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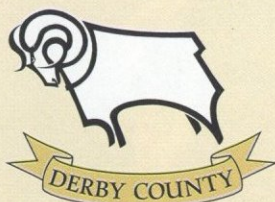
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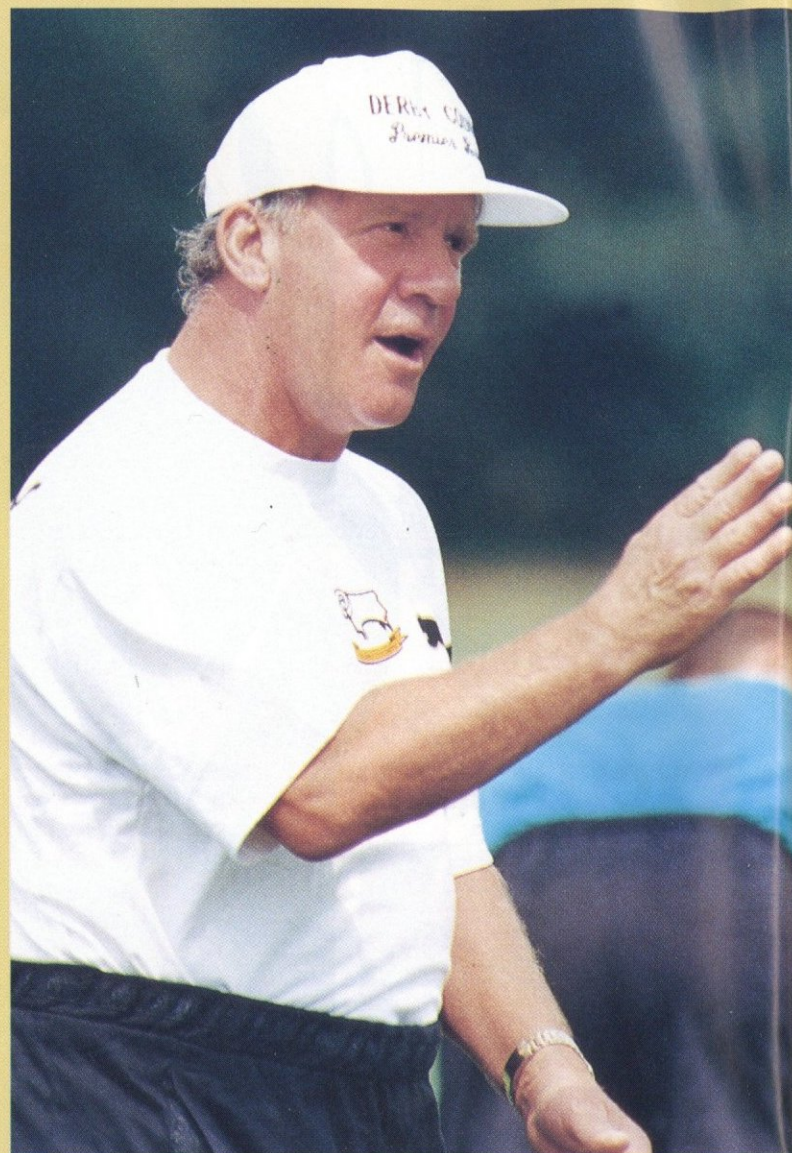
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“You cannot go out onto a football pitch in the belief that you’re about to play a lesser team...”

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HAVE to say that the result in the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup match last week at Kenilworth Road flattered us – we put in a dreadful performance and should have been beaten by two or three.

To say I was unhappy with our performance at Luton is understating the point – it was all the more disappointing because it came on the back of very good performances in the Premier League.

Okay, we had three or four players out, but we should have the strength in depth to cope with that – the display we put in was all down to attitude.

You cannot go out onto a football pitch in the belief that you’re about to play a lesser team – if that’s your attitude you’ve got big problems.

If we get that mental attitude right we have a team which can do well in the cup competitions. We have already proved by our results in the Premiership that, whoever the next round of the Coca-Cola Cup brings, we have nothing to fear. The vital thing is that we’re in that third round!

We should be able to pull back a 1-0 scoreline and it means everyone has got something to aim for.

At this stage last season we had already beaten Shrewsbury 3-1 in the away leg and the match was seemingly dead and buried. That said, our attitude was again wrong at the Baseball Ground and we scraped a draw.

