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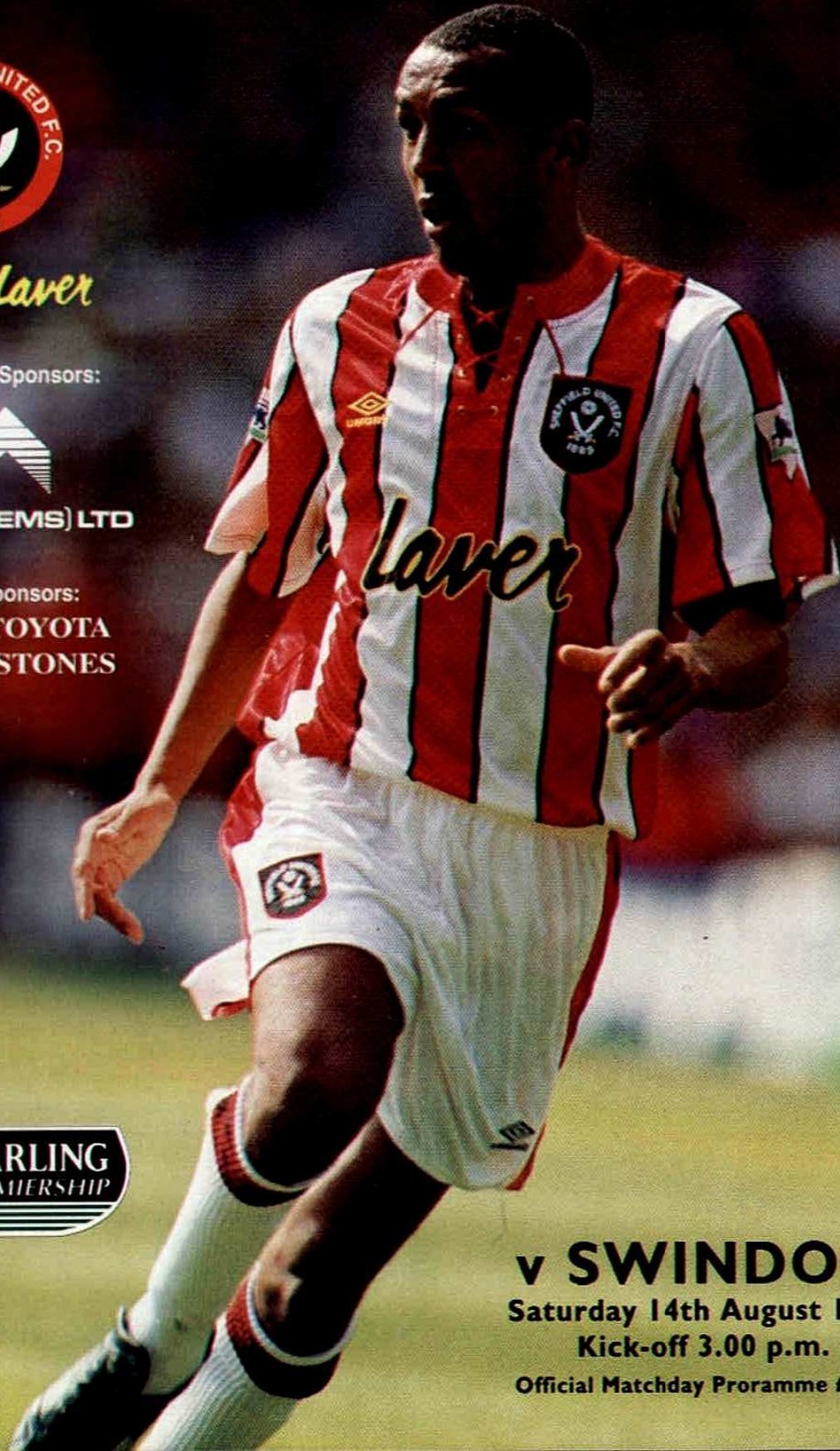
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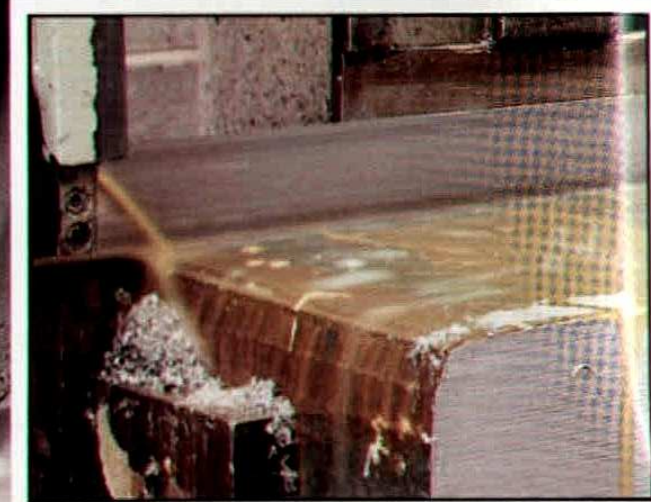
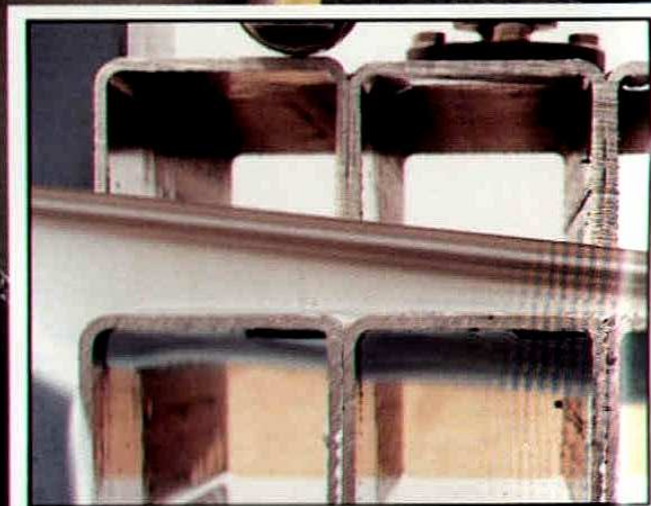
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We must look to what follows

Whoever it was who called it "the close season" certainly wasn't involved with Sheffield United!

This has been the most involved, dramatic and hectic summer I can recall but now we start all over again. They call it the FA Carling Premiership this season, last season it was the Premier League and before that the First Division. The name may not be the same but the product is and so is the strength of the challenge facing us.

Much has happened here since we finished last season. The biggest story in terms of newspaper headlines, has been the transfer of Brian Deane. That is water under the bridge, it has gone and no amount of comment will turn back the clock.

Most of you know that I was against the Deane deal at £2.7m but other factors and other opinions prevailed while I was abroad. Why he was sold so quickly for that price I will never know, but he is a Leeds player now and nothing will change that.

However, we have had five great years from Brian and I would have liked him here for five more. That cannot be, a chapter in the United story has now closed and we must look to what follows because that, and that alone, is important.

What has disturbed me is the groundswell of opinion that without Deane we will be in trouble. That is an insult to the rest of our players. Sure Brian was our cutting edge, but around him were some excellent professionals and we have been able to add to them.

I am delighted to have David Tuttle from Spurs and Willie Falconer from Middlesbrough with

us. David is an excellent young player who will surely get better and Willie, an experienced mid-field player with an eye for goals will add to the strength of our squad.

The young Swede, Jonas Wirnola has come, Ross Davidson and Rob Scott, two promising youngsters are here and we are excited about the prospects of the Norwegian World Cup striker Jostein Flo coming into the Club.

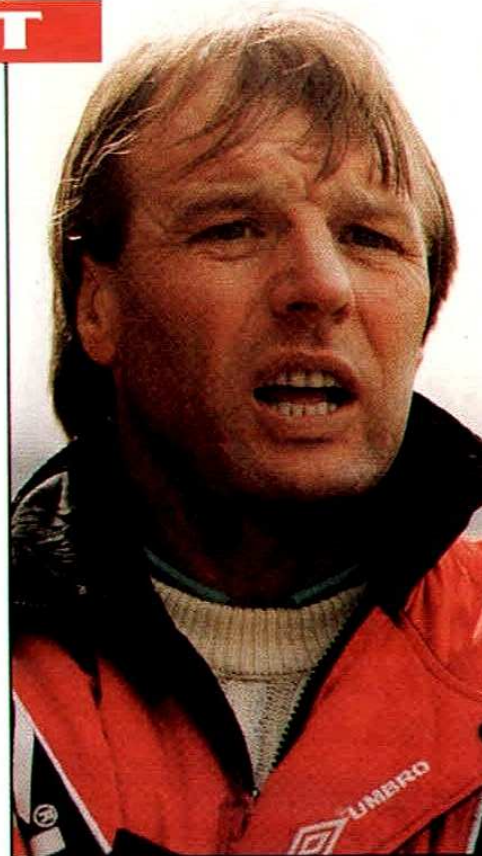
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On the staff side, I have recruited Wally Downes and put him in charge of our side to play in the new Under-21 League.

So there will be new faces, new ambitions and new hope.

But I am confident that some things will not change. This club has made a reputation for itself for team spirit, togetherness, organisation and loyalty. We have come a long way together, sometimes I think people forget just how far, and those characteristics are our hallmark – not forgetting that, as we have proved, that we have

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some highly skilled players as well.

In my programme notes at the end of last season, I questioned the way in which "Star" reporter, Bob Westerdale, covered the derby match incidents at Hillsborough. Since then, Bob and I have had a heart to heart talk and as a result, have a better understanding of the other's point of view. I now accept that Bob was reporting events as he saw them happen and had no ulterior motive.

Sheffield United has many teams – the players, the coaches, the Board, the administration staff, groundstaff, all those people who come together behind the scenes to make it all work and just as important, our team of supporters. I believe that by all working together as one big team, we can realise our ambitions and make Sheffield United a top Premier League Club and a force to be reckoned with – Let's make it happen!

Cover Picture: David Barnes.

LANE NEWS

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MEL'S WORTHY CAUSE...

If you're here early today, please encourage four youngsters who will be running round the pitch in order to raise funds for the Mel Rees Cancer Research Fund.

Emma Bolsover, Katie Beal, Sarah Turner (all 13), Jodie Evans (12) and David Ellis (11) will be doing their bit between 1.15 and 2.15 p.m.

● There will be a collection at the ground this afternoon. All proceeds to the Cancer Care Unit at Weston Park Hospital – in memory of Mel Rees.

IMPROVED LOOK?

We hope you notice one or two changes to the look of the place this season. Stadium Manager **Roy Mitchell** has been working hard to smarten up the ground and an article about the new flags on top of the stands will appear in a future issue.

In the meantime if anyone has any complaints or suggestions about the conditions of the ground Roy will be happy to take them on board. Contact him at Bramall Lane.

New Boys Check in...

The last few days have brought fresh faces to the Lane in a rush as Dave Bassett has purchased Jonas Wirmola, Dave Tuttle, Willie Falconer and Chris Kamara (back at the Lane on a free transfer). With Andy Scott's brother, Rob, due to have sighed by now – plus a possible replacement for Brian Deane – it's been a hectic time.

Dave Tuttle aged 21, set the ball rolling when Spurs let him go for £350,000, with further payments up to an extra £100,000 after 60 games.

At 6'3" and 13 stones he cuts a commanding figure and is ready to compete for a central defensive position. His opportunities looked to be improving at White Hart Lane and Terry Venables saw him as a future regular. However, new boss Ossie Ardiles preferred to bring in his own players and enabled United to step in.

David is surprised at how quickly he has settled in after being somewhat bemused at being the centre of attention when he

signed. He's not joking when he says Bramall Lane is his favourite ground – he has played here before and been impressed by the pitch and the atmosphere.

He has one important matter to sort out. Financé Julie works in the Spurs Ticket Office, so a quick transfer for her, too, would help them settle in to a new home in Sheffield.

Another central defender, **Jonas Wirmola** (24) moved in from Swedish club Sparvagen (Stockholm) for £50,000. A similar fee will be paid after he has played 30 games for us.

Jonas speaks excellent English and is glad to be a "full-time" football. Back home players are part-time, even in their Premier Division, and Jonas is anxious to make his mark in England. He spent three weeks with us last season, making a successful Pontin's League appearance at Manchester City, but work permit problems prevented us from signing him then.

He claims "to have been a little tight and nervous" during Derek Dooley's Testimonial but praised the players for their tremendous support.

Willie Falconer bolsters either the midfield area or the defence but he prefers an attacking midfield role (one which gave him a goal against us at Ayresome Park last season!)

Middlesbrough wanted him to



Dave Tuttle – at the ready.



Willie Falconer – glad to be here.

stay but, having been relegated and being out of contract, Willie has grabbed the opportunity to step back into the big time. The fee may well be decided by Tribunal.

A former Aberdeen and Watford player, Willie was rated highly enough to be considered for Scotland's 1992 European Championship Squad in 1992. However the imminent arrival of his and wife Alison's first child had to take priority.

Says Willie, "I enjoyed my time at Middlesbrough but the time was right for a change. I had a couple of chats with Glyn Hodges – an ex-team mate at Watford – and he helped me make up my mind".



Jonas Wirmola – last Monday night..

MOVING ON...

Young **Ashley Fickling** has joined Darlington, where he had a successful loan spell last season, for £10,000.

The big departure, of course, was that of **Brian Deane** to Leeds United for £2.7 million.

"Deano" was signed by United on 19th July 1988 from our neighbours Doncaster Rovers. He scored on his league debut for United on 27th August 1988 at Reading and, in fact, scored in the first game of all five seasons he was at the Lane.

In all competitions he scored 107 goals in 237 games (1 sub) – a record which conforms his popularity.

He missed very few games, a total of 27 out of a possible 264, scored three hat-tricks:

1988-89 League v Chester City (H) 6-1; 1992-93 FAC v Burnley (A) 3-1; League v Ipswich Town (H) 3-0.

Brian scored two penalties: in 1990-91 at Wimbledon and against Manchester United at the Lane in the first game of last season. He did miss one – against Leeds here at the Lane last season.

Deano will always be in the record books as the player who scored the first ever Premier League goal.

MORE CHANGES

It's the big 'off' again with United competing in the newly-named FA Carling Premiership – after the new sponsors. You can read more about them on page 15.

The most notable changes initially will soon be apparent to you, in fact a glance at the back page of the programme is a big clue.

Clubs now name their 22 man squads, complete with pre-arranged personal squad numbers, on each programme. There are three empty boxes for any players brought in *for that match* who are not in the named 22 man squad.

You will have space to mark which of the players are playing in the match or add, if necessary, extra ones. The system does *not* mean that each club is restricted to playing only those in the 22 man squad; new players are given the next available number after 22, or allocated space numbers which become vacant in the event of a transfer.

