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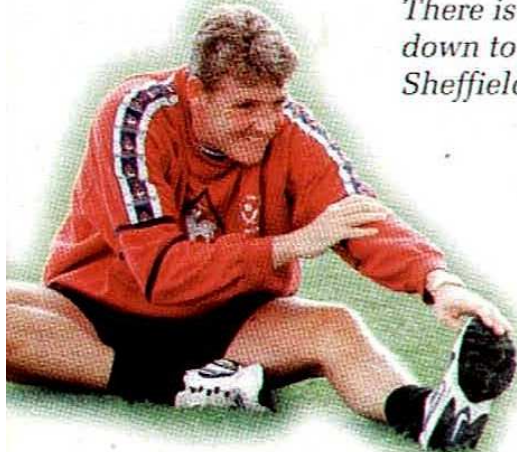
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Steve Bruce

There is no turning back from here! Today the talking stops and it is down to business, my first real managerial test and I'm keen to get Sheffield United off to a good start.



I'm finding my feet at the moment and I know I will be a lot happier with three points at 4.45pm. Today's squad has been in my mind for a few days and now it's time for those who are given the first chance to show what they can do.

The support we received at Tuesday's warm-up against Benfica was a welcome surprise. We didn't expect a large crowd because friendly attendances up and down the country this season have been relatively low. I was delighted to see over 7,000 fans in and hope to see a few more today – good backing can sometimes make the difference between three points and none.

That game was a good test for us and I sat out the game so I could watch from the dug-out to assess a few things from the sidelines.

We weren't too disappointed with the result because there was nothing really at stake – but there was further proof that sometimes you can feel that a game is virtually in your pocket and then lose it in a flash. Continental teams are especially good at lulling the opposition into that way of thinking before making them pay for it!

If the result wasn't important, putting the effort in to get to a

certain match fitness is – but you don't like to pick up injuries. Imagine our frustration when Jon Cullen was stretchered off just seven minutes after going on, making him our sixth midfield player out of contention for today. With Petr Katchouro having had a cartilage operation, Marcelo struggling and Bobby Ford out for a month, as well as the long term injuries, I'll have to use the full resources of my squad.

Generally the pre-season schedule was successful, although I would have probably liked another game or two. We've played in contrasting conditions, immense heat in Italy and then lashing rain at Notts County, so we should be prepared for anything today.

Italy was very testing, training and playing in 100 degree heat which was not ideal but we made the best of it and had a comfortable 4-0 victory in the first game. Petr Katchouro looked sharp and took his two goals well after coming on as a substitute.

In the second match I pulled on a Blades shirt for the first time and played for 70 minutes. Petr was on target again and the lads did OK but we had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

Lee Morris was the outstanding performer in the third game making two goals in the 3-3 draw, but it was a little disappointing to concede two penalties – one in the final minute.

When you are on tour and living in each other's pockets you get to know people a little better and on that basis it was a big help. There

is a nice spirit amongst a good bunch of lads, and they were terrific considering the difficult circumstances in which they had to work.

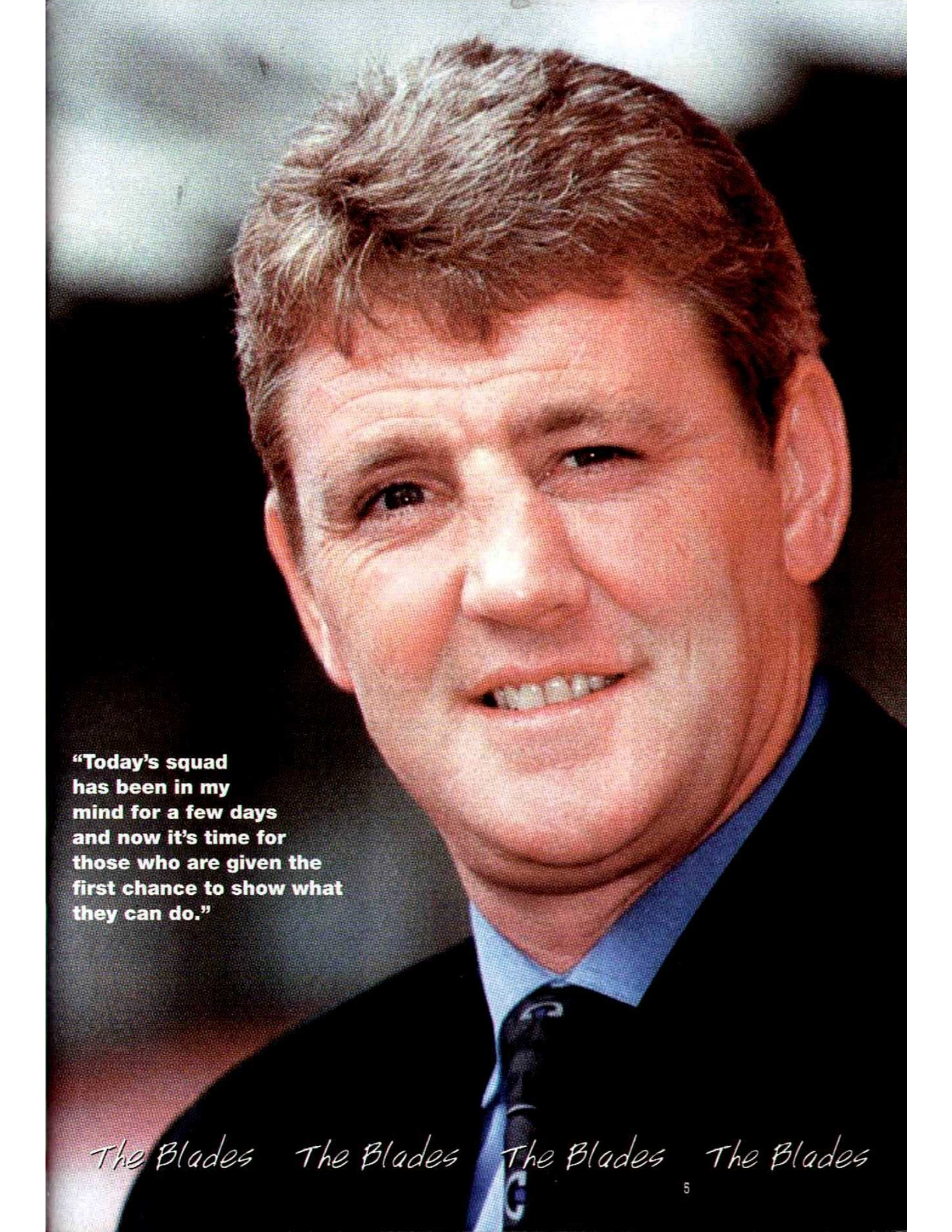
All the preparations, I hope, will pay off when Swindon Town visit us today. The Wiltshire side will no doubt want to make a good start and improve on last season. Steve McMahon, in charge at Swindon since 1994, is a popular character with the fans and will bring a competitive side to give us a stiff test.

I have been trying to bring in a player or two this week. Alex Ferguson looks to have kindly agreed to us taking 20-year-old midfielder Michael Twiss on loan for a year. I know him to be strong and talented from my days at Old Trafford. We also want to have a look at Stephano Polosei, a midfield player with Italian outfit, Venezia. If we can get him over here for a trial and he impresses there could be some business – but we are only interested in improving what we already have.

My ultimate aim is to develop the scouting set-up here and build a bit of stability at the Club through the youth team. We're not too bad in the Sheffield area, although I still think it can be improved, and nationally our scouting network covers most parts of the country.

The stadium here at Bramall Lane is as good as any in the First Division, it can hold it's own in the Premiership and hopefully this time next year we will be getting it ready for the start of the season in the top flight...

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Super Blades

TWIN AIMS FOR QUINNY

LEAGUE FIXTURES 1998/99

AUGUST

Sat 8	Swindon Town	(H)
Sat 15	West Brom.	(A)
Sat 22	Birmingham	(H)
Sat 29	Bolton Wand.	(A)
Mon 31	Crewe Alex.	(H)

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5	Huddersfield	(A)
Tue 8	Grimsby Town	(H)
Sat 12	Bradford City	(A)
Sat 19	Norwich City	(H)
Sun 27	Crystal Palace	(A)
Tue 29	Watford	(A)

OCTOBER

Sat 3	Portsmouth	(H)
Sat 10	Wolves	(A)
Sat 17	Barnsley	(H)
Tue 20	Stockport Co.	(H)
Sat 24	Oxford United	(A)
Sat 31	Port Vale	(A)

NOVEMBER

Sat 7	Tranmere R.	(H)
Sat 14	Bury	(H)
Sat 21	QPR	(A)
Sat 28	Sunderland	(H)

DECEMBER

Sat 5	Bristol City	(A)
Fri 11	Bury	(A)
Sun 20	Ipswich Town	(H)
Sat 26	Birmingham C.	(A)
Mon 28	Huddersfield	(H)

JANUARY

Sat 9	Swindon Town	(A)
Sat 16	Bolton Wand.	(H)
Sat 30	Crewe Alex.	(A)

FEBRUARY

Sat 6	West Brom.	(H)
Sat 13	Grimsby Town	(A)
Sat 20	Bradford City	(H)
Sat 27	Norwich City	(A)

MARCH

Tue 2	Crystal Palace	(H)
Sat 6	Watford	(H)
Tue 9	Portsmouth	(A)
Sat 13	Tranmere R.	(A)
Sat 20	Port Vale	(H)
Sat 27	Oxford United	(H)

WAYNE QUINN remains part of Glenn Hoddle's plans. He is included in a 29-strong squad called up for an England get together at Bisham Abbey from 16-18 August.

Whilst Arsenal and Liverpool stars playing league matches that week have been omitted it is still a major achievement, especially for 'youngsters' such as Wayne, Carl Serrant, Rio Ferdinand and Richard Wright.

A delighted Wayne said: "I didn't know there was a get together and I didn't believe the message when it came at first! Although I have played against the likes of Shearer etc in training games with the U-21's I have never been in the same squad with them.

"This is my most senior call-up and it's a massive boost at the beginning of

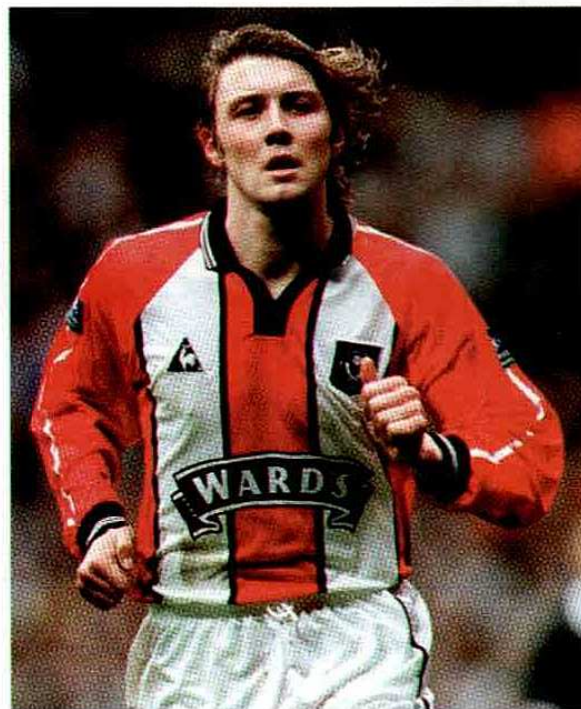
the season - playing alongside established Internationals can only benefit me and United."

'Quinny' is no stranger to Bisham. He was with the United Junior team that stayed there briefly a few years ago, en route to Wimbledon for an F.A. Youth Cup-tie - and he scored.

Now established after a spectacular first season Wayne is anxious to dispel murmurs about his fitness after a knee injury:

"In February I came back from an injury in three months instead of six and played in every remaining game plus some with England B.

"I was playing two, three and then four games in a week - and ninety minutes in all of them. I feel strong and just can't wait to prove to the critics and myself that my knee is fine."



THE SQUAD

Flowers (Blackburn)
 Martyn (Leeds)
 Walker (Spurs)
 Wright (Ipswich)
 Campbell (Spurs)
Quinn (Sheff Utd)
 Serrant (Newcastle)
 Dyer (Ipswich)
 Huckerby (Coventry)
 Ferdinand (West Ham)
 Southgate (Aston Villa)
 Neville, P. (Man Utd)
 Neville, G. (Man Utd)
 Anderton (Spurs)
 Beckham (Man Utd)
 Le Saux (Chelsea)
 Hinchcliffe (Sheff Weds)
 Butt (Man Utd)
 Lee (Newcastle)
 Eadie (Norwich)
 Heskey (Leicester)
 Merson (Middlesbrough)
 Scholes (Man Utd)
 Ferdinand (Spurs)
 Shearer (Newcastle)
 Sheringham (Man Utd)
 Dublin (Coventry)
 Wright, I. (West Ham)
 Cole (Man Utd)

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Men from the Lane

PRAISE SPURS SKIPPER

Captain **DAVID HOLDSWORTH'S** £500,000 transfer fee from Watford now looks like a real bargain. The trouble is – other teams think so too and the likes of Charlton, Sunderland and Aston Villa have been rumoured to be interested in him.

Dave – sporting arguably the team's best suntan! – said: "I'm delighted to be back, concentrating on the football and getting ourselves fit. As for the speculation, whatever anyone else thinks, I'm proud to be back at Sheffield United.

"Steve Bruce wants to play in the team and he's a proven player, well

respected throughout the country – competition for places keeps you on your toes. We all want to succeed and personally I don't want to spend any more time in the First Division than I have to – I want to get United back where they belong, in the Premier League."

The boss has already sung Holdsworth's praises and with the defensive strength we have at the Lane the Blades back line should be solid:

"I appreciate his comments but it is up to me to keep my finger on the button. You don't get praise like that for nothing, it is down to hard work. I'm not a frills person, just one of those hardworking boys who gives 100 per cent and, hopefully, it gets noticed."



