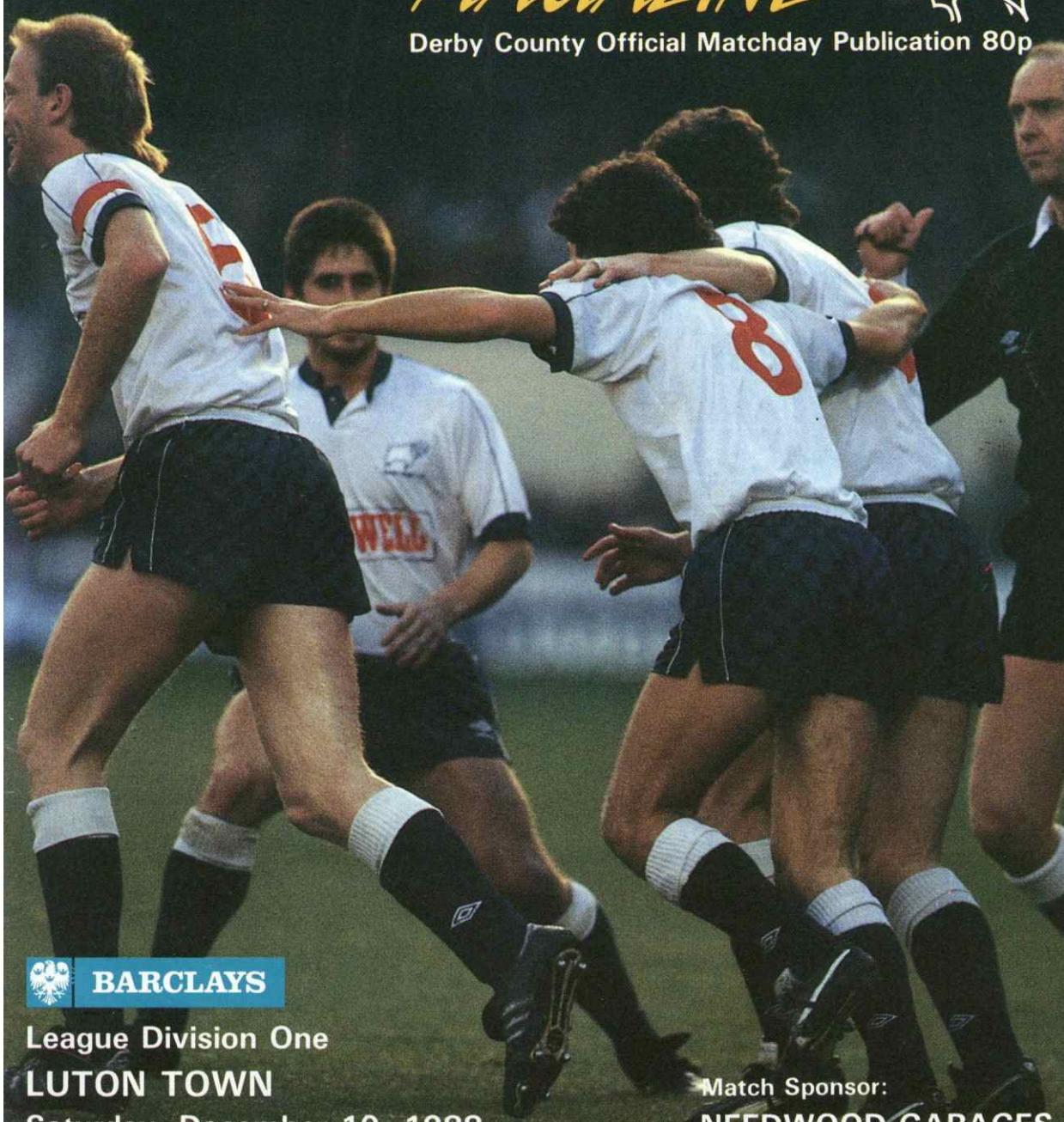


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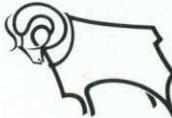
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THE MANAGER'S NOTEBOOK

Arthur Cox



Our last game at the Baseball Ground was, in every aspect, a good advert for British football. Arsenal held the upper hand during the first 45 minutes but only succeeded in creating one chance when Alan Smith was foiled by an excellent save by Peter Shilton. During this period the quality of our final pass lacked the necessary accuracy to take advantage of our good approach play.

During the second half the game developed into an exciting contest with both sides doing all to win the match.

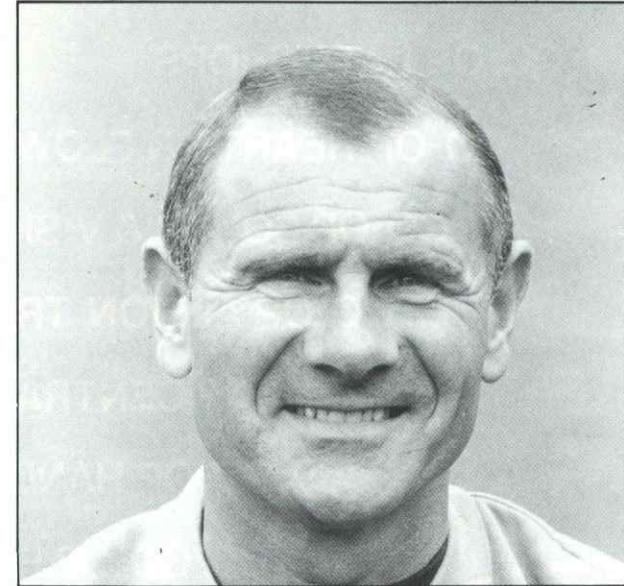
Against the run of play Michael Thomas scored for Arsenal following our corner-kick — a goal which we were very disappointed to concede. This spurred us to greater efforts and after equalising through Nigel Callaghan, following Ted McMinn's partially saved penalty by John Lukic, we mounted a tremendous assault on the Arsenal goal which culminated in Phil Gee scoring probably the best goal he has scored since joining this Club. He volleyed home Nigel Callaghan's cross with 10 minutes to play after Ted McMinn had failed with a good opportunity at close range to give us three points.

The game had an awful lot of meaning in terms of League position as a victory for Arsenal would have put them top of the League and the victory kept us in touch with the top six positions. I felt during

Throughout the 90 minutes the support we received in the weather conditions that prevailed was an achievement in itself. The game was one of two halves — one in Wednesday's favour and one very much in our favour and a draw was a fair result. We were disappointed with our first-half performance because had it matched the second-half performance then I feel we would have certainly taken three points from this game.

Hillsborough is a magnificent theatre for football and on occasions during this match the quality of the game fell below the standard of the stadium and the level of support that both teams were given.

COVER SHOT: Celebration time as Dean Saunders is congratulated by his team mates after giving the Rams an early lead against Manchester United. Let's hope we're all celebrating another home victory today.



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Ramtique Manageress, Sally Eames (pic right), is considering investing in a pair of roller skates at the moment, because that's the only way she can keep up with the demand for goods from Derby's busy sou-venir shop, The Ramtique.

It's boom time at the Ramtique these days, with stock leaving the shelves faster than poor old Sally can stock them up — but it's all good news for Rams' fans.

"We make quite a healthy profit from our Ramtique operation and like to think our contribution went a little way to bringing the likes of Dean Saunders to the Baseball Ground area recently: "We probably own one of his toes," said Sally with a smile.

"With Christmas just around the corner, we've been busier than ever as parents seem to be buying every youngster in Derby either a Rams' kit or tracksuit ready for Santa's visit."

Soccer souvenir shops have moved a long way forward from selling stripey scarves and cheap rosettes and the Ramtique is no different. "You name it and we've been asked for it," agreed Sally. "Everything from ladies knickers to silly hats, sticks of rock to playing cards. The Ramtique stocks much more than you think".

"And our greatest seller at the moment is our new Peter Shilton range. After 12 months of trying we've managed to acquire a range of shirts and



gloves in children's sizes — all exact replicas of Peter's specially designed kit. They're selling like hot cakes at the moment, in fact some of them sold out within a week but as we're the sole distributors for the range they're certainly worth a look."

Welcome, please, the lads from Ilkeston Town Boys Club

OUR EXCELLENT 2-1 win over Aston Villa on 19 November is the reason why we are delighted to welcome among our guests today 12 lads from Ilkeston Town Boys' Club, together with two of their leaders. In addition to watching Barclays League match, they are here to receive very special award.

In the opinion of Bobby Robson and a panel of leading managers, including Arthur Cox, our win at the Villa Park merited the Barclays' Performance of the Week Award which we, in turn, pass on to a local club which is affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

The Ilkeston Town Boys' Club, recommended to us by the NABC, win an immediate award worth £650 which includes a cheque and the new set of kit which they are wearing for today's presentation on the pitch.

Part of the cash portion of the award must be used on a scheme which will benefit the local community — arranging a holiday for the disabled, providing security arrangements for old folks' houses, any project which they feel will improve the quality of life. All the winners' schemes will be assessed and cash prizes totalling £1500 will be awarded to the outstanding three at the end of the season.

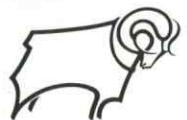
It is the second time we have won the Award. The first was after the 3-0 defeat of Coventry City at Highfield Road last season. (Oh for a repeat result next week!)

Making today's presentation on the field will be Mr. Terry Bradley, regional director of Barclays Bank East Midlands office. "We are delighted to be associated with the Performance of the Week Award because it does establish a direct link between clubs and the community," he says. "If the Ilkeston Town Club want any help in finding the right community project, we will give it gladly."

"Meanwhile we hope that their new kit will bring them luck on the field and that the Rams' team will cause the judges to look towards them many more times in the future."

