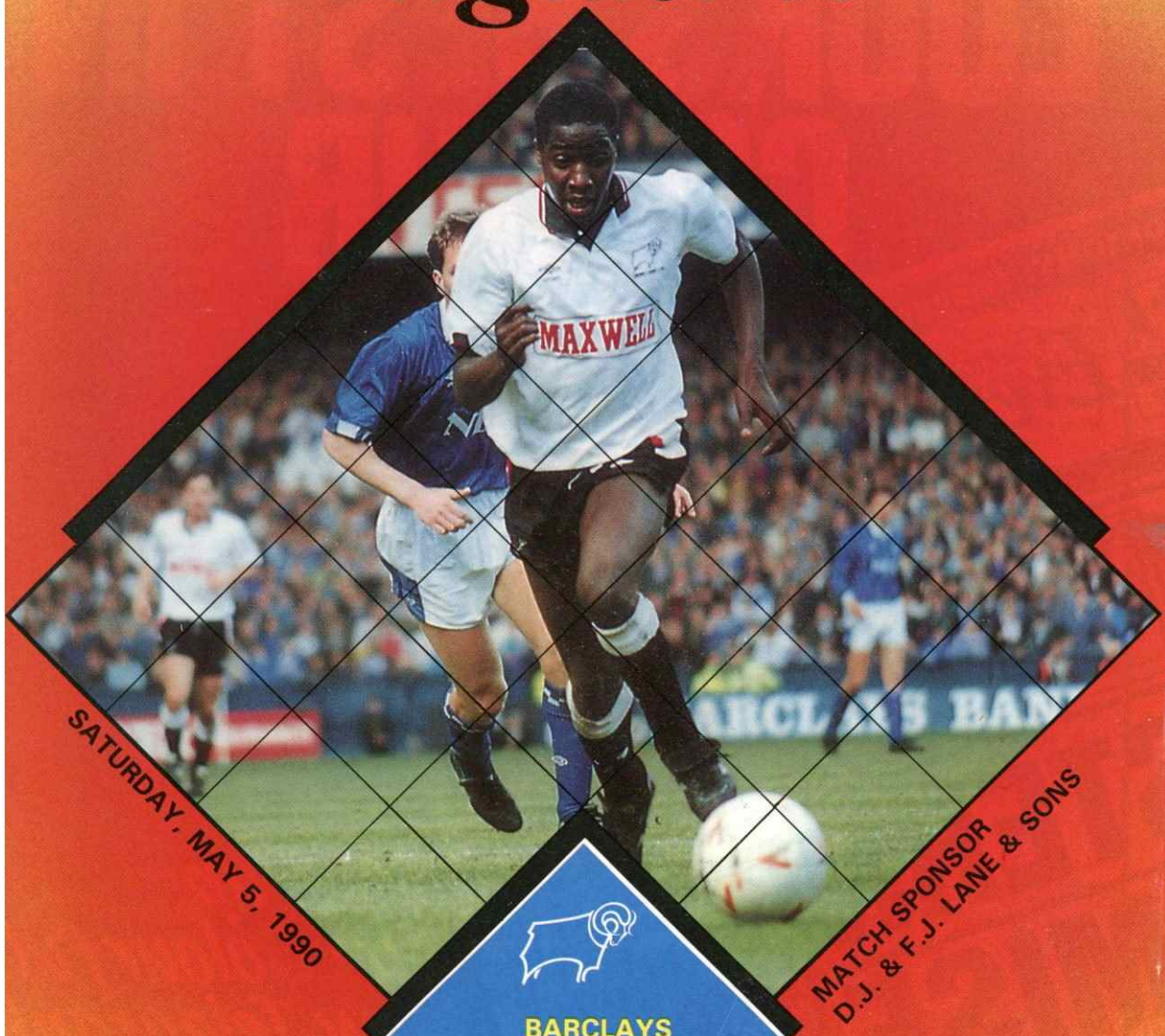


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by John Coppock

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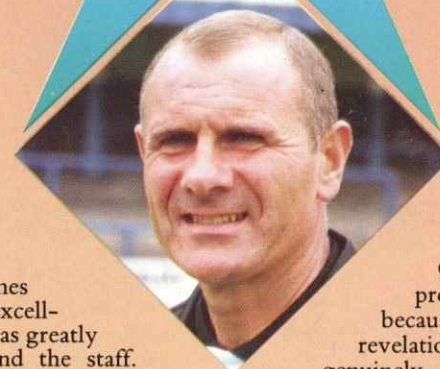


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## Manager's Message



...Arthur Cox

Since our last home game, we have played for two very big crowds at Maine Road, the home of Manchester City Football Club, and at Anfield, the home of Liverpool Football Club and our following at both these games was there in numbers and in excellent voice for all to hear. This was greatly appreciated by the players and the staff.

At Maine Road for the first time this season in the Football League we played with a sweeper, our Captain Mark Wright filling this role, also taking time-off from his defensive duties to score the winning goal from a free-kick taken by Michael Forsyth, with a superb downward header. Manchester City were a form team in the First Division when we arrived there and throughout, as expected, we were forced to defend very resolutely as a team and responded magnificently to all the questions their football asked us.

Our game at Anfield was surrounded before, during and after with emotion which is special only to Anfield and I was very disappointed for the players and supporters that we did not share the points. Once again Liverpool Football Club are League Champions and they will again, next season, be the team we must finish above to win the League.

I must make a special mention following these two games and the coming World Cup finals on the form of Peter Shilton. His performances in these two games were special for all the football supporters present. I sincerely hope this form continues for many years to come, because if I were Team Manager of any of the Countries competing in the World Cup finals, I would certainly sleep easy knowing he is my last line of defence. The reception given to him by the Kop was very touching and greatly appreciated by him and

Derby County Football Club. It is also my opinion that, if Mark Wright is included in any of the championship games, he will also produce performances to make Derby County supporters even more proud of him than they already are, because his form this season has been a revelation. Whilst in this vein, I am genuinely sorry that due to injury, Ted McMinn will not be going with Scotland, because I felt his form when injured would certainly have got him into their squad. I am also very disappointed for George Williams and Dean Saunders that they will not be going, when you think of the players of which their squad consists. Their performance for Derby County this season would have certainly made them important members of the Welsh squad.

We have had more than our share of serious injuries and I would like to pay tribute to the rest of the senior players for the way they have responded to helping young and very inexperienced players through this mean period — Rob Hindmarch, Michael Harford, Michael Forsyth and Mel Sage, and to the youngsters that have come in and had a taste of it — only the future will tell how much they have enjoyed it and how much more they want of it.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your loyal and very genuine support during this difficult period we have just experienced.

*COVER SHOT: To every cloud there's a silver lining or so the saying goes. Our youngsters have grabbed their chances this season and have been a credit to the Club. Paul Williams, in action recently against Everton, is one of many who can look back with pride on his progress. But he will know this is just the first stage of his professional career.*

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# Rambling

# Around...

## BOSTON RE-UNITED FOR BASEBALL GROUND REUNION

Three weeks ago on Cilla Black's very popular *Surprise, Surprise* programme, a request came up on their Searchline from a Mr. Joe Lowder, whose father Tom was a member of the victorious Boston United team who thrashed the Rams at the Baseball Ground in the memorable F.A. Cup second round game on 10th December, 1955.

For those supporters who will remember the game vividly, half the side comprised of ex-Derby County players, making their victory an even more bitter pill for the Rams to swallow. Joe was trying to arrange a reunion of that team and the call went out nationwide. Hearing of the news, the Rams contacted Chris O'Dell, one of the main researchers of the programme, and kindly offered that if Joe was successful in locating other players, then they would be more than welcome to join us today for the match. Well, as luck would have it, eight of that memorable team were located. Jonnie Burbeck is now resident in Australia and unfortunately Dave Miller and Ray Middleton have passed away.

We will be introducing the Gentlemen to you today on the pitch at half-time, and we are certain you will give a rousing welcome to Reg Howlett, Don Hazledine, Ralph Richardson, Geoff Snade, Reg Harrison, Geoff Hazledine, Ray Walkins and Tom Lowder.

## BABS WORLD CUP WINNER

At our Easter Saturday fixture against Millwall, we were pleased indeed to welcome as our special guest well-known actress Barbara Windsor, who was only too pleased to assist Bill Burton, our Lottery Manager, with our half-time Phoenix Club draw.

This was a very special occasion for many Rams fans as Bill has organised a special prize for some of our supporters to watch England in their opening World Cup games.

Babs can be seen pulling out number 943 belonging to Mr. S. C. Marshall of Micklegate, Derby, who will be joined by Mr. M. C. Panton. A further draw will take place today. So, Peter Shilton and Mark Wright can at least count on some Derby County support when, hopefully, they will both be involved in England's challenge to regain the world's premier championship trophy.

Our thanks go to Babs for joining us — she was certainly a bundle of fun and we know, from local press coverage, that she has been an outstanding success whilst appearing at the Derby Playhouse in the Old Time Music Hall.



## PETER'S GOLDEN MOMENT

A professional footballer can receive no greater acclaim than to be honoured by his fellow professionals and whilst Peter Shilton's trophy cabinet is bulging with representative honours, won throughout his illustrious career, certainly he will find a special place for his Merit Award, which he received from former England goalkeeper Gordon Banks at the P.F.A. Annual Awards Dinner held in London recently.

His sterling performances and contribution to English football are well-recorded and we only hope that Peter will be as successful as Gordon was in the

## AT THE BASEBALL GROUND

World Cup campaign in 1966. It would certainly be a very fitting reward for Shilts to come back with a World Cup winner's medal. We wish him every success and we know that everyone in the Country will be rooting for him and the Boys when they start their opening game against Eire on 11th June.

It can't be long before Peter surpasses Pat Jennings's record of international appearances. There is just simply no end to the records he has established in his career and this simply re-affirms his status as England's 'number one'.



## A VERY SPECIAL TREBLE

John and Linda Richardson, from Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent, are the proud parents of two-year-old triplets Kirsty, Kelly and Kimberley and as all the family are keen Derby County supporters, we invited them down to the Baseball Ground for the youngsters to have their photographs taken with one or two of our players. After being kitted out, the beautiful young ladies had a great time running around the Board Room and awaited eagerly to be photographed with Rams' players Trevor Hebbard, Craig Ramage and Kevin Francis.

I am certain these young ladies will break a few hearts in years to come, but there is no doubting that they will continue to wear the Rams' colours. If you know any

triplets who attend the Baseball Ground then we would be delighted to hear from you, and our roving cameraman Jim Bell would be only too pleased to arrange a photo session.



## REPTON COLTS OUR GUEST VISITORS

We were pleased recently to have as our guests, for a tour of the behind the scenes operation at the Baseball Ground, Repton Colts Football Club. Our Members' Club Liaison Officer Mr. Ernie Hallam took time out to show the youngsters around the Ground, the dressing room and the board room and their proudest moment was when they had the opportunity of stepping out onto the hallowed Baseball Ground turf.

Their visit is one of over a hundred the Club have organised for youth groups throughout the year and our thanks go to Ernie for yet again giving up his valuable time to give the youngsters a memorable day.

Our photograph shows Frank McArdle and President Pat Yates presenting Ernie with a pennant as a token of their appreciation.