For your information Chris Kamara is number 23, Jonas Wirmola, 24, and John Reed, 25 – no other numbers have been allocated at the Lane.

Goalkeepers are also in the limelight again. Apart from a new design of shirt they will also have their own distinctive shorts and socks which can be different to those of their team-mates. It's an ever-changing world!

COME AND JOIN US!

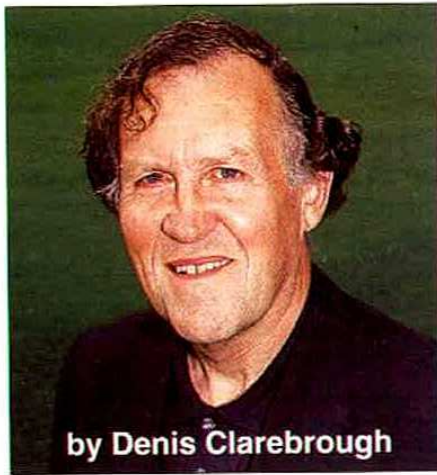
Dorothy Wragg, newly appointed Publicity Officer of the Senior Blades is whipping up new membership for this popular section and writes:

"The Club was started in 1981 and one of our instigators was George McCabe who is still a highly valued member.

"The annual fees is only £1 and meetings are held in the Executive Suite on the second Monday of every month at 2.00 p.m. We have some splendid speakers, Radio Sheffield's Robert Jackson and Jack Shaw amongst the more recent.

"The only stipulation is that you must be at least 60 years young – you are all welcome. See you on a Tuesday afternoon!"

B L A D E S B O U N T Y



by Denis Clarebrough

It may be valuable one day

'Don't throw it away! It may be valuable one day.' We have all heard those words at one time or another and may have used them ourselves. My articles this season will be mainly about football items from the past. Some of them were always of value; cups and medals for example, but for the most part, they had little or no initial value but are now treasured possessions.

Ephemera and memorabilia are the terms most frequently used to describe the things I have in mind, but I usually describe them as 'football rubbish'; the leftovers from yet another season of hope, elation, despair and resignation. You can find them at a car boot sale or junk shop, you can buy them from a dealer or bid for them at an auction, but rare or common, they can provide a great deal of pleasure.

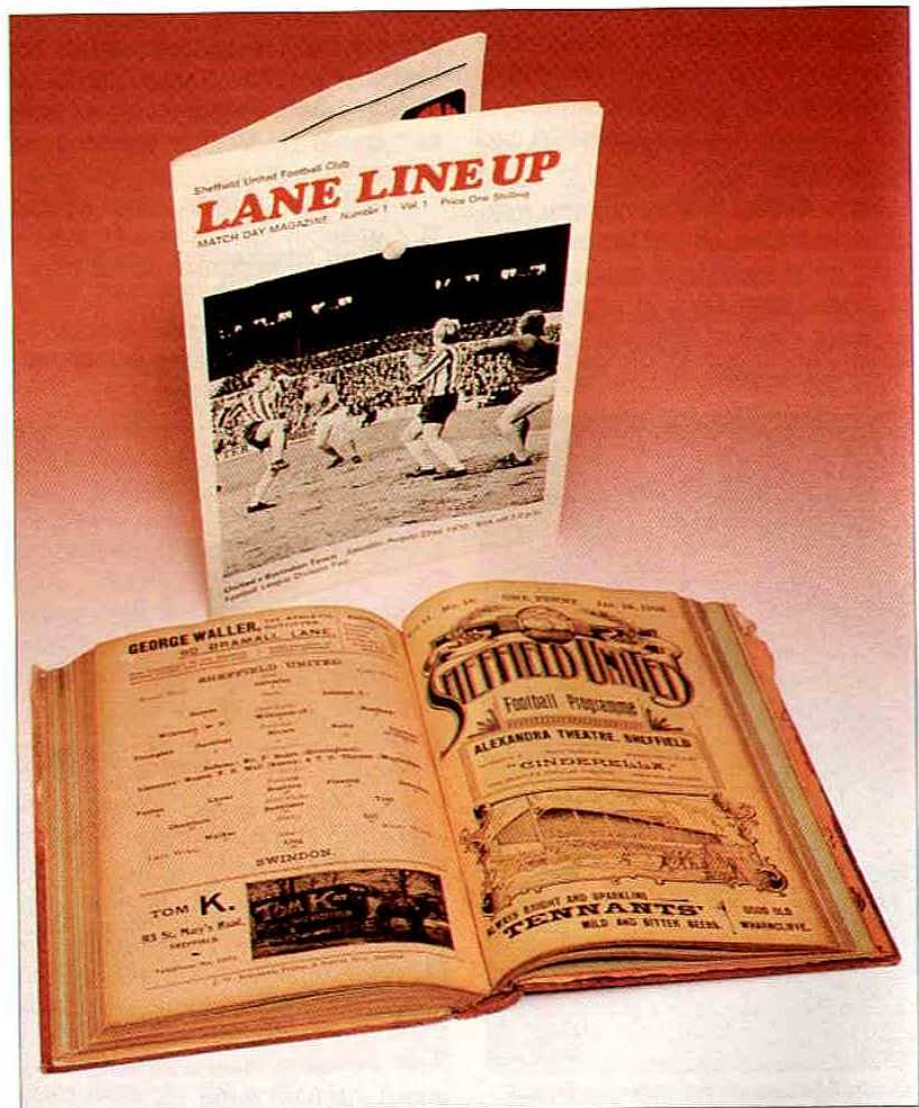
The football programme is the most popular 'collectable' for soccer fans. What was once a humble card, costing but a single

penny, has developed into the modern, magazine style programme, with a 'souvenir' Wembley edition now costing £4.

No-one will ever know when the first football programme was issued, but several cards from the 1880's are known. The information they provided was basic: team colours, names of the players and officials and occasionally, fixtures and one or two advertisements. They had much in common in appearance with cricket scorecards and were usually printed and distributed by the same people who supplied those.

That was certainly the case in Sheffield: Keith Farnsworth in his book 'Before & After Bramall Lane' records that Billy Whitham was printing and selling cricket scorecards as early as 1857. I have a photocopy of what was almost certainly one of his cards for a United match against Stoke in February 1894, but it is fair to assume that he was printing football match cards in Sheffield long before that for important games. I would be delighted to hear from anyone with any knowledge of these cards.

United were one of the first clubs to produce a new style of



programme. The change came in 1897 when our club produced an excellent eight (soon expanded to sixteen) page programme, and many of you will have seen the reproduced copy of the first issue against Derby County.

The two programmes seen in the illustration both involve matches against Swindon Town,

"Today's programme will be cherished by many a Swindon supporter for this first fixture at the top level"

and are worth more than a casual glance. The old style issue dates from 1908: the match was an F A Cup replay and was the Wiltshire club's first appearance in the competition proper. United were expected to win but it was Swindon who took the spoils with the winning goal coming just two minutes from the end of extra time. We blamed our goalkeeper.

Inevitably, one is drawn to the advertisements in these old programmes. The one at the top of the page will remind many of our older supporters of the sports outfitters on Bramall Lane. George Waller, the United trainer, ran it for many years though my generation knew it as Jack Archer's. Footballs, according to the advert, could be had for 5s 6d to half a guinea (27½ - 52½p) and "every ball warranted".

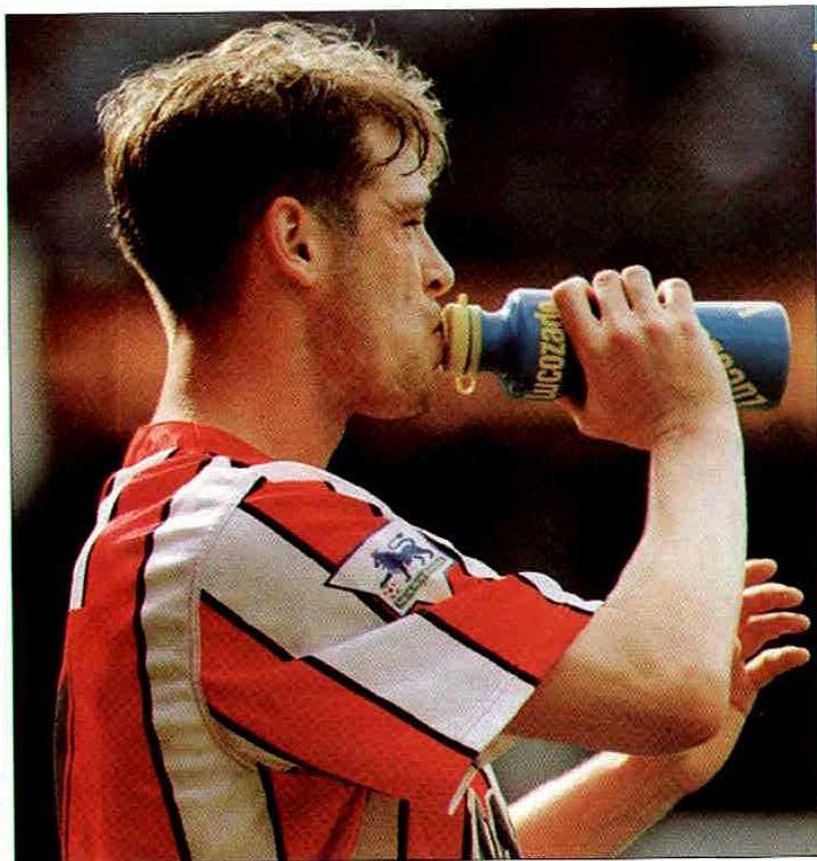
The second programme in the photograph with the heading 'Lane Line Up' marks a distinct development in the story of the football programme with a style similar to that of a magazine. It was our first programme for the 1970-71 season and cost one shilling (5p). An inside page featured the new souvenir shop in John Street; an indication that collecting football ephemera was moving into a new age.

Today's programme will be cherished by many a Swindon supporter for this is their first fixture at the top level of English League football. The programme will never become valuable however in money terms, for

larger numbers are printed and far more are retained.

What a difference with those of earlier years which command so high a price today. Their content rarely went beyond the mundane, illustrations were few if any, and they were issued at a time when wages for the bulk of the population left precious little for items other than essential. My father, much to my later disgust, never bought a programme in his life. 'Why should I', he would declare, 'I know all the players'.

Few programmes were purchased and precious few were kept. Those that have remained have increased in real value and some have rocketed in price. Over £1,000 was paid recently for a 1921 Cup Final programme; three years earlier it had sold for £425. So should one collect football programmes? My answer is simple and applies to all 'collectables'. Yes, if you enjoy it and can afford it. No, if it becomes an obsession, for you will never complete a collection and no pocket is deep enough, and always remember that buying is easier than selling.



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"I shall watch all the games, if they will give me a ride on the coach"



BRIAN GAYLE

Another new season starts without me and this time the absence will be a bit longer than last year.

As you know I have had surgery to a knee and although things are now going OK I have not yet started running.

When I will be fit to return is still unclear but in my mind I am hoping for the end of September.

This has been a busy time at the Lane with new faces coming in and this is always a good thing for a new season. New arrivals sweep away complacency, not that Dave Bassett would allow anything like that here. But we can all do with a new challenge to keep us on our toes and the signings of Dave Tuttle, Jonas Wirmola, Willie Falconer and hopefully Jostein Flo will keep us all mentally occupied.

I suppose for a lot of you starting a season without Brian Deane will be strange and disappointing. Deano was a great lad and a top class player but we were never totally reliant on one player as he would be the first to admit. Good luck to him at Leeds but we have brought in four new players and we might be stronger all round. Only time will tell. For me the time will go slowly until I am ready to challenge for a place in the side.

I shall watch all the games, if they will give me a ride on the coach that is – but in the meantime I have had a busy time. We are moving house soon, to Dore, and I have been practising my decorating skills.

I enjoy it. My first trade was in the building and painting business before making my way in football.

But I have enough on my hands with my own empty house. I am definitely NOT available for contract work.

Seriously, it is great to see a new season start and I hope we all have a super time together. Maybe we will go to Wembley again and win this time.

Player influx boost

It has been another hectic close season and there have been many changes at the Lane. We have a new Board of Directors, Brian Deane has gone and this week there has been a flurry of activity with four players – David Tuttle, Jonas Wirmola, Rob Scott and Willie Falconer joining the Club, and at the time of writing every prospect of a fifth with Jostein Flo due to arrive to finalise details.

With no disrespect to the other players I am sure that Flo is the player that most fans will be looking forward to seeing in action. Hopefully, he is a ready-made replacement for Deano and we have already submitted the necessary information required for the granting of a work permit which normally takes 20 working days and we are hoping for a speedy response from the Department of Employment Overseas Labour Section which, coincidentally, is based here in Sheffield.

After all the adverse press publicity the Club has suffered over the last few months it is encouraging to be reading about the Club for the right reasons – football itself. Although everyone regrets the fact that Deano is no longer with us, I am sure that our new signing will give us a much stronger squad and that we can more than consolidate our position in the Premier League.

On the ground development side, supporters will be aware that Premier League stadia must be all-seater by the start of the 1994/95 season. The government has made it clear that there will be no relaxation of this rule which means that this will be the last season with the existing John Street Stand and Terrace as we know it. We already have plans in hand to seat the Bramall Lane Terrace and are now looking at proposals for seating the John Street side of the ground. Plans to seat the Kop Corner have been shelved for the time being as it now makes more sense to concentrate our efforts on the main John Street Stand.

It will be a sad day when fans will no longer be able to stand at Bramall Lane. I suppose it is a sign of the times but somehow football may never have quite the same atmosphere.

Thank you all for your support again this afternoon. Let's hope we can start with three points and enjoy a successful season.

DAVE CAPPER



"It is encouraging to be reading about the Club for the right reasons"

CLUB SECRETARY

STORY SO FAR

■ Saturday 8th May

FA PREMIER LEAGUE

UNITED 4 CHELSEA 2

Scorers United – Scott (7), Rogers (16), Whitehouse (43, 48).

Chelsea – Lee (73), Townsend (86).

United: Kelly, Ward, Cowan, Hartfield (Hoyland) 65), Beesley, Pemberton, Bradshaw, Rogers, Scott, Deane, Whitehouse (Littlejohn 84).

Chelsea: Kahrn, Clarke, Sinclair, Townsend, Johnsen, Spackman, Barnard (Lee 62), Spencer (Stuart 75), Cascarino, Hall, Wise.

Referee: Allan Gunn (Sussex).

Attendance: 24,850.

Late blunders can't spoil the party as United roar into a 4-0 lead, sparked by Scott's first goal on his full debut, and end the season in 14th place.

Juniors form the bulk of a Reserve side that goes down 1-3 at Leeds in the last Pontin's fixture. Peel claims his 11th goal of the season.

■ Saturday 15th May

FRIENDLY at the Queen's Park Oval

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO 1 UNITED 1

Scorer: Whitehouse.