After the game, Mr. Bradley will also present our directors with an engraved salver as a memento of the Award. Naturally, all of us here at the Baseball Ground second his sentiments and, on behalf of Ilkeston Town boys and ourselves, thank Barclays Bank for their interest and support.

THE BASEBALL GROUND SCENE



Rambling Around

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Every football club needs a regular income to pay for the never ending list of financial demands made on our amateur football clubs, and local clubs in the Derbyshire and East Staffordshire areas are no exception. F.C. Wyvern from Draycott have found a very simple answer to raising much needed income by joining the ever increasing number of clubs who are becoming lottery agents for our promotions operation. The scheme not only guarantees local clubs regular cash but also ensures that they receive many other hidden benefits.

Our picture shows F.C. Wyvern's Club Secretary, Chris Rippon, signing an agreement on the pitch before the Arsenal game, pledging their support to Derby County Promotions. Looking from left to right, Simon Blincow (Rams Area Lottery representative) our player Brian McCord and F.C. Wyvern Manager, Mr. Frank Hart.

If your club is interested in fund raising with the Rams then ring our promotions office on 360725, or call in between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or, of course, on match days when we would be delighted to see you.



Today's Referee

This afternoon's referee is Mr. David Allison from Lancaster. A schoolmaster by profession, he started refereeing in 1966 and graduated to the Football League Linesmen's List in 1977. He took charge of his first Football League match as referee in 1980. His hobbies include cricket and visiting the theatre and he is the training officer of his local referees society. He last refereed at the Baseball Ground in September 1987 when Sheffield Wednesday were our visitors.

MONEY MOUNTAIN DAY OUT



The recent B.B.C. Radio Derby Money Mountain Appeal has to-date raised a magnificent £56,000. One of the many off-beat prizes on offer was a day out at the Baseball Ground with Radio Derby sports commentators, Graham Richards and Colin Gibson.

The local radio station's sport coverage is widely accepted as being one of most informative of any of the B.B.C. local stations in the Country and the Club is quick to recognise the excellent service that they provide for all the Rams fans who genuinely cannot attend the Baseball Ground on a regular basis.

Chris Bond wanted to see first-hand how the sports programme from the Baseball Ground operated and bid £65 for the opportunity of sitting with Graham and Colin during the match with Arsenal.

Pictured, Chris sandwiched between Graham and Colin witnessing a tremendous second-half comeback by the Rams.

ALL-STARS IN ACTION

If this afternoon's entertainment has failed to satisfy your football appetite then why not take a trip out tomorrow morning (Sunday, 11th December), and see a galaxy of former Rams, stars putting their ageing limbs to action against the Rolls-Royce All Stars. The charity game will be staged at the Rolls-Royce Welfare Moor Lane Sports Ground and kicks off at 10.30 a.m. Admission is by programme priced £1.00 and all proceeds are in aid of the Children's Hospital Oncology Unit.

Included in the Ex-Rams line-up will be former favourites, Roy McFarland, David Nish, Kevin Hector, Roger Davies and our own Physio, Gordon Guthrie. So why not go along tomorrow and watch our stars of yester year.

F.A. CUP DRAW TONIGHT

The B.B.C. Match of the Day programme will screen live the draw for the F.A. Cup 3rd Round at approximately 11.05 p.m. tonight. We will all be hoping that the Rams receive a home draw as we yet again set off on the Wembley trail.

STREET STAR DROPS IN



CORONATION STREET star Michael Levell, alias Kevin Webster, was in Derby for a promotional session on the day the Rams met Aston Villa in the Simod Cup. Michael, a keen soccer supporter, could not resist the opportunity of seeing the Rams in action so a quick telephone call to the Club was all it took to ensure that the television star had a VIP seat as a guest of the Club. There was a proviso however, and that was that he make the Phoenix Gold Club draw at half-time. Michael readily agreed and our picture shows him drawing out the winning number at half-time accompanied by Phoenix Gold Club Manager, Bill Burton.

Of his first visit to the Baseball Ground the chirpy character told the *Ram Magazine*: "I really enjoyed the match and the atmosphere was tremendous and that is with only 10,000 supporters in the ground. Heaven knows what it must sound like when you have a full house".

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NEW YEAR'S SPECTACULAR

THE GREAT HALL of the Assembly Rooms will stage our 1989 New Year's Family Spectacular on Sunday, January 15th, 1989. It's a family show so we know many Members' Club members and their families will be coming along to help us kick-off the New Year. After all, who wouldn't come on down when the price is right? The price? Well actually it's FREE!! Tell us where else you can get an afternoons entertainment for that price and we'll order a bus for my family and reserve a box or two for them all.

Derby's premier entertainment venue, the great Hall at the Assembly Rooms, the venue for our own Annual Awards Night, has hosted some of the world's top acts. Two names for last year's bill should be familiar to you. Boothby Graffoe nearly recorded maximum marks on Bob Monkhouse's *Opportunity Knocks* and he has a network radio show in Notts., Lincs. and Leics. He's appearing currently in Grandada TV's *The Comedians*. He was our compere and top act in last January's show.

Two Bizarre were a fantastic pop duo that feature on the posters alongside some of the top UK bands on the big tours. They were part of our last show.

We're not giving away who's on the bill this time around but its jam packed with the tops in entertainment yet again. They have all proved popular in the top summer venues and been in demand over the festive season, all will be knockin' em dead no doubt over the coming holiday months. They may even pop up on your TV screens on the way.

The doors open at 1.15 pm and there are bar and refreshment facilities before curtain up at 2 pm. Each Junior Rams member receives a FREE gift and FREE prize draw ticket.

You will receive reserved seat tickets for the show in the main body of the hall and there will be three hours of top line entertainment (including the interval). How do the Advertisers' Academy of Alliteration put it? There will be music, mirth, magic and mystery. The kids will be able to join in the fun and games on stage too. Who knows you could be sitting next to a familiar face from the field of play and their families too.

Check out the cost of the Christmas Shows and any family entertainment anywhere — this is a cracking show and its FREE!! How do we do it? Well it costs a pretty penny (there's not much change out of a ten bob note after all this lot I'll tell you!), but it is our way of saying thank you to our fans and their families, we reckon to attract a good number of families to our matches but if you can't persuade some to leave the fireside on a winter's afternoon, normally we get them along to this one — who knows they might make a few friends they would like to see down at the Baseball Ground again.

RAMS AHEAD AGAIN!



Paddock season ticket holders, Tim Mackervoy (left) and Dave Carlisle, purchased two little furry rams when recently visiting Wales and struck up a friendly bet that they would wear them on their hats when attending the Baseball Ground on match days. Well, they certainly look the part but unlike us they will be letting our recent success go to their heads!

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TODAY'S GUEST: **Dean Saunders**

Inside View

THE SECRET WEAPON WHICH GAVE DEAN SAUNDERS MEMBERSHIP OF THE £1 MILLION CLUB SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS GATHERING DUST IN AN ATTIC.

A pair of forgotten boots provided the goals which brought the 24-year-old Welsh international to the Baseball Ground from Oxford and then launched his Derby career in devastating fashion.

Dean hit six goals in his first six matches and although the boots are close to becoming National Trust property, he has no intention of sending them back to the attic.

"The boots I started out with this season came apart and then I remembered an old pair I had when I was at Swansea.

"I couldn't get on with them because I thought they were too big for me so I wrapped them in a bin liner and put them away in the attic.

"Since I've been wearing them, the goals have been flying in, so I'm still hanging on to them although they've got a few holes in now.

"I have to keep trimming bits of them every week and I suppose one day I'll give them a good kick and that will be the end of them."

Superstition aside, Dean's scoring exploits have raised his chances of challenging two of his heroes in the Wales attack.

"I used to watch Mark Hughes and Ian Rush when I was on the substitutes bench and try to pick up certain things and learn from the way they played.

"But it wasn't until I actually played with them that I realised how good they really were. Even so, I also realised I wasn't out of my depth as much as I thought I might be and that helped my confidence."

Dean also picked up another important trick from Rush. "I used to chase about all over the place but I found out that if you've run the length of the pitch twice and then a chance comes along, you're not in the best state to put it away."

"I've often heard people say things like 'how did he manage to miss that one' and probably watching from the stand or the terraces it's an understandable thing to say but



what they don't realise is that your legs were like jelly at the time.

"That's one of Ian Rush's secrets. He knows he's going to get a chance at some stage so he conserves his energy so that when it finally comes, he can take advantage."

Apart from his priceless knack of putting the ball in the net, Dean believes he could soon have something else in common with the great Liverpool striker — a championship medal.

"I don't believe that's a far fetched idea. Take Norwich for example, if they can get to the top of the League there's no reason why Derby can't get there as well."

"We've got Peter Shilton in goal for a start and then there's Mark Wright, who I believe, should be playing for England. When I've played against Mark in the past, I've thought that he's the most difficult I've come up against."

"Then, of course, there's Paul Goddard who is the type of player I like working alongside. He brings everyone into the game and he can hold the ball up as well."

"We can score goals and just as importantly, stop them going in at our end. When you have a defence which is as solid as ours it really helps because it means that when you score, the chances are that it will put you in front."

Dean's spectacular finishing has made him an instant hero at Derby but he has a sobering message for the First Division defences still to face him this season.

"Strikers go through good and bad runs and I know it's a case of whether I can keep this going because what you did two weeks ago doesn't help on the day."

"But I still haven't played as well as I would have liked. My performance in the first 20 minutes at Aston Villa was the best I've played for Derby but I know I can do better."



JOHN CHIEDOZIE

Nigerian International John is still undergoing a period of rehabilitation following his cartilage injury sustained after making just two League appearances in Rams colours following his free transfer from Spurs in the close season. Everyone wishes him a speedy return to match fitness in the hope that he can recapture the form that once persuaded Notts. County to pay £650,000 for him from Orient.

