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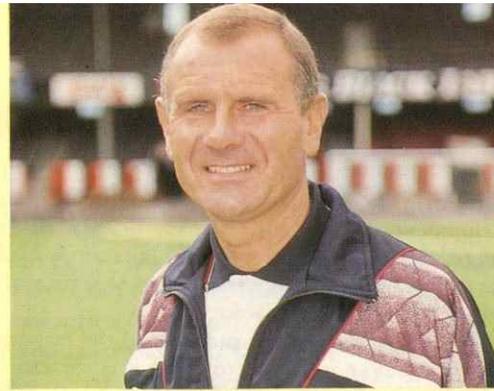
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# RAMS IN COLOUR SIX DAYS A WEEK

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## Manager's Message

ARTHUR COX

Wednesday night was a very satisfying occasion for all those present, and those not actually there but present in spirit, as the club progressed to the fourth round of the Rumbelows Cup for the second successive year, this time with a convincing 6-0 victory over Sunderland.

Once again Roy was very complimentary about all concerned and having watched the game closely on video, it was obviously a night when everyone's attitude was spot on with the confidence, both individual and collective, growing visibly as the goals flowed.

Again, a very important aspect was the fact that we did not concede a goal and the football we played was progressive and entertaining and, on occasions, very accurate.

Gary Micklewhite provided a stream of telling and threatening crosses, from which Michael Harford helped himself to a hat-trick. Dean Saunders was a constant threat and his total unselfishness in providing Craig Ramage with his second goal highlighted his good professionalism and the excellent spirit which exists among the players.

George Williams and Michael Forsyth were very solid and reliable, and Peter Shilton's save from a close range header late on indicated his determination for another clean sheet.

Nick Pickering, as a former Sunderland player, was eager to impress and his contribution after being out for most of the season was appreciated.

I also got a lot of satisfaction from Steve Cross's display, having witnessed his horrific injury and long haul back to fitness. It was pleasing to see him playing with so much enthusiasm, ability and will to win.

Also, having watched our last two games on the video very closely, it is obvious that our skipper, Mark Wright, is fast becoming a very consistent and authoritative captain.

Craig Ramage contributed two goals and he must now work harder at being able to contribute that all-important goal from midfield that wins matches for us, rather than rounds them off. Over the past five years Trevor Hebbard and John Gregory have had that lovely knack of scoring goals at important times from a midfield position, just as Alan Durban did at the club in the past, now Craig must strive for the same.

He, like Mel Sage to single out just a couple, have had a number of chances this season and, with the ability they have, are perfectly capable of scoring consistently.

We have now been matched with the winners of the Sheffield Wednesday and Swindon Town tie at either Hillsborough or the County Ground. If we are to further our intentions in this competition we have to overcome this hurdle, which I genuinely believe is within our capabilities.

Today we play Luton Town in a Barclays League fixture in which we must reproduce all of the qualities that have made it possible for us to achieve two excellent results during the last seven days.

Thank you for your excellent support during our last two games, especially on Wednesday night when, associated with the level of support from the Sunderland followers, created yet another excellent footballing occasion at the Baseball Ground.

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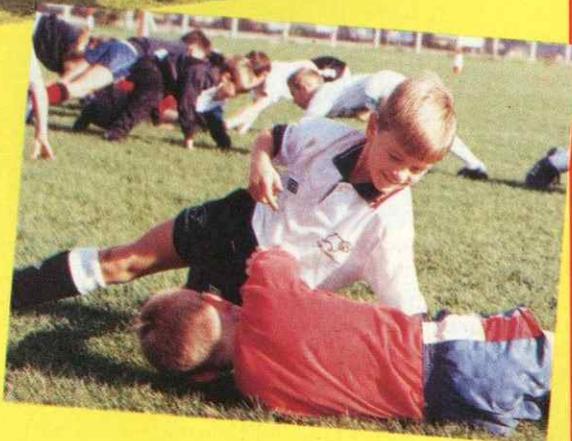


# Rambling Around...

## RAMS' SOCCER ACADEMY

Derby County launched its exciting new Football in the Community venture last week, giving a chance to dozens of the club's young supporters of training with the Rams' stars.

The club started the first of its innovative Rams' Soccer Academy courses at the Ramarena training ground during the half-term holidays, with the 60 places snapped up within hours of becoming available.



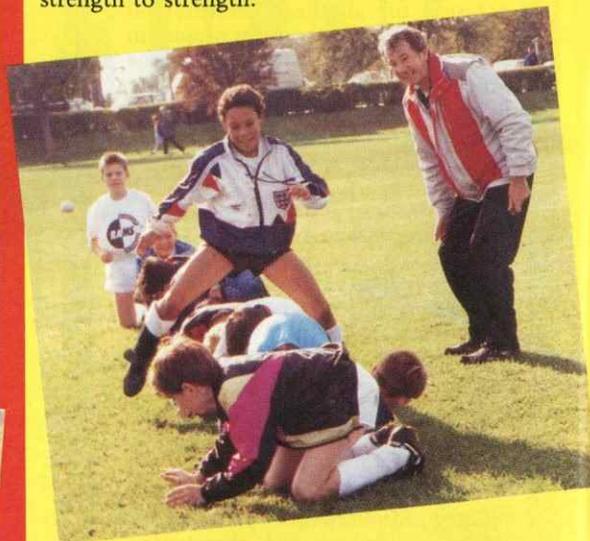
The course, aimed at boys and girls aged between seven and 14, was a huge success, with Rams' Soccer Academy pupils getting the chance to show their skills to the Derby County players, as well as pick up a few tips from qualified F.A. coaches as well.

For four days last week, Junior Rams from all over the county learnt essential soccer skills like dribbling, shooting, tackling and heading, as well as getting their first taste of just how hard the Rams' stars have to work in training.

And now, having been inundated with requests to take part in the course, the Rams are already planning to hold similar coaching sessions throughout the season, with the next course pencilled in for the Christmas holidays.

The man behind the scheme, Derby County development officer John Jarman, praised all the youngsters for their hard work: "I think everyone had a great time, but all of the pupils had to train really hard — just like the pro's do.

"The course was a great success and the response from the children just goes to show it is something definitely needed in this area. I hope we can go from strength to strength."



## LADIES F.A. CUP TRAIL

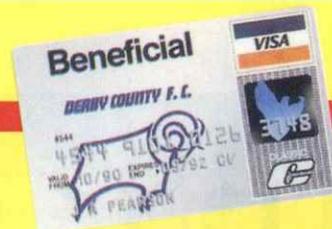
For all those supporters who came along to watch the Women's F.A. Cup Final held at the Baseball Ground last season, there is another chance to see the ladies in soccer action this weekend.

Only this time, it's the Derby County Women's team that you can cheer on as the newly formed team go for glory in their F.A. Cup competition.

The Rams ladies, currently in third place in the Second Division on the East Midlands Football League, entertain Leighton Linlade from the Eastern Region at the Ramarena training ground in the second round of the Cup tomorrow.

Both sides will be aiming for a place in the third round in January 1991, after which the competition becomes an open draw and the top seeded clubs, including last season's winners Doncaster Belles, join the action.

If you fancy giving the girls a cheer, the game kicks-off at Raynesway at 2.30 p.m. Or if you would like to take a more active role in Derby County Women's F.C., then any girls or women are welcome to come and try playing for yourselves on Friday evenings at the Shaftesbury Centre, between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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## NEW SIGNING FROM LIVERPOOL

You only had to read the Sunday papers' headlines after the Rams' game at Liverpool last month to know that the team put up an excellent show at Anfield.

It was so good in fact that one Scouser was impressed enough to switch his allegiances mid-match,

going into the ground as a Liverpool follower and coming out a Rams fanatic.

Kristuan Gudmundsson of Walton Hall Avenue, Liverpool, liked the way the Rams played that afternoon so much that he wrote to the club asking to join Derby County's Supporters Club.

No matter how big the headlines, praise does not come any higher than that.

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

It's amazing what you can turn up with a bit of spring — well, autumn — cleaning, as young Derby supporter Paul Solway found out when he was giving his grandfather a helping hand.

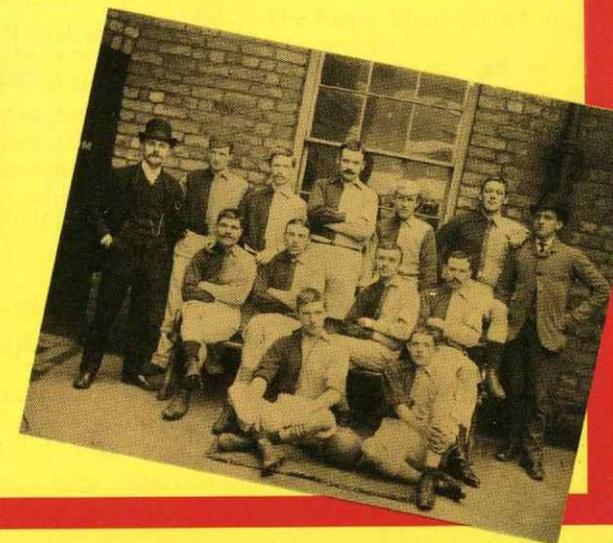
For in amongst the dusty loft of Grandad Arthur Cripwell's Alvaston home, Paul unearthed a picture of a Derby County line-up from more than 100 years ago.

The superbly preserved sepia photograph of Derby County Wanderers 1886-87 is one of the oldest photos around and was taken outside the old changing rooms at the County Ground only two years after the club was formed.

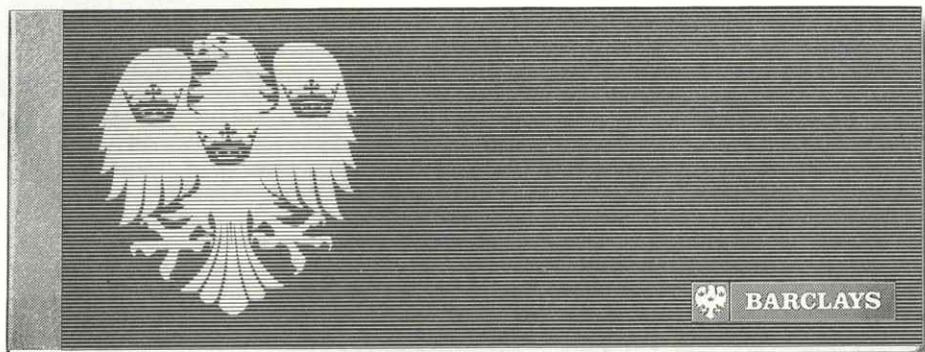
Pop side regular Paul admitted: "It was a bit of a chore clearing out the loft because there was all sorts of junk in it, then I stumbled across the picture.

"It was completely covered in dust, but when I wiped it off it was easy to make out the faces of the players.

"I showed it to my Grandad who couldn't remember where it had come from and he said that I could have it."



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This afternoon's Barclays' League fixture against Luton Town, represents another milestone for Peter Shilton. Peter is making his 150th competitive appearance for Derby County. In League terms it is his 124th appearance, the other 26 being made up of six in the F.A. Cup, seven in the Simod/Delta Systems Cup, and he made his 13th League Cup appearance for the club in the Rumbelows' Cup against Sunderland on Wednesday night.

