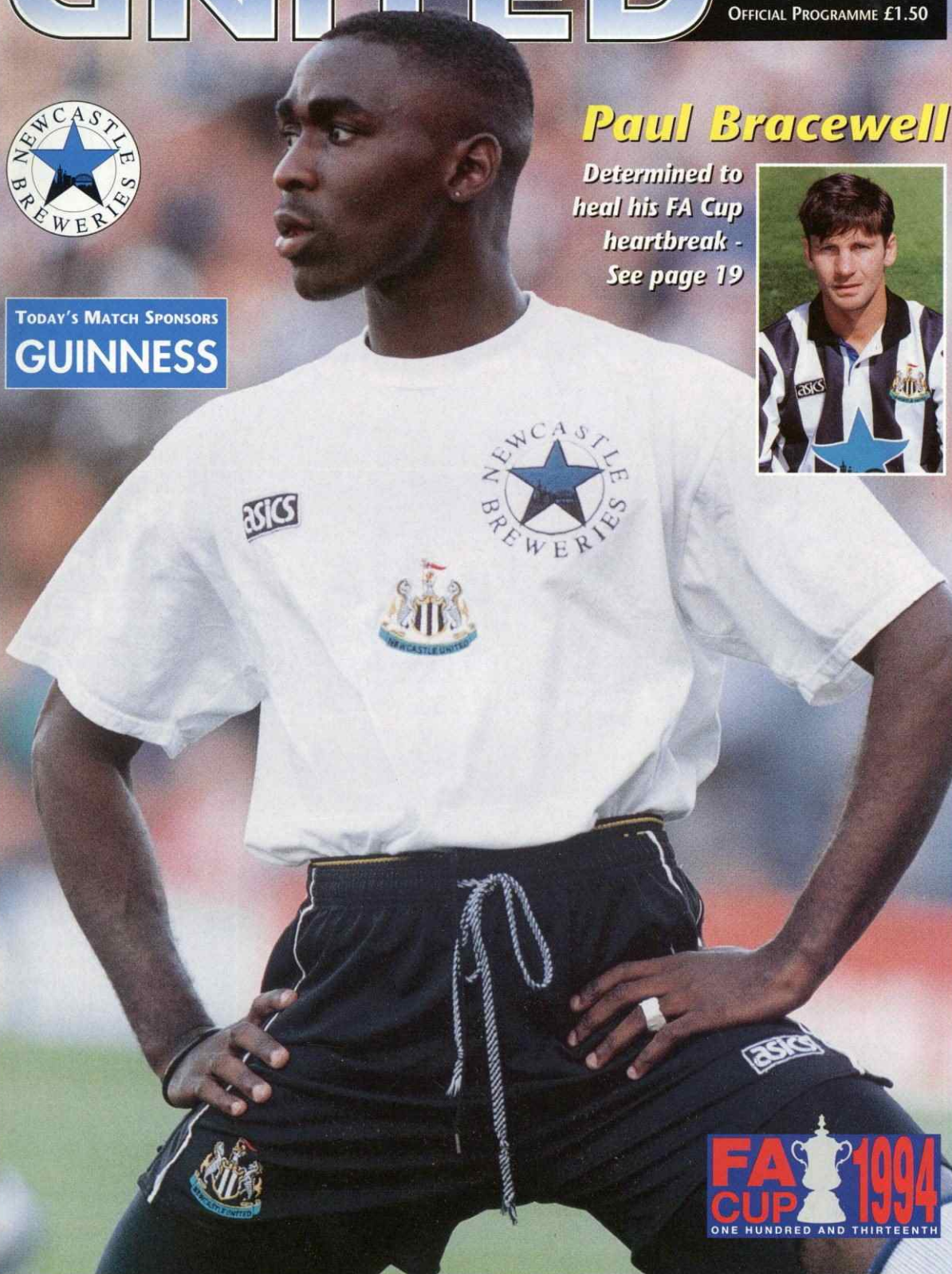


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Paul Bracewell

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heal his FA Cup
heartbreak -
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THIRD ROUND ACTION

United progressed into today's fourth round following their 2-0 win against Coventry. Action from that game shows Robert Lee taking on all comers as he's surrounded by three Sky Blues (above). Full-back Mark Robinson attempted to get on the scoresheet with a powerful drive (left). Andy Cole, unsurprisingly, did find the back of the net, and became the centre of attention as his team-mates rushed in to celebrate (below left)

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KEVIN KEEGAN

I COULD NOT be more pleased that this F.A. Cup tie comes just a week after the sickening defeat by Southampton. It gives us a golden chance to get back to winning ways in front of our own supporters and, of course, to take another meaningful step towards Wembley.

And yes, I am quite prepared to talk about Newcastle United and Wembley in the same breath. That's where the Final is played and so that's got to be our aim.

We have players good enough to take us there and fans more than good enough to back us every step of the way. Nobody can give you promises about winning matches - who would have forecast that Southampton would beat us not once, but twice, this season! - But I can promise you that we won't start this Cup game the way we began last Saturday.

I was worried about things from the early minutes - we just didn't have our usual zip. We are a team that likes to set the pace from the first whistle and it just didn't happen for us against Southampton.

Having gone a goal down we might well have been two behind at the interval rather than on level terms and the players were told loud and clear.

If we had scored first, when we should have done, after the interval, I know we would have gone on to win the game and made it five victories on the trot.

But the Premiership punishes you if you fail to punish your opponents with goals when you are on top.

And Matthew le Tissier, as if we needed reminding after what he did to us at The Dell in October, is perfectly capable of turning any game with outstanding skill and vision.

I was unhappy at conceding the free kick - there was no need for it - but le Tissier was more than happy with the shot he fired past Mike Hooper.

My old pal, Alan Ball, in his first game as Southampton's new manager, had a memorable day. And I spent a miserable Sunday - I never read a paper!

But it's how we bounce back that matters and there's no way we will be as sloppy this afternoon as we were last week. If we are - if there's any hint of complacency - Luton will seize their chance of Cup glory.

I saw them beat Southend in the third round on a pitch much more difficult than ours. They just shaded it, but scored an excellent winner, and in David Pleat they have a manager who will have done



his homework on the way we like to play. He is one of the game's most experienced managers and we can be quite sure that Luton will play with fire, spirit and commitment today. I wouldn't expect anything else from players who know that even a draw would be looked upon as a moral victory.

Mind you, there will be fire and spirit and a real hunger for victory in our players today. They know how much off the boil they were against Southampton and they want to put it right.

We have quite a few who have been to Wembley in this competition - Barry Venison, Peter Beardsley, Paul Bracewell and Mike Hooper spring readily to mind.

And we have youngsters who are dying to get there. This is a good draw for us because we're at home to a First Division team and that's got to be better than going to Norwich or Manchester United.

The Cup is special for players, but managers must love the Wembley occasion. I was lucky - I was there twice as a player in F.A. Cup Finals, the first a winning appearance against Newcastle, of course, in 1974 and then three years later for Liverpool against Manchester United.

We lost that one, 2-1, when we were chasing a unique treble. We had won the championship and on the Wednesday after losing in the F.A. Cup Final we beat Borussia Moenchengladbach in the European Cup Final in Rome. Happy days.

But I'll be a happy man tonight if we've made it into the fifth round draw.

I expect us to be there, not in any arrogant way, but because I know that if we play as we can we beat anybody. What's for sure is that we'll play a lot better this week than last.

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FA CUP TALK

NEWCASTLE UNITED skipper Barry Venison had to stop and think for a moment.

No, he had never started an FA Cup final at Wembley. But he has stacks of FA Cup memories - most of them good, some bad - and the 29-year-old defender is in no mood for any slip-ups in this afternoon's fourth round tie at St James' Park.

In fact, Barry sees this season as the perfect opportunity to wipe out a couple of disappointments in the FA Cup Final at Wembley.

The first came in 1988 when after a long absence following an achilles tendon injury, the blond defender made his way to the Liverpool bench to watch his Anfield colleagues do battle with Wimbledon.

"When you are injured and feeling out of things, Wembley can be one of the loneliest places in the world," says Newcastle's influential skipper.

"And to make matters worse of course, Wimbledon beat Liverpool that day to cause one of the shock results of all time."

Barry's next FA Cup trip to Wembley, a year later, was a much better one - even though he was again on the bench, this time along with Ian Rush, against Merseyside rivals Everton.

"Both me and Rushie came on as subs and although he scored twice as we came back from behind to win, I always joked with him that it was me who changed the game," says the Consett-born defender.

Speaking of joking, Barry loves to pull his United colleague John Beresford's leg. Two seasons ago, Barry and Liverpool met Bez and Portsmouth in the FA Cup semi-final.

"Bez doesn't like being reminded that he missed his penalty in the shoot-out and that it was Liverpool who went through," says Barry.

"When he sunk to his knees in dismay, I was dancing in delight in the centre-circle."

But Barry's joy turned to agony when Liverpool manager Graeme Souness left him out of his plans in the final against Sunderland - the team he himself skippered in the Milk Cup Final against Norwich as a 19-year-old.

"I had been involved in both ties against Portsmouth and while I had started several other cup ties at Wembley, this was one of the biggest disappointments of my career," says the United skipper.

Now nothing would do more to please the man dubbed 'Venners' than to erase that memory with a jaunt to Wembley with United.