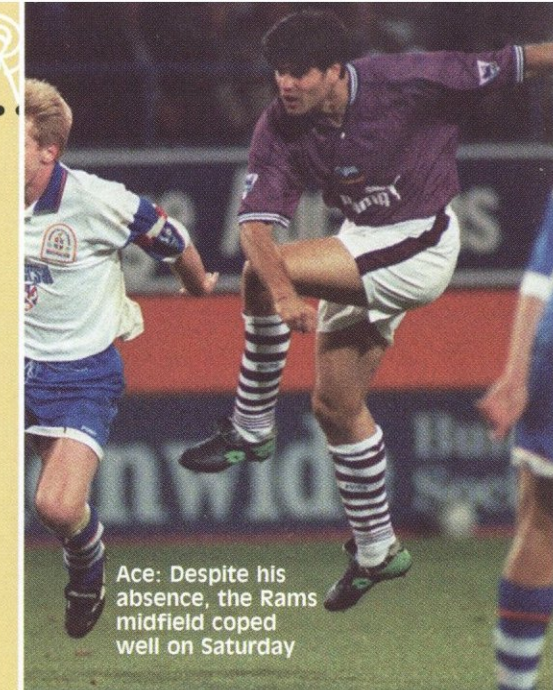
We welcome Lennie Lawrence and Luton Town tonight. It must have been very disappointing for all at Kenilworth Road that they slipped into the Second Division last season – but, as we’ve learned already, they shouldn’t be underestimated.

They still have individuals who can turn a game – players such as Ceri Hughes who is always dangerous. David Oldfield has been through the Leagues and always gives 110 per cent and at the back Mitchell Thomas has loads of experience from his Tottenham days.

Thank goodness we got back to something like Premiership form at Hillsborough on Saturday. I can’t say I was happy with the result because we missed too many chances – but I was satisfied with the display.

The question I am now asking is do we have the players who will score goals for us on a regular basis? Kevin Pressman had an excellent game in the Wednesday goal because we did hit the target a few times, but in the Premiership we have got to be more clinical.

Among the good things to come out of the game was the battling performance of Lee Carsley in midfield. He doesn’t have the vision of Asanovic, but it was great to have the commitment in midfield of Lee, Darryl Powell



Ace: Despite his absence, the Rams midfield coped well on Saturday

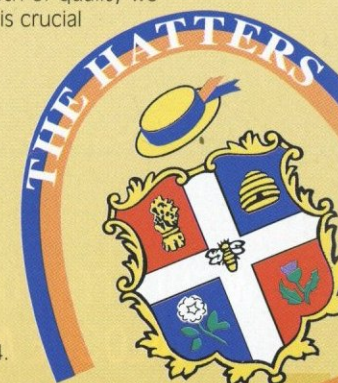
It’s time to sort out a big attitude problem

and Christian Dailly – three young men who will gladly run around all day.

Losing someone of Ace’s talent through injury will always be a blow – he is a fantastic player but also a bit of a free spirit, so although we missed the clever ball which Ace can deliver I was confident we could cover his absence, and so it proved.

Again we showed the depth of quality we have in the squad and that is crucial in the big league because Premier sides will always expose any weaknesses.

Many people looking at our first seven Premiership games would have happily accepted seven points as a good return – the fixtures seemed so tough. We’ve actually accumulated 10 and I suppose it’s a good sign that we’re kicking ourselves for not getting 14.



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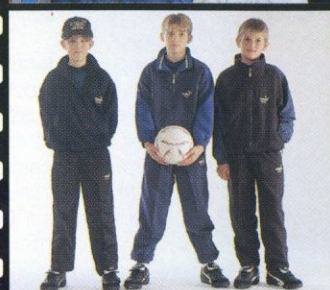


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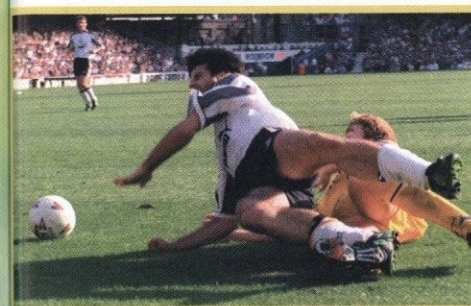
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Rams in action.....

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Rams 1 Sunderland 0

JIM SMITH'S warning about "a good old fashioned game" after the quality of the Manchester United showpiece proved prophetic as Peter Reid's Sunderland made life difficult for the Rams with another physical and organised display. Richard Ord's dismissal on 26 minutes by referee David Elleray for a second bookable offence should have opened the door for Derby, but the Rokermen piled players behind the ball and still managed to miss the best two chances of the game when Kevin Ball twice fired over with the goal at his mercy. Ace Asanovic, again dominant in midfield, rocked the crossbar with a superb long effort and Sunderland 'keeper Tony Coton had to be at his best to keep out a string of shots and headers. The Croatian star was at the centre of the action when the Rams were finally rewarded for their patient approach six minutes from time. Attacking the left-hand-side of the Sunderland box, Ace was brought down by the visiting side's right-back Gareth Hall. He pulled himself up to beat Coton from the spot and earn Derby's first home win of the campaign.



