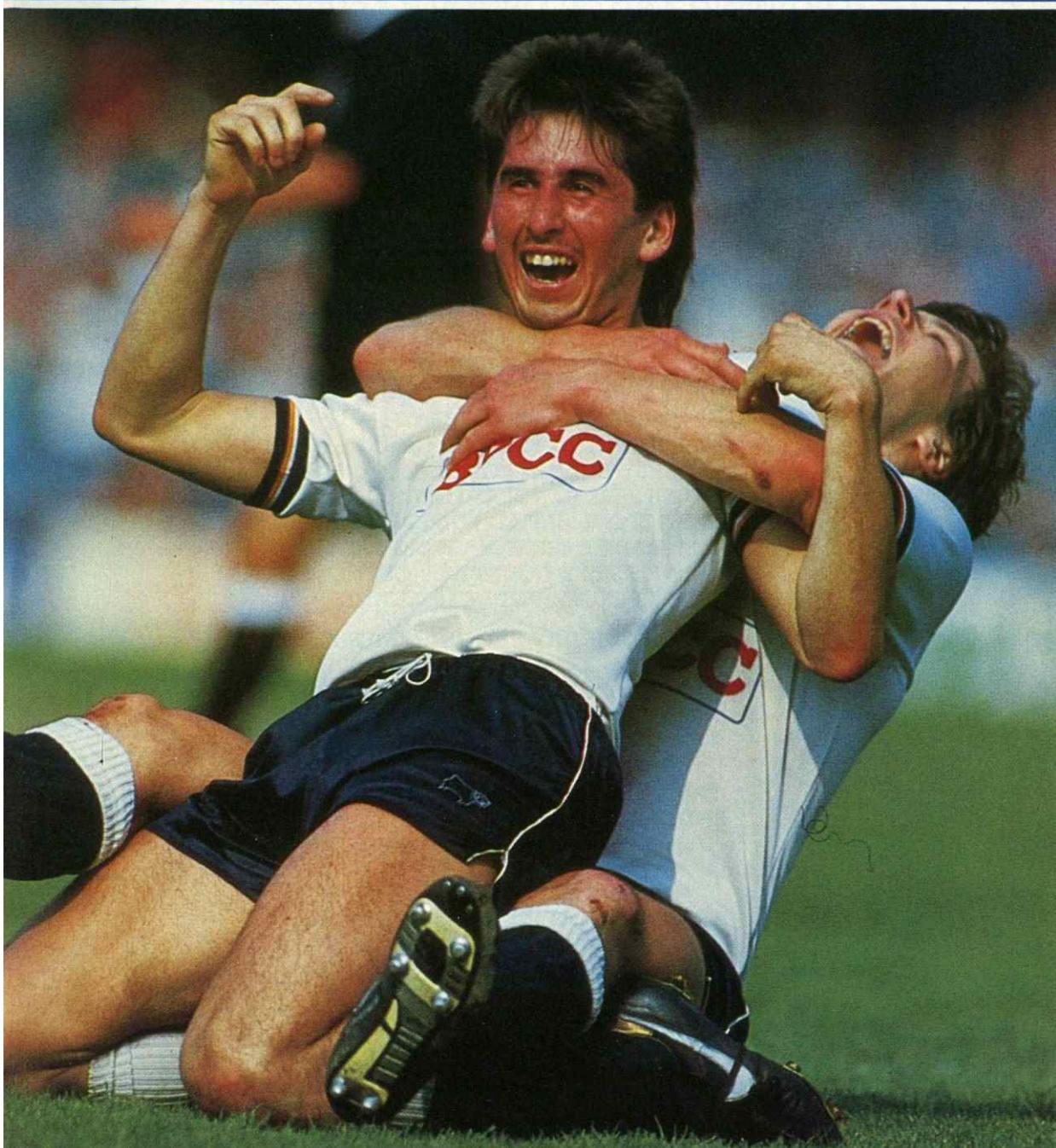




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# Arthur Cox

### NO 'SATISFACTION' ALLOWED

WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON 1987-8. I have been here for three years now, and I would like to thank you again for the genuine and unqualified support you have shown for the club during this period.

Once again, as at the start of each of my three previous seasons, you have supported the club financially in terms of season ticket sales in what can only be described as a magnificent demonstration of your loyalty. Receipts from this source are in excess of £1 million.

At the start of every season, therefore, you are entitled to expect a team to match that loyalty. In the last three seasons we have given you that, and you can be sure we will do everything in our power to give you as much excitement, entertainment and genuine football as possible.

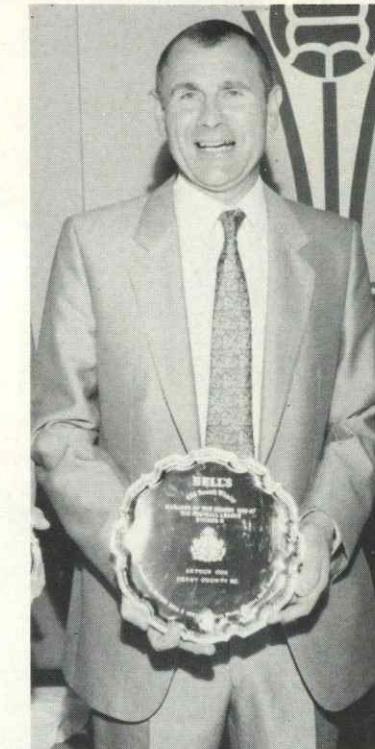
### Maximum Effort

Roy and I, before the start of each of the previous seasons, have talked only about doing everything possible in all competitions in which our club plays. No matter which of our teams is in action, that becomes our most important fixture.

We have approached each season in this manner, and we do so again this time. There is no "satisfaction" allowed in this club, because "satisfaction" breeds complacency.

While Roy and I are your management team there will certainly be no "satisfaction" within this football club. We will always be looking for better standards in all aspects of your club.

I take this opportunity to congratulate everyone on the staff for the successes we achieved last season at all levels. But that is now history.



Arthur Cox with his Second Division Manager of the Year inscribed silver salver at the Bell's Manager of the Year Awards last May. He also received a cheque for £1,000. We offer our congratulations on behalf of all our supporters.

### Cautious Optimism

We must look forward with cautious optimism. We must now look forward to competing in the top flight of the best football league in the world. We have earned the right.

Now we must ensure that our presence is respected by all the other clubs in it.

This is the wonderful challenge facing everyone at the Baseball Ground. One thing of which I have no doubt about this season - even before it starts - is the quality of support the players will be given, providing they respond in the manner of previous seasons.

I wish you all, and your families, good health and happiness throughout this season.

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COVER SHOT: Nigel Callaghan (left)

and Geraint (George) Williams are in

ecstasy, and no wonder. From a smart

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Williams sent Cally away on a 100

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The Metropolitan Police advise all intending standing supporters to enter Loftus Road, via South Africa Road, the visiting fans' area.

Supporters can expect to be searched at the turnstiles. Anyone in possession of banners on poles, alcohol, bottles or cans, or any articles likely to cause injury, will be denied entry by police.

GOING BY ROAD? Automobile Association route instructions on page 27. But please note, limited street parking only is available.

ROADRIDERS to QPR will leave Derby Bus Station August 19th at 3 p.m. Fare: £6. Tickets available from General Office at the Baseball Ground.

SPECIAL train to QPR match £10.50 return (includes underground fare St Pancras to Shepherds Bush). Departs Derby 16.05, Long Eaton 16.17. Arrives London 18.12. Arrives back in Long Eaton 00.15, Derby 00.29.

## RAMS ON MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE

OUR HOME match with Chelsea in November will be televised live by BBC TV's Match of the Day on Sunday November 22nd. Kick off will be at five minutes past three (3.05) to fit into scheduled programming.

This will be the first Rams' match ever televised live, and the estimated audience will be in the region of 7 million people. Without doubt, Derby County's highest-ever "gate".

FAN CLUB: The DCFC Supporters Clubs are being re-styled and re-organised, with more central direction from the Baseball Ground. See page 31.

BASEBALL GROUND NEWS & VIEWS

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Most of the country's leading clubs now boast their own club call line. It's yet another sign we're back in the big time.

## THE NEW STRIP

THE MANY traditionalists among our support are certain to approve the new Derby County team strip.

Produced by leading sportswear manufacturers 'Umbro', with whom we have signed a three-year agreement, the shirts are reminiscent of those a decade or so ago, before fashion stylings and pipings became the vogue.