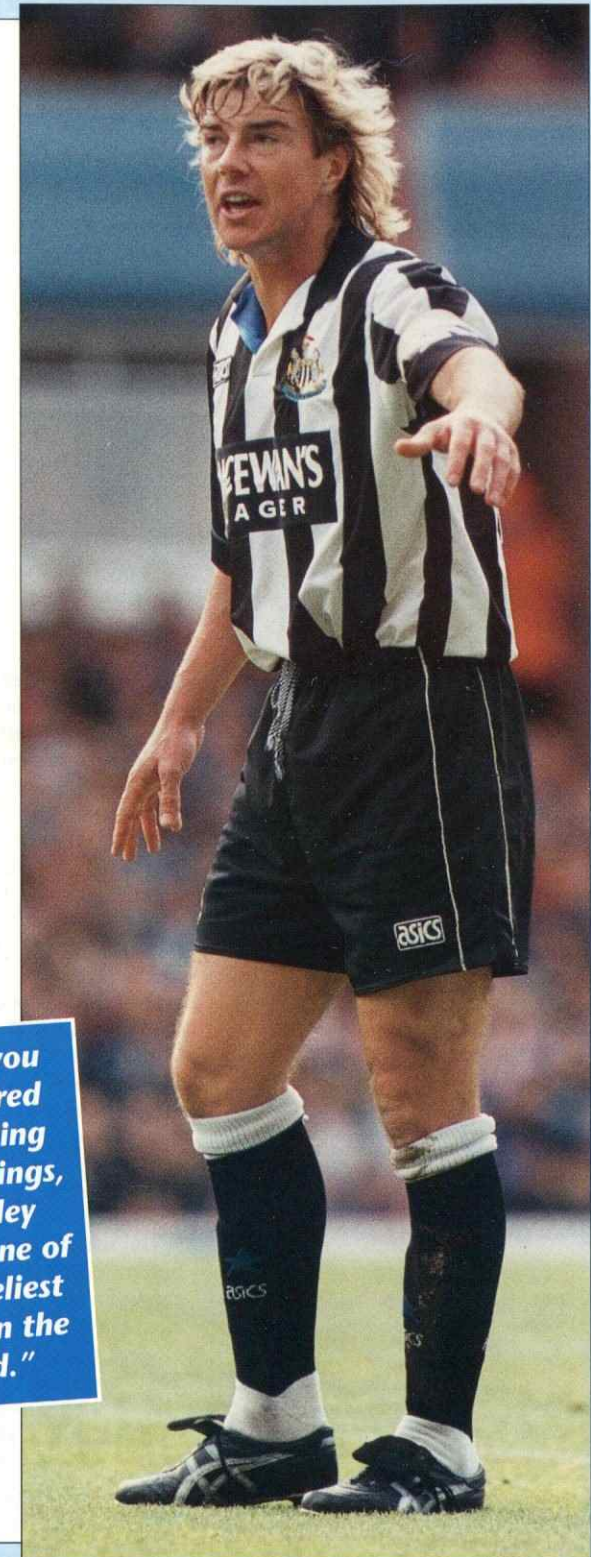
He says: "I see the bookies are making us second favourites behind Manchester United, and they are not often wrong. After what has happened this season we have got to feel confident in a one-against-one, and on our day we have no reason to fear any team."

"We realise there is a danger if our attitude is not right against Luton, but somehow I think it will be."

"I met some of the Luton players when I was at Lillleshall with my Achilles tendon injury and they were good lads. One was Ceri Hughes, but he is suspended and Luton will miss him today."

"But David Pleat is a well respected manager and he will try and have a trick or two up his sleeve this afternoon."

"When you are injured and feeling out of things, Wembley can be one of the loneliest places in the world."



LUTON TOWN OLL CALL 93-94

Player	League App	Cup App	Tot. Glis
IFF AUNGER	3	-	1
68 Red Deer (Canada)			
IE CAMPBELL	4(7)	1(1)	-
10.72 Birmingham			
RY DIXON	17(1)	3	8
7.61 Luton			
N DREYER	23	5	1
6.63 Alnwick			
ID GREENE	-	-(1)	-
10.73 Luton			
N HARPER	21	1	1
1.60 Liverpool			
N HARTSON	10(6)	2(2)	4
.75 Swansea			
TT HOUGHTON	6(6)	3(1)	1
10.71 Hitchin			
I HUGHES	25	5	3
2.71 Pontypridd			
AN JAMES	9(4)	4	1
3.70 Tring			
RVIN JOHNSON	16	4	-
10.68 Wembley			
LINTON	17(1)	2	-
.71 Birmingham			
TT OAKES	19(3)	2(2)	4
.72 Leicester			
VOR PEAKE	26	5	-
2.57 Nuneaton			
Y PETERSON	-(1)	-	-
9.69 Freemantle			
ID PREECE	11	5	3
5.63 Bridgnorth			
DN REES	7(1)	1	-
12.69 Pontypridd			
GEN SOMMER	26	5	-
2.64 New York			
IL TELFER	24(1)	3	5
10.71 Edinburgh			
CHELL THOMAS	8	-	-
0.64 Luton			
IY THORPE	-(1)	-	-
4.74 Leicester			
RTIN WILLIAMS	4(8)	2(1)	1
7.73 Luton			
TTHEW WOOLGAR	-	-(1)	-
.76 Surrey			

PLAYED: Ian Benjamin (to Brentford) Lge, 2 Cup, 1 goal; Paul Dickov (on from Arsenal) 8(7) Lge, 1 goal.

ILTS Division One: Watford (H) 2-1, smouth (A) 0-1, Nottm Forest (H) 1-2, an (H) 0-2, Tranmere (A) 1-4, Blesbrough (A) 0-0, Birmingham (A) 1-1, sley (H) 5-0, Bristol C. (H) 0-2, Derby (A) Notts Co. (H) 1-0, Sunderland (A) 0-2, rd (A) 1-0, Leicester (H) 0-2, C.Palace (A) Charlton (H) 1-0, Southend (A) 1-2, Stoke 5-2, Charlton (A) 0-1, Tranmere (H) 0-1, ord (A) 2-2, Peterborough (A) 0-0, isby (H) 2-1, WBA (A) 1-1, Notts Co. (A) Derby (H) 2-1. **Coca-Cola Cup:** bridge (A) 0-1 (H) 0-1. **FA Cup:** Southend 1-0. **Anglo-Italian Cup:** Watford (A) 1-2, hend (H) 1-1.

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Hatters hoping to top their 80's cup form

LUTON TOWN had quite a cup pedigree during a ten-year stay in the old First Division. In the space of five seasons they went to Wembley three times and reached two FA Cup semi-finals.

They had one trophy to show for their efforts - winning the Littlewoods Cup against Arsenal in 1988, a marvellous year in which they were only game away from appearing in three domestic finals.

Under the management of Ray Harford, now assistant to Kenny Dalglish at Blackburn, the Hatters lost to Reading in the Simod Cup Final and only went out of the FA Cup in a close-run semi-final with Wimbledon.

Though they returned to Wembley a year later, losing to Nottingham Forest in the Littlewoods Cup, it's now six seasons since they travelled beyond the fourth round in the FA Cup.

And over the last four years they went out with a bump: 1-4 to Brighton, 0-5 in a replay with West Ham, 0-4 at Sheffield United and 1-5 to Derby.

Last week's home tie against Southend United brought only a third win in their last nine games in the competition, adding to third-round victories over Sheffield United (1991) and Bristol City last season.

After losing their top-level status in 1992, Luton successfully fought another relegation battle last year.

Bottom of the table after a 0-0 draw at home to Newcastle in January, they lost only five of the last 21 games and stayed up with two points to spare.

This season they briefly hit the bottom in October but results showed a steady improvement soon after a remarkable game against Stoke at the end of November. Two down after 19 minutes, they stormed back to win 6-2.

Former England striker **KERRY DIXON** scored a hat-trick that day, and when he notched two more goals at Notts County a fortnight ago, the Hatters were unbeaten in five League games - four of them away from home.

Dixon, now 32, has lived all his life in the Luton area and turned out for the club as a schoolboy, but he was to score 200 League goals with Reading and Chelsea before getting the chance to appear in their first team.



England Under-21 international Julian James

Signed on loan from Southampton in February - only seven months after a £575,000 move to The Dell - he continued on a temporary registration this season and finally completed a free transfer in October.

Dixon is among several experienced players at the club, some of whom have been to Wembley in the FA Cup. Midfielder **ALAN HARPER** was substitute for Everton's successful side in 1984 while centre back **TREVOR PEAKE** and full back **MITCHELL THOMAS** were on opposite sides in the 1987 Final.

Peake collected a winners' medal with Coventry and four years later moved to Kenilworth Road for £100,000. Thomas, a member of the defeated Spurs side, joined West Ham for £500,000 in 1991 and this season he returned to Luton, his first League club. After two months on loan, a £35,000 deal was in the pipeline last week.

The only survivor from Luton's Wembley appearances in the 1980s is midfielder **DAVID PREECE**, who was rated at £150,000 in an exchange deal with Walsall nine years ago. He is approaching 300 League outings for the club.

Defender **JOHN DREYER** also has Wembley memories, though only as a spectator when he was a young professional with Oxford United in their Milk Cup-winning season in 1986. He played in the First Division for the next two years and then joined Luton for £140,000.

The Hatters have more than played their part towards the influx of overseas goalkeepers in English football. They have an American and an Australian. **JURGEN SOMMER**, a 6ft 4in New Yorker whose father played for Hamburg, became first-choice following Alec Chamberlain's summer transfer to Sunderland. The No 2 is Freemantle-born **ANDY PETERSON**, who made one Premier League appearance on loan to Ipswich last season.

Midfielder **SCOTT HOUGHTON** also spent some time at Portman Road, scoring his first League goal while on loan in 1990.