United: Kelly, Ward (Beesley), Cowan (Gannon), Hoyland, Gayle (Francis), Pemberton, Bradshaw (Hodges), Rogers, Littlejohn, Deane, Whitehouse. Unused subs: Bryson, Gage.

■ Sunday 30th May

Mel Rees dies from cancer at the age of 26.

■ Thursday 24th June

Wally Downes joins United's coaching staff.

■ Friday 25th June

Blades sign 19 year old Ross Davidson from Walton and Hersham.

■ Wednesday 30th July

Reg Brearley re-joins the Board of SUFC.

■ Monday 5th July

Players report for pre-season training at army camp in Devon.

■ Monday 12th July

Brian Deane becomes our record transfer when he joins Leeds in a deal worth £2.7 million.

■ Thursday 22nd July

Brian Gayle's knee injury rules him out for the first three matches of the season. Glyn Hodges signs a new three year contract.

■ Friday 23rd July

A memorial service for Mel Rees is held at the Sheffield Cathedral.

■ Tuesday 27th July

FRIENDLY

BRADFORD CITY 0 UNITED 3

Scorers: Scott (2), Cork.

United: Kelly, Ward, Cowan, Hartfield (Gannon), Beesley, Pemberton (Rogers), Carr, Kamara, Cork (Anthony), Scott, Whitehouse (Bradshaw).

Attendance: 2,209.

■ Thursday 29th July

KONGSVINGER (NORWAY) 5 UNITED 2

United scorers: Whitehouse, Gannon.

United: Kelly, Ward, Pemberton, Beesley, Cowan, Gannon (Hartfield), Rogers, Bradshaw, Scott (Carr), Bryson, Whitehouse.

■ Sunday 1st August

HONEFOSS IL 1 UNITED 1

Scorer: Whitehouse.

United: Kelly, Ward, Pemberton, Hartfield, Barnes, Kamara (Rogers), Gannon, Bradshaw, Littlejohn (Scott), Hodges, Carr (Whitehouse).

■ Monday 2nd August

ULLENSAKER KISA IL 1 UNITED 5

Scorers: Whitehouse 2, Scott, Littlejohn, Hodges.

United: Kelly, Rogers, Hartfield (Pemberton), Beesley, Cowan, Gannon, Whitehouse, Carr, Littlejohn, Bryson, Scott.

■ Tuesday 3rd August

MOSS FK 1 UNITED 3

Scorers: Scott, Bradshaw, Rogers.

United: Kelly, Ward, Pemberton, Beesley, Barnes (Cowan), Rogers, Kamara, Bradshaw, Hodges (Gannon), Scott (Littlejohn), Whitehouse.

■ Wednesday 4th August

SKI IL 0 UNITED 1

Scorer: Littlejohn.

United: Kelly, Ward, Beesley, Rogers, Cowan, Gannon, Kamara, Carr, Littlejohn (Scott), Hodges, Barnes.



Joyful scene after the final match of last season as the Blades salute the fans.

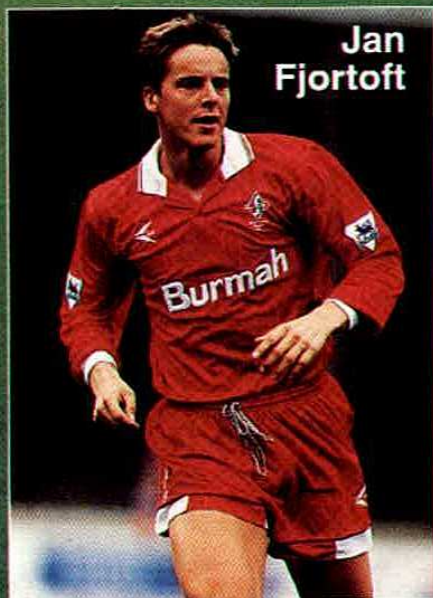
Transfers

Swindon manager John Gorman has looked for the foreign influence since the club gained promotion to the F.A. Carling Premiership in May. He signed Norwegian striker Jan Aage Fjortoft from Austrian club Rapid Vienna for £650,000 and then concluded the transfer of Dutch utility player Luc Nijholt from Scottish club Motherwell.

Another summer arrival at the County Ground was defender Adrian Whitbread, signed from Leyton Orient. Players who left Swindon during the summer included player-manager Glenn Hoddle, who has taken over as manager at Chelsea, and centre-back Colin Calderwood, who went to Tottenham.

Australian international forward David Mitchell was also released, as were Shaun Close and Paul Hunt.

Former England under-21 defender David Kerlake joined Leeds in March and ex-Blade Brian Marwood departed for Barnet last week.



Jan Fjortoft

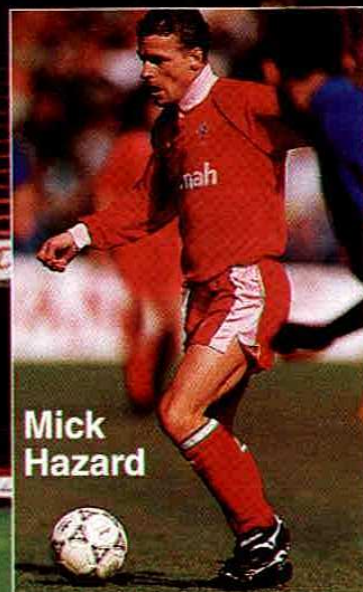
Town get their just desserts

Justice was seen to have been done for Swindon when Paul Bodin converted the late Wembley penalty that gave them victory over Leicester in the final of last season's promotion play-offs. It took the club into the F.A. Carling Premiership, a prize that every Swindon fan felt should have been theirs three years earlier.

Following another famous Wembley victory in 1990, Swindon fans had travelled home in celebratory mood in the belief that the club had made it to the old First Division for the first time in their history.

It was later decreed that, due to alleged financial irregularities, Swindon would not be promoted. Sunderland went up in their place. So today Swindon proudly take their place at the top for the first time in club history and for four of their players in particular this will be a moment to be savoured.

Goalkeeper Fraser Digby, defender Paul Bodin, midfielder Ross MacLaren and striker Steve White remain from the team that defeated Sunderland on that poignant occasion at



Mick Hazard

Wembley in 1990. Bodin, in fact, did leave the club but after spells with Crystal Palace and Newcastle (loan), he returned two seasons ago.

Swindon certainly achieved their success the hard way last season. They lost two key men – leading scorer Craig Maskell and midfielder Mick Hazard – through injury in a game against Wolves at the end of January.

Though both were out for several weeks, the Robins won six games out of seven. Though the two guaranteed promotion places still looked beyond their

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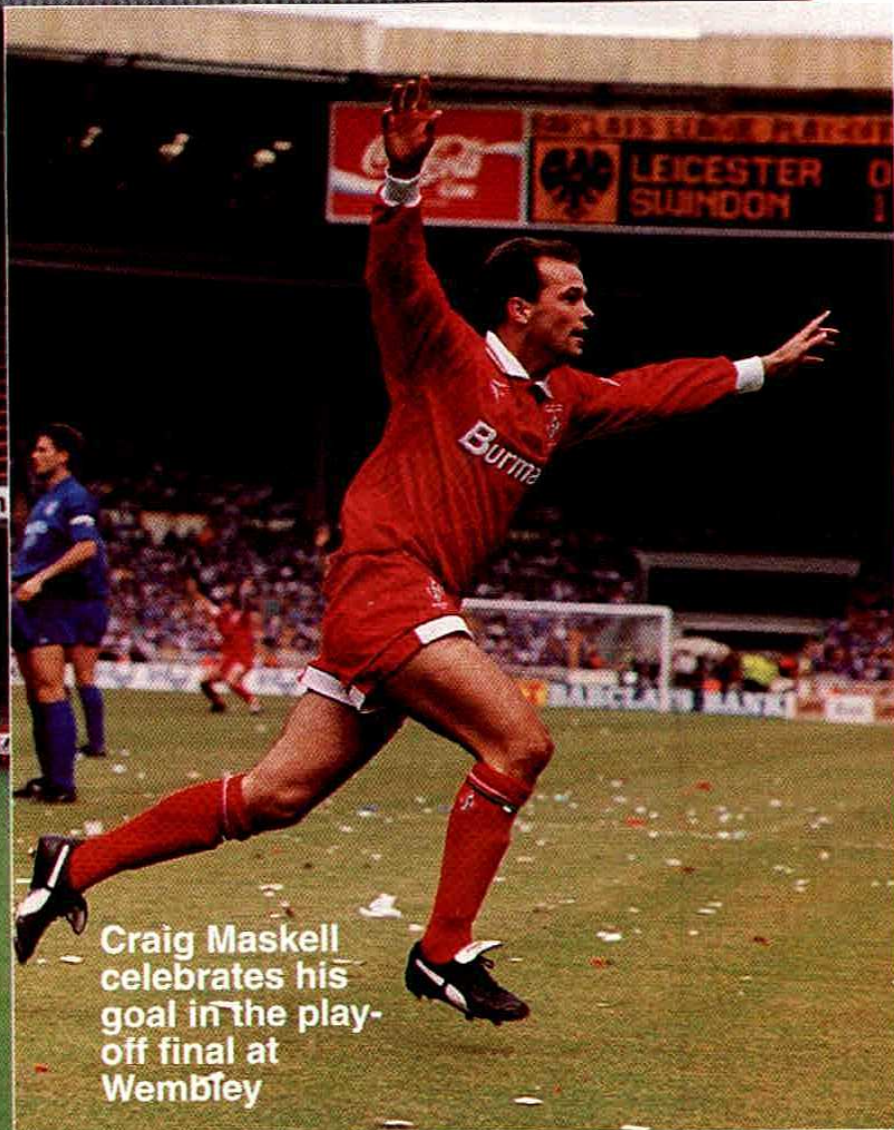
grasp, they were always fancied to qualify for the play-offs.

This was achieved a week before the end of the season in spite of a home defeat by West Ham. Swindon then defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate in the semi-finals of the play-offs and met Leicester in the decider at Wembley. With a 3-0 lead after 53 minutes.

Swindon seemed to be home and dry. But then Leicester made a fabulous come-back. They scored three times within the space of 13 minutes to draw level at 3-3.

Leicester now appeared to be in command, and for Swindon fans, another Wembley disappointment seemed to be in the offing.... until they were awarded that penalty six minutes from the end and Paul Bodin stepped up to put them into the F.A. Carling Premiership

There was disappointment for those Swindon supporters though, when player-manager Glenn Hoddle, the inspiration behind their success, decided to move on to accept the challenge of managing a major club (Chelsea) soon after presiding over Swindon's Wembley success. His former assistant John Gorman has now taken over as Swindon's manager and leads the club into its brand new challenge here at Bramall Lane this afternoon.



Craig Maskell celebrates his goal in the play-off final at Wembley

FOR THE RECORD

UNITED'S LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	6	5	0	1	11	4
Away	6	1	0	5	7	15
Total	12	6	0	6	18	19

THE LAST TEN MEETINGS

22 Aug. 1970	H	D2	2-1	18,696	Woodward, Coloquhoun, Noble.
19 Dec. 1970	A	D2	0-3	14,405	Reece (og), Rogers (p), Horsefield.
18 Aug. 1979	H	D3	2-1	12,020	Benjamin (p), Brown, Mayes.
3 Nov. 1979	A	D3	2-3	12,068	Speight, MacPhail, Rowland 2, Tucker.
6 Sep. 1980	H	D3	3-0	12,089	Kenworthy (p), Peters, Trusson.
14 Feb. 1981	A	D3	2-5	6,308	Kenworthy (p), Hatton, Miller, Rowland 3, Williams (p).
22 Aug. 1987	A	D2	0-2	8,637	Calderwood, Quinn.
20 Dec. 1987	H	D2	1-0	7,248	Cadette.
12 Sep. 1989	H	D2	2-0	13,920	Booker, Deane.
10 Dec. 1989	A	D2	2-0	10,282	Duffield, Morris.

Town

Swindon's Road to the Premier League

15 Aug	D1	H	Sunderland	1-0	11,094	Hoddle
19 Aug	D1	A	Bristol Rovers	4-3	6,150	Taylor, Mitchell(2), Bodin(p).
22 Aug	D1	A	Wolverhampton W	2-2	15,493	Maskell, Taylor.
29 Aug	D1	H	Cambridge United	4-1	8,134	Taylor, Maskell(3, lp)
5 Sep	D1	A	Millwall	1-2	8,091	Maskell.
12 Sep	D1	H	Bristol Rovers	2-2	10,006	Mitchell, Maskell.
20 Sep	D1	H	Oxford United	2-2	7,717	Ling, Taylor.
23 Sep	CCC	A	Torquay United	6-0	3,563	Maskell, Mitchell(2), Ling, Taylor, White.
26 Sep	D1	A	Charlton Ath.	0-2	6,750	
29 Sep	D1	H	Grimsby Town	1-0	5,759	Maskell.
3 Oct	D1	H	Watford	3-1	14,781	Maskell(2), Taylor.
6 Oct	CCC	H	Torquay United	3-2	3,293	Hoddle, White, Mitchell.
10 Oct	D1	A	Portsmouth	1-3	12,442	White.
17 Oct	D1	H	Notts County	5-1	7,589	Ling, Mitchell, Summerbee, Horlock, Moncur, Maskell.
24 Oct	D1	A	West Ham United	1-0	17,842	
27 Oct	CCC	H	Oldham Athletic	0-1	8,811	
31 Oct	D1	H	Barnsley	1-0	7,784	Maskell(p).
3 Nov	D1	H	Brentford	0-2	7,832	
8 Nov	D1	A	Newcastle Utd	0-0	28,091	
14 Nov	D1	H	Southend United	3-2	7,777	Maskell(2), Ling.
21 Nov	D1	A	Bristol City	2-2	14,066	Maskell, Summerbee.
29 Nov	D1	A	Peterborough Utd	3-3	5,976	Taylor(2), Maskell.
6 Dec	D1	H	Derby County	2-4	8,924	Hazard, Maskell.
20 Dec	D1	A	Leicester City	2-4	15,088	Hazard, Maskell.
4 Jan	FAC	A	Queens Park R	0-3	12,106	
9 Jan	D1	A	Oxford United	1-0	9,146	White.
12 Jan	D1	H	Birmingham City	0-0	14,398	
16 Jan	D1	H	Charlton Ath.	2-2	8,085	Summerbee, Calderwood.
26 Jan	D1	A	Grimsby Town	1-2	5,207	Bodin.
30 Jan	D1	H	Wolverhampton W	1-0	10,812	Bodin.
6 Feb	D1	A	Sunderland	1-0	17,234	Bodin.
13 Feb	D1	H	Millwall	3-0	10,544	White, Bodin, Taylor.
20 Feb	D1	A	Cambridge United	0-1	5,437	
23 Feb	D1	H	Tranmere Rovers	2-0	10,059	Mitchell(2).
27 Feb	D1	H	Portsmouth	1-0	14,077	Bodin.
6 Mar	D1	A	Watford	4-0	8,791	White(3), Mitchell.
10 Mar	D1	A	Southend United	1-1	4,371	White.
13 Mar	D1	H	Newcastle United	2-1	17,574	Bodin(p), Calderwood.
17 Mar	D1	A	Luton Town	0-0	8,902	
21 Mar	D1	A	Derby County	1-2	12,166	Taylor
24 Mar	D1	H	Bristol City	2-1	13,157	Marwood, Bodin(p).
27 Mar	D1	A	Brentford	0-0	10,197	
3 Apr	D1	H	Peterborough Utd	1-0	10,340	Bodin.
6 Apr	D1	A	Tranmere Rovers	1-3	8,335	Mitchell.
10 Apr	D1	H	Luton Town	1-0	10,934	Bodin.
13 Apr	D1	A	Birmingham City	6-4	17,903	Taylor, Maskell(2), Mitchell(3).
17 Apr	D1	H	Leicester City	1-1	15,428	Taylor
24 Apr	D1	A	Notts County	1-1	8,382	Bodin(p).
2 May	D1	H	West Ham United	1-3	17,004	Hazard.
8 May	D1	A	Barnsley	0-1	6,031	
16 May	PO	H	Tranmere Rovers	3-0	14,230	Vickers(og), Mitchell, Maskell.
19 May	PO	A	Tranmere Rovers	2-3	16,083	Moncur, Maskell.
31 May	PO	A	WemLeicester City	4-3	73,802	Hoddle, Maskell, Taylor, Bodin(p).