Above: It's a clear penalty as Sunderland's Hall bundles Ace over in the box.

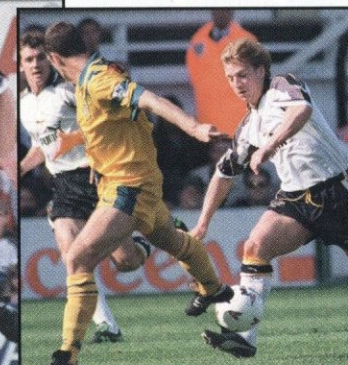
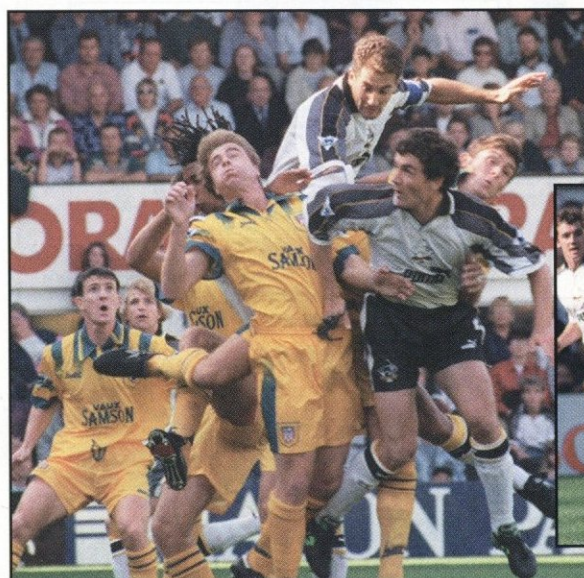
Right: Ace strikes his spot kick wide of Sunderland hero Tony Coton.

Below: Igor and Christian Dailly take on the Rokermen in the air.



Below: Marco breaks through against his former team.

Right: Igor goes up for the ball with Sunderland's Steve Agnew.



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From the sidelines... MATCH OF THE DAY...

Train and footy-mad honeymooners John and Jane Rogers couldn't believe their luck when they met Rams Chairman Lionel Pickering and he invited them to see Derby take on Man Utd...

honeymoon couple John and Jane Rogers received an unexpected wedding gift after a chance meeting with Derby County Chairman Lionel

Pickering.

The newly-weds, who both work on the railways, are so obsessed by trains they tied the knot on Platform One at Bowness Station in Scotland a few weeks ago, then they set off on their honeymoon – touring Scotland by train.

The Derby County owner was also holidaying in Scotland, and he got chatting to the couple as they shared a train compartment on the way back from a visit to Fort William.

After hearing about their railway romance and love of football Mr Pickering put another destination on the schedule for the happy couple, who live in Hamilton, near Glasgow.

He invited 30-year-old train-driver John and 23-year-old Jane, a clerical worker from Cardiff, to join him as VIP visitors in the directors' box to watch Derby County play Manchester United at the Baseball Ground.

On the day, in addition to joining Lionel, Jane and John were introduced to a celebrity or two as well as enjoying a very exciting match. They met with Coronation Street's Tracy Shaw, former Derby County star Dave Mackay and Sir Bobby Charlton after the thrilling game which the Rams drew 1-1 with last year's champions.

The happy couple were then put up for the night at the city's Midland Hotel – in room 125 of course – from where they



Left and inset: John and Jane Rogers – the happy couple with a passion for trains and football



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Above: John and Jane enjoy the company of Derby County chairman, Lionel Pickering and Rams all time great player and manager Dave Mackay

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could enjoy the sights and sounds of Derby Railway Station. The couple were more than chuffed with their unscheduled detour to Derby.

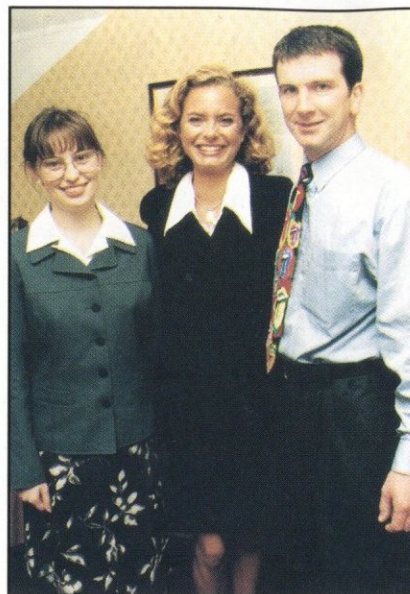
"My two obsessions in life are football and trains and when we got chatting I discovered Lionel was interested in both of them," said John. "When he asked us to the game it was an offer we couldn't refuse."