Peter has missed just five matches since he joined the Rams from Southampton in July 1987. An unfortunate eye injury, suffered in a collision with Des Walker, in an international against Brazil, at Wembley, led to Peter's run ending with a total of 124 consecutive appearances for the Rams. The last of those was against Nottingham Forest, at the Baseball Ground on January 20. It was his 101st League appearance on the run, Peter's century occurring in a fine 2-1 victory over Manchester United at Old Trafford, on the previous Saturday.

After missing the two Littlewoods' Cup replays against West Ham United, Peter returned for the home League fixture with Queens Park Rangers on February 10, and played nine games before Martin Taylor made his League debut at Stamford Bridge, against Chelsea, at the end of March. Martin kept his place for the game at Highfield Road, Coventry, but Peter returned for the home game against Millwall

on April 14. Mick Harford netted both goals as the Rams won 2-0, their last League victory at the Baseball Ground. Two days later, on Easter Monday, Martin was drafted in, once again, for the game at Goodison Park, where the Rams lost 1-2 to Everton. Peter came back for the final four games of the season, which meant that of Martin's five appearances for the Rams, only one had been at the Baseball Ground.

By missing the Everton fixture Peter missed out on completing 900 League appearances by the end of the season. That matter was redressed in the first game of the present campaign, away to Chelsea.

Peter made his 100th competitive appearance for the Rams in last season's home game against his previous club Southampton, the Rams losing 0-1. That was his 871st League appearance, which today will be increased to 910. That hundredth League appearance for the Rams, at Old Trafford, meant that he had appeared in 100 or more League matches for each of his five clubs.

Peter commenced this season with a new record of first-class appearances of 1261. That figure is two more than that shown in one football annual, which has not taken into account Peter's two appearances in the Zenith Data Systems Cup. Peter played in both games, against West Bromwich Albion and Newcastle United, away from home. In another reputable annual, the figure shown is 1263, two more than my

figure. At the beginning of last season we all agreed on the total of 1201. Peter played in 44 competitive games for Derby County and his seven games in the World Cup extended his season's international appearances to 16. So in all Peter played in 60 competitive games to take his total to 1261 first-class matches.

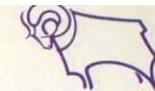
In last season's programme for the Luton Town game, I mentioned that the Rams were looking for their 1,000th home victory in the Football League. Surely it cannot be too far away as they must turn the corner soon. Before the game at Southampton, last Saturday, Derby County had won only two League games out of the last 22. That record includes just one home success in the last 10 home games. The victory against Millwall apart, the Rams lost the other four home fixtures. This season they have drawn three and lost two of their five home League games. So the Rams have lost six of their last ten home League games, and have gone seven home League games without a victory.

The Rams' home record in the League is:

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● Peter Shilton





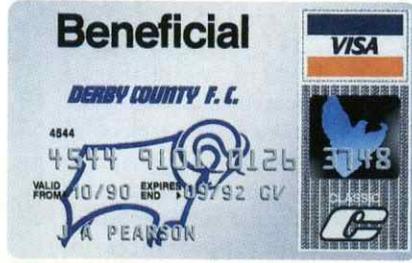
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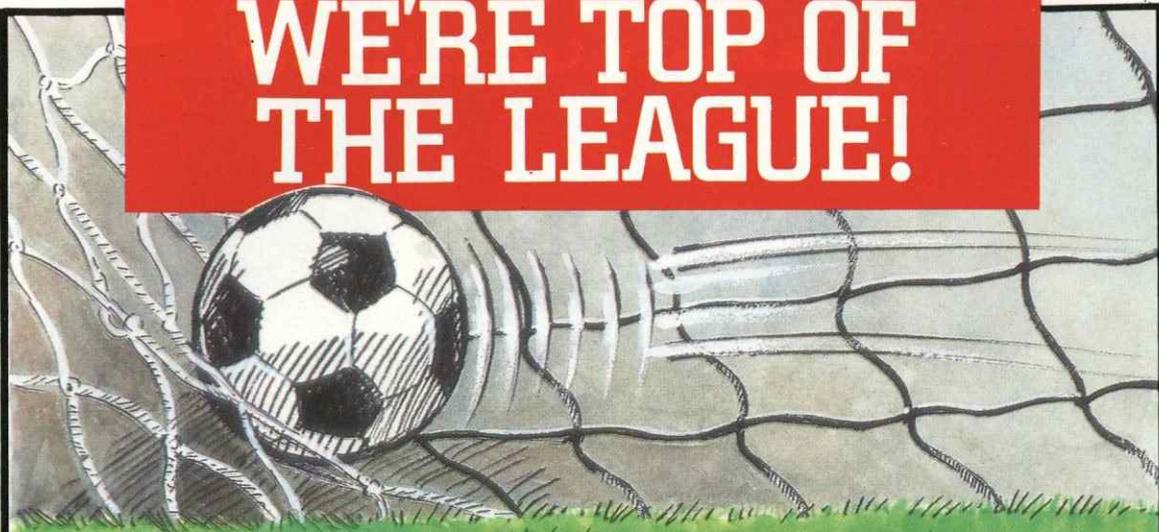
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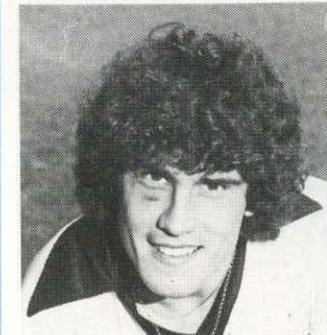
# Connections

The Rams were on their way down when they first met Luton Town in the Football League. The Hatters did the double over the Rams, in 1953-54. The first League meeting was on November 14, 1953, when two goals by Albert Mitchell sank the Rams, whose reply was scored by Ray Wilkins. That was their only success here until December 10, 1988, when a certain Mick Harford scored a great goal to beat the Rams. At that time Mick Harford was striking partner to the talented Roy Wegerle, now with Queens Park Rangers. The last game of the season provided Luton Town with a much needed victory to enable them to retain their First Division status. Right-back Tim Breaker gave them the start they needed when blasting the ball home off the crossbar from 25 yards, after a free-kick had been tapped into his path, in the first minute. After 18 minutes Luton extended their lead, when Danny Wilson, now of Sheffield Wednesday, put in a low centre. Kingsley Black came in behind Dowie and knocked the ball past Shilton.

Derby immediately pushed Wright into midfield with Davidson dropping back into the back four. The move paid off after 29 minutes when the Rams pulled a goal back. A long pass from Davidson was headed back by Harford into the path of Wright who thumped it into the net. Wright had two more efforts saved by Chamberlain.

The Luton goalkeeper was powerless to prevent the Rams from equalising in injury time at the end of the first-half. A free-kick by Forsyth was played back by Harford and Paul Williams volleyed a superb goal.

The Rams lost their way in midfield in the second-half as Wright moved back into defence. Black restored Luton's lead after 75 minutes. Cutting in from the left he had his first shot blocked, but wrong footed Shilton with his second effort. So Luton survived helped by Nottingham Forest



• Keith Osgood

who won 3-0 away to Sheffield Wednesday who were relegated.

Derby County's first League victory over Luton Town came at the Baseball Ground, on October 15, 1960. Bill Curry, who had made his debut at Anfield, a fortnight earlier, scored his first goals for the club. He netted twice, with Barry Hutchinson and Geoff Barrowcliffe, from a penalty, securing a 4-1 victory for the Rams. The Curry-Hutchinson partnership did the trick in the opening home game of 1961-62. Following a 4-3 success at Middlesbrough on the opening day of the season, they scored one goal each as the Rams defeated the Hatters 2-0.

The Rams first away success came during the following season. After three defeats and a draw the Rams won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road, on November 3, 1962. It was Derby County's first away win since December 9, 1961, and again it was the Curry-Hutchinson combination providing the goals in the victory, with Turner pulling a goal back for Luton Town. In March 1963 the Rams won here by a solitary goal scored by Barry Hutchinson.

The clubs did not resume League confrontation again until 1974-75. The Hatters won 1-0 at Kenilworth Road, while Roger Davies scored all five

goals as the Rams won 5-0 on Easter Saturday 1975, as they were on their way to their second League championship. Both clubs were in the Second Division when they met again, in 1980-81. Keith Osgood and Dave Swindlehurst scored the goals which enabled the Rams to win here 2-1, in the second home game. The Luton reply came from Brian Stein. In the return at the Baseball Ground, Luton gained their second draw in the seven meetings with a 2-2 scoreline. Their goals were scored by Moss and Ingram, Wilson and Hector scoring for the Rams. Goals from Moss, Goodyear and Donaghy helped Luton to a 3-2 home win in November 1981, John Clayton and Keith Osgood replying for the Rams. The return here in March 1982 was goalless.

The next meeting here was the first back in the First Division in August 1987. John Gregory scored the only goal of the game, which represents the Rams last success against the Hatters.

In the return Luton won by a goal from Darren McDonough. The Rams continued to fail to score on the plastic pitch at Luton, when the Hatters won 3-0 in April 1989, with goals from Wilson (penalty), Harford and Black. Iain Dowie scored his first goal for Luton Town to defeat the Rams 1-0 there last season.



• John Gregory

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**Sally Eames**

It's a standing joke these days that Christmas arrives earlier every year.

You can usually expect to be confronted by a shop full of tinsel and cards a day or so after the last bottle of sun tan lotion has been sold.

Things are no different at the Ramtique, Derby County's sports and souvenir shop, but before we start babbling on about losing the spirit of Christmas and all that, let's take a look at things from the shop's point of view.

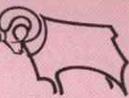
Ramtique manager Sally Eames oversees the day-to-day running of the Baseball Ground shop, and she knows all too well what the next six weeks hold for her.

"Without a doubt, the two months run-up to Christmas are our busiest of the year," admitted Sally. "We probably do more than 70 per cent of our annual business during that period."

"Things are starting to hot up again now, with more and more supporters coming in to check out our stocks, looking for early ideas for Christmas presents.

"And to be quite honest, we are probably better equipped and stocked to sort out the requests this year than ever before, with new lines of souvenirs and leisure wear coming in every day."

Sally has been the face behind the Ramtique counter for 11 years now



# Guest Interview

and over that time has seen a big change in the demands of supporters looking for memorabilia and souvenirs of their favourite team.

The big swing has been in the sports and leisurewear department, an area in which Derby County and the Ramtique have expanded rapidly over the last 12 months or so, offering a wider range of choice and quality.

Sally commented: "There was a time when fans were quite happy to buy any old sweatshirt just as long as it had a ram and Derby County on it, but that has all changed.

"People are willing to spend more money on things, but only if the quality and the design is right. Leisurewear is a big business these days and the club has to compete with some very big names.

"This year we have launched our own Derby County designer label which keeps the exclusive Rams influence in all our products but also allows us to get away from the traditional "club colours only" philosophy as well.

"Obviously everything sold at the Ramtique is aimed at Derby County people and we certainly don't want to lose that, but I think we have changed with the times well with the shop becoming a lot better because of it."