THANKS, SAYS CHRIS



Galloping full-back **CHRIS SHORT** who Lane fans loved to see storming down the right flank starts his season with Stoke City at Northampton this afternoon after joining Brian Little's squad this summer. He was a spectator at our friendly match at Notts County last week and said of his departure from the Blades:

"It was probably one of the most difficult decisions of my career – I always felt very privileged to play for the Club. But I'm 28 and when Stoke and others could offer me long contracts I had to think about the future.

"Every player who is out of contract worries whether other clubs are going to be interested, but I was fortunate to speak to a few clubs and managers who are well respected. That was a confidence boost, especially missing a lot of games through injury. But I leave some good friends at the Lane.

"In my first season we just missed the play-offs, played some attractive football and it was a particularly good time for myself. The year after I played a lot of games but Vass did extremely well and I couldn't get a regular place, which often happens in football.

"I am very impressed with Brian Little who knows the game inside out. He has made it clear that no-one is sure of a place but I am fairly confident I will get a start. Playing three at the back is a system that should suit me.

"Stoke is a big club with a lot of potential and a new ground, and I'm sure we'll be trying to get out of Division Two straight away. It should be a very exciting time."

FACTFILE

Chris was Howard Kendall's first signing in December 1995 in a player and money deal – Paul Rogers moved to Notts County.

First app: at Arsenal (F.A. Cup)

League debut: at Tranmere one week later.

Final app: at Stockport in our final league game of last season. Lane career (subs in brackets)

Lge	40 (4)
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CCC	3 (1)
PO	1 (1)
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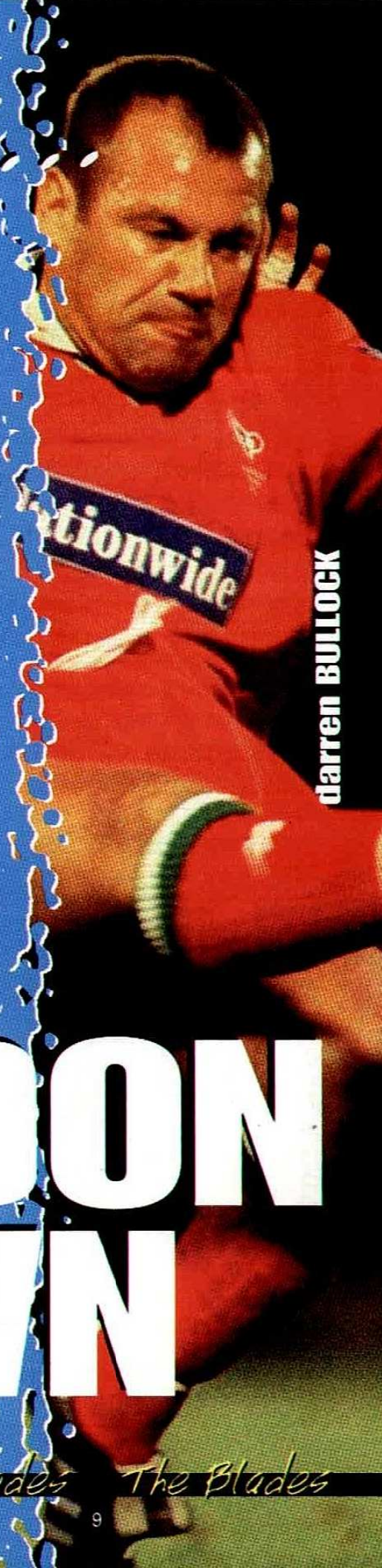
It is hard to know where to start when reflecting on the story of Swindon Town 1997/98. The surprise table toppers who were proving the critics wrong in the first half of the season and then the also-rans who couldn't win a game in the months that followed.

From being hailed as a miracle worker at the start of the season, manager



Steve McMahon was on the verge of walking away from the club when the final ball was kicked and it was only the persuasive words of his shell-shocked players that sees him pulling up on the team coach here at Bramall Lane for the start of a new season.

Anyone who saw McMahon's post match press conference after the 6-0 humiliation at Premiership bound Middlesbrough last March will know that he became a tortured soul in the final weeks of the campaign, but the former Liverpool midfielder is not a quitter and decided he couldn't walk away from a difficult situation, safe in the knowledge that he had the



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CHRIS HAY



full backing of the board he is employed by.

The truth may be that Swindon were excelling themselves a little too much as they sat atop a First Division table that included the likes of Forest, 'Boro, Sunderland and the Blades, who all have greater resources to spend in the transfer market and stadiums to match.

A mid-table position would probably suit Town's fans this time, but McMahon has known nothing but success in his illustrious career for club and country and will be expecting more

than just safety. The play-offs will be in his sights as he sets off on a new adventure with the highs and lows of last season forgotten as pre-season optimism runs wild around the County Ground.

Summer signings Alan Reeves, Jimmy Glass and Richard Hall have added experience to a squad that also boasts some talented youngsters. Swindon followers will certainly be hoping that England under-18 star Robin Hulbert — who has been attracting the attentions of Newcastle — will live up to his immense potential in the months ahead.

One certainty is that a positive outcome at Bramall Lane this afternoon will start the ball rolling again for McMahon and if he pulls off a run of results that does put Swindon back at the top of the the First Division, he might just keep them there this time.

LAST TIME AT THE LANE

Nationwide League Division One
Saturday 13 December

SHEFFIELD UNITED 2
(Holdsworth 45, Saunders 81)

SWINDON TOWN 1
Finney (23)

United: Kelly, Borbokis, Nilsen, Ford, Vonk, Holdsworth, Saunders, Marker, Fjortoft (Taylor 81), Deane, Stuart (Woodhouse 81). Unused: Hutchison.

Swindon: Digby, Borrows, Robinson, Bullock, Darras (Taylor h-t), McDonald, Thompson, Collins, Finney, Ndah, Gooden. Unused: Cowe, Walters.

Referee:
T. Jones (Barrow-in-Furness).

Attendance: 18,015.

THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH

Chris Kamara and Glenn Cockerill played for both today's teams and they have another thing in common - they each played more than 600 league games in their careers.

Chris totalled 641 games with 71 goals and Glenn 683 games with 86 goals.



CHRIS KAMARA

	Games	Goals
Portsmouth	74	7
Swindon Town	234	27
Brentford	152	28
Stoke City	60	5
Leeds United	20	1
Luton Town	49	-
United	24	-
Middlesbrough	5	-
Bradford City	23	3



GLENN COCKERILL

	Games	Goals
Lincoln City	186	35
Swindon Town	26	1
United	62	10
Southampton	287	32
Leyton Orient	90	7
Fulham	32	1

Chris Kamara's career involved two spells with Portsmouth and two with Swindon whilst Glenn's included two spells with Lincoln City.

SWINDON'S TEN-YEAR RECORD



Season	Division	Position	Average Attendance	Round reached FA Cup	Round reached CCCup
1988-89	D2	6	8,687	4	2
1989-90	D2	4	9,394	3	4
1990-91	-D2	21	9,805	4	3
1991-92	D2	8	10,009	5	4
1992-93	D1	5	10,715	3	3
1993-94	PL	22	15,274	3	3
1994-95	D1	21	9,744	4	SF
1995-96	D2	1	10,602	5	2
1996-97	D1	19	9,917	3	3
1997-98	D1	18	9,505	3	1

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Diary

The last year has been a roller coaster ride for all at the County Ground, with a story of success quickly turning into what could have been the ultimate disaster. But then this is the club who won promotion via the play-offs in 1990, only to be demoted back to the lower league a few weeks later due to financial irregularities that had taken place at the club in the years previous.

They finally cracked the top flight target in 1993, only to lose their manager, Glenn Hoddle, before a ball had been kicked in their biggest ever season. They went on to record an unwanted low points records for a Premiership club under the guidance of John Gorman, who had been Hoddle's assistant on the promotion road.

So, upheavals are nothing new to the men in red and white and this diary of emotions from the last year is just standard fair for the Wiltshire club who are all too often a soap opera in their own right.

AUGUST

An unbeaten first month to the season sees a win over Crewe on the opening day with Reading and Stoke also falling victim to the McMahon train which is out of the blocks quicker than the rest... 'The Chief' Wayne Allison hits three goals in the month... They end August in fourth place with Nottingham Forest leading the pack.

SEPTEMBER

A first defeat of the season at Ipswich doesn't knock confidence as summer signing Mark Walters is on the mark as Tranmere are beaten a week later. But the manner of the 6-0 thrashing at the hands of Manchester City allows the doubters of Swindon to predict they would quickly fall from their lofty perch.

OCTOBER

McMahon's men refuse to drop the pace despite that humbling at Maine Road as Port Vale, Bury, Norwich and Portsmouth are all added to the growing list to have been beaten by Swindon... Chris Hay has a good month with a hat-trick against Vale, two more in the defeat of Bury and the only goals in 1-0 wins over the Canaries and Pompey.

NOVEMBER

Wayne Allison is sold to Huddersfield in an £800,000 deal that highlighted the challenges Town managers will always face. Losing Allison proved to be a turning point in McMahon's season... Brian Borrows joins the club on a free transfer from Coventry as George Ndah arrives from Crystal Palace and is seen

as a replacement for Allison... The form of Philippe Cuervo — signed from Paris St. Germain the previous summer — is hailed as one of the key factors in Town's early season run.

DECEMBER

David Holdsworth's opener and an 81st minute winner from Dean Saunders sinks Swindon at Bramall Lane on the 13th of the month... The 3-2 Boxing Day defeat at Nottingham Forest and Ipswich's win at the County Ground two days later are signs that the confidence is ebbing away from the promotion push... They end the year in ninth place, a full thirteen points behind leaders Boro.

JANUARY

Stevenage switch their FA Cup third round tie against Swindon to the County Ground, yet the non-leaguers still manage to overcome their First Division opponents with a 2-1 win that puts McMahon's team in the papers for all the wrong reasons... McMahon places a number of his squad on the transfer list after the Stevenage embarrassment, 'it was the most humiliating experience of my career and I will not accept it,' he says. They also lose to Crewe and Reading in a black month.

FEBRUARY

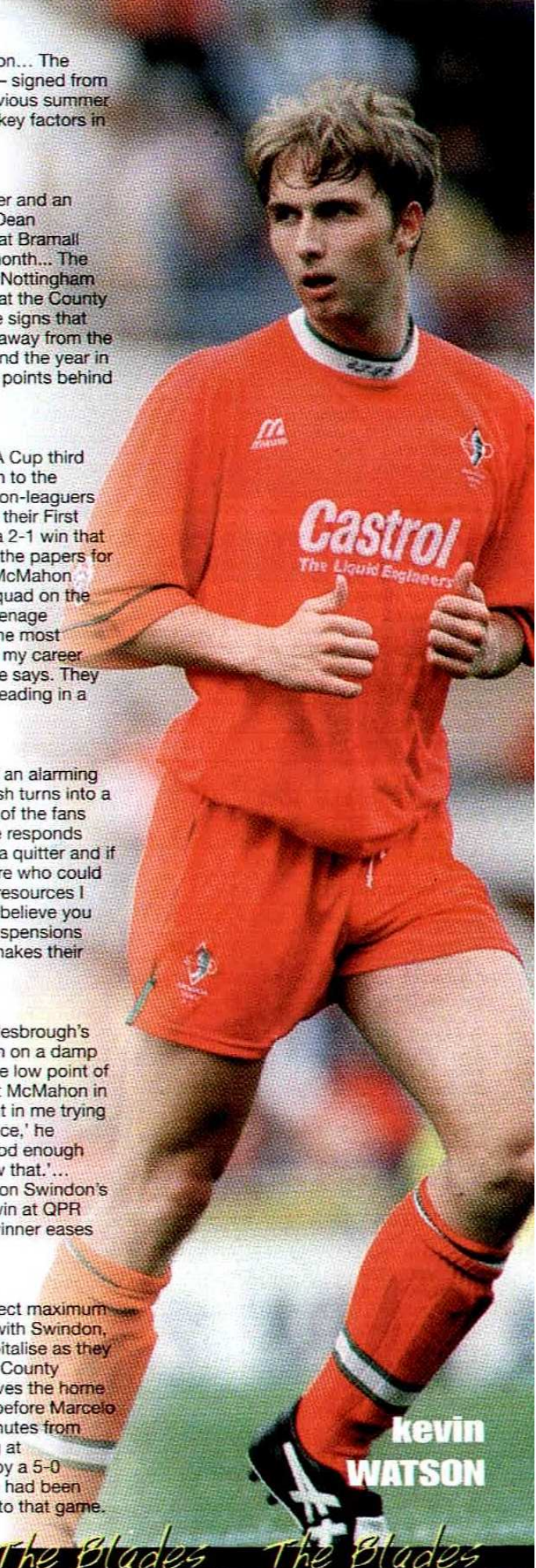
The team's form drops at an alarming rate as the promotion push turns into a battle to survive... Some of the fans turn on McMahon, but he responds with this retort. 'I am not a quitter and if there is someone out there who could do a better job on these resources I would walk away. I don't believe you will find that person'... Suspensions and injuries to key men makes their plight look even worse.

MARCH

The 6-0 trashing at Middlesbrough's jubilant Riverside stadium on a damp Wednesday evening is the low point of a run of form that has left McMahon in despair. 'There is no point in me trying to defend that performance,' he accepts. 'That wasn't good enough and I let the players know that'... Portsmouth also cash in on Swindon's depression, though the win at QPR thanks to an Iffy Onura winner eases relegation fears.

APRIL

Charlton and Oxford collect maximum points in their meetings with Swindon, but the Blades fail to capitalise as they can only draw 1-1 at the County Ground. Mark Walters gives the home side a 33rd minute lead before Marcelo salvages a point nine minutes from time... The 3-0 thumping at Birmingham is followed by a 5-0 mauling at Norwich, who had been struggling to score prior to that game.