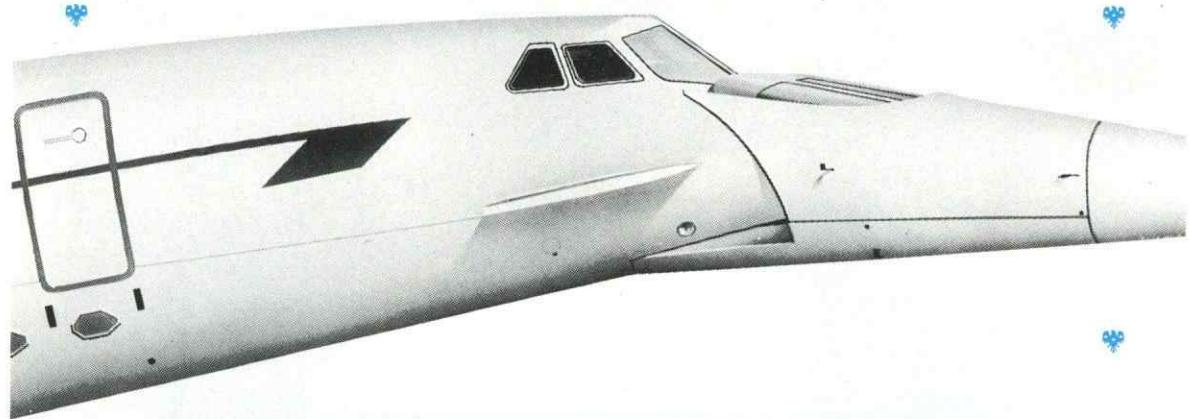
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The home team wins the toss, so you take up your position for the kick-off, not that you expect to get a kick of the ball . . .

However, your training has paid off, and you end up running at least ten miles during the game, and often sprint from one end of the field to the other, dodging

players and always putting yourself in the best position to keep your eye on the ball and the run of play. At the end of the game you haven't scored, in fact nobody's passed to you and you haven't even kicked the ball! All the same you've been involved in an argument with one of the home side's players, and spent the rest of the match being shouted at by the home fans. But all in all it's been a good game, and just the way you enjoy spending your Saturday afternoons!

Any idea who we're talking about here? Yes, it's the man everyone loves to hate, the referee.

Who would do a ref's job? Not only do they have to cope with twenty-two men all keyed up for a fiercely fought game of football, but have you ever tried sticking to your guns when thousands of people are all shouting that you're wrong?! So have pity on today's ref David Allison the most

THE THINGS THEY SAY

TRANSFER-LISTED Gary Micklewhite may have boosted his asking price after hitting a double strike to fire Derby's Simod Cup hopes.

Micklewhite, deputising for the injured Nigel Callaghan, pounced after just two minutes and struck again three minutes after the interval. — *Daily Mirror*, Nov. 24.

DERBY paid a high price last night for reaching the third round of the Simod Cup.

For striker Paul Goddard must be doubtful for Saturday's clash with Arsenal with a nasty looking leg injury.

Goddard had to be helped away after a second-half clash with Villa skipper Allan Evans. — *Daily Star*, Nov. 24.

THE BATTLING Rams battered Arsenal into submission to extend

their unbeaten run to seven games.

And Gee's immaculate 78th minute volley from Nigel Callaghan's teasing cross capped a fine fight-back by Derby. — *Sunday Mirror*, Nov. 27.

BEATING ARSENAL seems to have become an accepted part of Baseball Ground tradition.

Even the strong scent of a long overdue championship triumph proved insufficient to inspire the Londoners' first victory at Derby County's home for 36 years.

And on this performance Derby might just be surprise contenders to provide further frustration to Arsenal ambitions. — *Mail on Sunday*, Nov. 27.

DERBY COUNTY extended their

unbeaten run to seven games with a controversial 88th minute penalty.

Derby substitute Gary Micklewhite handled in the Wednesday penalty area — yet referee Neil Midgeley pointed to the spot rather than awarding Wednesday a free kick. — *Sunday Mirror*, Dec. 4.

COUNTY have not won at Hillsborough since 1936 and another defeat was only seconds away when Midgeley awarded a penalty that provoked a storm of protest from the incensed Wednesday players.

Midgeley pointed to the penalty spot, indicating that it was Madden who had palmed the ball, and Nigel Callaghan stepped forward to grab a point Derby so richly deserved on their second-half display. — *Mail on Sunday*, Dec. 4.

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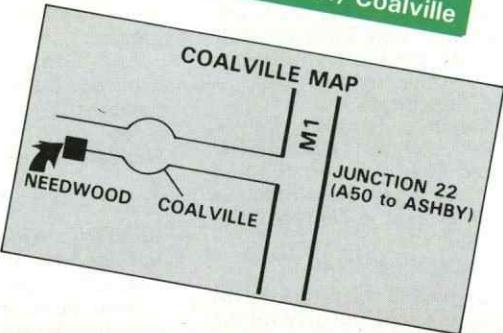
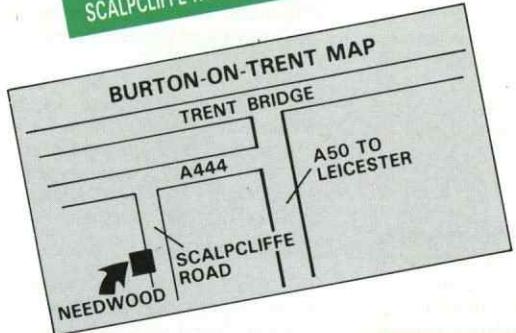
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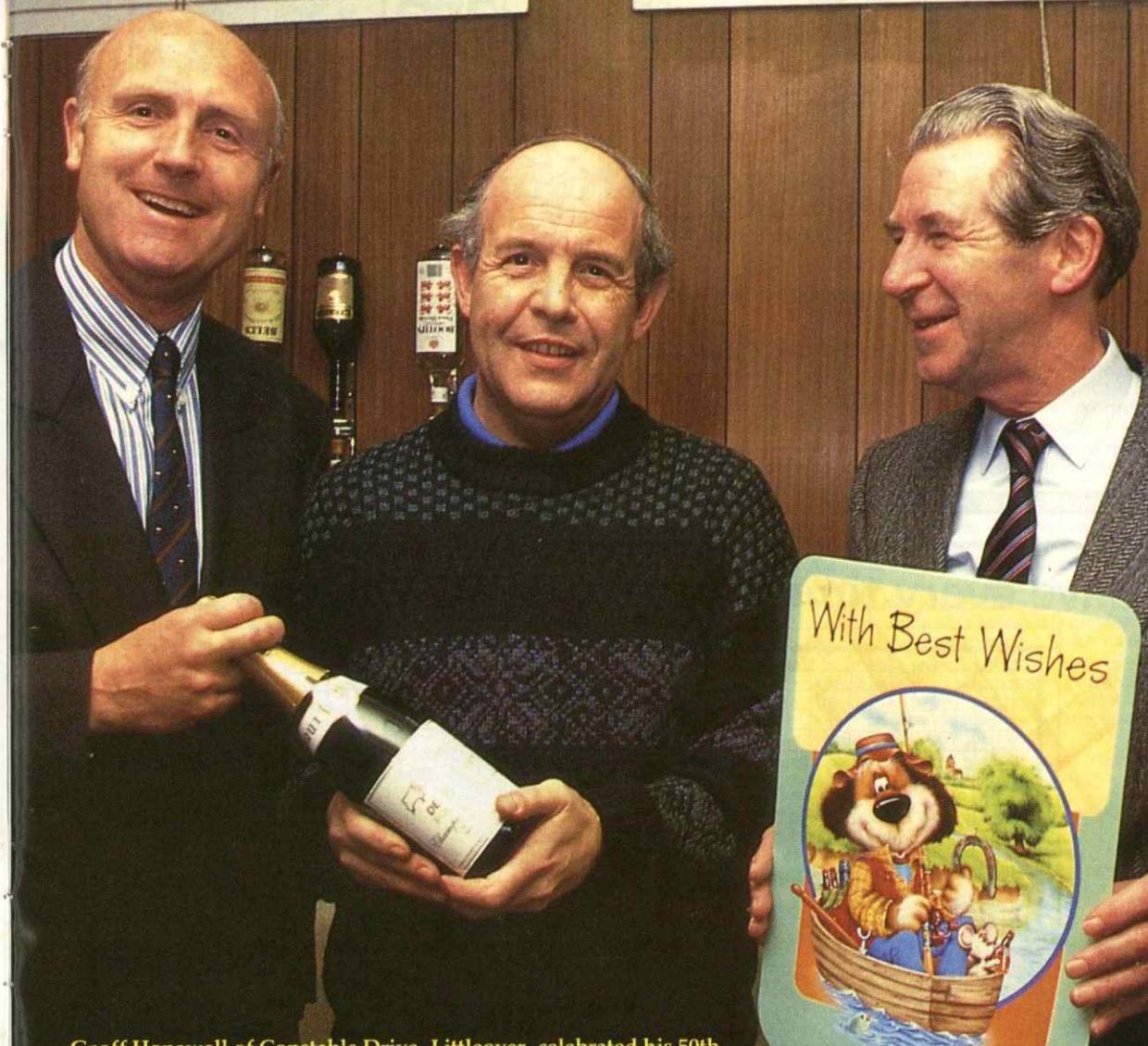
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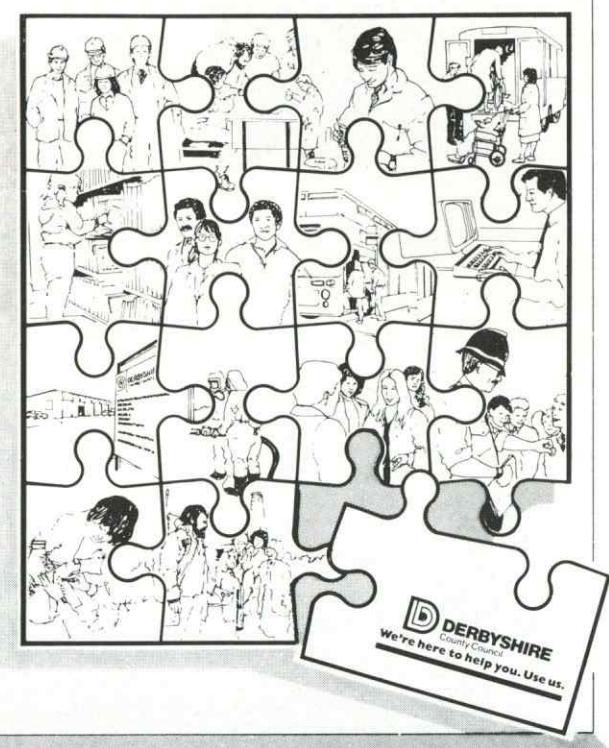