It's not all shell suits and training tops though. The Ramtique is still, of course, the number one location for all Rams souvenirs and authentic replica Umbro kit.

As well as the full range of sizes for Derby County's home and away kit, the shop now has in stock international strips for Mark Wright's England, Dean Saunders' Wales and Ted McMinn's Scotland — well, it's only a matter of time before Ted becomes an international!

With Rams' tracksuits, T-shirts, Polo-shirts and Rainwear the selection goes on and on, it's well worth a glance around the Ramtique at this time of year.

And what is more, Sally and her assistant Sara Pegg have both promised NOT to wish anyone a Merry Christmas until at least the middle of December.

Now that's a bargain for starters!



## HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust 1990 has been created to help the game at all levels and to assist clubs meet the requirements of Lord Justice Taylor's Final Report.

Safety and comfort for all spectators is the primary objective and substantial funds have been made available for the provision of seating at Football League grounds. At the same time the Trust's commitment to family and community initiatives will continue with the provision of more family enclosures, better toilet facilities, covered accommodation, artificial pitches for local use and the development of women's and junior football particularly through community programmes, plus a wide range of policing and crowd control measures.

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# Ram Comment

## The Peter Stephens Column

Mark Wright and Adrian Heath earned a big chunk of the Press coverage of the Rams' draw with Manchester City — for all the wrong reasons.

City striker goes in recklessly, arms flailing. Derby captain retaliates. Peter Shilton separates the combatants.

My message to Mark is not new, but it's worth repeating. Please for your own sake and the club's, don't retaliate. The Rams can't afford to lose your services. You, as a leading England defender, can't afford to risk the stigma of a sending off and a hefty ban.

Now for what the papers did NOT say. The best thing about the match was the way the fans got behind their team from the moment that George Williams' rocket was palmed past the post by goalkeeper Coton, half an hour into the game.

It made all the difference to morale, and the truth is that this apparently shot-shy attack could have murdered City with just a shade more precision, and perhaps a little luck.

Coton is a splendid goalkeeper. After the heroics of Villa's Spink and

Wimbledon's Segers, I've concluded that goalkeeping in the First Division is at a new peak.

In front of Coton, his central defenders were superb, especially the oak-thighed Redmond, a future England player if ever I saw one.

If City were so good — and they were — it follows that the Rams did well to dominate the last hour and come so near to that first League victory.

Some fans have told me that I've been over-optimistic this season. I can only report what I see, and that is a side capable of great improvement — a view endorsed by Kenny Dalglish and now Howard Kendall.

The Rams' spirit is typified by the underrated Steve Cross. Returning to the side after serious injury, Steve looked just a little rusty at first, but got better as the game progressed.

Often Steve is picked to play wide on the left; occasionally in central midfield. This time he was at left back. But wherever Steve appears he gives everything. And in the City match he nearly hit a screaming winner from 30

yards. He adds another dimension. He shouts, talks and exhorts. We're lucky to have professionals with such a character.

Another with that we-can-do-it spirit is Dean Saunders, who is on the way to the kind of popularity commanded by the great Kevin Hector.

Dean's goal, struck perfectly on the volley from a prodigious clearance by Shilton, was a masterpiece. It goes straight into my diary of Greatest Goals. It was an important goal, too, both for the point it earned and for the new heart it put into the fans.

Thousands will turn out to watch goal scoring of that quality. It's one of the reasons I have no time for the Jeremiah scribes (fortunately a minority) who turn up at the Baseball Ground in the hope of another "distressed Derby" story.

I've said the Rams will climb the table. I stand by that.

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# Record Breakers

No. 8

## THE FIRST RAMS IN EUROPE

Having won the League Championship in such exciting style in 1972, the Rams qualified for their first taste of European football. In the first round of the European Champions Cup for 1972/73 the club was drawn against Yugoslav Champions Zeljeznicar of Sarajevo who, like the Rams, had won their domestic title for the first time in their history.

The Rams had not started the season particularly well. A 1-2 reverse at West Bromwich, on the Saturday prior to our big European night, meant we had won only two of our opening eight First Division games and were struggling at seventh from bottom in the table.

With no away win in five attempts in the League — and only two away goals to our credit — it was appreciated that a very good performance would be needed in the first-leg at the Baseball Ground if the club was to have any hope of making progress in the European competition.

A crowd of 27,360 turned up on Wednesday, September



● Archie Gemmill

13, 1972, to watch the Rams enter the record books with the club's first game in European competitive football.

Two Derby players, who had not scored that season, turned out to be the heroes of the night.

A rare goal from centre-back Roy McFarland did much to relieve the tension as the Rams went in at the interval with that slender advantage.

Another goal after the break from Archie Gemmill made the final score 2-0.

Many doubted whether that would be enough to cushion the Rams for what was expected to be a red-hot night in Sarajevo.

Another away defeat — by 0-3 at Manchester United — on the previous Saturday increased those doubts.

But they were all quickly

dispelled when Alan Hinton and John O'Hare both scored in the first-half in the return game. The Rams ended up winning 2-1 on the night and 4-1 on aggregate.

So those Rams' record breakers started a run which was to take the club all the way to the semi-finals of the European Champions Cup — not bad for a club enjoying its first experience of European competitive football!

The Derby team at the Baseball Ground for the first-leg was:

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STEVE POWELL  
ROY McFARLAND  
COLIN TODD  
PETER DANIEL  
JOHN McGOVERN  
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● Roy McFarland

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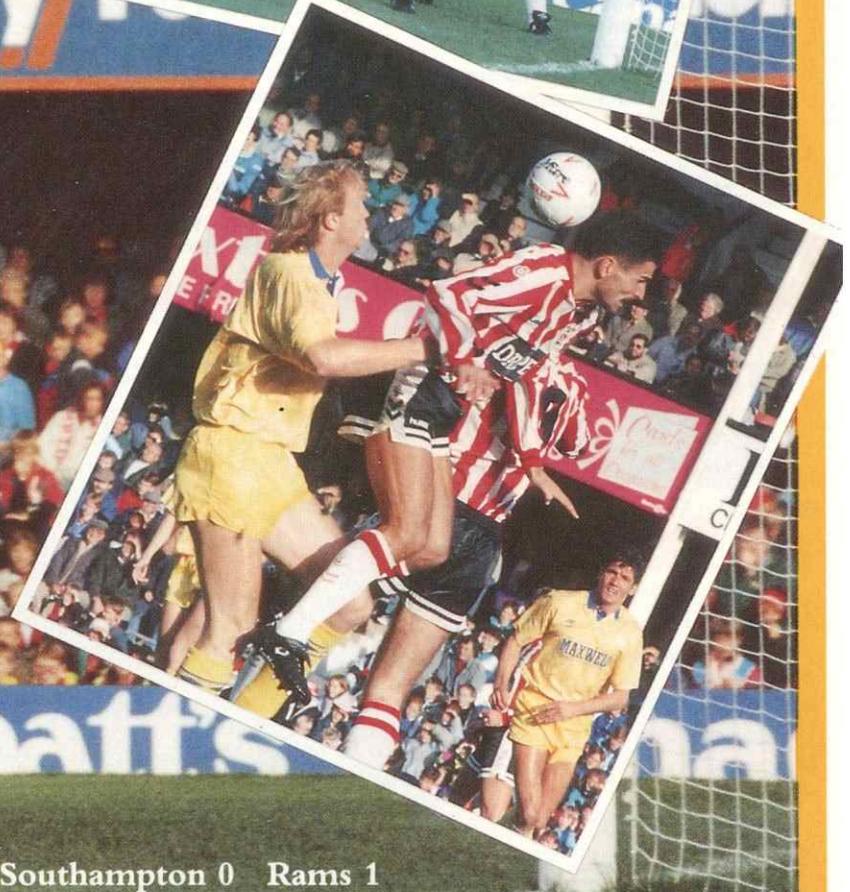
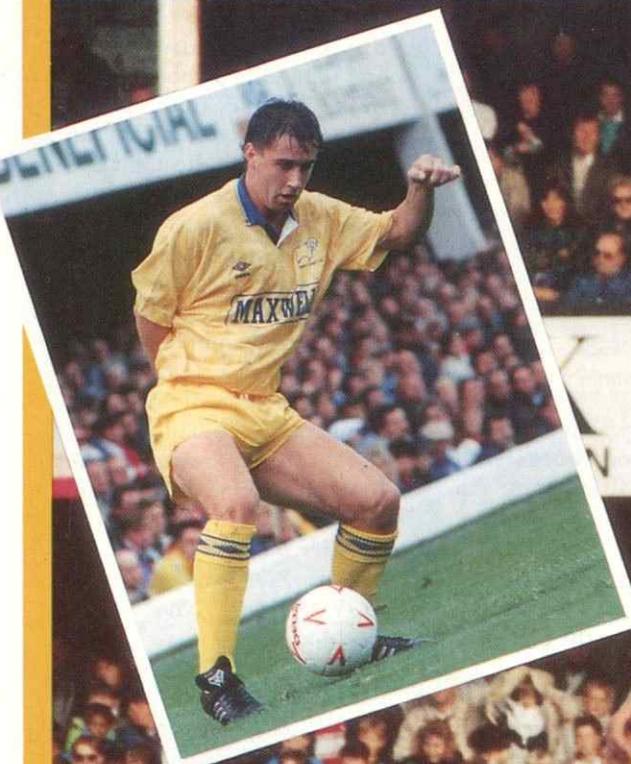
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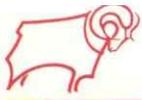
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The Rams have finally cracked it! After a six month wait, Derby finally got back to winning ways in the League with a superb away victory at The Dell which has resparked the Rams' season. After the excellent all round performances against Liverpool and Manchester City, a first League win of the season looked on the cards as Derby travelled to the South Coast with confidence, and it was big striker Mick Harford who obliged with the all-important goal to break his own personal duck this campaign. With the lead secured after only seven minutes, the Rams defended solidly when called on to do so and posed a constant threat at the other end with Dean Saunders, Craig Ramage and Mick Harford all coming close to extending the well-deserved advantage.



# Visiting Hot Shots

Luton Town's main strike force is comprised of Iain Dowie, Lars Elstrup. Midfielder Kingsley Black was often pushed into a central striking role, last season, and to great effect as he was leading scorer with 11 League goals, including two here.

It is very much a new partnership at the front, introduced last season. Dowie played non-League football with St. Albans, Hertford, Cheshunt and Hendon, before joining Luton in December 1988. In September last season he joined Fulham, on loan, and scored at Chester, for his one goal in his five appearances. He had made his League debut against Charlton Athletic at Selhurst Park in January 1989. He made six further appearances as a substitute before making his first full appearance against Tottenham Hotspur in March 1989.

Before his loan to Fulham, last season, he had made one appearance, again as a substitute in the opening game away to Tottenham. On his return from Fulham, he was immediately drafted into the first-team squad, and came on from the bench in the home game against Norwich City and away to Crystal Palace, before

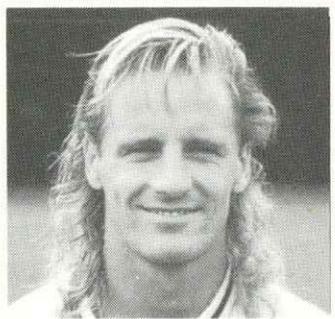
starting a match for the first time, at home to Derby County. He scored his first goal, which gave Luton a 1-0 victory, and missed only one game afterwards, the 2-2 draw at Anfield.

