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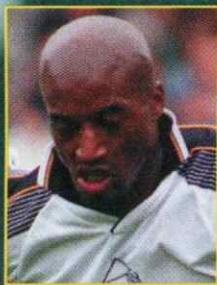
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THE Southend match on Saturday was a good result – but, more importantly, it was a good performance.

You couldn't have blamed the lads for getting a bit nervous after three draws on the run – but they went out and played with confidence, even after we went a goal behind.

I've always been sure of our ability to win at home, but teams will be looking to make life difficult for us – as Wolves did – at the BBG from now on in.

That's why we have to take advantage of the additional space we're given away from home.

I'd had a chat with Steve McLaren in the week and decided that if we were drawing away it would be worth the gamble of taking a couple of defenders off and throwing everything into attack.

Substitutions don't always work as spectacularly as the Southend example, but we were so much on top I decided to take the risk.

'Substitutions don't always work as spectacularly as the Southend example...'

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DERBY COUNTY vs LUTON TOWN



those misses affect his game. And let's remember that he was instrumental in creating the winner on Saturday, because it was his shot which came off the 'keeper for Ronnie Willems to score.

Ronnie was outstanding against Southend. I've heard criticism of his performance against Wolves when he was marked very tightly by young Simon Osborn – but there were still three or four occasions when he broke free and took up great positions without receiving the final ball.

Igor has been stirring up some passion among opposition centre forwards of late – probably because he's been dominating them so completely. As you've seen for yourselves, their response has been a little less than fair.

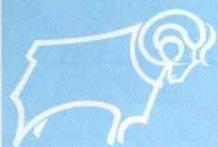
We welcome Lennie Lawrence and his Luton team to the Baseball Ground tonight. Lennie is an experienced and wily manager and it was no surprise to me when the Hatters started to pull away from the bottom of the table with a great sequence of results.

I've told the lads they will have to be absolutely spot on tonight and put Saturday's win behind them, because maximum points at home this week would put us in a great position.

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GLYN...



New Boy: see page 9



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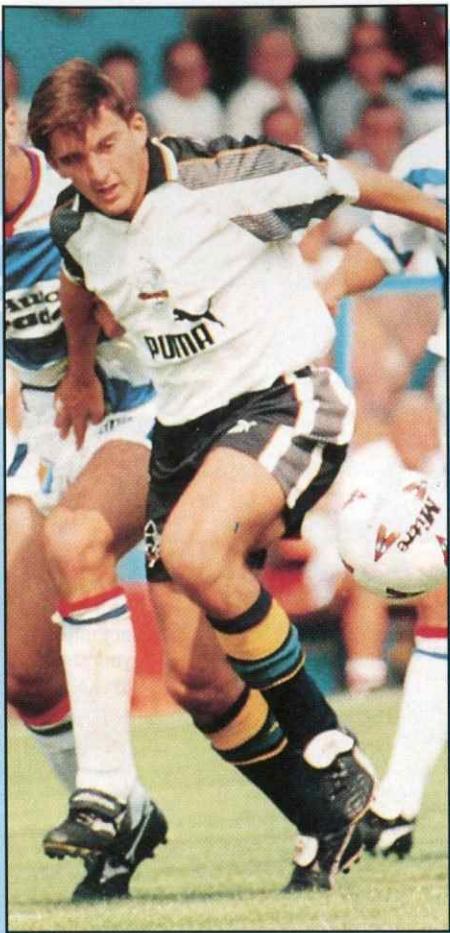
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TEAMTALK



MARK Stallard, still commuting from Derby to his new club, Bradford City, has praised Dean Sturridge for his breakthrough this season.

Stallard, who joined the Division Two outfit in a £110,000 deal, said: "Deano has done superbly well. We played in countless games together in the Reserves and I know that both of us felt we weren't given the opportunity to break through in recent seasons.

"It was always going to be difficult to get a chance when you've played millions for the likes of Paul Kitson and Tommy Johnson, but Deano finally got his chance this time round and he's grabbed it."

Stallard, who made his debut for the Rams as a 16 year-old, says of his move: "I'm settling in well. I've only scored one goal in five starts and the team are a bit up and down at the moment – but this is a big club and the ground is tremendous.

"Derby County will always be special to me, but I'd reached the stage in my career where I needed first team football.

"Chris Kamara offered me that at Bradford and the deal went through very quickly."

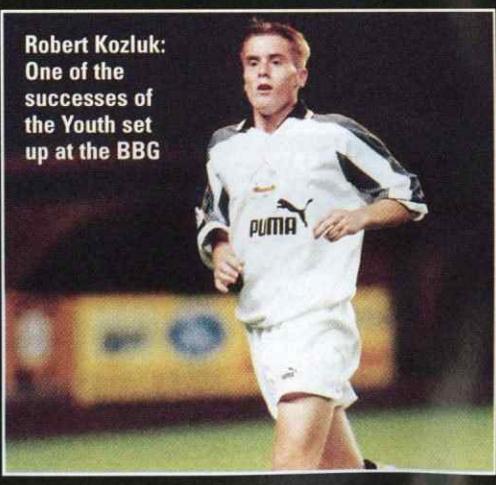
Youngsters sign on

THE FIRST couple of apprentices to sign professional forms for the Rams this season are Youth Team skipper Robert Kozluk and Lee Radski.

Right-back Robert has been a regular in Billy McEwan's Reserves for most of the season.

Both Robert and Lee have been nurtured by Youth Team coaches Richie Williams and Stevie Taylor.

Robert Kozluk:
One of the
successes of
the Youth set
up at the BBG



Club Captain Steve Sutton writes for Rams Magazine

THE pessimists came out of the woodwork saying the bubble had burst because we'd drawn three games in a row.

But just look at the opposition. Port Vale – conquerors of Everton in the FA Cup; Grimsby, easy cup victors over Premiership West Ham; and Wolves, who quite clearly came to the BBG for a draw and got what they wanted.

What concerned us more than anything was the lack of goals and goal chances in those three games – so we spent last week putting in a lot of crosses and shots to get the boys back on song.

We must appreciate that teams are going to come here and pack their defence because they know how we play. So we must be patient.

More than that, the fans must be patient and appreciate that we might have to settle for draws at home and go away to nick wins.

That's what happened last Saturday at Southend – and because other teams didn't really capitalise during that run of three draws, the win strengthened our position at the top of the table.

FULL marks to Russell Hoult for holding his concentration to make some vital saves in recent weeks.

I recall a couple of seasons at Forest when we were really flying and I had to make only a couple of serious saves a game.

The temptation when your team is playing good football is to stand there and enjoy it. But it's easy to get lulled into a false sense of security.

Because our defence has been playing so well Russ has had little to do in most matches – but he's made some fantastic saves when it really mattered.

STILL on the goalkeeping front, it's good to see Martin Taylor training properly again.

The specialists have given him the go ahead to work hard – and although he's understandably tentative at the moment, he's kicking well and running properly.

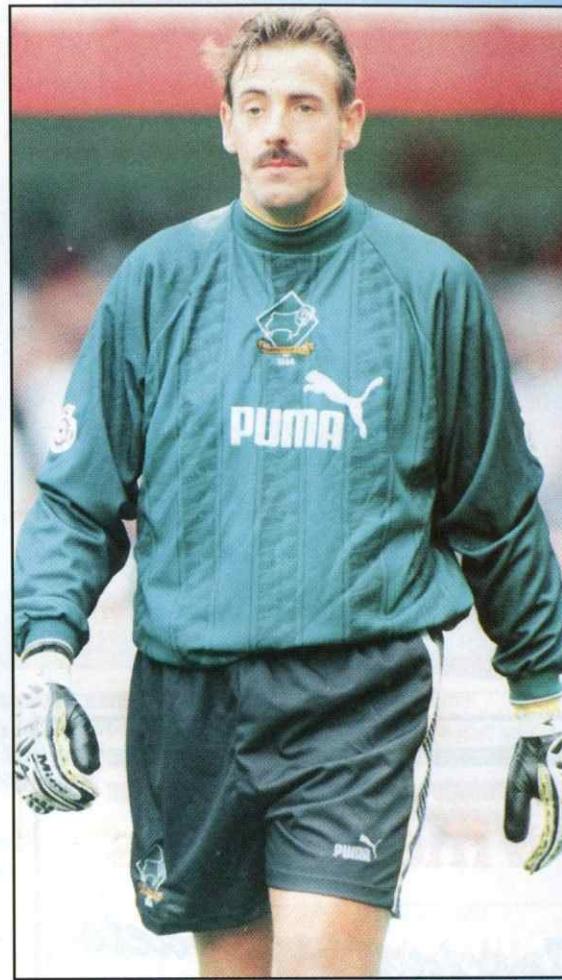
He's looking towards the back end of this season

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CAPTAIN'S comment



to get a game, but at least he knows there's every chance, at the very least, he can start next season afresh.

My loan period with Reading is now up – and I managed to fit in another surprise game a week last Saturday.

I got the call on the Friday and felt I had a good game in the 1-1 draw at Millwall. It was a bit unexpected – but sometimes you're at your best when you don't have long to worry about a game.



Give Igor a Euro '96 lift!