Geoff Hopewell of Constable Drive, Littleover, celebrated his 50th birthday in a very special manner. Daughter Nicola, aged 16, wrote and asked if we could fix it for her Dad to have a guided tour of the Ground and meet some of the Rams' personalities. Well, Geoff's birthday celebrations coincided with our game against F.A. Cup Holders, Wimbledon, so we extended an invitation to him to view the game from the Directors Box and have a VIP day with the Rams. A thrilled Geoff told the Ram: "I have been supporting the Club since 1946 and I was simply overjoyed by the tremendous reception I was given by everyone at the Club. It just goes to show what a caring Club Derby County is". Our picture shows Rams' Director, Mick McGarry and Wimbledon Assistant Manager, Don Howe, presenting Geoff with a birthday card signed by both teams.

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But football, the clubs and the supporters, can and MUST have a say in what form the scheme is introduced into our game.

That is why we are appealing to all Derby County fans to write to the MPs in the area (the names and how they can be contacted are listed below) urging them to make sure the views of soccer are represented in the House of Commons.

Derby County recognises that some form of membership scheme is needed but not a blanket one. We believe that a rigid scheme will drive people away and will inevitably prove a death sentence for clubs in the lower divisions.

Managing director Stuart Webb said: "We realise that a scheme will be introduced so the only way football can have an influence is at the committee stages in the House of Commons.

"That is why we are inviting all the MPs in this area to the Baseball Ground to show the steps Derby County have already taken to make it a safe place for families and genuine football fans to watch the game.

"But we also want you, the supporters, to write to the MPs urging them to take notice of the grass roots feeling and to give the game a voice in Parliament.

"We believe that if everybody is forced to carry a plastic card it will force a lot of smaller clubs out of business and will drive away the casual supporter from our National Game.

"Everyone knows that the problem is not a football problem, it is a social problem so why must everyone go through these procedures when nationally we are talking about less than three thousand people causing the aggravation at sporting events throughout the country and abroad.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MP

Write to your local M.P. care of the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Your local representatives are:

Mr. G. Knight M.P.
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Amber Valley

Mr. D. Skinner M.P.
Bolsover

Mr. T. Benn M.P.
Chesterfield

Mrs. M. Beckett M.P.
Derby South

Mr. H. Barns M.P.
North East Derbyshire

Mrs. E. Curry M.P.
South Derbyshire

Mr. P. McLoughlin M.P.
West Derbyshire

Mr. P. Rost M.P.
Erewash

Mr. C. Hawkins M.P.
High Peak



"What is a law and order problem has been shifted into football's back yard and we feel that introducing a national membership card scheme is like taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

"This entire business has come about because of the problems at the European Championships but those people who masquerade as England supporters are totally different from the fans who stand on the terraces week in and week out and support their local teams.

"We believe there is a better way of coping with the problem and the Dutch authorities have recently

introduced a scheme which merits some consideration.

"They have targeted six clubs with the worst behaviour records and instructed them that their fans must have a membership card to get into away games.

"That is what we would prefer to see — cards issued for visiting fans only. The home supporter would be unaffected and the casual fan would still have the choice of watching a game whenever they chose.

"A total membership scheme would prove expensive to implement and also time consuming with thousands of people turning up shortly before kick-off at entry points on match days.

"A policeman would be needed on each turnstile in case there was trouble as it is proposed to make it an offence to gain entry without a card. All this, in our view, amounts to a lot of unnecessary extra expense and inconvenience on everyone's part when less drastic measures are available.

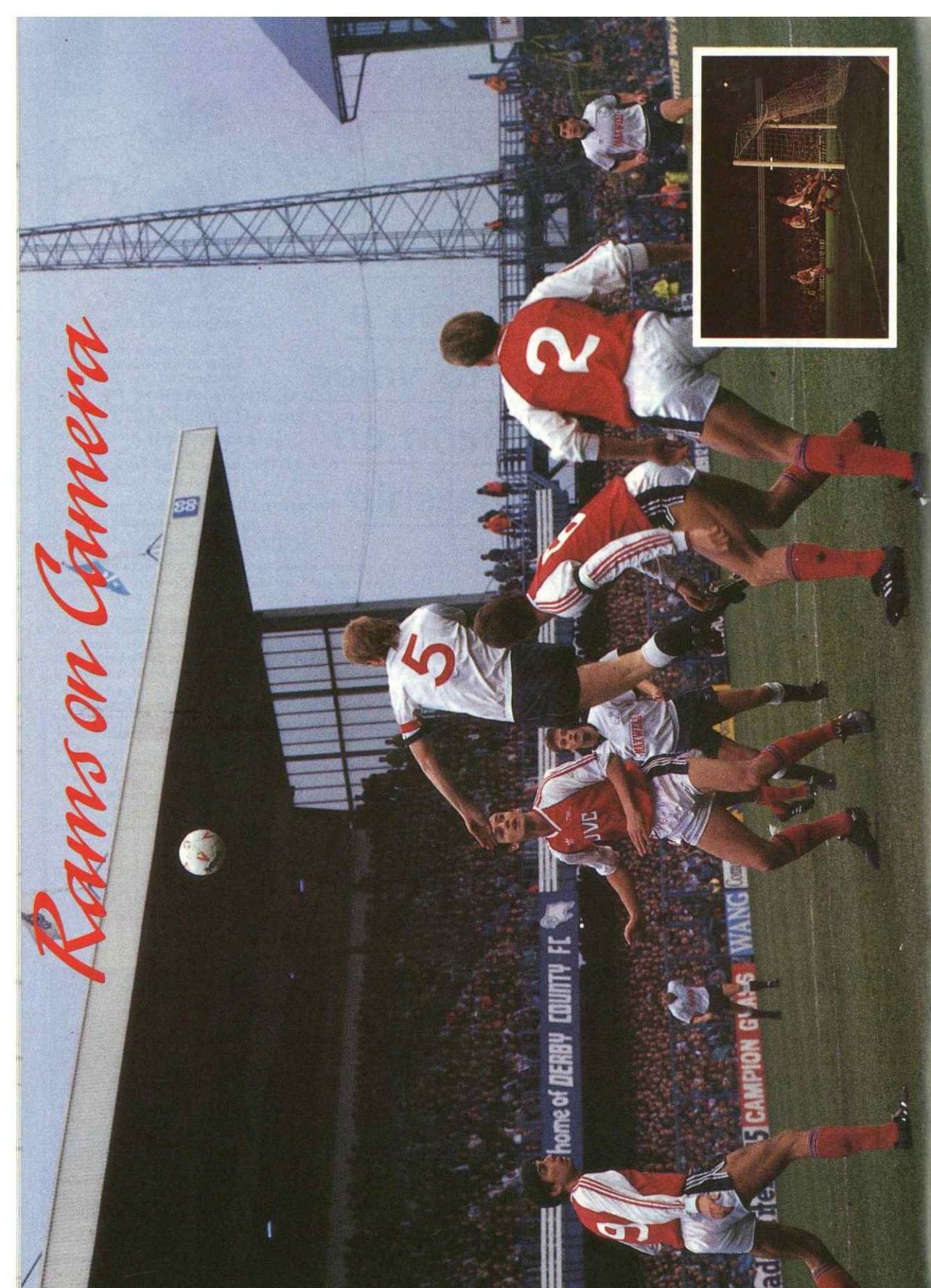
"But we cannot escape the fact that some form of scheme is on the way. What is important is whether we can modify it to prevent the game suffering."

THAT IS WHY ALL DERBY COUNTY FANS MUST TAKE TIME OUT TO WRITE TO THEIR MPs, PUTTING FORWARD THEIR VIEWS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN LEGISLATION IS DRAWN UP THE VIEWS OF FOOTBALL AND SUPPORTERS ARE HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY.



Stuart Webb

Rams on Camera



RAMS 2 ARSENAL 1

A Baseball Ground crowd of over 21,000 was again treated to another feast of football entertainment. Both sides strived for first-half supremacy but goals were in short supply until Michael Thomas broke free in his own half to take a pass from David Rocastle to fire the Gunners into the second-half lead. The Rams, making a habit of coming from behind, secured maximum points with goals





HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods. Vernons and Zetters and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom. Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Toxteth; refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling; closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic; transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England; from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United. 1988-89 will see the Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by 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.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

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Safety	£2,254,723
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In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.



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ALL KEYED-UP!

Sir,

As a Key-Club member, all this talk about the Government's proposed national soccer identification card scheme has left me a little confused. I thought our Key-Club cards were identification cards.

If, or when, the Government bring in the scheme, does it mean that, along with thousands of other Key-Club members, will still have to pay out to join the national scheme?

Key-Club member from Swadlincote.

● *It is unclear at the moment as to what the ultimate National Membership Scheme will be but be rest assured that the Key Club will continue in its present format as a thriving family area.*

Crowded Out

Sir,

As a youngster, I was an avid soccer stickers collector and while looking through some of my books recently, I found some current Derby players in their previous club's colours.