Swindon Roll Call

Player	Birthplace	Age	Previous Clubs	League Record for Swindon		Career	
				1992-93		App	Gl
Paul BODIN	Cardiff	28	Newport, Cardiff, Crystal Palace, Newcastle (L)	34	(1) 11	149	22
Fraser DIGBY	Sheffield	26		33		256	
Nicky HAMMOND	Hornchurch	25	Bristol Rovers (L)	13		47	
Chris HAMON		23		1	(1)	2	
Mike HAZARD	Sunderland	33	Tottenham, Chelsea, Portsmouth	30	(2) 3	110	17
Terry HURLOCK	Hackney	34	Brentford, Reading, Millwall, Rangers, Southampton	13	(1) 1	14	1
David KERSLAKE	London	27	QPR	30	(1)	135	1
Martin LING	West Ham	27	Exeter, Southampton, Mansfield (L)	43	3	67	6
Ross MacLAREN	Edinburgh	31	Shrewsbury, Derby	22		182	9
Craig MASKELL	Aldershot	25	Southampton, Huddersfield, Reading	32	(1) 19	33	19
John MONCUR	Stepney	26	Tottenham, Cambridge (L), Doncaster (L), Portsmouth (L), Brentford (L), Ipswich (L)	11	(3) 1	17	1
Edwin MURRAY	Redbridge	19		-		1	-
Luc NIJHOLT	Holland	32	Motherwell	-		-	
Nicky SUMMERBEE	Altrincham	21		36	(3) 3	74	3
Shaun TAYLOR	Plymouth	30	Exeter	46	11	88	15
Adrian VIVEASH	Swindon	23		5		40	1
Steve WHITE	Chipping Sodbury	34	Bristol Rovers, Luton, Charlton, Lincoln (L)	20	(13) 7	237	83

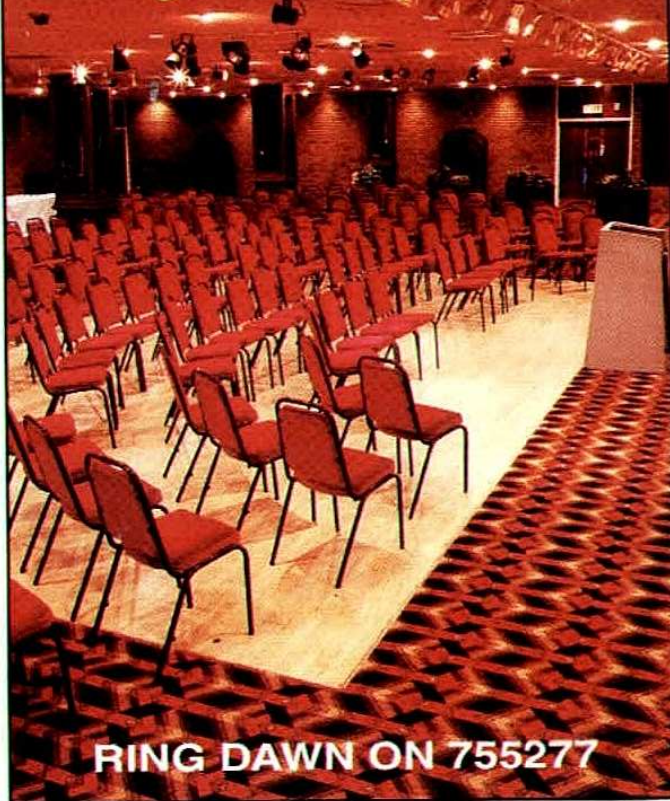
Also Played:

Glenn Hoddle 41(1) 1; Andy Gray (L) 3; Colin Calderwood 46 2; Brian Marwood 6(4) 1; Shaun Close 1(6); Paul Hunt 3(2); David Mitchell 37(3) 11.



Paul Bodin, Craig Maskell, Glenn Hoddle & Shaun Taylor – all scorers in the play-off at Wembley in May.

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FA PREMIER LEAGUE NEWS



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RICK PARRY (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE) EXPLAINS AND WELCOMES

THE FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

The FA Premier League Championship competition has a new title: it's the FA Carling Premiership and I'd like to explain this subtle change of name.

The rationale is quite simple. According to our constitution, The FA Premier League was the name of both the organisation (the limited company) and the competition. Bass, sponsors of our league competition, have bought the rights to name the competition, but not the organisation. Therefore, it is entirely appropriate to preserve the identity of the organisation whilst promoting a new identity for the competition.

This is a simple concept which can be readily understood. However, it becomes complicated when the name of the organisation and the competition are the same – this leads to confusion. Therefore, we decided to create a new name for the competition – and, to go with it, a new logo.

In simple terms, each club BELONGS to The FA Premier League, but it PLAYS in the FA Carling Premiership.

This is by no means a unique approach. For example, The Rugby League (the organisation) promotes and organises a number of sponsored competitions, including The Stones Bitter Championship; and, of course, The Football League organise the Endsleigh Insurance League (previously titled the Barclays League) and their League Cup Competition, The Coca-Cola Cup.

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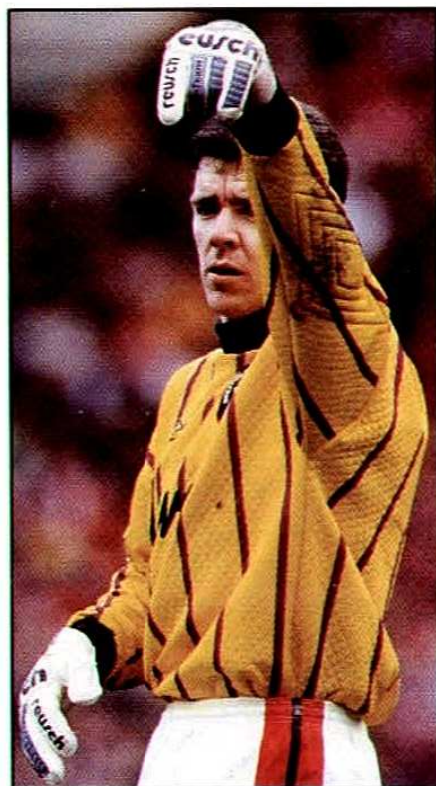
At £12 million over four years, the FA Carling Premiership is **Britain's biggest ever sports sponsorship**, and we admire the horse power and skills that a major consumer company like Bass brings to the game.

Carling intends to launch a series of awards – entitled the Carling No. 1 Award Scheme – which will encompass a No. 1 Award, monthly and annual, which can be to a club, player, fan, chairman or other, who has made the most significant contribution to the game. The scheme will also feature awards to Managers, BSKyB man of the match, hat-trick scorers, highest scoring teams, football writers, photographers and supporters.

I very much like Carling's introduction of a supporters' award, i.e. The Carling Supporters of the Year – a very welcome addition to a valid, and valued, list of awards.

The Carling No. 1 panel will include:

Graham Kelly, Chief Executive, the Football Association, **Rick Parry**, Chief Executive, The FA Premier League, **Gordon Taylor**, Chief Executive, Professional Footballers' Association, **Frank Clark**, Chief Executive, League Managers' Association, **Alex Montgomery**, Chairman, Football Writers' Association, **Joe Melling**, Vice-Chairman, Football Writers' Association, **Brian Barwick**, Editor, Sportsnight and Match of the Day, BBC TV, **Vic Wakeling**, Head of Football, BSKyB, **Neil Midgley**, President, Association of Premier League and Football League Referees and Linesmen, **David Lee**, Chairman, Football Supporters' Association, **Tony Kershaw**, Chairman, National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs, **Paul Hughes**, Sponsorship Director, Bass Brewers Ltd., **David Carruthers**, Group Marketing Manager, Carling Brand, **Keith Pinner**, Chairman, Arena International Ltd.



Alan Kelly picked up another honour recently when he was one of the players chosen for their club's Carling Candidates Awards – for entertainment.

A panel including PFA Chief Executive Gordon Taylor and Nottingham Forest boss Frank Clark selected Alan and Martin Ling of today's opponents in the following squad:

Merson (Arsenal), Saunders (Villa), Wilcox (Blackburn), Huddle (Chelsea), Ndlovu (Coventry), Cottee (Everton), Kiwomya (Ipswich), Speed (Leeds), Clough (Liverpool), Flitcroft (Manchester City), Cantona (Manchester United), Cole (Newcastle), Fox (Norwich), Adams (Oldham), Ferdinand (QPR), Waddle (Sheffield Wednesday), **Kelly (Sheffield United)**, Le Tissier (Southampton), **Ling (Swindon)**, Anderton (Spurs), Allen (West Ham), Holdsworth (Wimbledon).

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Dave Burkinshaw takes a look at a special day for Swindon – and Chris Kamara.

NEW BEGINNINGS

For today's visitors, Swindon Town, 14th August 1993 marks their debut in the biggest stage in English league football, the Premier League. Irrespective of the result, this fixture will be a key milestone in the Wiltshire club's history.

Fourteen year ago, on 18th August 1979, the visit of Swindon Town to Bramall Lane represented a lower point in the history of the Blades, their first ever Third Division fixture. On the morning of the match, United fans were still celebrating that their hero Alex Sabella had turned down a £625,000 transfer to Sunderland. However, Sabella was not considered to be in the right frame of mind by manager Harry Haslam to play against Swindon, so the teams lined up as follows:

UNITED – Conroy, Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, MacPhail, Matthews, Flood, De Goey, Butlin, Brown, Benjamin.

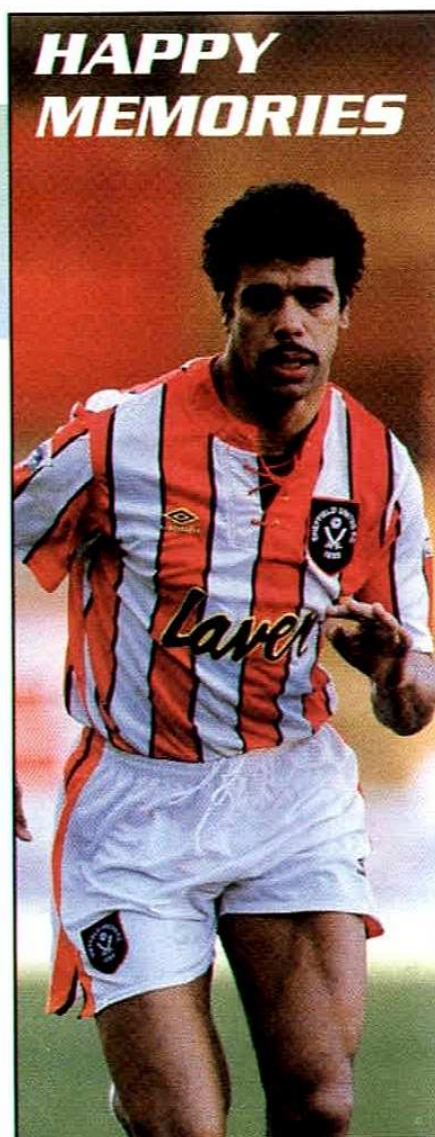
SWINDON – Allan, Templeman, Ford, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Kamara. Substitute: Gilchrist for Kamara in 72 minutes.

Swindon's Chris Kamara may well play in today's fixture for the Blades. Swindon led 1-0 at the interval, with an Alan Mayes goal, but the Blades bounced back in the second half with goals from an Ian Benjamin penalty and a Duggie Brown header.

As debutants in the Premier League, Swindon fans may be interested to know how other debutants in the big-time have fared in recent times in their first fixture and first season. Below is a list of newboys in the Premier or old First Division since 1961 (debutants score given first):

SEASON	TEAM	OPPONENTS	RESULT	FINAL LEAGUE POSITION
1988-89	Millwall	Aston Villa (A)	2-2	10th
1986-87	Wimbledon	Manchester City (A)	1-3	6th
1985-86	Oxford United	West Bromwich (A)	1-1	18th
1982-83	Watford	Everton (H)	2-0	2nd
1981-82	Swansea City	Leeds United (H)	5-1	6th
1979-80	Brighton	Arsenal (H)	0-4	16th
1974-75	Carlisle United	Chelsea (A)	2-0	22nd (relegated)
1972-73	Norwich City	Everton (H)	1-1	20th
1969-70	Crystal Palace	Manchester United (H)	2-2	20th
1968-69	QPR	Leicester City (H)	1-1	22nd (relegated)
1967-68	Coventry City	Burnley (A)	1-2	20th
1966-67	Southampton	Manchester City (H)	1-1	19th
1965-66	Northampton	Everton (A)	2-5	21st (relegated)
1962-63	Leyton Orient	Arsenal (H)	1-2	22nd (relegated)
1961-62	Ipswich Town	Bolton Wanderers (A)	0-0	1st (champions)

United made their debut in the First Division in 1893-94 and they recorded a 3-2 win at Everton. Swindon supporters will be hoping they can emulate Alf Ramsey's Ipswich of 1962, and carry off the league title. However, whatever this season may bring it will no doubt create unforgettable moments as they see their club make their Premier League bow on so many famous grounds.