Kevin WATSON

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SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL 1997-98

Player/ Birthplace/date/previous clubs	Lge & Cups Apps Gls	
Brian BORROWS Liverpool, 20.12.60 Coventry City	40	-
Darren BULLOCK Worcester, 12.2.69 Huddersfield Town	31	-
Lee COLLINS Bellshill, 3.2.74 Albion Rovers	27	1
Steve COWE Gloucester 29.9.74 Aston Villa	18	2
Phillippe CUERVO Ris-Orangis, 13.8.69 Sochaux	25	-
Sol DAVIES Cheltenham, 4.9.79 trainee	6	-
James GLASS Epsom, 1.8.73 Bournemouth	-	-
Ty GOODEN Canvey Island, 23.10.72 Wycombe Wanderers	42	2
Gareth HALL Croyden, 12.3.69 Sunderland	-	-
Chris HAY Glasgow, 28.8.74 Celtic	39	14
David KERSLAKE Stepney, 19.6.66 Tottenham Hotspur	9	-
Scott LEITCH Motherwell, 6.10.69 Hearts	28	2
Alan MCDONALD Belfast, 12.10.63 QPR	38	1
Steve MILDENHALL Swindon, 13.5.78 trainee	4	-
George NDAH Camberwell, 23.12.74 Crystal Palace	15	2
Iffy ONUORA Glasgow, 28.7.67 Gillingham	6	1
Alan REEVES Birkenhead, 19.11.67 Wimbledon	-	-
Mark ROBINSON Rochdale, 21.11.68 Newcastle United	29	-
Frank TALIA Melbourne, 20.7.72 Blackburn Rovers	3	-
Craig TAYLOR Plymouth, 24.1.74 Dorchester Town	33	2
Mark WALTERS Birmingham, 2.6.64 Southampton	38	7
Kevin WATSON Hackney, 3.1.74 Tottenham Hotspur	19	-
Adam WILLIS Nuneaton, 21.9.76 Coventry City	-	-
Darren ROBERTS Birmingham, 12.10.69 Chesterfield	30 (4)	12

Adam Willis



INTERVIEWED

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Most Swindon Town players will take to the field at Bramall Lane this afternoon with a point to prove. A new season always brings out the best in player and after a disappointing end to their last campaign, a good start is needed this time. But for Town's Adam Willis, this game will mean that much more.

A former Bramall Lane junior, he had the option of joining either Coventry City or Sheffield United as his promising young career gathered pace and he opted for the Premiership club, despite his temptation to become a Blade. "Sheffield United will always be a club close to my heart as everyone there was very good to me," says Adam.

"It is a real family club and I feel lucky to have spent some time there, but I felt Coventry would give me that bit extra as they were in the Premiership. As I struggled to get first team football at Coventry, I could look back now and say I wish I joined United, but you cannot do that.

"I moved to Swindon because I will be 22 next month and it is about time that I was playing on a regular basis. There is a battle to get into the first team at Swindon, but I am confident that this season can be a good one for me."

Willis joined the club at the back end of last season at a time when the turmoil of that slump in form was gripping all at the County Ground. "It was strange place to be in those final few games," he confesses. "But it did break me into the club and that has helped going into this pre-season."

He confirms that it was the

players who forced manager Steve McMahon to stay when he was thinking of leaving after the final game of the season against Sunderland. "There were a couple of meetings between the players and we sorted a few things out," continues Adams.

"No-one held back in what they felt had gone wrong. As a player who had just walked in the door a few weeks before, it was interesting to be around it all. Because I was the new-boy, it wasn't really my place to jump up and give my version of events, so I just contributed as I saw fit. But it was vital that we sorted it out."

The first test on whether things have be 'sorted out' at Swindon comes today at Bramall Lane and Willis believes the team is buzzing after a confidence building pre-season. "We went away to Ireland a couple of weeks ago and that really helped in bonding everyone together.

"I suppose mid-table is a realistic target, but the play-offs have to be the aim as we start the season. When you play a team like Sheffield United, you realise you are up against it because they are bigger than us in every way. But we will go there confident of getting a result."

Willis could so easily have been pulling on the red and white stripes this afternoon if the fates had meant it to be.

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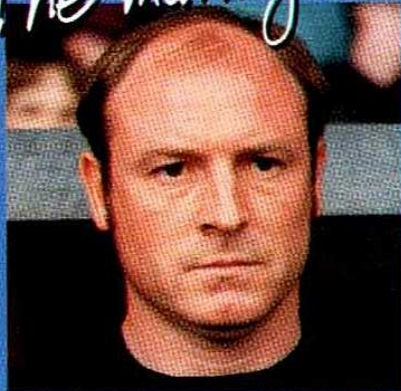
Sunderland win at the County Ground on the final day of the season as Kevin Phillips adds to his record breaking goals tally with two more. Mark Walters scores the final Swindon goal of the season with a late consolation... McMahon threatens to quit after a traumatic second half of the season, but the players persuade him to stay.

JUNE

III

Steve Finney is sold to Carlisle as Fraser Digby, Ian Culverhouse and Mark Seagraves are amongst those released in a summer clear-out. Gareth Hall from Sunderland, Wimbledon's Alan Reeves and Bournemouth's Jimmy Glass arrive... The pre-season tour of Ireland sees wins over Bray Wanderers, Killkenny and Home Farm Everton.

The managers



Steve McMahon

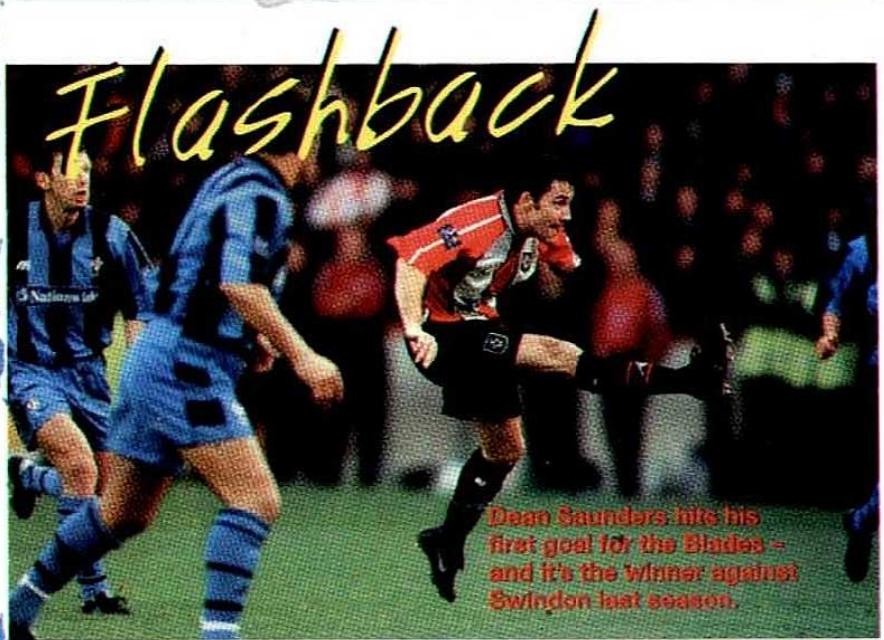
Born: 20.08.61.

Birthplace: Liverpool

Playing career with Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool, Manchester City, Swindon Town.

Honours with Liverpool: League Championship 1986, 1988, 1990. F.A. Cup: 1989, 1989.

Honours as manager with Swindon: Second Division Championship: 1996.



Flashback

Dean Saunders hits his first goal for the Blades - and it's the winner against Swindon last season.

TOWN'S FORM GUIDE

THEIR LAST TEN GAMES

Date	Div	Venue	Club	Result	Score	Scorers
11/3	D1	A	Middlesbrough	L	0-6	
14/3	D1	A	QPR	W	2-1	Walters (p), Onoura
18/3	D1	H	Wolverhampton	D	0-0	
21/3	D1	H	Stockport County	D	1-1	McDonald
4/4	D1	H	Charlton Athletic	L	0-1	
11/4	D1	A	Oxford United	L	1-2	Ndah (p)
13/4	D1	H	Sheffield United	D	1-1	Walters
18/4	D1	A	Birmingham City	L	0-3	
25/4	D1	A	Norwich City	L	0-5	
3/5	D1	H	Sunderland	L	1-2	Walters

UNITED'S LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	8	1	1	20	8
Away	10	2	2	6	12	19
Total	20	10	3	7	32	27

LANDMARKS AGAINST SWINDON

Games since last home win	0
Games since last home defeat	9
Games since last home draw	2
Biggest home win	3-0 (1980-81)
Biggest home defeat	1-2 (1969-70)
Biggest away win	3-1 (1994-95)
Biggest away defeat	2-5 (1980-81)
Biggest home attendance	22,711 (1969-70)
Lowest home attendance	7,248 (1987-88)
Biggest away attendance	21,994 (1969-70)
Lowest away attendance	5,956 (1997-98)

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the Story so far

SUNDAY 10 MAY

Play-off Semi-Final, first leg

SHEFFIELD UNITED 2

SUNDERLAND 1

SCORERS: United – Marcelo (57), Borbokis (76).

Sunderland – Ball (17).

UNITED: Tracey, Borbokis, Quinn, Ford, Sandford, Holdsworth, Saunders, Marker, Devlin, Taylor (Marcelo 10), Hamilton.
Unused: Morris, Dellas.

SUNDERLAND: Perez, Holloway (Rae 67), Makin, Clark, Craddock, Williams, Summerbee, Ball, Dichio, Phillips, Johnson.

Unused: Bridges, Ord.

ATTENDANCE: 23,800.

REFEREE: C. R. Wilkes (Gloucester).

United start tentatively, Ball capitalises, and the prospects are bleak, but the Blades blast back and dominate the second half. Marcelo steals in to equalise, then Borbokis curls a beauty to send the home fans home with hope.

Dean Saunders: "We know we have been shocking in the last four games but today, when it mattered, we rose to the task."

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

Play-off Semi-Final, second leg

SUNDERLAND 2

SHEFFIELD UNITED 0

SCORERS: Marker (og 20), Phillips (38).

SUNDERLAND: Perez, Holloway, Gray, Clark, Craddock, Williams, Summerbee, Ball, Quinn, Phillips (Dichio 76), Johnson.
Unused: Rae, Ord.

UNITED: Tracey, Wilder, Quinn, Ford (Dellas 71), Sandford, Holdsworth, Saunders, Marker (Stuart 58), Devlin, Marcelo (Morris 81), Hamilton.

ATTENDANCE: 40,092.

REFEREE: Mike Pierce (Portsmouth).

Marker's bad luck give Sunderland the impetus and Phillips adds another as United are slow off the blocks again. A much better show after the break but Perez denies the charge and sends the home team to Wembley.

Dave Holdsworth: "The boys have given 100%... a lot of other clubs would have crumbled... I am proud to be captain of a bunch like these."

TUESDAY 30 JUNE

Andy Walker leaves Bramall Lane after mutually terminating his contract which has one year to run.

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Chris Short signs for Brian Little at Stoke City having reached the end of his Blades contract.

THURSDAY 2 JULY

United's search for a manager is over as Steve Bruce takes over the boss' role.

MONDAY 6 JULY

Steve Bruce meets the players as they return for pre-season training.

Chief Scout Fred Eyre leaves the Lane in anticipation of Steve Bruce bringing in further backroom staff.

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

United officially appoint John Deehan to the coaching staff.

FRIDAY 10 JULY

Chris Bettney signs a new one year deal for the Blades.

MONDAY 13 JULY

Curtis Woodhouse is taken off standby and added to the England U18 squad to play an International tournament in Cyprus.

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

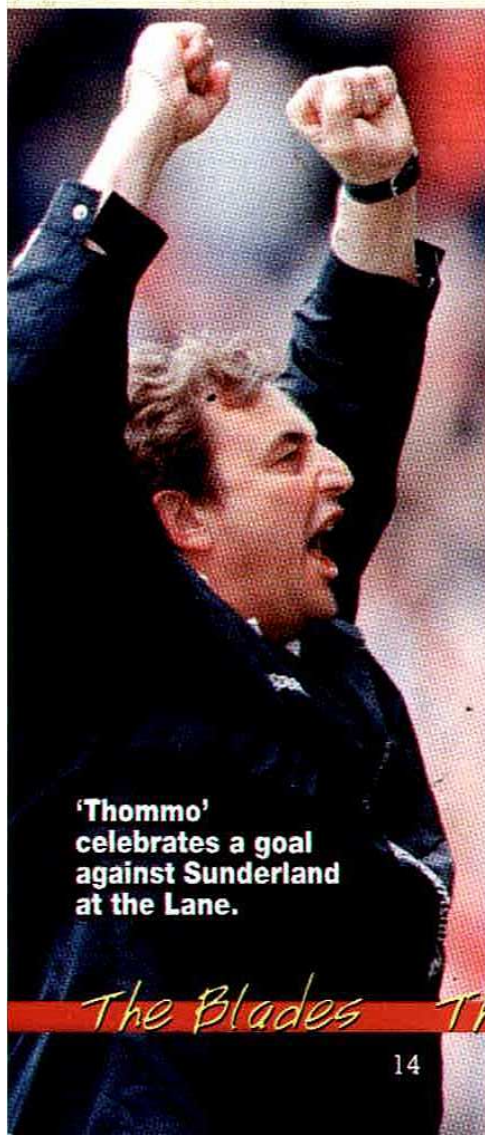
United's commercial team – and Steve Bruce – host a thankyou evening for the Club's sponsors.

Further plans about ground development – including the Hotel due to start in the Autumn – are displayed to the above.

THURSDAY 16 JULY

Andrew Laver and Steve Stothard are appointed to the board of Sheffield United PLC whilst Charles Green's resignation is accepted.