Lars Elstrup was signed from Odense in August 1989, and in 23 League appearances, 10 of which were as a substitute he scored four goals, one of which was a penalty. He did not command a regular place last season as Black was asked to support Dowie on a number of occasions.

This season Elstrup had scored six goals before last Saturday. He scored Luton's goal in the 1-2 away defeat against Arsenal, before scoring both goals in a 2-1 win at the Dell, Southampton, in the next game. His other goals were a hat-trick at Norwich as Luton Town won by 3-1. So Luton's two away wins so far have resulted in five goals, for Lars Elstrup, who had not scored at home thus far.

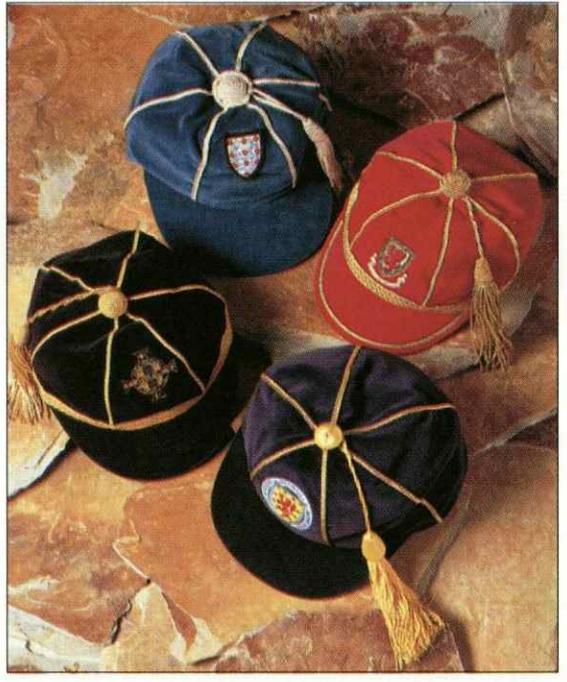
Iain Dowie has scored twice, the first coming in the game against Crystal Palace in the opening game of the season, which ended 1-1. His other goal, gave Luton a 1-0 home victory over Coventry City. Kingsley Black scored a vital goal which gave Luton

their first home win of the season, against Leeds United. Dowie and Elstrup, follow in the footsteps of some distinguished strikers. Roy Wegerle, who scored twice as Q.P.R. defeated Luton 6-1 at Loftus Road, is one together with Rams' Mick Harford. Mick Newell and Brian Stein are two more that spring to mind. David Moss and Tottenham's Paul Walsh are another duo, along with Jimmy Husband and Ron Fletcher. Two more players that spring to mind are the much travelled Bob Hatton and Eire international Don Givens.



• Paul Walsh

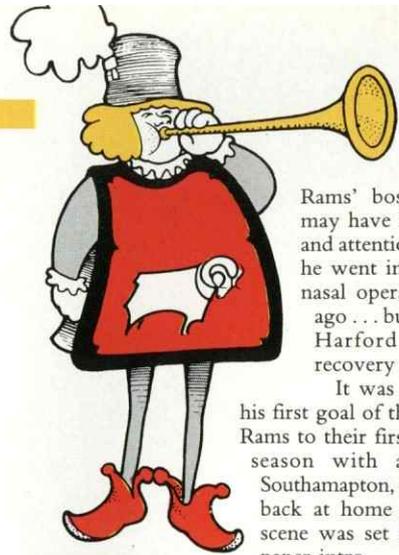
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# What the papers say

Rams' boss, Arthur Cox, may have had the best care and attention available when he went into hospital for a nasal operation two weeks ago... but it was striker Mick Harford who aided his recovery the most.

It was Mick who notched his first goal of the season to help the Rams to their first League win of the season with a 1-0 triumph at Southampton, and with the manager back at home still recovering, the scene was set for a classic Sunday paper intro.

Martin Marks of the *Mail on Sunday*, did not waste the opportunity: "Mick Harford presented Derby boss Arthur Cox with the perfect get well gift as he fired them to their first League win of the season," he wrote.

Adding: "Cox was at home recovering from a nose operation as his side broke their nine match run without a win. But right-hand man Roy McFarland will be able to report an encouraging performance that should have brought more goals".

When the papers had satisfied themselves with that line, they went on to praise the Rams for the quality of the football on show and without exception, all agreed Derby should have had a hatful of goals.

*Sunday Mirror* man Peter Burrington wrote: "Super-confident Derby should have had a hatful against shaky Saints. Time after time County overran Southampton and Harford and Dean Saunders could have both claimed hat-tricks.

"Derby could have had five goals in a first-half blitz that totally demoralised their opponents... Gary Micklewhite sent Saunders clear to shoot wide... Tim Flowers denied Harford a spectacular second... and Russell Osman had to clear off the line."

Pat Symes of the *Sunday Express* added: "Derby, second from bottom before the start, belied their lowly position by being much more positive than lethargic Southampton.

"Harford scored in the early minutes and, although there were some uneasy moments, Derby might have won by a more substantial margin."

After a fairly lean start to the campaign, it was good to see Mick back to his best and it was he who received most of the personal accolades with most papers picking him out as man-of-the-match.

Graham Nickless of the *People* even went as far as to hint at a possible England recall for the former Luton man: "Mick Harford reminded England No. 2 Lawrie McMenemy that there's still life in the old warhorse," was his intro.

"McMenemy may have returned to his old club Southampton to spy on striker Le Tissier, but it was veteran Harford who took the strike honours.



• Mick Harford

## Our Next Home Game: MANCHESTER UNITED

Much of the pressure was taken off manager Alex Ferguson's shoulders last May when he led the club to success in the F.A. Cup final at Wembley. That was his first trophy since taking over at Old Trafford in 1986.

But Mr. Ferguson's primary objective for the club has always been the League Championship. After breaking his trophy duck at Wembley earlier this year, Mr. Ferguson had hoped now to make a bid for the title.

Yet United — who will be coming to the Baseball Ground next Saturday — still seem to lack that added ingredient of consistency, possessed by Liverpool and Arsenal in particular. And it is this that will probably deny them the Championship.

United have won only one away game in the First Division — at Luton (1-0). But they did show great powers of recovery last Saturday when, in their derby game away to Manchester City, they scored twice in the closing 10 minutes to draw 3-3. They had earlier drawn at Leeds (0-0).

They were beaten at Sunderland (1-2) and Liverpool (0-4). United also won at Halifax (3-1) in the first-leg of round two in the Rumblelows League Cup, ultimately winning that tie against the Fourth Division side by 5-2. That qualified them for this week's home-tie against Liverpool.

Mr. Ferguson's team has also made encouraging progress in Europe. They won away to Hungarian side Pecs (1-0) in the first round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup. That completed a 3-0 aggregate victory and, as they have already beaten Wrexham 3-0 at Old Trafford in the first-leg of round two. United are now virtually assured a place in the quarter-finals.

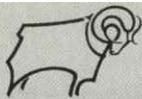
Doubts still persist over the fitness of former England skipper Bryan Robson, but striker Brian McClair has been back to something like his old form and is now top scorer with eight goals. Young Mark Robins, though usually limited to substitute appearances, is also a goalscorer to watch in an all-star United side that contains such famous internationals as Neil Webb (England), Mark Hughes (Wales) and Mal Donaghy (N. Ireland).

One international missing from the United line-up this season, though, has been Scotland's World Cup goalkeeper Jim Leighton. He was dropped for the replay of last season's F.A. Cup final and his deputy Les Sealey, who enjoyed a marvellous game at Wembley, has been holding his place.



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# Today's Guest

## Robert Briscoe

Even if it is through envious eyes that most of us gaze at the life of a professional footballer, it is easy to forget that the route to the top for any player is often a hard one.

There are more hurdles to be cleared on the road to making a living as a football player than any other occupation, and no time is more gruelling in a player's career than at the very start.

The first two years at a League club sound like an adventure to us mere supporters, but every player has to go through his period of apprenticeship when not only does he have to try and shape his footballing future, but has to run around after the senior players as well.

Yet no matter what chores and pranks Rams' man Robbie Briscoe had to put up with during his own stint sweeping up the Baseball Ground boot room and ensuring the referee's room was spick and span, he will always look back on those formative years with glee.

For Robbie, a Derby lad born and bred, tasted the harder side of life just before coming to the Baseball Ground: "I left school in the summer of 1986 and my apprenticeship with Derby did not start for a couple of months so I got a job as a labourer refurbishing houses near to where I live.

"It was the hardest six weeks of my life, and although obviously you have to work hard at the football club, having done it I will always appreciate being a footballer."

Perhaps, in among the dust and noise of those Chaddesden houses he was helping to refurbish, lies the reason why Robbie was such a keen learner during his trainee days at the Rams, a learning process which peaked last year when he broke through to the first team.

As a 20-year-old reserve team regular, Robbie was given his chance in the cauldron atmosphere of Upton Park in the Littlewoods Cup quarter-final second replay having come as substitute at the Baseball Ground.

It was his superb left-wing cross that gave Dean Saunders the chance to score and that moment, along with this exquisite goal against Arsenal, are the latest great memories gathered, so far, from his football playing days.

The first ones, however, originate from when he was an impish nine-year-old playing for his House team at Beaufort Junior School in a Five-a-side competition.

"I think that was my first taste of competitive football," recollected Robbie as he dug deep into his memory banks, "although it was with my Sunday morning team, Derwent Devils, that I really got a taste of football.

"The manager there, Jim Vernon, he was the one that brought me on and gave me encouragement and was with the Devils that I started to think about football seriously.

"Any teenage lad who isn't too bad at football wants to be a professional when he grows up and I was the same, but I only really



started to consider it a possibility when I was spotted playing for the Devils and asked to go for a trial game with the Rams.

"I remember it really well. Steve Taylor was there, so was Craig Ramage, and I scored four goals in the game and from then on Derby County were keeping an eye on me and I suppose I just expected to join as a trainee when I finished school."

At 14 Robbie signed schoolboy forms at the Baseball Ground, completing somewhat of a tradition in the Briscoe household. Rob's elder brothers Eddie and Albert had both been involved with League soccer clubs, with Albert making it as far as Nottingham Forest's reserve team.

It was a good job that Robbie did sign on the dotted line when he did too. For within a week of pledging himself to his home town club, Forest and Nottingham neighbours County were sniffing around the talented midfielder prospect.

It was always going to be Derby County for Robbie though, the team he had supported as a lad — especially when his first hero Bruce Rioch was thundering in free kicks.

His early belief that football would become his profession turned to reality when he joined the club as a trainee and signed pro forms on his 18th birthday at the start of his second year with the club.

Within two years he was in the first team and helping the club attempt to book its first Cup semi-final place since the mid seventies.

His, and the rest of the team's, gallant efforts were not quite enough, but even in defeat Robbie showed his potential as a player both for now and the future.

The rest, as they say, is history.