THE RAMTIQUE is taking orders now for Croatian international shirts in readiness for Euro '96.

The red and white shirt – seen here sported by Igor – costs £36.99.

The first batch of Croatian shirts will arrive in the Ramtique at the end of March – but it's best to order now to avoid disappointment.

And remember, the Ramtique sale is on

throughout February.

Loads of lines are reduced – including Puma gear – so pop in to pick up a bargain.

For more details of the sale and the Croatian shirts, call the Ramtique on Derby (01332) 292081.

The shop is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, from 9am to 1pm on away match days and from 9am to kick-off and after the match on home match days.

Branch's festive cheer



CHAIRMAN of the Nottingham branch of the Rams Supporters' Club, Ron Stevenson, is pictured with Dean Yates at a belated Christmas social evening.

The event made £200 profits towards branch profits and was supported by Rams Chairman Lionel Pickering, Chief Executive Keith Loring, Dean Yates and Lee Carsley.

A fully loaded supertanker travelling at 16 knots needs at least 20 minutes in order to stop.

Auto Windscreens' main warehouse in Birmingham stocks over 10,000 different glass lines and associated products.

■ THE RAMS are running holiday coaching courses all this week at the Moorways and Shaftesbury sports centres in the city.

There are loads of incentives for boys and girls aged six to 15 to sign up for the courses, which run until Friday.

Record numbers have been attracted to the courses during the mid-term break, taking advantage of £12 two-day sessions, £18 three-day sessions and a £25 full week offer.

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FROM THE SIDELINES



Hallam, for a night to remember.

A GREAT bunch of fans from the north Derbyshire community of Bolsover had a night out at the BBG when the Rams Reserves played Newcastle last week.

And organisers Shaun and Jackie Poskett have thanked their guide, Ernie



It's a big Tank you Rams!

DERBY soldier Andy Spiby keeps in touch with his favourite team – even when he's serving out in Bosnia.

Andy, 32, is so dedicated to Derby County that he's named his tank 'The Derby Ram'.

Now living in Germany, Andy – a corporal in the REME – last visited the BBG in September last year



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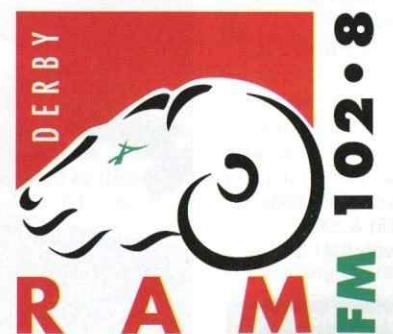
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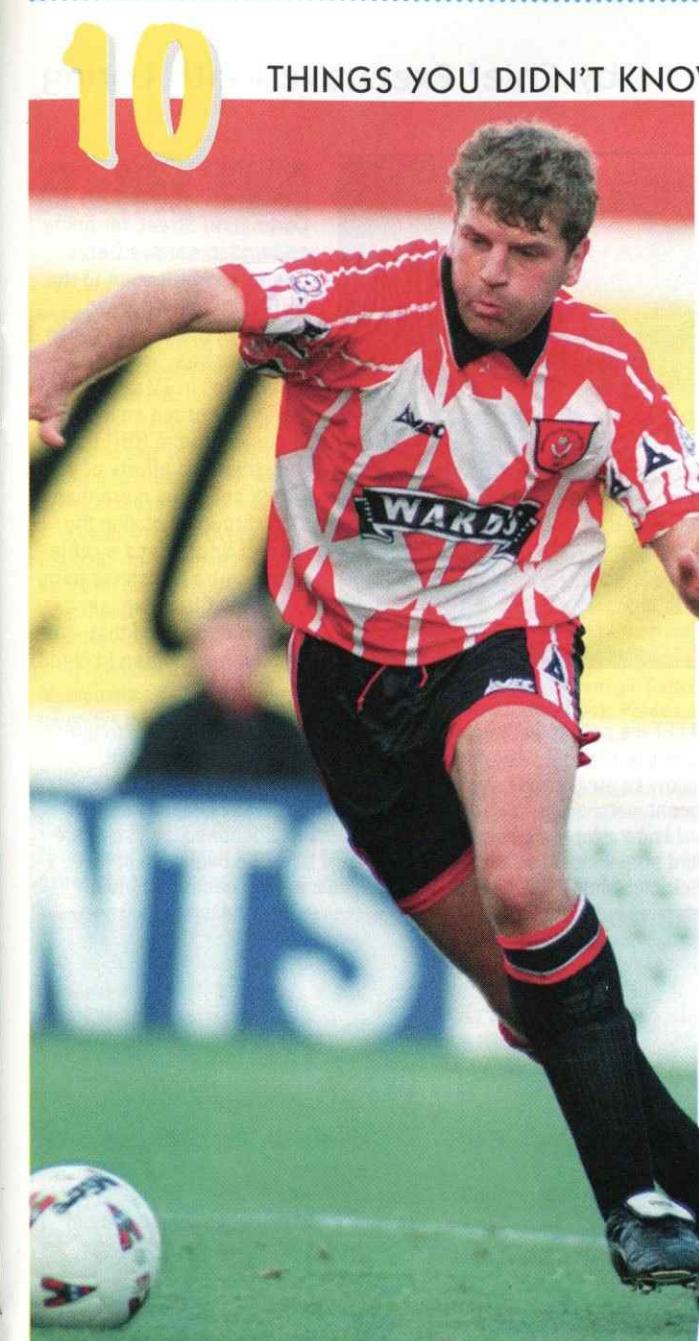
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**GOOD LUCK TO THE RAMS
FROM THE RAM**



JIM SMITH'S tenth major signing since taking over as Rams manager last summer is Welsh international Glyn Hodges.

And the 32-year-old midfielder, renowned as a scorer of spectacular goals, said he was "delighted" to have made the leap from the bottom of the First Division to the top.

Snapped up on a free transfer from Sheffield United, Glyn said: "It's a

fantastic move for me and I'll be keeping my fingers crossed that I get a few games in before the end of the season.

"Derby certainly looked good doing the double over United this season – and I was especially impressed by the forwards. They caused major problems."

Glyn says he's happy to play anywhere in midfield or just behind

the strikers, but realises he will have to be patient.

"The manager is obviously looking to bring a bit of experience into the squad for the final promotion push and I'll help out wherever I can," said Glyn.

"I turned Jim Smith down when he was at QPR and I reckon that was a mistake. It's good to be able to retrieve the situation now!"

1 Glyn Hodges had trials with the Rams as a 15-year-old schoolboy.

2 His mentor at that time was Dario Gradi – now manager of Crewe but part of Derby's management team at that time.

3 Glyn rubbed shoulders with Steve Spooner and Frank Sheridan, who later signed on as pros for the Rams.

4 Glyn opted to follow Dario Gradi – one of the country's top coaches – to Wimbledon.

5 He made 232 appearances for Wimbledon, scoring 49 goals.

6 Jim Smith tried to sign him as manager of QPR, but Glyn opted instead to join Newcastle.

7 His career with the Magpies lasted only seven games and he moved on to Watford.

8 Glyn played 86 times for Watford, scoring 15 goals before moving on to Palace, where he had another seven-game spell.

9 Although born in Streatham, Glyn has been capped at every level by Wales, making his full debut against Norway in 1984. His 17th and 18th caps came late last year against Germany and Italy.

10 Scored on his home debut for Sheffield United – against the Rams!



■ WE are continually monitoring the Club Shop, and because of the soon-to-arrive range of summer items, we decided it was time for a sale.

The Ramtique bargains will continue through until the end of February.

I got in touch with Puma and they agreed to reduce the price of some of their items to us – and I've passed on that saving to the supporters.

To say the sale has been popular so far is an understatement – the response has been phenomenal.

So go and have a look yourself. The Ramtique is open weekdays from 9am to 5pm, on Saturday home games from 9.30am to 3pm and after the game and on Saturday away games from 9.30am to 1pm.

And remember to order your Croatian shirts now to avoid disappointment when we take delivery of the first batch at the end of next month.

■ WE'RE working hard to keep the BBG pitch in as good condition as possible – but we're stuck with a situation we inherited last summer and there's only so much we can do before an end-of-season overhaul.

The main problems are a thick layer of black soil three inches down caused, we are told, by seepage from a local foundry many years ago, and also the fact that our undersoil heating is just eight inches from the surface, making it difficult for us to use heavy machinery to remedy drainage problems.

● SEND YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, RAMS MAGAZINE, THE BASEBALL GROUND, SHAFESBURY CRESCENT, DERBY DE23 8NB

■ THANKS to Kevin Kennedy, Curly Watts in TV's Coronation Street, for being on hand to receive Derby County's contribution to the BBC's Children In Need Appeal at the Wolves game.

I know he's "from the other side" in TV terms, but Kevin expressed an interest in coming to the BBG to recognise the efforts of staff.

We collected more than £750 through a stall in the Market Square and a raffle at the club's Christmas party – and the Chairman, as promised, doubled that amount for Children In Need.

■ LET me put you in the picture as to why we've been wearing that yellow kit away from home in recent matches.

I know a lot of clubs have a third strip which they then sell in their club shops – that is not our intention in this case and it is certainly not the colour we would choose.