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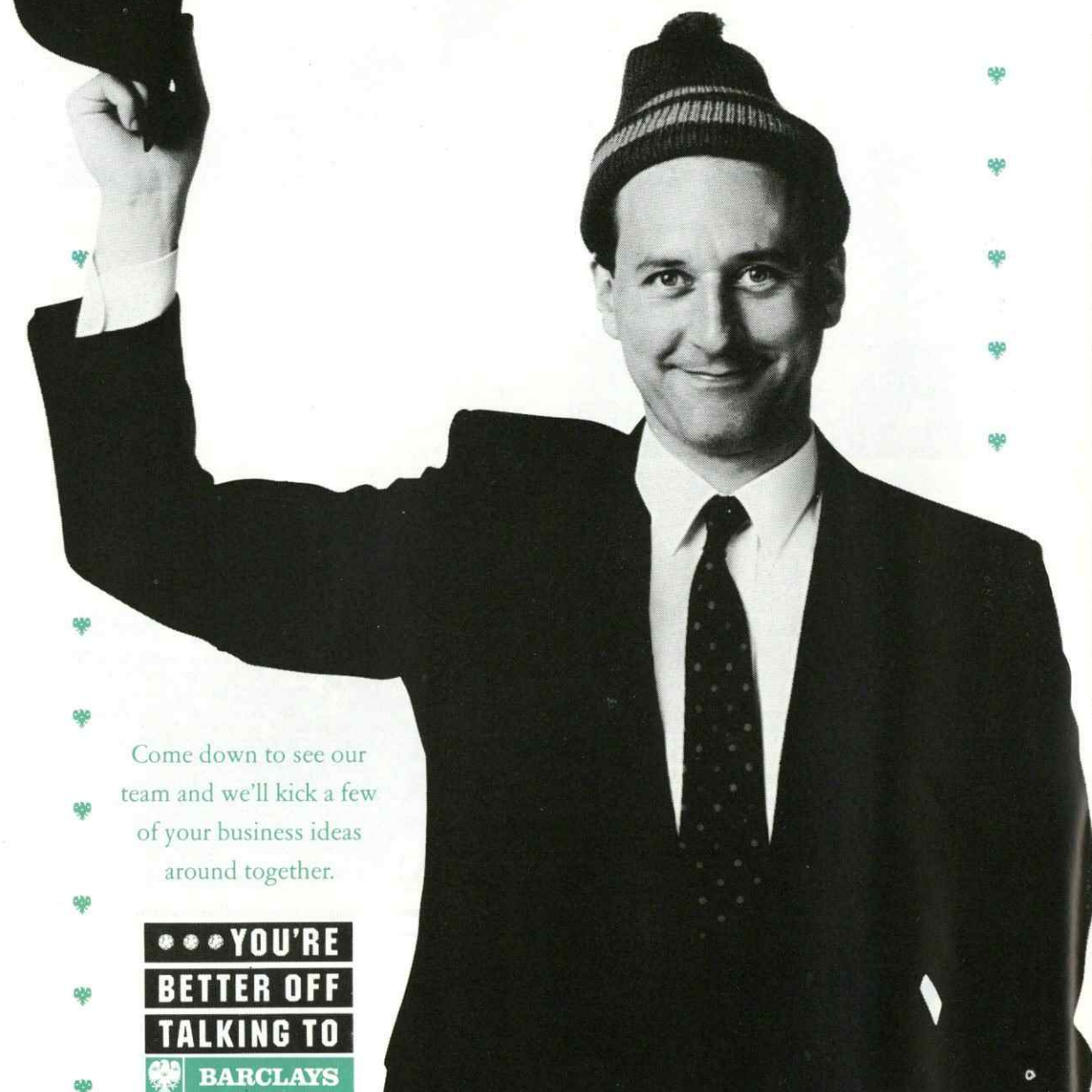
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of your business ideas  
around together.



## Going to...

**RAMS ANNUAL  
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Assembly Rooms, Derby  
Tuesday, May 8, 1990

Tickets priced £5.00 are still  
available from the General  
Office and at the Assembly  
Rooms Box Office.

Don't miss out on this  
wonderful evening of  
entertainment including the  
1990 Player of the Year Award.

Doors open 7.30 p.m. —  
Don't be late!

### STEVE'S DOING FINE

A special thought as we close the  
season for our popular midfielder,  
Steve Taylor, who was  
recently struck down with a serious  
illness and is now convalescing at his  
Duffield home. Steve, his family,  
together with girlfriend Joanne,  
wish to thank all those supporters  
who have taken the time and trouble  
to send messages of goodwill  
recently.

As Steve's Father Percy told the  
Rams: "No words can express our  
gratitude for all the help we have  
received since Steve was rushed to  
hospital. The Club, in particular all  
the players, Mr. Cox, Roy and  
Gordon have been a constant tower  
of strength to us at this worrying  
time".

Percy also wishes to praise the  
wonderful doctors and nursing staff  
at the D.R.I., Queens Medical  
Centre and Nuffield Hospital for all  
their kindness whilst Steve was  
hospitalised. Steve's Mum, Joan,  
summed it up by saying that it was  
just like having an extension to their  
own family with all the help they  
have received from everyone.

Steve, we would like to wish you  
a restful Summer — we are all  
rooting for you.



## News desk

## Team up with the Junior Rams

THAT'S IT FOR ONE SEASON...  
THIS IS IT FOR THE NEXT...

Today, we draw the 1989-90 season to  
a close, but already we have plans firmly  
in place for '90-'91.

The first piece of news is that our  
junior and family activities will be joined  
in a double-page spread in the matchday  
programme. There will be features on  
our members and their families, quizzes,  
details of away travel, events and  
activities and much, much, more.

We have a full range of match-day  
activities and to mark this we have a 7-a-  
side match between youngsters  
representing the JRs and the Key Club  
as pre-match entertainment.

We have extended our voucher system  
to help you come on down to the BBG  
to see the Super Rams in action!  
Although the Key Club Area will  
become all-seater from next season we  
shall have two schemes in operation that  
have increased your chances to attend  
matches FREE.

The standing pen on the Pop Side will  
be available to JRs at a reduced price but  
we will be giving you three vouchers for  
the season exchangeable for FREE  
ADMISSION for you and a guest. Each  
game in the Key Club seating there will  
be 200 places reserved for purchase by  
JR members and their guests. These will  
be available in the week immediately  
following the preceding home game.  
This means for 7 days after a Rams home  
game the seats can be bought by JR  
members from the office or by post.  
Once the 7 days are up or the 20 have  
gone, that will be that, so get in early.  
Reduced prices exist for youngsters.  
Those "ringside" are £7 for adults, £5 for  
juniors. Those on the "shelves" are £9  
and £6 respectively. In addition to this  
privilege there will be 6 vouchers for  
specified games that enable you to claim  
a FREE seat ticket providing you buy  
two adults seats.

All we ask is that an adult accompanies  
you in the seating area and the Pop Side  
Family Pen vouchers are not used for  
premium games.

The annual subscription is £3 for  
Junior Rams membership.

Details of our plans will be circulated  
to current members shortly, with a  
special offer of reduced subscription as  
a thank you for signing on for the Rams  
in '89-'90.

Key Club members can join the Junior  
Rams at a reduced subscription of £2.  
Junior Season Ticket holders and children  
of Phoenix Gold Club members can  
claim free membership of the JRs by  
quoting their season ticket or parents  
membership number.

Application forms will be available  
from the General Office, the Ramtigue  
or by post from me:  
STEVE STONE  
JUNIOR RAMS CLUB  
THE BASEBALL GROUND  
DERBY DE3 8NB.

### VIDEO CHART TOPPER

With the Division One season  
approaching a climax just as exciting  
as last year, CBS/Fox Video Sports  
enveils for the second year running  
'The Official Football League Derby  
County Video', unquestionably the  
definitive video collection for Rams  
fans throughout the country.

By 24th May, the Derby County  
Video will make its entry into the  
Ramtique Sports Shop and many  
other outlets to take the market by  
storm with out official Football  
League video record of the First  
Division season now drawing to a  
close.

Featuring all our goals from all the  
games played, the 1989/90 video is  
sure to be a winner. Last year saw  
tremendous sales and we are  
confident of achieving even greater  
success with this season's release. Be  
sure to get your copy priced £11.99.

\* \* \*

### U18 Cup Final

The East Midlands Youth Football  
Combination U18 Cup Final  
between the Derbyshire County  
F.A. U18s and Cambridgeshire  
will be staged at Moorways  
Stadium on Sunday May 20th, kick-  
off 2.30 p.m.

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### Remember this Date

The official start to the next Football  
League season 1990/91 will be on  
Saturday, August 25th. Full fixture  
lists will be available from mid-July  
at our General Office.



# SIGN ON AGAIN FOR THE RAMS

## Renew your 1990/91 Season Ticket and save 25%

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The Rams will soon be preparing plans for the 1990/91 season. With the continued commitment of key players, more seating and improved facilities we can all look forward to another exciting campaign. And hopefully, to the kind of success we all know belongs at the Baseball Ground.

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### MAKE IT A FAMILY AFFAIR

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Next season supporting the Rams will be safer and more comfortable. And Key Club membership means even greater savings for family groups.

### WHEN TO APPLY

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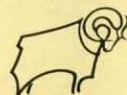


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# Danny Wilson

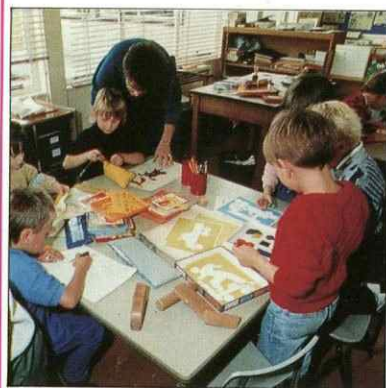


**Star Visitor**

Hatters midfield dynamo having moved to Kenilworth Road in 1987 from Nottingham Forest for £100,000. Northern Ireland International having now gained 17 caps. His League career has also taken in Bury, Chesterfield and Brighton.







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## What a Season that was!

The Rams had something to live up to as they had finished runners-up in the League and reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, for the first time in 1895-96. It was Derby County's first season at their new home, the Baseball Ground.

This season did not start too well with a 0-1 reverse away to Wolves, followed by a 1-1 draw, here, with Nottingham Forest. A 0-2 away defeat to Liverpool, left the Rams with just one point from the first three fixtures. The first victory of the season came in the fourth game with a 4-3 home win in the return against Wolves, with Steve Bloomer scoring all four goals. He followed this with a hat-trick as the Rams defeated Bury 7-2 at the Baseball Ground.

That completed September, but the successes were isolated as the Rams lost the first three games in October. The first two were both at home, and by the same score 1-3 to Sheffield United and Aston Villa. Villa completed the 'double' over the Rams with a 2-1 victory, before the Rams gained their only point in that month with a 2-2 draw away to Sheffield United.

Conversely November saw the Rams gain four successive victories. Home successes of 5-1 and 3-2 against Stoke and Burnley respectively were followed by a 2-1 win away to Nottingham Forest. The Rams continued this good form with a 6-0 home win over Blackburn Rovers with Stevenson scoring four times. Sheffield Wednesday spoilt the month with a 2-0 home win over the Rams.

December proved fruitful with an away draw 2-2 at Stoke, and three successive wins. They were all at home with Liverpool (3-2), West Bromwich Albion (8-1), including a Bloomer hat-trick, and Bolton Wanderers 1-0.

The good form carried on into the New Year with further wins 2-1 away at Sunderland and a similar scoreline at home to Sheffield Wednesday. The Rams then lost their first game in seven with a 2-5 reverse at Blackburn. They finished the month with a 1-0 home win over Sunderland, and an 8-1 success over Barnsley St. Peter's, in the first round of the F.A. Cup. Bloomer once again scored a hat-trick, and repeated the feat in the next round as the Rams defeated Bolton Wanderers 4-1. That fixture came a week after the Rams had opened February with a 4-1 away win against West Bromwich Albion, with goals from Archie Goodall two,

Johnny Goodall and Steve Bloomer. The only other game in February was the third round F.A. Cup tie against Newton Heath, at the Baseball Ground. Goals by Bloomer and McQueen saw the Rams through to the semi-finals, with a 2-0 victory.

March started with a 3-1 away win at Bolton, and was followed two weeks later with the semi-final. Everton were the opposition in a game played at the Victoria Ground Stoke-on-Trent. The two Goodalls scored for the Rams who went down 2-3. The final game of the month was at home to Preston North End, and ended in a 2-2 draw.

