bees the lead three minutes before the break when he swept the ball home after Millen, Stephenson and Ratcliffe had made inroads into our defence.

"I took a bit of a gamble on Mick winning the ball and knocking it down. I was at a bit of a stretch but I was pleased to see it go in."

Don Goodman.

We pressed hard for an equaliser with Harford going closest when he forced Benstead into a diving save. With Kevin Ball in commanding form at the back we kept battling and ten minutes from time Don Goodman scored the goal that earned us a valuable point.

"I will take this team anywhere battle wise - it's technique we must improve on."

Bobby Ferguson.

Michael Gray put over a high cross which Harford won at the far post. Having scored himself against Southend after being set up by Goodman, our new signing again linked well with top scorer Goodman who converted Harford's downward header from close range.

Birmingham City 1-2

Saturday 10th April 1993
Roker Park
Division One
Scorers: Davenport (45), Moulden (39), Saville (67)
Cautions: Moulden (encroachment), Smith (time wasting)
Dismissals: None
Attendance: 16,382
Referee: Mr B Coddington (Sheffield)

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Gray(Mic), Owers, Butcher, Bennett (Davenport 8), Cunnington, Goodman, Harford, Atkinson, Armstrong. Unused Sub: Colquhoun.

BIRMINGHAM: Gosney, Clarkson, Frain, Parris, Dryden, Matthewson, Moulden, Rodgeron, Saville, Peer, Smith. Unused Subs: Mardon, Quinn.

Captain Kevin Ball was missing due to suspension which meant that Gary Bennett partnered Terry Butcher in the centre of defence while Don Goodman took over as skipper. The new look Blues had Andy Gosney in goal replacing Bob Catlin whose loan period had expired. Gosney was one of only four City players who had played at Roker in the Anglo-Italian cup last September.

Birmingham began confidently and enjoyed the better of the early exchanges and we suffered a blow as early as the eighth minute when Gary Bennett's hamstring pulled again. Peter Davenport came on with Shaun Cunnington dropping back into central defence. Dave Smith and Paul Moulden brought great saves out of Tony Norman but gradually we took over as Gary Owers produced his best performance since returning from injury.

However, six minutes before the interval Paul Moulden finished off a move he'd started when he got on the end of Dave Smith's defence splitting pass and slipped the ball past Tony Norman. The lads fought back with an equaliser in first half injury time.

Davenport began the move in his own half when he intelligently headed a long clearance sideways rather than knock it forward which would have seen the retreating forwards caught offside. Armstrong found Owers on the right wing and from his excellent cross Harford brought a superb diving save from Gosney. Davenport though was on hand to tap home the rebound as for the second game running Harford's aerial power led to us scoring.

We dominated the second half as much as we'd dominated the match at St Andrews as the second half corner count of 11-1 and shots tally of 12-3 indicates but the only statistic of significance is the fact that City scored the deciding goal through their former Hartlepool forward Andy Saville. It was a well worked goal as Birmingham patiently moved the ball around after Goodman and Gray had gone close. Saville bulleted a header into the net to give City the points. He almost added a third in the dying minutes only for Michael Gray to clear off the line but Birmingham were already flattered by a scoreline that gave them their fifth league and cup away victory of the season - and their second at Roker.

"I thought with the chances we created we should have won - but we didn't take them."

Terry Butcher.

Grimsby Town 0-1

Monday 12th April 1993
Blundell Park Division One
Scorer: Woods (78)
Cautions: Harford (foul), Owers (foul), McDermott (encroaching), Futch (foul).
Dismissals: Harford (two cautions)
Attendance: 8,090
Referee: Mr R Poulain (Huddersfield)

GRIMSBY: Wilmot, McDermott, Croft, Futch, Handysides (Woods 70), Dobbin, Ford, Gilbert, Daws (Rees), Mendonca, Groves.

SUNDERLAND: Norman, Kay, Gray(Mic), Owers, Butcher, Ball (Rogan 69),

Cunnington, Goodman, Harford, Atkinson, Armstrong. Unused Sub: Colquhoun.

As at Blackburn last season our away and home strips were deemed by the referee to clash with the home side's kit and we had to borrow our opponents alternative kit. Oddly enough on the same morning at Durham our youth team had worn red and white stripes against Newcastle's "Grimsby like" tops. Perhaps even more oddly referee Mr Poulain's only other Sunderland match in his two years on the referee's list was the corresponding match at Grimsby last year when we played in our red and white tops with red shorts.

Shaun Cunnington returned to Blundell Park for the first time for an important game which saw Kevin Ball back in defence. We began well with Mick Harford going close with a header from an Owers cross mid way through the half.

Grimsby were content to play the ball around patiently in midfield but their attacks lacked penetration and Tony Norman was well protected. The turning point arrived in the thirty eighth minute when Mick Harford was sent off. Harford had already been booked but he seemed to be treated harshly in receiving the red card for a challenge with the goalkeeper for a loose ball. Rhys Wilmot in the Grimsby goal seemed to indicate to the referee that there was nothing untoward with Harford's challenge but the card had already been brandished by Mr Poulain.

Don Goodman was left to battle alone up front but he succeeded in keeping the home defence worried as a result of his pace which

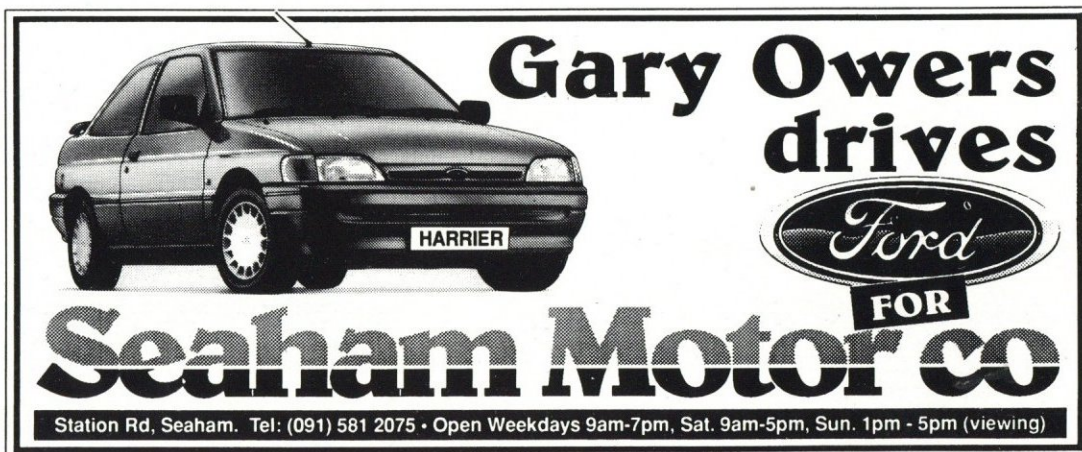
looked faster than anyone in the home rearguard and he received good support from the hard running Gary Owers who looks back to his best.