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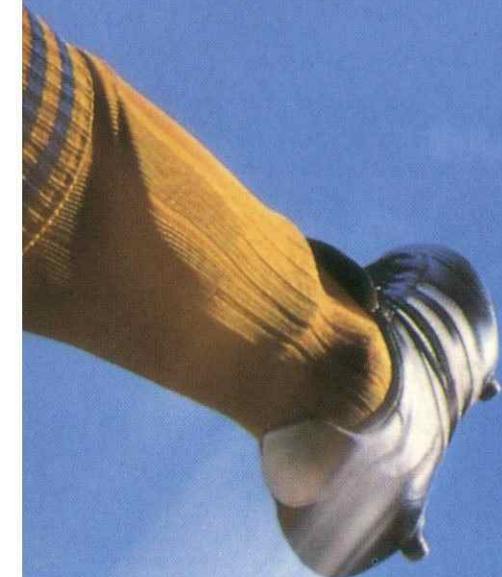
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# Newsdesk

## TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

### 5 YEARS AGO

Geraint Williams' 90th minute goal earned the Rams a 1-1 draw at Rotherham. His strike saved us from what would have been only our second defeat in 10 games. We were 7th in the Third Division

Luton, in the First Division, won 2-0 at home to Birmingham. Brian Stein and Mick Harford scored.

### 10 YEARS AGO

We fell behind after two minutes at home to Shrewsbury, when Jack Keay converted a penalty. But four minutes into the second-half, Alan Biley equalised. Unbeaten in five games, we were ninth in the Second Division.

Luton, two places below us, won 3-0 at home to Sheffield Wednesday. Dave Moss scored twice, once from the penalty spot. Steve White got the other.

### 15 YEARS AGO

The Rams moved to within one point of the First Division leaders with a 3-2 victory over Leeds at the Baseball Ground. Substitute Roger Davies scored the all-important goal four minutes from the end. Earlier, Archie Gemmill had levelled the scores at 1-1 and Charlie George had put us 2-1 up, from the penalty spot.

Luton, in the Second Division, drew 0-0 at home to Bristol City.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Our poor run continued with a 0-2 defeat at Arsenal. Eddie Kelly and John Radford scored against us. Without a win in six games, we were now third from bottom of the First Division.

Malcolm MacDonald equalised for Luton in a Second Division game at home to Sunderland. But they lost 1-2 after conceding a late goal.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Rams trounced Birmingham 5-3 at the Baseball Ground. Edward Thomas and Frank Upton both scored twice. Alan Durban got the other. We were still fourth from bottom of the Second Division, but our prospects were improving rapidly. We had not lost for six games.

Luton, then in the Fourth Division, won 2-1 at Port Vale. Ray Whittaker and John O'Rourke scored.

Derby County have been given clearance by the Football League to bring forward their Zenith Data Systems Cup second-round tie against Coventry City.

The game, scheduled for the Baseball Ground for Wednesday, 19th December, will now be played on Tuesday, 11th December, with Sky Television broadcasting the match live on their satellite network. Kick-off will be at 7.35 p.m. and season ticket cup vouchers will apply for the game.

The Rams received a bye in the first round of the competition for First and Second Division clubs. This season, as well as a chance of appearing in a Wembley final, the ZDS Cup winners will pocket a £100,000 cheque.

The Rams picked up their first award of the season at Southampton last weekend with the 1-0 triumph, earning the club the Barclays Performance of the Week Award.

Mick Harford's first goal of the season earned the Rams three vital points, and it also helped to provide Ilkeston Boys' Club with a new set of soccer kit and £500 to be spent on a community project — all part of the Award's prize.

Next Saturday the Rams are at home in First Division action again with the Old Trafford Reds of Manchester United the visitors to the Baseball Ground.

This match is NOT an all ticket game for Derby supporters so admission to the Pop Side terracing will be by payment of £6 at the turnstiles on the afternoon of the game.

Seat tickets for the game are available from the club ticket office now priced at £10 and £11 for



adults, although, demand to see this game is high and supporters are urged to buy their tickets as early as possible to avoid any disappointment.

On the subject of ticket information, the Rams' home game against local rivals Nottingham Forest on Saturday, 24th November, IS AN ALL-TICKET MATCH and supporters are reminded that no tickets will be available on the day of the game.

Tickets, for seats and Pop Side terracing, will go on sale immediately after next Saturday's game against Manchester United, with seats priced at £10 and £11 for adults and terracing tickets available for £6.

In order to make it as easy as possible for Derby supporters to buy tickets the club office will be staying open until 8 p.m. on 22nd and 23rd November, although, again, supporters are asked to purchase their tickets as early as possible.

The man-in-charge this afternoon is 45-years-old Alfred Buksh, an experienced referee from North London who started with the whistle in 1970 and became a Football League referee seven seasons ago.

Alfred, who is married with a daughter, lists all sports among his interests and pastimes and has officiated — either as a referee or linesman — in UEFA competitions and at Wembley.

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## FORM GUIDE

Last season Luton escaped relegation on the final day, as Rams' fans will well remember. Luton won 3-2 here at the Baseball Ground and stayed up at the expense of Sheffield Wednesday, who lost 0-3 at home to Nottingham Forest and went down on goal difference. It was a drama Luton manager Jim Ryan is anxious not to repeat.

So far this season, he has put his faith in Luton's crop of fine young players. Seven of the current first-team squad are locally-nurtured talents. Six are still 22 or under. The progress of players like Marvin Johnson, Julian James, Richard Harvey, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees and Kurt Nogan must be especially satisfying to Ryan, for until January he was the reserve team manager.

Something else which he must find encouraging is the improved form of Danish international striker Lars Elstrup. Last season Elstrup scored some fine goals in Cup games but did not command a regular place in the League. This season he has missed only one game — a Rumbleblows Cup-tie at Bradford — and already scored six goals. Two came in a win at Southampton, three in a victory at Norwich.

Those away successes may be significant. Luton usually achieve good results at Kenilworth Road, where their plastic turf can still upset some visitors — even if, as Ryan insists, the problems it creates are more psychological than physical. But away from home points have proved much more elusive. Last season Luton had the eighth best home record in the First Division, but the 19th best — or second worst — away from home. Though they lost heavily at Queens Park Rangers in September, Luton's performances at Southampton and Norwich mean they have already won as many away games this season as they did in the whole of last season.

They beat Southampton 2-1 and Norwich 3-1. They lost 1-6 at Queens Park Rangers, 1-2 at Arsenal and 0-2 at Sunderland. At Kenilworth Road, Luton have beaten Leeds and Coventry, both 1-0, drawn 1-1 with Crystal Palace and lost 0-1 to Manchester United.

## LUTON TOWN TEN YEAR RECORD

Season	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Division	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Position	5	1	18	16	13	9	7	9	16	17
Av. Home Attend.	10,291	11,880	13,452	11,966	10,816	11,062	10,327	8,162	9,869	9,850

## THE SQUAD

**GOALKEEPER** — **Alec Chamberlain**, was signed from Everton for £150,000 in July 1988 and took over in the Luton goal towards the end of the following season. He was a reserve player at Ipswich, but soon stepped into League soccer with Colchester after a transfer in 1982. Everton signed him for £75,000 in 1987 as cover but, after a loan spell with Tranmere, he moved on to Kenilworth Road.

**DEFENDERS** — Right-back **Marvin Johnson** is a former Luton apprentice who broke into the first-team for a few games in 1987/88. Last season he enjoyed a run at centre-back. Luton's regular centre-backs are **Dave Beaumont** and **John Dreyer**. Beaumont was signed from Dundee United for £150,000 in January 1989. An injury caused him to miss most of the second part of last season. He joined the Dundee club from school and worked his way into their first-team in 1984. Dreyer was an apprentice with Oxford, but played League soccer for both Torquay and Fulham, on loan, before getting his chance in the Oxford side during the 1986/87 season. Luton signed him for £140,000 in 1988. **Richard Harvey** and **Julian James** have both played at left-back. Harvey is a former England youth international. He made his League debut in 1986 and last season held a place for many weeks. James, like Harvey, joined the club as a trainee. He was introduced to First Division football three seasons ago, playing three times as substitute. After returning to the side in midfield last season, he later switched to defence when the club was hit by injuries.

**MIDFIELD** — Luton usually operate with a three man midfield nowadays. **Ceri Hughes**, a Luton discovery, made his League debut at Aston Villa in March. It was his only game. Since the start of this season, however, he has held a regular place. **Steve Williams** made his name during eight seasons with Southampton. He moved on to Arsenal for £550,000 in 1984

and to Luton, for £300,000, four years later. Steve won six England caps. He also represented England 'B' and the U-21s. **David Preece** made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, winning a regular place two years later. Luton invested £150,000 when signing him in 1984 and he later played for them in two League Cup finals. David has played three times for England 'B'. **Jason Rees** and **Darren McDonough** have also appeared in midfield. Ex-trainee Rees made his First Division debut on New Year's Day this year as a substitute against Everton. McDonough completed his apprenticeship with Oldham and played over 200 first-team games prior to his £85,000 transfer to Luton in 1986. He was a member of the Hatters' side that played in the 1989 League Cup final.

**FORWARDS** — **Lars Elstrup**, was signed from OB Odense for £650,000 in August 1989. Raphael Meade went to Odense in part-exchange. Elstrup scored five times in his first two League Cup games for the Hatters and ended the season with nine goals. He has been capped 12 times by Denmark. **Iain Dowie**, was happy playing in non-League soccer with St Albans, Hertford, Cheshunt and Hendon until Luton invited him to join them for £30,000 in December 1988. He had scored 80 goals in two and a half seasons with Hendon. Iain celebrated his Luton debut with a goal against Crystal Palace in a Simod Cup-tie two seasons ago and then made such rapid progress that he won two N. Ireland international caps last term. He now has four caps. **Kingsley Black**, was Luton's joint-top scorer last season with 11 goals. He made a remarkable impact after being introduced to the side three seasons ago. Within weeks of starring in their League Cup win at Wembley he was in the N. Ireland side. He now has twelve full international caps. **Kurt Nogan**, who was given a run in the first-team last season, has usually started on the substitutes' bench so far this season. A former trainee, he turned professional in July 1989. He was a prolific scorer in the reserves and was elevated to the first team in January, scoring on his debut at Liverpool.



## Manager... Jim Ryan



Back Row Left to Right: Richard Cooke, Paul Gray, Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nogan, Richard Harvey, Jason Rees.  
Middle Row Left to Right: George Ley (Coach), John Moore, (Coach), Julian James, Ceri Hughes, Iain Dowie, Andy Petterson, Alec Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Darren McDonough, John Faulkener (Asst. Manager), Dave Galley (Physio).

Front Row Left to Right: David Beaumont, Tim Breacker, John Dreyer (Capt.), Jim Ryan (Manager), David Preece, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

## MANAGEMENT

Luton were in serious relegation danger when Jim Ryan, then the club's reserve-team coach, was invited to take over as manager last 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 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 was a long, hard battle for Ryan to save Luton's First Division status. It was one he often looked like losing but, in the end, the Hatters' position was preserved with three successive end-of-season victories and the failure of others around them.