"I wanted to be a train driver since I was a boy and it seemed only fitting to get married on a platform - and Jane agreed."

"There was only one hitch, unlike the trains at Bowness, Jane was very late arriving on the station because she'd been stuck in traffic! The couple said their visit to the Baseball Ground was one of the most exciting nights of their lives.

"Now I'd like to return the favour," said John, a Rangers fan. "I've invited Lionel to join me for a game at Ibrox." The couple are now continuing their honeymoon - letting the train take the strain - as usual.

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Above: John and Jane with Coronation Street's Maxine, aka Tracy Shaw

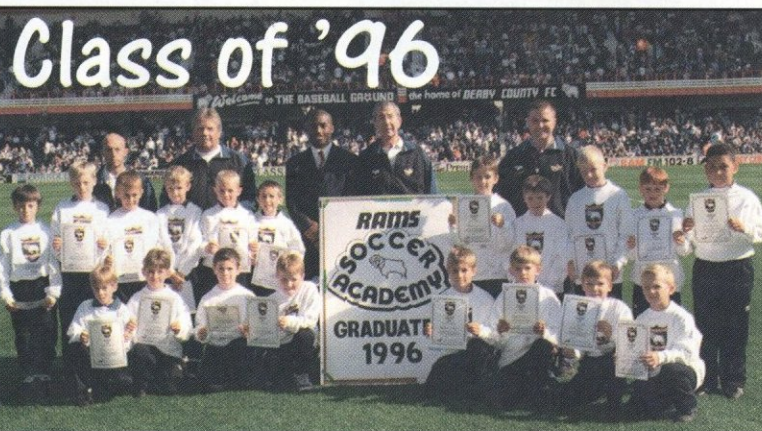
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An invitation to the Derby County cathedral service

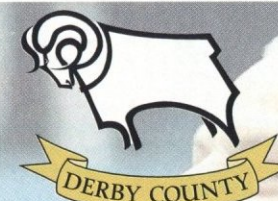
Make sure you make it to the church on time for the annual Derby County service. It will be held this Sunday, September 29th at Derby Cathedral beginning at 3pm prompt.

Rams players and officials will be there and as usual you are welcome to attend on this important annual occasion in the club's calendar.

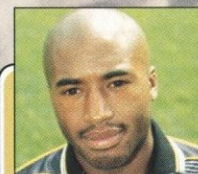
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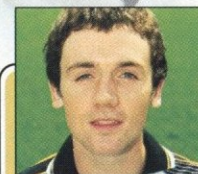
Above: The ground-breaking youngsters who marked their graduation to the Centre of Excellence at the Rams' first home win against Sunderland last week



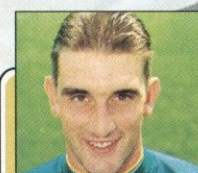
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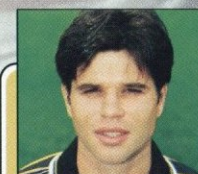
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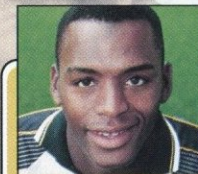
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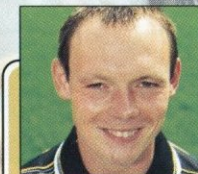
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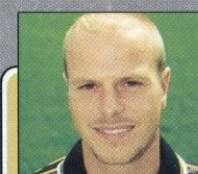
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Winners – 1988;
Runners-up 1989

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Runners-up – 1988

Manager

Lennie Lawrence

Nickname

The Hatters

Stadium capacity 9,975

THIS time last season Luton Town and the Rams were both battling it out in the First Division.

Indeed it was at Kenilworth Road on September 2 1995 that Derby, in the middle of an indifferent start, chalked up their first victory of the season – 2-1 – thanks to two strikes from Dean Sturridge.

Before long the Rams had hit top spot in a promotion-winning campaign, while Luton were eventually condemned to relegation, despite a fighting draw at the BBG late in February this year.

Few who witnessed last week's second round first leg Coca-Cola Cup match at Kenilworth Road would have credited Derby with being the new Premiership team as their early season form completely deserted them and the Hatters – inspired by Julian James' long-range cracker – came out with a single-goal advantage which could have been more.