Despite being a man short we continued to do well and as in last month's fixture at Birmingham there were ironic cheers from the home supporters when their side registered their first effort on target in the game's last third. Sadly for us we ended up again losing to a late goal as we had at St Andrews. Gordon Armstrong did brilliantly to clear a Paul Groves effort off the line in the 64th minute but five minutes later Kevin Ball had to leave the field.

Anton Rogan replaced him, coming on for his first appearance since the defeat at Peterborough in early November. Unfortunately for the ex Celtic defender he failed to clear a ball shortly after coming on and before he'd had a chance to get into the swing of the game. Terry Butcher's former Rangers team mate Neil Woods was on hand to capitalise and score the goal that gave the Mariners their win to maintain their play off ambitions.

"We did everything that I felt was possible today and defended very well, restricted Grimsby to no chances really. They didn't have one clear cut chance I felt where they've created anything. It was down to our mistakes, or to one mistake which carved out an opening for them."

Terry Butcher.



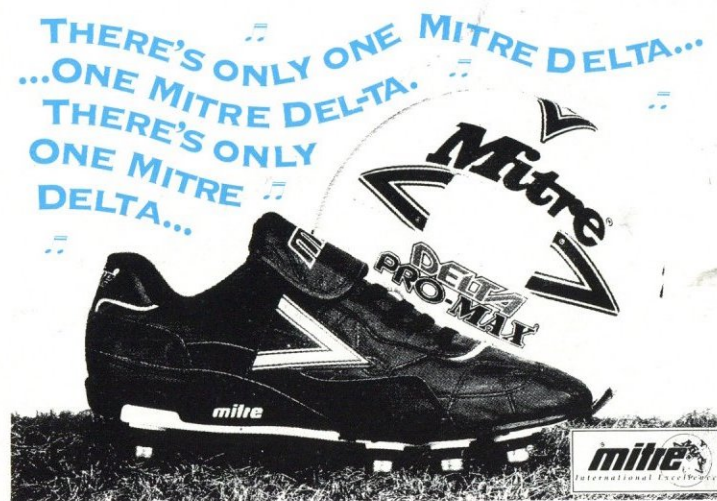
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COMMENT

It could be the end of an era. Forest went in to the Easter programme perilously close to relegation after successive home defeats by Villa and Blackburn reinforced their position in the bottom three.

Even if they do a Houdini and escape the drop, Brian Clough may well decide to call it a day after 18 years in charge at the City Ground. His Chairman Mr Reacher was studiously ambivalent about the future, when interviewed by a radio commentator after the 1-3 home defeat by Rovers.

It there is a parting of the ways one hopes it will be amicable and done with dignity. Brian Clough has given football a great deal, both as player and manager. Always forthright, never bland, highly principled, at times irritatingly so, he nonetheless set standards and generally stuck to them. His dealings in the transfer market have been at times bizarre, the acquisition of Rosario being the latest in a sequence of unusual signings. But his record as a manager speaks for itself. Some will no doubt say he owed a great deal to the late Peter Taylor, and that in recent years he has been well served by a local and hard working staff.

Maybe so. But clearly the man has the knack of getting the best out of people. His style may be unorthodox, his actions unpredictable, but he seems to have an intuitive feel for effective man management. Few former players have criticised Clough - not in public certainly. However, of late the unpredictability and controlled arrogance has been even more singular than normal. Media interviews with Brian Clough have always been eccentric, with certain similarities to John Cleese. Once they were funny and irreverent. Now they are becoming rather sad and indeed tiresome.

Some commentators suggest Brian may not be a well man. Others indicate he feels himself absolutely indispensable. As someone who has long admired his approach to football, and enjoyed the playing style of his teams, I hope the 1992/93 season has a dignified conclusion for Forest and Brian Clough.

Grimsby Chairman, Peter Furneaux and a Mariners delegation including local MP's, one Tory, one Labour, sought a meeting with the Minister for National Heritage. They had to make do with his number two

the corpulent Robert Key. Town were making representations about all seater stadiums and the costs for clubs like Grimsby, who last week attracted 4,300 for the visit of promotion challengers Millwall. Predictably they got short shrift. Grimsby will face a bill of over £2 million to do the necessary work at Blundell Park by August 1994.

The Mariners are averaging home gates of 5,500 despite playing, what most commentators suggest, is some of the most attractive football in Division One. South Humberside is clearly not a fanatical football area, and a real concern has been expressed for the club's future because of the cost of improvements.

It does seem faintly ridiculous to suggest a team with such small gates has to have an all seater stadium. Rather than the criteria being the Division in which one plays, it

would make more sense for all seater stadiums to be required when average attendances reach a certain threshold, over say a three year period.

What with Barnet teetering on the brink of financial disaster, and now Sheffield United being investigated by the Police, one wonders who will be next. Soccer finance seems to be in a sorry mess, and clubs totally dependent on a rich dynasty putting in personal wealth, are surely highly vulnerable. All it needs is a change of interest by the benefactor, and the club suffers. Or more precisely the hard core supporters.

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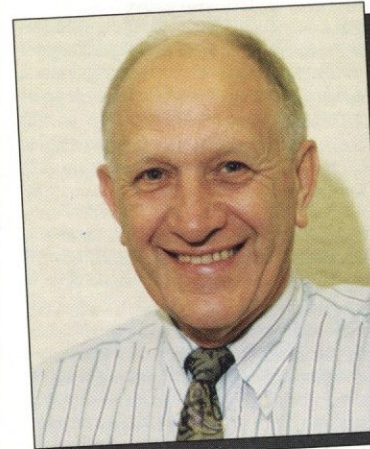
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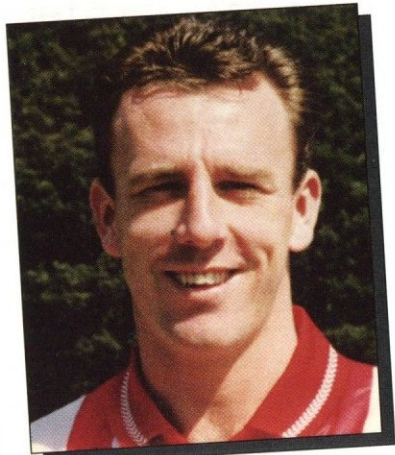
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kits so we wore Grimsby's change kit. The tops were a sort of pinkish colour with red speckles. Our supporters were certainly unimpressed with our outfit when we ran out!

I had to come off at Blundell Park with a recurrence of the knee injury I picked up in last year's cup semi-final. It's been niggling me for about eight weeks but I took a knock on it and had to come off. I had to see the specialist about it on Tuesday morning so at the time of writing I don't know whether I'll be involved in today's match.

A run of poor results has come at a bad time for us but apart from the Southend game I think we've been hard done by in terms of results. I wouldn't say our results have been down to bad luck because in the end it's down to us to make our own luck but we have been worth more points than we've won in recent weeks.

Last Saturday's match with Birmingham was another case in point. In fact in both recent league matches with Birmingham we've been well on top for long periods and yet we've got nothing out of those games. It was unfortunate for Gary Bennett that he had to go off after eight minutes but Shaun Cunningham did well filling in alongside Terry Butcher.