A Jon Cullen penalty and an own goal, both in the second half, bring a United 'second string' a 2-0 win over Sheffield FC at Don Valley.



'Thommo' celebrates a goal against Sunderland at the Lane.

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GRAHAM SHAW

1934-1998

*a tribute by club historian
Denis Clarebrough*

The large assembly that gathered for the funeral of Graham Shaw, the United and England full-back, who died in the Weston Park hospital on 12 May left no doubt of the affection for the man and the sympathy for his family that was felt in the city.

We remember him as a great footballer but no doubt, many of those present, other than his family, knew him as a former Captain and President of Dore and Totley Golf Club, or as a young boxer of great promise. Others had grasped his hand of friendship in his days in the Castle Market, or as a licensee.

To Unitedites, however, Graham will always be remembered for his first team debut as a seventeen-year-old before a huge crowd at Hillsborough, where he displayed the calm authority and stylish performance which became his hallmark and which he never lost.

Graham Lawrence Shaw was born in Sheffield on 9 July, 1934. He went to Pye Bank School and then on to Southey Green Secondary and played football for Sheffield and Yorkshire Boys. He was an all round athlete, excelling at both cricket and boxing, as well as soccer.

I have always understood that it was Duggie Livingstone, the United trainer and coach who invited Graham to train at the Lane rather than Hillsborough and to play for Oaks Folds, the United nursery club of that era, before signing as a professional, which he did on his seventeenth birthday in July, 1951.

United began the 1951-52 season like a house on fire and soared to the head of the old Second Division; our victories included the memorable one of 7-3 against the Wednesday. It was also Derek Dooley's record-breaking season for the Owls and their supporters waited with feverish anticipation for United's come-uppance in the return fixture, particularly as the United defence had begun to leak goals at a rather alarming rate.

United's full-backs that season were Fred Furniss and Albert Cox, but Cox was 34 and had



GRAHAM SHAW
Sheffield United

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From a Team-mate



JOE SHAW (not related):

"He was such a great lad. I was here for a few years before him but as soon as he arrived we could see what a really good player he was destined to be.

"Good on the ball, he used it very well and I for one appreciated that because I liked to pass it, too. Graham was mainly right-footed but played at left-back for us and it simply didn't worry him.

"He was worth every one of his five full England caps and I remember him playing really well in England's win over Scotland at Wembley when I was a reserve - there were no substitutes in those days!"

begun to show signs that his first team days were coming to an end. His deputy, Maurice McLafferty, wasn't good enough and in any case, on the morning of the return match with the Owls, failed a fitness test.

Graham had played just six or seven games for the reserves - Cec Coldwell, incidentally, was his partner at full-back for the Central League side - when given that first team opportunity. Has any other British player made his debut in a local derby at the age of seventeen before a crowd of over 65,000?

United won that game 3-1 and Graham went on to delight our supporters for fifteen more seasons. His positional play was excellent, he tackled swiftly and accurately and his clearances, short or long, were made with care and he was always available for a colleague. In appearance he was immaculate, his football was the perfect match.

Shaw was awarded five full England caps and was a regular member of the United Championship side of 1952-53 and the 1960-61 team which won promotion and reached the semi-final of the FA Cup with the famous defence that came together under Joe Mercer.

Black moments were few in a fine career. It was Mercer who tried to transfer him to Stoke City and there was a penalty failure in the semi-final replay at Birmingham.

Graham made 485 senior league and cup appearances for United, scoring 15 goals (10 penalties) and partnered his brother Bernard at full-back for three games in 1965. His

Right: Graham with Cec Coldwell: full-back partners in the Central League, they made their first team debuts in 1952 and played together until the autumn of 1966.

Below: Brothers in arms - the already established Graham with younger brother Bernard who was to go and play for both United and Wednesday.



final league appearance in our colours came as an inside-right in October, 1966, against West Bromwich Albion, with his benefit match against the Wednesday following in April. He began the next season with Doncaster Rovers and later had a short spell as player-manager with Scarborough.



Graham Shaw Factfile

- Born: Sheffield on 9 July 1934
- Signed: July 1951
- League debut: 5 January 1952 v Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough (United won 3-1). Attendance 65,327
- Joined Doncaster Rovers Sept. 1967
- Honours: England U23 5 caps
Football League 4 caps
Full International 5 caps

● First Class career appearances:

	Lge	FAC	LgeC	Total
United	439	37	9	485
Doncaster	22	4	-	26
Total	461	41	9	511

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United - League 14 League Cup 1 Total 15
Doncaster - nil

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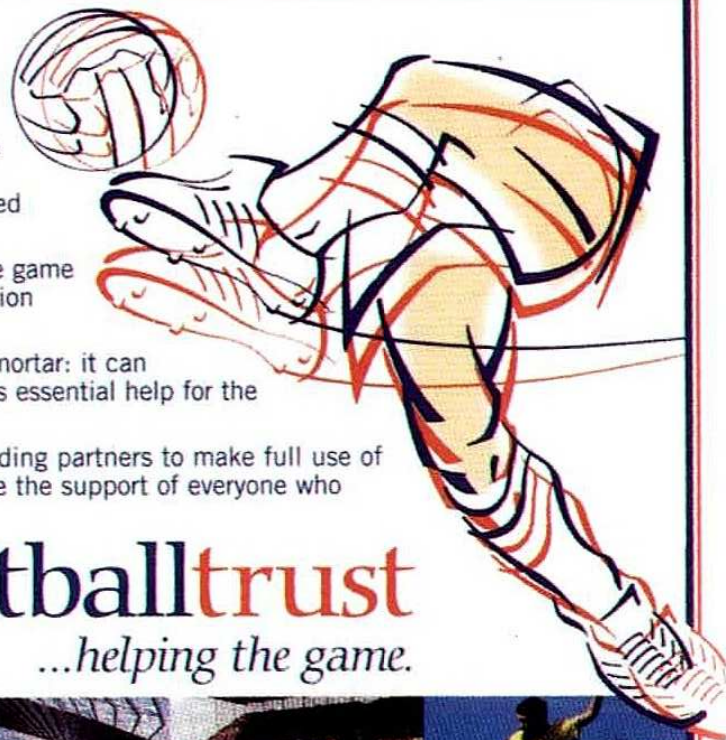
A major new funding package made up of annual contributions from The F.A. Premier League, The Football Association, The English Sports Council, The Football League and The Professional Footballers Association has been added to the Trust's pools derived income to secure its future.

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CAPTAIN'S QUIZ QUESTION

Q. Why does Swindon Town manager Steve McMahon have lots of friends and enemies in Liverpool?

A. Because he played for both Liverpool and Everton.

WHAT A BARGAIN!!
Members under 10 may purchase a Season Ticket for only
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BLADES MASCOT

DANIEL JUBB

AGE: 9
SCHOOL: Carterknowle Junior
FAVE BLADES: Dane Whitehouse, Alan Kelly, Petr Katchouro
HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Football, fishing, and being captain for Pro-Soccer Pumas under 11s.



BLADES MASCOT

ADAM HOPWOOD

AGE: 8 (9 next Wednesday!)
SCHOOL: Dunstan Primary, Chesterfield
FAVE BLADES: Alan Kelly, Dean Saunders, Wayne Quinn
HOBBIES, INTERESTS: Playing football (just started with Newbold Colts Under-10s), Nintendo 64, going to cinema.



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The Blades Fans Page

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The picture of number plate S1JFC was sent to us by Andy Stacey of Doncaster. He purchased this registration number from the DVLA, as it resembles SUFC.

The only problem is that it can only be used on a new 'S' registration vehicle and Andy cannot afford one. (The number plate is pictured at the Chrysler dealership Hatfields on one of their Jeeps).

He is subsequently having to sell the 'cherished number' and will accept the best offer over £1,000. He can be contacted on 01302-711707.



EXILES VISIT WALES

The fourth annual Exile Blades Six-a-Side tournament was held in Saundersfoot, Wales, on Cup Final weekend in May. Growing year by year, the event attracted nine teams, which was combined into seven so that all fixtures could be completed.

The teams were London Blades, Welsh Blades, Bristol Blades, Norfolk Blades, Army Blades, Junior Blades and Yorkshire Blades.

Representatives from Hampshire, Surrey and USA also took part and a special mention goes to Doug Watkins of Texas, USA, who flew in from the States just for the tournament.

This year's winners were Norfolk Blades, who were added to a prestigious list of winners which also includes Bristol Blades (1995), London Blades (1996) and Army Blades (1997).

SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Good afternoon, it is nice to be back and today we offer a warm welcome to Swindon Town, their respected manager Steve McMahon, but especially to Steve Bruce.

Our new player-manager is a well-known figure in English football and very respected. His playing achievements, especially at Manchester United, but also latterly at Birmingham, were greatly appreciated by the supporters. We hope Steve and John Deehan are enjoying Bramall Lane and the new challenge.

It has certainly been a very quiet time in the transfer market, possibly due to the manager needing to examine the squad he has inherited. Hopefully, he will get the backing from the board when he decides on his requirements.

During the close season we held our AGM at which our officials were re-elected for a further term, namely Pete as Chairman, Andy Norris as Treasurer and myself as Secretary. Thanks to all Branch officials and members for their support and endeavours over the past year.

*It was agreed we would be holding a **Disco**, possibly in

November, and our **Player of the Year Dinner Dance** towards the end of the season – details to follow at a later date.

* We are organising the **Jimmy Hagan Memorial Fund**, details which will follow shortly, but we have been encouraged by the whole-hearted support from his family and his friends in football both in this country and Portugal.

We hope to see you all at West Brom next week.

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GEORGE STEER

Everyone at Sheffield United sends their sincere condolences to the wife and family of George Steer who died suddenly at Bramall Lane at the age of 74 on 20 July.



George had been an integral member of our matchday staff at Bramall Lane for many years, carrying out a wide variety of tasks and was one of those loyal band of helpers without whom the smooth running of matchday operation would not be possible.

In latter years he had become a regular member of "Norman's Army", headed by Norman Goodchild, a group of men who help in ensuring that the stadium is cleaned quickly and efficiently immediately following each game.

George had a good sense of humour and was always excellent company. He was well known to all the staff as the person who generously gave out butterscotch sweets or humbugs at every home game. It is perhaps fitting that he died at the place he loved so much - shortly after arriving at Bramall Lane to help ensure that the stadium was in pristine condition for the new season.

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Sheffield United's first annual golf day was a tremendous success, with Dean Saunders leading the Ward's team to victory at Abbeydale Golf Club. The day attracted thirteen teams of four, many of which included a Blades star.

Simon Tracey, Chris Wilder, Graham Stuart, Gareth Taylor and Tony Currie all took part, as did Sheffield Sharks duo Chris Finch and Iain McKinney. But none could stop the might of Saunders, Mark Bates, Mike James and Neil Bishop as the Ward's team walked away with the Barclays Life Trophy.

Everyone enjoyed the day and compère/comedian Johnny Kennedy provided the entertainment. Sheffield United wish to thank the following for their kind sponsorship of the event - Next Plc, Camelot Group Plc, Barclays Life, Barclays Premier, Ward's, Gremlin, Fila UK Ltd, Gilbert & Pollard, and the Source.

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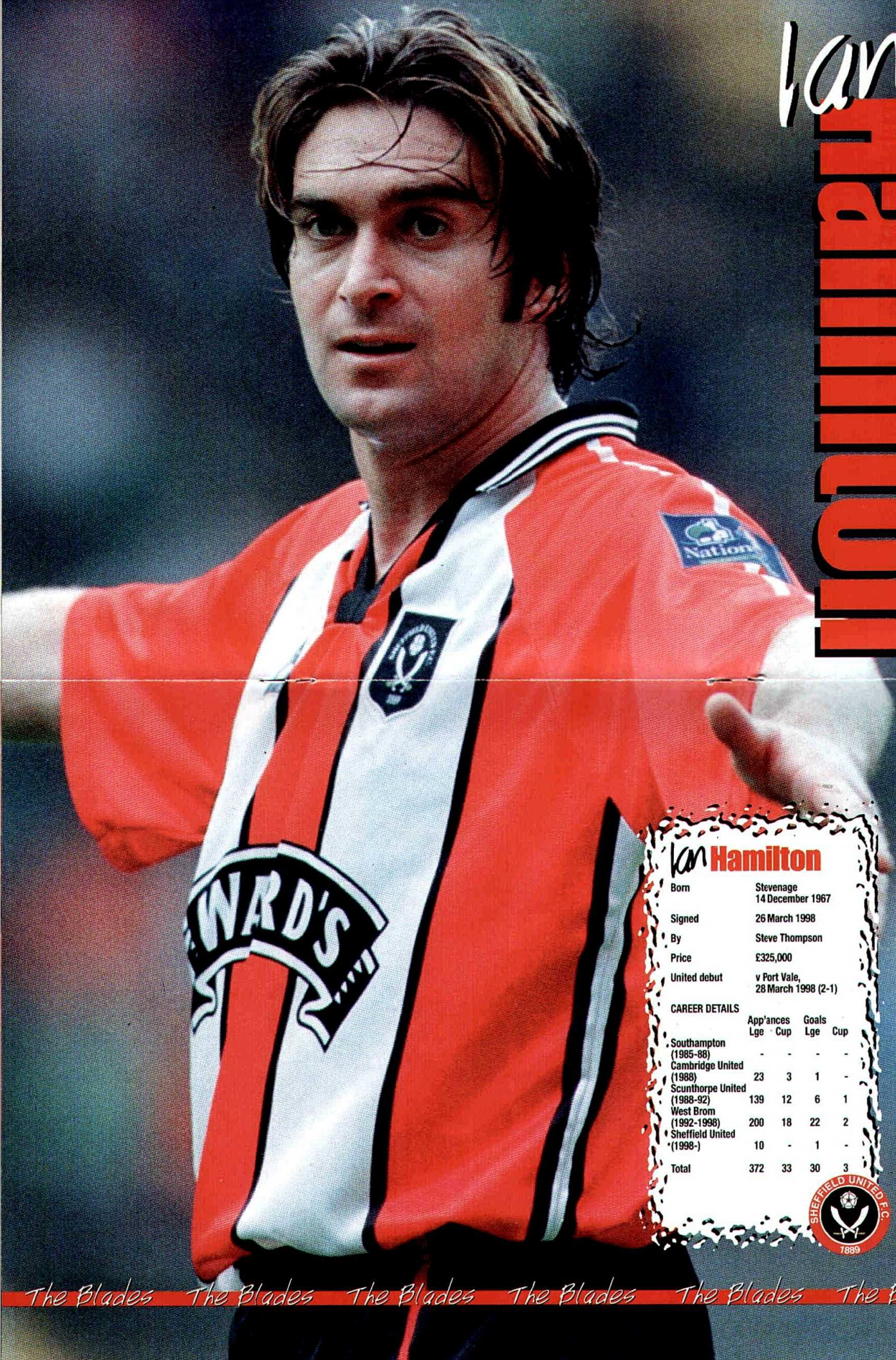
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	App'ances		Goals	
	Lge	Cup	Lge	Cup
Southampton (1985-88)	-	-	-	-
Cambridge United (1988)	23	3	1	-
Scunthorpe United (1988-92)	139	12	6	1
West Brom (1992-1998)	200	18	22	2
Sheffield United (1998-)	10	-	1	-
Total	372	33	30	3



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A black and white photograph of a man in a dark jacket and dark trousers, smiling broadly. He is using two silver metal crutches to support himself. He is standing on a set of yellow stairs. In the background, a crowd of people, including children, is visible, suggesting a public event or a busy outdoor setting.