Luton's performance was far removed from an indifferent start in the League which had seen them lose out to the Rams' Derbyshire neighbours Chesterfield only the week before.

Currently 15th in Division Two following Saturday's scoreless draw at Bury, Lennie Lawrence's side have now played eight in the League, notching up 10 points from three wins, one draw and four defeats.

In recent history, Luton's most successful periods have been identified with David Pleat's management. After two near misses his side won the old Division Two championship in 1981/82, setting a points record with only four defeats during the entire season.

The Town struggled in their first year back in the top flight however, and relegation was still a worry two years later.

Pleat stepped in to make some brave purchases which not only saved Luton's Division One status but also enabled them to reach the FA Cup semi-final for only the second time – they lost out on extra-time to Everton.

The club celebrated its centenary by installing an artificial surface at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1985. Season 1986/87 saw a highest-ever League placing of seventh, and Littlewoods Cup success was secured the following year with a thrilling last minute 3-2 win over Arsenal at Wembley.

The club's League Cup success was almost repeated in 1988/89 with a final appearance against Nottingham Forest, but this time the Town went down 3-1.

Luton's place in the top flight was maintained with some memorable escape acts, the most notable being in 1990 with a 3-2 win at Derby on the last day of the season.

The Town, with Pleat rejoining the club, entered the 1991/92 season with fresh hope but were finally relegated on the final day of the season.

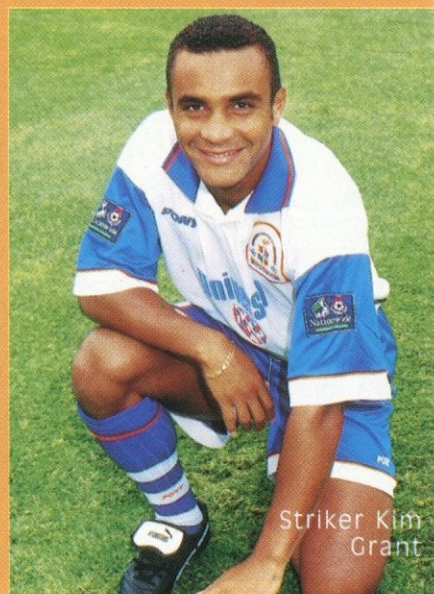
Pleat put together a good young side which peaked during the 1994/95 season in the new First Division – but the campaign tailed off, leading to the record £2.5-million transfer of John Hartson to Arsenal.

Pleat himself left to join Sheffield Wednesday in the summer of 1995 and youth team coach Terry Westley was promoted to the manager's chair. He left in December with the team bottom of the League.

Lennie Lawrence's appointment saw the Hatters embark on an eight-match unbeaten run – but ultimately they found themselves out of the top two divisions for the first time since the early 1970s.



Midfielder Gary Waddock



Striker Kim Grant

Luton Town A-Z

GRAHAM ALEXANDER

Born: Coventry, October 10th 1971.

Graham joined the Hatters in July 1995, and was Terry Westley's first signing after being confirmed as Luton's new manager. The Town coaching staff had been watching him for two seasons before deciding to make their move, with the fee in the region of £100,000, with further payments depending on appearances. Can play in defence or midfield.

KELVIN DAVIS

Born: Bedford, September 29th 1976.

Kelvin is a highly-rated keeper who made his league debut for the Hatters on the final day of the 1993/94 season in a 2-2 draw at Stoke. He spent a month on loan at Torquay in September/October 1994, before winning a place in the Luton starting line-up in March.

With Juergen Sommer on international duty, Kelvin made his home debut in the televised 'derby' with Watford, saving a penalty in the 1-1 draw. He kept his place until the end of the season, and also won two England youth caps.

Kelvin was selected for the England Under-21 squad for the Toulton Tournament in June 1995. Signed new four-year contract in June 1995, and was again in England Under-21 squads throughout the 95/96 season.

STEVE DAVIS

Born: Hexham, October 30th 1968.

Steve joined the Hatters in the summer of 1995 for £750,000 from Burnley after making over 160 league appearances, scoring 22 goals. He joined the Turf Moor side in August 1991 for £60,000 from Southampton, after loans spells at Burnley and Notts County.

He captained Burnley during their rise up the league into Division One, and played in both their victories over Luton in the 1994/95 season. Was a commanding figure for the Hatters in 95/96, but again suffered the agony of relegation as Lutons, like Burnley the previous season, dropped out of Division One.

IAN FEUER

Born: Las Vegas, May 20th 1971.