Being suspended last Saturday gave me the opportunity to bring my wife Sharon, son Luke and the baby to the match to meet a few people. I thought we played some good stuff at times and I was struck by the fact that the game looks a bit easier from the stands because you can see so

much more space whereas down on the pitch you don't have the advantage of seeing the game from an elevated position. Mind you sitting watching the game with the baby in my arms and not being able to help the lads was very frustrating. I definitely don't want to be suspended again!

Prior to last Saturday's game I had the chance to talk directly to some supporters on Wear FM's Saturday morning Sunderland Football programme. I enjoyed talking to the callers who made some good points and as always demonstrated their passion and commitment. Kieron Brady was also on the programme with me and it was a lot of fun.

Next weekend we visit St James's Park for our return match with Newcastle. Many people felt that Gary Bennett's "goal" against them at Roker should have been allowed but I'm taking nothing away from them. I think we are more than capable of getting a good result there and I think it could be a more open game than derbies usually are.

Today's game is just as important as the Newcastle match. We battled out a goal less draw on a soaking wet pitch at Kennilworth Road just before Christmas but we know that Luton have some useful players and to give them credit they do try to play football. Of course at this stage of any season its results rather than performances that matter. Good performances are what we all want but I don't suppose Manchester United or Aston Villa are too bothered about performances at present as long as they keep picking up points three at a time. The same applies to us.

It didn't look like Grimsby were going to score against us last Monday and I think we thoroughly deserved a point after playing two thirds of the game with only ten men. Being at the back it was difficult for me to see exactly what happened with Mick's sending off but it did look as if the ball was there to be won and the goalkeeper was uninjured. Of course they did get a fortunate late winner and we came home empty handed. I suppose the only people who were happy would be the people who clean our strips. The referee was unhappy about the clash between Grimsby's strip and both of our

FIRST REPORT

Guy Whittingham's 45th goal of the season helped Portsmouth to a 3-0 Easter Monday victory over Derby and took Pompey to within two points of Newcastle who had their bank holiday fixture with Oxford called off due to a waterlogged pitch. Appropriately enough the referee was Allan Flood.

Whittingham along with former Mag Benny Kristensen had got the goals at Twerton Park last Saturday that were enough to beat doomed Bristol Rovers. Whittingham is the first player to score over 40 league goals in a season since Ted McDougall scored 42 for Bournemouth in 1970-71. The last player to achieve the feat in this division was Roger Hunt for Liverpool in 1961-62 while you have to go back to Terry Bly's 52 fourth division goals for Peterborough in 1960-61 to find a player with more league goals in a single season than Whittingham has already.

If Jim Smith's side beat the Magpies of Notts County today they could knock Newcastle off their perch should the black and white's go down at Millwall. Indeed if West Ham followed up last Sunday's comfortable 3-0 win over

Leicester by managing to beat Luton on Tuesday (after these notes were written) and if they can dispose of Brentford today then Newcastle could find themselves not only off the top but out of the automatic promotion places by the time they entertain us a week tomorrow!

Newcastle have led the table since September 12th when they beat Portsmouth and there is little doubt that they'll go up and deservedly so but after the huge lead they had at the turn of the year perhaps it won't be quite so easy for them as had once been presumed.

Last Saturday an Andy Mutch goal was enough to beat Newcastle before Wolves second highest crowd of the season, 17,244. On Monday though Wolves slipped to a 1-0 defeat against Bristol City for whom Junior Bent scored at Ashton Gate. Forty eight hours earlier City had lost 2-0 at Oxford where teenager Mark Druce and Joey Beauchamp were on the mark.

Notts County continued their revival by picking up four points over the Easter

weekend. A 2-2 draw at Brentford was preceded by a 2-0 home win over Charlton who lost again on Monday at The Valley where Worrall Sterling's tenth goal of the campaign was enough to give give Peterborough their first ever league win over The Valiants. Sterling also grabbed the only goal of the game last Saturday when Cambridge were the visitors to London Road.

A crunch game between Millwall and Tranmere - positioned either side of the dividing line separating play off qualifiers and also rans - finished goal less as did Watford and Southend's clash at Vicarage Road. If Southend overcame Bristol Rovers on Wednesday they will have joined Brentford, Luton and Birmingham in leapfrogging us this week.

Whereas The Premier League still uses goal difference to separate teams on the same points The Barclays League uses goals scored as its criteria for splitting teams with the same points. Consequently after joining us on 46 points by beating us last week, Birmingham City managed to overtake us in midweek despite conceding six goals at home! The new rule means it's better to lose 5-1 (or 10-1 come to that) than 1-0 and we'd still be above Birmingham on goal difference. We certainly haven't picked a good season to record one of our lowest goals for totals!

Of course Monday's Birmingham v Swindon game must be a leading contender for the game of the season. With City 4-1 up after 51 minutes their 17,903 supporters must have thought the points were sewn up before Swindon amazingly fought back to win 6-4 with the help of a hat trick from Dave Mitchell. New Birmingham owner David Sullivan has made a fortune from his "newspaper" The Sport printing unbelievable stories about double decker buses on the moon and suchlike. The ten goal thriller must have had even Sullivan doubting what he was seeing. Perhaps he should keep "Roy of the Rovers" going using Blues games for the storylines!

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		A
Newcastle	41	13	6	1	48	13	11	3	7	30	22	81
Portsmouth	42	17	2	2	44	8	6	8	7	30	33	79
West Ham	41	13	5	2	42	16	9	5	7	28	21	76
Swindon	42	15	4	2	39	19	6	7	8	32	34	74
Tranmere	41	13	4	4	44	22	7	4	9	21	31	68
Leicester	40	12	4	4	36	23	8	4	8	26	29	68
Millwall	41	13	6	1	44	16	4	10	7	18	26	67
Grimsby	42	12	6	4	33	23	7	1	12	23	27	64
Wolves	42	10	6	5	34	23	5	7	9	20	26	58
Peterborough	41	6	9	5	25	24	9	2	10	24	35	56
Derby County	40	8	1	10	33	31	8	6	7	27	22	55
Charlton	42	9	8	5	26	18	5	5	10	20	25	55
Barnsley	42	10	4	6	25	17	5	5	12	26	38	54
Bristol City	41	9	5	6	25	24	4	5	12	19	41	49
Watford	41	6	7	7	25	29	6	5	10	28	38	48
Notts County	41	9	6	5	29	18	2	8	11	21	46	47
Brentford	42	6	6	10	25	29	6	4	10	23	32	46
Oxford	40	7	6	7	26	18	4	7	9	21	33	46
Birmingham	42	9	3	9	29	32	3	7	11	17	36	46
Sunderland	41	8	5	8	28	25	4	5	11	14	30	46
Luton Town	41	5	12	4	24	26	4	6	10	18	31	45
Southend	40	6	8	6	27	21	4	5	11	18	32	43
Cambridge	41	7	5	9	25	30	3	8	9	18	34	43
Bristol Rovers	41	6	4	11	26	38	3	5	12	21	40	36



Above Top: Don and Dav turn to celebrate last Saturday's equaliser.
Above Bottom: Mick Harford lays the ball off.