I hope you can find space to put them in your brilliant *Rams Magazine* as I'm sure they'll raise a few laughs, especially Nigel Callaghan aged 20 – dig the hair Cally!

SR, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.



Mark Wright & Nick Pickering when aged 19.
'Pool Pen Pal . . .

Sir,

Despite living in Liverpool, I actually support Derby County so I'm looking for some pen-friends in the Derby area to write to.

I am 12 so anyone aged between 10 and 14 would make great pen pals.

Peter Hopkins, 127 Strathcona Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, Merseyside L15 1EB.

Where are they all now?

Sir,

While gloating over our recent excellent victory over so-called Championship favourites Arsenal I noticed that the First Division table tells a very interesting story.

Arsenal are one of only two of the breakaway ten clubs that wanted to form a Superleague in the summer who currently own a position above the Rams in the table – and Derby of course were not deemed good enough to join that elite bunch.

What's more, six of the ten clubs are in the lower reaches of the table with supposed giants Tottenham, West Ham and Newcastle occupying three of the four relegation possible spots.

I realise that the season is only one third through yet but that cannot hide the fact that a Super League was always a ridiculous suggestion, that, if ever it did raise its head, could only be bad for competitive football.

Name and address withheld on request.

"Superleaguers" below the Rams after Sheffield game: Forest, Everton, Sheff. Wed., Man Utd, Villa, Spurs, West Ham, Newcastle.

Holiday Work

Sir,

I know every summer when footballers are looked on with envy as they embark on their three month break, they always say that it makes up for having to work at Christmas, but what really is the procedure for the lads over the festive season?

Obviously with a game on Boxing Day that second helping of Christmas pud is out, but with Christmas Day falling on a Sunday this year, and no game on the Saturday, I was wondering whether they will have to come in and train.

Will Arthur be treating it like a Friday and Boxing Day a Saturday?

JK, Cumberland Close, Borrowash, Derby.

● *Yes, as in previous seasons the players will be training on Christmas Day.*



George Williams, not much time this Christmas with new born . . .



Luton Town



Team Colours

FORM GUIDE

LUTON TOWN, who won their first major trophy when lifting the Littlewoods Cup in such dramatic fashion at Wembley last season, are going through a transitional period at the moment. Manager Ray Harford has introduced several youngsters to the team this season in addition to left-back John Dreyer (signed from Oxford), midfielder Steve Williams (Arsenal) and forward Roy Wegerle (Chelsea).

So perhaps it is not surprising that Luton have been hovering in the lower part of the table for much of the season so far. But they have survived again to the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup and a recent 4-1 home win over West Ham suggests that the new-look team is beginning to find its feet.

Away form has not been good so it was surprising that their only away win in the First Division should have come at Everton (2-0) in September. The Hatters drew at Nottingham Forest (0-0) and Norwich (2-2) but were beaten at Sheffield Wednesday (0-1), Southampton (1-2), Middlesbrough (1-2), Millwall (1-3) and Coventry (0-1).

The Hatters survived a few early scares in defence of their Littlewoods Cup Trophy. They were held at home by Fourth Division Burnley (1-1) in the second round but won the second-leg by 1-0. They then had to visit Second Division Leeds United and came out 2-0 winners.

In round three they achieved a 3-1 home win over another Second Division side, Manchester City.

It might be wise to ignore Luton's lowly position in the table for they have been producing some very good performances in recent weeks.

THE SQUAD

GOALKEEPER — **Les Sealy** had the misfortune to miss last season's League Cup final because of injury. Apart from such forced absences, Les has been the number one choice since his transfer from Coventry in 1983.

DEFENDERS — The recent departure of Mal Donaghy to Manchester United has seen the establishment of a new central defensive partnership. **Marvin Johnson** has now joined **Steve Foster** at the heart of the defence. Marvin, a former Luton apprentice, made his League debut last season. Steve started life as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence and won three England caps. He moved to Brighton in 1979, Aston Villa in 1984 and to Luton later that same year. **Rob Johnson** usually fills the right-back position. Another ex-Luton apprentice, he spent a loan spell with Lincoln in 1983/84.

John Dreyer, Ashley Grimes and **Richard Harvey** have filled the left-back spot. Dreyer, signed from Oxford in the summer, spent loan periods with Torquay and Fulham before breaking into the Oxford side in 1986. Grimes, who also plays in midfield, was signed from Coventry in 1984. He had earlier made more than 100 First Division appearances for Manchester United and won 13 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Harvey is yet another graduate from the Hatters' apprenticeship scheme. He broke into League soccer two seasons ago.

MIDFIELD — Following an injury to **Steve Williams**, the midfield has comprised of **Danny Wilson, David Preece, and Kingsley Black**. But **Ricky Hill** is still such a vital player in the squad.

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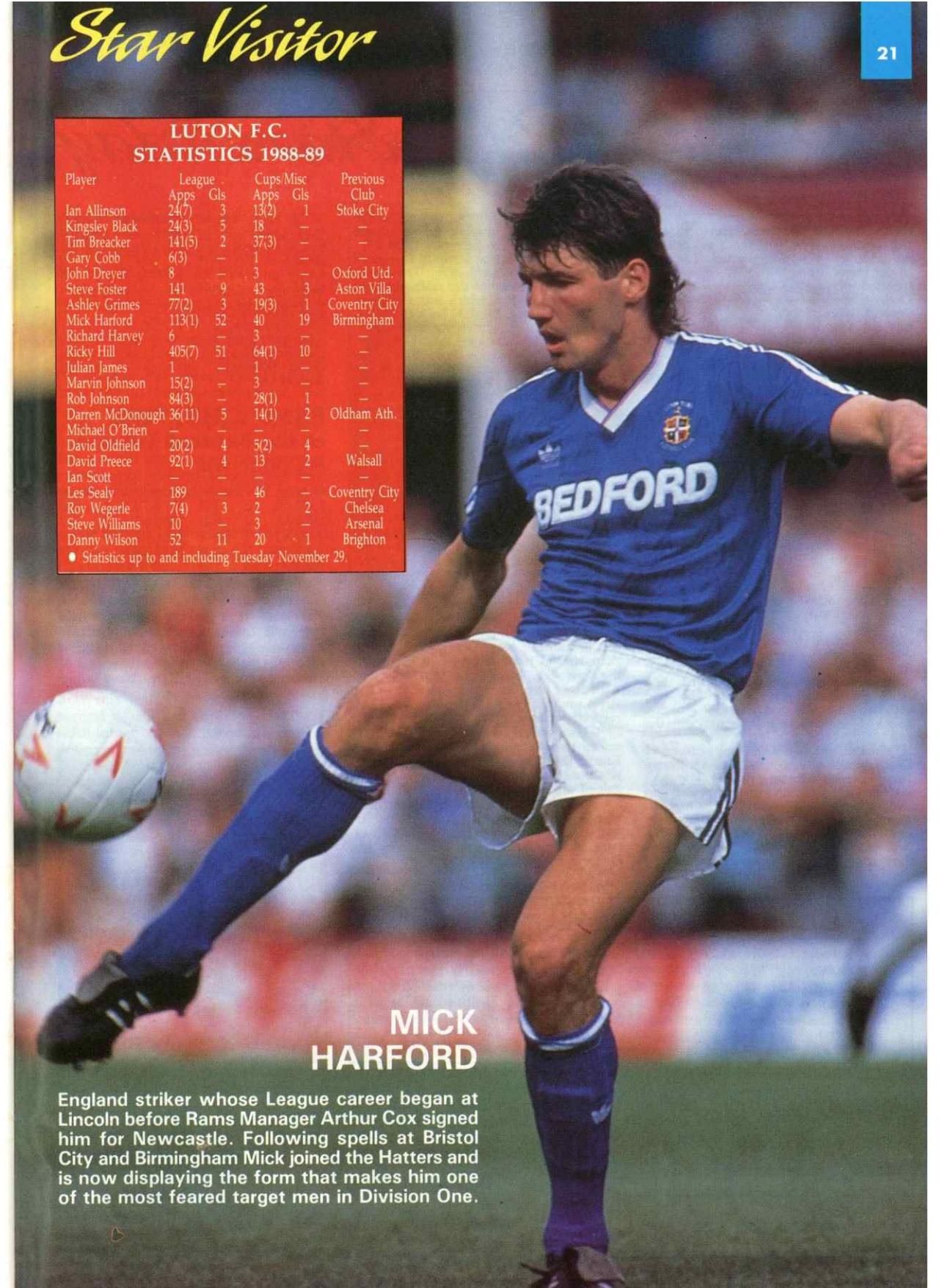
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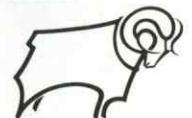
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LUTON F.C. STATISTICS 1988-89					
Player	League Apps	Cups/Misc Apps	Previous Club	League Gls	Cups/Misc Gls
Ian Allinson	24(7)	3	Stoke City	13(2)	1
Kingsley Black	24(3)	5	—	18	—
Tim Breacker	141(5)	2	—	37(3)	—
Gary Cobb	6(3)	—	—	1	—
John Dreyer	8	—	Oxford Utd.	3	—
Steve Foster	141	9	Aston Villa	43	3
Ashley Grimes	77(2)	3	Coventry City	19(3)	1
Mick Harford	113(1)	52	Birmingham	40	19
Richard Harvey	6	—	—	3	—
Ricky Hill	405(7)	51	Oldham Ath.	64(1)	10
Julian James	1	—	—	1	—
Marvin Johnson	15(2)	—	—	3	—
Rob Johnson	84(3)	—	—	28(1)	1
Darren McDonough	36(11)	5	Oldham Ath.	14(1)	2
Michael O'Brien	—	—	—	—	—
David Oldfield	20(2)	4	—	5(2)	4
David Preece	92(1)	4	Walsall	13	2
Ian Scott	—	—	—	—	—
Les Sealy	189	—	Coventry City	46	—
Roy Wegerle	7(4)	3	Chelsea	2	2
Steve Williams	10	—	Arsenal	3	—
Danny Wilson	52	11	Brighton	20	1

• Statistics up to and including Tuesday November 29.