Gone are the Centenary pipings in brown, gold and blue. They are replaced by a navy-blue sleeve stripe, and the shirt boasts a navy-blue 'grandad' collar. The kit is completed by navy-blue shorts and navy-blue socks, with white hoops.

The change strip reverts to the contemporary trend, incorporating four different hues of blue in a chessboard check style. White shirts and socks complete the outfit.

Both strips are smart, and aesthetically pleasing.



Our first ball girl, on duty at the last match of last season, Kelly Noble, seen here with Key Club Yellowcoat Maureen, and their Rams' favourite striker Phil Gee.

## OUR NEW MISS

THE MISS DERBY COUNTY Finals will be at the Paradise Club, Derby, on Monday August 24th.

The winner will be introduced to the crowd at the Wimbledon match on August 29th.

## IT'S FREE HERE

THIS CLUB does not 'tax' children. One Midlands club, we hear, charges parents £65 for the privilege of their offspring acting as match day mascots. In London the price has been known to soar to £100.

Here, it is free, and restricted to Junior Rams Club members.

## STAND SPONSOR

BOVIS HOMES have signed a three-year agreement to sponsor our main stand. Being sponsor, supporters and advertisers for many years, it is pleasing to record that this leading company feel that football is the right vehicle to PROMOTE their product.

YOUR REPORTER IS HARRY BROWN

## Rambling Around



### WARNING TV SURVEILLANCE

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Installed with the help of a grant from the Football Trust. It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder, which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

The Football Trust is funded entirely by the pools companies Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters from their Spotting-the-Ball competition.

THE ABOVE NOTICE does not mean Derby County are spoilsports on the day the curtain goes up on our first season in the First Division since 1980.

But it does mean that neither the Government nor the League intends any easing of the fight against hooliganism. Indeed, tough new Laws to deter troublemakers came into force this season, and only the foolhardy will ignore them.

Courts now have the powers to ban anyone found guilty of a Public Order offence from every other League ground in the country . . . and that includes those who offend on their ways to, or from, League matches.

Any breach of the ban could result in jail and, at the very least, a heavy fine. I hear that magistrates all over the country are likely to give so-called "soccer hooligans" short shrift.

### A HANDFUL

Firm, but fair, policing at the Baseball Ground has meant very little aggravation in the past couple of years, with only a handful of arrests leading to conviction, and life bans by Derby

The Board is determined to cultivate

### DETERMINED

even further our Family Club image. A glance at the Family Key Club area at Normanton End will confirm what an important part of our support it now is. It will be protected.

Derby County have won the right, through YOUR good behaviour, to get rid of the fencing, originally installed by Football Association instruction, in front of the Key Club and Paddock areas. Supporters in both have been warned that any encroachment on to the pitch or the running track, could lead to an order from the police (or the ground's Licensing Authority, Derbyshire County Council) for the fencing to go up again.

It is this club's long-term aim to be in a position to win the authorisation to remove all fencing from the ground, apart from that at the visiting fans' area on Osmaston End. Only the best of behaviour can earn this privilege sooner or later . . . a situation we hope for as earnestly as the majority of Rams' fans.

WHETHER IT HAPPENS OR NOT DEPENDS ON YOU.

### For 'Foresters' Read 'Rams-Den'



LES CLEAVER, who played for Rams and Villa, among others after the last war, remains an ardent Rams fan. Living at Hunters Croft, Stenson Fields, Derby he holidays regularly in the Channel Island of Guernsey and has spread Rams fever there, it seems. "Do you know the island?" he asked me. "I was born there", I told him.

Les showed me the picture of himself (above) with Guernsey friends Debbie Wilkinson and her

## WHEN PETER SHILTON FACED PAUL BLADES AT WEMBLEY...

### HEDGING . . .

THE BOOKIES have made us 40-1 against winning the League Championship . . . a rating which would end us up in a satisfactory spot in the top half of the table.

It's a wiser prognosis than that of the "Today" journalist who, a year ago said that Portsmouth and Derby would either reach the top flight, or take a drop. Now that's a classic of a hedged bet.

What would you think of this column if it suggested Rams this season will do well, moderately, or miserably?

No, not Today. Please.



Paul Blades on the Wembley pitch

DID YOU KNOW our newly-arrived England goalkeeper Peter Shilton once faced Paul Blades on the Wembley pitch? Nor did I, until John Gregory gave me the tip.

Peter was the goalkeeper when he won ITV's "On The Ball" Southern area final Penalty Prize competition. "I remember the little blighter hit 'em hard", he says. Paul was 13 that March 18th, 1978.

A month later he won the All-England title, also at Wembley. "I can't remember the goalkeeper that time", Paul admits, "but I do remember the goals I got against Peter. It was a day to remember".

Shilton's England exploits, plus his near 800 appearances for Leicester, Stoke, Forest and Southampton needs no embellishment, it speaks for itself. I wonder why the media gave him little credit for staying in English football rather than become a Continental exile when he came here from Southampton? John Gregory told me: Peter is super fit, a real example for us all. He would be welcomed by almost any team in the world.

Another twist to the tale. When Paul was Guest of the Day at Cambridge United to mark his Penalty Prize triumph, the visitors on April 15th, 1978 were Chesterfield. Their manager? Arthur Cox.

### FUNSPOT

Did you Know? ..

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### CORNER SPOT

WITH 'BRAINS' IN WHICH COUNTRY IS THE MARACANA STADIUM?



THE DEVOUT among our support will regard it as no more than coincidence . . . that our consecutive promotions have coincided with the institution of a Derby County service at Derby Cathedral in August 1985.

Whatever you think, there is no doubt the service is becoming a welcome 'fixture' in our calendar.

All the club's stars and celebrities will be in attendance at this year's service in the Cathedral on Sunday, August 23rd at 3 p.m.

Once again an invitation is extended to all Derby County fans to join us at this special Derby County service. Says managing director Stuart Webb: "We at the club hope our fans will join us to fill the Cathedral to its rafters for this our third annual service".

## Rams on Camera

LAST SEASON IS HISTORY...



Rams fans, starved of success for a decade, lapped up the last two promotion seasons . . . especially that Second Division Championship, so emphatically won. Goals like the third in the 4-2 defeat of Plymouth here on May 7th made by a

dazzling Nigel Callaghan run (above) in the 11 shirt. His cross was diverted by keeper Cherry to Micklewhite who sliced the rebound home. But it's all nostalgia now, just history. This season it's a different ball game . . .

## ...BUT PETER SHILTON IS VERY MUCH OF THE PRESENT



It's the start of the Big Test in the Big Time today . . . So it is reassuring to know the squad is now backed by the best, most experienced goalkeeper in the country . . . England's Peter Shilton. He represents an important present . . . Derby County's anchor as we start our first First Division campaign in seven years.

Above: his first save of the season, in the 2-0 Derbyshire Cup Final win over Chesterfield at Saltergate a couple of weeks ago. Davison scored both goals.

## SLOW STARTERS

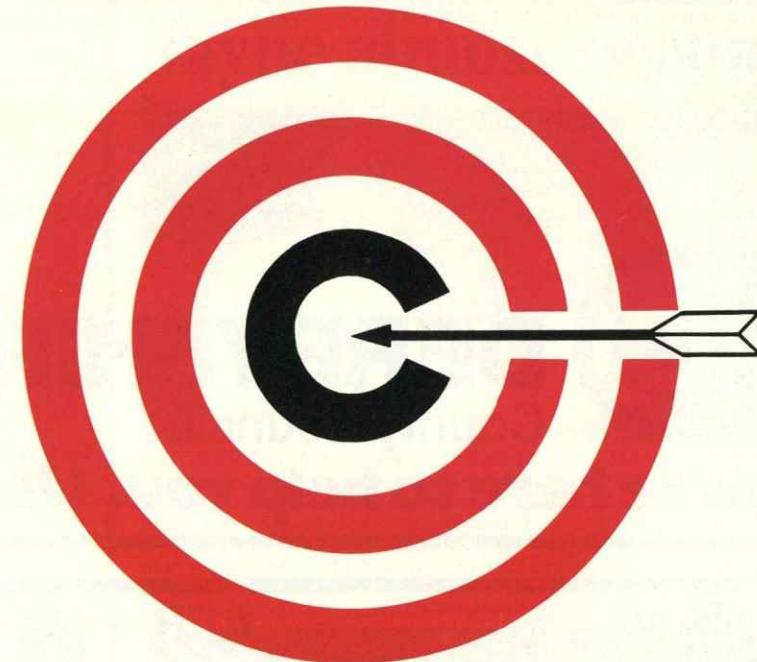
LAST MONDAY's 1-0 defeat by Aston Villa in the last public warm-up to the season was no more than par for the course. Traditionally, Rams rarely start the season well . . . and the last time they purred pre-season they ended up relegated to the Third Division, in 1984.