Goodman climbs highest to threaten the Blues goal.



GOALS FOR 1992/93

by Rob Mason

SUNDERLAND'S GOALS 1992-93

by Rob Mason

We need to score six more goals in our last five games to beat our lowest ever total of goals scored in a single season when we have been outside the top flight. That was the 47 we scored in 1985-86 when the season consisted of 42 games. Our lowest in any season was the 30 we scored in 1969-70.

The charts opposite show the distribution of our goals so far this season. They clearly show that we are most likely to score in the last fifteen minutes of each half. The charts which include all of our goals this season including cups and friendlies demonstrate that we have scored more goals in the final fifteen minutes of each half than we have in the other half hour of each half!

Don Goodman in particular seems dangerous in the latter stages of the game with seven of his thirteen goals coming in the final quarter of an hour.

Early goals though haven't been our speciality! The season was three months old before we scored in the opening half hour and then it was a 26th minute strike against Wolves by Shaun Cunningham. We were into December before we scored in the opening quarter of an hour when Michael Gray marked his full and home debuts by scoring in the first minute with a brilliant shot.

SUNDERLAND GOAL TIMES 1992-93

by Rob Mason

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes
Goodman	1	1	2	1	1	7
Cunnington	0	2	3	0	1	2
Rush	1	0	2	1	1	1
Davenport	0	0	3	1	0	2
Ball	0	0	0	1	1	1
Armstrong	0	0	2	0	1	0
Michael Gray	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harford	0	1	1	0	0	0
Owers	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sampson	0	0	0	0	1	0
Atkinson	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mooney	1	0	0	0	0	0
Butcher	0	0	0	0	2	0
Colquhoun	0	0	1	0	0	0
Byrne	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	4	5	15	4	8	16

All 1992-93 goals are included, league, cups and friendlies.

No doubt you'll all have your favourite goals of the season. These are my favourite half dozen which incidentally have all been scored in the first half!

- 1) Gary Owers v Notts County (h)
- 2) Don Goodman v Leicester (a)
- 3) Michael Gray v Barnsley (h)
- 4) David Rush v Oxford (a)
- 5) Brian Mooney v Cambridge (h)
- 6) Michael Gray v Oxford (h)

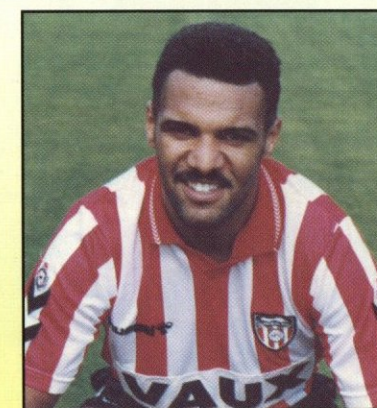
Minutes Scorer (Match)

- 1 Gray Mic (Barnsley h)
 - 5 Rush (Bristol R a), Goodman (Oxford h)
 - 10 Goodman (Leicester a)
 - 14 Mooney (Cambridge h)
-
- 16 Goodman (Derby a)
 - 19 Harford (Southend h)
 - 26 Cunningham (Wolves h)
 - 29 Gray Mic (Oxford h)
 - 30 Cunningham (Barnsley h)
-
- 34 Colquhoun (Scunthorpe a), Cunningham (Notts County a FAC) & (Bristol R a)
 - 36 Davenport (Leicester h)
 - 38 Armstrong (Cambridge a AIC), Owers (Notts County h) Rush (Cambridge h)
 - 39 Armstrong (Leicester a)
 - 40 Goodman (Southend h)
 - 42 Cunningham (Brentford h)
 - 43 Davenport (Falkirk a), Goodman (Grimsby h), Harford (Wolves a)
 - 45 Rush (Oxford a), Davenport (Birmingham h)



SHAUN CUNNINGTON
Sunderland's highest first half goalscorer 1992-93 season.

- 47 Ball (Notts County h)
 - 51 Davenport (Peterborough a)
 - 55 Rush (Cambridge a)
 - 56 Goodman (Millwall h)
-
- 64 Rush (Grimsby h)
 - 65 Butcher (Carlisle a)
 - 66 Butcher (Huddersfield C.C.C. h)
 - 68 Ball (Watford h)
 - 70 Armstrong (Newcastle h)
 - 71 Goodman (Notts County a FAC)
 - 73 Cunningham (Tranmere h), Sampson (Southend a)
-
- 76 Goodman (Millwall h), Atkinson (Cambridge h), Davenport (Peterborough h)
 - 77 Rush (Peterborough a)
 - 79 Goodman (Peterborough h)
 - 80 Ball (Huddersfield C.C.C. h), Goodman (Brentford a)
 - 81 Goodman (Charlton a)
 - 84 Goodman (Carlisle a)
 - 86 Byrne (Scunthorpe a), Davenport (Huddersfield a), Cunningham (Peterborough h)
 - 87 Goodman (Watford a) & (Wolves h), Cunningham (Derby h)
 - 89 Byrne (Bristol Rovers h)



DON GOODMAN
Sunderland's highest second half goalscorer 1992-93 season.

RESERVES AND YOUTHS

by Rob Mason

Our normal Reserve and Youth coverage has been omitted today to make room for the detailed look at our goalscoring.

Craig Russell took his tally for the Youths to 31 last week with his second hat-trick in consecutive games in the 6-0 demolition of Doncaster but Jonathan Trigg's side drew a blank when they went down 2-0 to Newcastle at a rain drenched Maiden Castle last Monday.

Meanwhile the reserves entertain Sheffield Wednesday on Tuesday (7.00) when they need to win to pull away from the bottom of the table.



Anthony Robinson in action for the youth team in their recent 4-0 win over Bradford City.

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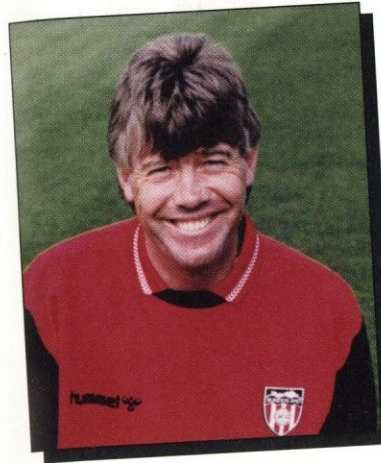
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PHYSIO'S FORMBOOK



KEVIN BALL

The skipper had to be taken off for only the second time this season at Grimsby. He suffered a blow to a knee that has given him a few problems recently. Fortunately it hadn't swollen up the following day and hopefully he'll be ok for this afternoon. During the summer Kevin will have an arthroscope to look at his knee and check it's nothing serious.

GARY BENNETT

Benno will miss about a fortnight due to his pulled hamstring.

KIERON BRADY

Kieron is back at Lilleshall as part of his rehabilitation programme.

MICHAEL GRAY

Michael suffered a slight hamstring strain at Grimsby but he should be ok for today's match.