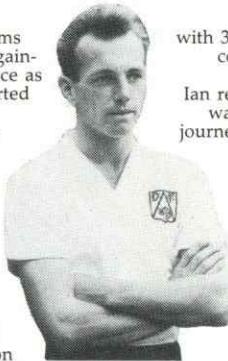


IAN signed professional forms for the Rams in 1959, after gaining Central League experience as an amateur. He said, 'I started under Harry Storer and finished with Brian Clough. Derby County were a Second Division team and I also studied for my Higher National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at the Technical College at Kedleston Road'.

Ian made a memorable League debut for the Rams, scoring twice in a 3-0 home win against Ipswich Town on November 21, 1959. He made five appearances that season, scoring four times. The Rams also played against Manchester United in the third round of the F.A. Cup in 1960, in which Ian was not involved, but, 'the highlight of my career with Derby was the third round of the F.A. Cup when Manchester United came to the Baseball Ground with the likes of Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and George Best. It was a terrific experience for me and the team, although we lost 2-5'.

Ian was instrumental in one of the Rams' goals, the penalty scored by full-back John Richardson. Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Harry Gregg was fed up with Ian's continual harrying after he had collected the ball, and, on this occasion knocked Ian flying by striking him with the ball.

'Another highlight in my career at Derby was the home game against Jimmy Hill's Coventry City team in 1964. They had just been promoted and were unbeaten and also led the table. We won 2-1 that night in spite of John Bowers getting injured. A week later we completed the double with a 2-0 win at Highfield Road.' The crowds for those two games are worth mentioning



IAN BUXTON

with 32,720 at Derby and a large Rams' contingent swelling the attendance at Coventry to 38,278.

Ian remembers that a trip to Plymouth was long and arduous: 'The return journey consisted of the midnight train to London, which was a sleeper, and the 7.30 back to Derby, different from today.'

Ian was a cricketer/footballer, playing for Derbyshire in the summer and the Rams in the winter. He said: 'The extension of the Sunday

League into the first two weeks in September finished the cricketer/footballer, and the football season began to start earlier and finish later so the seasons overlapped at either end. We had a few of those players at Derby with Ian Hall, also a Derbyshire cricketer, and Ray Swallow as well as Alan Durban being an accomplished player.'

'Alan and Kevin Hector were two of the best players I played with at Derby, and Eddie Thomas was a great striker of the ball.'

'After I left Luton I continued to train up here and Roy McFarland stood out as a potentially great player. The move to Luton had its amusing side. Derby were signing Alan Hinton from Nottingham Forest on the same night. I was due to sign for Luton. Alan and I were left waiting outside in the street under a lamp for the officials of the respective clubs to arrive.'

'I had an enjoyable career at Luton, under three managers. We were in the Fourth Division in 1967, and went on to win the championship and two years later gained promotion to the Second Division.'

'There were some useful players there then, including Bruce Rioch. Even then he had a good left foot and a quick turn of pace. Bruce's father was chief scout for Luton at that time.'

LUTON TOWN'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Div. 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top Scorer
1983-84	42	14	9	19	53	66	51	16	Walsh 11
1984-85	42	15	9	18	57	61	54	13	Harford 16(2p)
1985-86	42	18	12	12	61	44	66	9	Harford 22(2p)
1986-87	42	18	12	12	47	45	66	8	Newell 12, Stein (B.) 12 (McDonough)
1987-88	40	14	11	15	57	58	53	9	Stein (M.) 11

Last time at the Baseball Ground

Barclays league Division One Saturday, August 15th, 1987

Derby County 1 (Gregory)

Luton Town 0

Derby County: Shilton; Sage, Forsyth, Williams, Hindmarch, McLaren, Micklewhite, Gee, Davison, Gregory, Callaghan; Subs: Blades and Lillis.

Luton Town: Seally; Breacker, Grimes, Hill, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Stein(B), Harford (sent off), Wilson (Newell), Preece (McDonough).

Attendance: 17,204.



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Blast from the Past



Easter Saturday, March 29, 1975, marked the start of an important period as the Rams strove on towards the League Championship.

The Rams were seventh in the First Division, four points behind the leaders, Everton, with a game in hand. Luton were 21st with only Carlisle United below them. The Rams made one change with Steve Powell coming in for the injured Henry Newton. The Luton side included two players who were later to join the Rams. At left-back was Steve Buckley, who gave the Rams eight years' invaluable service and central defender Paul Futcher, whose brother Ron was at centre-forward.

The Rams took the lead in the ninth minute after Barber had turned a Hinton free-kick off the bar for a corner. Roger Davies rose to meet Hinton's accurate flag kick and score off a post. Four minutes later the same player had increased the Rams' lead. Thomas headed out a free-kick and Hinton sent Todd away down the right flank. The ball was played back to Thomas and from his centre Davies headed the second goal, Ryan failing to head out from under the bar. Barber prevented a Davies hat-trick after Hector had provided the chance, just finger tipping the ball round a post. However, Davies was not to be denied as he chased a long pass by Thomas, brought it in and lashed it into the roof of the net as Barber stood on his line. Just before the interval Davies chested down a marvellous pass from Hinton and 'scored', but was disallowed for the use of an arm.

In the second-half the crowd were waiting for more goals and had to wait until the 78th minute. John Ryan headed back a long pass, and with the Luton defence wrong-footed, Davies nipped in to score his and Derby's fourth. The rout was completed with four minutes left with Faulkner misjudging a Hinton pass for Davies to score yet again. It was a personal triumph for Davies whose five goals were the first in the Football League by a Rams' player since Hughie Gallacher at Blackburn in December 1934.

The teams were:

DERBY COUNTY: Boulton; Thomas, Nish, Rioch, Daniel, Todd, Powell, Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Hinton; sub Bourne.



Kevin Hector rises above the Hatters' defence to score our second goal in 1980/81. The exciting 2-2 draw was watched by a Baseball Ground Crowd of 16,479.

LUTON TOWN: Barber; John Ryan, Buckley, Anderson, Faulkner, Futcher (P.), Jim Ryan, Husband (Seasman), Futcher (R.), West, Aston.

Attendance: 24,619.

pull the Rams' defence out of shape. He struck a post in the second-half and had a goal disallowed for offside. There were three other efforts ruled out, two from Turner and one from the eventual scorer Mitchell.

In the Rams' attack Law suffered from the off-colour Dunn, while on the other flank McLaren and Parry provided the Rams' only threat. Wilkins, who started brightly, put the Rams into the lead after 21 minutes, scoring with a low shot from a centre by Parry. The strong tackling Morton eventually gained the upperhand. The second-half goals from Mitchell resulted from bad marking which gave Paul little chance to prevent the winger from scoring in the 48 and 77 minutes.

The teams were:

DERBY COUNTY: Paul; Patrick, Savin, Walker, Oliver, Mays, Parry, McLaren, Wilkins, Dunn, Law.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne, Shanks, Morton, Watkins, Davies, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

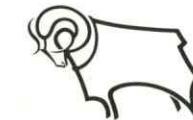
Attendance: 15,934.

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THE PETER STEPHENS COLUMN

Ram Comment



As a fan who regards the government's compulsory membership proposals with some scepticism, I was alarmed to see huge headlines declaiming: BRING IN SOCCER ID CARDS — MASSIVE SUPPORT TO CURB VIOLENCE.

Only the day before these headlines dominated the front page of *The Mail on Sunday*, I had spoken to at least a dozen fellow supporters at the Baseball Ground, not one of whom was in favour of Mrs Thatcher's ideas.

So what justification did the newspaper have for stating, in its first paragraph: "The Prime Minister has received a massive endorsement of her controversial plan to end the national shame of football violence."?

The Mail on Sunday was reporting the findings of a poll conducted by the respected NOP, who interviewed a sample of 257 people attending matches around England and a sample of 947 "interested in football" at 80 sampling points.

In its commentary on the findings, the newspaper gave most weight to the views of those it depicted as "fairly interested" in the game, rather than to those who attend regularly — the genuine fans. I wonder why? Clearly the future of football depends mainly on the committed fans, 60 per cent of whom told the pollsters that they think Maggie's scheme is bad.

Asked what effect compulsory membership would have on violence inside grounds, 52 per cent of fans said "None" and 28 per cent thought the plan would lead to increased violence outside.

When asked how much they felt at risk from violence inside grounds, 90 per cent of the fans said either "a little" (27 per cent) or "not at all" (63 per cent). Yet *The Mail on Sunday* reported that its survey revealed . . . "more than half of the football supporters questioned are in fear of violence at the game".

It is obvious that football's problems have not gone away, and that only unremitting efforts by everyone in the game, in partnership with the football supporters' organisations, can restore it to its former glory. But the last thing we need is a grandiose scheme likely to chuck the baby out with the bathwater.

The newspaper's poll was both legitimate and useful. Sadly, its headlines must have been misleading to those who did not take the trouble to read the small print.

Here's a better headline: KEEP OUT THE SOCCER ID CARDS — SCRAP THE THATCHER PLAN.

- Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of Derby County F.C.

JUNIOR RAMS

Christmas is coming . . . the goose is getting fat . . . and I bet after the festive season there will be one or two of us letting our belts and braces out a notch or two as well.

Let me be one of the first to give out a Christmas present — and this is one for the few youngsters out there in Ramsland who haven't signed up for the Super Rams as members of the JR Club. If you haven't and you don't want to miss out on any more of the action then join today — we're knocking £1 off the subscription per member — so that you can put it towards filling your stocking a bit more. All you need to do is send in your name, address, and date of birth to me, c/o BBG or pick up a form from the General Office and fill it in — those around the pitch perimeter had one given to them at the Arsenal match. But remember to take £1 off the rates outlined on the form. That will make it

£3 for a single member — you save £1!
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£6 for four in a family — £4 saved on normal rates — £10 on single rates!