Ryan is a former Luton player, though he started his professional career with Manchester United. He was playing for a Scottish junior club called Corrie Hearts when United signed him in 1963. It was all a bit overwhelming at first, for he was surrounded by players like George Best, Bobby Charlton, Denis Law, Bill Foulkes, Harry Gregg and Nobby Stiles. Matt Busby was manager at the time and the club was just really getting back on its feet again after the Munich disaster of 1958.

Ryan worked hard at his game and gradually established himself in the reserves. He got his First Division chance in 1965/66 and scored in one of his early games.

He was hoping to make a breakthrough in 1967/68, the season United won the European Cup. In fact, he played in the first leg of the quarter-final against Gornik (Poland), but was still only on the fringe of the team. He was a spectator in the Wembley stand when United defeated Benfica in the final.

His position at Old Trafford remained much the same for the following two years and that's when he decided to make a fresh start.

He was transferred to Luton and made his debut on the opening day of the 1970/71 season at Bolton. Luton were in the Second Division then, but Ryan helped them to win promotion to the First Division in 1974, missing only two games that season.

Three years later, when he was no longer sure of a place in the Hatters side, he decided to end his playing days in America. Later, he turned to coaching. He returned to Luton in 1987, to work as coach to then manager John Moore.

## TRANSFERS

One of Jim Ryan's first tasks after his appointment in January was to complete the £480,000 transfer of Mick Harford to the Rams. Harford's last game for Luton was Ryan's first as manager, a 2-2 draw at Liverpool.

Harford's departure followed the sale, a month earlier, of Roy Wegerle. He became Queens Park Rangers, first-ever £1,000,000 player. From now on, the Luton attack would have a different look to it.

There, as elsewhere, Ryan has chosen to offer an opportunity to Luton's own discoveries. He has made no significant purchases.

During the summer, he sold two experienced midfielders. Northern Ireland international Danny Wilson went to Sheffield Wednesday for £200,000. Republic of Ireland international Mick Kennedy rejoined his old manager, Alan Ball, at Stoke. The fee was £180,000. Kennedy had served under Ball at Portsmouth.

Reserve goalkeeper Les Sealey, who had made a dramatic on-loan debut for Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final replay, was given a free transfer to the Old Trafford club.

Six weeks into the new season, right-back Tim Breacker was transferred to West Ham for £600,000.

From Ryan's transactions, Luton have so far raised £1,460,000.

DERBY COUNTY  
v LUTON TOWN

## LEAGUE RECORDS

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  
2-3 May 5, 1990

LAST AWAY DEFEAT  
0-1 Nov. 4, 1989

FIRST MEETING  
1-2 at home Nov. 14, 1953

Scorers:  
Rams: Wilkins  
Luton: Mitchell 2

LAST MEETING  
2-3 home May 5, 1990  
Rams Scorers: Wright, Williams P.  
Luton: Breacker, Black 2

## FULL LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	11	5	3	3	18	9
Away	11	2	1	8	10	20
	22	7	4	11	28	29

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.	
Kingsley Black	90(4)	20	20(5)	3	—
Dave Beaumont	36(3)	—	9	—	Dundee Utd.
Alec Chamberlain	53	—	8	—	Everton
Iain Dowie	36(10)	11	6(2)	4	Hendon
John Dreyer	61(2)	3	13	1	Oxford
Lars Elstrup	22(10)	10	4	5	OB Odense
Richard Harvey	37(12)	—	10	1	—
Ceri Hughes	10	1	2	—	—
Julian James	26(5)	1	3(1)	—	—
Marvin Johnson	31(9)	—	7(2)	—	—
Darren McDonough	61(14)	5	16(2)	2	Oldham
Kurt Nogan	10(3)	2	1(1)	—	—
David Preece	153(3)	5	28	3	Walsall
Jason Rees	12(9)	—	1(1)	—	—
Steve Williams	26	1	6	—	Arsenal

Statistics include Saturday, October 20th.



## FACT FILE

### ON THE ORIGINS OF FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL GROUNDS

- ★ The Dell at Southampton was built on a duck pond!
- ★ Maine Road, Manchester, was a clay pit for brickmaking.
- ★ Bramall Lane, Sheffield, was a cricket ground and has held Test Match cricket and football internationals.
- ★ Elland Road, Leeds, was purchased from Holbeck Rugby League Club.
- ★ Elm trees had to be removed from Highfield Road, Coventry, to create the pitch.
- ★ Villa Park was built on the site of an amusement park.
- ★ Selhurst Park took over a brickworks.

DON'T FORGET — all these facts presented each issue will provide the basis of a quiz for juniors and families at the end of the season! Lock 'em away in the old brain cells!

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### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO OUT TO:

26.10.90	Martin Tomlinson
1.11.90	Emma Betteridge, Sarah Fearn, Ross Booth, Sean Station, Gary Bott, Adam Randal.
2.11.90	June Martin, Darren Melniks.
3.11.90	Scott Morgan, Stuart Vanter.
4.11.90	Alan Jagus, Robert Stokes, Mark Jones.
5.11.90	Jemma Burge, Steven Slater, Robert Thornhill, Richard Morris, Ian Carpenter, Andrew Rowley, Stephen Hadson, Scott Harris.
6.11.90	John Ratcliffe.
7.11.90	Christopher Lewis.
8.11.90	Nicholas Hadson, Darren Dodman.
9.11.90	Jamie Moseley, Daniel Shepherd.
20.11.90	Richard Chapman.
21.11.90	Ben Farrell.
26.11.90	Timothy Borrington, Paul Halsey.
29.11.90	Harriet Dawes.

Don't forget — All JRs receive a birthday card signed by one of the Super Rams.

Why not send an extra birthday message via this column? Send it along to the same address as all our competitions and please allow 14 days before the publication of the *Ram Magazine* you wish it printed in.

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### SOUTHAMPTON RAMAWAY

A great day out was had by all on our first Junior Ramaway of the season to the Dell on October 27th. The all inclusive price of £8.50 was another JR and Key Club exclusive.

Names on our VIP passenger list included the Baileys, the Toveys, the Flinders, the Smarts, the Mousleys, the Lowes, the Astons, the Peels, the Gearys, the Galvins and the Smiths.

A presentation by the home club was made to our party on the pitch at half time.

Junior Ramaways are booked for Aston Villa, Crystal Palace and Luton Town.

That last destination really will be a once in a season opportunity.

Watch this space for details!

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### MONEY MOUNTAIN MASCOT

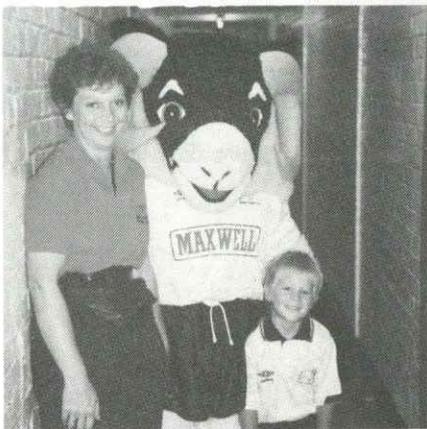
The photograph on this page shows one of our early season mascots, Lee English, waiting with Mum and Rammy before leading out the Super Rams.

Normally this privilege costs the lucky youngster or his or her family nothing at all, though I know some clubs charge a three figure sum as a commercial enterprise.

The only time money comes into the matter is when we offer the privilege for auction on Radio Derby's Money Mountain appeal. It regularly fetches a three figure sum there and this year was no exception.

The game versus Coventry City on January 1st is the occasion when the lucky bidder sees the even luckier youngster run out.

Give 'em cheer — as you do every week, of course.



● Wimbledon mascot Lee English waits outside the Dressing Room with Mum and Rammy.

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### DON'T BE FLASH WITH FIREWORKS

That is the message that is going the rounds via TV adverts and posters, but I make no apologies for repeating it here.

We put great store in reasonable and sensible behaviour amongst our young supporters when they come to football matches. We hope also that good behaviour will be part of everything they do.

I am asking every one of you out there to be very careful in your Bonfire Night celebrations. Don't fool with fireworks, make sure you have an adult to let them off. Don't keep them in your pockets — they are safest in a box or tin. Never throw them or return to one that hasn't gone off. Keep away from the bonfire also — especially if it is tall. Keep pets indoors — they often don't like fireworks.

Have a good time, but make sure you are careful. Why not go to an organised display instead?

Whatever you do look after yourselves!

## AT HOME WITH RONALD



Something tells me those with their minds on healthy eating will get their teeth into this question pretty sharpish.

Which BIG MAC was a Jacobite heroine who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie escape from the English, and is remembered in the Skye Boat Song?

Answers on a postcard or the back of a stuck down envelope to Steve Stone, Junior Rams' Club, c/o Derby County Football Club, The Baseball Ground DE3 8NB, by the next home game. A prize for the first correct drawn out.

Answer to the Manchester City BIG MAC QUIZ — MacIntosh — what else?

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### MAKE IT McDONALD'S HOME AND AWAY

Here are some McDonald's restaurants for you to visit. Don't forget your membership package includes a McDonald's voucher.

**Ramsfanland:** Osmaston Park Road and St. Peter's Street, Derby; Albion Centre, Ilkeston; Clumber Street, Exchange Walk, Castle Marina, High Street, Beeston, Nottingham; Market Place, Loughborough; Low Pavement, Chesterfield; West Gate, Mansfield.

McDonald's restaurants in the Leeds area for travelling Ramsfans in the next issue of the *Ram Matchday Magazine*.

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### WELCOME TO THE BASEBALL GROUND

A special welcome today goes out to all those who took advantage of our second special offer for free tickets in the Key Club Seating Area.

Our sponsors McDonalds and the *Derby Evening Telegraph* teamed up to turn the tables and bring their parents to the BBG to see the Rams in action.

Fifty pairs of tickets were available free for today's game to those who brought in the Wednesday Junior Rams column in the *Derby Evening Telegraph* and their McDonalds Junior Rams membership card to the Baseball Ground.

Remembering not everyone could get into Derby from the far flung corners of Ramsfanland, we had lucky dips into our membership list and those returning applications for free Pop Side Family Pen tickets.

It is nice to see you here this afternoon as our guests. We hope you enjoy the game — let's hear you shouting the Super Rams on so that you will enjoy the result too!

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**SATURDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER H. v. LUTON TOWN 1.30 p.m. — 2.30 p.m. in the Shaftesbury Centre.**

Fun and games with our friends from the Junior Hatters following 5-a-side at U-11 and U-14 level this morning.

**SATURDAY, 10th NOV. H. v. MANCHESTER UTD.** Every Matchday Meet normally ends with a FREE DRAW this one will begin with one.

The lucky winners at 1.30 p.m. will be given a tour of the BBG, whilst the others will view a video of some Rams' goals. All those attending will receive a ticket for a future BBG tour.

**SATURDAY, 24th NOV. H. v. NOTTS FOREST** Indoor Games/Olympics.

Your chance to take part in a variety of games with prizes galore.

Every Matchday Meet takes place 1.30 — 2.30 p.m. in the Shaftesbury Centre next to the BBG.

Every youngster is given a FREE DRAW TICKET. There are a minimum of six prizes per week. Admission is FREE to everyone providing they are in the company of a Junior Ram or Key Club Member.