So that left the final five games in April, four of which were away from home. The Rams won the first at Burnley by 3-2, but lost the next two, at Bury and Everton, 0-1 and 2-5 respectively. The last away game was safely negotiated with a 2-0 victory. However, Everton scored a 1-0 win at the Baseball Ground, and the season ended with the Rams in third place.

Luton Town were elected to the Football League Division Two in 1897.



● Archie Goodall — Rams ever-present centre-half.

### League Division One 1896-97

	H	A
Aston Villa	1-3	1-2
Blackburn Rovers	6-0	2-5
Bolton Wanderers	1-0	3-1
Burnley	3-2	3-2
Bury	7-2	0-1
Everton	0-1	2-5
Liverpool	3-2	0-2
Nottingham Forest	1-1	2-1
Preston North End	2-2	2-0
Sheff. Utd.	1-3	2-2
Sheff. Wed.	2-1	0-2
Stoke City	5-1	2-2
Sunderland	1-0	2-1
West Brom. Albion	8-1	4-1
Wolves	4-3	0-1

### F.A. Cup

Round 1 Barnsley St. Peters	8-1
Round 2 Bolton Wanderers	4-1
Round 3 Newton Heath	2-0
Semi-Final Everton	2-3 neutral
(at Victoria Ground, Stoke)	

● Steve Bloomer — 22 goals in 25 League outings.

This week  
we focus on  
season  
1896-97

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pos.
Home	15	10	2	3	45	22	22	
Away	15	6	2	7	25	28	14	
	30	16	4	10	70	50	36	3rd

### Appearances:

A. Goodall 30, H. McQueen 30, J. Robinson 30, S. Bloomer 29, J. Cox 29, J. Methven 29, J. Miller 28, J. Leiper 25, J. Turner 25, J. Goodall 23, J. Stevenson 20, W. Fisher 11, C. Kinsey 6, J. Staley 6, J. Paul 5, J. Boag 2, G. Goodchild 2.

### Goalscorers: (70)

S. Bloomer 24, J. Stevenson 14, A. Goodall 9(1pen), J. Miller 7, W. Fisher 5, H. McQueen 5, J. Goodall 3, J. Cook 1, J. Paul 1, J. Turner 1.

### F.A. Cup Appearances:

S. Bloomer 4, W. Fisher 4, A. Goodall 4, J. Goodall 4, H. McQueen 4, J. Methven 4, J. Miller 4, J. Robinson 4, J. Stevenson 4, J. Turner 4, J. Leiper 3, J. Staley 1.

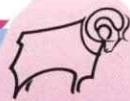
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S. Bloomer 7, W. Fisher 3, A. Goodall 2, J. Goodall 2, H. McQueen 2.

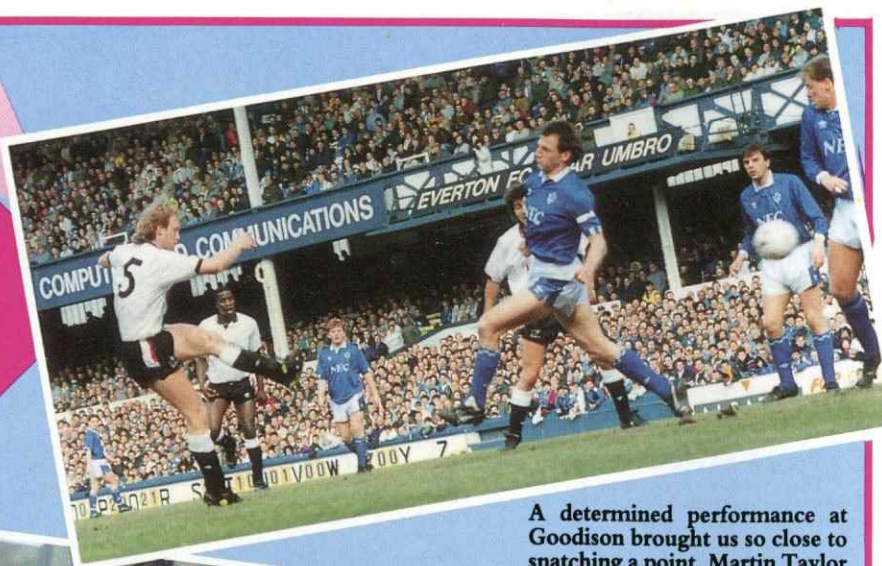
### LEAGUE DIVISION 1 — 1896-97

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Aston Villa	30	21	5	4	73	38	47
Sheff. Utd.	30	13	10	7	42	29	36
Derby County	30	16	4	10	70	50	36
Preston North E.	30	11	12	7	55	40	34
Liverpool	30	12	9	9	46	38	33
Sheff. Wed.	30	10	11	9	42	37	31
Everton	30	14	3	13	62	57	31
Bolton Wan.	30	12	6	12	40	43	30
Bury	30	10	10	10	39	44	30
Wolves	30	11	6	13	45	41	28
Nottm. Forest	30	9	8	13	44	49	26
West Brom. Alb.	30	10	6	14	33	56	26
Stoke	30	11	3	16	48	59	25
Blackburn Rov.	30	11	3	16	35	62	25
Sunderland	30	7	9	14	34	47	23
Burnley	30	6	7	17	43	61	19

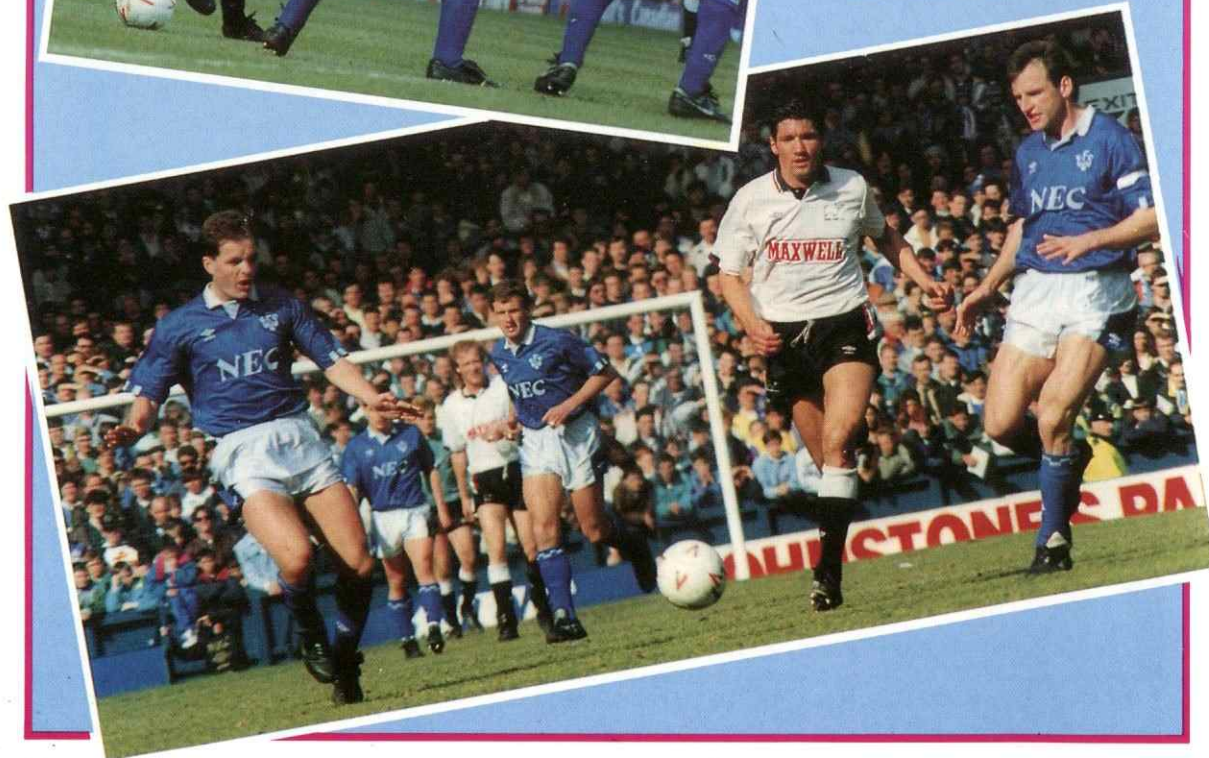




**EVERTON 2  
RAMS 1**  
Monday,  
April 16, 1990



A determined performance at Goodison brought us so close to snatching a point. Martin Taylor proved yet again a capable deputy for Peter Shilton with a string of fine first-half saves. Never to be outdone by his opposite number, Neville Southall had to be at his best to keep out several Rams efforts notably a superb headed effort by Paul Williams. Not until early in the second half did the Rams fall behind when an Atteveld cross sailed over Martin Taylor. Mark Wright levelled (top pic) but the game was put beyond our reach by a spectacular Kevin Sheedy left-foot thunderbolt.



## 1,000 for the Rams? and 'George' reaches 250

If the Rams can end the season, in the grand manner, and defeat fellow strugglers Luton Town, the team will record the 1,000th home win in the Football League. The first home victory, in the League, came on December 22, 1888, with a 3-2 success against Notts County. The Rams had won their first ever League fixture, 6-3 away to Bolton Wanderers, on September 8, 1888, and had to wait until the Notts game, the 12th match of the season, for their second victory. That win brought to an end a dismal run of eight successive defeats.

In the first three seasons, when 22 games were played, the best return for the Rams, came in 1889-90, with eight wins out of the 11 home fixtures. By season 1893-94, the First Division had been extended to 16 clubs and of the 15 home fixtures the Rams won nine and finished 3rd in the table. In 1895 they left their home, the County Ground, for pastures new, the Baseball Ground. The move seemed to do them good as they finished runners-up in the League, and reached their first ever F.A. Cup semi-final. The transformation was remarkable, as the Rams had to endure a Test Match against Second Division Notts County, in order to preserve their First Division status, at the end of 1894-95. In achieving their second placing the Rams had won 12 of their 15 home fixtures, the first time they had reached double figures in this respect.

The Rams continued to reach double figures, in terms of home wins, through to 1902-03. From 1898-99, they played 17 home games due to a further extension of the League. They achieved 13 home wins in 1902-03, losing and drawing two of the remaining four games. As they won only three games away from home the club could only finish in mid-table. There was a further extension to 20 clubs in the First Division, in 1905-06, but the Rams were to lose their First Division status the following season, with only eight wins in 19 home games, and only one away success.

In five seasons of Second Division football, the Rams achieved 'double' figures of home wins. In three of those seasons, starting in 1907-08, they reached a new high of 15 home wins, out of the



● Geraint Williams

19 fixtures. That figure was backed up with eight away wins in 1911-12 as the Rams won the Second Division championship.

Following the First World War, the League was again extended with 22 clubs in the First and Second Divisions. The Rams were soon back in the Second Division, but returned to the First Division in 1925-26, accumulating 17 home wins, in the process. That figure was not achieved again until 1948-49, when the Rams finished in third place in the First Division. That total of 17 home wins in a season, is still the best that the Rams have achieved at First or Second Division level. The highest number of home wins, in the League was achieved in 1955-56, and

## Fact File

1956-57, in the old Third Division (North). The Rams played 23 home games in each of those seasons, winning 18 games at the Baseball Ground. A win today would also take the Rams into double figures, at home for this season. It would also be the first time that the Rams had reached double figures, in the First Division, since 1977-78. Since then the only seasons where the Rams have had such a good return from their home fixtures were the first three under Arthur Cox's management, in the Third and Second Divisions.

The Rams home record in the League is:

Played.....	1791
Won.....	999
Drawn.....	404
Lost.....	388
Goals For.....	3700
Goals Against.....	2122
Points.....	2492

Last Saturday, Geraint Williams played his 250th competitive game for Derby County. He became the 42nd player to reach this milestone, and when playing his 247th game, the 2-0 home win over Millwall, he overtook former goalkeeper Reg Matthews. He has missed only one game since the Rams returned to the First Division, and that was in order to attend the birth of his son. Geraint is the first Rams' player to achieve 250, since Steve Buckley in 1984. Therefore, he also the first under present management.