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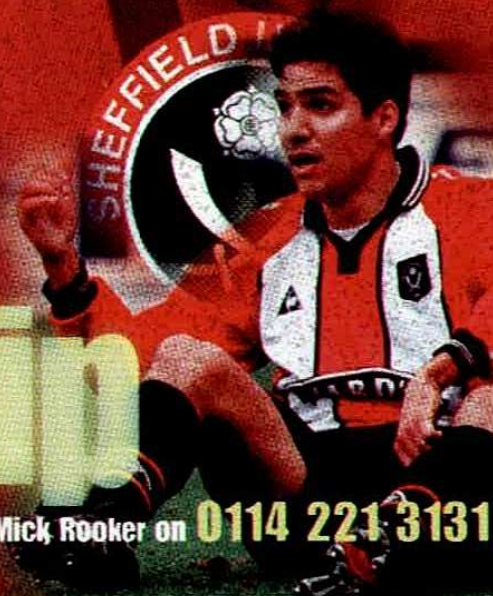


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BLADES v DARLINGTON

Worthington Cup First Round,
First Leg

Tuesday 11 August, kick-off 7.45 pm

NOT all-ticket for Blades fans - tickets now on sale.

Season Ticket holders who wish to claim their seat must do so by **Wednesday 5 August** at 4.45pm. Season Ticket Holders who have taken the Cup Tie match voucher option will be sent a receipt and present Cup Tie voucher at the turnstile.

Normal League match prices apply and there will be **NO MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS** or **JUNIOR BLADES U-10** tickets for this game.

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Nationwide League Division One

Saturday 15 August, Kick-off 3 pm

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Tickets are on sale now.

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DARLINGTON v BLADES

Worthington Cup First Round,
Second Leg

Tuesday 18 August, Kick-off 7.45pm

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Nationwide League Division One

Saturday 22 August, Kick-off 3pm

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Nationwide League Division One

Saturday 29 August, Kick-off 3pm

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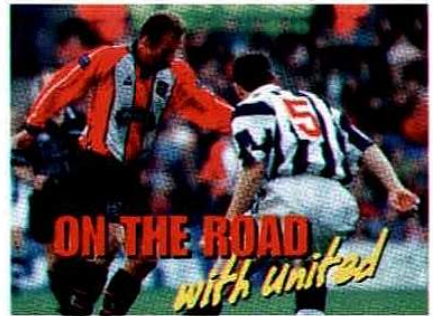
Lower Tier: £14 adults, £11 senior citizens, £9 juveniles.

Tickets go on sale - **Monday 17 August.**

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KOP			
Adult	£11	£253	£199
Concession	£7	£161	£127
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Adult	£12	£276	£217
Concession	£7	£161	£127

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Family Enclosure

- For the 1998/99 season the whole of the John Street Stand will be utilised as a Family Enclosure.
- Existing Season Ticket Holders in the John Street Stand section - which is not currently part of the Family Enclosure - will be able to renew their seats at the Laver Stand price. A child season ticket can only be purchased with an adult season ticket and no more than two adults can buy tickets per child.

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- 1 Against which team did David make his United debut in October 1996?
- 2 Who was the last person to wear the number six shirt before David joined the Blades in October 1996?
- 3 Who did David succeed as United's captain?
- 4 What is David's middle name?
- 5 In what year did David make his one and only England under-21 appearance?
- 6 Who were the opponents when David represented England at under-21 level?

- 7 David's twin brother Dean plays for which club?
- 8 David and Dean signed professional contracts for Watford on the same day, true or false?
- 9 David and Dean are twins, but who is the elder?
- 10 What significant contribution did David make in the 2-1 defeat at Swindon in February 1997?

1. Tranmere Rovers
2. Doug Hodgson
3. Mark Patterson
4. Gary
5. 1989
6. Greece
7. Bolton Wanderers
8. False, David signed four days earlier
9. David, by 40 minutes
10. He scored twice – one for each team!

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Blades Lottery News

Today sees the launch of the new Blades 50/50 Match Day Draw.

The first prize is a **guaranteed** minimum payout of **£1000** up to a maximum of **£2000**, the second prize (£100) and third prize (£50) remain the same. The fourth, fifth and sixth tickets drawn out on the day will win a Family Ticket for four people for the next home league game. Tickets are priced at only **£1**.

We have been asked by the Sheffield Children's Hospital to thank our supporters for purchasing the 50/50 Tickets at our last home game of the season v Sunderland. As you are probably aware the amount raised was £3011 which was donated to the Sheffield Children's Hospital. One shirt was not claimed, Ian Hamilton's (ticket number 30231), so turn out your pockets - you may be the lucky winner!

Hallam FM's 'Help a Hallam Child' and the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Care and Research Fund, who are beneficiaries of the Blades 50/50 Match Day Draw, also wish to pass on their thanks as they have now received nearly £5000 in donations from our popular half time draw.

BLADES REVIVAL RESULTS

(Saturday 1 August):

£1000 - 2269 **M. Biggin**, Rotherham;
£100 - 2353 **J. Fletcher** S2;
£50 - 0303 **D. Brown**, S5; 1796 **R. Goulty**, S35;
£25 - 2697 **B. Robinson**, S35; 2194 **K. Turner**, S35; 0592 **A. Parker**, S11; 0105 **D. Harrison**, Barnsley; 0124 **J. Eggington**, S8; 1799 **J. Habershon**, Lincoln; 1493 **P. Skinner**, S11; 2680 **D. Barnsley**, S2; 1797 **B. Griffith**, S8; 0154 **M. Peace**, S8.
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(week ending 8 August):

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Thursday: **£150** - D22:240 **K. Gay**, S13.
Friday: **£500** - T12:417 **Mr. Kirkham**, S14.



* For membership details of the Blades Revival or Red Ribbon Daily Prize Draw please contact the Pools Office on (0114) 221 3131

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with
Roger Barnard

A lament for last season...

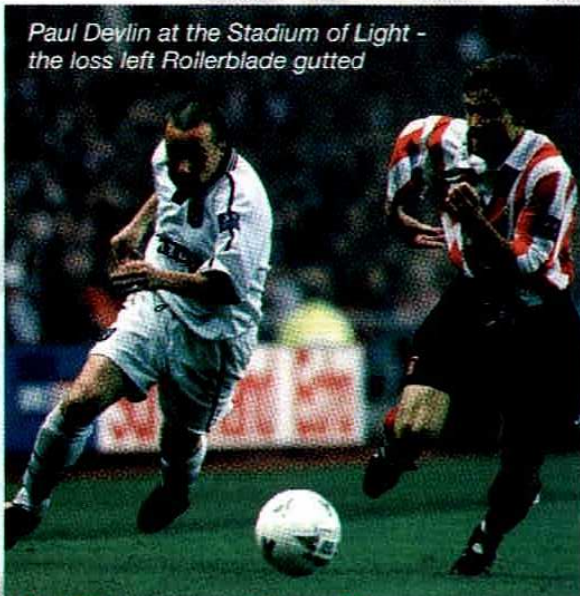
"We went to the Stadium of Light
With high hopes and Wembley in sight
But then my worst fears
Saw it all end in tears
My God, what a terrible night!
I sang till my throat felt quite sore
Three times or maybe p'raps four
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It's a long way back down the A1
When it's foggy and you're feeling dead glum
You reflect on the season
And question the reason
Why we follow the Blades blindly on?

But come August we'll do it again
It'll be our turn for glory and then,
We'll sing it out loud
We're Blades and we're proud

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from *(Gutted) 'Rollerblade'* - 14 May 1998



Paul Deylin at the Stadium of Light -
the loss left Rollerblade gutted

Scandinavian optimism

"I have a very good feeling about this!
Steve Bruce will take us up this year.
I know he will... I do not have any special
reasons why... I just know!"

Greetings from 'Viking Blade' !

More positive thoughts

"Last season could have been a real success.
Despite having a huge injury crisis for most of
the season (Ebbrell, Whitehouse, Vonk, Henry
all missed most/all of the season) we were
still good enough to reach the playoffs,
despite the boardroom arguments/rumours
etc., despite losing star players at critical
times, despite having two managers. And
what's more, we could have beaten
Sunderland in the playoffs had it not been for
the tactics in the first halves of both legs.

I believe that this squad is easily good
enough to get promotion, it's just a matter of
getting a bit of stability - and the luck that
has been so sadly lacking over the past
couple of seasons."

from *'Bob The Blade'*

Sarcastic quip of the week:

"I hope Maastricht realise that when
Vonky returns from injury he usually
gives away a penalty, scores an own
goal and gets sent off - normally in the
same game!

Seriously though when he was on form
I thought he was half decent - so good
luck to him."

from *'Beauchief Blade'*

"We'll keep driving them ON"

Steve Bruce knew what he was getting when appointed John Deehan to the staff soon after arriving at Bramall Lane. John is a coach who knows the business inside out after undertaking roles at differing positions on the footballing ladder.



As a player, John represented Aston Villa, West Bromwich Albion, Norwich City, Ipswich Town and Manchester City. He was an England under-21 international and a substitute for the full team against Brazil at Wembley.

He has helped Norwich to European glory and also guided Wigan Athletic to the Third Division title. He is a well-respected coach through English footballing circles and was also a team-mate of Steve's back at Norwich in the '80s.

And now he has been thrown two new challenges... helping his old mate make the transition from player to manager and steering Sheffield United back to the Premiership. And he seems to be enjoying it: "The players and staff

here have been tremendous. The players were quiet for the first couple of days, which I think was a natural reaction. They are responding well to the training techniques we've put on them, and we'll keep driving them on.

"Steve has his ideas of training which I clearly support and obviously I've got my own techniques, that I developed at Norwich and Wigan. But when you've been at Manchester United as long as Steve has, you pick up a lot of ideas and you have to follow that. We've gone down that path so far and the players have responded very well.

"The squad looks very strong and it is like the United Nations really! It's a matter of getting to know all the characters and nationalities

here, important that you blend them together so that on the first day of the season they are all fit, healthy and playing well - that makes it difficult for the manager to pick a starting eleven.

"Looking back, I got to know Steve when he joined Norwich from Gillingham. I was, possibly, one of the bigger fish at Norwich and he came in and showed tremendous character because his debut was a fairly traumatic experience for the both of us really - I missed a penalty and he was unfortunate enough to score an own goal!

"But we eventually came out drawing 3-3 against Liverpool and at the end of last season we won the Milk Cup and were also relegated. That really tested us. At the start of the next season we ended up as room partners and I was always interested in his philosophies, so it never came as a surprise to me when he took the big move to Manchester United and won every trophy available.

John has no doubts that he has made the right move to come here:

"About ten years ago there was not a great difference between the very top and very bottom of one particularly division, but now the step ups are massive and Wigan Athletic have got two massive ones to get into the Premiership.

"Sheffield United are capable of getting there and that was the incentive for me to move. Everyone here has got to be ambitious and I want to get back into the Premiership as quickly as possible."