Perhaps (tongue in cheek) we can remind ourselves of a depressing statistic . . . the 3-0 curtain-raiser win here over Bournemouth two years ago was the first opening day success since Chelsea were beaten here in 1973.

A year ago today we opened with a 1-0 defeat here by Oldham Athletic who ended up nine points behind us in 3rd place. After eight games we were seven points behind the leaders in 14th place. The year before, after eight games, we were 14 points behind the leaders in 13th place, in the Third Division . . . and still went up.

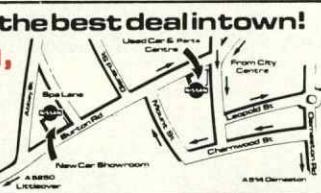
Old Rams fans have a saying: "Poor starters, good finishers", and that's usually been true, even in the bad years. John Gregory says: "Okay, so we've been slow starters since I've been here, but pre-season is all about toning up for the reality of the long-distance race that is the League season".

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(b) 70 microgrammes/100 ml  
(c) 100 microgrammes/100 ml

3. In which year was the driving test introduced?

(a) 1932  
(b) 1935  
(c) 1936

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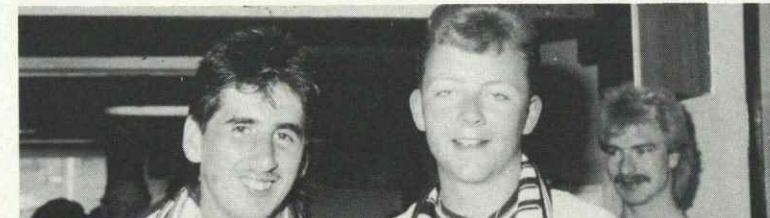
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## Jayne almost swooned



ERIC KEMP and fiancee Jayne of 11 Ransome Close, Shaw in Swindon make five-hour round trips just to see Rams in action. He admits "at first Jayne wasn't too enthusiastic. But then she began to rave about Bobby Davison. She idolises him from afar". So Eric asked "Fix-it" to arrange a meeting for Jayne with our scoring star and that's what our "Fix-it" man Alan Inger did. That's starry-eyed Jayne (above), with Bobby signing her autograph book - and Eric (left) smiling approvingly. "Jayne almost swooned", he grinned. "Bobby's a genuinely nice chap, and the air of real friendliness about the club on the inside makes our 500 mile trips so worthwhile".



**Radio Derby is in Norway today**  
THIS AFTERNOON Norway branch of the Supporters (Fan) Club hold their 10th anniversary annual meeting. After the business they will listen to a special match commentary relayed to them by courtesy of BBC Radio Derby on a special line installed following their approach to Alan Inger to "fix-it" for them.



Ten year old member Peter Davies, a pupil at Springfield Primary School, Spondon, Derby. (A competition winner), receives an autographed football from Sponsors Woolwich Building Society Assistant Manager Patrick Shannon.



## LEE CLICKED

IT COSTS STUDENT RAY RADFORD £31 a time to get to the Baseball Ground from 22 Canberra Road, Weston-super-Mare. He raises the cash odd-jobbing, so cannot get to every game.

He takes his camera into the Pop Side with him, but is frustrated at the bars and fences which stop good pictures. Could we "fix-it" for him to be a club photographer at the last home game of last season? We did (picture left). Above he meets his favourite Rams' player Nigel Callaghan.

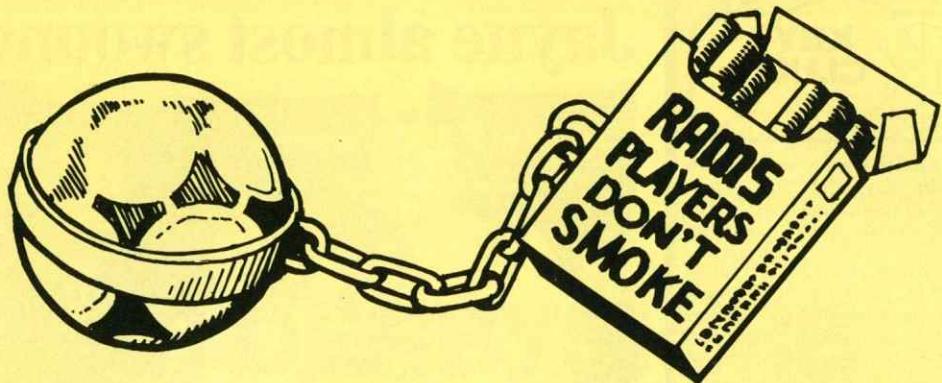
It has been so arranged that listeners here will be able to hear a Colin Gibson interview with Norwegian Chairman Nils Johan Dahl. We thank Radio Derby for co-operating in our most spectacular "FIX-IT" so far.

**CAN WE FIX IT FOR YOU?** We will try. Alan Inger, Key Club co-ordinator, is a dab hand at arranging "Fix-its". Make your request original, but feasible. Don't ask to go training with the players, or visit their homes. Things like that are "out of bounds" . . . but that leaves you a lot of scope. Write to "Fix-It", Ram Magazine, Baseball Ground, Derby DE3 8NB.

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THEY DON'T COME more "Rams-mad" than Sue Hyatt, who appeared at our last game last season with a special hair-do . . . done in a blue and white tint. Sue and her mother Mary, next to her, travel to every game, home and away, from their Ship Inn home, in Newham, Gloucestershire . . . a Derby County hostess if ever there was one.

Sue's allegiance to Rams was in evidence at Hereford three weeks ago,

where our former player 'DICK' EMERY was having a Testimonial game. Rams secretary Michael Dunford was there, and told us: "Sue was supporting a former Rams player, and to meet two of our former managers who were also there . . . Colin Adison (now managing in Spain) and John Newman".

It was to follow Colin that Sue and her Mum were first attracted to Derby . . . and they have gone from

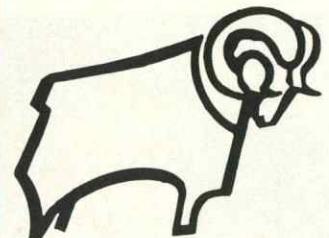
strength to strength with their support every season since. Was Sue embarrassed by that blue and white hair on her travels to and from the Baseball Ground? "Certainly not", she said, "I told everyone who stared that it was a tribute to Derby County . . ."

Welcome back today to the Hyatts, and every other female in the congregation, too . . .

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## THE THINGS THEY SAY

AT SUCH a nice, friendly club as Derby you can even forgive an outrageous example of the aberrant apostrophe. The souvenir shop is selling scarves bearing the legend "Cox's Heroe's" - Ronald Atkin, Observer, August 2nd.

\*What's an apostrophe to a hero?

I RESPECT the new field we are going into, but fear doesn't come into it. Football is like life - you win, lose or draw. If I found myself with a broom in my hand next month, I'd have the cleanest street in town - Arthur Cox, quoted in the Daily Mirror, July 26th.

\*He would, too.

COVENTRY's winning of the FA Cup meant a lot to them, and to Midlands football as a whole - Brian Moore, ITV commentator at Charity Shield.

\*East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet.

THE FACILITIES at this Derby County ground have improved out of all recognition - Richie Benaud on BBC TV during the Derbyshire-Notts. Nat West Trophy quarter final.

\*Cricket rather than football at the Baseball Ground?

THE ONE outsider on my list of dangerous First Division strikers is Peter Davenport of Manchester United - Everton skipper Kevin Ratcliffe, "Today" August 7th.

\*Gee Whiz, he hasn't heard of Bobby!

## Dressing Room View

By John Gregory

RESPECT, YES,  
BUT NOT TOO  
MUCH OF IT

FROM TODAY we must forget our last two promotion seasons. They are over and done with, just happy memories, data for the record books.

We're now in a whole new ball game, in the company of the best teams and the best players in the country. So what can we expect?

Since I came here from QPR some 20 months ago the squad has improved out of all recognition. When we just about squeezed out of the Third Division in May 1986, I still felt as I did when I came here from QPR six months earlier, when I said I had only temporarily dropped out of Division One. We made it a year earlier than I expected.