A problem arose with our dark blue away kit which, we were informed by the Football League after the Tranmere game back in

■ HAVE you bought a season ticket yet?

We've been publicising the fact that it's still not too late to buy one for the rest of the current season.

There are no discounts – but a season ticket will ensure your

November, was too close to the colour of the referee's outfit, especially when they got wet.

The Football League had, of course, sanctioned the use of the blue kit at the beginning of the season – but because concern was expressed we took action – hence the yellow kit.

With the possible exception of our last away match of the season – against West Bromwich Albion – we should have seen the last of it from now on in.

seat at the BBG for the rest of the season.

It also guarantees you priority for a season ticket next season – and if things go well a lot of people could be disappointed in the clamour for tickets.

■ IT was great to attend a packed Alfreton Supporters' Club branch dinner with Dean Yates and the branch's own BBG liaison officer O'Neil Francis.

All the branches now have good lines of communication and a new overall chairman in Justin Ratcliffe.

Look up the branch nearest to you in this programme (page 7) and find out what it has to offer.

Rams see off Kitson's gang

RAMS RESERVES 1, NEWCASTLE 0

■ TWO names from the past got nothing out of a return to the BBG last week as the Rams Reserves beat mighty Newcastle 1-0.

Former Rams manager Arthur Cox and one-time star striker Paul Kitson could do nothing to prevent Billy McEwan's side doing a season double over the Magpies.

Kitson – booed every time he touched the ball – had a good chance to put his name on the scoresheet late on, but he was thwarted by a fine save from Rams' keeper Andy Quy.

To complete a dismal night for Cox & Co, Newcastle centre-half Stuart Elliott was given his marching orders with a quarter-of-an-hour to play for his second bookable offence.

The Rams set off in fine style, Lee Carsley – having a run out in the Reserves to improve his match fitness – delivering a great right wing cross on four minutes

which Paul Trollope headed home with aplomb, easily beating Shaka Hislop in the Newcastle goal.

Paul Simpson touched the bar with an overhead kick and then saw Hislop touch a superb 'bender' over the top.

The Rams always looked on top but were again indebted to Quy when he pulled off a superb reaction save from Chris Holland after a good ball through from the impressive Darren Huckerby.

A crowd of 2,192 cheered the Rams back into second spot in the Pontin's League Division One, still five points adrift of top-placed Manchester United.

RAMS: Quy, Carsley (Kozluk 69), Cooper, Wassall, Kavanagh, Sutton W., Flynn, Trollope, Wrack, Preece, Simpson (Wright 70). Other sub: Ashbee.

■ **NOTE:** The Reserves' next home game against Sheffield United has been put back a day from Tuesday March 5 to Wednesday March 6 to avoid a clash with the rearranged first team match against Watford on March 5.



Above: Haven't I seen you somewhere before? Rams goalscorer Paul Trollope moves in on a certain Paul Kitson.



Right: Wayne Sutton brings the ball out of defence in the victory over Newcastle United Reserves.

Pictures: ANDY CLARKE

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Wed	Aug 16	Notts County	1-3
Wed	Sep 6	Bolton Wanderers	2-2
Thu	Sep 14	Leeds United	1-0
Wed	Sep 20	Oldham Athletic	2-2
Mon	Sep 25	Wolves	0-0
Thu	Oct 5	Nottingham Forest	3-2
Mon	Oct 9	Birmingham City	2-0
Tue	Oct 17	Stoke City	0-2
Thu	Oct 26	Tranmere Rovers	2-0
Tue	Oct 31	Sheffield United	3-2
Tue	Nov 7	Blackburn Rovers	2-1
Tue	Nov 14	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1
Mon	Nov 20	Everton	0-1
Wed	Nov 29	West Brom	7-0
Wed	Dec 6	Oldham Athletic	1-0
Tue	Dec 12	Wolves	3-2
Wed	Dec 20	Manchester United	1-3
Tue	Jan 2	Liverpool	2-3
Mon	Jan 8	Newcastle United	2-0
Tue	Jan 16	Leeds United	1-0
Tue	Jan 23	Notts County	1-1
Tue	Jan 30	Bolton Wanderers	3-6
Tue	Feb 7	Newcastle United	1-0
Tue	Feb 13	Sheffield Wednesday	0-0
Wed	Mar 6	Sheffield United	1-0
Mon	Mar 11	Liverpool	0-0
Tue	Mar 19	Manchester United	1-0
Wed	Mar 27	Nottingham Forest	0-0
Tue	Apr 9	Birmingham City	0-0
Tue	Apr 16	Tranmere Rovers	0-0
Thu	Apr 25	Stoke City	0-0
Tue	Apr 30	West Brom	0-0
Tue	May 7	Everton	0-0

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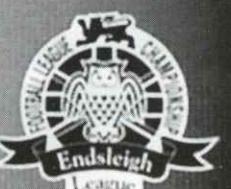
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Can you name the former Rams player behind the eyes above and the two current players and former star striker who belong to the legs below? We'll print the answer in the next issue of Rams Magazine.

If you can't wait until then, listen out for the answers on Derby County's Official Clubcall after today's game. Simply ring 0891-121187 – the call costs 39p per minute at cheap rate and 49p per minute at all other times.

There will be aftermath interviews too and a full match report. And listen out for the weekly interview with manager Jim Smith and club captain Steve Sutton – plus a regular player profile. By supporting Clubcall you're also supporting Derby County because the line raises valuable income for the club.

• The Wolves Magazine eye teaser was John Barton and the legs belonged to Darren Wassall, Robin Van Der Laan and Paul Simpson.



WHOSE LUVERLY LEGS ARE THESE..?

CAPTION
competition



Want to win an autographed Rams football?

Put an amusing caption to this photograph and you could be in with a chance. What might actor Kevin Kennedy, Coronation Street's Curly

Watts, have been saying to Rammie at the recent Wolves game?

Send your entries to Rams Caption Competition, The Baseball Ground, Shaftesbury Crescent, Derby DE23 8NB before February 27.

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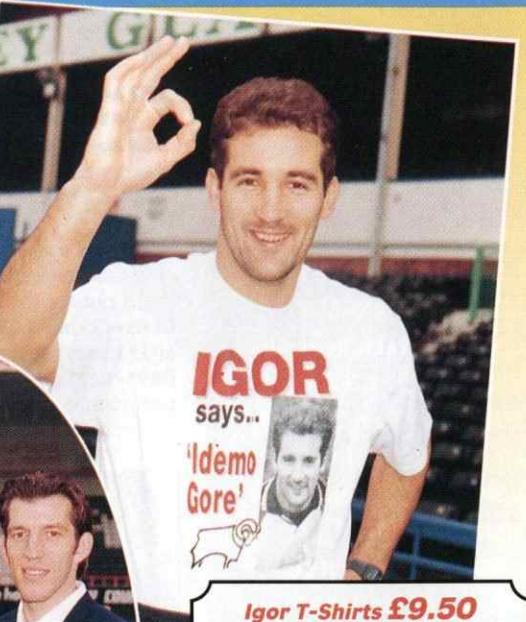
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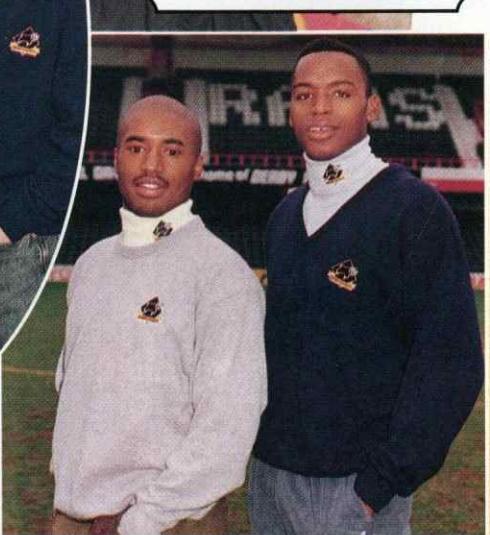
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THE YOUTH TEAM

THE YOUTH FILE



NAME: Leroy Murphy
POSITION: Right/Left Wing
BIRTH DATE: 26-12-78
BIRTH PLACE: Birmingham

THE COACHING staff at the BBG describe Leroy Murphy as a good old-fashioned winger.

He has excellent close control but has been told to work on improving his physical and mental strength.

Leroy has great natural ability, but Youth Team watchers would like to see him transfer his training ground form to the playing pitch.

Birmingham-born Leroy is a product of Shireland High School and Shenly Green FC and has yet to hit the target this season.

Still only a first year, he says Arsenal striker Ian Wright is his role model.

And his ambitions? No surprise there – Leroy wants to make it as a professional and play for the Rams first team.

Lyons king at the double...

A double strike by the lively Pat Lyons gave us a thoroughly well deserved point at Grimsby.

Once again our young side showed signs of promise with Wayne Thornhill – a local schoolboy – once again doing well at left back.

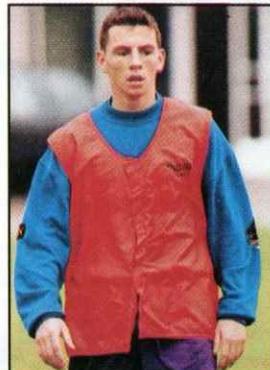
Grimsby have a good side this year and, as expected, we had to concentrate hard for the whole 90 minutes.