Ian signed for the Hatters from West Ham in December 1995, for a fee which could rise to £580,000 depending on appearances. The 6ft 7in American arrived at Luton in September, and spent three months on loan. Was Luton's Player of the Year for the 95/96 season. At West Ham he was understudy to Ludek Miklosko, but never played a first team game, and due to restrictions on overseas players was kept off the bench by Les Sealey. Spotted by West Ham playing in Belgium, although he actually signed from Los Angeles Salsa.

KIM GRANT

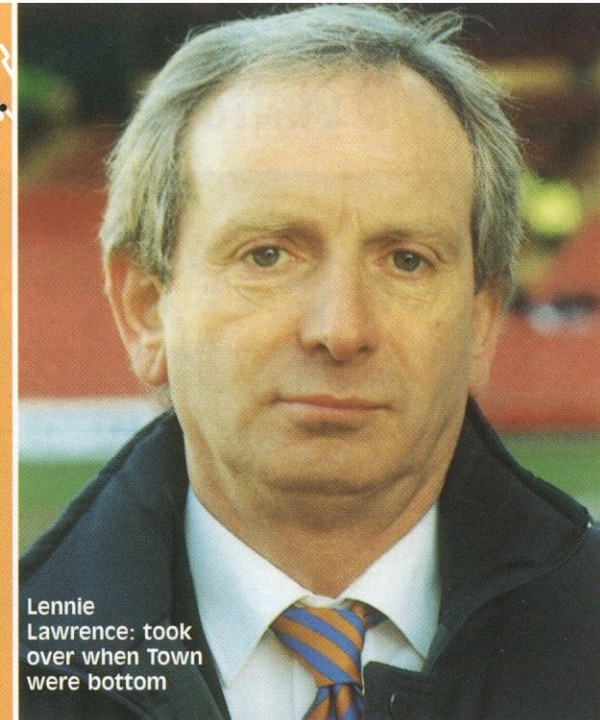
Born: Ghana, September 25th 1972.

Signed from Charlton, where he had made his debut under Lennie Lawrence, for £250,000 in March 1996, and scored on his debut against Ipswich. Was selected for the Ghanaian national squad in the summer of 1996, playing against Egypt and Denmark.

BONTCHO GUENTCHEV

Born: Bulgaria, July 7th 1964.

The Bulgarian international signed for the Hatters on a 'free' after being released by Ipswich. The 31-year old stiker, who played in the 1994 World Cup in the USA when Bulgaria reached the semi-finals, had been at Ipswich for three seasons, playing 58 games in the Premier League. His wife's employment at the Bulgarian embassy now means he is free to continue playing in the UK. Scored vital goals for the Hatters in 95/96 and played for Bulgaria in the 1996 European Championships.



Lennie Lawrence: took over when Town were bottom

Luton Town deserved first-leg win

CERI HUGHES

Born: Rhonda Valley, February 26th 1971.

Ceri was a regular in the Town midfield in the 1993/94 season, and his performances earned a call-up to the full Welsh side. He made his Luton debut at Aston Villa in 1990 and has also represented his country at youth and under-21 levels. Played for Wales in Albania in November 1995. Had a trial period at Crystal Palace in summer 96, but they decided against a deal.

JULIAN JAMES

Born: Tring, March 22nd 1970.

Julian joined Luton as a trainee, and was introduced to First Division football in 1988, but was sent off on his debut in a Littlewoods Cup win at Leeds in November of that year. A former England Under-21 international, he was a regular at left-back in the 1993/94 season, but made the right-back position his own in 1994/95. Was in and out of the side at the start of the 95/96 campaign, before an extended run at right-back after Christmas. Granted a benefit match in 1996.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Born: Wembley, October 29th 1968.

Marvin made his Football League debut against Wimbledon in 1988 and quickly established himself as a versatile defender. Started the 1994/95 season at left-back, but then switched to the centre of defence to form a reliable partnership with Trevor Peake. Marvin was one of only three players to play in every first team match in 94/95 season. He was again a consistent performer in 95/96 at centre-back.



DWIGHT MARSHALL

Born: Jamaica, October 3rd 1965.

Dwight signed in summer 1994 from Plymouth for £150,000 after scoring 14 goals for Peter Shilton's side the previous season – his third campaign at Home Park after playing non-league football with Grays Athletic. Started well for Luton, with two goals in the 5-1 win over Middlesbrough in October. Scored 13 goals in 95/96, but suffered a broken leg in February – out for the rest of the season.