The style with which we won the Second Division Championship emphasised the amazing progress the club has made in a short time. New players had come into the squad while those who featured throughout both promotions added to their commitment, and adjusted their standards to the higher level.

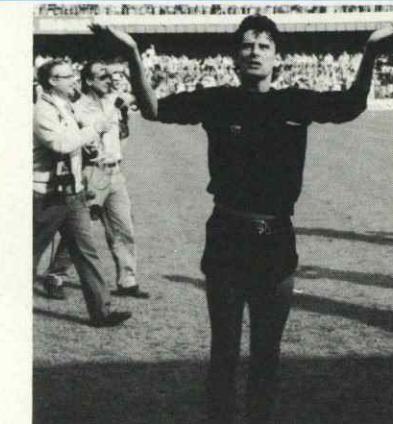
The management have worked hard and assiduously to improve individual and collective skills. This allied to a tremendous will to win, and character, in a very happy dressing room won our successes. We have some who can play a bit, too.

All this provides us with a solid foundation for the new campaign, strengthened as we are by Peter Shilton whose fitness and dedication is astounding.

It is likely we face a short period of acclimatisation, but I look forward to an enjoyable and satisfactory season.

### No second chance

In this division, though, we are going to need even more commitment and concentration, especially in the



JOHN GREGORY responds to the jubilant crowd at the Baseball Ground during the Championship celebrations last May. Now that's history, he warns. The team is in a very different ball game, starting today.

opposition half of the field, where you rarely get second chances at this level. We will face quicker-thinking opponents who use the ball accurately and effectively in one-touch situations in all areas of the park.

We have several in the squad with First Division experience and that should help to nurse through those who haven't, to adjust to football at its highest domestic level. They have the talent to make their marks, without doubt.

The character is there, and we have an abundance of winners. Blokes who want to win in five-a-sides, tennis and cricket as well as on the football pitch. When I was promoted with QPR too many of our younger players at first paid the opposition too much respect. Some were overawed by the stars they were sharing the pitches with, the grounds they were playing on. It took time for them to adjust.

Quite a few of us today have been here before. Our job is to ensure the others give our opponents respect, but not too much of it. We must be positive, and learn to utilise every ball in all areas of the park.

IT'S RARE FOR ANY FIRST DIVISION SIDE TO GIVE AWAY SECOND CHANCES.

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Back Row (Left to Right): Roy McFarland (Assistant Manager), Ross McLaren, Michael Forsyth, John Gregory, Martin Taylor, Richard Pratley, Peter Shilton, Rob Hindmarch, Mark Wallington, Andy Garner, Mark Lillis, Paul Blades, Gordon Guthrie (Physio).

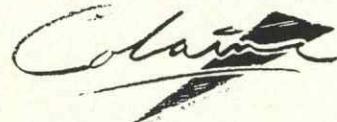
Front Row: Brian McCord, Nigel Callaghan, Geraint Williams, Mel Sage, Steve Cross, Phil Gee, Arthur Cox (Manager), Bobby Davison, Gary Micklewhite, Mickey Lewis, David Penney, Robert Briscoe, Steve McClaren.

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Observer on Sunday August 2nd is  
worthy of any Derby supporters'  
pride. Isn't this the sort of thing that  
sorts the wheat from the chaff? Try  
phoning a few other clubs if you fail to  
see what I mean - T. L. Chappell,  
Repton Drive, Ilkeston.

• • •  
I PLAY football for Matlock Saints,  
who are going to be sponsored by  
Derby County. My dad and I are going  
to become members of the Key Club -  
Thomas Woodhouse (aged 11), 217  
Chesterfield Road, Matlock, Derbyshire.

IT IS hard for me at home, as both  
my brothers Andrew and Ian support  
Manchester United. I get bored  
because I can't see the Rams play, and  
get lots of stick from them because I  
support Derby. So do me a favour . . .  
ask the lads to beat United both at  
home and away - Mark (aged 7), 33  
Surrey Street, Glossop, Derbyshire.

## A COP OUT?



YOUR AIM, you declare, is to have a  
safe Family Key Club area at Normanton  
End. Yet last season I saw policemen  
patrolling it. Isn't that a negation of your  
declared aims? - A Stand season (name/

address withheld on request).

A policeman can revert to this  
"Friendly Bobby" image in the Key Club  
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WRITE TO RAMPOST, DERBY COUNTY F.C. BASEBALL GROUND, DERBY DE3 8NB

# Rampost



## Why the Baseball Ground is a very special place

I WAS ONE of the Plymouth Argyle  
fans who travelled to Derby for the last  
game of last season, and though you  
finally thrashed us 4-2 we found the  
Baseball Ground to be a very special  
place.

Your supporters deserve a special  
thank you for the pleasant way we were  
received. Sure, there was some  
barracking, but it was all very good  
natured, and that is still no way usual  
these days. Rams are one of the good  
clubs, fan-wise.

What is more, I pay tribute to your  
Derby police for the friendly help we  
received from them. Your very special  
Baseball Ground atmosphere made it a  
day to remember, even though our defeat  
meant we had lost our last slim chance to  
make the play-offs.

There are many in the Plymouth area  
who will be watching your First Division  
progress and wishing Rams well. Me and  
my mates among them. I must say, I like  
the way you do things at Derby - Robert  
James, 280 North James Road West,  
Plymouth, Devon.

## Shilts Fan

MY SON is due in the U.K. from  
Australia at the end of this month and  
wants to see Derby play as he is a  
dedicated and special fan of Peter

Shilton. He is 28, and recovering from  
Hodgkin's disease. Seeing the great  
Shilts in action will surely help his  
recovery - Katie White (Mrs), 22b,  
Canonbury Street, London N1.

## Champion Ode

Second division champions, top of the world,  
Excitement galore as the season unfurled,  
Could the Rams make it or fail in their bid,  
Onward they fought until they finally did!  
Now they are back in the league they once  
graced  
Despite their past problems, which had to be  
faced.

Driving them on were a keen bunch of  
'sports'  
In all weathers cheering - and venting their  
thoughts.

Visions of greatness soon came into view  
Into the lead, then a setback or two,  
Steadily winning some hard away games  
Involving great players - you all know their  
names,  
Onwards and upwards, a long, steady climb,  
Now they have reach that peak moment in  
time.

Cox, name of Arthur, guiding the team,  
Helping achieve the impossible dream,  
Aided most ably by a favourite 'son'  
McFarland who assisted in getting it done,  
Praise then to all for the effort they've shown  
Second division champions - out on their  
own!

- John Hyde, 74 Parkway, Chellaston,  
Derby.

## The Grass Roots

I WISH I lived in your area so that I  
could see the Rams more often than the  
few trips I am able to make now.

But I have a good friend in your city  
who sends me your splendid magazine,  
which keeps me in touch. The "Fix-it"  
series, which goes to great lengths to  
satisfy the requests of ordinary fans,  
shows just how much the club cares for its  
grass-root followers. One good reason  
why you are, indeed, Super Rams - Peter  
Welch, 12 Hillside Terrace, Wattstown,  
Rhondda, South Wales.

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"Fix-its" are on page 11 today.

Welcome to

# Luton Town

## FORM GUIDE

HAD the League's computer been programmed to provide an ideal test for the Rams on our return to the First Division, then Luton Town must have been on the short list.

We can expect a searching examination from the Hatters, whose 7th position in the table last May would have been even better but for late season lapses, and an injury bugbear all season.

Since their 1982 promotion, their third to the top flight, they have improved their League position each season. Their aim is to continue that run this campaign.

Although they won seven of their 12 victories on their synthetic pitch at Kenilworth Road last season, Luton were no mean performers away from home.

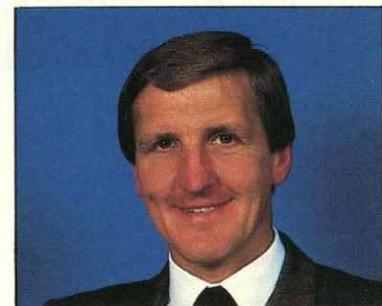
They won five matches (at Chelsea, Wimbledon, Coventry, Manchester United and Charlton), and drew seven including those at Tottenham and Forest. They also drew at Anfield in the F.A. Cup, beating them 3-0 in the televised replay.