Both sides attempted to play a passing game and the home side used their right back to good effect in building from the back.

We have a midweek fixture at Wolverhampton this week which will allow us to look at another couple of lads from our U16 side.

● Congratulations to Lee Radski and Robert Kozluk, two members of this season's Youth Team squad, who have recently signed professional forms with Derby County.

RICHIE WILLIAMS



Pat Lyons: Double delight against Grimsby

MIDLANDS PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

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OUR VISITORS

This afternoon we entertain most attractive opposition in Luton Town, and to all our visitors we extend a very sincere and hearty welcome.

Judging from their present record, Luton must be rated as just about the best side in the League, being a mere three points behind the leaders, Blackburn, with three games in hand, and now that they have no further interest in the F.A. Cup they are certainly firm favourites for promotion. Should they succeed it will be just reward for their consistency during the past few seasons.

Luton's visit to Derby always has an added interest for they are managed by a great Rams favourite of yesteryear—Mr. 'Dally' Duncan. Numerous Rams supporters will need little or no reminder of the many wonderful displays he gave at outside-left which were suitably rewarded with several Scottish International Caps. As a fitting climax to his career with the Rams he was a member of our Cup-winning side in 1946 when we beat Charlton 4-1. Since taking over the management of Luton his shrewd team-building has brought about a tremendous improvement and this can best be illustrated by looking at their League placings in the past four seasons. In 1950-51 they narrowly avoided relegation, finishing in 19th position. In 1951-52 they went up to 8th position; in 1952-53 to 3rd place, and last season, after always being in the running, they eventually finished 6th. Now this season everything seems to be set fair for them to claim one of the spots that really mean something—1st or 2nd. Last season, incidentally, the 'Hatters' did the double over us, winning by the same margin 2-1 home and away.

Unless any of their players are injured it is not expected that any change will be made in their usual full strength side which lines up as follows: Baynam, Dunne, Aherne, Pemberton, Owen, Shanks, Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Cullen.

Goalkeeper Baynam has been keeping International Streten out of the side since he made the team last November which indicates that he is playing remarkably well.

Dunne and Aherne are an International combination, both being automatic selections for their native Eire. Right-half Pemberton came into the side when Morton moved to centre-forward and has filled the bill excellently.

Skipper of the side, Sid Owen is ranked one of the best pivots in the game and left-

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BUCHANAN
half Shanks was originally a winger but has been converted into a grand wing-half. Right-winger Davies is a South African who went to Luton via Clyde and his inside partner Turner is one of the most prolific goal-getters this season having scored 28 Cup and League goals to date. The latter was also their leading scorer last season with 16 goals.

MORTON
Centre-forward Bob Morton earned a great reputation as a wing-half last season, but when Pye came to Derby, Manager Duncan had no hesitation in moving him to lead the attack which he has done with outstanding success.

CUMMINS
Inside-left Cummings is another Eire International who was signed from Everton in 1953, and his wing partner Cullen is a young Scot who has made the position his own since Mitchell was transferred to Middlesbrough.

TURNER
A brief history of their probable side is given below.

DUNNE
BAYNHAM, R., goalkeeper—In his fourth season with the club. Secured from Southern League club Worcester City. After a series of brilliant displays in the reserves this season was promoted to the

PEMBERTON
League side on November 13th and is keeping out of the first team Bernard Stretton, the England International goalkeeper. Made 5 appearances last season.

DUNNE, S., right-back — Hails from County Wicklow, Eire. Joined Luton from Shelbourne in May 1950. Has played for his country on several occasions and forms an all-Eire full-back partnership with Bud Aherne. Made 24 appearances last season.

AHERNE, T., left-back — Born in Limerick, Eire. Came to Luton from Belfast Celtic in March 1949 and has already played in 22 International matches for his country. Made 35 appearances last season.

PEMBERTON, J., right-half—Was chosen for the right-half berth vacated by Morton and is filling the bill admirably. Is a most useful utility player and since he joined Luton in 1947 has played in every position except goal and outside-right. Made 4 appearances last season.

OWEN, S., centre-half—Captain of the side. Previously with Birmingham City. Toured Australia with the F.A. three years ago, was a member of the Football League team which played in Copenhagen in May 1953 and was in the England party in Switzerland for the World Cup games this summer. Has also been selected on several occasions for the English F.A. XI versus the Army and Oxford University. Made 25 appearances last season.

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* Sat Mar 2nd H v HUDDERSFIELD Matchday meet and visit by Huddersfield's junior club

* Sat Mar 16th H v WATFORD Matchday meet and visit by JUNIOR HORNETS CLUB

* Tuesday March 19th Rams Family Night Pontin's League v Manchester Utd. Entertainment all the way. FREE to see for all under 16s

* Sat Mar 23rd A v Norwich. Plus Bus visit £10.50 members, £12.50 non-members and adults. Price includes match seat ticket plus coach fare. Pick-ups in Derby and Ilkeston. **BOOKING NOW!**

THE PLANNED PLUS BUS TO WATFORD WILL NOT NOW RUN ON THE RE-ARRANGED DATE.

Those who booked on the original bus have been contacted to see if they wish to go on the Norwich trip.

The West Brom visit pencilled in for May 4th is also cancelled.

LOOKING AHEAD...

NOW is the time of year we ask for your help on a couple of counts. Firstly we



■ **WHAT a happy threesome...** Coronation Street actors Kevin Kennedy and Tracy Shaw cuddle up with Rammie at the BBG.

But Rammie's all set to cuddle up with a new star. Who? Watch out for a special first appearance of a new BBG personality **TONIGHT!**

ask if you have any suggestion regarding NEXT SEASON, having sampled quite a few changes over 1995-96.

The Rams Family Club was revamped a season or two ago and the new format was well received.

We have changed a few things further since then, so let us know if you have an idea for additions.

Are we catering for you well enough in our pre-match provision with our Matchday Meets and at the RFC Centres? How do you like our new Family Area in the Toyota Popside, and what do you think of our family room to the

rear of 1 block? Are we making you feel at home at the BBG; are we doing OK with our away travel and the Plus Bus

applies if you know a family – or simply tell us about your own. We would like to hear from you by the same date please.

LOOK out for more Family Night Football on Wednesday March 6 when the Rams Reserves take on Sheffield United Reserves.

In the meantime, here is another little competition for anyone under 16 to enter.

Just rearrange the following letters to come up with the names of former Derby County players:

1. RKAM THIRGW
2. PRETE OIHTLNS
3. RYGA EEKWVTCIHL
4. APLU RDGDOAD
5. ETH NIT NMA (Tricky One This!)
6. EADN RUASSDEN

Send your answers, together with your name, address, age and telephone number to Sheila at the BBG, to arrive no later than **Monday March 4**.

Winners' names will be picked out of the hat during half-time at the Sheffield United Reserves game and the winners will get free tickets to Rollerworld!

Scheme? Are we offering enough or would you like to see more?

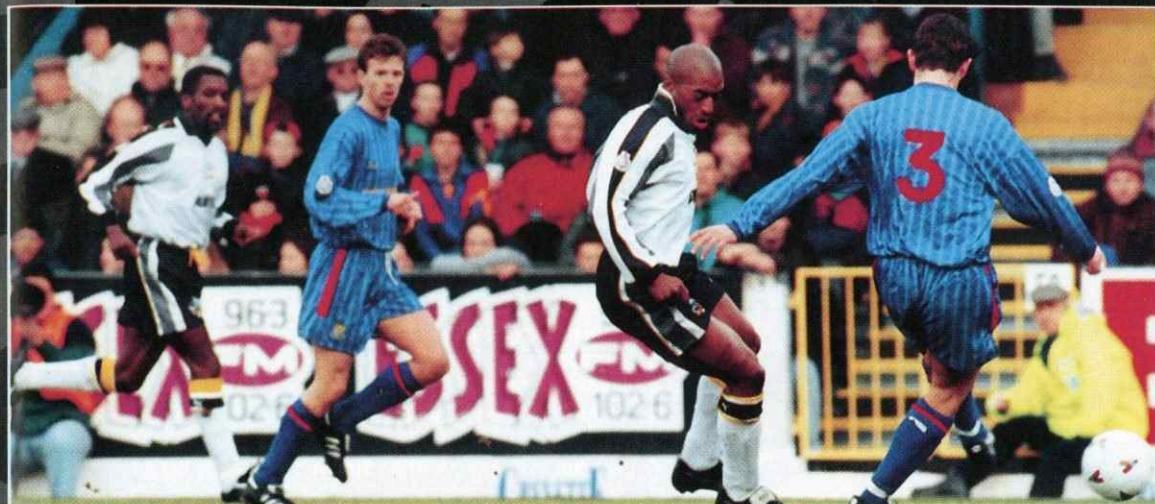
Secondly we want you to start considering nominations for our Members of the year, Family of the Year and Rams Player of the Year awards.

Do you know a RFC member who is 'Derby Daft' and you could tell us about him or her.