RICHARD ORD

Richard is fit again.

COLIN PASCOE

Colin has been put in plaster for three weeks in an effort to settle his injury down.

ANTHONY SMITH

Smith has had his plaster removed and is making good progress at the beginning of his rehabilitation period.

MARTIN SMITH

Martin was hurt in last Saturday's 6-0 youth team victory over Doncaster and had to watch Monday's derby with Newcastle on crutches. He was put in plaster from the knee down on Tuesday and will keep it on for ten days. Hopefully he'll be fit for the forthcoming cup final with Sheffield Wednesday.

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Advice has been sought and it is the opinion of the Safety Advisory Group and the Safety Officers at Roker Park that these stools etc cause a hazard/obstruction, and could be used as weapons, you are therefore requested not to bring these items with you, as their use is in contravention of ground regulations, and may result in you being refused admission to the Stadium or ejected from it.

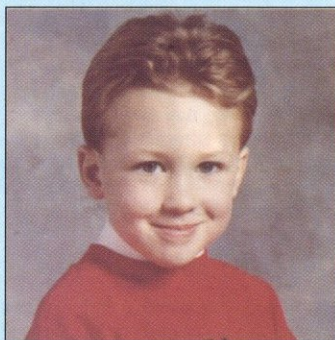
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TODAY'S MASCOT



Liam McConnell aged 5
from Darlington, Co Durham

S.A.F.C. SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

This seasons Player of the Year evening has been cancelled.

Please return to Supporters Office, Roker Baths Road, for a refund between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

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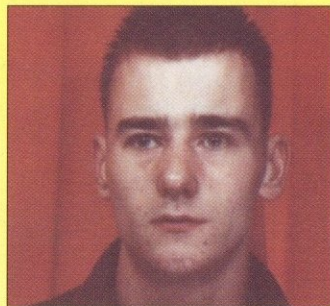
My name is Nicky Ryan and I am an 17 year old Tranmere Rovers supporter. I was wondering if you could put a note in your programme asking if any of your fans, male or female preferably 16 to 20 years old - would like to write to me. I would really appreciate it if you could do this for me.

Thank you and good luck for what's left of the season.

Yours faithfully

Nicky Ryan

**Happy 27th Birthday
Stuart Henderson
from the Team**



FAN FILE

Name: Dean Fletcher

From: Gateshead

Occupation: Office Clerk

Usual place in Ground: Fulwell End

How long a supporter?
13 years

First match seen?
Sunderland 1 Notts County 1

Favourite current player?
John Kay

Favourite all-time player?
Lee Chapman

Funniest moment?
Gary Bennett throwing Speedie in the crowd.

Matchday superstition?
Taking the flask

Highlight as a supporter?
Going to the FA Cup Final.

Lowpoint as a supporter?
Selling Chris Turner to Man United.

Favourite away ground?
The Dell, Southampton.

Best Sunderland XI?
Montgomery, Venison, Kay, Harvey, Hurley, Bracewell, Kerr, Tueart, Champman, Hughes, West.

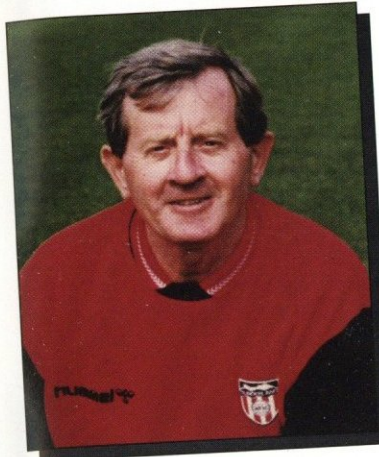
How do you celebrate a win over Newcastle?
Flying my Union Jack out of the window.

Best ever buy?
John Kay

Who do you see as our main rivals?
Newcastle (keep up tradition)

Who would you like to see us trying to buy?
Roy Wegerley because he always seems to score a lot of goals.

JUNIOR REVIEW



have signed on Associate Schoolboy Forms attend there, as do "young talent" spotted by our NE Scouts - Fred Anderson, John Carruthers, Michael Clark, Barry Robinson and Harry Routledge.

Jimmy Sampson, Dave Fraser and Neville Wharrier have brought up an u15 Yorkshire select, whilst our u14 Trialists have had Coaching Sessions followed by games v Cleveland and a select side from Lancashire.

Our Scottish work has been under the guidance of John Dillon, Pat Morgan and Dave McParland - they do have some exciting young players north of the Border, our u14 up there recently beat Celtic Boys 2-1. (My recent Sunday morning visit to Glasgow to see them play, showed 3 or 4 young ones who we'd love to sign). They love to come to Roker - a sincere thanks too to the Beach View Hotel, Roker who admirably 'House them', when they come to us, and of course, EVERYONE connected with the club,

DEVELOPING YOUNG PLAYERS

We have, over Easter, been holding Training/Coaching Days for u14, u15 and u16 year old players. Players we

who make all visiting youngsters so welcome and at home.

Coaching and training? - yes it does need men - of experience of working with young players - in my work I have been assisted on the Training Ground by Jonathan Trigg, John Nicholson and Steve Golightly.

Our holiday work enables us not only to assess them as potential PLAYERS, but also as to their ability (and desire) - to LEARN. So often I feel the greatest gift I wished they possessed is CONFIDENCE - truly it is a sin to damage or destroy that. Obviously at the outset - it is - TALENT and ABILITY. But after that, it is essential that they are HONEST and HARD WORKING if they are to progress to becoming a professional player. Interestingly, those qualities may well also be the requirements for "good scouts", "good coaches", in football or any profession in life!

**JIM MORROW
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**



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Dear Julie

Thank you for bringing a further cheque for £71 from the sale of tickets for the Pageant of Carols, from the Sunderland A.F.C. The wonderful support that the Appeal has received from the Sunderland A.F.C. is deeply appreciated and helped to ensure the success of the Appeal.

The Directors and members of the Club will be pleased to learn that the Appeal has exceeded its target of £200,000 by over £105,000!!! It is now possible to fund another two Macmillan Nurses who could serve in the community thanks to your Club and the wonderful people of Sunderland.

Thank you again for your personal work and support throughout the Appeal.

Yours sincerely

Dilys Palmer OBE, CO-ORDINATOR

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Dear Alec

I would like to place on record my thanks, both personal and on behalf of the Sunderland and District Macmillan Nurse Appeal Committee for the support you gave us during our campaign - to exceed our target both in amount of funds raised and the time taken to do it was a considerable achievement by all involved in which you should feel pride for your own contribution.

Again, my thanks.

Best Regards

Ian Gibson
MANAGING DIRECTOR



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ROKER ROOKIES

SUNDERLAND'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR SUPPORTERS' CLUB

It seems lately there is little time to pause for breath as there are so many events to be arranged that involve sections of our Rookies. For instance, Thursday 8th April 1993, saw our annual photo call take place at Roker for our soccer teams, followed by our annual 'Players Forum'. I am sure all present enjoyed their afternoon and we all give special thanks to the players present on stage, who endured, although I am sure they also enjoyed, their one and a half hour session of truly 'honest' questioning by our Rookies. So big thanks go to: Michael Gray, John Kay, Brian Atkinson, Gordon Armstrong, John Colquhoun and skipper Kevin Ball - for giving up their time and entertaining us all with their reflections and wit. Also thanks must go to Terry Butcher for joining us after a session with the media.