The team's success was achieved, despite a long and depressing injury list which put players of the calibre of Harford, Preece, Hill and Foster out for long spells. Their leading Scorer Mick Harford didn't start his season until December 28th, following knee operations, while strong central defender Steve Foster missed the rest of the season from March 7th, with a ruptured knee ligament. Midfielder David Preece missed most of the season.

Keeper Les Sealey's run of 12 clean sheets in a row at home was ruined in the last home match of the season, when Oxford won 3-2.

Their only other home defeat was by Watford on Boxing Day. Today Luton achieve a club record by appearing in the First Division for the sixth successive season.

## MANAGEMENT



RAY HARFORD is one of four First Division managers kicking off today following close season appointments. He was first team coach last season.

He replaces John Moore, who decided to leave the job last May after one season in the chair. Born in Halifax, Mr. Harford's family went to London soon afterwards. He joined Charlton from school, and made his League debut for them in 1965, when he was 20.

Moves to Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester followed, for a career total of nearly 400 appearances. A coaching stint at his last club was followed by a youth coach job at Fulham. He became chief coach there, before his appointment as manager in 1984. Ray left after two difficult years financially, for the club and joined Luton as first team coach a year ago. He has appointed England International centre half Steve Foster as first team coach, with John Faulkner in assistance.

Ray tells me his priority this season is to improve on last, and perhaps win a trophy. A great advocate of midfield play, he said: "All players should possess the instinct of the midfielder, be strategically involved and, where required, be creative".

Mr. Harford has the quality of player at Kenilworth Road to carry out that philosophy. "Last season was highly encouraging, but we ought to have created more chances for our forwards to fulfil their potential". So, expect an

industrial midfield, alert to his directive, even without international Peter Nicholas, who moved to Aberdeen last week.

"Any young player joining Luton", he told me, "will have to follow my demand of all players . . . self discipline, good habits, and strive to play good football". His life, he says, revolves round his wife Maureen, his 13 year old son Paul and his commitment to Luton Town.

WE WISH HIM GOOD FORTUNE.

## The Squad

THE CLOSE-SEASON signing of DANNY WILSON, who joins his former team mate at Brighton the redoubtable former England centre half Steve Foster, will add to a midfield that remains top quality despite the recent loss of Peter Nicholas to Aberdeen.

You only have to scan the names to realise that.

RICKY HILL has more than 400 senior appearances for his only club under his belt and his sustained form suggests it's a mystery he hasn't won more than three England caps.

Consider, too, the presence of former Manchester United and Coventry's Ashley Grimes, and the highly impressive Walsall player David Preece - this appears to be the department where the Hatters will renew their challenge at the top rungs of the division.

Last season Mick Harford, the team's strike ace, was sidelined for the first half of the season. Indeed the former Birmingham centre-forward re-appeared on Boxing Day to combine with Mike Newall, signed from Wigan to replace him. They made a formidable partnership.

Newall was an ever-present last season, scoring a hat-trick against Liverpool, on whose books he was as a schoolboy, and the winner against Everton. The 21 years old had made the break-through.

But the top scorer was Brian Stein. His career goals ratio of one in every three games, spanning 360 League appearances, indicates his consistency.



This is his testimonial year. His younger brother Mark began to make his mark last season.

In defence goalkeeper Les Seeley, formerly with Coventry, had an excellent season last time out, and remains one of the most consistent performers in the division. Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy, signed from Larne is the club's most-capped player and was an ever-present last season.

If you are looking for a name for the future, then note 18-year-old defender Richard Harvey, who toured Brazil with the England Under 19 team last year and

made five senior appearances last season. He looks certain to make many more this time.

One to watch, too, is the former Oldham midfielder Darren McDonagh, a jewel of a player, whose versatility and skill in a variety of positions make him a vital cog in the Luton machine. His is a rare gift. He is the embryo of the complete player.

The side revolves around the skill and forceful motivation of former England centre half Steve Foster who is now the player-coach.

## Last time at the Baseball Ground

Division Two March 27th, 1982.  
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RAMS: Banovic, Barton, Buckley, Skivington, Sheridan, McAlle, George, Attley, Wilson, Swindlehurst, Emson.  
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Attendance: 15,836.

## LUTON TOWN'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

### DIVISION ONE

SEASON	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.	POS.	TOP SCORER
1982-83	42	12	13	17	65	84	51	18	B. Stein 14(1p)
1983-84	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	16	P. Walsh 11
1984-85	42	15	9	18	57	61	54	13	M. Harford 16(2p)
1985-86	42	18	12	12	61	44	66	9	M. Harford 22(2p)
1986-87	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	8	M. Newall 12 B. Stein 12

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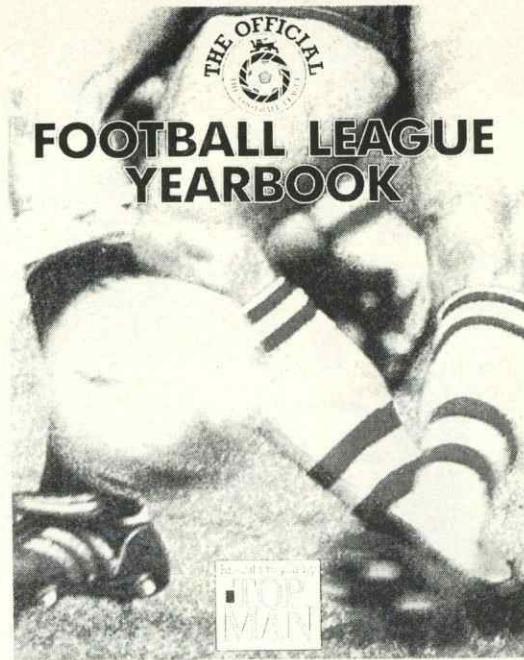
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THREE RAMS STARS reach important career milestones if they play into today's curtain-raiser to the new season.

It will be John Gregory's 550th League game, Bobby Davison's 300th competitive game, and Ross Maclarens 250th League appearance.

Gregory, whose career began at Northampton in 1972, has played in all four divisions. He won six England caps during his last First Division stint, but neither of the others has played in the top flight before.

Gregory has played on 88 League grounds - including three whose clubs are no longer Football League members - Southport, Workington and Lincoln City. He made his debut for Northampton in 1972-3, helping them to gain promotion from the Fourth Division, before moving to Aston Villa, and then Brighton, for whom he played two seasons each. He moved on to QPR in 1981, from where he joined Derby in November 1985, choosing to drop two divisions because of what he described then as "the club's First Division potential". He has played a big part in shaping that potential.

John tasted UEFA Cup football with both Villa and QPR in 1977-8 and 1984-5 respectively. His 187 League appearances for the Cobblers, and 161 at QPR, complement the 72 he made for Brighton. An appearance this afternoon will equal for Rams the 65 he made for Aston Villa to complete his 550. Gregory has scored 16 League goals for Derby to add to the 36 for QPR plus 25 for his other clubs.

### THE HOT SHOT

BOBBY DAVISON is due to make the 300th competitive appearance of his career today. He made only two appearances for Huddersfield after joining them from Seaham Red Star before moving to Halifax Town in 1981. In his first season there he netted 21 goals, 20 of them in 46 Fourth Division games. The following season the Baseball Ground got its first glimpse of Bobby. He netted two against Rams here and four altogether in two-legged

# Facts & Figures

by Mike Wilson



Bobby Davison (left) with Geraint Williams. The striker needs three goals for a Rams century.

Milk Cup tie, which Rams just won. He was soon afterwards signed by Derby after scoring 37 goals in 72 competitive games for Halifax.

Davison has found the net consistently for Derby in five seasons here. He scored 14 in 40 League games as Rams slid into the Third Division. In the two seasons there Bobby scored 41 in 87 League games and was top scorer again last season with 19 League goals from 40 games. A Derby total of 36 goals in the last 81 League games underlines his vital contribution.

Only nine players have scored more for the Rams, and all are centurions. Davison starts this season with a total of 97 goals for the club in 225 competitive games, and so needs just three to join the illustrious company ahead of him.

ROSS MACLAREN stands by for the 250th League appearance of his career, his 89th for Derby since he signed from Shrewsbury two summers ago. He has been an ever-present in the last two, promotion campaigns. From 1982 to 84 Maclarens missed only four League matches, with 40 appearances in each season, his only misses in a possible 214 League games. That is the measure of his durability.

Ross has scored 22 League goals. His failure to find the net last season was his first for four years.