In his first two seasons and 12 games, since his signing in March 1985, Geraint missed only 11 fixtures in the Third and Second Divisions, when he played in 112 of the 123 competitive games, two of his appearances being as substitute. Since the return of the Rams to the First Division, he has played in 138 of 139 competitive games. In total he has played in 250 of the Rams' last 262 competitive games up to and including last Saturday's fixture at Maine Road.

Geraint's full Rams record is as follows:

League.....	204(1) <sup>7</sup>
F.A. Cup.....	14
F.L. Cup.....	20(1)
Others.....	10
Total.....	248(2) <sup>8</sup>

The Rams also ended the season with a total of 4007 competitive games. They reached the 4,000 mark at Stamford Bridge, in the 1-1 draw with Chelsea

...by Ram Statistician  
Mike Wilson

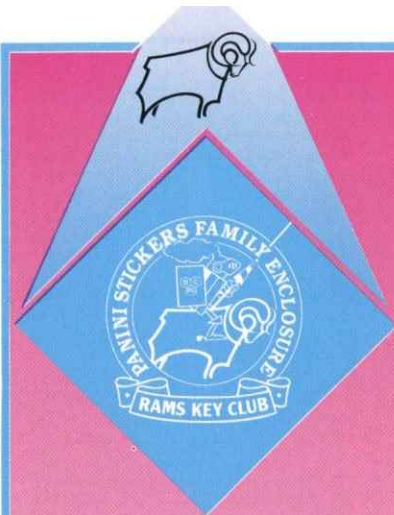
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## YOU'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY!

Well, another season closes and you will all be looking forward to your summer holidays in July, but many of you will soon be undertaking

examinations and that in itself will be a daunting prospect, but we all hope that you receive a high-level of success and remember, well before you break up for your well-earned rest our players will have reported back for training in preparation for next season.

Peter Shilton and Mark Wright will surely be representing England in Italy in June and let's hope they do their Country and indeed the Rams proud.

Membership details for next season will be sent to existing members by post in the next week or so. Existing Key Club season ticket holders have until Saturday, 12th May to reserve seats in the new seating enclosure for next season and existing Key Club Members can reserve their places from Monday, 14th May. Full details are available from the General Office.

On behalf of the Directors, Management, Players and Staff at the Baseball Ground we wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to having you back in our Panini Family Enclosure on 25th August, when the new Football League campaign starts.

## Welcome Today's Mascot



As the 1989/90 season draws to a close we extend a very warm welcome to our mascot, eight-year-old William Wright, from Tonge near Melbourne. A Key Club member, the young man enjoys football and art and lists as his favourite Gary Micklewhite.

(By the way, Gary, Ted, Steve and Trevor are all progressing well and hope to be raring to go for next season.)

# Epic Encounters

The Rams had made a disastrous start to the season, with only one win in 15 League games. They had endured seven defeats in the previous eight fixtures, scoring just three goals, while conceding 17. Luton, like the Rams, struggling at the foot of the Second Division, had the boost of a 2-0 away win at Middlesbrough on the previous Saturday to give them confidence.

Derby Evening Telegraph reporter Wilf Shaw, said that 'previous attempts at 4-2-4 had left me cold'. However, on this



● Geoff Barrowcliffe stayed close to the Hatters' wingman.

occasion it worked very well. Ray Young was the equivalent of an extra centre-half or full-back, so that the Luton attack was nullified before it could do any damage in the Rams' penalty area. In order for the plan to be effective, Phil Waller and Jack Parry, had to work that much harder in midfield. They succeeded in prompting the Rams' attacks, and covering the ground, leaving Ray Young in a purely defensive role. The plan worked because Parry 'paced his contribution over an exacting 90 minutes', while Waller 'gave every ounce of energy his young body could muster.'

The Rams poor finishing robbed them of a bigger margin of victory, as Waller and Parry dominated the midfield area and kept the forwards going with a plentiful supply of the ball. For long periods it looked as though the Rams' domination would go

unrewarded, but the goals eventually came, the first in the 73rd minute. Bill Curry scored his first goal, since September 22. Roby had been unlucky heading against an upright in 52 minutes, and Turner hit the foot of a post two minutes later. Early in the game McCann showed that he had the beating of McNally but did not always put this advantage to good use. Roby's was an improved performance, and it was his cross which provided Curry with a goal, albeit from a mishit shot on the turn.

Hutchinson, who had not scored since the end of August, scored a goal which showed his flair. Ron Baynham, who had an excellent game in the Hatters' goal, gave Hutchinson only the angle of crossbar and upright at which to aim. Hutchinson showed him the ball, tricked him into a false step and then sent the ball curling into the net. This reverse stung Luton into action and after Morton's shot had been blocked Turner pulled a goal back in 84 minutes. The Rams held on for a deserved victory. It was their first away win since the same combination of Curry and Hutchinson had given the Rams a 2-1 win at Brighton on December 9, 1961.

Young and Moore were solid down the middle, while Barrowcliffe and Ferguson stayed close to the Luton

## LUTON 1 DERBY COUNTY 2

November 3, 1962

wingmen. Davies started in lively form for the Hatters. Oxford denying him with two superb saves in the opening moments. After the Rams had settled down he was only concerned with the occasional long range effort. Young was the real star for the Rams, as he read every situation intelligently.

The teams were:

**LUTON TOWN:** Baynham; McNally, Bramwell, Morton, Pacey, Lowndes, Walden, Davies, Turner, McGuffie, Fleming.

**DERBY COUNTY:** Oxford; Barrowcliffe, Ferguson, Young, Moore, Waller, Roby, Parry, Curry, Hutchinson, McCann.

Referee: Mr. L. Callaghan (Merthyr Tydfil).

Attendance 7,582.



● The Rams 'new' 4-2-4 formation meant that Jack Parry (left) had to cover more ground whilst Don Roby (right) had been unlucky when he headed against the upright after 52 minutes.

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# Rams on



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RAMS 2  
MILLWALL 0  
Saturday,  
April 14, 1990



Two finely executed headers by Michael Harford sentenced Millwall to Second Division football after only two seasons in the top flight. The Londoners, although fighting all the way in the vain hope of survival, seldom troubled the Rams rearguard. Paul Williams had another impressive game but the match will be remembered for Harford's two majestic headers.



# Turning the clock back...

## 5 YEARS AGO

The Rams' last game of the season, away to Newport, suddenly sprang to life in the last 20 minutes. Trevor Christie opened the scoring from the penalty spot. Then, five minutes later, top scorer Bobby Davison made it 2-0. It was his 26th goal of the season. Six minutes from the end, Graham Harbey extended our lead to 3-0. With three minutes to go, Tony Kellow pulled one back for Newport. The final score was 3-1. It meant we finished seventh in the Third Division.

The Rams' line-up: Steele; Palmer, Buckley, Harbey, Hindmarch, Blades, Micklewhite, Christie, Davison, Williams, Robertson.

Luton thrashed Leicester 4-0. Chukwuemeka Nwajiobi, David Preece, Brian Stein and Mick Harford were the scorers.

## 10 YEARS AGO

By the time we played our last game of the season, away to Norwich, our fate had already been decided. The week before we had beaten Manchester City 3-1. But Everton won, too, so we were relegated to the Second Division. At Norwich we lost 2-4, our goals coming from Aidan McCaffery and Dave Swindlehurst.

The Derby team: Cherry; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland (Richards), McCaffery, Powell S, Osgood, Biley, Swindlehurst, Wilson.

Luton, then in the Second Division, drew 2-2 at Newcastle. Bob Hatton scored both of their goals.

## 15 YEARS AGO

Crowned as Champions the week before, the Rams completed the League programme with a goalless draw at home to bottom club Carlisle, who had already been relegated to the Second Division. Our largest crowd of the season — 38,000 — celebrated the second League championship in three years.

The Rams: Boulton; Thomas, Nish, Rioch, McFarland, Todd, Newton, Gemmill, Davies, Hector, Lee (Hinton).

Luton drew their final game at home to Manchester City 1-1. Jim Ryan, now the manager, scored the equaliser 18

minutes from time. It would have been enough to keep them in the First Division had Tottenham, who were beaten by Arsenal, lost their game in hand. Unfortunately for Luton, they won.

## 20 YEARS AGO

John McGovern scored the goal that earned us a 1-1 draw at Southampton. We finished fourth in the First Division, though some distance behind Everton, the runaway Champions. We had not been beaten in our last 12 games.

The Rams' team: Green; Webster, Robson, Durban, Hennessey, Mackay, McGovern, Carlin, O'Hare, Hector, Hinton.

Luton, already assured of promotion from the Third Division, won 2-1 at Rochdale. Viv Busby and Malcolm Macdonald scored the goals.

## 25 YEARS AGO

The Rams' final appearance of the season was at Huddersfield, where we lost 1-3. Joint top scorer Edward Thomas got our goal. Like Alan Durban, he had 24 for the season. We finished ninth in the Second Division.

The Rams: Boulton; Richardson, Ferguson, Webster, Barrowcliffe, Parry, Hughes, Hopkinson, Thomas, Durban, Bowers.

Luton, who drew 0-0 at Workington, were relegated to the Fourth Division.

Peter Shilton showed at Maine Road on Saturday that England's World Cup hopes could not be in better hands.

Another ageless demonstration of the goalkeeping art took Derby to First Division safety and left Manchester City manager Howard Kendall shaking his head in disbelief.

Kendall had Neville Southall as his last line of defence when he was at Everton, so he knows the importance of a quality keeper and he was quick to praise Shilts at the end of Derby's 1-0 win.

In the *Daily Star* (April 30th), Kendall and winger David White saluted the 40-year-old keeper.

"Veteran keeper Peter Shilton over the hill? You must be joking!

"If you need any further proof that he's still 'Peter the Great' just ask Manchester City.

"The Derby and England goalkeeper, just six months short of his 41st birthday, made the impossible look simple in the 1-0 win at Maine Road.

"Not bad... he's quite promising," mused City boss Howard Kendall after seeing Shilton turn on yet another vintage show between the posts.

"City's flying winger David White was repeatedly deprived by the staggering agility of World Cup bound Shilton and rightly enthused: "He's just so hard to beat. He made some really good saves and had a marvellous game."

The *Daily Mail* (April 30th) also applauded Shilts and centre-half Mark Wright who grabbed a later winner.

"It should have been a celebration for Manchester City. Instead it turned into a World Cup warm-up for Peter Shilton and Mark Wright.

"England's legendary goalkeeper and their second-choice central defender — currently the best in the country — were magnificent against a team determined to avenge a 6-0 defeat by Derby last November.

"That was City's worst beating in 20 years and spelled the end for manager Mel Machin. Since then Derby have struggled against overwhelming injuries and City have gained shape and confidence under Machin's successor, Howard Kendall.

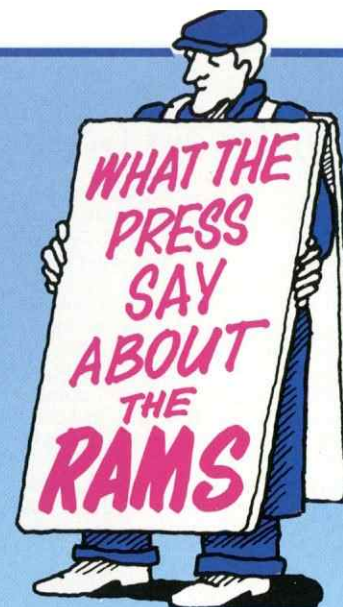
"Derby, still at half-strength, could not hold back City's attacking waves, but Wright stood like a rock against them.

"City's most effective raiding came from winner David White, but he found Shilton looming whenever he opened fire."