Another event to look forward to is the presentation night for our 6-10 year olds who have been training hard all year, this takes place in the Roker Park Suite on Wednesday April 25th 1993 and as all tickets have been sold I'm sure the evening will be a great success.

I feel I must now make a special vote of thanks to the parents and children of our under 11 team, who have a busy league programme on a Sunday yet have still managed to turn up and play representative matches for the last three Saturdays in a row. I think this shows their love of the game and of the Rookies, so thanks to Trevor Collins and everyone involved with the town for all your efforts, they are greatly appreciated.

You will all know by your activity sheets that our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st April 1993 in the Roker Park Suite. At this very moment in time we are considering changes to this date, as we are having difficulties with the switching of our reserve fixture to the Tuesday and the availability of certain players. So please read the local papers for any changes that may take place as we will advertise them, if nothing is seen then the meeting will be as normal on the Wednesday.

Lastly at today's game, we have the winner of our monthly Mascot Draw, Ben Collier from Pallion. No doubt this is a day he will never forget, and we hope he and his family have a marvellous afternoon at Roker and bring us luck. I hope all the Rookies at today's game will becheering him on.

IAN HOPPER
ROKER ROOKIES

LEARNING THROUGH FOOTBALL

THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF ROKER.

You may have heard recently that Roker groundsman Steve Millard is one of the finalists for the Jewson Groundsman of the Year award. That would be no surprise to the thousands of visiting children who have watched Steve at work day after day on the famous pitch.

The regular work begins after a match with the replacement of divots and a raking to remove loose soil and dead grass. At this time of year repair work is often needed in the goalmouth and also along the touch-lines where linesmen have worn away the grass. The mower comes out before every match: a four-mile walk as the grass is cut and rolled to produce the familiar stripes. Then the white lines are painted using a special three-wheeled barrow. This two-hour job is followed by attaching the nets to the goals, pegging them to the ground, and finally putting the corner flags into place.

Between matches there is more work to be done. Spraying the chemical fertiliser. Spiking the soil to allow air and water to penetrate. Watering the grass with fixed and portable sprinklers. Trimming the edges (by hand!) and cutting around the goalposts with hand shears. At the end of the season about two months are available for reseeding or turfing worn areas. Steve told me there are hundreds of varieties of grass, all with different working properties dependent on soil types, temperature and rainfall. A good groundsman needs to know all this, and have the enthusiasm to work outside in all weathers. Best of luck at the award ceremony next week, Steve.

The University of Reading

Dear Mr Ferguson

On behalf of my colleague, Mike Page, and myself I write to thank all at the Club for the warmth of their welcome and the friendliness shown to us throughout our brief visit to Roker Park.

Enjoying the shortest of breaks from a conference at the University of Durham we arrived unannounced and were delighted when our request for a 'quick look' at the hallowed turf turned into an exclusive tour, completed by meeting Terry Bucher and his squad. Your Community Receptionist, Robert, gave over an hour of his time to us and his pride in Sunderland made him an inspirational guide and a fine advertisement for a great football club; please pass on our warmest thanks both to him and to John Hegarty, a chance meeting with whom unlocked so much for us.

You do not exaggerate when you style yourselves 'the caring club'. You all combined to make our visit to the north-east truly memorable and for this we are very grateful.

Yours sincerely, KN Hodgson (BA Sub-Dean)

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THE VISITORS



LUTON TOWN FIRST TEAM SQUAD

BACK ROW (left to right)

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MIDDLE ROW (left to right)

John Moore (First Team Coach), Julian James, Paul Telfer, Tim Allpress, Kurt Nogan (now Brighton & HA), Richard Harvey, Trevor Peake, Brian Owen (Physio, now Cambridge Utd).

FRONT ROW (left to right)

Steve Claridge (now Cambridge Utd), David Preece, Phil Gray, David Pleat (manager), Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, Scott Oakes.



Last May Mick Harford's goals were not enough to keep Luton in the top flight. His second spell at Kenilworth Road brought his goal haul for the Hatters to 93 in first team matches, and the tall striker was a popular player with Luton fans. Mick led the Luton line when the Football League Cup was won in 1988, but finances dictated his summer move to Stamford Bridge when the Hatters pocketed £300,000, just £25,000 less than they had invested when signing him for a second time.

Luton had been surviving in Division One by the skin of their teeth for a number of seasons, and victory in the last match of 91/92 would have ensured top flight soccer for another year. A trip to already doomed Notts County did not seem that difficult, and when Julian James gave them an early lead all seemed to be well. But County won 2-1, and Luton's ten year spell in Division One was over.

Now twelve months later the Hatters are striving to avoid a second relegation, and bearing in mind what happened to Mick Harford, Hatters followers will have been delighted the transfer deadline passed with Philip Gray still at Kenilworth Road. The 24 year old Ulsterman failed to find the net in nine league outings, spread over five years at White Hart Lane, but he has discovered the goal standard at Luton, following his £250,000 summer move. So

much so that he was being tipped for a move to Chelsea - as a replacement for Mick Harford.

During February and March, Phil Gray scored in six successive league games.

But Gray apart Luton have struggled in front of goal. Kerry Dixon, despite some polished all round forward play has failed to produce the goalscoring touch, such a characteristic of his play at Stamford Bridge. Second highest goalscorer Scott Oakes, is nursing badly bruised shins, and with the hard grounds not helping, manager David Pleat would be tempted to give the attack minded midfielder a rest.

At the start of the season Luton were pinning goal hopes on Steve Claridge a summer signing from Cambridge who hit fourteen goals for the Fenmen last term. But the new man failed to settle at Kenilworth Road, and by Christmas he was back on his old stamping ground. Luton started the campaign poorly. In their first 20 matches, some 41 goals were conceded, and the club were deep in relegation trouble. But in the next 20 fixtures the goals against column only increased by 17, and steadily the Hatters have pulled away from the bottom three.

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David Pleat is experienced enough to know that if the defence is sound enough you will not lose too many games. Consequently expect a tight match this afternoon with the visiting rearguard playing in a highly disciplined manner.

Having got it right at the back, a few more goals would have earned Luton's position considerably. Going in to Easter the Hatters had drawn 18 league matches, the highest number in the Division, and eight of those were scoreless.

Over the years Luton have relied on home grown talent, and today's squad will contain up to half a dozen who have come through the junior ranks. Julian James, Jason Rees, Paul Telfer, Marvin Johnson, Ceri Hughes and Jamie Campbell could all figure in the Hatters line up.

Regrettably one youngster who will not be Scottish Under 21 defender Darren Salton. He sustained leg and head injuries in a car accident last November and at one stage it seemed as though he might never kick a ball again. But the Edinburgh born player is determined to restart his career and happily he will receive every encouragement from Luton. David Pleat has extended his contract to give him time, and Darren is now on the long road to recovery.