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**Rioch was one of Luton's 1969 Div Four Champions**

OF THE SEVERAL MEN who have served both clubs perhaps the best was former Luton Town apprentice Bruce Rioch who was an outstanding member of the Hatters' 1969 Fourth Division Championship side before coming to the Rams, via Aston Villa, in February 1974.

Signed by Dave Mackay, Bruce scored 15 mostly spectacular goals from midfield in our 1974-5 League Championship season, and went on to win 24 Scottish international caps, 18 of them while with Derby County. Rioch captained Scotland in the 1987 World Cup out in Argentina.

At the end of 1976 Colin Murphy, during his short spell as Derby manager, sold Rioch to Everton for £180,000. Tommy Docherty bought him back a year later, but his second spell was far less spectacular and he soon moved on, finally joining Seattle Sounders in the U.S.A.

Bruce is now manager at Middlesbrough, winning them promotion from Division Three last season. His assistant is our former England Star Colin Todd.

The most recent signing from Luton was another who served this club well. **Steve Buckley** was signed by Tommy Docherty for £163,000 in January 1978, and proved to be Doc's only signing of any permanent value.

Left back Steve stayed until a year ago making 366 competitive appearances, and winning the Player of the Year Award three times.

It was Buckley's misfortune that his stay at the Baseball Ground coincided with the club's decline. He saw Rams drift from the First to the Third Divisions in three seasons.

It was no less than he deserved that he remained a regular in the side which won promotion from the Third a year ago, before he moved on to Lincoln who promptly lost their place in the Football League.

Steve Buckley deserved better. Few would argue that he was the club's most consistent player during what was a dismal period.

Alan Biley, signed from Cambridge in 1980, was a former Luton apprentice. He joined United on a free transfer, without playing in the Hatters' League side.

Biley went to Everton a year later, but has now drifted out of view. **Richard Money** who came here on loan from Liverpool in late 1981 was later signed by Luton from Anfield for £100,000 in March 1982.

**J. Docherty**, a Scottish half back, joined Luton from Derby in the 1890's and to round off our club's connections down the years in Derby's reserve centre half R.W. Frith who went to Luton in 1913.



Former Rams players who began their careers at Luton. Top: Bruce Rioch. Above: Alan Biley (left) and Steve Buckley.

Perhaps the best known earlier connection between the clubs was 'Dally' Duncan, who came from Hull here in 1931 and stayed until 1946. He was an important member of our 1946 FA Cup-winning team but played only twice for Derby in League football when it was resumed later that year after its Second World War break. 'Dally' joined Luton in October 46 and later became their manager, leaving a short time before their unsuccessful 1959 FA Cup Final with Forest.

Another former Rams player, **Harold Wightman**, became their secretary - manager in the 30's after 189 first team appearances for Derby between 1919 and 1928. **Jesse Pye**, the former Wolves forward, was bought from Luton in 1954, Derby's Ian Buxton went to Luton in 1978 and reserve striker **Barry Butlin** joined them from here in 1972. **Reg Stockhill**, signed from Arsenal in 1934 joined the Hatters in 1939.

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# Ram Eye Spy

## Centenary year proof that we're back in our 'rightful' place

DERBY COUNTY'S RISE from the Third Division desert to First Division pastures, in the minimum possible two seasons, has ensured a return to the club's rightful place during the year the Football League is celebrating its Centenary.

'Rightful' place? The tables on this page show just how 'rightful' is the claim of Derby County supporters that the club's history, tradition and past performances have earned them this niche among the elite, regained last May, after an absence of seven years.

The two tables reflect the "all-time" positions of the top 22 clubs in the First Division. Note that the Rams claim 16th place in one and 11th spot in the second. Read on to see the exact position achieved by Derby County since they were one of the 12 founder members of the Football League in 1888.

Only ten clubs in the present First Division qualify by performance over the last 99 years for a place in the top bracket. Derby County are one of them.

This Centenary season, for the first time since 1914-5, the First Division consists of fewer than 22 clubs. It has



Rams' assistant manager Roy McFarland celebrating the Second Division Championship last May at the B.G. As a player here former skipper Roy won 27 England caps, two League Championship medals (1972 and 75) and Second Div Championship medal (1969). He did his bit to put the club in the all-time First Division.

been reduced to 21 in the first of two seasons of 're-organisation'. Next season it will be cut to 20.

These are the latest of the numerical changes to the League's composition over the years. Only 12 clubs (including Rams) competed in the first season (1888-9). By 1891 it was 14, 16 a season later, 18 in 1898, and 20 in 1905.

The First Division was extended to 22 clubs in 1919, the first season after the First World War. So to discover which clubs have played the most First Division football since the League was formed it is necessary to take into account the number of First Division games played by each, rather than the number of games played in the division.

### The illustration

The vital importance of such an assessment is illustrated by the cases of Middlesbrough and Preston N.E. Preston have spent 46 seasons in the First Division compared with Boro's 45, but North End have played 106 top flight games fewer than the latter. That keeps them out of Table One, which also shows there would have been a few changes in the all-time table had not the two points for a win recently been changed to three.

All 22 clubs shown in Table One have spent 46 seasons or more in the First

Division, but there are also seven others who have played 1,000 or more First Division games: Leicester City (1592), Leeds U (1512), West Ham (1470) Huddersfield T (1260), Blackpool (1134), Portsmouth (1050) and Notts County (1026).

But it is Table Two which is surely the most significant. In it I compare the number of points won by all the top teams, and measured them against the total number of points available to each in all First Division games they have played.

### The percentage

A percentage is arrived at, and provides the more true "all-time" First Division table.

Derby County appear in both tables, but achieve a higher position (11th best all-time), when the percentage principal is applied.

Notice that Preston climb to 12th place when this truer yardstick is applied. Middlesbrough are still there, Birmingham drop out.

But perhaps, of greatest significance, is that Liverpool replace Everton at the top. The latter drop to fourth, allowing Manchester United and Arsenal, also, to overtake them.

One thing both tables show without doubt...the clubs at the apex of the League's pyramid of 92 clubs.

I repeat: the tables justify Derby County's claims last May when they won back their First Division place: we are in our rightful position in the Football League's Centenary season.

### THEY'RE THE TOPS

THE MOST successful club in recent seasons has been Liverpool, with six League Championships. In the 12 seasons since Derby County won their second League Championship in 1975 'Pool have doubled their previous total of Championships, with eight successes. The only clubs to interrupt Liverpool's League title march since our last success have been Forest (1978), Villa (1981), plus Mersey-side neighbours Everton (1985 and 87).



by Mike Wilson.

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### Today's mascot

Mascot today is 8 years old Darren Shelton, a pupil at Hallam Fields School, Ilkeston. Keen on maths, he enjoys all sports. Is a Junior Ram, and member of the Family Key Club.



TABLE ONE: Division One's Top Points Winners

	Year Entered	Games Played	Points Obtained	Points at 2 for a Win
1 Everton	1888	3284	3679	3548
2 Liverpool	1894	2900	3451	3308
3 Arsenal	1904	2900	3292	3179
4 Aston Villa	1888	2990	3278	3192
5 Manchester United	1892	2544	2915	2796
6 Sunderland	1890	2694	2853	2809
7 Manchester City	1899	2654	2715	2668
8 West Bromwich Albion	1888	2652	2673	2613
9 Newcastle United	1898	2466	2564	2522
10 Tottenham Hotspur	1909	2160	2415	2295
11 Wolverhampton Wanderers	1888	2270	2344	2328
12 Bolton Wanderers	1888	2308	2249	2249
13 Sheffield Wednesday	1892	2108	2176	2125
14 Chelsea	1907	2202	2173	2122
15 Sheffield United	1893	2154	2128	2128
16 Derby County	1888	2048	2065	2065
17 Burnley	1888	1982	2015	2015
18 Blackburn Rovers	1888	2024	1977	1977
19 Nottingham Forest	1892	1784	1863	1749
20 Birmingham City	1894	2040	1845	1803
21 Stoke City	1888	1992	1843	1798
22 Middlesbrough	1899	1826	1729	1721

TABLE TWO: The Top 22 in the Percentages

	Points Obtained	Points Available	Percentages
1 Liverpool	3451	6052	57.02
2 Manchester United	2915	5340	54.59
3 Arsenal	3292	6052	54.39
4 Everton	3679	6820	53.94
5 Tottenham Hotspur	2415	4572	52.82
6 Aston Villa	3278	6232	52.60
7 Burnley	2015	3964	50.83
8 Wolverhampton Wanderers	2344	4624	50.6924
9 Newcastle United	2564	5058	50.69197
10 Sunderland	2853	5640	50.58
11 Derby County	2065	4096	50.41
12 Preston Northend	1732	3440	50.35
13 Manchester City	2715	5476	49.58
14 Sheffield United	2128	4308	49.396
15 West Bromwich Albion	2673	5412	49.390
16 Sheffield Wednesday	2176	4434	49.07
17 Blackburn Rovers	1977	4048	48.84
18 Nottingham Forest	1863	3820	48.77
19 Bolton Wanderers	2249	4616	48.72
20 Chelsea	2173	4530	47.97
21 Middlesbrough	1729	3694	46.80
22 Stoke City	1843	4152	44.39

### Next year's play-offs

At the end of the season, play-offs will again be contested. The last three clubs in the First Division (19th, 20th and 21st) will be automatically relegated to Division Two. The club finishing 18th will compete with the third, fourth and fifth placed Second Division clubs in play-offs, while the top two in the Second Division will be promoted automatically.