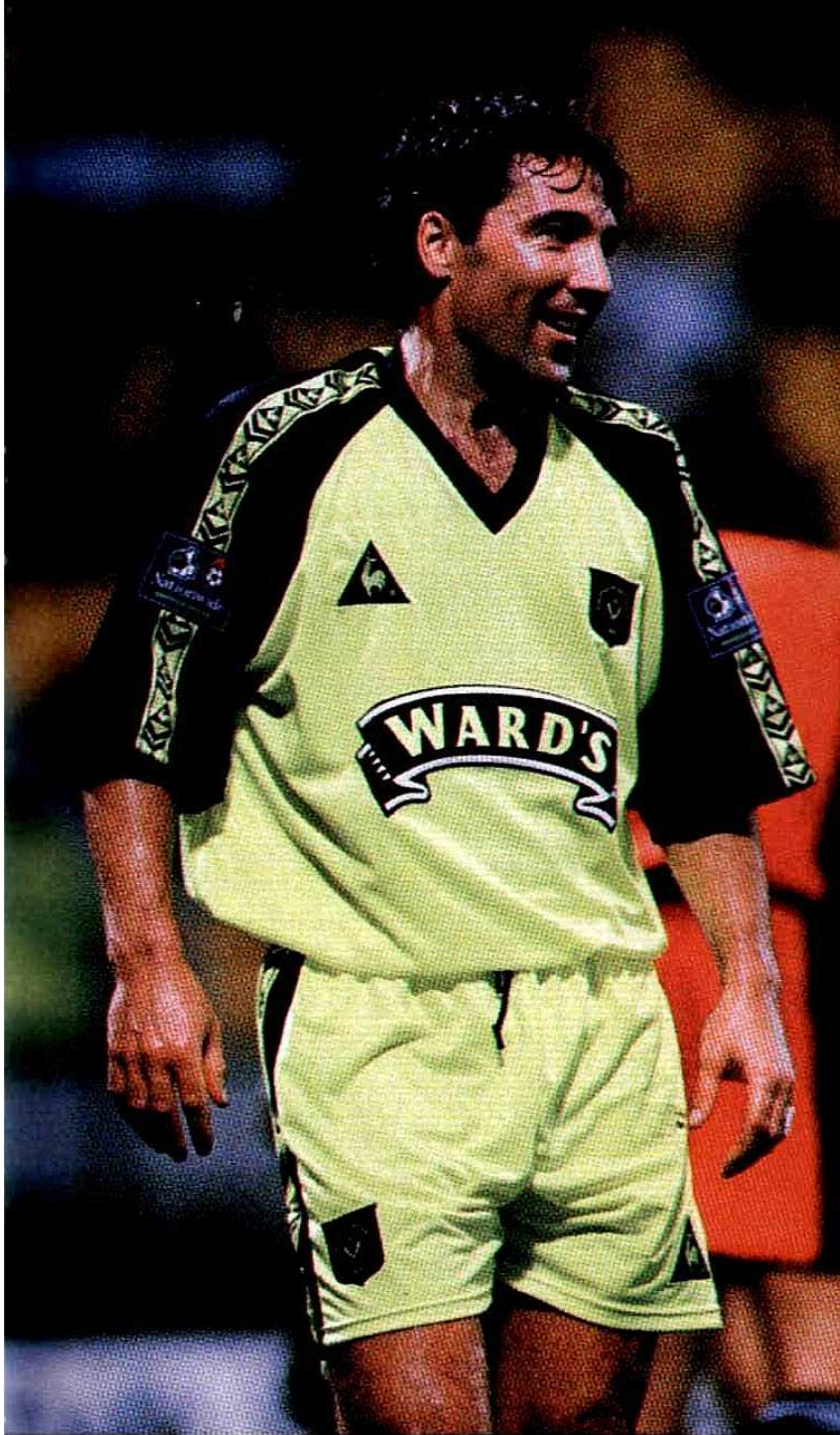
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The new 1998/99 Season will see the introduction of the new Second Change strip which will bring back many happy memories for Blades fans. The strip is based on the famous **LIME GREEN** shirts that saw us promoted to the old First Division back in 1990.

Be the first to get your hands on it when it goes on sale at the newly extended Blades Souvenir Shop on **Friday 14 August 1998 at 9 am** The first 100 customers purchasing a shirt will receive a free football.

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Sunday 16 August 10 am - 4 pm

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Blades Away

by Dave Wickett

This new series will normally feature a full review of our recent away games but today we begin with a review of Blades Away in 1997-98.

Watching United play away was as frustrating last season as it was the season before, with a good start being followed by a depressing run in the second half of the season.

After the first four away matches our travelling tally was two wins and two draws, then after a defeat at West Brom came victory at Reading and our record didn't look at all bad.

That win at Reading however, on the night of 4th November, was to be our last away win! Another 17 league games, eighteen if the play-off game is counted, did not yield a single away victory.

The highlight of our travels must surely have been the victory over Middlesbrough. Our first ever visit to the Riverside Stadium was televised live on a Sunday lunchtime and after falling behind we fought back to gain a well deserved victory in what must have been our best performance of the season. The press – and even the away fans – were lavish in their praise of our football, but unfortunately, even though it was only early October, we were never to play quite as well again.

The victory at Oxford two weeks prior to Middlesbrough was another memorable one, mainly because we have failed so often at

the tiny Manor Ground in the past. Our visit the previous season resulted in a heavy defeat and on this occasion, which we believed might be our last visit owing to Oxford moving to a new ground, we obtained a good victory, managing four goals in the process and could well have scored even more.

As for the victory at Reading, a win in an evening match after a long journey was obviously welcome, especially after the previous season's defeat there had left us extremely deflated – and again it was expected to be our last ever visit to the doomed Elm Park.

Breaking New Ground

One of the aspects of away travel that most fans eagerly anticipate now, and which is a fairly new phenomenon, is visiting brand new grounds.

Last season United paid their first visit to the new grounds of Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Stoke, as well as Walsall in the Coca-Cola Cup.

Sunderland's magnificent Stadium of Light appeared to be the most awe inspiring with massive crowds, the two biggest of the season in the league, along with the incredible sounds of Prokofiev welcoming the teams onto the pitch.

Away Player of the Year – Dave Holdsworth.

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If a 4-2 defeat there in January wasn't bad enough we had to travel there again for the second leg of the play-off match and once again the result went against us.

Superfans

The Sunderland fans' reaction to United's fans, as we left on our coaches, was the most sporting I have ever seen in thirty years of watching United away: thousands of them stood and applauded. After all United had fought well, in the second half at least, and had given Sunderland a real fright. What their reaction would have been like if they hadn't won is something we will never know!

Sunderland plan to increase the capacity of their stadium, so this season it will be even more intimidating. I felt that it was a better ground than the Riverside and much better than Stoke's ground. I wonder if United will ever play on four new Nationwide League grounds in one season again?

This month we have to visit The Reebok Stadium of Bolton for the first time, but with Oxford's move probably not being until next season, Bolton's will be the only new ground, unless we get an away cup draw of interest at somewhere like Northampton or Chester.



Dane Whitehouse swoops for the winner at the Riverside Stadium.

Days to Remember?

What else will away fans remember about the season?

- Two visits to Ipswich again and still no victory, although the cup draw was merited. The league game, live on Sky, was sickening with Town's equaliser coming so late.
- Hanging on at Portsmouth with Shaun Derry in goal will, hopefully, be remembered longer than the other incident that day.

I'm sure all Blades fans will have their own thoughts on best goal, best ground, etc.. but I suppose that looking

Simon Tracey's injury at Ipswich – but the Blades held on.

back, however, our main concern will be that with no away wins in the New Year we once again threw away the chance of automatic promotion.

After all, our three victories – compared to 10 for Forest and Middlesbrough, 12 for Sunderland and even six for relegated Manchester City. The two other relegated clubs, Reading and Stoke managed three away wins and only Queens Park Rangers with two victories, had a worse record than United.

Of course, being critical is easy whilst offering an explanation is much less so. United's form at times offered realistic hopes of more away points – and our home record was impressive – so why the meagre returns?

We will all hope that this season the Blades will be able to stitch together a more consistent run of form on their journeys around the country.



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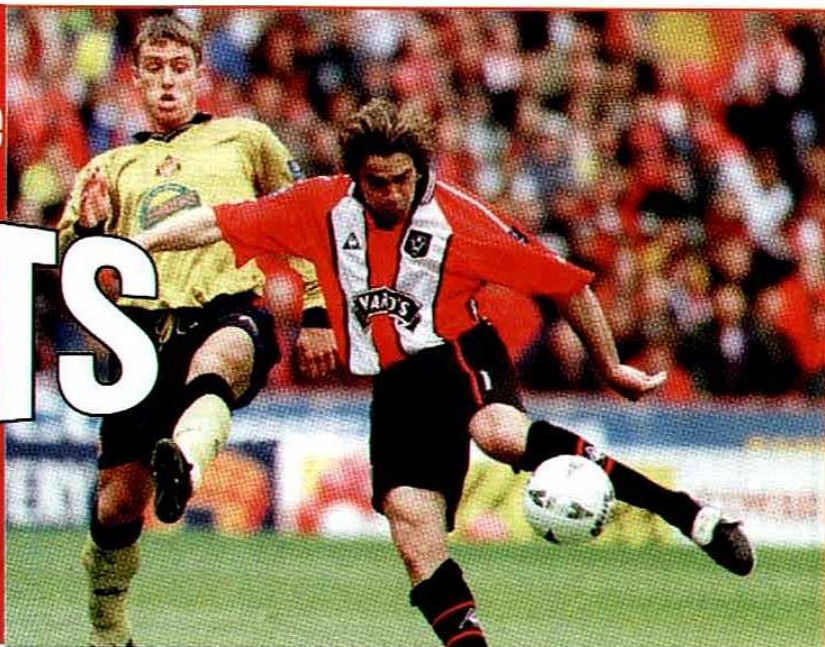


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It all in The Game

by Dave Burkinshaw

WORLD CUP POST MORTEM

The longest ever World Cup Finals ended with two firsts – France winning the trophy and becoming the first European team to qualify for the 2002 finals in Japan and South Korea.

* There was plenty of good football and some enjoyable games, although it is arguable how many were classics. With England having lost again on penalties in a major tournament I wonder whether David Batty and Paul Ince will now make a pizza advertisement!

* It was pleasing to see the tournament adopt the Nationwide League practice of holding up a board to show spectators how many minutes remained at the end of a half. I just hope that the Nationwide League does not adopt the electronic boards which – when the light reflected off them –

showed that each half had 888 minutes left to play!

* The instructions from messrs Blatter and Platini to issue more red and yellow cards did spoil many games. Spectators paid a lot of money for tickets (if they could obtain one) and were entitled to see eleven a side contests. The high risk of cards being issued led to some players play acting to get this, and surely cannot be in the best interests of the game. Let's hope Nationwide officials show some commonsense and use the red only as a last resort.

Transfer titbits

Sunderland are set to make an even more determined bid to win promotion: Peter Reid has paid £1 million for goalkeeper, **Thomas Sorensen**, following the departure of Lionel Perez to Newcastle, and close to another £1 million to acquire Bury defender **Paul Butler**.

Oxford United who have been in financial difficulties in recent times have suddenly found £500,000 to bring back former Hull City striker **Dean Windass** from Aberdeen.

Division One new boys, **Bristol City** have shown great ambition since winning promotion by purchasing two new strikers for the best part of £2 million in **Ade Akinbiyi** from Gillingham and **Tony Thorpe** from Fulham. They also strengthened

WORLD CUP PADDY?!

Did anyone else spot ex Blades midfielder Mark Patterson in the video for the Vindaloo World Cup song (or was it the same guy who appeared in the World In Motion video for the 1990 World Cup?).

their defence by signing former Rotherham and Owls defender **Julian Watts** from Leicester.

Two of the relegated clubs, **Barnsley** and **Bolton Wanderers**, have also made exciting signings. The Tykes have replaced inspirational midfielder Neil Redfearn with two players, ex-England international **Kevin Richardson** from Southampton and Dutchman **Robbie Van Der Laan** from Derby.

Bolton have cashed in on the World Cup bandwagon by signing a Jamaican World Cup player, the exciting young full-back **Riccardo Gardner**.

STEVE'S WINNING TICKET?

Here are six World Cup players I would want Blades boss Steve Bruce to sign if he wins the lottery:

- 1) **Edgar Davids** (Holland). A tigerish tackler with skill – the perfect midfielder.
- 2) **Zinedine Zidane** (France). Vision, grace and goals – guaranteed to excite fans.
- 3) **Thierry 'Nick' Henry** (France). Pace, enthusiasm and goals to strike fear in any defence.
- 4) **Taribo 'Gary' West** (Nigeria). Calm, reliable defender with the best beaded hair in the World Cup.
- 5) **Lilian Thuram** (France). If Vass Borbokis was ever to leave the Blades, then Thuram is the ideal replacement wingback with an abundance of attacking and defensive skills.
- 6) **Juan Veron** (Argentina). Strong running midfielder with skill – ideal for the rigours of the Nationwide League.



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Reserves and Youth News



BACK TO THE LANE

United start their Pontin's League Division Two campaign with a home match against Wrexham on Wednesday at 7pm. Our regular fans will no doubt be pleased that ALL our home Reserve matches will be held at Bramall Lane this season.

RESERVES END LEAGUE CAMPAIGN WITH A WIN

Pontin's League Division Two
Sheffield United Reserves 2
Stockport County Reserves 0

29 April 1998

United: Walker, Camm, Woodhouse, Beard, O'Connor, Ludlam (Patterson 75), Lehtinen, Cullen, Taylor (Henderson 60), Katchouro (Burke h-t), Burley.

County: Fish, Travis, Smythe (Flood 13), Mannion, Green, Johnson (Lillis 55), Carden, Vaughan, Grant, Salmons, Nash. Unused: Thomas.

Scorers: Taylor, Katchouro.

Friendly Fixture

Ilkeston 0

Sheffield United Juniors 0

15 July 1998

BLADES' ROUTINE WIN

Friendly Fixture

Sheffield Club 0
Sheffield United 2

16 July 1998

Over 1000 fans turned up last night to watch Steve Bruce's first match in charge but he resisted the temptation to give most of his players a run out, instead saving them for the Italy tour.

The new player-manager – flanked by his coaching staff – was given a good reception on a warm night.

The Blades' mixed squad was given a tough test by the side from the Northern Counties East League, managed by former Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley striker John Pearson, who named himself as substitute.

His team was sprinkled with former United young professionals, including Danny Spooner, Mark Smith, Simon Letts, Martin Thompson and Paul Elton.

Sheffield battled bravely, United created the better chances although they lacked sharpness in front of goal and had to wait until midway through the second half before opening their account.

In the 73rd minute substitute Paul Burke was felled as he spun in the

penalty area and Jon Cullen stepped up and slammed home the spot-kick.

Victory was sealed seven minutes from time when Ryan Ludlam's corner was headed back across goal by Jon O'Connor and nudged over the line by a defender for an own goal – but O'Connor is still trying to claim the goal as his own!