At the time he was an England Youth international with Spurs, and the following season he netted twice for them in a meeting with Luton. He arrived at Kenilworth Road last summer on a free transfer.

Another newcomer this season is Canadian international **GEOFF AUNGER**, who earned a contract with a flow of goals for the Reserves and then scored on his League debut against Crystal Palace.

● The Hatters have four players who were with David Pleat at his previous club, Leicester City.

MARTIN WILLIAMS and **TONY THORPE** were released after serving as trainees; **SCOTT OAKES** and **DES LINTON** both played first-team football before being exchanged for Steve Thompson in 1991.

Oakes graduated to the England Under-21 side at the Toulon Tournament last year, adding to a list of internationals who came through the ranks at Luton.

CERI HUGHES and **JASON REES** (recently on loan at Mansfield) won full Welsh caps in 1992; striker **JOHN HARTSON** scored three goals in two



Kerry Dixon in high-flying action

Welsh Under-21 games this season; **PAUL TELFER** (Scotland) and **JULIAN JAMES** (England) have also played at Under-21 level.

Other first-teamers from a productive youth set-up include forward **JAMIE CAMPBELL** and centre half **MARVIN JOHNSON**, who completed a century of League appearances last season when he was an ever-present from October.

IN CHARGE - DAVID PLEAT



It was 16 years ago this week that **DAVID PLEAT** took up his first job in management. In that time he guided the fortunes of three clubs - but most people probably regard him as "Mr Luton".

His first term of office at Kenilworth Road covered eight years in which the Hatters won the Second Division title and reached ninth place in Division One by 1986. At the end of that season, he moved to Tottenham and took them to the FA Cup Final and a League Cup semi-final.

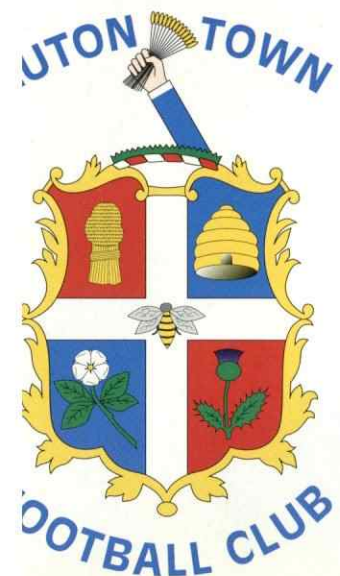
Moving on to Leicester in December 1987, he spent just over three years at Filbert Street; then, in June 1991, he returned to Luton. "It felt like coming home today," he said on taking up a three-year contract.

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CONNECTIONS

● Much travelled striker Mick Harford undoubtedly had the best spell of his career with today's visitors Luton Town. Only briefly at St James' Park, Harford found his way to Kenilworth Road for a record fee of £270,000 in December 1984. This was after spells with Lincoln City, Bristol City, Birmingham and the Magpies. David Pleat was well pleased with his purchase as the England striker hit almost 100 goals for Luton. And he took part in the Hatters' League Cup runs to Wembley in both 1987/88 and 1988/89.

● *George Martin, United's boss when the black and whites won promotion to Division One back in 1948, was player, coach, scout and manager for Luton Town. He was in charge in two spells at Kenilworth Road during the 1940's and 1960's. A Scot, George was not a quality manager - he was also in control of Aston Villa - Martin was also quite a natural singer. Smart, elegant and handsome, he cut several records during the immediate post war years. His other talent was sculpting and Martin also fashioned a few works of art.*

● Luton's visit to Tyneside for a First Division fixture in April 1988 was marked by young Irishman Michael O'Neill. The present Hibs player netted a sparkling hat-trick in front of a 20,565 crowd. Newcastle won the contest at a canter by 4-0 with Paul Goddard also finding the net. O'Neill may have grabbed the headlines but the architect of the success was Paul Gascoigne - he ran the game from midfield in a style to soon make him a megastar. O'Neill was on a rich scoring run. The Irishman struck 8 times in only 5 games!

● *When Luton were paired with Newcastle United for an FA Cup tie in another 4th Round meeting in 1973. Malcolm Macdonald opposed his previous club at St James' Park, while Luton are included ex Magpie Gordon Hindson. and the Hatters, then in Division Two, caused and FA Cup upset by knocking First Division United out of the competition. The majority of the 42,276 crowd were shocked at the 2-0 victory with both goals coming from ex Busby Babe John Ashton.*

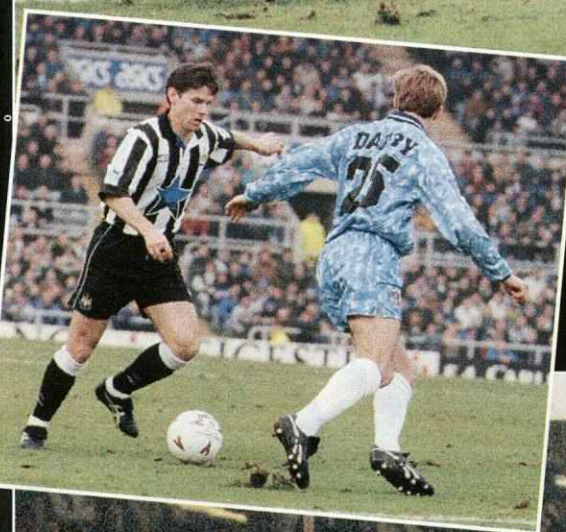
● Supermac may now be more often than not found watching Serie A football in Italy, but he still is fondly remembered by United and Luton fans. Macdonald has a tremendous goals record at Kenilworth Road. Joining the Hatters from Fulham in July 1969 Malcolm took the Third Division, then the Second Division completely by storm. No fewer than 49 league goals hit the back of the net in only 88 matches for Luton. He rapidly became a scoring sensation at that level and Joe Harvey paid a record £180,000 to bring him north on the eve of the 1971 FA Cup final. Macdonald's record at Gallowgate wasn't too bad either. The England striker netted 121 goals in 228 games.

● *While Luton have only reached the FA Cup final once in their history, United can boast six victories and 11 appearances in the final all told. Three of the Magpies Edwardian stars can claim to have turned out in five FA Cup finals, a rare feat indeed and a club record. England winger Jock Rutherford starred for United, as did Jimmy Lawrence who kept goal for Scotland, and Colin Veitch one of England's early stalwarts. Luton's one run to Wembley in the premier competition occurred in 1959. They lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest, and this after toppling Forest 5-1 in a league fixture only a few weeks before!*

● The Hatters' visit to Tyneside during that Cup run year of 1958/59 was watched by a vast crowd of 53,488. Both sides were playing attractive football in Division One, United with the likes of White, Allchurch and Eastham giving Magpie fans a feast of quality attacking play. Newcastle were 7th in the table and a single goal by ace marksman Len White gave Newcastle the points. In the return game at Kenilworth Road Luton took revenge winning an end to end contest 4-2. Their danger man up front, Allan Brown netted twice.

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IN THE PICTURE



Further action from the third round shows a thin blue wall trying to keep Andy Cole at bay (above) while Julian Darby finds himself exposed to a one-on-one situation with Robert Lee (left). Peter Beardsley was the man on the spot to chip Steve Ogrizovic for Newcastle's second goal (below).

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MATCHFACTS

LEAGUE and CUP FIXTURES

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LARGEST VICTORY: 7-2, Division 2, 1946/47, at St James' Park

LARGEST DEFEAT: 0-4, Division 1, 1937/88, at Kenilworth Road

LARGEST CROWD AT ST JAMES' PARK: 931, Division 2, 1947/48

RECORDS

BEST GOALS PER GAME: 1.00, Division 2, 1937/38, that victory in the FA Cup in 1973.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

1932/93 (DIV1) W 2-0

1938/89 (DIV1) D 0-0

1937/88 (DIV1) W 4-0

CUP RECORD

30/81 (FAC4) W 2-1

72/73 (FAC4) L 0-2

St James' Park United have a 72% success rate, winning 18 games to date.

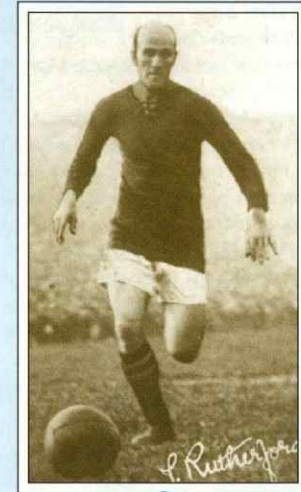
RECENT VISIT TO GALLOWGATE

September 1992: Division One

NEWCASTLE UNITED 2 (2)
LUTON TOWN 0 (0)

Scorers: D. Kelly (44), L. Clark (35)
Attendance: 27,059

Match Note: United's victory recorded its best start in League football for 84 years. Newcastle's attacking play flowed the full 90 minutes with Lee Clark dominating the game. The big surprise was that the scoreline wasn't five or six.



Jock Rutherford, one of three United men to have played in five FA Cup finals for the club.

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FA CUP

All but four of the FA Cup-winning clubs from the last 25 years are through to the last 32 this week-end. Only Coventry, Southampton and the two Merseyside clubs went out at the first stage.

The fourth-round draw has turned up very few "headline" matches. So the chance is there for the top clubs to dominate... but there's also a recipe for surprises. At St James' Park, we have one of the Premiership v First Division clashes; below, we take a look at the other 15 ties...

● BOLTON WANDERERS V ARSENAL

In his time as manager at Middlesbrough and Bolton, Bruce Rioch has faced Everton EIGHT TIMES in three ties, all of which went to at least one replay. Last week he was a winner for the first time and Bolton's reward is a money-spinner with the holders.