Please note all family memberships apply to those living at the same address.

Are you a juvenile season ticket holder and have not claimed your free membership of the Junior Rams? If you are then pick up a form and fill it in but be sure to put down your season ticket number — don't send any money. Free membership is open to children of Phoenix Gold Club members too, so you can claim in the same way — just enter Mum or Dad's Phoenix Gold Club Number on your form.

To help anyone who hasn't claimed free membership we shall be out and about the Co-op Stand and Key Club Area today between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. We will be on a walkabout to make ourselves known but you can get a form from the approaches to the Club Room in the Co-op Stand or the Ramtique in the Key Club Area. Fill it in and leave it there. If time will allow we will have a membership pack or two to issue on the spot — if not we'll pop it in the post.

See you around the Baseball Ground!

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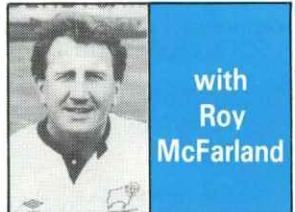


BEHIND THE 1st TEAM SCENE

Reserves and Juniors

HARD WORK BEING REWARDED

Our first-half performance against Manchester United Reserves was very poor. We were not positive at all in our attacking play and having gone a goal up by Nigel Callaghan everything from our front six attacking players became negative. Had it not been for the competitiveness and experience of Rob Hindmarch and Steve Cross, at the centre of our defence, we may well have been losing by more than the 2-1 margin at half-time.



with
Roy
McFarland

Derby County Manager Tim Ward, and lining up with some old friends. David Nish, Kevin Hector and other ex-Rams players. All the games we play for the ex-Rams are played for charity although it is enjoyable for us all to meet up, and tomorrow

we will be playing in aid of the Children's Hospital Oncology Unit, a very worthy cause. The game kicks-off at 10.30 am and admission programmes priced £1 are on sale from the General Office after today's game and will also be on sale at Moor Lane tomorrow. So why not come along and lend us your support as we "oldies" line-up against Rolls-Royce All Stars.

Match Facts:

Manchester Utd. Reserves 2
Derby County Res. 3
(Callaghan, Taylor S, Pickering)

Rams Reserves: Taylor M, Patterson, Briscoe, McCord, Hindmarch, Cross, Ramage, Callaghan, Penney, Taylor S, Pickering.

Derby County Res. 3
(Cross (pen.), Penney, Taylor S.)

Sheffield Wed. Res. 1

Rams Reserves: Taylor M, Patterson, Briscoe, McCord, Hindmarch, Cross, Micklewhite, Ramage(Green), Penney, Taylor S, Pickering.



David Penney (left) scorer of a superb goal against Sheffield Wednesday Reserves and Steve Taylor (right) young midfield player scorer of two goals in recent Reserve Team victories.

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIV. 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottm Forest	13	9	3	1	37	19	30
Everton	12	8	2	2	27	7	26
Huddersfield	13	7	4	2	22	14	25
Derby County	13	7	2	4	25	19	23
WBA	12	6	3	3	30	20	21
Liverpool	13	6	3	4	24	20	21
Coventry	13	6	2	5	30	25	20
Aston Villa	10	5	3	2	22	17	18
Man Utd.	13	5	2	6	26	25	17
Sheff. Utd.	12	4	4	4	21	30	16
Man City	13	4	4	2	22	30	14
Barnsley	13	3	4	6	18	28	13
Sheff. Wed.	12	3	3	6	17	24	12
Leicester City	11	3	3	5	16	21	12
Blackburn	13	4	0	9	19	29	12
Newcastle	12	2	5	5	16	20	11
Sunderland	12	2	4	6	14	24	10
Leeds Utd.	12	1	3	8	16	30	6

CENTRAL LEAGUE APPS/GOALS

	A	G	A	G
Taylor, M	12	—	Penney	10
Starkey	1	—	Angell	5(2)
Patterson	11(1)	—	Cross	12
Briscoe	12	—	Ramage	4(5)
McCord	10	1	Pickering	10
Hindmarch	12	—	Williams, P	2(2)
Davidson	7	—	Symonds	0(1)
Micklewhite	9	—	Green	2(2)
McMinn	3	2	Taylor, S	8(2)
Gee	5	4	Rafferty	0(1)
Round	0(2)	—	Blades	1
Forsyth	1	—	Hebberd	1
Sage	1	—	Wright	2
Kavanagh	1	—	Callaghan	1

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE PURITY LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry City	9	8	1	0	23	6	25
Nottm. Forest	10	7	1	2	27	15	22
Leicester City	10	6	3	1	27	12	21
Wolves	11	7	0	4	23	17	21
Stoke City	10	6	1	3	16	12	19
Derby County	10	6	1	3	26	17	19
Aston Villa	11	5	2	4	26	16	17
Notts County	10	3	3	4	22	18	12
Walsall	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
WBA	9	2	2	5	16	24	8
Peterborough	10	2	1	7	17	27	7
Shrewsbury	9	2	1	6	10	38	7
Birmingham	10	2	0	8	8	19	6
Mansfield T.	10	1	1	8	10	26	4

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE PURITY LEAGUE

	A	G	A	G
Cooksey	7(1)	—	Symonds	13
Round	13	3	Holness	12
Williams, P	13	4	Straw	8
Kavanagh	13	1	White	5(6)
Phillips	11	—	Krupa	1
Grant	9(2)	—	Pearson	0(2)
Sleuwenhoek	13	3	Corbett	2
Ellis	4(1)	—	Rutherford	0(1)
Hayward	13	4	Sale	3(1)
Allen	1	1	Hopkins	1
Bradley	0(1)	—	Randall	1

CENTRAL LEAGUE NEXT HOME GAME

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CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1988-89

Date	v Opponents	Res
Aug 30	H Blackburn Rovers	3-1
Sep 7	A Barnsley	2-0
	H Liverpool	0-3
	A Coventry City	0-1
	H Leeds United	2-4
Oct 6	A Manchester City	3-0
	H Huddersfield Town	1-1
	A Leicester City	4-1
Nov 3	H Nottingham Forest	2-2
	A West Bromwich Albion	0-2
	H Everton	2-1
	A Manchester United	3-2
	H Sheffield Wednesday	3-1
Dec 7	A Aston Villa	
	H Sheffield United	
	A Newcastle United	
Jan 3	H Barnsley	
	A Blackburn Rovers	
	H Sheffield Wednesday	
	A Sunderland	
Feb 1	A Leeds United	
	H Manchester City	
	A Leicester City	
	H Huddersfield Town	
	A West Bromwich Albion	
Mar 8	A Nottingham Forest	
	H Coventry City	
	A Sheffield United	
	A Liverpool	
Apr 4	H Newcastle United	
	A Aston Villa	
	A Everton	
	H Manchester United	
May 2	A Sunderland	

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BY RAM STATISTICIAN MIKE WILSON

Fact File

RAMS ARE ON THE RIGHT COURSE

THE FIRST THIRD of the season past, on the hour mark of the home fixture with Arsenal, just after Michael Thomas had shot the Gunners into the lead. The ultimate Rams victory gave them 22 from 13 games and seventh place in the First Division table. The 13th game last season was a 2-0 home win over Coventry City, which gave the Rams 16 points and 11th place in the table. So at the equivalent stage the Rams are six points and four places better off than they were last season. The comparative records are as follows:

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1988/9	13	4	2	2	11	6	2	2	1	6	4	22
1987/8	13	2	2	3	5	5	2	2	2	6	9	16

From the above record it is apparent that the Rams have played one more home game this season against a further away game last season. However, while obtaining the eight points from one fewer away fixture, the Rams have turned fortunes around here at the Baseball Ground. They have won half of their home fixtures, with two wins and two draws coming in the last four home games. There also has been a steady increase in goalscoring, with at least two goals scored in the five matches since the signing of Dean Saunders.

The Rams, with 17 goals scored compared with 11 last season, have also improved defensively, conceding two goals on only one occasion, the 2-2 home draw with Manchester United. The 10 goals conceded, as against the 14 of last season, means that with Liverpool they have the best defensive record in the League.

This is in no small measure due to consistently good performances from the defence, where the only change has been at number five, when Mark Wright missed two League games and a Littlewoods Cup through suspension. Rob Hindmarch ably deputised and in the League fixtures, both of which were at home, the Rams drew 0-0 with Charlton, and defeated Wimbledon by 4-1.

Another way of charting the Rams improvement is charting the progress against the results of the corresponding fixtures of last season. With promotion and relegation taking place there has to be some substitution, as shown in the first two matches this season when the Rams played two of the promoted clubs.

Team	Venue	1988-89		1987-88		+/-	
		Result	Points	Result	Points		
Middlesbrough/ Chelsea	Home	1-0	2-0			-	
Millwall/ Portsmouth	Away	0-1	1-2			-	
Newcastle Utd.	Home	2-0	2-1			-	
Notts. Forest	Away	1-1	1-2			+1	
Q.P.R.	Home	0-1	0-2			-	
Southampton	Away	0-0	2-1			-2	
Norwich	Home	0-1	0-1			-	
Charlton	Home	0-0	0-1			-	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1988/9	8	2	3	3	4	4	9
1987/8	8	3	1	4	9	10	10
							Nett Loss 1 point



Rob Hindmarch has ably deputised when called upon this season.