Though Chris Kamara doesn't remember too much about the match featured on this page, he understandably has happy memories of his spells at Swindon.

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself there," he says. "In fact, my wife is from Swindon and I still have a house there. Perhaps I'll end up going back!"

"The crowd were always on my side during my time there, and I'm absolutely delighted they have reached the top flight.

"I was one of the players involved in the illegal payments scandal that cost them promotion a few years ago, and can remember everyone's disappointment even though I'd left at that stage."

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If possible, I would like two seats at the end of a row, near to the front as we may need to make a quick exit to catch a train home!

Many thanks for your fine co-operation and response. We look forward to visiting Bramall Lane for the first time.

All the very best to Sheffield United for '93/'94 after last season's success in League and F. A. Cup."

Martin Bennett, Swindon

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DAMAGING INCIDENT

"I would like to make a certain gentleman United supporter feel very ashamed and embarrassed, and hope his "mates" realize when he brags of having the United goalie shirt.

My 11 year old son, Andrew, had a really rough time at school when he was subjected to some bullying on his way home. This was investigated at school during the week before the Chelsea match. The final Straw came at the match.

It would have been the highlight of the week for him except for a rather unsavoury incident. When the players did a "lap of honour", Andrew was lucky enough to catch Alan Kelly's jumper, but what would have proved a tremendous tonic turned sour.

A man behind tried to pull the shirt from him, and when Andrew refused to let go, the man reached out and hit him in the nose forcing him to relinquish the shirt. My husband had remained at the back of the kop unaware of the incident until Andrew returned in tears.

Andrew attends all matches with his brother, dad and grandad who all have season tickets.

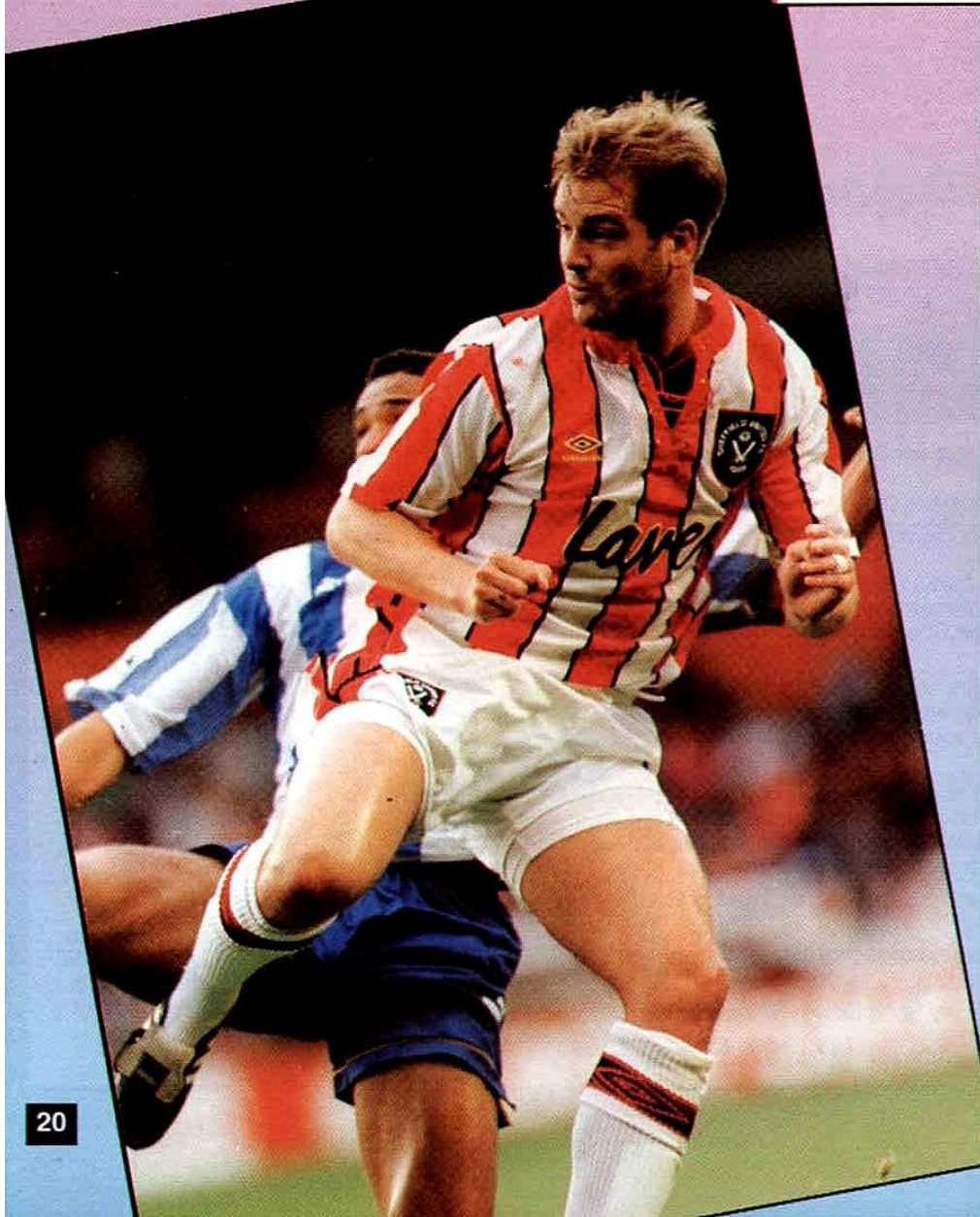
It is a shame such people have no thoughts for others, and spoil United's good reputation.

I would like to shock this "big guy" if he could read of himself!"

Mrs Lesley Blagden, Chapeltown

DEREK'S BIG NIGHT

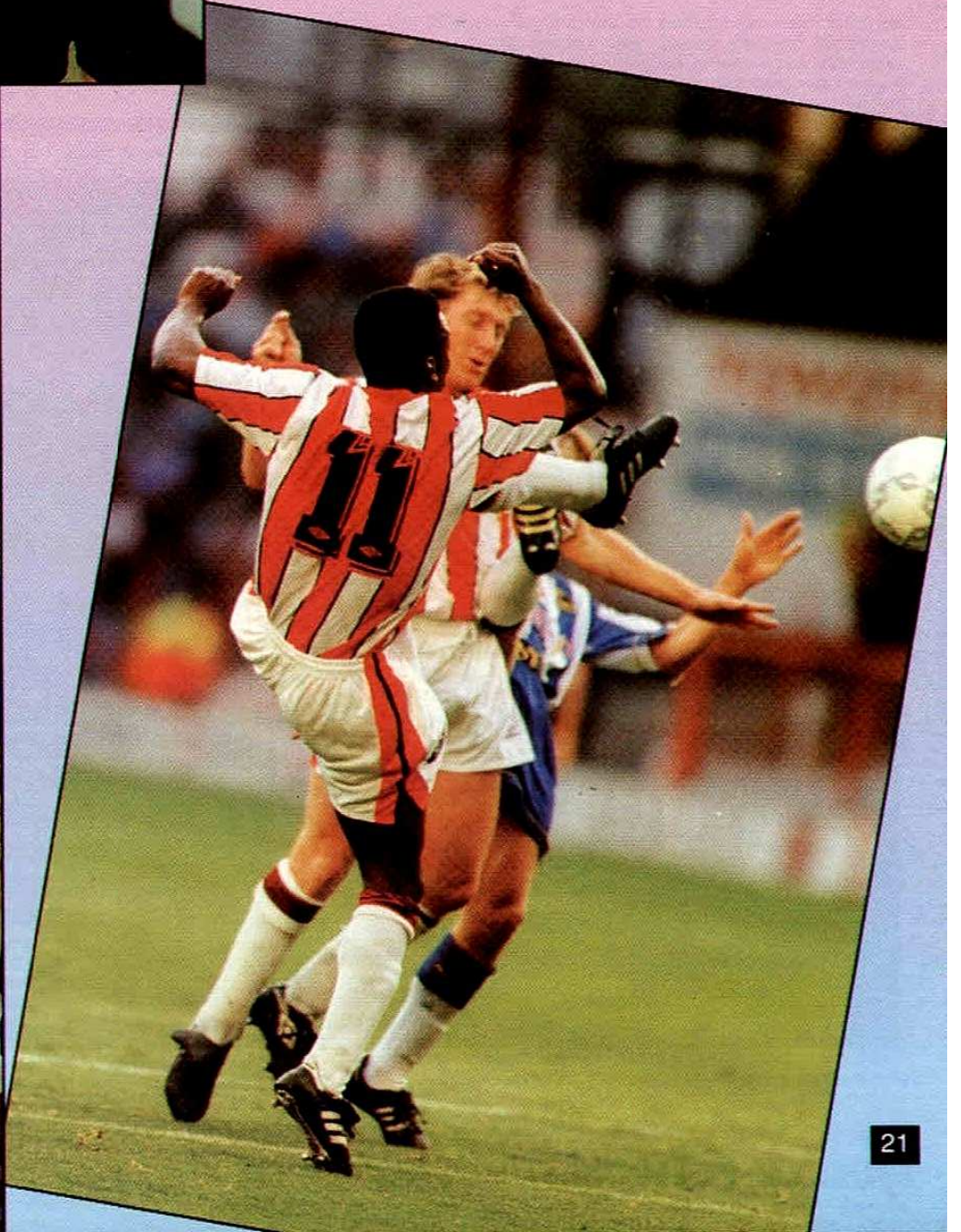
Sheffield soccer legend Derek Dooley's Testimonial night last Monday provided nearly 9,000 fans with the opportunity of seeing the two loves of Derek's life in competitive opposition.





Left: The man himself with rival captains David Barnes, Des Walker and Referee Keith Hackett.

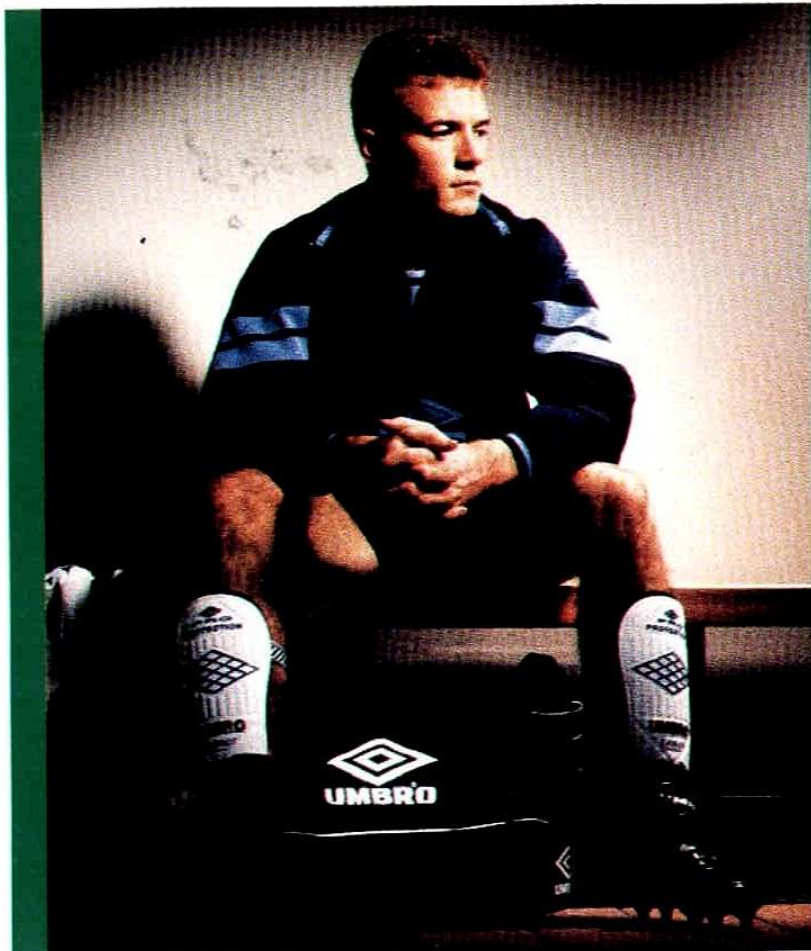
The action (from left to right) shows Carl Bradshaw nipping in ahead of Des Walker (left), John Reed and Phil King playing spot the ball (middle) and Adrian Littlejohn and Kevin Gage blocking out an opponent.



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We have also launched a new scheme offering discounts on tickets for students and UB40 cardholders. For £3.00 supporters who are in full-time education or in receipt of unemployment benefit receive a special membership card. This enables them to purchase home match tickets at the concessionary rate. (i.e. £6.00 for the kop, £7.00 for the South Stand). Tickets must be purchased from the Ticket Office prior to the day of the match. Please contact the Ticket Office for further details of this great saving.

JOHN STREET TERRACE STANDING

Due to the limited number of tickets available for this area admission will continue to be by ticket only. This means that tickets must be purchased from the Ticket Office and there will be no cash admission to this area. We do advise supporters who watch from this area to purchase tickets well in advance to avoid disappointment.

TICKET PRIORITY

It remains the Club's policy that priority booking for major matches goes to Season Ticket holders and Blades Revival Members. However, as many other Premier League grounds currently offer only very limited accommodation for visiting supporters, we may on occasion give priority to Season Ticket holders/ Blades Revival Members who have ticket stubs from certain previous matches. This is to ensure that in the case of matches where very few tickets are available, supporters who follow the team home and away have a fair opportunity to purchase tickets. Therefore you should save your ticket stubs as this may be used in a future allocation (as stated on the reverse of each ticket!)

TICKET COLLECTION POINT

Tickets booked in advance should now be collected on matchdays from the new Ticket Collection Point situated next to the Ticket Office. We hope this will reduce the time taken to pick up tickets, particularly as kick-off approaches.

LATE TURNSTILES

Each section of the ground is assigned a 'late turnstile' which remains open until half-time. These are now indicated by a special sign above the entrance.

SEASON TICKET VOUCHERS

In the interests of safety, Season Ticket holders must use the correct voucher from their book for each league match. If you forget your voucher (or arrive with a wrong one), please go straight to the Ticket Office. We will issue a duplicate upon payment of the day ticket price. This is then refunded upon production of the correct voucher which must be presented before the next home league match. No refund can be made in respect of tickets purchased through the turnstiles.

BLADES CLUBCALL: 0891 888650

Ticket information is regularly updated on the Clubcall number. We will also leave information on the Ticket Office answerphone out of office hours.

G.T. NEWS/G.T. SPORTS AWAY PLAYER OF THE YEAR 1992/93

Congratulations to Alan Kelly who won the away player of the year award last season. Prior to today's game Alan will receive his award from G.T. Sports Merchandise & Marketing Manager, Andy Parkin.