● CHARLTON ATHLETIC V BLACKBURN ROVERS

Not that many people would remember, but this is a re-run of a recent Wembley final. The clubs met in the much-maligned Full Members' Cup in 1987 and Rovers won with a goal from Colin Hendry - the only player from either club who could be involved this week-end.

● CHELSEA V SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

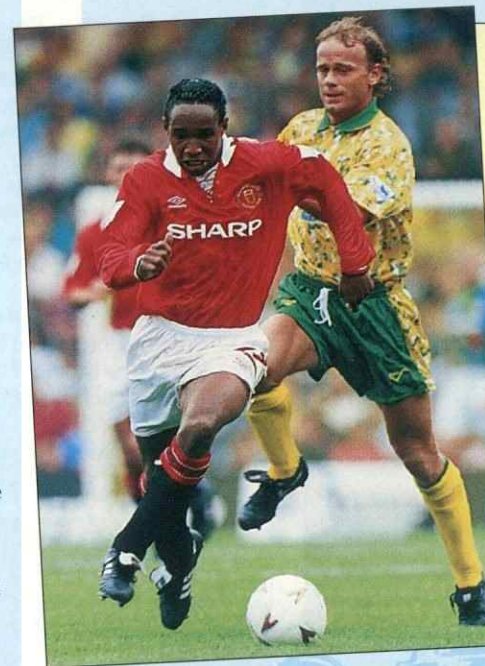
The Owls might fancy this one because it was a tie with Chelsea that led to their only cup final success in more than half-a-century. Current manager Trevor Francis played in the side which won both legs of the 1991 Rumbelows Cup semi-final.

● GRIMSBY TOWN V ASTON VILLA

Ron Atkinson had a good cup record, and three of his players, Ray Houghton, Steve Staunton and Dean Saunders, won medals with Liverpool. The omens seem to point only one way, but... Grimsby were Mr Atkinson's first cup opponents with Villa and the Mariners won on away goals in the League Cup!

● IPSWICH TOWN V TOTTENHAM H.

Spurs are the Cup specialists and perhaps all the more dangerous after their big escape - surviving against Division Two backmarkers Peterborough in a penalty decider. Reserve 'keeper Ian Walker made the crucial save on the night that his dad, Mike, was knocked out in his first tie as Everton manager.



● **NORWICH CITY V MANCHESTER UTD**
Another Cup Sunday for Manchester United - and another Sunday at Carrow Road. They started their all-conquering Premiership campaign with a 2-0 win against the Canaries in a TV match in August. Mark Hughes, goalscorer in the last round at Sheffield United cleared a suspension in mid-week and Steve Bruce looks forward to a meeting with his old club.

Paul Ince and Jeremy Goss in league action (left)

● OXFORD UNITED V LEEDS UNITED

Leeds were Champions two years ago but their Cup record is grim. Apart from a semi-final in 1987, they were out by Round Four in the other 16 seasons since 1977. Strangely, First Division strugglers Oxford have a closer link with Wembley. John Byrne and Anton Rogan were in Sunderland's side in 1992. Ex-Roker bosses Denis Smith and Malcolm Crosby are also at The Manor.

● PLYMOUTH ARGYLE V BARNSELY

Plymouth got to their only semi-final as a Division Three club in 1984, but Barnsley's last semi-final was in 1910. The Yorkshire side, though, have a recent form-line. Player-manager Viv Anderson and midfielder Danny Wilson were at Wembley last year with Sheffield Wednesday.

● PORT VALE V WOLVES

The perfect tie for long-serving John Rudge. Ten years in charge at Vale Park, he says: "I'm a Wolverhampton lad and Wolves were my team when I was a boy." Five years ago the two Staffordshire clubs were promotion partners from Division Three.

● STOCKPORT COUNTY V BRISTOL CITY

Any side that beats QPR has to be respected. Any side that comes through a replay at Liverpool is battle-hardened. And that's the formula at Edgeley Park. One thing is for sure: Stockport will have height advantage in the shape of their 6ft 7in striker Kevin Francis.

● WIMBLEDON V SUNDERLAND

A meeting between two of the "surprise packets" among Cup winners of modern times. Sunderland's 1973 win against Leeds is part of football folklore; Wimbledon were unique in taking the senior trophy only 25 years after winning the FA Amateur Cup.

● KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS V PRESTON NORTH END

The Conference club could have taken the money and switched this tie to Wolverhampton. Instead prices are raised to a minimum £10 for a 7,000 sell-out on their own ground. No wonder Preston manager John Beck bemoaned: "It's the worst draw we could have had."

● CARDIFF CITY V MANCHESTER CITY

Cardiff were the first club to take the FA Cup out of England in 1927. Modern exploits have been confined to the Welsh Cup, but after their replay win at Middlesbrough, they could make this tricky for City. Better, though, than going to Ayresome Park, where they were knocked out of both cups two seasons ago!

● NOTTS COUNTY V WEST HAM UTD

The Hammers are always a good cup bet... Wembley winners in 1975 and 1980, and only once out in the third round in 11 seasons. Billy Bonds was involved throughout that time, as player, coach and manager. And he's leaving nothing to chance. Defender Colin Foster is on loan to County but will not be allowed to play.

● OLDHAM ATHLETIC V STOKE CITY

A meeting between two Joes: Royle and Jordan. Both played in Cup Finals, but the Cup has never been particularly kind to their clubs. In 15 seasons Oldham have only once gone beyond Round Four, and that was a semi-final in 1990. Stoke have suffered several non-League upsets since successive semi-finals in the early 1970s.



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TALKING POINTS

Lee's a big hit with the punters

LEE CLARK was still on a high when the Newcastle United team bus sped north after the victory over Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road.

The little midfielder had doubled his tally for the season adding his fifth minute goal to the one he scored at Swindon back in September.

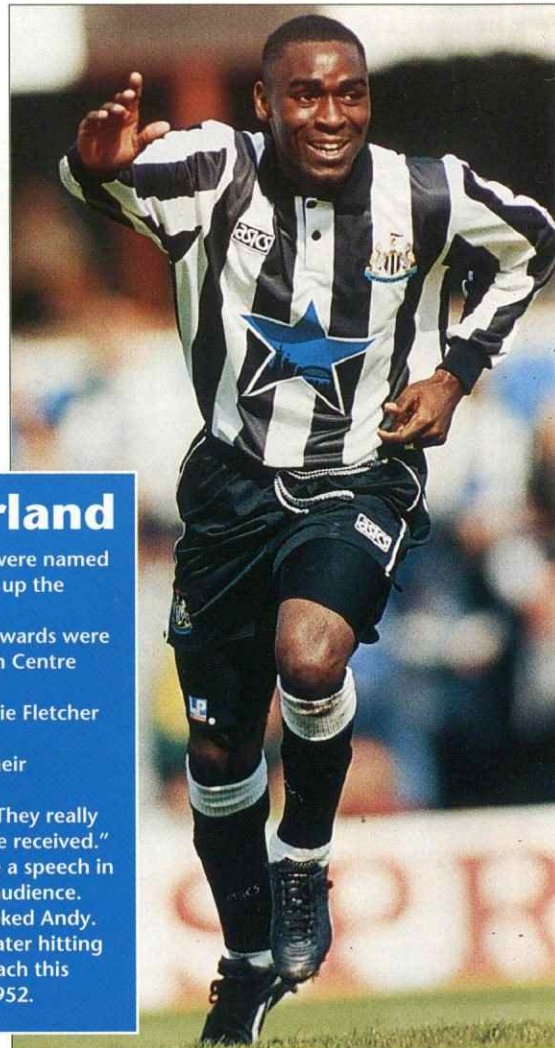
"It must have been the quickest goal of the day," quipped Lee, conveniently ignoring the fact that there were only a couple of games on that day.

But if Lee was happy so too was a United fan now living in London.

Says Lee: "After the game I was invited to an executive box where I was introduced to a United fan.

"He told me he had put £200 on me to score the first goal at odds of 20-1 and he was a happy man.

"So was I. Andy Cole was sick of me reminding him that I had scored as many goals in London this season as he had."



United duo take their bow

NEWCASTLE UNITED have parted company with the "long fella and the big fella".

Liam O'Brien (pictured right) linked up with Tranmere Rovers for £250,000 while Brian Kilcline joined Swindon for £90,000.

Says Kilcline: "Liam was always known as the long fella while I was the big fella."

United manager Kevin Keegan, his assistant Terry McDermott and the Newcastle players went out of their way to praise the man known throughout football as "Killer" who joined the club from Oldham just under two years ago.

Killer himself says: "I had so many good times and laughs at St James' Park that I couldn't begin to list them all.

"My best two moments were that game at Leicester when we stayed up two seasons ago. And obviously promotion last season was absolutely wonderful.

"There were so many good moments on the field I can hardly think of a bad one.

"In fact I suppose my worst experience at Newcastle came in that match at Leicester when my car was towed away and I had to wait for over an hour before I got it back.

"That took a little bit of gloss off our celebrations - just a little bit."

Life is certainly going to be interesting for Kilcline in the next few weeks. Swindon play his former club Coventry in a re-arranged match a week today.

Then there is that little matter of a game against Newcastle United at St James' Park on March 12.

O'Brien was plunged straight into a Lancashire derby for Tranmere against Bolton - and a meeting with his former United colleague Alan Thompson.

Unfortunately unlike Killer there was no winning start for O'Brien. But there was plenty of good memories for the amiable Irishman in his five plus years at St James' Park after his £300,000 transfer from Manchester United in November 1988.