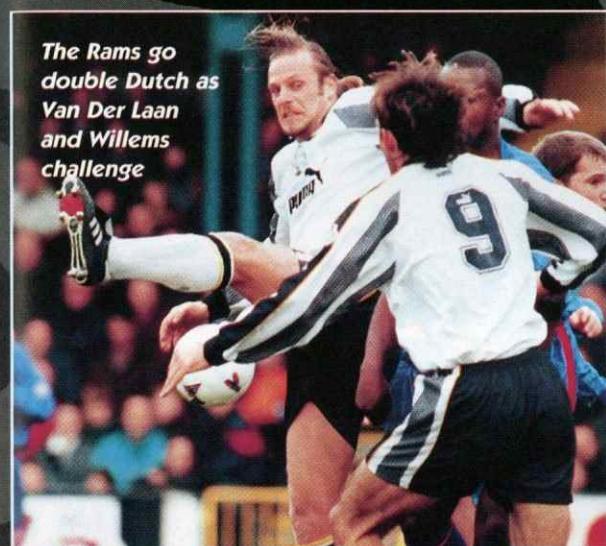
We will present a trophy to the winner at the end of the season so we would like nominations by March 30th.

The same applies if you know a family – or simply tell us about your own. We would like to hear from you by the same date please.

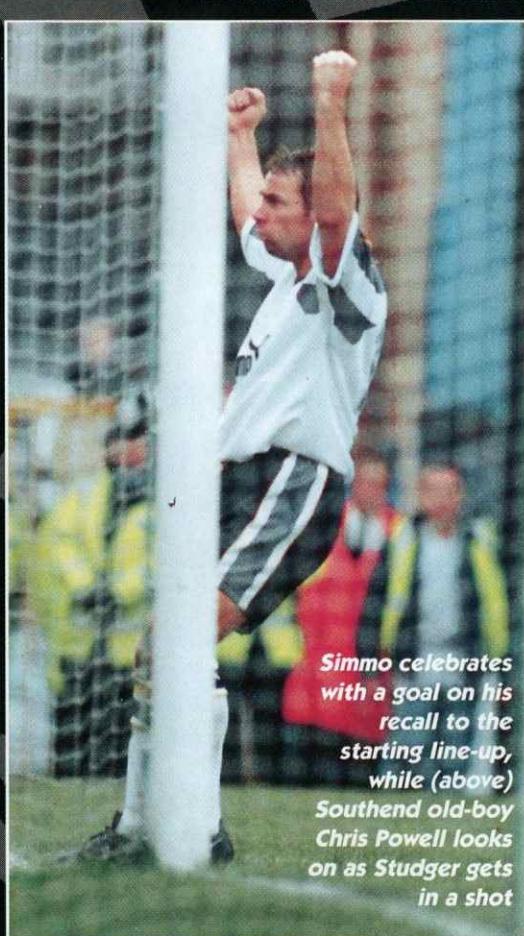
RAMS IN FIRST DIVISION ACTION SOUTHEND UNITED 1 DERBY COUNTY 2



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The Rams go double Dutch as Van Der Laan and Willems challenge



Simmo celebrates with a goal on his recall to the starting line-up, while (above) Southend old-boy Chris Powell looks on as Studger gets in a shot

THIS was a game which not only saw the Rams break that drawing habit – they also performed as a slick unit for the first time in weeks.

Even when Andy Thomson's goal put Southend one-up in the 30th minute, Jim Smith's side continued to play with confidence – and came away with their first ever victory at Roots Hall.

Paul Simpson's 54th minute equaliser justified his recall to first team action in a frustrating afternoon for striking partner Dean Sturridge, who couldn't get his name on the scoresheet however hard he tried.

But it was Studger's shot four minutes from time after an inspirational attacking double substitution from the manager – Gabbiadini and Flynn on for Carsley and Chris Powell – which led to Ron Willems slotting home to claim all three points.

RAMS IN FIRST DIVISION ACTION

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Gabby feels the pressure as Eric Young moves in

THE RAMS' biggest crowd of the season settled into their seats for a thriller which never really got off the ground. Mark McGhee's Wolves came to the BBG for a draw and got what they wanted.

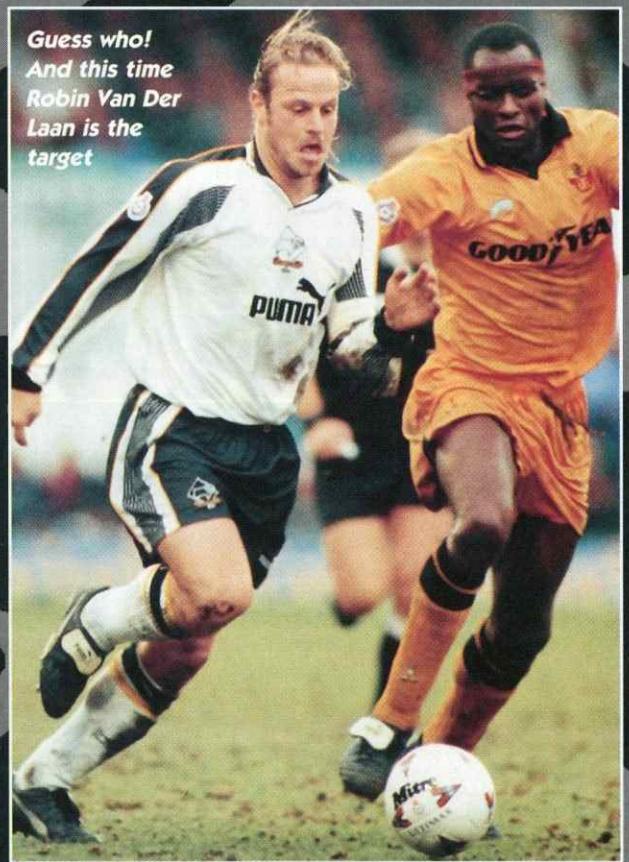
Ron Willems is the man who has been pulling the strings for dynamic striking duo Dean Sturridge and Marco Gabbiadini – but Simon Osborne shadowed his every move to bring about a stalemate on a heavy BBG pitch.

Main talking point of the first half concerned Steve Bull's boot, which somehow managed to make contact with Igor Stimac's head in a tussle between the two big men. Referee Terry Heilbron saw nothing wrong in the incident – if he saw it at all – and Bull escaped a caution while Igor spent five minutes recovering in the treatment room.

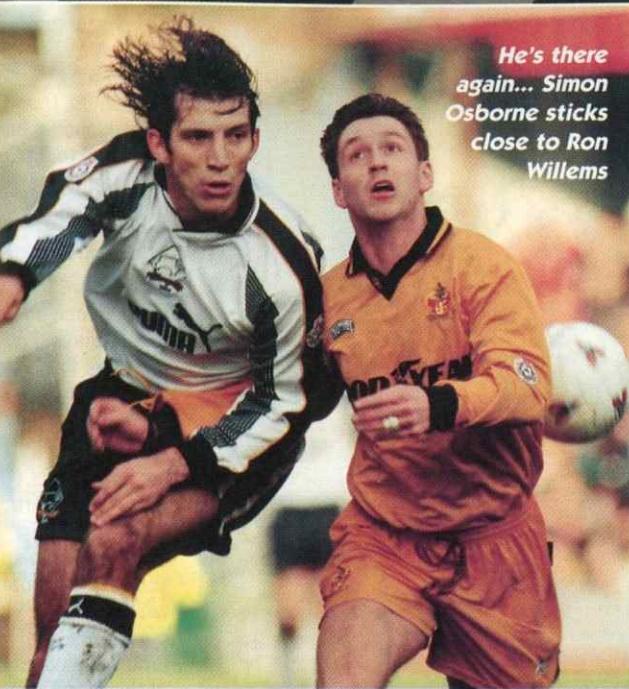
Marco Gabbiadini created the Rams' best chance for himself on 37 minutes when he turned past Eric Young on the edge of the box but saw keeper Mike Stowell turn away his piledriver from 15 yards.

Russell Hoult, who had little to do all afternoon, was suddenly called into action on 65 minutes, saving a point-blank effort from Darren Ferguson who had latched on to Osborne's delightful chip through. Then Willems ensured the Rams' a third consecutive draw when he headed off the line from Don Goodman's 77th minute header.

*Guess who!
And this time
Robin Van Der
Laan is the
target*



He's behind you! It's Young again as Gabby breaks through



He's there again... Simon Osborne sticks close to Ron Willems



Ouch! Don Goodman climbs all over Lee Carsley



Russ to the rescue: Rams' keeper Russell Hoult dives in bravely to deny Darren Ferguson

DERBY COUNTY 0 WOLVES 0

by Mike Wilson

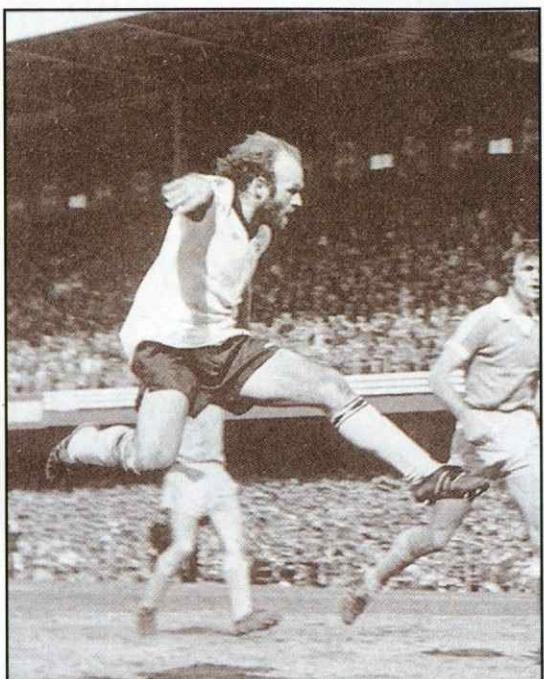
THE RAMS played two away games in the last week of February 1976, the first at Upton Park against West Ham United.