The defence shone in Manchester, but against Millwall, it was the heading power of Mick Harford which ended the Londoner's brief spell in the top flight.

As the *Mail on Sunday* (April 15) reported: "Two-goal Mick Harford dispelled any lingering hopes of Derby's relegation fears — and doomed Millwall to the Second Division.

"Harford, who has scored twice in 13 games following his £500,000 move from



● Peter Shilton... still the greatest.

Luton, gave injury-ravaged Derby something to smile about in a season that threatened to collapse in alarming fashion.

"Derby, without a win in seven games, emerged from a first half to forget in triumph to leave Harford admitting: "We were desperate for the points — just as Millwall were."

But the next week, Norwich reversed the scoreline although Derby could have taken something from an entertaining game with sharper finishing, as the *Sunday Telegraph* (April 22) recognised.

"Derby are surely safe from relegation, but their battle against a crippling casualty list has taken its toll and yesterday an inventive Norwich side condemned them to an eighth home defeat.

"The loss of so many first-team players in recent months has left gaps which no amount of commitment and youthful enthusiasm can fill.

"Even so, had Saunders been at his predatory best, they could have earned a more tangible reward."

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# My Hero

Is it just an excuse, or has the game really lost so many of its so-called characters? The 'things aren't what they used to be' brigade will no doubt be nodding their heads, but has British football really out-paced skill, artistry and imagination?

A quick look at Derby midfielder Trevor Hebbard's team of all-stars and you could easily be forgiven for starting to nod yourself. Despite Trevor still being a key player in League football, he has gone for a team that contains no fewer than eight players from yesteryear.

And not just any old players either. Trevor, who likes to pass the ball around himself, has gone for a team of entertainers.

There is a strong influence from the elegant Southampton team that Lawrie McMenemy built and in which Trevor himself played a part, but the first names on his team-sheet come from a golden era in Manchester United's past — Best and Charlton.

Trevor claims not to have a real footballing hero as such, but the former Oxford United playmaker admits to George Best and Bobby Charlton being the closest things to it.

"I was on holiday for much of the 1966 World Cup so I didn't see much of Charlton in that, but I can remember him from the great Manchester United

## ...by Today's Guest Trevor Hebbard

side of that time," said Trevor.

"He was such an exciting player who could simply score goals from just about anywhere. In my team he would be given a free role to move out of midfield and get forward as much as he liked.

"As for George Best, well perhaps not many people would agree but I think it was his temperament that made him such a great player. If it had been different, he probably would not have had the same flair.

"In fact he probably did as much for the game in the short spell he was involved than if he had been playing for ten years more."

Closely followed on the sheet, after that impressive duo, is another name synonymous with skill, pedigree and class, albeit in a different field, and that is Trevor's choice of goalkeeper — Peter Shilton.

"At present Shilts and Neville Southall are the two best goalkeepers in the country but Peter has the edge because he has been at the top and has achieved consistently high standards for 20 years."

In defence, Hebbard's persistence with ball-players continues, except perhaps for the right-back slot. With Alan Hansen and Colin Todd marshalling the middle and Terry Cooper free to raid down the left, Trevor has named former Liverpool stalwart Tommy Smith in the number 2 shirt "for a bit of extra bite".

Smith's merit is in winning the ball and perhaps the only criticism you could level at Hansen and Todd is that neither of them are known for their tackling, but Trevor believes their pace would see them through.

Alongside Best and Charlton in the middle of the park Trevor has picked Monaco's Glen Hoddle and former Saints man Alan Ball. Two players who like to knock it around but, according to Trevor, it was Ball that had the edge in that department.

"Alan could pass the ball in his mind

even before he had received it at his foot. His passing and awareness were amazing and he was such a competitor he tried to lift the whole team."

Kevin Keegan gets one of the front line places alongside Peter Osgood, "I think they would complement each other brilliantly. Keegan's partnership with John Toshack at Liverpool is legendary but Osgood had more skill than Toshack.

"He was a big centre forward that would win the ball in the air and never be found wanting physically, but for a big man he had a lot of skill on the deck as well and possessed the most brilliant touch."

Trevor has picked a side with only one guiding rule: "I wanted a side that I would want to watch play. Perhaps it isn't the most balanced but I certainly would not mind being it's manager, certainly the ability is there to win the League."

And what about the fact he has so few of his contemporaries in the side? "I haven't gone out of my way to pick a side from the past. They are all players who have impressed me with skill and certainly John Barnes was not far away from making the side."



● Kevin Keegan, would join Peter Osgood up front in Trevor's team of "entertainers".



### Trevor Neal Hebbard

Born Winchester, June 19, 1958

	South'ton	(loan) Bolton	(loan) Leicester	Oxford	Derby	Total
Football League	69(28) <sup>7</sup>	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	260 <sup>37</sup>	58(1) <sup>9</sup>	397(29) <sup>54</sup>
F.A. Cup	4(3)			17 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>2</sup>	26(3) <sup>3</sup>
F.L. Cup	9(1) <sup>3</sup>			37 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	56(1) <sup>8</sup>
F.L. Trophy				3 <sup>1</sup>		3 <sup>1</sup>
Associate Members				1		1
Full Members				8 <sup>1</sup>	5	13 <sup>1</sup>
	82(32) <sup>10</sup>	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	326 <sup>43</sup>	78(1) <sup>13</sup>	496(33) <sup>67</sup>

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Dear Sir,  
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Val Allcock, Secretary,  
Headquarters and International  
Section D.C.F.C. Members' Club

### SOUND OF BRASS

Dear Sir,  
As one of the older generation who finds pop music blaring from the loudspeakers very irritating, I would like to ask why we cannot go back to the good old days and have brass bands playing at home matches. There is nothing better than the sound of a good band playing in the open air and I'm sure it would add to the family atmosphere at the Baseball Ground rather than all that aggressive rock and roll. A lot of young people like brass band music too. You only have to look at all the youngsters in the bands these days to realise that they are not all slaves to pop rubbish like "Heavy Metal" or punk music. It would be good experience for the bands to play in front of a big audience, so I'm sure you would have no trouble in getting good brass bands interested in coming to the Baseball Ground.  
Cyril Jones, Spencer Road, Belper.

### A CRÈCHE IDEA

Dear Sirs,  
Have Derby County ever thought about providing a crèche at home matches as a lot of sports do in America? I used to love my trips to the Baseball Ground but since my daughter was born last September I have been unable to get to any matches because most of my family and friends are Rams' fans and baby-sitters are hard to find. It would mean the club employing a baby-minder and buying a few toys to keep the kiddies amused, but I am sure you would soon be in profit because of the mothers who would use the facility and be prepared to pay a reasonable fee for it. After all, the tots would be brought up as Rams' fans and it makes sense for a family-conscious club like Derby to catch them young. My sister took her two young children to an American Football game in America and they had a great time, the two-year-old in the crèche and her six-year-old in a special Junior Club. Come on Derby, why not be the first with such a valuable service to the young Mums among your fans?  
Beryl Staines (Mrs.), Horninglow Road,  
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### MAG PRAISE

Dear Sir,  
I will be very interested to see who wins the award for the best programme this year. My job means that I travel all over the country and watch a lot of different clubs during the season, but there is no programme that I have seen which is a patch on the Ram Magazine. I am a native of Derby, my first love is Derby County and the Rams' programme is a terrific read these days, full of interest and very colourful. I used to think the old Derby programme was a bit negative, now it is very positive and must have a great chance of winning the award. Keep up the good work.  
Peter Sexton, Abingdon Road,  
Northampton.

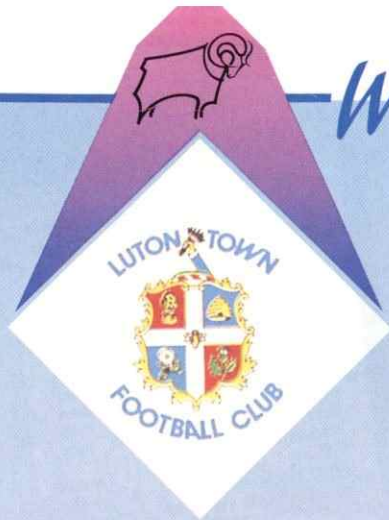
### CARING HANDS

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of Derby County supporters I feel a tribute should be paid to the club's popular physiotherapist Gordon Guthrie. This season must have been like doing overtime in a casualty ward for him with one player after another going down with serious injury. Gordon does not get a lot of praise in the media because he is one of the back room boys, but I'm sure the manager and the players appreciate his skill and dedication. Football is played at such a speed these days that injuries are inevitable but I'm sure Guthrie cannot remember a season when players have been going down like flies so often as this season. The physio is a vital part of the club and I hope the fans will join me in a big hand for Guth.  
David Springett, Duffield Road, Derby.

### LADIES' F.A. CUP FINAL

Dear Sir,  
I was working too late to get to Maine Road last weekend, so out of curiosity I went to watch the Women's F.A. Cup Final at the Baseball Ground. What a surprise. I went there expecting to have a good laugh but 90 minutes later I had changed my mind about the fairer sex on the football field. The skill showed by Doncaster Belles and Friends of Fulham was top-notch and as entertainment it was very enjoyable. The pace was not up to League soccer and it wasn't so physical, but with full-time training and toughening up I reckon a couple of the players could do a job in the lower divisions. If the ladies play at Derby again I recommend Rams' fans to give them a go. You'll be surprised. I was. Don't use my name. I'll never live it down with my mates. Name and address withheld by request.





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BIGGEST VICTORY  
5-0 at home Mar. 29, 1975

HEAVIEST DEFEAT  
0-3 away Apr. 29, 1989

LAST HOME WIN  
1-0 Aug. 15, 1987

LAST AWAY WIN  
2-1 Aug. 23, 1980

LAST HOME DRAW  
0-0 Mar. 27, 1982

LAST AWAY DRAW  
1-1 Mar. 4, 1961

LAST HOME DEFEAT  
0-1 Dec. 10, 1988

LAST AWAY DEFEAT  
0-1 Nov. 4, 1989

FIRST MEETING  
1-2 home Nov. 14, 1953  
Derby: Wilkins  
Luton: Mitchell 2

LAST MEETING  
0-1 away Nov. 4, 1989

FULL LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	5	3	2	16	6
Away	10	2	1	7	10	19
	20	7	4	9	26	25

Highest Home Attendance v Luton  
Town 24,619, March 29, 1975

## LUTON TOWN F.C. STATISTICS

Player	League		Cups/Misc		Previous Club
	Aps.	Gl.	Aps.	Gl.	
Dave Beaumont	29(3)	—	7	—	Dundee Utd.
Kingsley Black	80(4)	17	18(5)	1	—
Tim Breacker	194(6)	2	49(2)	—	—
Alec Chamberlain	42	—	6	—	Everton
Richard Cooke	3(13)	1	1(1)	—	Bournemouth
Iain Dowie	25(10)	7	4(2)	3	Hendon
John Dreyer	52(2)	3	5	1	Oxford
Lars Elstrup	13(8)	4	3	5	Odense
Paul Gray	2(5)	1	0(2)	1	—
Richard Harvey	32(10)	—	4	—	—
Julian James	18(4)	1	2	—	—
Marvin Johnson	30(7)	—	7(1)	—	—
Mick Kennedy	30	—	4	—	Leicester
Darren McDonough	57(12)	5	14(2)	2	Oldham
Kurt Nogan	9	2	—	—	—
David Preece	142(3)	5	26	3	Walsall
Jason Rees	6(6)	—	—	—	—
Danny Wilson	108	24	32	5	Brighton

Statistics include Saturday, 21st April, 1990

## THE SQUAD

**GOALKEEPER** — Alec Chamberlain was signed from Everton for £150,000 last season. A reserve player with Ipswich, he stepped into League soccer after a transfer to Colchester in 1982. Everton signed him for £75,000 in 1987, but after a loan spell with Tranmere last season, he moved on to Kenilworth Road.