United: Walker, Doane, Davies, Ludlam, O'Connor, Dellas, Lehtinen, Cullen, Katchouro (Burke 64), Marcelo (Burley h-t), Morris.

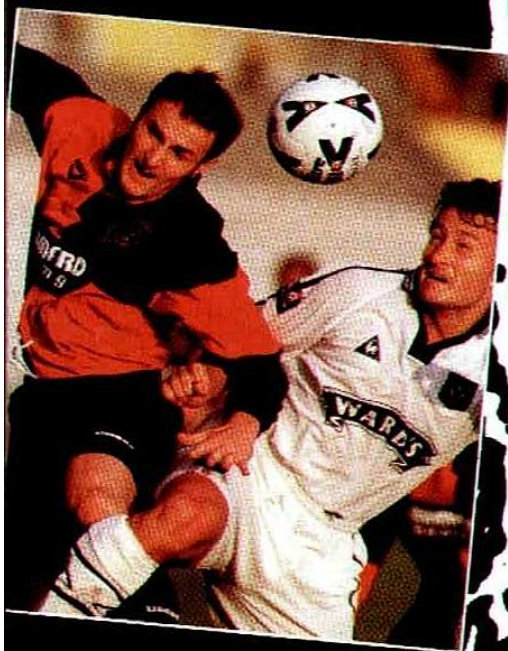
Scorers: Cullen (pen), plus og.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO 1997/98

AUG	13	W	Rotherham U.	4-2
	20	W	YORK CITY	0-2
SEP	3	W	BRADFORD CITY	0-2
	9	Tu	BARNSELY	2-2
	17	W	Blackpool	2-1
	22	M	Lincoln City	5-0
	30	Tu	BURNLEY	0-4
OCT	8	W	ROCHDALE	2-3
	15	W	Stockport County	4-3
	22	W	Leeds United (PLC)	2-2
	28	Tu	CARLISLE UNITED	5-1
NOV	5	W	SCUNTHORPE U. (PLC)	4-1
	12	W	Shrewsbury Town	2-3
	26	W	WREXHAM	1-0
DEC	3	W	Huddersfield Town (PLC)	2-1
	10	W	York City	1-4
	15	M	ROTHERHAM UNITED	1-2
JAN	21	W	Barnsley	0-2
FEB	10	Tu	BLACKPOOL	0-1
	18	W	Burnley	3-1
MAR	4	W	LINCOLN CITY	1-3
	9	M	Wrexham	3-4
	18	W	Stoke City (PLC)	1-1
	23	M	Bradford City	2-0
APR	14	Tu	WREXHAM (PLC)	7-1
	20	M	SHREWSBURY TOWN	4-0
	22	W	Rochdale	0-2
	27	M	Carlisle	2-1
	29	W	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-0
MAY	5	Tu	ROTH'M (PLC) FINAL	1-0

BOLD denotes home matches



Petr Katchouro challenged by Simon Letts.

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	24	14	5	5	56	29	47
Barnsley	24	13	7	4	42	20	46
Shrewsbury T.	24	14	4	6	42	32	46
Rotherham U.	24	11	6	7	50	28	39
Blackpool	24	10	8	6	40	35	38
Sheffield Utd.	24	11	1	12	46	43	34
York City	24	8	7	9	36	34	31
Stockport C.	24	8	6	10	40	46	30
Wrexham	24	8	4	12	41	43	28
Bradford City	24	8	4	12	45	51	28
Lincoln City	24	8	3	13	40	57	27
Carlisle United	24	5	6	13	26	55	21
Rochdale	24	6	3	15	26	58	21

JUNIORS IMPRESS AT MATLOCK

Friendly Fixture

Matlock Town 2

Sheffield United Reserves 3

22 July 1998

A United team consisting mainly of young professionals and apprentices gave a creditable performance against Unibond League side Matlock Town on Wednesday evening.

They recorded a 3-2 victory at Matlock's Causeway Lane ground with goals from Adam Burley, Paul Burke and Kevin Davies. Impressing coaches Jim Barron and Russell Slade were the strong Burke, industrious Ryan Ludlam and the consistent Ben Doane.

DOANE DELIGHT

Pre-season Friendly

Hednesford Town 1
Sheffield United 1

29 July 1998

Young defender **Ben Doane** scored the goal that earned United a draw at the Conference League outfit. The 18-year-old rose to head home a left-wing cross from Kevin Davies.

United dominated but a defensive mix-up allowed the home side, tipped to be strong Conference contenders this season, to take the lead after 40 minutes. But their advantage lasted just seconds before Doane found the net.

The Blades included five players that had just returned from Italy and could have won the game but wasted a number of chances in the second period.

Team: Tracey, Wilder, Davies, Lehtinen, O'Connor, Dellas, Doane, Ludlam, Morris, Bettney, Burley. Sub: Weaver (60).

Scorer: Doane.

A GAME OF THREE HALVES!

That was the scenario at Abbeydale on 30 July when a Blackburn Rovers Junior team ran out 4-0 winners in a pre-season workout.

United coach Russell Slade reports: "Our boys did much better than the score suggests considering that Rovers had seven first year pros playing - the rest were second year apprentices.

"We were without Burley and McAughtrie and gave virtually all our new apprentices a taste of the action."

United held Rovers to 0-1 in the first 30 minutes, 0-0 in the second before, three late goals rather spoiled the result.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1997/98

AUG	9	S	Hartlepool United	0-1
	16	S	HULL CITY	4-2
	23	S	Middlesbrough	0-2
	30	S	ROTHERHAM UNITED	4-2
SEP	5	F	SCARBOROUGH (NILC)	4-2
	13	S	Scunthorpe United	2-4
	20	S	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-2
	27	S	York City	3-1
OCT	4	S	BARNLEY	4-1
	18	S	Chesterfield	4-0
	25	S	DONCASTER ROVERS	1-3
NOV	1	S	Huddersfield Town	1-0
	8	S	LEEDS UNITED	3-1
	15	S	Newcastle United	2-2
	18	Tu	LEEDS UNITED (NILC)	2-3
	22	S	SCARBOROUGH	4-1
	25	Tu	TRANMERE R. (FAYC)	3-3
	28	F	SUNDERLAND	4-1
DEC	6	S	Bradford City	0-1
	9	Tu	Tranmere Rovers (FAYCR)	3-5
	13	S	DARLINGTON	4-2
JAN	10	S	Hull City	2-1
	17	S	MIDDLESBROUGH	2-3
	24	S	Rotherham United	0-3
	31	S	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	4-1
FEB	7	S	Sheffield Wednesday	3-0
	14	S	YORK CITY	2-1
	21	S	Barnsley	4-2
	24	Tu	HARTLEPOOL	2-1
	28	S	CHESTERFIELD	1-0
MAR	14	S	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	2-6
	21	S	Leeds United	2-1
	28	S	NEWCASTLE UNITED	5-1
	31	Tu	Darlington	2-0
APR	4	S	Scarborough	1-1
	13	M	Sunderland	0-1
	18	S	BRADFORD CITY	2-1
	24	F	Doncaster Rovers	3-1

Paul Burke tussles with Martin Thomson



NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle U.	34	20	8	6	74	43	68
Sheffield Utd.	34	22	2	10	77	50	68
Bradford City	34	20	7	7	85	39	67
Sheffield W.	34	20	6	8	58	42	66
Middlesbrough	33	18	9	6	61	38	63
Scarborough	34	12	12	10	46	50	48
Rotherham U.	34	13	8	13	63	48	47
Sunderland	33	13	8	12	40	55	47
Leeds United	34	14	4	16	60	57	46
Scunthorpe U.	34	13	7	14	46	56	46
Huddersfield T.	34	11	10	13	49	51	43
Hartlepool U.	33	12	5	16	40	41	41
York City	34	10	8	16	45	51	38
Barnsley	34	11	5	18	51	66	38
Chesterfield	34	8	8	18	33	53	32
Doncaster R.	29	8	7	14	48	62	31
Hull City	31	8	7	16	41	57	31
Darlington	33	4	5	24	46	104	17

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UNITED ROLL CALL 1997/98



Vital!

	League		Cups		Play offs		United Career	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
BEARD, Mark	-	(2)	1	(3)	-	-	26	(19)
BORBOKIS, Vassilis	36	2	11	2	1	1	48	5
CULLEN, Jon	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	(2)
DELLAS, Traianos	5	(4)	-	(2)	-	(1)	5	(7)
DERRY, Shaun	8	(4)	-	-	-	-	8	(4)
DEVLIN, Paul	4	(6)	1	-	2	-	6	(6)
FORD, Bobby	20	(3)	1	8	2	-	30	(3)
HAMILTON, Ian	8	1	-	-	2	-	10	1
HENRY, Nick	1	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
HOLDSWORTH, David	40	2	13	1	2	-	96	4
KATCHOURO, Petr	6	(10)	4	(7)	-	-	44	(31)
KELLY, Alan	19	-	5	-	-	-	223	(3)
McGRATH, Paul	12	-	2	-	-	-	14	-
MARCELO	12	(9)	6	5	(1)	1	18	(11)
MARKER, Nicky	43	2	12	-	2	-	57	2
MORRIS, Lee	-	(5)	-	(2)	-	(1)	-	(8)
NILSEN, Roger	18	(4)	6	(1)	-	-	160	(10)
O'CONNOR, Jon	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	(2)
QUINN, Wayne	28	2	9	(1)	2	-	39	(1)
SANDFORD, Lee	15	-	6	1	2	-	53	(6)
SAUNDERS, Dean	23	(1)	10	6	2	2	31	(1)
SHORT, Chris	5	-	4	(1)	-	-	51	(6)
STUART, Graham	27	(1)	5	6	-	(1)	33	(2)
TAYLOR, Gareth	13	(15)	10	6	(4)	1	60	(29)
TRACEY, Simon	27	-	8	-	2	-	221	(2)
VONK, Michael	3	-	-	-	-	-	43	4
WALKER, Andy	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	35	(22)
WHITE, David	-	(1)	1	-	-	-	65	(12)
WHITEHOUSE, Dane	17	3	5	3	-	-	244	(31)
WILDER, Chris	7	(1)	-	-	1	-	115	(6)
WOODHOUSE, Curtis	4	(5)	1	-	-	-	5	(5)
Also played:								
BARRETT, Earl (L)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
DEANE, Brian	24	11	5	2	-	-	267	(1)
FJORTOFT, Jan	15	(2)	9	3	(2)	3	36	(6)
HUTCHISON, Don	14	(4)	-	4	(1)	1	80	(11)
LEE, David (L)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
PATTERSON, Mark	17	(1)	1	5	-	-	84	(2)
RUSH, Ian (L)	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
SCOTT, Andy	1	(5)	-	2	1	-	49	(38)
TILER, Carl	17	1	5	-	-	-	31	2
WARD, Mitch	3	(3)	1	-	-	-	155	(25)
*OWN GOALS		1		1				

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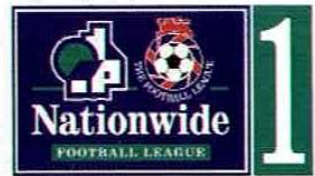
All home games in CAPITALS. Player's name in bold denotes scorer.

- ▲ = withdrawn
- = booked
- ◆ = sent off
- P = penalty
- † = own goal
- = penalty shoot-out scorers

	date	opponents	res.	gate	pos
Aug	10	Su SUNDERLAND	2-0	17,324	-
	12	Tu Wrexham CCC 1 (1)	1-1	3,644	-
	16	S Wolves	0-0	23,102	5
	23	S PORTSMOUTH	2-1	15,895	2
	26	Tu WREXHAM CCC 1 (2)	3-1	7,181	-
	30	S Huddersfield Town	0-0	14,268	5
Sep	13	S NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1-0	24,536	7
	16	Tu Watford CCC 2 (1)	1-1	7,154	-
	20	S Oxford United	4-2	7,514	5
	23	Tu WATFORD CCC 2 (2)	4-0†	7,511	-
	27	S BIRMINGHAM CITY	0-0	20,553	5
Oct	5	Su Middlesbrough	2-1	30,000	5
	14	Tu Walsall CCC 3	1-2	8,239	-
	18	S QUEENS PARK RANGERS	2-2	18,006	6
	21	Tu STOCKPORT COUNTY	5-1	16,241	2
	25	S W B A	0-2	17,311	6
Nov	1	S TRANMERE ROVERS	2-1	16,578	4
	4	Tu Reading	1-0	8,132	2
	9	Su Ipswich Town	2-2	9,695	4
	15	S MANCHESTER CITY	1-1	23,850	5
	18	Tu Bradford City	1-1	16,127	5
	22	S Port Vale	0-0	8,017	5
	29	S CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-0	16,973	4
Dec	2	Tu STOKE CITY	3-2	14,509	3
	6	S Norwich City	1-2	11,745	4
	9	Tu Charlton Athletic	1-2	9,868	4
	13	S SWINDON TOWN	2-1	18,115	3
	20	S Bury	1-1	6,012	3
	26	F Stoke City	2-2	19,723	4
	28	Su CHARLTON ATHLETIC	4-1	18,677	3
Jan	3	S BURY (FAC3)	1-1	14,009	-
	10	S Sunderland	2-4	36,391	5
	13	Tu Bury (FAC3R)	2-1	4,920	-
	17	S WOLVES	1-0	22,144	5
	24	S Ipswich Town (FAC4)	1-1	14,854	-
	27	Tu HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	1-1	16,535	4
	31	S Portsmouth	1-1†	12,003	5
Feb	3	Tu IPSWICH TOWN (FAC4 Replay)	1-0	14,144	-
	7	S OXFORD UNITED	1-0	16,881	4
	13	F READING (FAC5)	1-0	17,845	-
	22	Su Birmingham City	0-2	17,965	4
	25	W Queens Park Rangers	2-2	9,560	5
	28	S BRADFORD CITY	2-1	17,848	5
Mar	3	Tu IPSWICH TOWN	0-1	14,120	5
	7	S Coventry City (FAC6)	1-1	23,084	-
	14	S READING	4-0	15,473	6
	17	Tu COVENTRY CITY (FAC6R)	1-1 (3-1 pens)	29,034	-
	21	S Manchester City	0-0	28,496	6
	28	S PORT VALE	2-1	15,860	6
Apr	1	W Nottingham Forest	0-3	21,512	6
	5	Su NEWCASTLE UNITED (FAC SEMI)	0-1	53,452	-
	7	Tu MIDDLESBROUGH	1-0	18,421	5
	11	S NORWICH CITY	2-2	16,915	5
	13	M Swindon Town	1-1	5,956	6
	18	S BURY	3-0	16,056	6
	25	S WBA	2-4	21,248	6
	28	Tu Tranmere Rovers	3-3	7,526	6
	30	Th Crewe Alexandra	1-2	5,759	6
May	3	Su Stockport County	0-1	9,683	6
	10	Su SUNDERLAND (play-off SF1)	2-1	23,800	-
	13	W Sunderland (play-off SF2)	0-2	40,092	-