PAUL MCLAREN

Born: High Wycombe, November 17th 1976

Paul debuted in the Town first-team on the final day of the 1993/94 season. He joined the Hatters from school and is an England youth international. Started as a centre-half, but spent much of 1994/95 in midfield for the reserves. Full debut at Tranmere, October 1995.

DAVID OLDFIELD

Born: Perth, Australia, May 30th 1968.

David returned to Kenilworth Road in summer 1995, six years after leaving Luton Town. He began his career with the Hatters, progressing through the junior ranks to a two-goal senior debut in a 2-1 Simod Cup win at Everton in February 1988. He also scored on his full league debut in a 2-1 home win over Watford in May 1988, and went on to make 29 league appearances for the Hatters, scoring four goals. Australian-born Oldfield, played for England Under-21s, and joined Manchester City for £600,000 in March 1989, then moved to Leicester City. Rejoined Luton for £150,000.

TREVOR PEAKE

Born: Nuneaton, February 10th 1957.

Trevor began his league career at Lincoln City in 1979, before moving to Coventry City in 1983. He enjoyed eight full seasons at Highfield Road, winning an FA Cup winners' medal in 1987, the Sky Blues beat Tottenham 3-2 at Wembley. Trevor joined Luton for £100,000 in August 1991 and signed a new one-year contract in summer 1994. For the first time he was ever-present throughout the season. He was voted the Supporters' Club Player of the Year, and signed a further one-year deal in summer 1995, and was appointed reserve team coach in the 95/96 season.

DARREN PATTERSON

Born: Belfast, October 15th 1969.

Darren signed for the Hatters in August 1995 from Crystal Palace for £150,000, rising to £200,000 based on appearances. The Northern Ireland international began his league career with Wigan and joined Palace for £250,000 in 1992. An achilles injury put him out of the first two months of the season, and kept him out of the Northern Ireland's final European Championship qualifying matches.

PAUL SHOWLER

Born: Doncaster, October 10th 1966.

Signed in August 1996 for £50,000 from Bradford City where he played under current Luton boss Lennie Lawrence. Played non-league football for Altrincham and Barnet, with league appearances for the latter following their promotion from the Conference.

Luton A-Z

JOHN TAYLOR

Born: Norwich, October 24th 1964.

John joined Luton from Bradford City on deadline day in March 1995, for £200,000. He started his career at Colchester, but was later snapped up by Cambridge from non-league Sudbury. He scored 46 goals in 160 appearances for Cambridge before a move to Bristol Rovers, where he netted 44 goals in 95 appearances. He scored 13 goals for Bradford before his move to Luton, then added three goals for the Hatters before the end of the season after his debut on March 26 against Watford.

MITCHELL THOMAS

Born: Luton, October 2nd 1964.

Former England Under-21 international. Made over 100 appearances for Luton before moving to Spurs, shortly after David Pleat, in 1986. He played in the 1987 FA Cup Final, later moving to West Ham. He was on loan at Luton in the 1993/94 season before a permanent free transfer move, and after missing the start of the season through suspension was a regular at left-back in the 1994/95 campaign. Recalled by new manager Lennie Lawrence in December 1995 and responded with an ever-present record until the end of the season.

TONY THORPE

Born: Leicester, April 10th 1974.

Tony made an immediate impact in the Town side when he scored for them in his debut at Newcastle United in the fourth round of the FA Cup in January 1994. He joined them at the start of the 1992/93 season, following a spell at Leicester. He made just five substitute appearances during 1994/95. Scored Luton's winning goal at Southend in August 1995 – the Hatters' first win of the season, and their first under Terry Westley.

GARY WADDOCK

Born: Alpertown, March 17th 1962.

Gary completed a free transfer move from Bristol Rovers in December 1994 after a three-month loan at Kenilworth Road. Began his career with QPR making over 200 appearances, including an FA Cup Final against Spurs in 1982, and the subsequent replay. That was followed by a spell in Belgium with Charleroi as Gary recovered from a serious knee injury. He also had spells at Millwall, QPR again, and Swindon, before moving to Bristol. His consistency in 1995/96 was rewarded with the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

JAMIE WOODSFORD

Born: Ipswich, November 9th 1976.

Jamie made his first-team debut coming on as a substitute in the 1-0 win at Port Vale in September 1994, but had to wait until the final day of the season for his debut in the 3-2 home defeat by Stoke City. A regular scorer in youth and reserve team football.

Previous encounters: LUTON TOWN vs DERBY

Mike Wilson delves into the more recent archives to relive a Luton vs Derby clash from 1993...