### FOOTBALL WITH THE JUNIOR RAMS

We have plenty of ways to make sure you get a kick out of the JRs... and tomorrow is kick-off day in our Junior Rams League.

Over the years we have organised what we call threshold Leagues

whereby we offer a first taste of competitive football on a fortnightly basis. As most organisers and players are regular followers of the Rams' home and away, this fitted in well, as it meant a short season and not too many times the weekend was completely taken up with football.

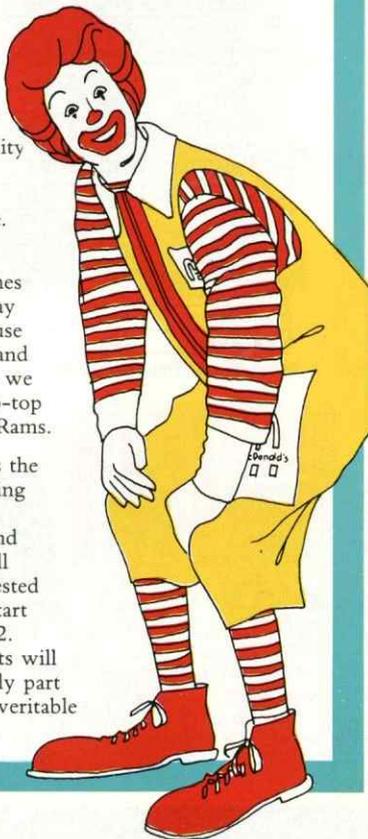
Many of our teams, however, have moved up to regular League football, so our friendly little League is still friendly, but smaller than it has been. We had teams wanting to join us but for one reason or another they would not follow up their initial interest.

We are fitting our League into the first half of the season therefore and we welcome teams from Mansfield Town and Notts County once again. In the New Year we shall be holding our knock-out competitions with the finals at the Baseball Ground.

The American Shoot-out, the on-the-pitch competition for JRs that is held before home Barclays League matches, is back with us again soon. It was our plan to kick this off before the Manchester City game, but this was the start of half-time so we have postponed it a little.

The heavy rain and a full programme of matches on the BBG means it may be put back a little because we use the whole pitch and you no doubt appreciate we are keen to have it in tip-top condition for the Super Rams.

The New Year, too, is the time we shall be consulting the DFA with a view to expanding our League and holding meetings with all those who may be interested so that we can make a start on our plans for 1991-92. Our 5-a-side tournaments will also be played in the early part of the year, so there's a veritable football fiesta in store.



DERBY Evening Telegraph

Read the McDonalds Junior Rams column every Wednesday in the Derby Evening Telegraph.

# JUNIOR RAMS



**BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1990-91**

	HOME						AWAY						ATTENDANCES			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	G/D	Highest	Average	
Liverpool	10	5	0	0	12	1	4	1	0	10	5	28	+16	38,463	36,598	
Arsenal	10	4	1	0	9	2	3	2	0	9	3	24	+13	41,516	37,767	
Tottenham	10	4	1	0	13	3	2	3	0	4	1	22	+13	34,939	33,505	
C. Palace	10	3	2	0	10	7	2	3	0	7	2	20	+8	27,101	20,586	
Man. City	10	4	1	0	10	5	0	4	1	5	7	17	+3	36,427	30,105	
Man. Utd.	10	3	0	2	8	5	1	2	2	5	9	14	-1	47,232	45,073	
<b>Luton</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>12,576</b>	<b>10,274</b>	
Aston Villa	10	2	3	0	8	4	1	1	3	5	6	13	+3	29,542	26,016	
Leeds Utd.	10	1	2	2	7	7	2	2	1	6	4	13	+2	31,342	28,745	
Nottm. For.	10	2	1	2	8	7	1	3	1	5	6	13	-	27,347	24,065	
Q.P.R.	10	2	1	2	8	5	1	2	2	8	11	12	-	21,405	14,458	
Coventry	10	2	2	1	9	6	1	0	4	2	7	11	-2	12,902	10,877	
Wimbledon	10	0	3	2	4	8	2	2	1	7	6	11	-3	13,733	9,008	
Southampton	10	2	1	2	7	6	1	1	3	6	11	11	-4	17,206	16,241	
Chelsea	10	2	3	0	8	6	0	1	4	5	12	10	-5	24,652	21,455	
Norwich	10	2	1	2	7	10	1	0	4	4	9	10	-8	21,275	15,976	
Sunderland	10	2	2	1	6	4	0	1	4	5	6	12	9	-4	31,107	26,491
Everton	10	1	2	2	8	7	0	2	3	5	10	7	-4	39,847	30,355	
<b>Derby Co.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>19,024</b>	<b>16,518</b>	
Sheff. Utd.	10	0	1	4	3	9	0	2	3	3	10	3	-13	27,009	22,122	

**DERBY COUNTY ROLL-CALL 1990-1991**

Player	Birthday	1990-91 League		1990-91 Cups		Derby County League Record		Previous League Record	
		Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl	Apps	Gl
Robert Briscoe	Sept. 4			1		8(2)	1	—	—
Nigel Callaghan	Sept. 12	4				80	10	231(10)	42
Steve Cross	Dec. 22	2				25(25)	3	240(22)	34
Jonathan Davidson	Mar. 1	2				6(2)	—	—	—
Michael Forsyth	Mar. 20	10		2		166	4	28(1)	—
Kevin Francis	Dec. 6	0(2)				0(10)	—	—	—
Phil Gee	Dec. 19					89(14)	25	—	—
Mick Harford	Feb. 12	10	1	2		26	5	384(11)	139
Steve Hayward	Sept. 8					1(2)	—	—	—
Trevor Hebbard	Jun. 19	3(4)		1		61(6)	9	339(28)	45
Ted McMinn	Sept. 28					54	5	*119(32)	9
Gary Micklewhite	Mar. 21	10		2		166(11)	27	97(9)	11
Mark Patterson	Sept. 13	2(2)	1			12(2)	1	19(3)	—
Nick Pickering	Aug. 4			1		23(8)	3	253(4)	27
Craig Ramage	Mar. 30	7		2		15(4)	1	●10	2
Mel Sage	Mar. 24	8(1)		2		95(3)	3	126(6)	5
Dean Saunders	June 21	10	4	2	2	78	29	168(16)	54
Peter Shilton	Sept. 18	10		2		123	—	786	1
Alex Watson (loan)	Apr. 6	5				5	—	—	—
Geraint Williams	Jan. 5	10		2		216(1)	7	138(3)	8
Paul Williams	Mar. 26	7		1		16(1)	1	●9(2)	—
Mark Wright	Aug. 1	10		2		117	10	178(2)	7

\*Record in the Scottish & Spanish Leagues. ● On Loan

Date	Opposition	F A
Aug 14	H Chesterfield (D.C.C.)	2-1
25	A Chelsea	1-2
29	H Sheffield United	1-1
Sept. 1	H Wimbledon	1-1
8	A Tottenham Hotspur	0-3
15	H Aston Villa	0-2
22	A Norwich City	1-2
26	A Carlisle L.C.2 (1st Leg)	1-1
29	H Crystal Palace	0-2
Oct. 6	A Liverpool	0-2
10	H Carlisle L.C.2 (2nd Leg)	1-0
20	H Manchester City	1-1
27	A Southampton	1-0
31	H Sunderland L.C. 3	
Nov. 3	H Luton Town	
10	H Manchester United	
17	A Leeds United	
24	H Nottingham Forest	
28	League Cup 4	
Dec. 1	A Sunderland	
8	A Sheffield United	
15	H Chelsea	
23	H Q.P.R. (12 noon k.o.)	
26	A Arsenal (12 noon k.o.)	
29	A Everton	
Jan 1	H Coventry City	
5	F.A. Cup 3	
12	A Wimbledon	
16	League Cup 5	
19	H Tottenham Hotspur	
26	F.A. Cup 4	
Feb. 2	A Aston Villa	
9	H Norwich City	
13	League Cup S.F. 1	
16	H Leeds United (F.A.C. 5)	
23	A Manchester United	
27	League Cup SF 2	
Mar. 2	H Sunderland	
9	A Nottm. Forest (F.A.C. 6)	
16	A Crystal Palace	
23	H Liverpool	
30	H Arsenal	
April 1	A Queens Park Rangers	
6	H Everton	
13	A Coventry (F.A.C. S.F.)	
20	A Manchester City	
21	League Cup Final	
May 4	H Southampton	
11	A Luton Town	
18	F.A. Cup Final	

§After penalties Z.D.S. — Zenith Data System over it the number of goals he scored. Figures

Att.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
2,702	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Hebbard	Davidson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Williams P.	McMinn(9)	TaylorM.(1)
24,852	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Davidson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Williams P.	Patterson(11)	Hebbard
18,011	—	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Ramage	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Hebbard	Williams P.	Patterson	Francis
12,469	16	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Watson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Williams P.	Hebbard(10)	Francis(7)
29,614	19	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Watson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Williams P.	Hebbard (7)	Patterson(10)
19,024	20	Shilton	Patterson	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Watson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Hebbard	Williams P.	Francis	Ramage
13,258	19	Shilton	Patterson	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Watson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Hebbard	Davidson	Francis(7)	Sage(2)
7,628	—	Shilton	Sage	Williams P.	Williams G.	Wright	Forsyth	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Hebbard	Ramage	Gee	Patterson
15,202	20	Shilton	Sage	Forsyth	Williams G.	Wright	Watson	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Williams P.	Callaghan	Hebbard (7)	Ramage
37,076	20	Shilton	Sage	Williams P.	Williams G.	Wright	Forsyth	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Callaghan	Hebbard	Cross
12,253	—	Shilton	Sage	Pickering	Williams G.	Wright	Forsyth	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Briscoe	Hebbard	Cross
17,654	19	Shilton	Sage	Cross	Williams G.	Wright	Forsyth	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Callaghan	Hebbard(10)	Davidson
16,328	19	Shilton	Sage	Cross	Williams G.	Wright	Forsyth	Micklewhite	Saunders	Harford	Ramage	Callaghan	Hebbard	Briscoe

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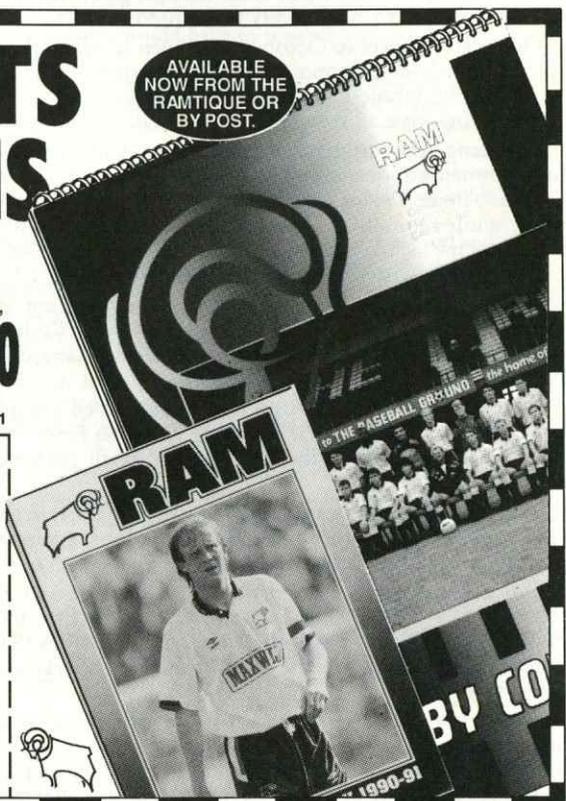
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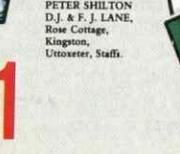
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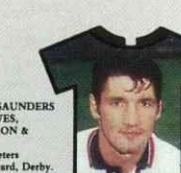
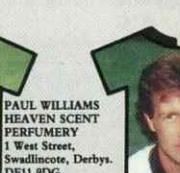
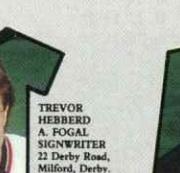
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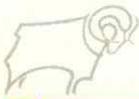
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# In Reserve

During the last couple of weeks the presence of the manager has been missed around the Baseball Ground as he recovers from his nasal operation.