HOME & AWAY

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Adult	£9.00
Concession	£6.00
Family Enclosure (South Stand)	
Adult	£10.00
Concession	£5.00
John Street Terrace (Standing)	
Adult	£8.50
Concession	£5.00

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JUNIOR BLADES

All Junior Blades receive a **£1 discount** on match tickets providing that tickets are purchased from the Ticket Office *prior to the day of the match*. We are also continuing our policy of **FREE TICKETS** for Junior Blades under the age of eight, again providing that tickets are purchased *before matchday*. Please remember to bring your Junior Blades card with you when purchasing tickets. The Junior Blade gift pack has been re-vamped with different packages for young Blades of various ages. Please contact the Ticket Office for further details.

FAMILY ENCLOSURE MEMBERSHIP

The Family Enclosure is reserved for Family Enclosure Season Ticket holders and Family Members. The aim is to provide a secure and fun environment in which to make friends and get a good view of the match. Family Membership still costs just £10.00 per adult and £5.00 per child. Members then receive considerable savings on match tickets. In addition, Family Co-ordinators Ian and Sylvia Sands organise special trips to many away matches, as well as all sorts of activities at home matches.

SHEFFIELD UNITED MEMBERSHIP

Apart from the Family Enclosure the only other Membership Area at Bramall Lane is the Kop. Supporters on the Kop over the age of 16 should be membership card holders (or guest of a member). Membership for this season costs just £3.00 and each member can bring in up to three guests with them. Season Ticket holders and Blades Revival Members are of course automatically members. We are just about to embark on a review of membership at Bramall Lane with a view to extending the benefits available. We will of course be discussing ideas with supporters, however if anyone has suggestions please feel free to send them in to the Ticket Office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hello, and welcome back to Bramall Lane for the first game of a new season. A special mention for our visitors today from Swindon Town, who must be very excited and apprehensive at the same time with the prospects of 'life' in the Premier League after such a long hard struggle. Although I hope the first result in the season is not everything you had hoped for, I hope (with one other exception) you have a very happy and successful season.

What a very traumatic close season it has been for all we 'Blades'. It has at times been very difficult to keep up with happenings at Bramall Lane. Sadly, much despondancy has been generated amongst supporters who contribute so much to the success of a football club and whose feelings are, by and large, given very little consideration.

We realise that not everyone can be satisfied with so many people being involved, but the transfer of 'Deano' so soon after the bulk of season ticket sales was, in the opinion of many, very bad timing and hard to accept. As we read in the papers, Brian wished to go, and few supporters would wish him anything but the best of luck. Thanks too for the excitement he has generated with his ability to score goals over the past five seasons. All the best Brian.

That chapter is now closed and on the bright side I welcome on your behalf Dave's new signings (at the time of writing) – David Tuttle, Jonas Wirmola, Chris Kamara and also Ross Davidson.

It is hoped for everyone's sake, control of the club is finalised, long term commitments made so the period of uncertainty can be ended, and that SUFC can go forward on solid foundations at Boardroom level. Let's once more make the headlines for the right reasons.

The AGM of the Supporters Club was held in July, and as you will gather from these notes, yours truly was once again given a vote of confidence together with Pete and Andy Norris who were returned as Chairman and Treasurer respectively.

Also in July, a new Branch of the Supporters Club was formed in Retford. Pam Moore, secretary, has had a marvellous response and to date they number some 80 members. They have gladly accepted the invitation of Tony Willoughby of the Newcastle Arms, Bridgegate, Retford, to use the premises as their headquarters and meeting place. Meetings are to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Transport to games is being organised and pickup can also be arranged for anyone in the Workshop area. Please contact Pam on 0777-707216 for further details.


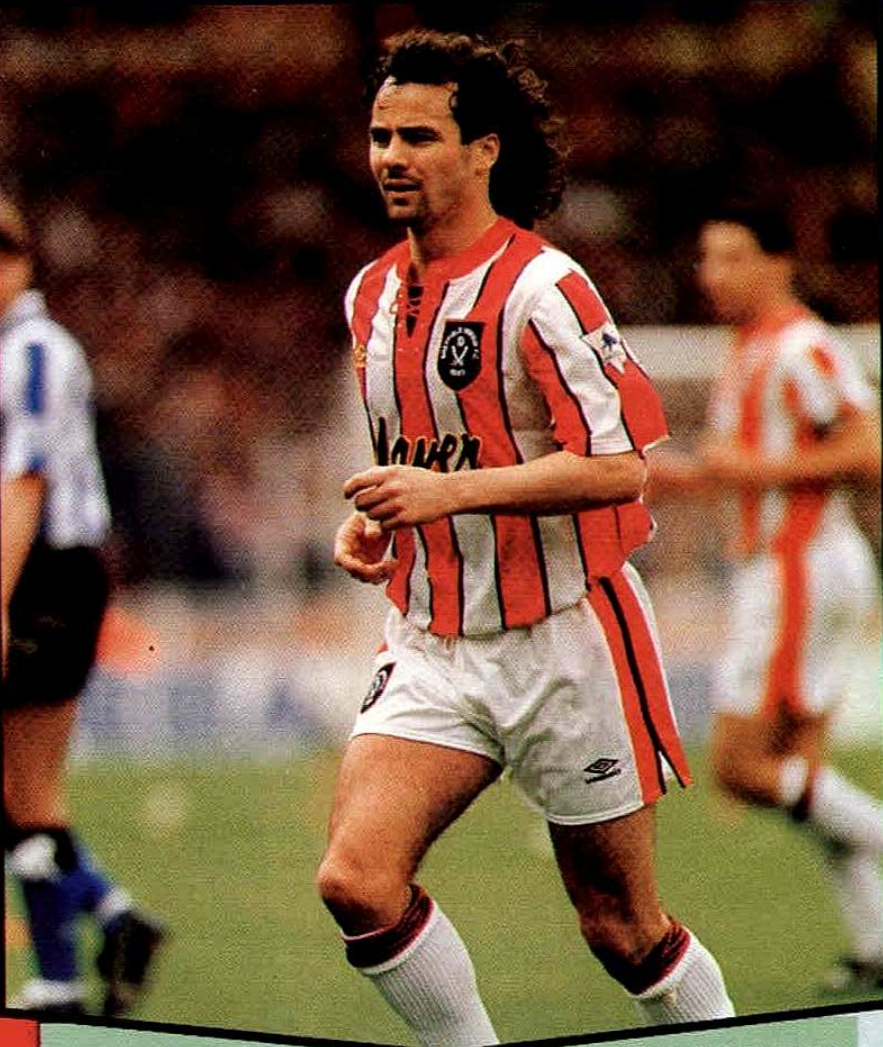
In closing I remember, with sadness and joy, Mel Rees who tragically died early in the close season as do all of you I know. Mel's memory will live long at Bramall Lane.

Keep cheering and get behind the team.

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Reasons to be cheerful

The start of a new season always has a special feel about it - a mixture of excitement, anticipation and optimism, tempered by a few butterflies in the stomach. This year the fans will be anxious to see how the team does without Deano. He will definitely be missed, but his absence will give a chance for others to take the limelight; perhaps some of our young players will now emerge from the big man's shadow and become stars themselves. Hopefully, in a few weeks' time we shall be wondering what all the fuss was about. Given a good result today against Swindon, the 'feel-good' factor might even be with us by 5-o'clock!

The team — with its new numbering system from 1 to 22 - will look rather different, even if most of the faces are the same. It will be a great tonic for the fans if the players can pick up from where they left off at the end of last season, and keep up the winning sequence. It's remarkable what effect that summer break can have, however, and it's particularly important for the fans to get behind the players at this early stage.

Above all — enjoy!!

Feeling blue

As close seasons go, it's been a memorable one - some might even say shocking. Long-standing died-in-the-wool Blades fans were reported to be gutted, sick as a parrot, and thoroughly underwhelmed by the events of recent weeks.

No, I'm not talking about the comings and goings in the boardroom. I'm not even talking about the departure of Deano to the arch-enemy, Leeds. These are trivial matters compared to the one issue that has threatened to rock the club to its very foundations. I'm referring, of course, to the new Blades away shirt.

Some say it's blue; others that it's not really blue at all, but it seems there are those supporters to whom even the slightest hint of blue is about as out of place as a woman in the Members' Room at Lord's.

I heard the commotion long before I saw the shirt, and eagerly awaited my first glimpse of the monstrosity. Then - guess what - I rather liked it!

Football shirts have doubled as leisure attire for years. The home strip has to maintain the traditions of the club but away shirts have fallen into the hands of designers and marketing men. Some are good; others - and I hardly need to name them - border on the ridiculous.

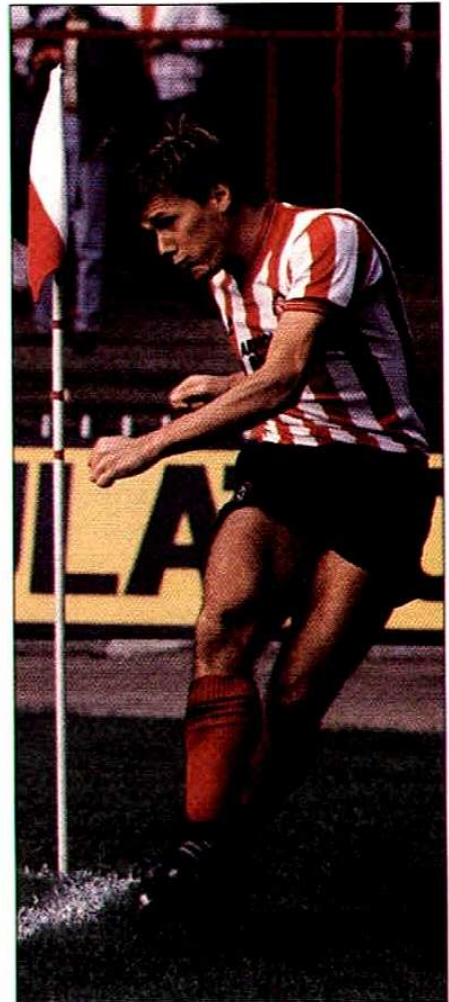
Thank goodness that the new Blades away strip - blue or not - is a sensible design that looks good anywhere. Even an aging fan like myself might be persuaded to wear one....

Yorkshire Poaching

The transfer of Brian Deane to Yorkshire's third-best Premier League side reawakened old the all complaints from fans. "Why do we sell all our best players to Leeds?" they moaned, citing Mick Jones, Tony Currie, Keith Edwards, etc. The short answer I suppose is "for money". It is surely some slight consolation to see large lumps of Leeds'

money being channelled into the Blades coffers.

Much as some fans would like to believe, it's unlikely there's a personal campaign against the Blades going on. After all, Leeds have signed several Owls players in recent years. They also took their manager. Perhaps we should be thankful to have got off relatively lightly so far!



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PRE-SEASON RESERVE RESULTS

Monday, 19th July, 1993

v WORKSOP TOWN (A) 1-1
(Reed)

Beebo, Butterfield (Trialist HT), Foreman, Wainwright L., Barnett, Davies, Reed (Davidson), Hellewell (Owen), Peel, Duffield (Battersby), Scott (Reed).

Wednesday, 21st July, 1993

v TADCASTER ALBION (A) 2-2
(Moose, Battersby)

Kearney, Fickling, Hellewell, Thomson, Barnett (Walton), Davidson, Smith (Scott), Anthony, Peel, Moose (Battersby), Davies.

Friday, 23rd July, 1993

v ROTHERHAM UNITED (A) 2-2
(Reed, Scott R.)

Beebo (Kearney), Davidson, Fickling (Butterfield), Hoyland, Walton, Trialist (Smith), Reed, Thompson, Peel, Duffield, Scott R. (Battersby).

Monday, 26th July, 1993

v DENEBY UNITED (A) W 4-2
(Duffield 2, Reed 2)

Kearney, Davidson, Smith, Davies, Thomson (Kennedy), Fickling, Battersby, Butterfield (Owen), Peel (Anthony), Duffield, Reed.

Friday, 30th July, 1993

v EMLEY (A) L 1-4
(Duffield)

Kearney, Davidson, Smith, Owen, Dungworth (Davies), Fickling, Reed, Hoyland, Peel (Zivkovic), Duffield, Butterfield (Battersby).

Monday, 2nd August, 1993

v GUISELEY (A) L 2-4
(Reed, og)

Kearney, Davidson, Hellewell (Butterfield), Thomson, Walton, Foreman, Smith, Hoyland, Battersby, Duffield (Peel), Reed (Owen).

Friday, 6th August, 1993

v BUXTON (A) W 4-2
(Reed, Peel, Walton, Duffield)

Williams, Davidson (Anthony), Hellewell, Thomson, Walton, Foreman, Butterfield, Owen (Gage), Peel, Battersby, Reed (Duffield).

JUNIOR SLIP-UP

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Saturday, 7th August, 1993

DARLINGTON 1 UNITED 1

The new squad, containing the unusually large contingent of 14 new first year apprentices, plus sixth formers, as well as eight second year apprentices, had not enjoyed much success in terms of results in pre-season.

Darlington presented the first real League test and a goal as early as the fourth minute settled the issue. A long free-kick was headed down in our penalty area and a scoring strike resulted.

Our youngster's lack of real physical presence was evident here, and proved to be a continuing problem for them. Although we worked ourselves back into the game, we weren't able to take our chances or look too convincing at the back.

Indeed, only some fine saves by Tom Evans after the break kept the scoreline level as our boys deteriorated, as Darlington ruled the play. With Innes injured and Zivkovic and Bunce unavailable, United's central backbone was sorely missed.

United: Evans, Pearson Gary, Laidlaw, Letts, Pearson Greg, Dickman, Tee (Storey 70), Vine, Powell, Henderson, Anane. Sub: Anderson.

OPENING GAMES

RESERVES

Thurs 19 August Wednesday
Wed 25 Aug Blackburn
Tues 7 Sept Everton
Thurs 16 Sept Sunderland

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JUNIORS

Sat 7 August Darlington
Sat 14 August Huddersfield
Sat 21 August Scunthorpe
Sat 28 August Middlesbrough

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PONTINS LEAGUE TICKET PRICES

SOUTH STAND

ADULT £2.00
CONCESSION £1.00
Pontins League matches kick off at 7.00 p.m. unless stated otherwise.

Season ticket holders, Blades Revival Members and Junior Blades are admitted free to Pontins League matches upon production of season ticket book or current membership card.

WALLY IN U-21 VENTURE

After three years as first team coach at Crystal Palace, Wally Downes was displaced in the summer by a new management team – but soon got the call from Dave Bassett.

Ex-Blade Wally has been brought in to coach our U-21's, and to guide them through a series of friendly matches against Premier League rivals.

This Premier League initiative was set up last season (when Palace were in the top flight) and 11 clubs volunteered to take advantage. Ironically enough Palace are our first opponents on 20th July at Bramall Lane – kick-off time to be decided.



Wally Downes – now coaching our U-21 Squad.