Last season's first play-offs ended last May in Charlton retaining their First Division status when they beat Leeds United in the third match of the final series.

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FIXTURES 1987-88

Date	v Opponents	Res
Aug 17	H Leeds United	
	25 A Sunderland	
Sept 2	A Blackpool	
	8 H Liverpool	
16 A	Grimsby	
22 H	Sheffield Wednesday	
Oct 8	A Manchester City	
13 H	Hull City	
21 A	Nottingham Forest	
27 H	Sheffield United	
Nov 10 H	Aston Villa	
17 A	Manchester United	
24 H	Coventry City	
Dec 1 A	Bradford City	
8 H	Everton	
14 A	Leicester City	
Jan 5 H	Huddersfield	
12 H	Sunderland	
19 A	Leeds United	
26 A	Liverpool	
Feb 2 H	Blackpool	
9 A	Sheffield Wednesday	
16 H	Grimsby Town	
24 A	Hull City	
Mar 1 H	Manchester City	
8 H	Nottingham Forest	
16 A	Sheffield United	
22 H	Manchester United	
30 A	Aston Villa	
Apr 6 A	Coventry City	
13 A	Huddersfield Town	
19 A	Everton	
26 H	Leicester City	
May 3 H	Bradford City	

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.  
FIXTURES 1987-88

Date	v Opponents	Res
Aug 15 H	Walsall	
22 A	West Bromwich Albion	
29 H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Sept 5 A	Aston Villa	
12 H	Birmingham City	
19 A	Chesterfield	
26 H	Coventry City	
Oct 10 A	Leicester City	
17 H	Mansfield Town	
24 A	Notts. County	
31 H	Nottingham Forest	
Nov 7 H	Peterborough	
14 H	Notts. County (LCR1)	
21 A	Stoke City	
28 H	Port Vale	
Dec 5 A	Walsall	
Jan 2 H	West Bromwich Albion	
16 A	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
23 H	Aston Villa	
30 A	Birmingham	
Feb 6 H	Chesterfield	
20 A	Coventry City	
Mar 5 A	Mansfield Town	
19 H	Notts. County	
26 A	Nottingham Forest	
Apr 2 A	Peterborough	
9 A	Port Vale	
16 H	Stoke City	

## ENCOURAGING BASS VASE Success Points the Way

BY Assistant Manager ROY McFARLAND

IT SHOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN that while the League side were winning promotion from the Third to the First Division these past two years, our reserves have won the Central League and been runners-up in the same period.

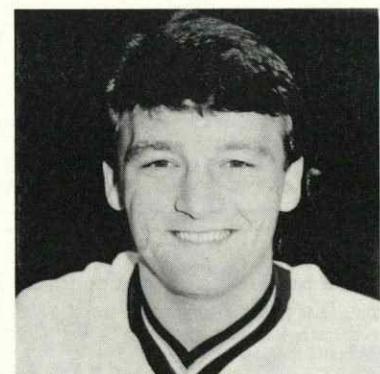
This success at Central League level is creating a healthy competitive spirit among all our players at all levels. The "A" team also won the Midland Intermediate League, and the League Cup, last season.

The fact we are now in the First Division offers extra incentive to the older and younger players on the fringe of the first team squad; their reward for dedication and application could be the opportunity to play against the Liverpools, Evertons, Man. Uniteds, Fores, Tottens and Arsenals.

### THE ULTIMATE

Our pre-season work has been encouraging. We regained the Bass Vase first beating Notts. County's youthful and energetic young side, who provided us with a fine work-out in terms of sharpening our game.

In the final we played West Bromwich Albion's full Second Division side at the Burton Albion ground. We had a shaky opening spell, but gradually came to terms in a footballing sense and eventually won the game with a late goal from David Penney. Both he and Garner played very well, especially in the first half.



### YOUNG RAMS DO US PROUD IN EUROPE

INVITED to take part in a ten-club international Youth Tournament by the Dutch club Venlo in June, Derby County's "A" team players finished a creditable fourth.

Indeed, a missed penalty prevented Rams from winning their Group (B), leaving them to face Ferencvaros of Hungary in the 3rd/4th play-off, which they narrowly lost 1-0. But

young Stuart Edwards was named the third best player in the whole tournament which was commendable, and reflected the favourable impression the young Rams gave on and off the field, where they were a credit to Derby County.

Tournament results: (Group B) Venlo 0 Rams 3 (Green, Rafferty, Davidson); Sparta Rotterdam 0 Rams 0; Beerschot (Belgium) 2 Rams 1 (Ramage); Bayern Uerdingen (W. Germany) 0 Rams 2 (Edwards 2). 3rd/4th Play-off: Ferencvaros 1 Rams 0.

The Rams' squad: Steven Corbet, Craig Ramage, Stuart Stokes, Stuart Edwards, Nick Rafferty, Peter Davis, Scott Green, Steven Holland, Pat Flynn, Brent Ellis, Ian Williams, John Symons. Officials: Gerry Summers, Ken Gutteridge, Jack Wilmot and Christina Ervividae.

Tour dates: Friday June 5th to Monday June 8th.

### CENTRAL LEAGUE 1986-87

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Manchester City	34	23	4	7	83	46	73
Derby County	34	19	11	4	65	31	68
Manchester Utd.	34	21	5	8	65	35	68
Liverpool	34	20	7	7	70	41	67
Everton	34	17	8	9	58	31	59
Nott'm Forest	34	17	5	12	68	38	56
Sunderland	34	16	6	12	57	47	54
Leeds United	34	17	3	14	64	61	54
Sheffield United	34	16	5	13	66	66	53
Sheffield Wed.	34	13	10	11	57	51	49
Coventry City	34	12	8	14	61	61	44
Aston Villa	34	11	5	18	64	81	38
Leicester City	34	10	7	17	48	65	37
Hull City	34	10	6	18	47	69	36
Oldham Athletic	34	10	5	19	51	63	35
Newcastle Utd.	34	8	5	21	38	67	29
Blackburn Rovers	34	5	8	21	27	72	23
Middlesbrough	34	5	4	25	33	97	19

### CENTRAL LEAGUE 1986-87

#### Appearances/Scorers

#### Three or more appearances only

A	G	A	G		
A. Garner	34	18	C. Palmer	18	—
D. Penny	34	18	M. Lillis	17(1)	4
M. Lewis	33	—	P. Blades	15	1
S. Cross	29	2	G. Tucker	10(4)	—
R. Pratley	28	1	D. Linighan	13	1
B. McCord	23(3)	1	M. Taylor	9	—
J. Chandler	24	10	R. Hindmarch	6	2
E. Steele	24	—	A. Armstrong	5	1
S. McLaren	20	2	M. Sage	5	—
G. Harby	19	1	R. Briscoe	1(4)	—
Grostade and Turner two appearances each.					
Forsyth, Gee, Wallington, Williams, all one each.					
Three own goals were scored by the opposition.					

### MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1986-87 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Derby County	30	23	2	5	88	20	71
Nott'm Forest	29	19	2	8	81	42	59
Birmingham C.	30	16	5	9	64	38	53
Leicester C.	30	15	1	14	57	52	46
Peterborough Utd.	30	14	3	13	58	68	45
Wolves	30	13	4	13	52	52	44
Shrewsbury T.	28	13	5	10	48	59	44
Walsall	30	12	7	11	52	44	43
Notts. County	30	12	5	13	54	52	41
Mansfield T.	30	12	4	14	47	44	40
Aston Villa	30	10	6	14	44	62	36
Stoke City	30	10	6	14	26	53	36
Port Vale	29	9	5	15	27	41	32
Chesterfield	30	7	4	19	39	53	25
Coventry C.	30	5	6	19	28	57	21
West Brom.	30	3	10	17	25	53	19

### MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE 1986-87

#### Appearances/Scorers

A	G	A	G		
D. Penney	25	22	E. Steele	10	—
G. Tucker	23(3)	3	S. Edwards	9(4)	—
M. Lewis	22	2	P. Blades	9	—
B. McCord	20(3)	3	D. Linighan	9	2
A. Garner	20	20	C. Ramage	8(4)	2
M. Taylor	18	—	S. Green	8(1)	1
J. Chandler	16	12	J. Davidson	5(4)	—
R. Pratley	16	—	S. Stokes	5(5)	—
G. Harby	14	2	R. Hindmarch	4	—
S. McLaren	13(1)	2	S. Holland	4	1
S. Cross	11(1)	2	S. Taylor	4	—
C. Palmer	12	1	M. Lillis	3	—
R. Briscoe	11(1)	2	M. Sage	3	—
Three goals scored by trialists.					

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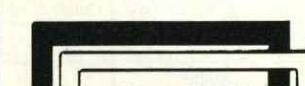
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**SECOND DIVISION FACT FILE 1986-7**

Derby County	Attendances		Top Scorers		Pts
	Highest	Average	Davison 19, Gee 15	Quinn 22, Dillon 8	
Portsmouth	20,001	13,387			78
Oldham	9,540	6,883	Palmer 16, Futreher 13		75
Leeds United	24,839	17,610	Baird 15, Sheridan 15		68
Ipswich Town	18,670	12,017	Wilson 20, Deehan 10		64
Crystal Palace	18,029	7,576	Bright 8, Taylor 8		62
Plymouth Argyle	21,249	12,386	Tynan 18, Summerfield 9		61
Stoke City	19,382	9,988	Saunders 14, Morgan 9		58
Sheffield United	19,166	9,992	Beagrie 9, Foley 9		58
Bradford City	14,502	8,137	Hendrie 15, Abbott 7		56
Blackburn	13,019	6,773	Barker 11, Garner 10		55
Reading	9,549	6,663	Senior 17, Bremner 14		53
Hull City	9,684	7,129	Saville 9, Roberts 5		53
West Bromwich Albion	15,024	9,138	Crookes 11, Williamson 7		51
Millwall	7,169	4,495	Sheringham 13, Marks 10		51
Huddersfield	19,059	6,588	Shearer 21, Cork 9		51
Shrewsbury	8,261	4,097	Robinson 9, Geddis 5		51
Birmingham City	12,209	7,420	Clarke 16, Whittin 9		50
Sunderland	19,059	13,649	Proctor 9, Buchanan 7		48
Grimsby Town	7,305	5,066	Walsh 9, Riordan 7		44
Brighton	13,723	8,429	Connor 9, Wilson 7		39

**DERBY COUNTY ROLL CALL 1987-88**

Player	Birthday	1987-88		1987-88		Derby County		Previous	
		League	Cups	Apps	G/s	League	Record	Record	League
Paul Blades	Jan. 5	—	—	—	—	71(7)	—	—	—
Nigel Callighen	Sept. 12	—	—	—	—	18	4	209(13)	41
Steve Cross	Dec. 22	—	—	—	—	3(3)	—	240(22)	33
Bobby Davison	July 17	—	—	—	—	190(3)	82	64(1)	29
Michael Forsyth	March 20	—	—	—	—	41	1	28(1)	—
Andy Garner	March 8	—	—	—	—	34(13)	13	—	—
Phil Gee	Dec. 19	—	—	—	—	41(4)	17	—	—
John Gregory	May 11	—	—	—	—	64	16	477(8)	61
Rob Hindmarch	April 17	—	—	—	—	94	9	116(1)	2
Mickey Lewis	Feb. 15	—	—	—	—	27	1	—	—
Mark Lillis	Jan. 17	—	—	—	—	6(3)	1	238(7)	67
Ross Maclare	April 14	—	—	—	—	88	4	158(3)	18
Gary Micklewhite	March 21	—	—	—	—	107	21	97(9)	11
David Penney	August 17	—	—	—	—	0(1)	—	—	—
Richard Pratley	Jan. 12	—	—	—	—	29(2)	1	10	—
Mel Sage	March 24	—	—	—	—	26	2	126(6)	—
Peter Shilton	Sept. 18	—	—	—	—	—	—	786	—
Mark Wallington	Sept. 17	—	—	—	—	67	—	423	—
Geraint Williams	Jan. 5	—	—	—	—	91(1)	5	138(3)	8

Previous League records include appearances on loan.

**FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 1987-88**

Date	V	Opposition	F.A. Attend.
Aug 15	H	Luton Town	
19	A	Queens Park Rangers	
29	H	Wimbledon	
Sept 5	H	Portsmouth	
12	A	Norwich City	
19	H	Sheffield Wednesday	
26	H	Oxford United	
29	A	Liverpool	
Oct 3	A	West Ham United	
10	H	Nottingham Forest	
17	A	Charlton Athletic	
24	A	Arsenal	
31	H	Coventry City	
Nov 7	H	Manchester United	
14	A	Newcastle United	
22	H	Chelsea	
28	A	Southampton	
Dec 5	H	Watford	
12	A	Everton	
20	H	Tottenham Hotspur	
26	H	Norwich	
28	A	Sheffield Wednesday	
Jan 1	A	Wimbledon	
2	H	Liverpool	
9			
16	A	Luton Town	
23	H	Queens Park Rangers	
30			
Feb 6	A	Portsmouth	
20	A	Oxford United	
27	H	West Ham United	
Mar 5	H	Charlton	
12	A	Nottingham Forest	
19	A	Coventry City	
26	H	Arsenal	
Apr 2	A	Manchester United	
4	H	Newcastle United	
9	A	Chelsea	
23	H	Southampton	
30	A	Watford	
May 2	H	Everton	
7	A	Tottenham Hotspur	
14		F.A. Cup Final	

We regret to record the death recently of Stan Fletcher a Castle Donington committee member, and long-time Rams fan. The club extends their condolences to his family.

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## DCFC Supporters Clubs get a big Re-vamping...

IN A BID to widen the scope of the supporters movement Derby County have re-vamped the DCFC Supporters Clubs into a new organisation, the Derby County Fan Club.

It has been fashioned to provide a more direct involvement with the parent club than the old system afforded. The accent now is for access to the 'innards' of D.C.F.C. affairs, and with this aim in mind the Board is anxious to play a bigger part in the promotion of activities.

The newly appointed Co-Ordinator of the Fan Club is JR Co-Ordinator Steve Stone who tells us: "We are retaining the local sections, or 'branches'. We aim to establish many more through local national advertising. My job is to plan and organise activities.

"I am drawing up a programme which will use the Baseball Ground and Ramarena facilities, and to add to the social round by taking the Fan Club out "on the road" through a series of regional social events".

A network of local sections is already in being - the former S.C. branches. Now the aim is expansion, and anyone ready to start sections in areas not already covered, are invited to contact Steve Stone via the B.G., Derby County FC, Derby DE3 8NB.

**MEMBERSHIP:** £2.50 a season (£3 London), £1 for Senior Citizens. Senior Citizens section meets regularly at the Baseball Ground run by Cyril Flinders. Write to him via the Ground.

# TEAMCHECK

## RAMS v LUTON TOWN

PETER SHILTON	1	LES SEALEY
MEL SAGE	2	TIM BREACKER
MICHAEL FORSYTH	3	ASHLEY GRIMES
GERAINT WILLIAMS	4	RICKY HILL
ROB HINDMARCH	5	STEVE FOSTER
ROSS MacLAREN	6	MAL DONAGHY
GARY MICKLEWHITE	7	DANNY WILSON
PHIL GEE	8	BRIAN STEIN
BOBBY DAVISON	9	MICK HARFORD
JOHN GREGORY	10	ROBERT WILSON
NIGEL CALLAGHAN	11	DAVID PREECE
	12	
	14	

REFEREE GEORGE COURTNEY (SPENNYMOOR)

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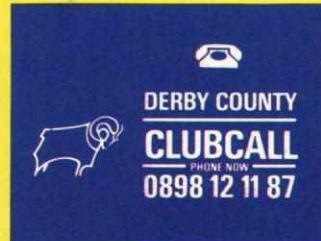
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