"Even the fact that I broke my leg and we were then relegated is outweighed by the good times," says O'Brien.

"And nobody can ever take those two goals I scored against Sunderland at Roker Park."



United a hit... in Sunderland

There was a double honour for Newcastle United when they were named Team of the Year for 1993 with goal ace Andy Cole picking up the award as Sports Personality.

And to make it all better for United the North East Sports Awards were held right in the heart of Sunderland territory at the Seaburn Centre within the shadows of the Roker Park floodlights.

Vice Chairman Freddie Shepherd and Chief Executive Freddie Fletcher accompanied Andy Cole to Wearside.

But any fears the United contingent may have had about their reception were soon allayed.

Says Andy: "All the people I met were absolutely fantastic. They really made us feel welcome and I was delighted at the reception we received."

However Andy was not exactly delighted at having to make a speech in front of the television cameras and specially invited capacity audience.

"I find scoring goals a lot easier than speaking in public," joked Andy.

And true to his word Andy was on target a couple of days later hitting his 30th goal of the season to become the fastest player to reach this magical target since George Robledo set the record back in 1952.

SCOTTY'S OUT TO LAY DOWN SOME SOLID FOUNDATIONS

Newcastle United midfielder Scott Sellars plans to have a meeting with Chairman Sir John Hall in the near future.

But United fans need have no worries about the midfielder with the cultured left foot.

Jokes Scott: "I have just bought some land on the outskirts of

Durham City and I'm building my own house.

"I thought maybe the Chairman would put me in touch with the firm who built the new stand and help me get my house up quicker."

Scott has been travelling up and down the motorway to his family home in Leeds since his £650,000

transfer from Elland Road in March.

While Scott has been living in a Durham hotel, his wife Tracey and children Hope, four, and Conor, two, have been in their native Yorkshire.

"The hotel is great but it's not much fun driving up and down the A1," says Scott.

"I expect our new house to be ready by the end of the season and we'll all be settled in by the start of next season."

WORLD CUP BOUND



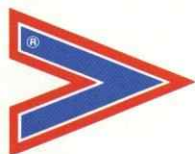
It's always nice to be able to show you a Maggie winner.

Here's Christmas draw winner Mark Deoweneley from Ripon being presented with his prize - A trip for two to the World Cup Finals in the USA, including match tickets, plus £500 spending money.

The presentation was made by Mr Gino Vella of Purevalue Travel, who donated this excellent package, with Gino's son, Alexander and Les Grace in attendance.



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OFF THE PARK

DON WRIGHT CLUB SAFETY OFFICER

DON WRIGHT does not exactly possess a soccer background having been born and bred in the Rugby League stronghold of Whitehaven.

But when Newcastle United decided to appoint their first safety officer just after the start of the season there was no better candidate than Don.

For 55-year-old Don is a previous Police Divisional Commander for Newcastle and a former match Commander at St James' Park. And Don finds it so easy to work with current match Commander Peter Durham.

Don says: "I can see things from both sides and this is an enormous help."

Before the appointment of Don, United had Ray Scott in a dual capacity of stadium manager and safety officer.

But Don points out: "Under the Taylor Report each individual club has more responsibility for safety and I was appointed Newcastle United's first safety officer."

"My sole responsibility is the safety of the spectators here at St James' Park. Accordingly I have 170 stewards on match days including those who look after the car parks."

Don actually arrived on Tyneside in 1959 when he left the Army to start his police career.

And having worked in Byker, the City Centre and the West End, Don certainly knows his way around Newcastle.

From his base in the match control tower Don, who can override the PA system, confesses to having a great view of the proceedings down on the pitch.

But he says: "Unfortunately we are very busy until half time and it's not until then that we get a chance to see what is happening."

One of Don's jobs is to monitor the crowd before the game - a job which has been made easier thanks to a computer and United's all-ticket capacity crowds.

However Don points out: "There are always some fans who get into the wrong sections and we have to do quite a bit juggling about."

"But we have very little trouble at St James' Park these days."

The design of football stadiums these days has enhanced the safety aspects of the spectators.

Don says: "For instance there is less risk of fire in a concrete stadium like we have at St James' Park. And the all-seater stadiums have taken away all the pushing and crush."

United's fans can rest assured that their safety is in good hands with Don Wright and Peter Durham.

"Obviously we have an emergency plan which we hope we never have to implement," says Don Wright.

"And we are confident that we would be able to cope with any emergency."

"My sole responsibility is the safety of the spectators here at St James' Park. Accordingly I have 170 stewards on match days including those who look after the car parks."

-DON WRIGHT



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FLASHBACK

Close call as Luton almost pulled it out of the hat

Luton came to town for a fourth round FA Cup tie 13 years ago...

As a fair bet that Kevin Keegan would settle for the same result against Luton today as happened back in January 1981.

For that day, United roared through to the fifth round with a tremendous performance which brought a 2-1 victory between the two Second Division sides. A young Chris Waddle was saving his special brand of magic on the wing in those days after bursting onto the scene with two goals in the previous round against Millwall Wednesday.

And it was Waddle who pulled many of the strings as United repeated that victory with another 2-1 triumph against the Hatters in Round Four.

For an hour, United were irresistible. Ray Clarke headed a superb opener after only five minutes and skipper Mick Martin added the second with another header on the hour.

But after that, Luton turned the course of the game with a determined fightback, grabbed one goal and were only denied a second

by the width of the Gallowgate End goalpost.

United had already beaten Luton twice in the league in 1980-81, and began as favourites, with home advantage, to go through to the fifth round for the first time in five years.

When Kenny Wharton cut back a free-kick for Peter Johnson to land a perfect cross on Clarke's head for the fifth minute goal, it seemed the bookies had got it right.

Had young Waddle's 20-yard special dipped under the bar instead of hitting it three minutes later, the tie would have been beyond Luton almost before it had started.

It was all Newcastle, with Wharton working a crossfield interchange with Bobby Shinton and running 30 yards for the return to head narrowly wide of Jake Findlay's post.



● Newcastle line-up before the start of the 1980-81 campaign - but there were to be two significant changes in personnel.

Manager Bill McGarry (front row, third from left) was sacked following the September League Cup defeat at Bury, to be replaced by former Sunderland coach Arthur Cox.

And it was Cox who handed 19-year-old Chris Waddle his Newcastle debut in the home game with Shrewsbury Town the following month.

Then Clarke beat Findlay to a high ball and turned it to Mick Martin, who couldn't quite divert it into the gaping net.

Man-of-the-Match Wharton sent Shinton clear only for the overworked 'keeper to save, and on

the stroke of half-time, Luton somehow scrambled the ball clear in a desperate goalmouth scrimmage.

In all this, United goalkeeper Kevin Carr was almost redundant at the other end - and the second half started in similar style, with Clarke heading just wide after a great Waddle-Johnson move.

When Waddle collected a long ball from centre-half Stuart Boam and worked a trick or two on the left, Mick Martin was on the spot to power a downward header into the corner of the Luton net. 2-0.

But suddenly, United let go of the wheel, Luton fought their way back - and the St James' Park faithful were to face an anxious last 30 minutes.

Within four minutes of Martin's goal, Godfrey Ingram collected a ball from Ricky Hill a whistled a terrific shot across Carr from a narrow angle.

Now it was United's turn to wobble as Luton poured men forward in the hunt for an equaliser

which would take the sides back to Kenilworth Road for a midweek replay.

Carr, from being the least occupied man on the field, now became the busiest, keeping Moss, Aizlewood and Stein at bay.

All seemed lost as Hill burst clear five minutes from time and drove a beautifully-struck right-foot shot across Carr.

But fate was on United's side and the ball rebounded off the far upright to send the Magpies into the fifth round - and an ill-fated meeting with Exeter City.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin, Boam, Halliday, Shinton, Trewick, Clarke, Wharton, Waddle.
Sub: Shoulder

LUTON TOWN

Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, West, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss. Sub: Fuccillo

CHEERS FOR THE CUP!

Newcastle skipper Jimmy Scoular leads United's FA Cup final after-dinner celebrations by drinking champagne from the pot itself following United's convincing 3-1 victory over Manchester City in 1955.

The passion those three Cup wins brought was quite stunning, Tyneside had not witnessed scenes like it before or since.

Left to right are Ron Batty, Ronnie Simpson (sporting a natty bow-tie), Len White (partially hidden by the Cup), Jackie Milburn, Scoular, Bob Stokoe (back), Bobby Cowell, Vic Keeble and extreme right, George Hannah.

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PAUL BRACEWELL

FOR A COUPLE of minutes Paul Bracewell's long-awaited FA Cup dream was finally complete.

Nestled firmly in the palm of his hand two years ago was that most cherished of possessions - a FA Cup winners' medal.

Unfortunately two minutes was just about all the midfield battler got before he had to give his medal to the rightful owner.

Skipper of Sunderland at the time Bracewell was back at the twin towers of Wembley for the fourth time in the world's greatest competition.

Underdogs Sunderland, against all the odds had reached their first final for quarter of a century against mighty Liverpool.

For the fourth time Bracewell finished on the losing side only to be presented with a winners' medal after making the long haul up the steps to the Royal Box.

Goals from Ian Rush and Michael Thomas doomed Sunderland to defeat and to add insult to injury Sunderland were given the wrong medals.

The error was soon realised and Bracewell and Co made the necessary switch back on the field.

The disappointment of failing again at the final hurdle was etched all over the face of Bracewell as he trudged his way back to the dressing room.