The Rams were playing with great assurance, but had not inflicted a heavy defeat on any of their opponents. The same applied in this match where the Rams were very much the superior side, but had to settle for a narrow victory.

It took Derby an hour to turn their superiority into a goal. Charlie George did the honours, clipping the ball in from a pass by Kevin Hector. The Hammers rallied but could not conjure up a goal, the Rams making the game safe with seven minutes remaining. Archie Gemmill's pass found Leighton James, whose shot appeared to be going in before Bruce Rioch made sure.

In midweek the fourth-placed Rams went to Old Trafford to take on third-placed Manchester United. In the first half the Rams could not find an answer to the young United team which brimmed full of speed and mobility. In the second period Archie Gemmill and Bruce Rioch turned things round in midfield with a masterly display.

The quality of the Rams was there for all to see as they came back into a game which seemed to be lost. The point which the Rams earned kept



Archie Gemmill: led Derby's remarkable second half fightback against high-flying Manchester United

their Championship hopes alive, keeping them just one point behind leaders Liverpool, with 11 games to play.

United took the lead in the first half following a free kick for a foul, Gordon Hill's cracker from 25 yards coming back off the bar for Stuart Pearson to beat Graham Moseley.

conceded compared with Liverpool who had conceded only 24 goals, scoring 48.

Charlie George was the only player to have reached double figures with 14 goals. Lee and Hector, had netted eight, and six respectively, while Rioch and James had scored four goals each.

James Methven

NAMES FROM A CENTURY AGO

JAMES METHVEN had a dual career at Derby, first as a player and then as a manager. 100 years ago he was very much a player.

It was his fifth season with the Rams after joining from Edinburgh St. Bernards in May 1891. He remained the Rams' regular right full back until 1906, playing for a short while after becoming manager in 1906.

Season 1895-96 saw Methven make 27 League appearances out of the 30 fixtures. In the previous four seasons he had missed only one League fixture to give him the formidable record of 142 appearances in 146 League matches. He played in 458 League games and 52 F.A. Cup games including the finals of 1898, 1899 and 1903.

Methven was the second manager of the club, following on from Harry Newbould. He was the first sole manager as Newbould also performed the duties of club secretary. In his first season – after the departure of Steve Bloomer to Middlesbrough – the Rams suffered their first ever relegation. In 1910 Bloomer was persuaded to return and helped the Rams under Methven to regain First Division status in 1911-12. After suffering another relegation in 1914 the Rams regained their status at the first attempt, only to be interrupted by the First World War. By the time that ended Methven, who also worked at Rolls-Royce, tried in vain to find new blood for an ailing club which was again relegated in 1921. A year later, suffering from glaucoma, he relinquished the post.

Milestone for Simmo

PAUL Simpson, the perennial substitute this season, reached a club milestone in the League fixture at Cleethorpes against Grimsby Town. His appearance from the bench, as a substitute for Marco Gabbiadini, represented his 150th League appearance for the Rams.

He made his debut in the away game against Leicester City on February 22 1992 and celebrated with a goal in a Rams 2-1 victory.

Paul scored seven goals in his 17 League appearances, but did not score in either of the Play Off games against Blackburn Rovers.

He made his 300th League appearance against West Ham United, a game which was the Rams' eighth defeat in 11 home League fixtures. That was Paul's 35th League appearance, in which he had scored 16 goals.

His 50th League appearance for the Rams came in the penultimate game of the season, a 2-0 home win over Notts County. By that time he had scored 19 goals and made three appearances as a substitute.

It was against Notts County that Paul made his 100th competitive appearance for the Rams.

The disappointing game ended in a 1-1 draw though Paul did not add to the 31 goals he had scored in

87+13 appearances.

In the League he had

made 81 appearances, 10

of which were as a

substitute, scoring 26

goals. The 19 appearances

to take him to 100 League

appearances for the Rams

took until November 19

1994, when Derby defeated

Port Vale at the BBG 2-0

with goals from Tommy

Johnson. Paul had added a

further three goals in the

19 games, five of which

were as a substitute to

take his total to 29.

Paul completed 150

competitive appearances

for the Rams in the 0-1

home defeat by

Sunderland in April last



Comeback kid: Simmo in action against Southend

year and ended the season with 42 goals in 156 appearances, 19 as a substitute. In the League he had scored 36 goals in 127 appearances, 15 of which came from the bench.

This season although starting in the team Paul has recently been making most of his appearances from the bench, doubling his total appearances from 15 to 30 as a substitute.

He was recalled to the team for the victory at Southend on Saturday and duly obliged with his second League goal in 9+15 appearances, his 151st League appearance for the Rams.

Paul's complete record in the league and for the Rams is:

League	Apps	Goals
Man City	99+22	18
Oxford Utd	138+6	43
Derby	121+30	38

TOTAL 358+58 99

● His 100th goal at club level came in the 5-3 home win over West Bromwich Albion in October 1993. The goal at Southend was the 120th of his competitive career in his 505th game of which 67 have been as a substitute. Paul's 500th competitive appearance was on New Year's Day against Norwich City, as a substitute.



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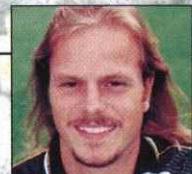
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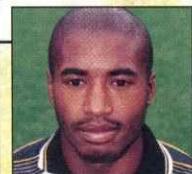
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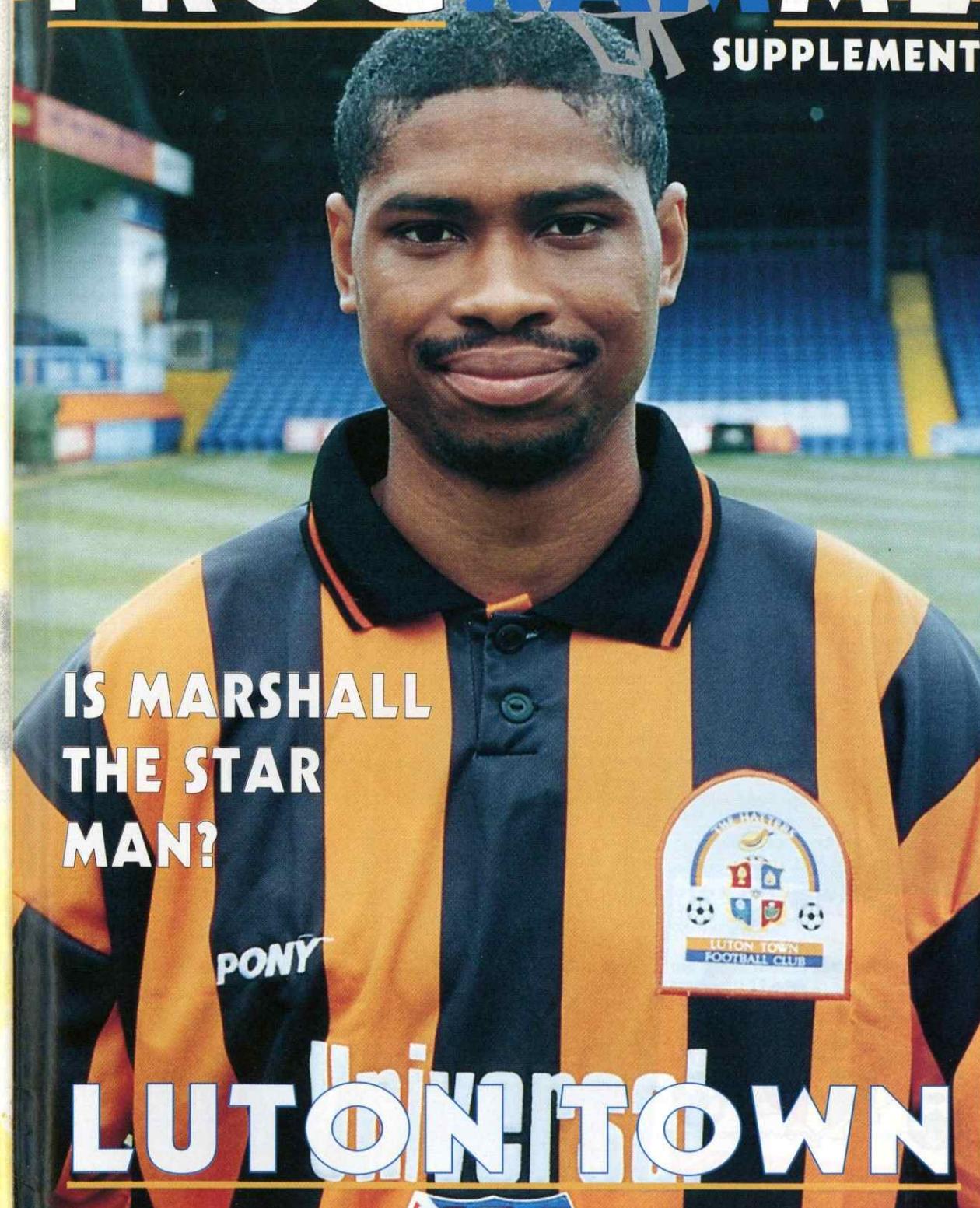


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LUTON TOWN

GOALKEEPER

IAN FEUER was signed from West Ham for £580,000 in December following a successful loan spell. West Ham signed him from the U.S. club Los Angeles Salsa but he was kept out of the Hammers side by the consistent Ludek Miklosko. Last season he played in the League during a loan period with Peterborough.
League & Cups 1995/96: 22 aps.