The comparison of the first eight games with the equivalent last season shows a deficit of one point. The Rams were 15th at this stage of the season, and looking at last season's actual record in the first eight games they were in 13th place. The playing record was the same apart from the goals where they had scored six and conceded ten. The main difference was in the eighth game which resulted in a 0-4 defeat at Anfield. The next five games show the marked improvement in the Rams' fortunes:

	1988-9					1987-88					+/-
	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	
Wimbledon	4-1	0-1									+3
Tottenham	3-1	0-0									+2
Man. Utd.	2-2	1-2									+1
Aston Villa/ Watford	2-1	1-1									+2
Arsenal	2-1	0-0									+2
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
1988/9	5	4	1	0	13	6	13				
1987/8	5	0	3	2	2	4	3				10 points

The Rams have gained ten points on the equivalent results of last season, making a total net gain of nine points compared with the actual six in the first table. The Rams have gained points in all five fixtures and turned the goalscoring problem on its head. The two goals in the five games epitomised the problems of last season, which followed on into this season as shown in the first eight games.

The Rams now have entered the middle third of the season which is all important if the improvement is to be maintained. The unfortunate conclusion to that period, last season, is all too fresh in our minds. It started out in bright fashion with the goalless draw at Newcastle, followed by a 2-0 home win over Chelsea and a 2-1 win at Southampton. After a 1-1 home draw with Watford, games 18-25 all resulted in defeat, equalising a club record, of those eight games, seven were lost by one goal, and plunged the Rams into the relegation zone.

The Rams have started this season's middle third with a 1-1 draw away to Sheffield Wednesday, again a point gained on last season's result, a 1-2 defeat. That means that the Rams are in those terms, 10 points better off than they were last season, compared with the actual six. To-day's game against Luton Town offers the Rams only a chance of equalising the three points gained last season, the only improvement could be in goal difference providing that the Rams win by more than the one goal.

The next installment is awaited with interest, and of course there is the little matter of the F.A. Cup to keep our appetites whetted.

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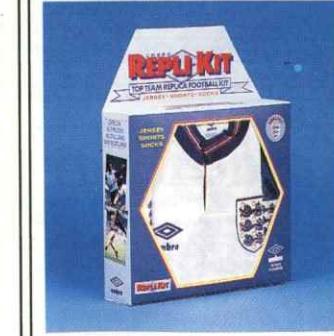
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THIS SEASON'S STATISTICS

Rams' Record

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE & ATTENDANCES

	HOME					AWAY					ATTENDANCES			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Highest	Average	
Norwich	15	3	4	1	13	11	5	1	1	12	7	29	20,330	14,472
Arsenal	14	3	2	1	12	7	5	1	2	20	9	27	37,417	32,905
Millwall	14	5	1	1	15	7	1	5	12	11	24		20,105	15,704
Liverpool	15	2	4	1	8	5	4	2	2	12	6	24	42,026	39,924
Derby County	14	4	2	2	11	6	2	3	1	7	5	23	24,080	17,252
Coventry	15	3	2	2	10	7	3	3	2	8	6	23	19,369	15,971
Southampton	15	4	2	2	15	9	2	3	2	10	12	23	21,046	15,429
Everton	14	3	3	1	12	6	3	1	3	7	8	22	41,560	30,245
Man. Utd.	15	3	4	1	11	6	1	5	1	8	7	21	46,377	38,482
Nottm. Forest	15	1	5	1	7	9	3	4	1	12	10	21	29,755	20,415
Sheff. Wed.	14	3	2	2	7	7	2	3	2	7	8	20	21,761	18,428
Middlesbrough	15	5	0	2	11	7	1	1	6	8	19	19	20,565	19,004
QPR	15	4	0	3	10	6	1	3	4	6	9	18	20,065	11,966
Aston Villa	15	3	3	2	12	9	1	3	3	10	13	18	41,409	24,756
Luton	15	2	4	1	8	6	1	2	5	7	11	15	12,117	9,691
Tottenham	15	2	3	3	15	17	1	3	3	9	11	15	32,621	25,125
Charlton	15	1	3	4	9	16	2	2	3	7	11	14	21,389	10,723
Wimbledon	14	2	2	4	7	13	1	2	3	7	11	13	15,710	7,994
West Ham	15	1	2	4	9	15	2	1	5	5	14	12	30,198	22,719
Newcastle	15	1	2	4	5	9	1	2	5	4	18	10	32,977	24,678

DERBY COUNTY ROLL CALL 1988-89

Player	Birthday	1988-89		1988-89		Derby County League Record		Previous League Record	
		Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Paul Blades	Jan. 5	14	—	5	—	115(8)	—	—	—
Nigel Callaghan	Sept. 12	11	2	2	—	69	10	209(13)	41
John Chiedozie	Apr. 18	2	—	—	—	2	—	286(23)	47
Steve Cross	Dec. 22	2(2)	—	0(3)	—	16(9)	3	240(22)	33
Michael Forsyth	Mar. 20	14	—	5	—	94	4	28(1)	—
Phil Gee	Dec. 19	4(1)	1	1	—	81(7)	24	—	—
Paul Goddard	Oct. 12	12	3	5	—	12	3	283(18)	96
Trevor Hebbard	Jun. 19	14	3	5	2	14	3	339(28)	45
Rob Hindmarch	Apr. 17	2	—	1	—	115	9	116(1)	2
Brian McCord	Aug. 21	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ted McMinn	Sept. 28	12	2	5	—	19	3	*119(32)	9
Gary Micklewhite	Mar. 21	2(4)	1	1(2)	2	121(8)	23	97(9)	11
Mark Patterson	Sept. 13	—	—	1	—	—	—	19(3)	—
David Penney	Aug. 17	3	—	2	1	6(7)	—	—	—
Nick Pickering	Aug. 4	3(3)	—	2	—	3(3)	—	253(4)	27
Mel Sage	Mar. 24	14	1	4	—	52(1)	4	126(6)	5
Dean Saunders	June 21	6	5	2	1	6	5	168(16)	54
Peter Shilton	Sept. 18	14	—	5	—	54	—	786	—
Geraint Williams	Jan. 5	13	—	5	—	144(1)	6	138(3)	8
Mark Wright	Aug. 1	12	—	4	—	50	3	178	7

*Record in the Scottish & Spanish Leagues.

Correct to Nov. 20, 1988.

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date Opposition FA

Aug 27	H Middlesbrough	1-0
Sept 3	A Millwall	0-1
	10 H Newcastle United	2-0
	17 A Nottingham Forest	1-1
	24 H Queens Park Rangers	0-1
	28 H Southend (L.C. 1st Leg)	1-0
Oct 1	A Southampton	0-0
	8 H Norwich City	0-1
	11 A Southend (L.C. 2nd Leg)	2-1
	22 H Charlton Athletic	0-0
	29 H Wimbledon	4-1
Nov 1	A West Ham Utd. (L.C. 3)	0-5
	5 A Tottenham Hotspur	3-1
	9 H Bournemouth (S.C.)	1-0
	12 H Manchester United	2-2
	19 A Aston Villa	2-1
	23 H Aston Villa (S.C. 2)	2-1
	26 H Arsenal	2-1
Dec 3	A Sheffield Wednesday	1-1

10 H Luton Town
17 A Coventry City
21 A Wimbledon (S.C. 3)
26 H Liverpool
31 H Millwall
Jan 2 A Newcastle United
7 F.A. Cup (3rd Round)
14 H West Ham United
21 A Queens Park Rangers
28 F.A. Cup (4th Round)
Feb 4 H Southampton
11 A Norwich City
15 L.C. Semi (1st Leg)
18 A Charlton Ath. (FAC5)
22 L.C. Semi (2nd Leg)
25 H Everton
Mar 4 A Wimbledon
11 H Tottenham Hotspur
18 A Middlesbrough (FAC6)
24 H Nottingham Forest
27 A Liverpool
Apr 1 H Coventry City
8 A West Ham United
9 L.C. Final
15 A Man. Utd. (FAC S-F)
22 H Sheffield Wednesday
29 A Luton Town
May 6 H Aston Villa
13 A Arsenal
20 F.A. Cup Final
A Everton (T.B.A.)

*Own Goal. aet. — after extra time

Players name in **bold** type indicates scorer, the figure over it the number of goals he scored. Figures in brackets under substitutes indicate the player he replaced.

FAC — F.A. Cup; L.C. — Littlewoods Cup; S.C. Simod Cup.

1988-89 RESULTS • ATTENDANCES • APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Att.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
19,432	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	Micklewhite	Chiedozie	Goddard ¹	Hebbard	Callaghan	Gee	Pickering
13,060	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	Micklewhite	Chiedozie	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Gee(8)	Pickering(7)
16,041	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Gee	Goddard ¹	Hebbard ¹	Callaghan	Cross(8)	Pickering(7)
24,818	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Gee	Goddard	Hebbard ¹	Callaghan	Micklewhite(7)	Pickering(8)
14,008	10	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Cross	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite	Pickering(8)
9,805	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Penney	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite(8)	Pickering
13,283	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Penney	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Cross	Micklewhite
14,117	12	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Penney	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Cross	Micklewhite
4,422	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Penney ¹	Goddard	Hebbard ¹	Callaghan	Cross	Micklewhite
14,106	15	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	McMinn	Penney	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite	Cross
15,050	13	Shilton	Sage ¹	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	McMinn ²	Saunders ²	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite ¹	Cross
14,226	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	McMinn	Gee	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite(8)	Cross
22,868	6	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Cross	Wright	Blades	McMinn ²	Saunders ¹	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite	Pickering
7,907	—	Shilton	Patterson	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders ¹	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite	Cross(6)
24,080	8	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders ¹	Goddard ¹	Hebbard ¹	Callaghan	Micklewhite(11)	Cross
23,489	6	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders ¹	Goddard ¹	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite(11)	Cross
10,086	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebbard	Callaghan	Micklewhite ²	Cross(9)
21,209	6	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Gee ¹	Hebbard	Callaghan ¹	Cross	Micklewhite
20,609	5	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Gee	Hebbard	Callaghan ¹	Cross	Micklewhite(9)

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