A players' player in the truest sense he took defeat he took defeat badly.

Three times an FA Cup finalist with Everton, defeat was that harder to accept against his former Merseyside rivals.

Socks rolled to his ankles the lap of honour was difficult for the dejected Bracewell.

"Every player dreams of becoming an FA Cup winner and I'm no different.

"I've got a League Championship winning medal, a European Cup Winners medal and I've been in two Charity Shields.

"All that is missing is an FA Cup Winners medal.

"We had a good chance in the first half against Liverpool, but overall they were the better side and deserved to win.

"After the game some of our players

STARS IN STRIPES



"After the hectic week we had experienced, there were a lot of tired legs out there and we couldn't do anything about it. I can't explain what the disappointment felt like," reflects Bracewell.

Now after 19 successful months at St James' Park, Bracewell is often asked about comparisons between the Everton glory side and Newcastle.

"I know we won the First Division title last season, but really comparisons can only be made when we win something at the highest level.

"If we win something this year then that will be the time to reflect. Until then it is difficult to make comparisons."

United go into today's fourth round tie with Luton as second favourites to win the cup.

Bracewell does not, however, see that as putting any extra pressure on the Newcastle side.

"Every game has been a pressure game for Newcastle since I arrived here. But, I'm not going to start complaining as it's good pressure to be under.

"We had a great team spirit in our Wembley days, at Everton and it's exactly the same now at Newcastle. It's a similar blend and the spirit is great.

"There are a lot of excellent players here and strength in depth.

"When the young players have come into the team they've done well and gained invaluable experience. All that is important.

"I twice got to Wembley with Everton when we beat Luton along the way, so let's hope that trend continues."

As for going all the way this season? "I've got to believe I'll be walking out at Wembley again."

Bracewell's career was written off many times by many people after suffering his horrendous ankle injury against Newcastle on New Year's Day 1986.

"I played in two Wembley finals after not playing for two and a half years and I'm ready for another trip there," added Bracewell.

Certainly if there's any justice in football, battling Bracewell deserves that opportunity and a winning medal.

seemed happy just to have been in a final. I didn't see it that way.

"Some of the lads in the Sunderland side that day are no longer in league football. It was set up nicely for us as we were not expected to win, but it was not to be.

"I want to go back to Wembley and become a winner. There's still time and there's no time like the present with Newcastle."

While his last final was in 1992, the final Bracewell remembers the most vividly was his first.

That was in 1985, his first season with Everton who were winners the previous year against Watford. Kevin Moran, now at Blackburn, suffered the indignity of becoming the first player ever to be sent off in a Wembley final.

Yet on that stamina-sapping, lush Wembley turf, Manchester United against all of the odds stole the glory.

"We were on a high as it had been such a good week for Everton. We had won the league title and on the Wednesday had won the Cup Winners' Cup against Rapid Vienna in Rotterdam.

"We were hoping for the treble and confidence was sky-high. But in extra time Norman Whiteside scored a wonder goal.

PAUL BRACEWELL



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FANCY DRESS WINNER

● It was Laura Robinson aged 5, who was the Junior Magpies Fancy Dress winner at the Christmas Party in December.

Laura is pictured here with Steve Watson before the game against Manchester City at St James' Park.

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● Belated birthday wishes go to Steven Fallon, who was 9 recently.



SIDELINES

CAPTURE A SLICE OF HISTORY

Artistry is a word you would readily associate with Newcastle United's style of football - but that term now also applies to a special fine art lithograph available at the club shop.

A commission was placed by the club to produce a painting to commemorate United's First Division championship success. The resultant stylised picture, entitled 'Two For Joy' captures Andy Cole's third, and Newcastle's seventh goal from that memorable final game of last season against Leicester City.

Club President Trevor Bennett proudly received the original framed artwork on behalf of the club from artist Pascal Farrell.

Limited edition prints, produced on high quality artboard cost £49.99 for a framed ready-to-hang copy, and £19.99 unframed.



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I would be very pleased to hear of any Newcastle United autograph collectors.

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David Beharall lines up with John Murray and Kevin Keegan (above). The manager is also pictured with big Steven Clark (right).

NEWCASTLE SIGN FORMER WALKER DUO

WELCOME TO two of Newcastle's recent Associate Schoolboy signings, David Beharall and Steven Clark.

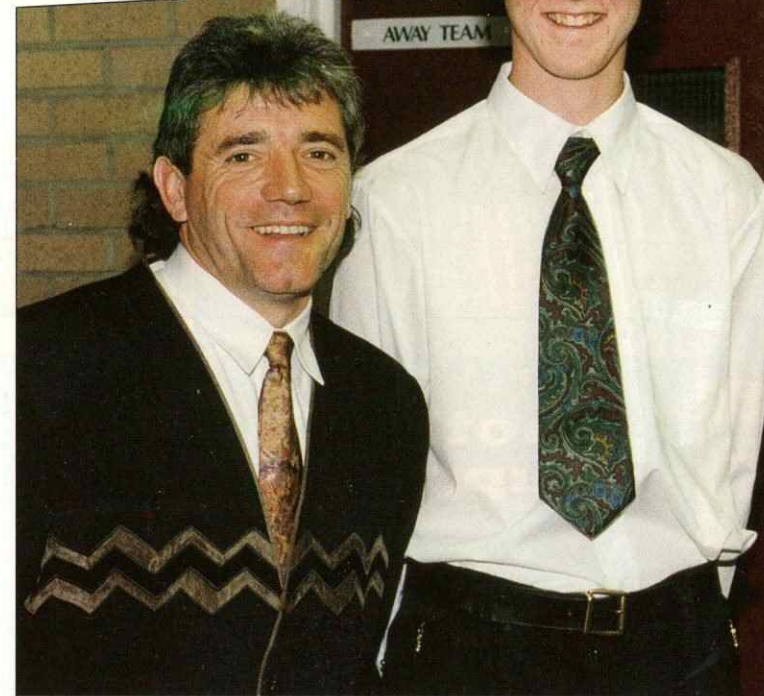
Right-back David attends Walker Comprehensive School and has joined the club from Walker Boys Club. He was voted as the Player of the Tournament in the Milk Cup in Ireland last July.

John Murray, United's Youth Development Officer says of him: "David is a very hard worker in training, but is so very quiet. He is very similar to Chris Lawler, the former Liverpool full-back."

Steven Clark, another product of Walker Boys Club, is described as a 'gentle giant', and at 6' 5", it's not hard to guess why.

He has been a regular member of Newcastle's Under-16 team that plays in the Yorkshire Conference League.

Steven also puts a lot into his training, and because of his size, has to pay particular attention to his mobility.



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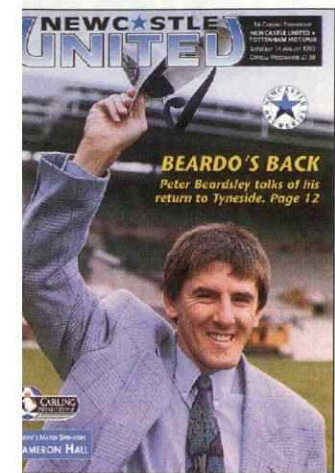
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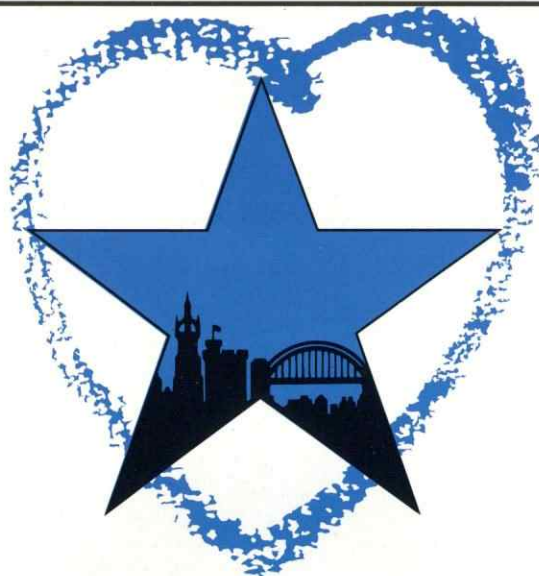
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The Club Museum houses many items of memorabilia collected by supporters from United's Cup exploits. And there are several nostalgic photographs of the pre-war style Toon Army dressed from head to toe in black and white. There may have been no mass repro strips in those days and no giant banners, but United's supporters of old were just as fervent and keen to display who they supported.

During the early part of this century Tyneside fans travelled south for no fewer than seven Cup finals including two replays. In an era when the majority of the population travelled little, many had never seen the sights of London before. Subsequently the journey to the Crystal Palace - no Wembley then - was treated as a huge party over and over again.

In 1905 many varied excursions were organised mainly by train or by bus. Most pubs on Tyneside had parties heading south. One old-timer recorded that they "set off at midnight after carefully taking on board beer, bottles of whiskey and whole hams with loaves of bread and pickled onions in great jars"!

One trip included a ticket and all meals for the sum of 22s 6d. For an extra 4 shillings fans could obtain a stand seat. Some made their journey down the North Sea too! Yes, organised sea trips down the coast were common until the late 1930's. Back in 1905 the 24 hour sea crossing cost either 12s 0d or 8s 0d, or with food 20s 0d and 15s 0d.

Newcastle fans certainly enjoyed themselves when they reached London. They had trumpets, drums and rattles. They flocked to South London and in the wonderful park setting of the Crystal Palace, happy parties sat in groups under the trees munching sandwiches and drinking beer. The Cup final of those



The 1932 version of United's 'Toon Army'

years took the character of a giant picnic with friendly banter between the two sets of supporters.