Last season Luton used 34 players in an attempt to avoid relegation.



LUTON FORMGUIDE

Division One 92/93:

		Position
Leicester	A 1-2	Campbell
Bristol City	H 0-3	22
Charlton	A 0-0	21
Newcastle	A 0-2	22
Tranmere	A 3-3	Claridge, Luntun, Oakes
Brentford	A 2-1	Gray og
Birmingham	H 1-1	21
Portsmouth	H 1-4	Dreyer
Barnsley	A 0-3	22
Derby County	H 1-3	Johnson
Peterborough	A 3-2	Gray 2, Telfer
Southend	h 2-2	Gray, James
Cambridge	A 3-3	Gray 2, Oakes
Grimsby	H 1-4	Gray
Oxford	A 0-4	22
Millwall	H 1-1	Gray
Watford	H 2-0	Benjamin, Oakes
Bristol Rovers	A 0-2	21
Wolves	A 2-1	Gray 2
Sunderland	H 0-0	21
West Ham	A 2-2	Hughes, Dreyer
Birmingham	A 1-2	Hughes
Notts County	h 0-0	22
Newcastle	H 0-0	22
Bristol City	A 0-0	24
Leicester	H 2-0	Gray, Johnson
Brentford	H 0-0	22
Tranmere	A 2-0	Gray, Johnson
Charlton	H 1-0	Gray
Barnsley	H 2-2	Gray, Dixon
Portsmouth	A 1-2	Gray
Oxford	H 3-1	Gray, Preece, Oakes
Grimsby	A 1-3	Gray
Bristol Rovers	H 1-1	og
Millwall	A 0-1	18
Cambridge	H 2-0	Dixon, Oakes
Watford	A 0-0	18
Wolves	H 1-1	Gray
Swindon	A	18
West Ham	H	18

Cup Matches 92/93:

		Comp/Round
Plymouth	H 2-2	Claridge 2
Plymouth	A 2-3	Claridge, Preece
Bristol City	H 2-0	Gray, Hughes
Derby County	H 1-5	Telfer
Watford	A 0-0	AIC
Bristol City	H 1-1	Claridge

HATTERS FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts	POS	Top League Scorer	Average Gate	Round Reached
1987/88	One	40	14	11	15	57-58	53	9	Stein M 11	8,038	Semis Winners
1988/89	One	39	10	11	17	42-52	41	16	Wilson 9	9,504	Three Runners Up
1989/90	One	38	10	13	15	43-57	43	17	Black 11	9,886	Three Three
1990/91	One	38	10	7	21	42-61	37	18	Elstrup 15	10,325	Four Three
1991/92	One	42	10	12	20	38-71	42	20	Harford 12	9,715	Three Two

FAC - FA Cup FLC - FL Cup

IAN BENJAMIN

Luton are Ian's eleventh league club since he started as an apprentice at Forest, and none of his moves have been on a loan basis. The 31 year old striker who can also play in midfield actually made his debut with Sheffield United and later played for West Brom, Notts County and Peterborough, before teaming up with Northampton in 1984. He had three excellent seasons with the Cobblers before moving on to Cambridge, Chester and Exeter. A move to Southend coincided with the Shrimpers best period as a league side, and then earlier this season Ian moved to Luton.

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN

Once interested Sunderland, but no deal emerged. A £150,000 signing from Everton in 1988, the 28 year old keeper was understudy to Neville Southall at Goodison. Started his career with Ipswich but Alec's league debut came with Colchester where he did not miss a match in four seasons, prior to his move to Merseyside.

KERRY DIXON

The former England striker is on loan from Southampton. Vastly experienced he started with Reading in 1980, after being released by Spurs. Moved to Chelsea in 1983 and onto Southampton last summer after scoring over 200 goals for the Londoners. Capped eight times for England, Kerry despite his Christian name has family connections with County Mayo.

JOHN DREYER

Born in Alnwick. The well built defender will be 30 in June, and learnt his trade at Oxford, having started with junior club Wallingford Town. Moved to Luton in 1988 for £140,000, and has been a regular ever since.

PHIL GRAY

Is having a great season. A snip at £275,000, the amount invested by Luton when the Belfast born striker moved from White Hart Lane last summer. Aged 24 he is now established in the Northern Ireland side, and Luton could surely quadruple

their outlay were he to move on. Had knocked in 18 league goals up to Easter.

CERI HUGHES

Had injury problems in the last two years but is now back to full fitness. The 22 year old defender joined Luton in 1989 and has youth under 21 and senior caps for Wales.

JULIAN JAMES

An England Under 21 defender who came through the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road. Now 23 he joined the Hatters from school, and had a spell on loan to Preston last season.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Another to have joined the Kenilworth Road staff from school. Plays in defence, and though at the club as a pro for six seasons, has still to really establish himself as a first team regular. Aged 24.

CHRIS KAMARA

Boro born and had a loan spell at Ayresome Park a few months ago. Like Benjamin a journeyman footballer who has given excellent service to seven clubs since making his bow as an 18 year old with Portsmouth in 75/76. Had two separate spells at Fratton and Swindon, while his other moves took Chris to Brentford, Stoke, Leeds and Luton last season. Is approaching his 600th league outing.

SCOTT OAKES

Recruited for Luton last season, and can play in defence or midfield. A 21 year old, he has emerged this season as a likely goalscorer.

DAVID PREECE

A major influence in the 1988 League Cup winning team. Joined Luton from Walsall in 1984 and has now topped 500 appearances as a professional. Capped by England at B level he will be 30 next month.

TREVOR PEAKE

Made his name at Coventry, as a steady centre back, winning an FA Cup Winner's medal in 1987. Joined

Luton for £100,000 in August 1991. Started his career with Nuneaton, had a spell at Lincoln, and then joined the Sky Blues in 1983.

JASON REES

Born in Aberdare the 23 year old midfielder like Ceri Hughes has represented Wales at youth, Under 21 and senior levels. Joined Luton from school.

PAUL TELFER

Has established himself in the first team this season. Edinburgh born he too joined Luton as a trainee. Plays in midfield, and is aged 21.

MARTIN WILLIAMS

Released by Leicester and was signed by the Hatters last season. Will be 20 in July and the young forward was actually born in Luton.

THE BOSS - DAVID PLEAT

A Luton man through and through. Though David has had lengthy spells at other clubs, the call of Kenilworth Road seems irresistible. As a player he spent three years from 1964 with the Hatters, and after serving Exeter and Peterborough he returned to the coaching staff in 1974.

In 1978 he became manager, and two years later led the club into Division One. His period at Tottenham was one of mixed fortune, though he did take the Londoners to Wembley in 1987. Prior to his third spell at Kenilworth Road, David was manager at Leicester.