DEFENDERS

JULIAN JAMES is a former Luton trainee who first played in the League side in 1987/88. Two seasons later he was picked for the England under-21s, winning two caps. At a later period, when he was out of the Hatters side, he went on loan to Preston but he has been a regular for the best part of four years now.
League & Cups 1995/96: 14(3) aps.

STEVE DAVIS, who was signed from Burnley for £750,000 last summer, began his career with Southampton but he was limited to only seven League outings with the Saints. He spent loan periods with Burnley and Notts County before making a full transfer to Burnley in 1991. He was a regular in the Clarets side

Lennie Lawrence took over as Luton's manager shortly before Christmas, a few weeks after leaving Bradford City where he had been in charge since the summer of 1994.

Mr Lawrence started his managerial career with Charlton, where he spent nine eventful years. In 1986 he led the club back into the old First Division after an absence of 29 years.

But life at the top was always a struggle and in 1990 Charlton were relegated.

He took over at Middlesbrough in July 1991 and enjoyed a remarkable first season. He quickly knocked the team into shape and, in addition

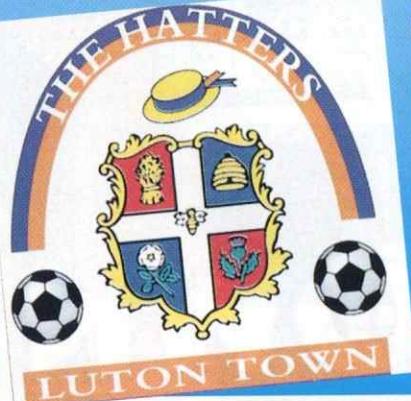
to winning promotion to the Premier League, he helped them equal a club record by surviving to the semi-finals of the League Cup.

Middlesbrough were later relegated but he remained at Ayresome Park until 1994 when he moved on to Bradford City.

Mr Lawrence spent his playing days in top amateur football with Croxton, Carshalton Athletic and Sutton United but, when his playing days came to an end, he decided to break into the professional game.

He took up coaching and eventually became assistant-manager at Plymouth. He later took a similar post with Lincoln before initially joining Charlton as reserve team coach.

He took over as manager in December 1982.



in each of his four seasons with the club.
League & Cups 1995/96: 26 aps., 2 gls.

DARREN PATTERSON, who arrived from Crystal Palace in a £230,000 deal in November, is a N. Ireland international with eight caps. He remained in the reserve teams with his first club W.B.A., getting his League chance after moving to Wigan in 1989. He was transferred to Palace in the summer of 1992.
League & Cups 1995/96: 8(1) aps.

MICHAEL THOMAS returned for his second spell with the Hatters in November 1993. He started as an apprentice at Kenilworth Road, making his League debut in 1983. He did well enough to earn three England under-21 caps before transferring to Tottenham for £250,000 in 1986. He moved on to West Ham in 1991, remaining at Upton Park until his return to Luton.
League & Cups 1995/96: 9(3) aps.

MARVIN JOHNSON rose from the youth team to make his League debut during the 1987/88 campaign and he is now fast approaching his 200th League appearance for the Hatters.
League & Cups 1995/96: 28 aps., 1 gl.



MIDFIELDERS

RICHARD HARVEY played for the England youth team during his years as an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. He made his League debut in 1986 and has since made more than 150 League appearances for the Hatters. At one point he spent a loan period with Blackpool.
League & Cups 1995/96: 26(2) aps., 1 gl.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER started as a trainee with Scunthorpe. After making his League debut in 1991, he made more than 150 League appearances for them before joining Luton for £100,000 last summer.
League & Cups 1995/96: 22(2) aps., 1 gl.

GARY WADDOCK joined Luton from Bristol Rovers last season. He kicked-off with Q.P.R. and soon won a place in the Republic of Ireland side, going on to win 21 caps. His career seemed to have been ended by injury in 1986 but he made a come-back in France with Charleroi and, after signing for Millwall in 1989, he regained his place in the Ireland side. He returned to Q.P.R. in 1991, then had a short loan period with Swindon before joining Bristol Rovers in 1992.
League & Cups 1995/96: 18(4) aps.

CERI HUGHES earned a recall to the Wales team this season, winning his fifth cap against Albania in November. He is an ex-trainee who made his League debut in 1990. Ceri has also played for Wales at "B" level.
League & Cups 1995/96: 19(1), 1 gl.

TONY THORPE turned professional with Leicester but did not get into their League team. He moved on to Luton and won his League chance two seasons ago.
League & Cups 1995/96: 8(11) aps., 2 gls.

SCOTT OAKES began his career with Leicester but got only rare chances in their first-team. Since moving to Luton in 1992, he has been a permanent member of the senior squad.
League & Cups 1995/96: 16 aps., 3 gls.



FORWARDS

DAVID OLDFIELD (left) started his career with Luton but, after making only 29 League appearances, he was the subject of a £600,000 transfer to Manchester City in March 1989. He left for Leicester the following year and it was at Filbert Street that he established himself as a League player. He spent a loan period with Millwall last season, then returned to Luton during the summer.



League & Cups 1995/96: 15(9) aps., 2 gls.

BONTCHO GUENTCHEV is a Bulgarian international who came into English football in November 1992 when Ipswich paid Sporting Lisbon £250,000 for him. He was transferred to Luton last August and was second-highest scorer with eight goals in all matches prior to last weekend.
League & Cups 1995/96: 15(7) aps., 6 gls.

JOHN TAYLOR thought his chance of a League career had gone when Colchester released him and he went non-League with Sudbury. But Cambridge gave him a come-back chance in 1988 and he soon earned a reputation as a prolific scorer with them. He moved to Bristol Rovers in 1992, then to Bradford City in 1994. Luton signed him for £200,000 in March 1995.
League & Cups 1995/96: 14(3) aps.

DWIGHT MARSHALL, top scorer with 13 goals last season, was leading the way again with 12 goals in all competitions prior to the weekend. He first came into prominence with Plymouth, who signed him from Grays Athletic in 1991. He scored 15 times for Argyle in 1991/92 but later went on loan to Middlesbrough. Luton signed him for £150,000 in July 1994.
League & Cups 1995/96: 24(2) aps., 10 gls.

VIDAR RISETH was signed from Norwegian club Konsvinger for £100,000 in October.
League & Cups 1995/96: 5(2) aps.

THE RECORDS

BIGGEST WIN

Derby County 5
Luton Town 0
March 29 1975

HEAVIEST DEFEAT

Derby County 0
Luton Town 3
April 29 1989

LAST HOME WIN

Derby County 2
Luton Town 1
October 9 1993

THE PROGRAMME SUPPLEMENT

Lennie Lawrence can look back upon his first couple of months in charge of Luton with some satisfaction.

The Hatters were anchored to the bottom of the First Division when he arrived but they went into last Saturday's home game against Millwall unbeaten in six League matches under his charge, four of which had been won.

Now the Hatters have an excellent chance of preserving their First Division

THE NEW MANAGER HAS TURNED THINGS AROUND WITHOUT RESORTING TO BIG TEAM CHANGES

LAST AWAY WIN

Derby County 2
Luton Town 1
September 2 1995

LAST HOME DRAW

Derby County 0
Luton Town 0
August 20 1994

LAST AWAY DRAW

Derby County 0
Luton Town 0
December 11 1994

LAST HOME DEFEAT

Derby County 2
Luton Town 3
May 5 1990

LAST AWAY DEFEAT

Derby County 1
Luton Town 2
January 22 1994

status.

One game Mr Lawrence will wish to forget however, is their third round F.A. Cup at Grimsby where they were beaten by an amazing 1-7 scoreline. "To say that it was an inept defensive performance would be kind," he said "It was a game that was unbelievably illuminating for me for all the wrong reasons."

Mr Lawrence has turned things around without resorting to wholesale team changes.

Steve Davis and Marvin Johnson have been holding the central defensive positions through Darren Patterson did switch from full-back to play couple of games here.

Patterson and Julian James have filled the right-back spot with Mitchell Thomas operating on the left.

Following the departure of goalkeeper Juergen Sommer to Q.P.R. in August, the positions was held for a while by Kelvin Davis. Ian Feuer was then



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signed from West Ham.