By the time Wembley Stadium had arrived in 1923 it didn't take Tynesides twenties version of the 'Toon Army' long to find out what the aura of Wembley was all about. Twelve months after the first final at Wembley and Newcastle were in residence in their hordes. The 1924 final was the first all ticket event and 15,000 black and whites made the trip. Again some went by boat too, around 300 went in an exclusive party on board the Bernicia. It was a repeat performance in 1932. The Tyne Tees Shipping Company ran sea trips again. A first class return cost 25 shillings and many took up the offer to enjoy, "Two delightful days sailing on the coast - two glorious days in London". I suppose it would indeed be delightful if the crossing was calm. But an April or May day on the North Sea can easily be oh so different!

The Platinum Club's present day version of a day trip to Wembley may well copy an exclusive offer put together by Thomas Cook & Sons back in 1932. For 36s 6d fans travelled by train to Kings Cross with a meal in the dining car, then toured the London hot-spots before meeting United's team at their hotel and heading for Wembley taking up top reserved seats. Not bad at all. If United make it this year, the price will be quite a bit different.

And another thing will be certain if the Magpies do reach Wembley in 1994. No-one will be travelling from the Tyne down the North Sea!

POST-WAR FA CUP RUNS

Season	Rnd Reached	Result	Opponents & Venue
1946/47	Semi-final	Lost 0-4	Charlton (at Leeds)
1950/51	Winners	Won 2-0	Blackpool (Wembley)
1951/52	Winners	Won 1-0	Arsenal (Wembley)
1954/55	Winners	Won 3-1	Manchester City (Wembley)
1955/56	Round Six	Lost 0-2	Sunderland (St James' Park)
1960/61	Round Six	Lost 1-3	Sheffield Utd (St James' Park)
1973/74	Finalist	Lost 0-3	Liverpool (Wembley)
1975/76	Round Six	Lost 2-4	Derby County (Baseball Ground)



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PONTINS LEAGUE FIXTURES 1993-94

	F-A
24 Everton	A 1-0
8 Manchester United	A 2-3
15 BOLTON WANDERERS	H 0-0
23 Liverpool	A 1-1
29 SUNDERLAND	H 0-0
7 ASTON VILLA	H 0-1
13 York City	A 4-0
20 WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H 4-1
25 Leicester City	A 2-2
3 Derby County	A 3-2
10 SHEFFIELD UNITED	H 2-0
17 LEEDS UNITED	H 0-1
23 Notts County	A 1-3
2 NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H 1-0
9 Sheffield Wednesday	A 1-1
15 EVERTON	H 5-3
12 YORK CITY	H 0-1
15 W.A. Celtic (NSC-2)	A 4-1
19 Aston Villa	A 0-3
2 Wolverhampton W.	A
4 LEICESTER CITY	H
9 Bolton Wanderers	A
16 MANCHESTER UNITED	H
2 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H
9 Nottingham Forest	A
16 LIVERPOOL	H
23 Sunderland	A
5 Coventry City	A
13 DERBY COUNTY	H
19 Sheffield United	A
27 NOTTS COUNTY	H
4 Leeds United	A
11 Blackburn Rovers	A
BLACKBURN ROVERS	H
COVENTRY CITY	H

PONTINS LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	18	13	2	3	38	11	41
Blackburn Rovers	15	12	2	1	36	18	38
Derby County	16	9	3	4	23	17	30
Leeds United	18	8	5	5	32	27	29
Newcastle Utd	18	7	5	6	27	22	26
Blackburn Rovers	16	7	4	5	20	16	25
Leeds United	18	6	7	5	21	19	25
Derby County	17	7	3	7	19	23	24
Sheffield Wednesday	16	5	8	3	17	17	23
Sheff Weds	17	5	7	5	42	40	22
Hartlepool	16	5	6	5	23	24	21
Leicester City	18	5	4	9	25	30	19
Sheff Utd	16	4	6	6	23	27	18
Nottingham F	16	4	5	7	16	23	17
Sheff Co	16	4	5	7	14	25	17
Derby County	17	4	4	9	26	30	16
Sheff Weds	21	3	6	12	28	40	15
York City	17	2	4	11	18	39	10

and including January 20th

RESERVES AND JUNIORS

Reserves beaten by one of the best

"THE BEST reserve team I have ever seen". That was Jeff Clarke's assessment of the table-topping Aston Villa side which handed out a 3-0 beating to United at Villa Park on January 19th.

And one glance at the team-sheet explains why, for Villa were able to field the likes of Gordon Cowans, Dwight Yorke, Guy Whittingham, Stefan Beinlich, Nigel Spink, Ugo Ehiogu, Matthias Breitkreutz and Bryan Small.

"We were always second best to Villa, and I have to hold my hands up and say the better team won," said coach Clarke.

"Even though we played a near first-team defence including Steve Watson, Kevin Scott and Robbie Elliott as well as Pavel Srnicek in goal, Villa fully deserved to win - though at one stage we almost sneaked in an equaliser."

Beinlich opened the scoring on 11 minutes but it was the final 12 minutes before Beinlich and Ehiogu wrapped it up with the second and third goals.

Mike Jeffrey was close a couple of times when it was only 1-0 and Spink had to make a couple of good saves on United breaks.

But the mountain was too high to climb after an opener from Beinlich which Clarke described as "out of this world".

He said, "It was one of the best goals I've seen. The ball was thrown in to him just inside the box with an acute angle. He took it on his chest and hit it over his shoulder and it dipped and swerved in."

Shades of SuperMac at Bolton in the 1975-76 FA Cup fifth round.

However, it was all against United from the moment Kevin Brock pulled a calf muscle... in the pre-match warm-up!!

"Richie Appleby, who hadn't trained for ages, was going to be on the bench because we were struggling for players to start with - but then when Brockie couldn't start he had to play," said Clarke.

"Well, Richie was treading water after 20 minutes and eventually had to come off for Mark Thornton.

"That was a bad start, but after

Beinlich's first goal Pavel kept us in it and there was a period after half-time when they eased up a bit and we could have equalised.

"On the balance of play we wouldn't have deserved it, but it could have happened before they got two more in the last few minutes."

Kevin Keegan's recent activity in the transfer market has undermined Clarke's squad strength, and he says: "With Killer away to Swindon and Liam off to Tranmere I've lost a couple of important players.

"However, I know that is all part of the game at reserve team level and it is up to me to field my best available side.

"In fact, I was going to play Liam O'Brien at sweeper against Aston Villa but then Faz said he was being watched for a move, so it was only fair to play him in his right position."

United's Pontins League match at home to Leicester has been put back to Friday February 4th in order to protect the worn pitch for today's Cup-tie with Luton.

And for the next two Wednesdays United are on their travels - first to Wolves this week, then to Bolton Wanderers on February 9th.

But on Wednesday February 16th we have the most attractive visitors of the season to St James' Park in Manchester United Reserves, who are hot on the tail of Aston Villa at the top of the Pontins League.

VILLA 3 UNITED 0

Srnicek, Watson, R Elliott, S Elliott, Scott, Stokoe, O'Brien, Appleby (sub Thornton), Mathie, Jeffrey, Papavasiliou.



PAVEL SRNICEK - Kept United in the game

Barnsley jinx broken as Juniors beat the elements

COLIN SUGGETT'S junior side ended a five-week lay-off with a gritty 1-0 victory over Northern Intermediate League champions Barnsley at Durham last week.

And it was a grand way to get back into the old routine - keeping a clean sheet against a side which has had the Indian Sign over United in recent seasons.

Alun Armstrong netted the only goal of the game 12 minutes from time as United finished the stronger in a gruelling game played in difficult conditions.

Suggett said, "The lay-off and the conditions didn't help anybody, with the result that the game was of a poor standard.

"But in the second half, and against the wind, we looked a better side.

"And the great thing was that we finished so well and so strongly, getting the goal at just the right time to win the game."

Kevin Keegan's new £100,000 signing from Preston, Chris Holland, made his debut in a black-and-white shirt in the centre of midfield.

And though he saw little of the ball, he did enough to demonstrate that he has good control, skill and vision when it did come his way.

"It was a bad day on which to judge anybody," said Suggett.

"The game was a bit hectic and the conditions were against it.

"But Chris is a good lad who can cover the ground very quickly and I'm sure he'll do well at Newcastle".

Holland has just turned 18 and

is eligible to play in the Northern Intermediate League side this season.

But he must be one of the most expensive players ever to play for United's junior team!

One of the successes of last week's game was Richie Appleby, who had been out of action through injury for several weeks before being thrown in at the deep end in the reserve match at Aston Villa three days earlier.

After a quiet first half, Richie really turned in on in the second half - even if there was a touch of the Maradonas about the winning goal.

For Richie appeared to handle Shaun Baldwin's right-wing cross as he flicked it on into the path of Alun Armstrong who scored from point-blank range.

The Barnsley coaches and players were adamant that it was a handball, but the referee was just as convinced Richie had headed it as he dived forward.

Goalscorer Armstrong, however, maintained a diplomatic middle ground when he said, "Even if he did handle it, I don't think their keeper was ever going to reach the ball."

The clean sheet kept by Steve Harper reinforced United's record as the side with the best defence in the league.

For only ten games have been conceded in 15 games so far this season. And while the Championship may be a distant proposition now, with Middlesbrough so far ahead, there's no reason why United can't finish well into the top half.