Last Saturday though, the first team provided him with the best possible pick-me-up with their first League win of the season at Southampton, and I was happy to report back on the quality of our performance.

It was nice to get a win under our belts. It's been a long time coming, yet there has been enough good football in previous games to have easily warranted a win.

Our performances in October have been excellent, but our results have been disappointing. Let us hope that this win will give the whole club the impetus to go forward with strength and give a lift to the players, staff and supporters.

To change the emphasis a little, I would like to pass on my comments about a former manager here at the Baseball Ground, Peter Taylor. It is now a month since Peter's sad death while on holiday in Majorca and that period of time has given me a chance to reflect on the many memories that I have shared with him over the years.

My happiest times in football were spent working under the management team of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor and their success as a partnership, both at Derby County and Nottingham Forest, speaks for itself.

As it worked out, although both men played a big part in shaping my career, I was probably closer to Peter Taylor than Brian Clough, so the news of his death particularly saddened me.

I was sad that his death came so early in his retirement — a retirement that I know he had been looking forward to and thoroughly deserved.

One of his loves in retirement was to enjoy a good walk, whether it was in the countryside of his native Nottinghamshire, or along the front at Cala Millor, Sadly, because of his illness, over the last 12 months he was unable to do this.

Not far from the surface with Peter lurked his sense of humour. Like most sports, football is a very intense and pressurised game providing tension and stress to players, staff and supporters. Peter, above anybody else I've ever met in football, was always trying to relax tense situations through his humour.

### PONTINS LEAGUE TABLE 1990/91

Sheff. Wed.	7	6	1	0	19	5	19
Nottm. For.	8	5	3	0	23	11	18
Liverpool	10	5	1	4	21	16	16
Man. Utd.	9	4	2	3	12	9	14
Aston Villa	7	4	2	1	13	11	14
Derby County	8	4	2	2	8	7	14
Rotherham	8	4	1	3	17	14	13
Sunderland	8	3	3	2	14	15	12
Coventry	8	3	2	3	12	11	11
Leeds Utd.	8	3	2	3	8	11	11
Sheff. Utd.	8	3	1	4	10	15	10
Newcastle	8	3	0	5	15	13	9
Wolves	8	2	2	4	11	15	8
Everton	9	2	2	5	11	16	8
Leicester	8	2	1	5	10	15	7
Man. City	8	1	3	4	9	15	6
Huddersfield	7	1	2	4	12	19	5
Blackburn	7	1	2	4	10	17	5

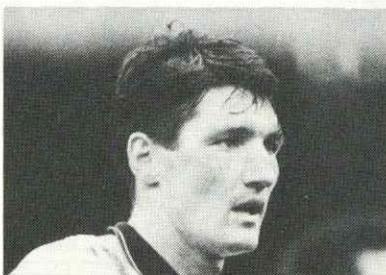
### Appearances/Goals

A G		A G	
Briscoe R.	7	Kavanagh J.	9
Chalk M.	1(2)	Patterson M.	8
Cross S.	5(1) 2	Phillips J.	1
Davidson J.	9	Pickering N.	2
Francis K.	9	Ramage C.	2 1
Gee P.	9	Round S.	9
Hayward S.	7(1)	Straw R.	6(2)
Holness C.	—	Taylor M.	9
Hebberd T.	4		



Roy McFarland

My thoughts are with his wife Lil and his children Wendy and Phillip who I know will miss him terribly, but they can be proud of what Peter achieved in football and take solace from the fact that he has a place in the hearts of all those who knew him well.



Mick Harford points the way with his first goal of the season.

### PONTINS LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1990 91

Date	v Opponents	Res.
Aug. 30	A Huddersfield Town	0-3
Sept. 4	H Leicester City	2-1
Sept. 10	A Aston Villa	1-1
Sept. 18	H Everton	2-0
Sept. 27	A Manchester City	1-0
Oct. 2	H Liverpool	1-1
Oct. 11	H Newcastle Utd.	1-0
Oct. 17	A Wolves	0-1
Oct. 24	H Sheff. Wed.	0-3
Nov. 1	A Liverpool	
Nov. 6	A Coventry City	
Nov. 13	H Rotherham Utd.	
Nov. 21	A Leeds Utd.	
Nov. 27	H Sunderland	
Dec. 4	H Manchester United	
Dec. 12	A Sheff. Utd.	
Dec. 17	A Leicester City	
Jan. 8	H Huddersfield Town	
Jan. 15	A Everton	
Jan. 22	H Aston Villa	
Jan. 29	H Sheff. Utd	
Feb. 5	A Manchester Utd.	
Feb. 13	A Rotherham Utd.	
Feb. 19	H Coventry City	
Feb. 27	A Sunderland	
Mar. 5	H Leeds Utd.	
Mar. 20	H Blackburn Rov.	
Mar. 27	A Nottm. Forest	
April 3	A Blackburn Rov.	
April 9	H Nottm. Forest	
April 16	H Manchester City	
April 23	A Sheff. Wed.	
May 1	A Newcastle Utd.	
May 7	H Wolves	



Gerry Summers

When we played Aston Villa in the Midland Youth Cup earlier this season, the lads trooped off at the end having lost 6-0, and with the result, I'm afraid to say, just about summing up our performance.

So it was satisfying to return to Birmingham last weekend and see the lads put in a much better display, and, although we lost the game 2-1, I think we showed one of the strongest youth teams around that we aren't a push-over after all.

### MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH FIXTURES SEASON 1990/91

Date	v Opponents	Res.
Aug. 25	A West Brom. Albion	0-0
Sept. 1	H Walsall	5-1
Sept. 8	A Northampton Town	2-2
Sept. 15	H Stoke City	0-2
Sept. 22	A Chesterfield	1-1
Sept. 29	H Coventry City	2-1
Oct. 13	A Shrewsbury Town	3-1
Oct. 20	H Nottingham Forest	2-0
Oct. 27	A Aston Villa	1-2
Nov. 3	H Birmingham City	
Nov. 10	A Peterborough Utd.	
Nov. 17	H Port Vale	
Nov. 24	A Mansfield Town	
Dec. 1	H Leicester City	
Dec. 15	A Wolves	
Dec. 29	H Notts. County	
Jan. 5	H West Brom. Albion	
Jan. 12	A Walsall	
Jan. 19	H Northampton Town	
Jan. 26	A Stoke City	
Feb. 2	H Chesterfield	
Feb. 9	A Coventry City	
Feb. 16	H Shrewsbury Town	
Feb. 23	A Nottingham Forest	
Mar. 2	H Aston Villa	
Mar. 9	A Birmingham City	
Mar. 16	H Peterborough Utd.	
Mar. 23	A Port Vale	
Mar. 30	A Leicester City	
April 13	H Wolves	
April 27	A Notts. County	
May 4	H Mansfield Town	

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# Youth in Focus

In fact the match was nowhere near the one-sided thrashing of our last visit. This time it was a very hard-fought and quite even game, and to be honest I thought we had done enough to at least get a draw.

That 6-0 result must have been still in the players' minds at the start of the game because there was a lot of apprehension in our play and it cost us an early goal.

But Mark Clarke nipped in with a good near-post header to level things and from that point on even the most partisan of Villa followers would have to concede that we had the better of the play.

After the break, we dominated for 20 minutes, but were hit on the break when Villa's startlingly quick winger got away and his low cross was unfortunately turned past our goalkeeper Jon Thomson by Lee Carsley as he tried to clear.

The Villa winger who created that goal was the same man who in the Cup-tie had really ripped us apart with his blinding speed and accurate crosses.

This time though we managed to keep him fairly quiet and it was a testimony to full-back Matthew Smith defending, because in the end he switched flanks to find some more space.

Even after their second goal we continued to push forward and dominate in terms of possession and territorial advantage, but we couldn't put the ball away.

In the end, although our performance earned us a little of the pride and satisfaction that we lost during our Cup game at Villa Park, I was still a little disappointed that we didn't come away with something to show for it.

I have said on a few occasions that it can take a little time for new, young players to settle in at a football club and I think that the difference in our two performances against Aston Villa show that things are starting to develop nicely, but we must improve our finishing.

### Appearances/Goals

A G		A G	
Allen C.	7	Lewis C.	9
Blount M.	9	Moore M.	—
Carsley L.	11	Smith M.	9
Clarke M.	11	Sturridge D.	11
Curtis T.	6(2)	Stallard M.	0(2)
Darke C.	8(1)	Thomson J.	10
Daykin S.	1	Weston P.	2(7)
Feleck	1	Wilkinson N.	10
Hillyer J.	9	Wilson K.	6
Hurme P.	1		

### MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE 1990/91

Birmingham	6	5	1	0	18	6	16
Notts County	5	4	1	0	17	6	13
Derby County	7	3	3	1	13	8	13
Mansfield Town	7	4	1	2	15	11	13
Nottm Forest	7	4	1	2	14	11	13
Leicester City	6	3	2	1	15	9	11
Coventry City	7	2	2	3	14	14	8
Northampton T.	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
Stoke City	7	2	1	4	10	11	7
Port Vale	7	2	1	4	14	17	7
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	10	17	7
Chesterfield	6	2	1	3	9	14	7
Peterborough	5	2	0	3	9	8	6
Walsall	6	1	3	2	9	14	6
West Brom Alb.	6	1	2	3	7	12	5
Shrewsbury	6	1	2	3	8	14	5
Wolves	7	1	2	4	7	17	5

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**NOTICE BOARD**

At last! The Rams have made it onto live T.V. Derby County's Zenith Data Systems Cup second round match against Coventry City is to be screened live on Sky Television. The game, scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, will now be played at the Baseball Ground on Tuesday, December 11, kick-off 7.35 p.m.

Derby County Youth team was in Cup action on Tuesday night, beating Cambridge United 1-0 at the Abbey Stadium in the first round of the F.A. Youth Cup.

The reserve team is in action in the Pontins League this week with the Rams travelling to Coventry City on Tuesday evening, kick-off 7 p.m. Find out how the lads have gone on by calling Derby County Clubcall — 0898 12 11 87 — for the first news of the game.

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