Midfield positions have been occupied by Graham Alexander, Gary Waddock, Scott Oaks and Tony Thorpe. When Oaks was injured, Ceri Hughes earned a recall.

Paul McLaren has also played in midfield whilst Richard Harvey has been used both in midfield and at left-back.

The versatile David Oldfield has appeared both in attack and midfield and is often included as substitute.

The three chief contenders for the two attacking positions are John Taylor, Bontcho Guentchev and Dwight Marshall.

The Hatters have won away games in the First Division at Southend (1-0), Ipswich (1-0) and Norwich (1-0). They drew at Grimsby (0-0), Wolves (0-0), Watford (1-1) and Leicester (1-1) but were beaten at Reading (1-3), Millwall (0-1), Tranmere (0-1), Stoke (0-5), Barnsley (0-1) and Portsmouth (0-4).

They also lost away to Second Division Bournemouth (1-2) in the Coca-Cola Cup so, having only drawn 1-1 at home, they took an early exit from that competition.

Their F.A. Cup interest came to a

dramatic end as we have already mentioned, at Grimsby (1-7).

Saturday saw Luton pick up another good win in the league – 1-0 at home to Millwall. Tony Thorpe scored the only goal of the game – an 84th minute penalty.

That result saw Lennie Lawrence's team climbing further away from the relegation area.

Luton now have five teams below them – Reading, Port Vale, Sheffield United, West Brom and Watford – and have 35 points from 29 games.

Not a bad recovery for a team seemingly already condemned to the Second Division a matter of weeks ago.

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Saturday February 24th at 3.00pm

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LEICESTER CITY vs DERBY

Wednesday February 28th at 7.45pm

This is an all-ticket game. Leicester have allocated 2,500 seats and most have already been sold to season ticket holders. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale after tonight's game. The Roadrider leaves Derby Bus Station at 5pm and the return fare is £4.00. Roadrider tickets are available only to people with a match ticket.

DERBY VS HUDDERSFIELD

Saturday March 2nd at 3.00pm

Tickets go on sale after tonight's game.

SUNDERLAND VS DERBY

Saturday March 9th at 3.00pm

Tickets go on sale to season ticket holders only after Saturday's game against Portsmouth. All tickets are for terracing and priced £11 for adults and £6 for children. There are no reductions for senior citizens.

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	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1 Derby	30	9	5	1	28	11	6	5	4	20	21	55
2 Charlton	29	6	7	2	22	16	7	4	3	20	14	50
3 Stoke	29	7	5	3	20	11	5	4	5	21	23	45
4 Huddersfield	29	9	3	3	26	15	3	6	5	12	17	45
5 Sundaland	29	7	5	2	20	8	4	7	4	13	17	45
6 Southend	30	9	4	3	22	15	3	4	7	13	22	44
7 Barnsley	29	7	5	2	20	17	4	5	6	20	27	43
8 Leicester	29	4	6	4	20	20	6	5	4	23	20	41
9 Millwall	32	4	6	6	15	18	6	5	5	16	22	41
10 Ipswich	28	8	4	3	32	21	2	6	5	18	20	40
11 Portsmth	32	7	5	4	30	22	3	5	8	20	28	40
12 Norwich	31	5	6	5	19	18	5	3	7	23	22	39
13 Birmingham	28	6	5	2	22	16	4	4	7	16	22	39
14 C Palace	28	3	7	3	17	15	6	5	4	19	18	39
15 Grimsby	30	5	9	2	18	14	4	3	7	17	23	39
16 Tranmere	29	6	4	4	25	17	3	5	7	13	17	36
17 Wolves	29	5	6	4	21	18	3	5	6	17	21	35
18 Oldham	28	6	5	3	23	13	2	6	6	14	18	35
19 Luton	29	6	4	6	23	23	3	4	6	6	17	35
20 Reading	29	6	3	5	19	18	1	9	5	14	20	33
21 Port Vale	29	3	4	6	16	20	4	7	5	18	21	32
22 Sheff Utd	31	5	4	6	20	21	2	6	8	18	27	31
23 West Brom	29	6	3	6	19	18	2	2	10	15	31	29
24 Watford	28	3	5	5	16	15	2	5	8	14	25	25

League table as at February 19th 1996

FIRST TEAM ANALYSIS 1995-96

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Date	V	Opponents	Res	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub	Sub	Sub
Aug 13	H	Port Vale	0-0	10,869	-	Sutton	Flynn	Wassall	Rowett	Powell	Harkes	Van der Laan	Trollope	Stallard	Gabbadini	Simpson	Preece(4)	Sturridge(9)	Hoult
Aug 19	A	Headington	2-3	9,280	-	Sutton	Flynn	Wassall	Rowett	Harkes	Van der Laan	Trollope	Stallard	Gabbadini	Simpson	Kavanagh(8)	Sturridge(9)	Hoult	
Aug 26	H	Grimbsy Town	1-1	10,564	-	Sutton	Kavanagh	Trollope	Flynn	Wassall	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Willems	Preece	Simpson	Nicholson(3)	Harkes(11)	Stallard
Aug 30	A	Wolves	0-3	16,053	23	Sutton	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Flynn	Wester	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ²	Carsley	Preece	Harkes	Trollip(9)	Wassall(6)	Simpson(4)
Sept 2	A	Luton Town	2-1	6,427	16	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Flynn	Wester	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Carsley	Preece	Harkes	Trollip(9)	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)
Sept 10	H	Leicester City	0-1	11,767	19	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Carsley	Wester	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Flynn(4)	Preece(5)
Sept 13	H	Southend	1-0	9,242	17	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Wassall(10)	Trollip(0)
Sept 16	A	Portsmouth	2-2	14,434	20	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)
Sept 19	A	Shrewsbury CCC(1)	3-1	3,170	16	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ²	Carsley	Preece	Harkes	Trollip(9)	Wassall(6)	Trollip(10)
Sept 23	A	Barnsley	0-1	8,929	21	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Flynn(4)	Preece(5)
Oct 1	H	Millwall	2-2	9,590	20	Sutton	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Wassall(10)	Trollip(6)
Oct 4	H	Shrewsbury CCC(2)	1-1	8,825	-	Sutton	Carsley	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Harkes	Simpson	Wassall(10)	Trollip(0)
Oct 7	A	Sheffield United	2-0	12,721	16	Sutton	Carsley	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)
Oct 14	H	Ipswich Town	1-1	13,034	17	Hoult	Carsley	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge ²	Carsley	Preece	Harkes	Trollip(9)	Wassall(6)	Trollip(10)
Oct 22	A	Stoke City	1-1	9,435	17	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson(11)	Carsley(8)	Trollip(10)
Oct 25	H	Leeds United CCC(3)	0-1	16,030	-	Hoult	Kavanagh	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson	Wassall(10)	Trollip(6)
Oct 28	H	Oldham Athletic	2-1	11,565	14	Hoult	Carsley	Nicholson	Preece	Yates	Wassall	Van der Laan	Sturridge	Gabbadini	Powell	Harkes	Simpson	Wassall(10)	Trollip(6)
Dec 2	H	Sheffield United	4-2	13,841	7	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(10)	Trollip(6)	Trollip(0)
Dec 9	H	Barnsley	4-1	14,415	2	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(10)	Trollip(6)	Trollip(0)
Dec 16	A	Millwall	1-0	7,694	2	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Dec 23	A	Huddersfield Town	3-1	16,882	1	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Dec 26	A	Huddersfield Town	18,495	1	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)	
Jan 1	H	Norwich City	2-1	16,714	1	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Jan 7	H	Leeds United FA3	2-4	16,155	-	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Jan 13	A	Reading	3-0	15,123	1	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Jan 20	A	Port Vale	1-1	11,974	1	Hoult	Rowett	Nicholson	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 3	A	Grimsbay Town	1-1	7,818	1	Hoult	Wassall	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 10	H	Wolves	0-0	17,460	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 17	A	Southend United	2-1	8,331	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 21	H	Luton Town	0-0	17,460	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 24	H	Portsmouth	0-0	17,460	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Feb 28	A	Leicester City	0-0	17,460	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Yates	Rowett	Van der Laan	Sturridge ¹	Flynn	Gabbadini	Powell	Wassall(8)	Trollip(10)	Trollip(0)
Mar 2	H	Huddersfield Town	0-0	17,460	1	Hoult	Rowett	C Powell	Powell	Y									

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr Mike Riley (Leeds)
 Linesmen: Mr P. Eastwood (Yellow Flag), Mr B.P. Ellicott (Red/Yellow flag),
 4th Official: Mr R.A. Vaughan



TONIGHT'S MASCOTS

THE RAMS Family Club mascots leading out the team today are Jamie Rowland (left) of Alvaston, and Robert Carter of Chellaston. Jamie, 9, attends Boulton Junior School and his hobbies include swimming and football. His favourite players are Paul Simpson and Igor Stimac. Robert, who celebrates his 13th birthday next week, attends Chellaston School and plays for Chellaston Boys and FC Diamonds. Favourite players are Marco Gabbiadini and Igor.



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1	Ian Feuer
2	Julian James
3	Mitchell Thomas
4	Gary Waddock
5	Steve Davis
6	Darren Patterson
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