RECENT MANAGERS

Harry Haslem	1972 - 1978
David Pleat	1978 - 1986
John Moore	1986 - 1987
Ray Harford	1987 - 1990
Jim Ryan	1990 - 1991
David Pleat	1991 -

HATTERS TIMEWARP

1885	Club formed
1897	Elected to Division Two
1900	Failed re-election
1920	Elected to Division three
1937	Promoted to Division Two (Champs)
1955	Promoted to Division One (Second)
1960	Relegated to Division Two
1963	Relegated to Division Three
1965	Relegated to Division Four
1968	Promoted to Division Three (Champs)
1970	Promoted to Division Two (Second)
1974	Promoted to Division One (Second)
1975	Relegated to Division Two
1982	Promoted to Division One (Champs)
1992	Relegated to new Division One

Highest League Position:

7th in Division One 1987

FA Cup: Runners UP 1959

FL Cup: Winners 1988

Simond Cup: Runners Up 1988

Most League Appearances:

494 Bob Morton 1948-1964

Most League Goals:

243 Gordon Turner 1949-1964

David Pleat many not have been at Kenilworth Road to enjoy the moment, but it was the current Luton manager who laid the foundations for the club's finest seasons. First time around he took over a Hatters side, just relegated from the top

FLASHBACK!

Sunderland slipped up badly at Ipswich in Division One losing 1-4 in April 1983. Terry Butcher was at centre half for the homesters, for whom John Wark netted two goals. Nick Pickering scored a second half consolation goal as the lads fielded Prudhoe, Venison, Munro, Atkins, Hindmarch, Chisholm, Cooke, West, Worthington (McCoist), James, Pickering. Paul Walsh scored all three goals as Luton beat Swansea 3-1, also in the top flight.

Goals from Halom and Hughes secured a comfortable Second Division win at Hull in April 1973. Sunderland lined out Montgomery, Malone, Guthrie, Chambers, Ashurst, Young, Kerr (McGiven), Hughes, Halom, Porterfield, Lathan.

Luton, whom the lads had beaten in Round Six recorded a scoreless home draw with Aston Villa, also in Division Two.

flight. By 1982 he had fashioned a squad capable of lifting the Second Division Championship, and though he had left Luton for Spurs in 1986, it was effectively his side that finished seventh in Division One a year later, and then lifted the League Cup at Wembley in 1988.

Luton were the outstanding Second Division side of 81/82. They headed the table, eight points clear of Watford, scoring 86 goals and losing only four matches. The strength of the side lay in its attacking abilities. Brian Stein, Steve White and David Moss netted 54 goals between them, and Luton failed to score in just four league games. Brian Horton was an inspirational skipper, while at the back Mal Donaghy and Kirk Stephens, both ever presents were rock solid.

John Moore was in charge when Luton attained their highest league ranking, seventh, in 1987, but Donaghy and Stein were still stalwarts of the side. Horton and Moss had retired, and White was now at Swindon, but Luton proved to be one of the most attractive teams in the land. The driving force was Welsh international Peter Nicholas, and up front Mark Stein, younger brother of Brian, was making his mark. Mick Harford was regularly finding the net, and though Luton's average gates were amongst the lowest in Division One, they had no problem matching the big City clubs.

Luton's ability to compete, was more than proved the following season. As March beckoned three Wembley Finals seemed a distinct possibility. In the event they reached two, after surprisingly losing in the FA Cup Semis to Wimbledon. But in one of the most exciting League Cup Finals for years before a 95,000 crowd Luton beat Arsenal 3-2 to win their first major trophy. Needless to say Brian Stein scored twice, and of course Mal Donaghy played a stalwart game in the back four. Mick Harford was at number ten, but possibly the real hero was reserve keeper Andy Dibble, later to play on loan for

LAST TIME

Saturday 20th October 1990 Division One Sunderland 2 (Gabbiadini, Davenport) Luton Town 0

THE LADS: Norman, Kay, Smith, Bennett, Ball, Owers, Bracewell, Armstrong, Davenport, Gabbiadini, Hardyman.

HATTERS: Chamberlain, Johnson, Harvey, Williams, Beaumont, Dryer, Elstrup, Preece, Dowie, Hughes (McDonough), Black (Rees).

Attendance: 20,025

An inspired performance from visiting 'keeper Alec Chamberlain prevented Marco registering a hat-trick, and Sunderland recording a more emphatic victory. But there were no complaints from home fans who witnessed an excellent performance from the lads.

Sunderland dominated midfield with Armstrong and Bracewell outstanding. Up front Marco showed electric pace and Peter Davenport had possibly his best game since joining the club. Dav set up the first goal after twelve minutes, and then had the pleasure of netting the second when Marco returned the compliment.

Luton were generally thwarted by a resolute Sunderland rearguard well marshalled by skipper Bennett. And with young Anthony Smith having a highly satisfactory home debut, the lads consolidated in mid table.

Would that it had lasted!

Sunderland. He came into the side as a late replacement for Les Sealey and saved a penalty at a critical stage of the game.

A month before Luton had contested the Full Members Cup Final, then sponsored by Simond, but they surprisingly lost 1-4 to Second Division Reading, Mick Harford scoring the Hatters goal.

IN RECENT TIMES

Season	Division	Roker	Kenilworth Rd	Final Position Lads	Luton
1990/91	One	2-0	1-2	19R	18
1984/85	One	3-0	1-2	21R	13
1983/84	One	2-0	1-4	13	16
1982/83	One	1-1	3-1	16	18
1979/80	Two	1-0	0-2	2P	6



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TERRY BUTCHER.....	5JULIAN JAMES
KEVIN BALL (Capt).....	6TREVOR PEAKE
SHAUN CUNNINGTON.....	7CERI HUGHES
DON GOODMAN.....	8CHRIS KAMARA
MICK HARFORD.....	9KERRY DIXON
BRIAN ATKINSON.....	10PHIL GRAY
GORDON ARMSTRONG.....	11DAVID PREECE
JOHN COLQUHOUN.....	12SCOTT OAKES
ANTON ROGAN.....	14MARTIN WILLIAMS

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Mr S D Bell. Mr Bell is married with two young sons. He is in his fourth season as a league referee and was last at Roker for the visit of Watford in November 1991.

LINESMEN: Mr D Charlton (Red and Yellow flag), Mr P Kitson (Yellow flag).

HALF TIMES

A) MILLWALL.....V.....	NEWCASTLE	J) WATFORD.....V.....	BIRMINGHAM
B) BARNLEY.....V.....	SOUTHEND	K) WEST HAM.....V.....	BRENTFORD
C) BRISTOL ROV.....V.....	CAMBRIDGE	L) WOLVES.....V.....	TRANMERE
D) DERBY COUNTY.....V.....	GRIMSBY	M) MANCHESTER UTD.....V.....	CHELSEA
E) NOTTS COUNTY.....V.....	PORTSMOUTH	N) WIMBLEDON.....V.....	NOTT'M FOREST
F) OXFORD.....V.....	CHARLTON	P) SCUNTHORPE.....V.....	DARLINGTON
G) PETERBOROUGH.....V.....	BRISTOL CITY	R) STOKE CITY.....V.....	HARTLEPOOL
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