Each team is allowed a fixture per match, and they arrange the day and time to their mutual convenience. They are free to arrange extra games as and when required, and are allowed up to three over-age players in each game.

Wally comments "The system is designed purely for the young players' benefit. It's a big step-up in quality and strength from Junior to Pontins League. They can be up against experienced, hardened professionals or maybe not get a game at all.

"With this set up in motion, we shall be able to compare our U21s with those of similar clubs, and allow our young professionals to learn things they need to know in a more sympathetic environment." The boys work with Wally every day at the club, but there is flexibility in that he can also take the apprentices on occasions – or the U21s will sometimes work with the senior pro's. It all adds up to a better deal for the young players – and eventually the Club.

Details of the other teams involved will appear in our next programme, and a fuller profile on Wally will follow shortly.

YOUTH NEWS

1992/3 ROUND-UP

CURTAIN DOWN

PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 8th May, 1993

LEEDS UNITED 3 UNITED 1

Leeds: Day, Connor, O'Hara, Daly (Sharp 65), Henderson, Littlewood, Blunt (Forrester 65), Byrne, Kelly, Tobin, Lynam.

United: Leighton, Davidson, Kent, Johnson, Thomson, Dungworth, Anthony (Butterfield 71), Gage, Peel, Henderson K. (Bradbury 45), Hellewell.

Goals: Leeds - Tobin (37), Forrester (68), Byrne (78).

United: Peel (57).

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Aston Villa	34	21	8	5	64	32	71
Nottingham Forest	34	20	8	6	77	46	68
Blackburn Rovers	34	18	10	6	60	37	64
Leeds United	34	15	8	11	59	44	53
Bolton W.	34	15	8	11	48	49	53
Manchester U.	34	13	13	8	58	50	52
Liverpool	34	13	10	11	47	43	49
Sheffield W.	34	13	10	11	51	48	49
Leicester City	34	12	12	10	42	38	48
Wolverhampton W.	34	13	6	15	46	55	45
Notts. County	34	12	8	14	56	52	44
Newcastle United	34	12	7	15	36	43	43
Sheffield United	34	10	10	14	54	59	40
Sunderland	34	11	6	17	57	57	39
Barnsley	34	9	11	14	48	58	38
Stoke City	34	8	8	18	38	56	32
Manchester City	34	7	9	18	34	68	30
Rotherham United	34	5	6	23	29	69	21

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barnsley	31	21	5	5	62	36	68
Huddersfield Town	32	20	3	9	70	45	63
Leeds United	31	18	6	7	85	41	60
Newcastle United	32	19	2	11	68	31	59
Middlesbrough	32	14	9	9	55	38	51
Bradford City	32	15	5	12	62	48	50
Sunderland	32	14	7	11	75	56	49
Darlington	32	14	7	11	40	38	49
Sheffield W.	32	11	10	11	36	36	43
York City	32	13	4	15	49	55	43
Sheffield United	32	10	9	13	64	72	39
Scarborough	32	11	4	17	56	83	37
Rotherham United	32	9	8	15	46	57	35
Hull City	32	9	8	15	51	66	35
Scunthorpe	32	7	13	12	41	62	34
Doncaster Rovers	32	4	13	16	34	73	22
Hartlepool	32	4	5	23	29	86	17

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1992/93

August			
20 Th	Notts. County	3-5	
26 W	Liverpool	3-1	
September			
3 Th	Sunderland	1-0	
9 W	Blackburn Rovers	2-2	
16 W	Barnsley	3-3	
24 Th	Bolton Wanderers	0-1	
30 W	Nottingham Forest	2-3	
October			
10 S	Aston Villa	0-1	
13 Tu	Leeds United	2-2	
21 W	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-2	
29 Th	Newcastle United	2-1	
November			
12 Th	Manchester United	1-2	
14 S	Manchester United	1-1	
17 Tu	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	
24 Tu	Manchester City	4-1	
December			
1 Tu	Stoke City	0-0	
7 M	Leicester City	1-0	
15 Tu	Rotherham United	1-0	
22 Tu	Sheffield Wednesday	2-4	
January			
6 W	Barnsley	3-2	
11 M	Bolton Wanderers	4-4	
20 W	Sunderland	0-1	
February			
2 Tu	Liverpool	1-1	
10 W	Notts. County	0-1	
16 Tu	Blackburn Rovers	2-2	
March			
3 W	Aston Villa	1-3	
15 M	Stoke City	0-3	
25 Th	Nottingham Forest	1-3	
30 Tu	Manchester City	1-1	
April			
14 W	Rotherham United	5-1	
22 Th	Leicester City	2-2	
28 W	Newcastle United	2-1	
May			
3 M	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-1	
12 W	Leeds United	1-3	

Home games in bold type

Kick-off 7.30 p.m. (unless stated)

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1992/93

August			
15 S	Hull City	2-2	
22 S	Hartlepool United	6-3	
29 S	Rotherham United	5-4	
September			
5 S	Hull City (Cup)	5-1	
12 S	Scunthorpe United	1-0	
19 S	Doncaster Rovers	3-3	
26 S	York City	8-3	
October			
3 S	Scarborough	6-3	
10 S	Darlington	1-1	
17 S	Middlesbrough	1-1	
24 S	Sunderland	1-2	
31 S	Newcastle United	0-3	
November			
7 S	Huddersfield Town	2-3	
10 Tu	Bury (FA Youth Cup 1R)	3-1	
14 S	Bradford City	2-0	
21 S	Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	
28 S	Leeds United	1-5	
December			
2 W	Doncaster Rovers (Cup)	2-0	
12 S	Hull City	3-3	
January			
9 S	Scunthorpe United	2-2	
12 Tu	Wolves (FA Youth Cup 3R)	4-3	
16 S	Doncaster Rovers	2-2	
23 S	York City	1-0	
25 M	Rotherham United (NL Cup)	1-2	
30 S	Scarborough	1-3	
February			
6 S	Darlington	1-0	
13 S	Middlesbrough	1-1	
20 S	Sunderland	2-5	
24 W	Liverpool (FAYC 4R)	0-0	
27 S	Newcastle United	0-3	
March			
3 W	Liverpool (FAYC 4RR)	3-2	
6 S	Huddersfield Town	0-3	
13 S	Bradford City	3-2	
17 W	Leeds United (YCQF)	2-2	
20 S	Sheffield Wednesday	0-4	
22 M	Leeds (YCQF)	1-2	
27 S	Leeds United	2-3	
April			
15 Th	Rotherham United (3.00)	1-1	
19 M	Hartlepool United	3-0	
24 S	Barnsley	2-3	
May			
1 S	Barnsley	1-3	

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MEL REES

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The football world, and SUFC and its fans in particular, were in mourning when our popular goalkeeper died of cancer on 30th May this year.

Seldom can any soccer player have enjoyed such adulation in so few games as the Cardiff-born Mel did at Bramall Lane. His career, character and long, losing fight against illness have been well documented, but we feel privileged to present this tribute to him.

THE MAN . . .

Mel was approachable – and you never were short-changed in his answers which were frequently self-deprecating and humorous.

My first experience of his delightfully refreshing and positive attitude towards fighting illness occurred in the Lane treatment room last summer. He was filling in a questionnaire that was to be put in the programme and enjoying reading out comical answers to the other players. (When he got to the question "How do you spend the close-season?" he smirked and said "Getting Cancer", without a hint of self-pity.

His courage was also mentioned in the address given by Dave Bassett at Mel's Memorial Service held in Sheffield Cathedral on 23 July. Dave talked of Mel's confidence before the Liverpool game when he told the fans not to worry, the physical bravery he displayed when injured in his last game against Leeds, and the courage to stay cheerful to the end.

He was popular with players and fans alike. When he made the substitute's bench at Villa last January the fans were ecstatic – but it was nothing to the reception he got at Wembley before the FA Cup Semi-Final. With Owls' supporters equally generous in their tribute, Mel was deeply moved.

Our memories of Mel ought to be happy ones though, and his colleague Glyn Hodges spoke recently of the Mel Rees he remembers. As teammates at Watford they were out together one evening when an entertainer's version of the song "American Pie" didn't match up to Mel's expectations.

Have-a-go-at-anything Mel got up on stage to do better, but the Welsh reputation for singing was lost on him – he was awful, but he really enjoyed himself!

THE CAREER . . .

It is difficult to believe, given his great popularity, that Mel played only eight games for the Blades. He was signed on the transfer deadline day (26th March 1992) from West Bromwich Albion for £25,000 and played two days later against Liverpool at the Lane. Mel played a blinder and Brian Deane scored both United's goals in the 2-0 win – including his shot from 40 yards out, near the touchline after Bruce Grobbelaar had rushed way out of his goal. Mel's eight games were, with United's score first:

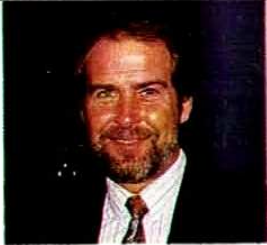


Mel's early days at the Lane.

Liverpool	(H) 2-0
Aston Villa	(A) 1-1
Oldham Athletic	(H) 2-0
Everton	(A) 2-0
Tottenham Hotspur	(H) 2-0
Arsenal	(H) 1-1
Notts County	(A) 3-1
Leeds United	(H) 2-3

United's one defeat with Mel in goal was against Leeds – the game that effectively clinched the title for them. Mel was injured trying to save Leeds' first, fortunate, goal and played the rest of the game with a badly damaged knee.

Mel played for eight clubs, including United. He began his career at Cardiff City, playing one league game in 1984-85. After playing 31 games there he moved to Watford, playing three games in 1987-88 (all whilst Dave Bassett was manager, including Dave's last game in charge). He played six games on loan at Crewe and nine on loan at Leyton Orient in 1989-90 before moving to West Brom for the 1990-91 season where he played 18 games.

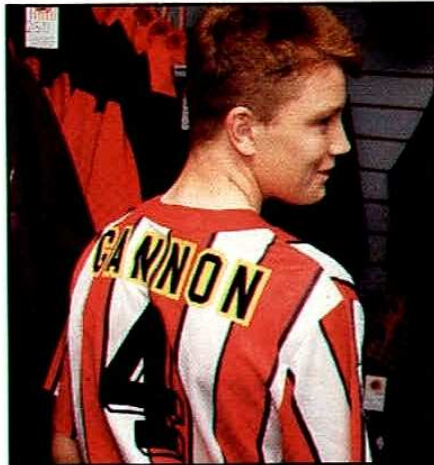


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COMMERCIAL PAGE

ALL CHANGE FOR 1993/94

Out goes the Premier League and we now welcome you to the start of the Carling Premiership, the logo for which, can be seen on the front of the programme and on various sites around the ground. Commercially speaking, it is particularly pleasing that the league is being sponsored by a part of the countries leading brewers – Bass as we have had a long standing relationship with them via William Stones for many years.



Goalkeepers now stand out in their own and for the first time will be seen wearing different shorts and socks from the rest of the team – replica goalkeepers kits will be available in the Blades Souvenir Shop, but probably not until just before Christmas.

Another major change can be seen on the back of Players shirts, with them all having their own names and individual squad numbers, printed on. The

chance to have your own name printed on your replica shirt is already available in the Blades Souvenir Shop, examples of which can be seen here.

Look up and you will see flags from every Club in the Carling Premiership, along with Union Jack and the Premiership Flag – hopefully, visiting Clubs will be so busy looking for their own flag, they will not notice us scoring the first goal.



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"NO JINX ON ME" SAYS SIMON



The new Carling Premiership stipulation that the number 13 must be worn by a goalkeeper would appear to be rough justice on its recipient at the Lane.

Simon Tracey hasn't had the luckiest of times with injury in recent seasons, but now, on the verge of fighting for his first-team place, he refuses to accept that his career is jinxed.

"No way. Before the cheekbone fracture against Liverpool three seasons ago, I'd played about 70 successive matches without a hitch.

"The fracture put me out for just nine games and I was then an ever-present. Admittedly I've been a touch unfortunate with my shoulder injuries since then but you expect to get hurt and miss games sometimes. I hope they've all come at once for me.

"I'm still only 25 – young for a goalkeeper – and my absence has made me hungrier to play now than I've ever been."

Two years ago, Mel Rees stepped into the breach and took the Lane by storm after Simon injured his shoulder at Chelsea when United won 2-1.

With Mel tragically sidelined soon after by cancer, Alan Kelly came to Sheffield as cover for the fit-again Simon last summer. Three games whilst 'Trace' was suspended after

being sent off at Spurs, seemed to be only a temporary step until the limelight for the signing from Preston.

However, no sooner had the established senior 'keeper reclaimed top spot with a run of three games, conceding only one goal, Kelly was back in when Simon dislocated the other shoulder.

A new start against Wednesday didn't deter his successor, who went on to complete a great season, and Simon freely acknowledges that achievement.

"Alan did very well. He's a likeable lad who works very hard and I couldn't expect to be number one at the moment – but I do hope to be challenging strongly and back to my best by the autumn.

"I need games at Pontin's League level to sharpen my fitness and technical work. It's not quite there at the moment, and after being out for ten months it's not surprising.

The shoulder is 100% stable and the experts are pleased with it. There is no pain around the area that was operated on, but I have a little tenderness at the back of it. The doctor thinks it's just a muscle strain and I'm back in training.

"If I'm called upon I feel capable of doing the job, naturally, but from my own point of view, I'd prefer to work slowly back to peak form before resuming the battle with Alan.

"It will be good for both of us and force the manager to choose."

"I'd trained really hard during the pre-season and then picked up the strain just as I was about to play some of the games in Norway. The pair of us had a laugh about Alan having to play all five games in seven days!"

Ask Simon for an assessment of the current England International goalkeeping contenders and he is non-committal.

"Seaman did well two seasons ago, and Tim Flowers had a good campaign last year, but really, whoever puts together a consistent run could grab the place and hold it. Steve Ogrizovic of Coventry doesn't give much away, but I think Chris Woods will get the vote because of his experience.

It certainly won't be Simon in the immediate future, but he still harbours hopes of an International career and, before that, relishes the prospect of two top-class 'keepers at the Lane.

"It will be good for both of us and force the manager to choose. At the moment, Alan is in possession and it's up to me to displace him.

"Not only do I have to play well, but he will have to play badly, or get injured, for me to get in. That's how it should be."

Though Simon discusses the jinx tag, few Unitedites will dispute that he does deserve a lucky break. It's been a long way back, and he's not done it without family support, particularly fiancé Alison and his father.

"Alison has done well to put up with me being a miserable so-and-so! She's been through it all with me and helped me tremendously.

"Dad has become a real Blade, travelling up for virtually every game, home and away – I think he'll still be watching United if I was playing for someone else!"