UNITED 1 BARNSLEY 0

Harper, Thornton, Elliott, Holland, Dinning, Garrity, Stokoe, Appleby, Armstrong, Pouton, Baldwin. Subs: Mains, Winskill.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1993-94

	F-A
Aug 21 BRADFORD CITY	H 4-0
Aug 26 Hartlepool United	A 3-0
Sep 4 ROTHERHAM UNITED	H 4-0
Sep 18 York City	A 0-1
Sep 25 LEEDS UNITED	H 2-3
Oct 2 Sheffield Wednesday	A 0-0
Oct 9 Barnsley	A 1-2
Oct 16 DARLINGTON	H 1-0
Oct 23 Huddersfield Town	A 1-1
Oct 27 DONCASTER (NILC-1)	H 0-1
Oct 30 SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H 6-0
Nov 6 Middlesbrough	A 0-0
Nov 13 BURNLEY (FAYC-1)	H 1-1
Nov 20 Burnley (FAYC-1R)	A 0-3
Nov 27 Sunderland	A 0-2
Dec 4 HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H 3-0
Dec 18 DONCASTER ROVERS	H 1-1
Jan 22 BARNSELY	H 1-0
Jan 29 Darlington	A
Feb 5 HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H
Feb 12 Scunthorpe United	A
Feb 19 MIDDLESBROUGH	H
Feb 26 Hull City	A
Mar 5 SHEFFIELD UNITED	H
Mar 12 Rotherham United	A
Mar 19 YORK CITY	H
Mar 26 Doncaster Rovers	A
TBA SUNDERLAND	H
HULL CITY	H
Sheffield United	A
Bradford City	A
Leeds United	A
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	16	11	3	2	31	13	36
Huddersfield	18	9	6	3	30	24	33
Leeds	19	10	2	7	32	27	32
Sunderland	17	8	6	3	35	15	30
Hull	16	9	3	4	32	24	30
York	18	9	3	6	29	24	30
Barnsley	17	9	2	6	37	33	29
Sheff Weds	16	7	6	3	34	22	27
Rotherham	21	8	3	10	29	36	27
Newcastle Utd	15	7	4	4	27	10	25
Doncaster	15	4	5	6	19	22	17
Bradford City	14	4	4	6	23	24	16
Hartlepool	18	5	1	12	27	49	16
Sheff Utd	17	4	2	11	17	33	14
Scunthorpe	18	3	4	11	25	37	13
Darlington	17	2	0	15	16	49	6

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THIRD ROUND ACTION

Try as they might, and with 'keeper Steve Ogrizovic's intervention, there was nothing Andy Cole or Robert Lee could do to improve on the 2-0 scoreline.

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JUNCTION WITH A1

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JUNCTION WITH A61

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RIPON

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BOLTON BRIDGE

JUNCTION WITH A65

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At roundabout take 3rd exit

JUNCTION A59/A629

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THE FINAL WORD

Holland aspires to United's brand of football

NEWCASTLE UNITED'S teenage signing Chris Holland is a young man who knows what he wants.

That's why when Preston North End offered to take him off his youth Training Scheme and give him a full time contract he turned them down.

For the 18-year-old from Warley - 's between Clitheroe and Blackburn - insisted on having the final word.

Says Chris in his broad Lancastrian accent: "There have been a lot of reasons put forward why I rejected Preston's offer of a new contract.

"But the real reason was quite simple. I just didn't like their style of play.

"Preston play the long ball and as a central midfielder player that was so good to me at all.

"Obviously like everyone else in the game I know all about Newcastle United and the way they play the game, and it goes without saying I was delighted to join them."

Holland is super fit having been an athlete before he turned his mind to concentrating fully on football.

In fact he represented Lancashire both in track events and cross country and, not surprisingly, says he can run all day.

But Chris' stamina was put to the test in a hectic time when he signed for United for an initial £100,000 last weekend.

Chris travelled from Preston to Tyneside last Thursday.

On Friday he had his medical, signed for United and had his first training session with his new colleagues.

On Saturday morning it was back to Durham to play for United Juniors helping them beat Northern Intermediate League champions Barnsley.

Then it was off to St James' Park to watch the game with Southampton before hitching a ride with first team coach Derek Fazackerley.

On Sunday Chris took in Blackburn's game with Leeds United at Ewood Park and then it was back to Tyneside in time to report for training on Monday morning.

Chris also found the time to pencil a date in his diary - Monday April 4.

That's the day United entertain Chelsea and when Holland's big hero, Glenn Hoddle, will be at St James' Park in his capacity as Stamford Bridge boss.

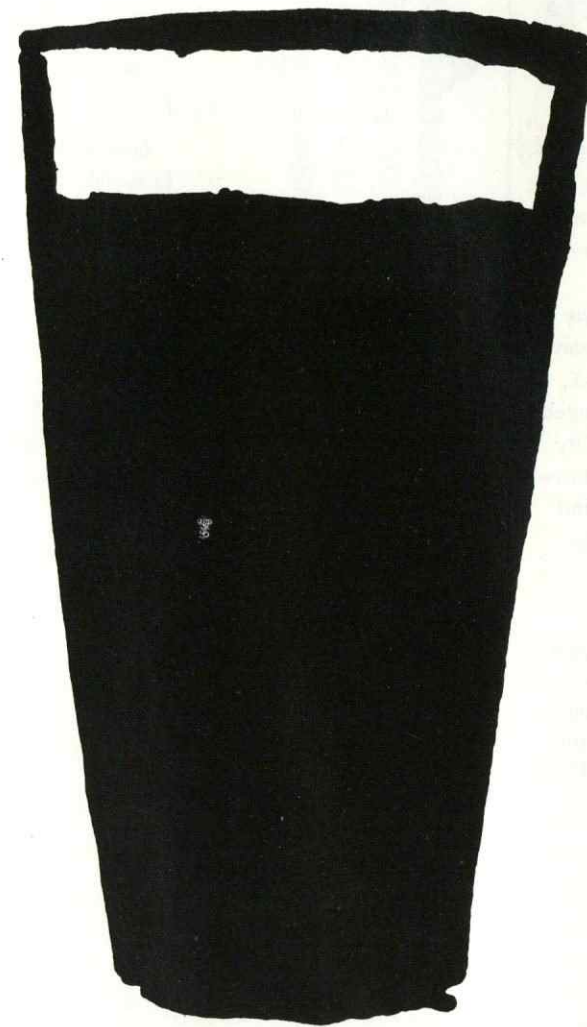
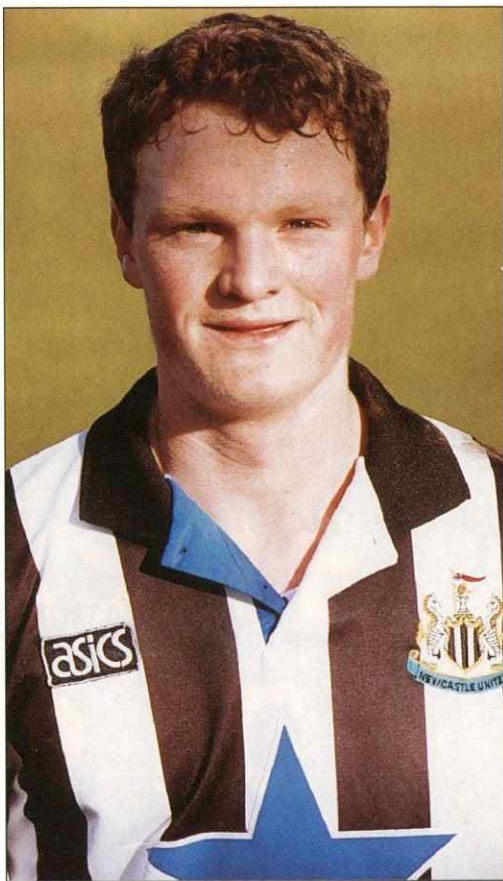
"Obviously like everyone else in the game I know all about Newcastle United and the way they play the game, and it goes without saying I was delighted to join them."

Not that Chris, who has never started a League game, expects to be involved against Chelsea.

He says: "The boss has signed me to play for the Reserves and Juniors this season.

"Anything else would be a real bonus."

Holland, an England Under-18 international, has signed for United for the rest of this season plus two more.



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SCOREBOARD

FA CUP - FOURTH ROUND

Port Vale v Wolves
 Grimsby Town v Aston Villa
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 Stockport County v Bristol City
 Norwich City v Manchester United
 Plymouth Argyle v Barnsley
 Ipswich Town v Spurs
 Oldham Athletic v Stoke City
 Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday
 Kidderminster v Preston N.E.
 Notts County v West Ham United
 Cardiff City v Manchester City
 Charlton Athletic v Blackburn Rovers
 Oxford United v Leeds United
 Bolton Wanderers v Arsenal



Reserves on the move?

At the time of writing, Newcastle were considering the possibility of switching future Pontins League home fixtures to the International Stadium, Gateshead.

United are concerned at the state of the St James' Park pitch and hope to reduce the wear and tear.

A meeting of representatives of Newcastle United, Gateshead FC, and the Gateshead Borough Council was due to take place this week.

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	PAUL BRACEWELL	4	4	JULIAN JAMES
	KEVIN SCOTT	5	5	TREVOR PEAKE
	STEVE HOWEY	6	6	JOHN DREYER
	ROBERT LEE	7	7	PAUL TELFER
	PETER BEARDSLEY	8	8	SCOTT OAKES
	ANDY COLE	9	10	DAVID PREECE
	LEE CLARK	10	11	RICHARD HARVEY
	SCOTT SELLARS	11	12	CERI HUGHES
	MARK ROBINSON	12	13	JUERGEN SOMMER
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