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Statistics



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Kelly	Short	Quinn	Borbokis▲	Derry▲	Holdsworth	Ford	Marker	Rush	Taylor	Stuart	Beard (4)	Marcelo (5)	Katchouro		
Kelly	Short▲	Quinn	Borbokis▲	Sandford	Holdsworth	Ford	Marker	Taylor	Marcelo 1▲	Stuart	Tracey	Katchouro (10)	Dellas	Beard (2) Ludlam	
Kelly	Derry	Quinn 1	Borbokis	Sandford	Holdsworth	Ford	Marker	Taylor 1▲	Marcelo 1▲	Stuart 1▲	Devlin (10)	Katchouro (9)	Cullen (11)		
Kelly	Short▲	Nilsen	Borbokis	Sandford	Holdsworth 1	Ford	Marker▲	Taylor	Marcelo▲	Quinn	Katchouro (2)	Tracey	Dellas (8)	Beard	Morris (10)
Kelly	Derry	Quinn	Borbokis	Sandford	Holdsworth	Ford	Marker	Rush	Marcelo	Stuart▲	Taylor (10)	Dellas (11)	Devlin (2)		
Kelly	Wilder	Quinn	Hamilton	Sandford	Holdsworth	Ford	Marker	Taylor▲	Marcelo 1	Stuart	Saunders 1 (9)	Dellas (7)	Derry (4)		
Tracey	Wilder	Quinn	Hamilton	Sandford	Dellas	Derry	Marker▲	Saunders▲	Marcelo▲	Stuart	Devlin (8)	Taylor (10)	Ford (9)		
Kelly	Borbokis	Nilsen	Quinn	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders▲	Marker▲	Ford	Marcelo▲	Stuart	Short	Tracey	Taylor (10)	Dellas (8)	Katchouro (7)
Kelly	Borbokis	Nilsen	Quinn	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders 1▲	Hamilton	Taylor▲	Ford	Stuart	Devlin (7)	Dellas	Marcelo (9)		
Kelly	Borbokis 1	Nilsen	Quinn	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders	Hamilton▲	Taylor▲	Ford	Stuart 1	Devlin (9)	Dellas (8)	Marcelo		
Kelly	Wilder	Quinn	Ford▲	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders	Marker▲	Devlin	Marcelo 1	Stuart	Derry (8)	Dellas (4)	Katchouro		
Kelly	Borbokis	Quinn	Ford▲	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders 2	Marker	Dellas	Marcelo▲	Stuart 1p	Devlin	Katchouro (10)	Wilder (4)		
Kelly	Borbokis	Quinn	Wilder	Nilsen▲	Hamilton	Saunders	Marker	Dellas▲	Marcelo 1	Stuart 1p	Devlin (5)	O'Connor	Woodhouse (9)		
Tracey	Wilder▲	Quinn 1	Nilsen	Sandford	Holdsworth	Saunders 1	Marker▲	Devlin 1	Hamilton	Stuart	Dellas	Marcelo (8)	Morris (2)		
Tracey	Borbokis	Quinn	Nilsen▲	Sandford	Wilder	Saunders	Hamilton 1	Devlin	Marcelo▲	Stuart▲	Morris (11)	O'Connor (4)	Katchouro (10)		
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Blades Stats Extra

GOALS

Headers	19
Shots	64
Penalties	4
Own Goals	2
Shoot-out	3

GOAL ASSISTS

Borbokis	13
Deane	15
Derry	1
Fjortoft	1
Holdsworth	3

Nilsen	1	Scott	1
Katchouro	3	Stuart	7
Patterson	2	Taylor	6
Quinn	3	Tiler	2
Rush	2	Whitehouse	2
Saunders	5	Woodhouse	1
Sandford	4	Opponents	15

GOAL TIMES

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
For	9	10	13	18	12	27
Against	6	15	6	6	15	20

BLADES TOTAL LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	1928	1044	476	408	3687	2152
Away	1928	493	462	973	2361	3561
Total	3856	1537	938	1381	6048	5713

LANE ENDS

United's goals this season scored at:

Bramall Lane End	26
The Kop	31

BOOKINGS

Borbokis	9	Patterson	7
Deane	4	Quinn	2
Dellas	1	Sandford	6
Derry	1	Saunders	1
Devlin	2	Stuart	5
Fjortoft	1	Taylor	6
Holdsworth	10	Tiler	3
Hutchison	8	Whitehouse	3
Katchouro	2	Wilder	4
Marker	12	Woodhouse	2
Nilsen	3		

DISMISSALS

Short Tracey	1	Vonk	1
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UNITED'S LEAGUE GAMES 1997-98

Players used	41
Players scored	17
Quickest goal for	18 seconds- Brian Deane at Oxford
Quickest goal against	4 minutes at QPR
Clean sheets	14
Games without scoring	10
Most consecutive wins	2
Most consecutive defeats	2
Most successive games without defeat	10
Most successive games without a win	4
Largest attendance - Home	24,536 v Forest
Average attendance - Home	17,946
Largest attendance - Away	36,391 at Sunderland
Average attendance - Away	15,670
Smallest attendance - Home	14,120 v Ipswich
Smallest attendance - Away	5,759 at Crewe
Doubles by United	Oxford United, Reading, Middlesbrough
Doubles against United	WBA
Most appearances	43 Nicky Marker
Most goals	Brian Deane
Hat-tricks	Jan Aage Fjortoft v Stockport County



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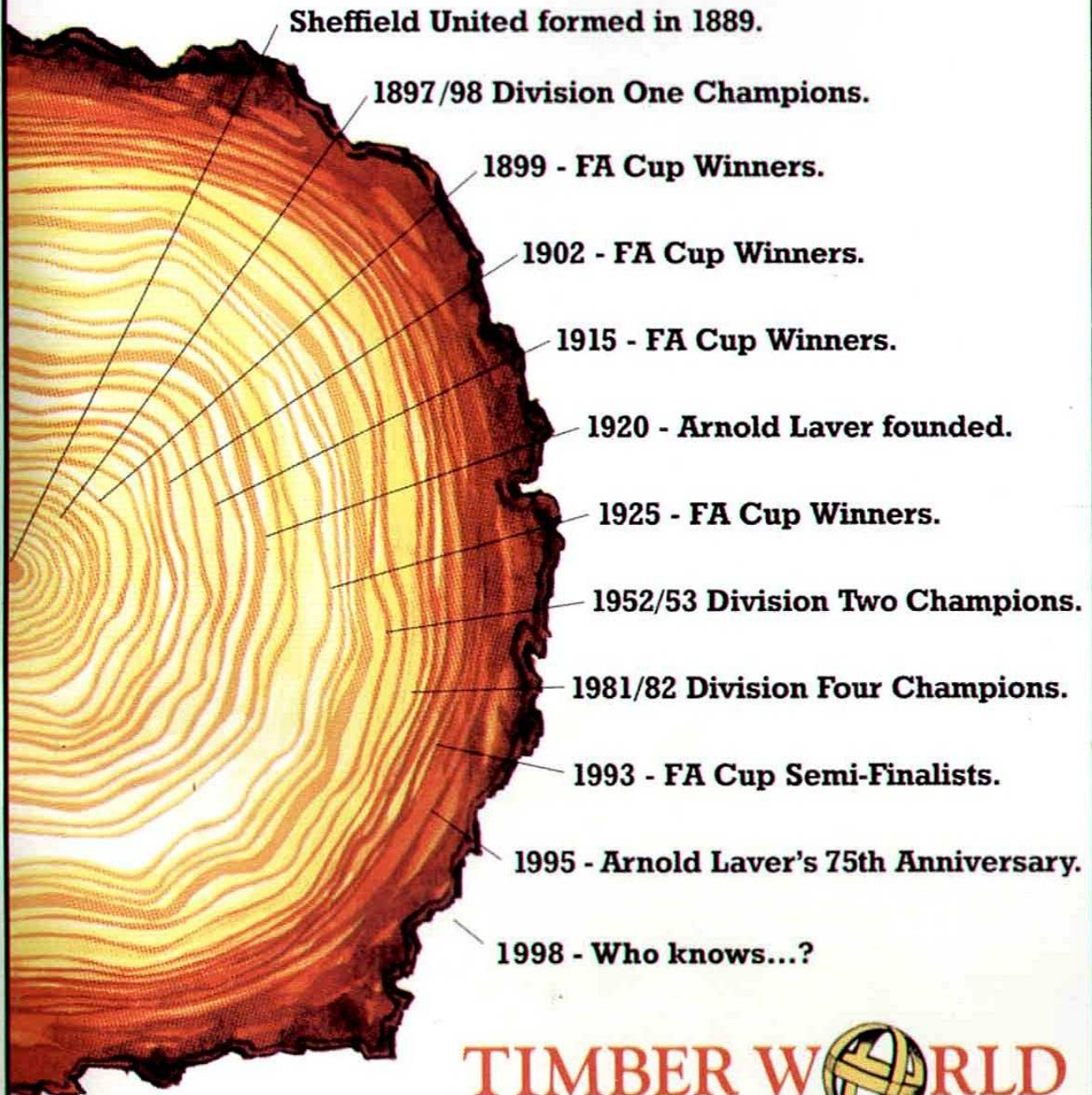
FINAL TABLE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham Forest	46	18	2	3	52	20	10	8	5	30	22	94
Middlesbrough	46	17	4	2	51	12	10	6	7	26	29	91
Sunderland	46	14	7	2	49	22	12	5	6	37	28	90
Charlton Athletic	46	17	5	1	48	17	9	5	9	32	32	88
Ipswich Town	46	14	5	4	47	20	9	9	5	30	23	83
SHEFFIELD UNITED	46	16	5	2	44	20	3	12	8	25	34	74
Birmingham City	46	10	8	5	27	15	9	9	5	33	20	74
Stockport County	46	14	6	3	46	21	5	2	16	25	48	65
Wolverhampton W.	46	13	6	4	42	25	5	5	13	15	28	65
West Bromwich Albion	46	9	7	6	27	26	7	5	11	23	30	61
Crewe Alexandra	46	10	2	11	30	34	8	3	12	28	31	59
Oxford United	46	12	6	5	36	20	4	4	15	24	44	58
Bradford City	46	10	9	4	26	23	4	6	13	20	36	57
Tranmere Rovers	46	9	8	6	34	26	5	6	12	20	31	56
Norwich City	46	9	8	6	32	27	5	5	13	20	42	55
Huddersfield Town	46	9	5	9	28	28	5	6	12	22	44	53
Bury	46	7	10	6	22	22	4	9	10	20	36	52
Swindon Town	46	9	6	8	28	25	5	4	14	14	48	52
Port Vale	46	7	6	10	25	24	6	4	13	31	42	49
Portsmouth	46	8	6	9	28	30	5	4	14	23	33	49
Queens Park Rangers	46	8	9	6	28	21	2	10	11	23	42	49
Manchester City	46	6	6	11	28	26	6	6	11	28	31	48
Stoke City	46	8	5	10	30	40	3	8	12	14	34	46
Reading	46	8	4	11	27	31	3	5	15	12	47	42



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1995 - Arnold Laver's 75th Anniversary.

1998 - Who knows...?

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1	Alan Kelly	1	Jimmy Glass
2	Vass Borbokis	2	Mark Robinson
3	Wayne Quinn	3	Gareth Hall
4	Ian Hamilton	4	Brian Borrows
5	Roger Nilsen	5	Alan Reeves
6	David Holdsworth	6	Darren Bullock
7	Dean Saunders	7	Kevin Watson
8	Nicky Marker	8	Ty Gooden
9	Gareth Taylor	9	George Ndah
10	Graham Stuart	10	Chris Hay
11	Curtis Woodhouse	11	Mark Walters
12		12	
13		13	
14		14	

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:
Phil Richards (Preston)

Assistant Referees:
C. Boyeson (Red & Yellow flag)
C. J. Meads (Yellow flag)

Fourth Official: S. Proctor-Green

ALSO PLAYING TODAY

Barnsley v West Bromwich Albion
Bradford City v Stockport County
Bristol City v Oxford United
Bury v Huddersfield Town
Crystal Palace v Bolton Wanderers
Norwich City v Crewe Alexandra
Port Vale v Birmingham City
Portsmouth v Watford
Sunderland v Queen's Park Rangers
Wolves v Tranmere Rovers

SUNDAY
Grimsby Town v Ipswich Town (4pm)

COMING UP ...

BLADES v DARLINGTON

Worthington Cup First Round, First Leg
Tuesday 11 August, kick-off 7.45pm

BLADES Res. v WREXHAM

Pontin's League Division Two
Wednesday 12 August, kick-off 7pm

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