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FINAL STATISTICS

FA PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	Home				Away				Pts	
			D	L	F	A	D	L	F	A		
Manchester U.	42	14	5	1	39	14	10	7	4	28	17	84
Aston Villa	42	13	5	3	36	16	8	6	7	21	23	74
Norwich City	42	13	6	2	31	19	8	3	10	30	46	72
Blackburn Rovers	42	13	4	4	38	18	7	7	7	30	28	71
QPR	42	11	5	5	41	32	6	7	8	22	23	63
Liverpool	42	13	4	4	41	18	3	7	11	21	37	59
Sheffield Wed.	42	9	8	4	34	26	6	6	9	21	25	59
Tottenham H.	42	11	5	5	40	25	5	6	10	20	41	59
Manchester City	42	7	8	6	30	25	8	4	9	26	26	57
Arsenal	42	8	6	7	25	20	7	5	9	15	18	56
Chelsea	42	9	7	5	29	22	5	7	9	22	32	56
Wimbledon	42	9	4	8	32	23	5	8	8	24	32	54
Everton	42	7	6	8	26	27	8	2	11	27	28	53
SHEFF. UNITED	42	10	6	5	33	19	4	4	13	21	34	52
Coventry City	42	7	4	10	29	28	6	9	6	23	29	52
Ipswich Town	42	8	9	4	29	22	4	7	10	21	33	52
Leeds United	42	12	8	1	40	17	0	7	14	17	45	51
Southampton	42	10	6	5	30	21	3	5	13	24	40	50
Oldham Athletic	42	10	6	5	43	30	3	4	4	20	44	49
Crystal Palace	42	6	9	6	27	25	5	7	9	21	36	49
Middlesbrough	42	8	5	8	33	27	3	6	12	21	48	44
Nottingham F.	42	6	4	11	17	25	4	6	11	24	37	40

Appearances and Goals

	Appearances		Goals	
	League	Cup	Lge	CupTotal
Barnes	13	4		
Beesley	39	8 (2)	2	1 3
Bradshaw	24 (8)	5 (1)	1	1 2
Bryson	9 (7)	4 (3)	3	3 3
Carr	8	4	3	3 3
Cork	11 (16)	6 (3)	2	2 4
Cowan	21	4		
Deane	41	9 (1)	15	5 20
Gage	27	9		
Gannon	26 (1)	6	1	1 1
Gayle	31	10	2	2 2
Hartfield	12 (5)	3 (1)		
Hodges	28 (3)	9 (1)	4	2 6
Hoyland	15 (7)	5 (3)	2	1 3
Kamara	6 (2)	—		
Kelly	32 (1)	10		
Lake	6	—		
Littlejohn	18 (9)	6 (2)	8	1 9
McLeary	3	—		
Pemberton	19	4		
Rogers	26 (1)	7	3	1 4
Scott	1 (1)	1	1	1 1
Tracey	10	1		
Ward	22 (4)	3 (2)	2	2 2
Whitehouse	14	4	5	1 6
Own goals			2	2 2

Appearances as substitute in brackets.

Fixtures for 1993/94

Aug 14	S	Swindon Town
18	W	Manchester United
21	S	Everton
24	Tu	Wimbledon
28	S	Ipswich Town
Sep 1	W	Queens Park Rangers
11	S	Tottenham Hotspur
18	S	Leeds United
22	W	Coca-Cola Cup 2 (1)
25	S	Manchester City
Oct 2	S	Southampton
6	W	Coca-Cola Cup 2 (2)
18	M	Blackburn Rovers
23	S	Sheffield Wednesday
31	Su	Coventry City
Nov 6	S	Norwich City
20	S	Aston Villa
24	W	Newcastle United
27	S	Chelsea
Dec 4	S	Swindon Town
7	Tu	Manchester United
11	S	Everton
18	S	Wimbledon
26	Su	Liverpool
29	W	Arsenal
Jan 1	S	Oldham Athletic
3	M	West Ham United
8	S	FA Cup Round 3
15	S	Blackburn Rovers
22	S	Sheffield Wednesday
Feb 12	S	Coventry City
19	S	Ipswich Town
26	S	Queens Park Rangers
Mar 5	S	Tottenham Hotspur
13	Su	Leeds United
19	S	Manchester City
26	S	Southampton
29	Tu	West Ham United
April 2	S	Liverpool
4	M	Arsenal
9	S	Oldham Athletic
16	S	Aston Villa
23	S	Norwich City
30	S	Newcastle United
May 7	S	Chelsea

Date	Opposition	F-A	Gate	Pos.
Aug. 15	Manchester United	2-1	28,070	—
19	Liverpool	1-2	33,107	—
22	Queen's Park Rangers	2-3	10,932	14
25	Wimbledon	2-2	15,463	13
29	Aston Villa	0-2	18,733	19
Sept. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	0-2	21,322	20
5	Middlesbrough	0-2	15,179	21
12	Liverpool	1-0	20,632	18
19	Arsenal	1-1	19,015	19
22	Bristol C. (C-C Cup 2R, 1L)	1-2	6,922	—
26	Ipswich Town	0-0	16,353	20
Oct. 3	Southampton	2-0	15,842	16
7	Bristol C. (C-C Cup 2R, 2L)	4-1	7,855	—
17	Leeds United	1-3	29,706	17
24	Nottingham Forest	0-0	19,152	17
28	Liverpool (C-C Cup 3R)	0-0	17,856	—
31	Chelsea	2-1	13,763	15
Nov. 8	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	30,039	16
11	Liverpool (C-C Cup 3R Rep.)	0-3	17,854	—
21	Norwich City	1-2	14,874	16
28	Coventry City	1-1*	15,625	18
Dec. 5	Crystal Palace	0-2	12,361	18
12	Everton	1-0	16,266	16
19	Blackburn Rovers	0-1	16,057	19
26	Manchester City	0-2	27,445	20
Jan. 2	Burnley (FAC3)	2-2	23,401	—
9	Arsenal	1-1	23,818	20
12	Burnley (FAC3R)	4-2	19,061	—
16	Ipswich Town	3-0	16,758	19
23	Hartlepool United (FAC 4)	1-0	20,074	—
27	Aston Villa	1-3	20,266	19
30	Queen's Park Rangers	1-2	16,366	20
Feb. 6	Manchester United	1-2	36,156	22
9	Middlesbrough	2-0	15,184	20
14	Manchester United (FAC 5)	2-1	27,150	—
20	Wimbledon	0-2	3,979	21
22	Oldham Athletic	2-0	14,628	19
27	Southampton	2-3	13,814	20
Mar. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	6-0*	16,654	17
6	Blackburn Rovers (FAC 6)	0-0	15,107	—
10	Norwich C.	0-1	15,583	19
16	Blackburn Rovers (FAC 6R)	2-2	23,920	—
20	Crystal Palace	0-1	18,857	19
24	Coventry City	3-1	12,933	19
April 4	Sheffield Wed. (FACSF)	1-2	75,364	—
6	Leeds United	2-1	20,562	19
9	Manchester City	1-1	18,231	18
13	Oldham Athletic	1-1	14,795	19
17	Blackburn Rovers	1-3	18,186	19
21	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	38,688	19
May 1	Nottingham Forest	2-0	26,752	19
4	Everton	2-0	15,197	17
8	Chelsea	4-2	24,850	14

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Thursday, 19th August
7 p.m.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
Tracey	Gage	Barnes	Gannon [#]	Beesley	McLeary	Bradshaw	Lake [#]	Cork	Deane ^{2(1D)}	Hodges	Bryson ⁽¹¹⁾	Hartfield ⁽⁴⁾	Kelly
Tracey	Gage	Barnes	Gannon	Beesley	McLeary	Bradshaw	Lake	Bryson	Deane ¹	Hodges	Cork ⁽⁷⁾	Hartfield ⁽⁴⁾	Kelly
Tracey	Gage [#]	Barnes	Gannon	Beesley [#]	McLeary	Bryson	Lake [#]	Cork ¹	Deane ¹	Hodges	Littlejohn ⁽⁹⁾	Hartfield ^(6B)	Kelly
Tracey	Gage	Cowan	Hartfield	Gayle	Beesley ¹	Bryson	Lake	Cork	Deane	Hodges ¹	Littlejohn	Bradshaw ⁽⁷⁾	Kelly
Tracey	Gage	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle [#]	Beesley	Ward	Lake	Cork	Deane	Hodges	Bradshaw ⁽⁹⁾	Littlejohn ⁽⁸⁾	Kelly
Tracey ⁵	Gage	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bryson	Rogers	Littlejohn	Deane	Hodges ⁵	Cork ⁽⁷⁾	Hartfield	Kelly ⁽¹¹⁾
Tracey	Gage	Barnes [#]	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley [#]	Bradshaw	Rogers	Cork	Deane	Hodges	Bryson ⁽⁹⁾	Hartfield ⁽⁴⁾	Kelly
Tracey	Gage [#]	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bradshaw	Rogers	Littlejohn ¹	Deane ^{5B}	Whitehouse	Bryson ⁽¹¹⁾	Cork ⁽⁴⁾	Kelly
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Kelly	Gage [#]	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley [#]	Bradshaw	Rogers ¹	Cork	Deane	Hodges	Bryson ⁽⁹⁾	Hartfield ⁽³⁾	—
Kelly	Gage	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle [#]	Beesley	Bradshaw [#]	Rogers [#]	Littlejohn [#]	Deane	Whitehouse ¹	Cork	Ward ⁽¹¹⁾	Wainwright
Kelly	Gage	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bradshaw	Rogers	Littlejohn ¹	Deane	Whitehouse ¹	Cork ⁽¹¹⁾	Bryson	—
Kelly	Ward	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bradshaw ¹	Rogers	Littlejohn ⁵	Deane ⁵	Cork	Bryson ⁽⁹⁾	Hartfield	Tracey
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Kelly	Gage	Cowan	Gannon	Pemberton	Beesley	Ward	Rogers	Littlejohn	Deane	Hodges	Kamara ⁽⁷⁾	Cork ⁽⁴⁾	Kite
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Kelly	Ward	Cowan	Hartfield	Beesley	Pemberton	Bradshaw	Rogers ¹	Scott ¹	Deane	Whitehouse ^{2B}	Hoyland ⁽⁴⁾	Littlejohn ⁽¹¹⁾	Leighton

Scorers in **Bold type** #Booked *Sent off *Own goal The number in brackets in the substitutes' columns indicate the players substituted.

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FAMILY PAGE

TC's FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



Pictured with TC are Brian Gayle and Dane Whitehouse, who won the 'Football in the Community' Player of the Month Award for April and May, and Alan Kelly who won the overall Player of the Year. Votes were made by the children coached by the community staff in local schools.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

The Football in the Community Programme are now running birthday treats at the club. If you would like your child to have their birthday party at the Lane, please give TC a ring on 769314.

SATURDAY CLUB

The community programme are starting a Saturday Club which will entail two hours coaching, watching videos, fun and games, plus match ticket for home games with full supervision for boys and girls aged 8-13 years.

Venue will be a local school, times 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. approximately. Price around £8.00 for the full day with concessions for season ticket holders.

Please send SAE for details to TC at Sheffield United.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Shaun Halliday is a 13 year old pupil of Sandon School, Chelmsford. His favourite players are Alan Kelly and John Pemberton. His hobbies are football and fishing and defending United to his friends, who all support London clubs.



Alex Marsh, the younger brother of Dominic, attends Pembury School in Kent. His hobbies are football, roller-skating, bike riding and music. His favourite players are Alan Kelly and Alan Cork.

Dominic Marsh is 11 years old. A pupil of Skinner's School, Tunbridge Wells in Kent. His favourite players are Alan Kelly, Glyn Hodges and Franz Carr. His hobbies include football, horse riding, swimming and music.



Sam Paul Burgin is five years old and attends Beighton Infants School. His hobbies are playing football and riding his bike. He still insists that his favourite player is Deano!

SOCCER SCHOOLS

TC is running a soccer school for girls only at Charnock School next week, Tuesday to Friday, anyone wishing to enrol for this course can do so at reception today or Monday.

The last soccer school for this summer is at Waltheof School, 24th-27th August for boys and girls aged 7-13, price £23. All children receive a FIFA approved football and certificate, and a United player will present the prizes.

QUIZ

1. Who scored Swindon's winner against Leicester in the play-off final at Wembley?
2. At which club did Swindon boss John Gorman finish his playing career?
3. Who was the youngest player ever to play for Swindon?
4. Who was Swindon's manager immediately before Lou Macari?
5. Which ex-Swindon full-back did Sheffield Wednesday sign in 1989?
6. Which club has ex-Blade Simon Webster joined during the close season?
7. England recently won the Under-18 European Championship. Who is the manager of the U-18 side?
8. Ian Porterfield has recently taken charge of which national squad?
9. Martin Hodge, a much travelled goalkeeper, has signed for which club during the summer?
10. Who is the manager of West Bromwich Albion?
11. Which South Yorkshire club will be involved in the 1993/94 Anglo-Italian Cup?
12. Ex-West Ham star Kevin Keen signed for which club during the close season?
13. Who is the current manager of Southend United?
14. What is the name of the League's newcomers Wycombe Wanderers?
15. What is the name of the new 'moneybags' chairman of Wolves?

1. Paul Bodin, 2. Spurs, 3. Paul Rideout, 4. Ken Fry, 14. Adams Park, 15. Sir Jack Hayward.
Burkshaw, 11. Barnsley, 12. Wolves, 13. Barnsley, 14. Barnsley, 15. Sir Jack Hayward.
Powell, 8. Zambia, 9. Rochdale, 10. Keith Beardsley, 5. Phil King, 6. West Ham, 7. Ted Beardsley, 8. Zambia, 9. Rochdale, 10. Keith

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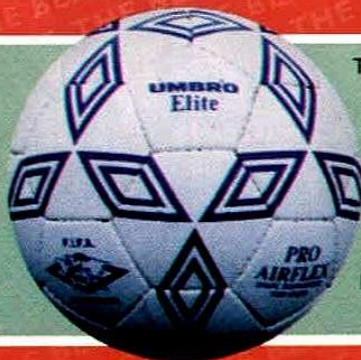
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KEVIN GAGE	2	NICKY SUMMERBEE
TOM COWAN	3	PAUL BODIN
JOHN GANNON	4	MICKY HAZARD
BRIAN GAYLE	5	LUC NIJHOLT
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FRANZ CARR	7	JOHN MONCUR
PAUL ROGERS	8	ROSS MacLAREN
ADRIAN LITTLEJOHN	9	JAN AAGE FJORTOFT
GLYN HODGES	10	MARTIN LING
MITCH WARD	11	CRAIG MASKELL
	12	STEVE WHITE
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TODAY'S REFEREE:

IAN BORRETT

Ian is a Builder's Merchant Advisor with two grown-up children. He joined the League list in the 1991/2 season and refereed last years F.A. Trophy Final. Gardening and DIY are his hobbies.

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