**DEFENDERS** — Right back **Tim Breacker** is a former Luton apprentice who got his League chance in 1984. Within a couple of years, he was in the England Under-21 side, winning two caps. **Julian James**, who broke into the team in January as a centre half, is now playing at left back. He joined the club as a trainee and was introduced to First Division football two seasons ago. **John Dreyer**, who started the season at left back, is now playing at centre half. He was an apprentice at Oxford, but played League soccer while on loan to Torquay and Fulham before getting his chance in the Oxford side in 1986. Luton signed him for £140,000 in 1988. The other centre half is **Darren McDonough**, who has recently returned after a long lay-off through injury. He served his apprenticeship with Oldham, where he played over 200 first-team games prior to his £85,000 transfer to Luton in 1986. **Dave Beaumont**, who has come on as a substitute in recent weeks, is another centre half. Signed from Dundee United last January, he joined the Tannadice outfit from school and worked his way into their first team in 1984. Two other faces which have appeared in defence are those of **Richard Harvey** and **Marvin Johnson**. Harvey, a former England youth international, operates at left back. He made his League debut in 1986. Johnson, a centre back, made his League debut two years later.

**MIDFIELD** — **Danny Wilson**, who is most familiar on the right side of midfield, has sometimes adopted a central role this season. Before joining Nottingham Forest in a £100,000 deal in 1983, he played League football for Bury and Chesterfield. He then spent a loan period with Scunthorpe prior to making a full transfer to Brighton in 1984. While with the Seagulls, he was introduced to the Northern Ireland side. He is now a regular, with 17 caps. Luton signed him in 1987. The players who usually patrol the central midfield are **Mick Kennedy** and **David Preece**. Kennedy joined the Hatters

a few days before the start of the season. He broke into League soccer with Halifax in 1978, moving onto Huddersfield two years later. Middlesbrough signed him for £200,000 in 1982, but, two years later, he became a Portsmouth player. Bradford City signed him for £250,000 in 1987, but last season he moved on to Leicester, where he remained until his latest move. He has played for the Republic of Ireland on two occasions. Preece made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, winning a regular place two years later. Luton invested £150,000 when signed him in 1984 and last season he was capped three times by England 'B'. This season he has sometimes appeared on the left side of midfield, a position where one usually finds **Kingsley Black**. Sometimes Black has been asked to perform as a central attacker. Black made a remarkable impact after being introduced to the Luton side two seasons ago. He starred in their Littlewoods Cup win at Wembley and, within weeks, was in the Northern Ireland side. He now has nine full international caps. **Jason Rees** and **Richard Cooke** have both made occasional appearances on the right wing. Rees is an ex-trainee who made his First Division debut on New Year's Day as a substitute against Everton. Cooke played only occasionally in the first team at Tottenham, though he did win honours for England at Youth and Under-21 levels. He really made his name after moving to Bournemouth in 1986. Luton secured his transfer for £140,000 towards the end of last season.

**FORWARDS** — **Iain Dowie** has held a regular first-team place since starting his first full game of the season against the Rams in November. Until Luton invited him to join them for £30,000 in December 1988, he was happy playing non-League soccer with St. Albans, Hertford, Cheshunt and Hendon. With Hendon, he scored 80 goals in two and a half seasons. Besides Kingsley Black, three other players have accompanied Dowie in attack this year — **Lars Elstrup**, **Kurt Nogan** and **Paul Gray**. Elstrup, who was signed from Odense for £650,000 in August, is a Danish international with 12 caps. Nogan is a former trainee who turned professional last July. He was a prolific scorer in the reserves and was elevated to the first team in January. On his debut, a 2-2 draw at Liverpool, he scored. Gray joined Luton as a trainee and he has been eased into their senior side this season, playing mostly as substitute.



BACK ROW (left to right): Jason Rees, Mick O'Brien, Alec Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Les Sealey, Iain Dowie, John Dreyer, Richard Cooke.  
MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Les Shannon (Coach), John Faulkner (1st Team Coach), Julian James, Marvin Johnson, Tim Allpress, Kurt Nogan, Sean Farrell, Darren McDonough, Richard Harvey, Paul Gray, Dave Galley (Physio), George Ley (Coach).  
FRONT ROW (left to right): David Preece, Mick Kennedy, Danny Wilson (Capt.), Jim Ryan (Manager), Tim Breacker, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

## MANAGEMENT

Luton were in serious relegation danger when Jimmy Ryan, then the club's reserve-team coach, was invited to take over as manager in January. The club was also in a certain amount of behind-the-scenes turmoil following the departure of former manager Ray Harford a week earlier and the resignation of the Chairman the previous day.

The Hatters had failed to win any of their previous nine games and Mr. Ryan's first task was to take them to Liverpool! "I can't think of a better place to start," he said at the time. "I am not at all daunted by the prospect."

Luton, in fact, came from behind to take a 2-1 lead at Anfield though, in the end, they had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

It has since been a long, hard battle for Mr. Ryan to try and save Luton's First Division status. It was one he was looking likely to lose but, in the end, the Hatters' fate depended upon the failure of others around them.

Mr. Ryan is a former Luton player though he started his professional career with Manchester United. He made his League debut for the Red Devils during the 1965/66 season and was a non-playing substitute when they won the European Cup Final in 1968.

There was much competition for senior places at Old Trafford, though, so in 1970 he decided to move on to Luton where he quickly established himself in the first team. He missed only two games as Luton clinched promotion to the First Division in 1974.

After leaving Luton in 1977 when his League days were over, he later turned to coaching. He returned to Luton in 1987 to work as coach to then manager John Moore.

## TRANSFERS

Last year Luton avoided relegation only by winning their last game of the season at home to Norwich.

In an attempt to improve matters, former manager Ray Harford signed two players during the summer.

Both came in part-exchange deals. Danish International Lars Elstrup was prised from Odense for £400,000 plus Raphael Meade, who was valued at £250,000. Mick Kennedy arrived from Leicester for £150,000 plus full back Rob Johnson.

Two other players left Kenilworth Road. Ricky Hill, who made his debut back in 1976, was rewarded for his long service with a £50,000 transfer to French club Le Havre. Steve Foster travelled to Oxford for £175,000.

During the season Luton have made two other sales.

Mick Harford joined the Rams for £480,000 and Roy Wegerle moved to Queens Park Rangers for £1,000,000, which was a record pay-out for them and a record receipt for Luton.

In all, Luton have signed cheques for £550,000 but cashed others for £1,705,000, an imbalance which probably reflects the difficult financial position they find themselves in just now.

## FORM GUIDE

Luton have spent all year struggling to avoid relegation.

Two of the main reasons are an unfortunate collection of injuries, which ripped the heart out of their defence, and the loss of experienced forwards, which accentuated their difficulty in scoring goals.

After a promising start it was not until December they started to nosedive, winning only once in 11 games.

That collapse of form coincided with the loss through injury of central defenders Darren McDonough and Dave Beaumont. As they careered down the table, Luton conceded six goals at Southampton and three at each of Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea.

On 30th December, Luton hit second from bottom place in the First Division. By then strikers Mick Harford and Roy Wegerle had both gone. Harford — joined the Rams for £480,000. Wegerle was sold to Queens Park Rangers for £1,000,000.

In their place, Luton have experimented with various permutations of Iain Dowie and one or two others from a selection of four. Dowie has certainly scored some valuable goals in the First Division. Three of his seven so far this season have won matches. Three others have earned a point.

Results started to improve in January when Ray Harford was replaced as manager by Jim Ryan, the former reserve team coach. Under him, Luton are still unbeaten at Kenilworth Road, having won three games and drawn four. Away from home, too, there were initial signs of progress. Luton drew 2-2 at Liverpool and won 2-1 at Wimbledon, their first away victory in 13 months and 22 games. But since then they have lost six on the trot. Consequently, they have not pulled themselves clear of the relegation zone.

Today they must win at the Baseball Ground and hope Forest win at Hillsborough. Failing that the Second Division beckons.

## LUTON TOWN TEN YEAR RECORD

Season	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Division	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Position	6	5	1	18	16	13	9	7	9	16
Average Home Attendance	11,671	10,291	11,880	13,452	11,966	10,816	11,062	10,327	8,162	9,869



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## Ram Quiz

If you are wondering what you're going to do with yourselves until next season, don't worry, the World Cup is less than a month away, and here are six World Cup testers to get you in the mood . . .

1. In 1950, England were involved in a World Cup sensation when they lost 1-0 to a side that have also qualified for Italy this summer, who were they?
2. In Mexico four years ago, who took over the Scotland captaincy when Graeme Souness was dropped?
3. In which Italian city will the 1990 World Cup get under way with the game between Argentina and Cameroon?
4. Whom did Jack Charlton succeed as manager of World Cup dark horses Republic of Ireland?
5. Which country ended Northern Ireland's gallant World Cup effort in 1982 with a 4-1 win?

**TIE-BREAKER:** Who was the Welsh referee who in the 1978 World Cup finals disallowed a Brazilian goal because he had blown for full-time?

### Norwich City Quiz Results

1. Burton Albion, Gresley Rovers, Belper Town.
2. Bulova.
3. Chorley.
4. Notts County.
5. Bruce Rioch (Millwall).

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So this is it. At last we can pull down the curtain on a season that I, for one, will want to forget - except for that brief, golden spell that began with the Rams' 5-0 Littlewoods Cup win over Cambridge on 4 October and ended with defeat at Norwich (it HAD to be Norwich) on 15 December.

For about 10 weeks we saw the exciting potential of the Rams at full strength: the majestic command of Mark Wright, the understanding of Goddard and Saunders, the electrifying dash of Ted McMinn, the cool mastery of Shilton.

If I mention those names, it is not to detract from the performances of the others. It was all for one and one for all. A real team effort. A time to match the Clough era.

The long-term injuries to McMinn and Gary Micklewhite robbed the team of its harmonious balance; but much worse was to follow, until eventually only George Williams was left of the six or so senior midfield men and wingers.

Is there any wonder that as youngster after youngster was of necessity thrown into the fray, the form of some of the senior players slumped, until, in the home game against Norwich (Norwich again!) even Deano and George, to name but two, looked stale, fed up and leg-weary?

Like thousands of others, I went home bitterly disappointed, but in my heart I knew that I could blame only the injury jinx that had turned the season on its head.

Take heart. The summer break is likely to work its magic on the squad. It will look a whole lot brighter when Ted, Gary and the rest are fit to resume.

Till then, it's best to look at the brighter side. We know now that in Paul Williams, Steve Hayward



## Ram Comment

The Peter Stephens Column

and Jon Davidson we have three youngsters of the required class. All they need is time. There are others who could make it, given great application and 100 per cent attention to the advice they are getting from Arthur and Roy.

Craig Ramage holds and passes the ball well. He *does* need a greater sense of urgency. Kevin Francis clearly has the right attitude and all the physical attributes to make a regular goalscorer. I wish them all well. What the fans want to see most of all is our own young players maturing into top-class performers.

But, to be realistic, the Rams will have to buy if they are serious about challenging the top few clubs. I have faith that the ambition exists for the Rams to keep on going forward. We can't have got this far for things to be allowed to slide now.

We have had more than five years of sweat and toil from a magnificent management team - and I'm talking about ALL club officials, not only the marvellous Arthur and Roy.

Next season will be a make-or-break year. I can't wait for the new kick-off. How about you?

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of Derby County F.C.



# Rams' Record

## This Season's Statistics

### 1989-1990

#### BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	HOME					AWAY					ATTENDANCES				
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	Pts	G/D	Highest	Average		
Liverpool	37	13	5	1	38	15	9	5	4	34	21	76	+36	38,730	36,876
Aston Villa	37	13	3	3	36	20	8	3	7	18	15	69	+19	41,247	25,482
Tottenham	37	11	1	6	33	23	7	5	7	24	23	60	+11	33,944	26,766
Arsenal	36	13	3	2	36	10	4	4	10	14	25	58	+15	46,132	34,224
Everton	37	14	2	2	37	13	3	5	11	17	30	58	+11	42,453	26,175
Chelsea	37	8	7	4	31	24	7	5	6	24	25	57	+10	31,833	21,837
Southampton	36	10	5	4	40	27	5	5	7	29	32	55	+10	20,510	16,471
Wimbledon	36	5	8	5	22	22	7	8	3	22	15	52	+7	14,625	7,065
Norwich	37	7	9	2	22	12	6	4	9	20	28	52	+2	20,210	16,597
Q.P.R.	37	9	4	5	25	19	4	7	8	18	22	50	+2	18,997	13,282
Coventry	37	11	2	5	23	19	3	5	11	15	34	49	-15	19,605	13,797
Nottm. Forest	36	8	4	6	27	21	5	5	8	21	26	48	+2	26,766	20,577
Man. City	37	9	4	6	26	21	3	7	8	15	29	47	-9	43,246	27,975
Derby County	37	9	1	8	27	18	4	6	9	14	19	46	+4	24,176	17,568
Man. Utd.	36	7	6	5	25	14	5	3	10	20	29	45	+2	47,245	39,179
C. Palace	36	8	6	4	25	21	4	2	12	14	43	44	-25	29,870	17,178
Sheff. Wed.	37	8	6	4	21	14	3	4	12	14	34	43	-13	33,260	20,436
Luton Town	37	8	8	3	24	18	1	5	12	16	37	40	-15	12,620	9,924
Charlton	37	4	6	9	18	25	3	3	12	13	31	30	-25	17,692	10,763
Millwall	37	4	6	8	22	22	1	5	13	16	40	26	-24	17,265	12,432

#### DERBY COUNTY ROLL-CALL 1989-1990

Player	Birthday	1989-90 League		1989-90 Cups		Derby County League Record		Previous League Record	
		Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Paul Blades	Jan. 5	18(1)	—	5(1)	—	157(9)	1	—	—
Robert Briscoe	Sept. 4	8(2)	1	1(1)	—	8(2)	1	—	—
Steve Cross	Dec. 22	2(6)	—	2(3)	2	23(25)	3	240(22)	34
Jonathan Davidson	Mar. 1	3(2)	—	1	—	3(2)	—	—	—
Michael Forsyth	Mar. 20	37	—	11	—	154	4	28(1)	—
Kevin Francis	Dec. 6	0(8)	—	1(5)	1	0(8)	—	—	—
Phil Gee	Dec. 19	4(4)	1	1	—	90(14)	25	—	—
Mick Harford	Feb. 12	15	4	2	—	15	4	384(11)	139
Steve Hayward	Sept. 8	1(2)	—	—	—	1(2)	—	—	—
Trevor Hebbard	Jun. 19	21(1)	4	11	1	58(1)	9	339(28)	45
Rob Hindmarch	Apr. 27	25	—	7	—	162	9	116(1)	2
Ted McMinn	Sept. 28	15	—	4	3	54	5	*119(32)	9
Gary Micklewhite	Mar. 21	18	2	5	1	156(11)	27	97(9)	11
Mark Patterson	Sept. 13	9	—	2(1)	—	10	—	19(3)	—
Nick Pickering	Aug. 4	18(5)	3	4(1)	—	23(8)	3	253(4)	27
Craig Ramage	Mar. 30	7(4)	1	3(2)	1	7(4)	1	10	2
Mel Sage	Mar. 24	32(1)	—	10	—	85(2)	3	126(6)	5
Dean Saunders	June 21	37	11	11	10	66	25	168(16)	54
Peter Shilton	Sept. 18	34	—	9	—	111	—	786	1
Martin Taylor	Dec. 9	3	—	2	—	3	—	—	—
Geraint Williams	Jan. 5	37	—	11	—	204(1)	7	138(3)	8
Paul Williams	Mar. 26	8(1)	—	—	—	8(1)	—	—	—
Mark Wright	Aug. 1	35	5	9	—	105	9	178(2)	7
Paul Goddard (now Millwall)	18	8	6	3	49	15	283(18)	96	—

\*Record in the Scottish & Spanish Leagues. Own goal Hodge, (Forest) Correct to May 1, 1990

#### FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	F A
Aug 19	A Charlton Athletic	0-0
23	H Wimbledon	1-1
26	H Manchester United	2-0
30	A Nottingham Forest	1-2
Sept. 9	H Liverpool	0-3
16	A Queens Park Rangers	1-0
19	A Cambridge (L.C. 1st Leg 7-45p.m.)	1-2
23	H Southampton	0-1
30	A Aston Villa	0-1
Oct. 4	H Cambridge (L.C. 2nd Leg)	5-0
14	H Crystal Palace	3-1
21	H Chelsea	0-1
25	H Sheffield Wed. (L.C. 3)	2-1
28	A Arsenal	1-1
Nov. 4	A Luton Town	0-1
11	H Manchester City	6-0
18	H Sheffield Wednesday	2-0
22	H West Brom Alb. (L.C. 4)	2-0
25	A Tottenham Hotspur	2-1
29	A West Brom. Alb. (Z.D.S. Cup)	5-0
Dec. 2	H Charlton Athletic	2-0
9	A Wimbledon	1-1
16	A Norwich City	0-1
20	A Newcastle (Z.D.S. Cup)	2-3
26	H Everton	0-1
30	H Coventry City	4-1
Jan. 1	A Millwall	1-1
7	A Port Vale (F.A. Cup 3)	1-1
10	H Port Vale (Replay)	2-3
13	A Manchester United	2-1
17	A West Ham Utd. (L.C. 5)	1-1
20	H Nottingham Forest	0-2
24	H West Ham Utd. (L.C. Replay)	0-0
31	A West Ham Utd. (2nd Replay)	1-2
Feb. 10	H Queens Park Rangers	2-0
24	H Tottenham Hotspur	2-1
Mar. 3	A Sheffield Wednesday	0-1
10	A Southampton	1-2
17	H Aston Villa	0-1
20	A Crystal Palace (7-45)	1-1
24	H Arsenal	1-3
31	A Chelsea	1-1
Apr. 7	A Coventry	0-1
14	H Millwall	2-0
16	A Everton	1-2
21	H Norwich City	0-2
28	A Manchester City	1-0
May 1	A Liverpool	0-1
5	H Luton Town	

§After penalties Z.D.S. — Zenith Data Systems Cup  
 \*Own Goal. act. — after extra time  
 Players name in bold type indicates scorer,  
 the figure over it the number of goals he  
 scored. Figures in brackets after  
 substitutes indicate the player he replaced.  
 FAC — F.A. Cup; L.C. — Littlewoods Cup;

#### 1989-90 RESULTS • ATTENDANCES • APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Att.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
8,543	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Pickering	Micklewhite	Cross(7)	Gee
13,874	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Pickering	Micklewhite	Hebberd <sup>1</sup> (10)	Gee(9)
22,175	6	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross(7)	Gee
24,060	10	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross(7)	Gee(9)
20,034	14	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee
10,697	9	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee
5,333	—	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering(10)	Gee
13,694	11	Shilton	Blades	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Pickering	Micklewhite	Sage(2)	Gee(11)
16,245	16	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee(9)
12,125	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn <sup>1</sup>	Saunders <sup>3</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee
14,585	11	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Goddard <sup>2</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering(6)	Gee
17,279	15	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering(10)	Gee
18,042	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders <sup>2</sup>	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee
33,189	15	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering(6)	Gee
8,919	17	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Pickering	Gee
19,239	13	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright <sup>1</sup>	Blades	McMinn	Saunders <sup>2</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd <sup>1</sup>	Micklewhite <sup>1</sup>	Pickering	Gee
18,085	12	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross	Gee
21,313	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	McMinn <sup>2</sup>	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross(6)	Gee
28,075	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	McMinn	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross	Pickering(7)
4,880	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders <sup>3</sup>	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite <sup>1</sup>	Francis(8)	Cross(5)
14,590	6	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Ramage	Hebberd	Micklewhite <sup>1</sup>	Cross	Francis
5,024	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders	Goddard <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross	Blades
16,184	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Micklewhite	Cross(10)	Blades(6)
6,714	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Gee	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Cross <sup>2</sup>	Blades(6)	Ramage(7)
21,114	10	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	Pickering	Saunders	Goddard	Hebberd	Cross	McCord(11)	Ramage(9)
17,011	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	Pickering <sup>1</sup>	Saunders	Ramage <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd <sup>2</sup>	McCord	Cross(5)	Gee
10,500	10	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	Pickering <sup>1</sup>	Saunders	Ramage	Hebberd	McCord	Cross(11)	Francis
17,478	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	Pickering	Saunders	Ramage	Hebberd <sup>1</sup>	McCord	Cross(6)	Francis(9)
21,389	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders	Ramage <sup>1</sup>	Hebberd	McCord	Cross	Francis <sup>1</sup> (9)
38,985	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright <sup>1</sup>	Hindmarch	Pickering <sup>1</sup>	Saunders	Ramage	Hebberd	Cross	Patterson	Francis
25,035	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Ramage	Hebberd	Cross	Patterson(11)	Francis(9)
24,176	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Pickering	Saunders	Harford	Hebberd	Patterson	Francis(11)	McCord(7)
22,522	—	Taylor	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Patterson	Saunders	Harford	Hebberd	McCord	Francis(9)	Briscoe(11)
25,164	—	Taylor	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Patterson	Davidson	Francis	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Harford	Hebberd	Briscoe	Ramage(7)	Williams, P.
14,445	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Davidson	Gee <sup>1</sup>	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Harford	Hebberd	Briscoe	Patterson	Ramage
19,676	7	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Gee	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Harford <sup>1</sup>	Patterson	Pickering	Ramage(7)	Briscoe
21,811	9	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Gee	Saunders	Harford	Patterson	Pickering	Ramage(9)	Briscoe(7)
16,340	10	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Hindmarch	Blades	Gee	Saunders <sup>1</sup>	Harford	Patterson	Pickering	Ramage(7)	Francis(11)
21,062	13	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Blades	Patterson	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Pickering	Briscoe(10)	Francis(11)
10,051	12	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright <sup>1</sup>	Blades	Patterson	Saunders	Harford	Briscoe	Pickering	Francis	Williams P.(7)
17,514	14	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Williams P.	Saunders	Harford	Pickering	Briscoe <sup>1</sup>	Francis	Hayward(10)
14,265	13	Taylor	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Williams P.	Saunders	Harford <sup>1</sup>	Pickering	Briscoe	Francis(7)	Hayward(10)
11,157	13	Taylor	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Williams P.	Saunders	Harford	Hayward	Briscoe	Francis(10)	Davidson(7)
13,718	13	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Patterson	Saunders	Harford <sup>2</sup>	Williams P.	Briscoe	Francis	Davidson
23,933	14	Taylor	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright <sup>1</sup>	Hindmarch	Patterson	Saunders	Harford	Williams P.	Briscoe	Francis(7)	Davidson
13,758	16	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Patterson	Saunders	Harford	Williams P.	Briscoe	Francis(7)	Davidson(5)
29,542	14	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright <sup>1</sup>	Hindmarch	Davidson	Saunders	Harford	Williams P.	Ramage	Francis	Chalk
38,038	14	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams	Wright	Hindmarch	Davidson	Saunders	Harford	Williams P.	Ramage	Francis(11)	Chalk



# THE PONTIN'S LEAGUE 1989/90

	Division One					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Liverpool	31	21	4	6	65	40
Nottm Forest	31	18	4	9	73	43
Man. Utd.	33	17	6	10	52	37
Aston Villa	33	16	7	10	80	42
Derby County	33	16	7	10	64	43
Leicester	31	16	7	8	48	42
Man City	32	16	3	13	59	51
Blackburn	33	14	8	11	68	57
Everton	33	15	5	13	57	53
Leeds	32	14	7	11	59	44
Newcastle	33	14	5	14	38	47
Sheff Utd.	29	13	3	13	43	41
Coventry	32	12	4	16	48	59
Huddersfield	33	11	4	18	40	64
Notts County	31	8	7	16	40	83
Bradford	31	7	6	18	36	57
Hull City	33	6	5	22	45	72
Oldham	32	6	4	22	33	72

Appearances/Goals			
A	G	A	G
Blades	7	—	—
Briscoe	24(2)	3	—
Cross	9	3	—
Davidson	29(1)	—	—
Francis	24(5)	12	—
Gee	21	9	—
Hebberd	1	—	—
McCord	10(1)	1	—
Forsyth	2	—	—
Micklewhite	1	—	—
Round	25(2)	1	—
McMinn	1	—	—
Jones	1	—	—
Hansen	1	—	—
Straw	15(1)	5	—
Hayward	7	1	—
Wright	1(3)	—	—
White	8(1)	—	—
Grant	—	—	—

# PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1989/90

Date	v	Opponents	Res.
Aug. 21	H	Blackburn Rov.	0-0
Sept. 5	A	Coventry City	2-2
Sept. 12	H	Manchester Utd.	2-0
Sept. 21	A	Hull City	1-0
Sept. 25	H	Leeds Utd.	1-1
Oct. 5	H	Huddersfield T.	3-0
Oct. 10	A	Liverpool	3-1
Oct. 17	H	Manchester City	0-3
Oct. 26	A	Everton	3-1
Nov. 1	H	Bradford City	6-3
Nov. 14	H	Aston Villa	2-1
Nov. 23	H	Newcastle Utd.	5-1
Nov. 30	A	Nottm. Forest	3-0
Dec. 5	H	Notts. County	1-3
Dec. 11	A	Leicester City	2-2
Dec. 19	H	Oldham Ath.	4-1
Jan. 2	H	Coventry City	2-1
Jan. 16	A	Blackburn Rov.	0-0
Feb. 13	H	Nottm. Forest	2-1
Feb. 20	A	Leeds Utd.	1-2
Mar. 6	H	Liverpool	1-2
Mar. 13	A	Manchester City	1-3
Mar. 22	H	Everton	0-0
Mar. 27	A	Bradford City	2-1
Mar. 29	A	Sheff. Utd.	2-1
Apr. 3	A	Notts. County	6-0
Apr. 5	H	Hull City	0-1
Apr. 9	A	Newcastle Utd.	1-1
Apr. 11	H	Leicester City	1-3
Apr. 17	A	Oldham Ath.	1-3
Apr. 19	A	Huddersfield	5-2
Apr. 24	H	Sheff Utd.	0-1
Apr. 26	A	Man. Utd.	1-2
May 2	A	Aston Villa	—

# In reserve...

Our last six reserve team games have brought us only a measly four points from a possible 18. A good point was earned in the first of these games at Newcastle on Monday, 9th April. Mark Patterson scored our second-half equaliser playing from central midfield and dominated the game. We created a lot of chances throughout the game playing good attractive football. We may well have won had it not been for the Newcastle goalkeeper Tommy Wright who made a number of outstanding saves.



with  
**ROY MCFARLAND**

# Inexperience

We lost our next two games at home to Leicester 3-1 on Wednesday, 11th April and by the same score away to Oldham on Tuesday, 17th April. Against Leicester we should have been in front by at least two goals at half-time, but lost our football and our way in the second half and proceeded to concede two late goals. This was due to the inexperience of both our central defenders, Paul Grant and John Symonds, and of our central midfield pairing of Steve Hayward and Kevin Wilson. At Oldham we lost two goals at set pieces due to poor marking by Craig Ramage and Steve Round. Again we could be pleased with our football and the chances we created, but disappointed in our finishing — Robert Straw and Kevin Francis being the main culprits.

# Sloppy

We bounced back away to Huddersfield two days later on Thursday, 19th April, winning 5-2. We took an early 3-0 lead only to concede two sloppy goals before half-time. After the break we tightened up all over and scored two second-half goals — the best coming from Jason White's head.

# Complement

Two defeats in our next two games, at home to Sheffield United and away to Manchester United by 1-0 and 2-1 respectively has pushed us out of the second position slot. I think that had we had a full complement of players then our position in all three Leagues this season, i.e. the First Division, Pontins League and Purity Youth League, would have been better.

It has meant that the young players have gained valuable experience at all levels and I feel confident that this experience will help them in the future.

# Restful

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of all the players, to thank you for your support this season and we look forward to having your company again at the Baseball Ground in season 1990/91. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer.

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# MATCH FACTS

**Newcastle Reserves 1**  
**Rams Reserves 1** (Patterson)  
Taylor M; Round, Symonds, Patterson, Grant, Davidson, Chalk, Francis, Straw, Hayward, Briscoe. Subs. Holness, White.  
**Rams Reserves 1** (Hayward pen.)  
**Leicester City Reserves 3**  
Taylor M; Round, Holness, Wilson, Grant, Symonds, Chalk, Francis, Ramage (Sturridge), Hayward, Straw. Other sub. White.  
**Oldham Reserves 3**  
**Rams Reserves 1** (Patterson)  
Taylor; Patterson, Briscoe, Ramage, Grant, Davidson, Round, Francis, Straw, Hayward, Chalk.  
**Huddersfield Reserves 2**  
**Rams Reserves 5** (Chalk 2, Francis, Hayward, White)  
Taylor; Round, Holness, Wilson, Grant, Davidson, Chalk, Francis (Sturridge), Ramage (White), Hayward, Straw.  
**Rams Reserves 0 Sheffield Utd. Reserves 1**  
Taylor; Round, Briscoe, Wilson (Sturridge), Grant, Davidson, Chalk, White (Wilson), Francis, Patterson, Straw.  
**Manchester Utd. Reserves 2**  
**Rams Reserves 1** (Francis)  
Taylor; Round, Briscoe, Ramage, Grant, Patterson, Chalk (Wilson), Gee (Sturridge), Francis, Hayward, Straw.



Phil Gee (left) returned to action at Old Trafford, but another injury saw him replaced by youngster Dean Sturridge (right) who has forced himself into Pontin's League action recently.

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# Youth in Focus

# Youth Scene

It's been a season of highs and lows, but over-all I don't think we can complain too much about our achievements. We are going to finish well up in the Midlands Purity League, but our real success lies elsewhere.

As I have mentioned before, winning things with the Youth team has to be seen as a bonus. Our main aim is of course to nurture and teach Derby's future first-team talent through their first couple of years with the club and in that department, I think we have done quite well.



with  
**GERRY SUMMERS**

# Headlines

Steve Hayward has grabbed the headlines with his rise from our ranks to the Pontins League and on to first-team action, all in the space of 10 days, but a host of other lads have shown they can hold their own at higher levels.

And apart from the players we have in our control this season, it has also been nice to see some of our past products making the grade with Jon Davidson, Craig Ramage, Paul Williams and Robbie Briscoe performing admirably in the First Division and two others, Scott Green and Brian McCord, moving on to other League clubs.

Having said that, the way we started in the League last Autumn means that anything but winning it has to be considered a little bit of a disappointment. We play our last game today, away to Nottingham Forest, and we still have our sights set on finishing third.

# Talented

The League has gone a bit crazy over the last few weeks with Aston Villa amazingly pipping a very talented Leicester side to the championship. Injuries and a fixture log jam did not help our cause, but Leicester have played so well this season they seemed to have the League in the bag.

But a run of five wins and a draw from their last six games by Villa, coupled with Leicester only managing a draw in their final game against Chesterfield, has sent the trophy over to the Birmingham based club.

Our own recent form has not been too bad, and if we can continue the form that helped us pick up recent wins against Shrewsbury and West Brom at Forest today, then we should beat Notts County for third spot.

In a tough game up at Raynesway against Shrewsbury, we went a goal down inside the first minute but Corin Holness, who would have been an ever present along with Scott Cooksey this season if he hadn't picked up an injury in a following reserve game, levelled things for us by converting Jason White's run.

# Brilliant

Jason has been performing superbly for us of late,

scoring regularly and spectacularly, and after setting up the goal for Corin, he helped himself to a couple that won the game for us. After they had equalised, he set off on a brilliant solo run to score a lovely second.

It is good to see him coming on well, because he has missed probably half of his two years with us through injury, and with other players getting knocks he has carried the front line well.

We have Steve Hayward back in our ranks for the game at West Brom last weekend and he duly obliged with one of his spectacular "banana-shot" free kicks to give us the lead. It was a tremendous strike from 25 yards out and their keeper never got a sniff.

We needed that goal to settle us down, although Paul Grant and Nigel Wilkinson played well at the back, and after going one up we took control. Dean Sturridge added a second and if we had converted more of our chances, we could easily have won more comfortably.



Steve Hayward (left), scored with a spectacular "banana-kick" at West Bromwich, whilst Nigel Wilkinson (right), played well alongside Paul Grant in defence.

# MIDLAND PURITY LEAGUE

Aston Villa	30	19	6	5	72	42
Leicester City	30	18	8	4	66	26
Derby County	29	18	4	7	60	32
Notts County	29	17	5	7	58	29
Coventry	29	14	6	9	53	38
Stoke City	29	14	5	10	40	42
Birmingham	30	13	7	10	53	39
Nottm. Forest	29	14	4	11	46	39
W.B.A.	28	10	11	7	41	36
Port Vale	30	11	8	11	52	41
Mansfield	29	10	6	13	34	50
Wolves	29	7	9	13	35	47
Shrewsbury	29	5	8	16	39	56
Walsall	29	5	4	20	27	66
Chesterfield	27	4	5	18	36	64
Peterborough	27	2	6	19	21	77

# Appearances/Goals

A	G	A	G
Clarke M.	25(3)	5	—
Cooksey S.	29	—	—
Hillier J.	12(8)	—	—
Kavanagh J.	22	4	—
Skewenback K.	11	3	—
Sturridge D.	28	6	—
Wilson K.	23(4)	—	—
White J.	21(1)	9	—
Ellerton	7(7)	2	—
Allen	1(2)	—	—
Devlin	1	—	—

# MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH FIXTURES SEASON 1989/90

Date	v	Opponents	Res.
Aug. 19	H	Nottm. Forest	3-1
Aug. 26	A	Leicester City	2-0
Sept. 2	H	West Brom.	2-0
Sept. 9	A	Stoke City	2-3
Sept. 16	H	Mansfield T.	6-0
Sept. 23	H	Wolves	2-0
Sept. 30	A	Aston Villa	5-2
Oct. 7	H	Coventry City	1-0
Oct. 14	A	Notts. County	2-3
Oct. 21	H	Port Vale	4-1
Oct. 28	A	Walsall	1-0
Nov. 11	A	Chesterfield	1-0
Nov. 18	H	Peterborough	2-1
Nov. 25	H	Birmingham	2-2
Dec. 2	A	West Brom. (L.C. 1)	4-1
Dec. 9	A	Birmingham	P-P
Dec. 16	H	Leicester City	0-0
Jan. 6	A	West Brom.	P-P
Jan. 13	H	Aston Villa (L.C. 2)	0-3
Jan. 20	A	Wolves	2-2
Jan. 27	A	Mansfield T.	0-1
Feb. 10	A	Coventry City	2-3
Feb. 24	H	Notts. County	2-1
Mar. 3	A	Port Vale	2-1
Mar. 10	H	Walsall	3-1
Mar. 14	H	Aston Villa	0-1
Mar. 17	A	Shrewsbury	2-1
Mar. 24	H	Chesterfield	3-4
Mar. 31	A	Peterborough	3-0
Apr. 4	A	Birmingham	1-1
Apr. 7	H	Stoke City	0-1
Apr. 21	H	Shrewsbury	—
Apr. 28	A	West Brom.	—
May 5	A	Nottm. Forest	—

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