PICTURE: RAYMONDS

Left: The lads celebrate Pembridge's hat-trick

The Rams had met Luton in

the FA Cup, but not the League Cup, before this second round tie. The Rams had won all three games in the FA Cup, the last of which was on January 23 1993. They had met Luton Town in 1946 and won by 6-0 at Kenilworth Road, before winning 3-0 in the second leg at the Baseball Ground.

In 1993 there were six more goals at Kenilworth Road, with the Rams winning 5-1. So last week's encounter was a disappointment for Rams' fans with Luton's first victory over the Rams in a cup competition, albeit in only a fourth game, the third at Kenilworth Road.

In the 1993's clash former Luton Town player Mark Pembridge, who confronted the Rams last Saturday, scored the first hat-trick of his career. The Rams' finishing was clinical and the main difference between the teams on the day.

Luton began by attacking from the kick-off and the Rams' defence was hard pressed. Steve Sutton was not called upon for 25 minutes, when he had no chance as Luton took the lead. Kavanagh fouled Phil Gray and Rees crossed for Telfer to beat Short in the air to head powerfully into the net. The Rams were level five minutes later when Pembridge took a throw and after receiving the ball back from Forsyth, crossed for Kitson to head past Chamberlain – Short stabbing it into the net.

As the game progressed towards half-time the Rams scored twice in two minutes. Gabbiadini played Johnson up the left and he roasted James before crossing low and hard. Pembridge lunged, but missed, the ball passing through to Kitson. He shot and Pembridge flicked it past Chamberlain into the net.

At 45 minutes Peake failed to deal with a long clearance from Sutton. Gabbiadini, moving up the left, crossed for Pembridge to score with a first time right foot shot into

the corner of the net.

At 56 minutes Pembridge

made it three goals and a hat-trick. Again Gabbiadini was the provider with an angled through-ball, which left Pembridge clear of the Luton defence. The Welshman stroked the ball past the advancing Chamberlain, for a 4-1 lead.

Hughes had missed a good opportunity just before that goal and Telfer curled a free kick narrowly wide. Johnson went round the goalkeeper only to hit the outside of a post before the Rams scored a fifth goal. Forsyth crossed the ball from the left and though Chamberlain blocked Gabbiadini's first effort could not recover as he scored at the second attempt.

So Pembridge had won the game for the Rams with his three goals in a 13 minute spell. Gabbiadini contributed to two goals and scored the fifth, causing constant problems to the Luton defence. It was the Rams' 11th away win of the season in a game where Richard Goolooze was preferred to Steve Hayward in midfield.

DERBY COUNTY:

Sutton; Kavanagh; Forsyth; Short; Wassall; Pembridge; Johnson; Kuhl; Kitson; Gabbiadini; Goolooze (Micklewhite 83). Other sub: Coleman

LUTON TOWN:

Chamberlain; Dreyer; James; M. Johnson; Hughes; Peake; Telfer; Benjamin (Harvey, 73); Rees (Oakes 62); Gray; Preece
REFEREE – Mr. P.W. Harrison (Oldham)
Attendance – 9,170

COCA COLA CUP

2ND ROUND, 1ST LEG

Luton Town 1
Rams 0

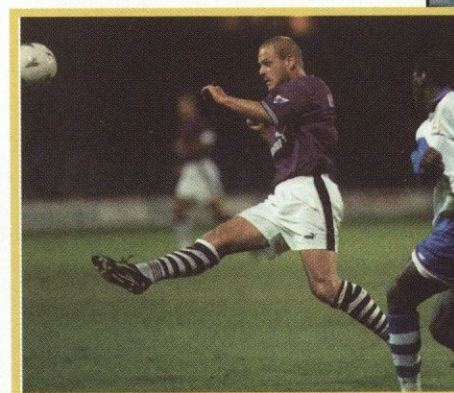
Julian James sealed the Rams' doom last Tuesday with a shot from outside the penalty area in what was a decidedly lack-lustre performance from the Derby lads at Kenilworth Road. Luton battled hard and their willingness to rise to the challenge gave them the edge over the injury ridden Rams team. Derby seemed uneasy in possession and Luton capitalised on this to great advantage. Luton took the lead after 25 minutes when James slammed a low shot past Hoult after good work from Alexander and Thomas down the left. Derby looked more alert and purposeful in the second half, taking more chances to attack but to no avail. There was a further scare when Grant put the ball into the net on 55 minutes - but he was ruled offside. All in all it was hats off to the Luton lads as they put Derby up against it, then survived second half pressure.

PICTURES: RAYMONDS PRESS AGENCY



Above: Christian Dailly rises to the occasion - taking on a solid Luton defence.

Below: Robin van der Laan strides out in midfield in his second first team outing of the year.



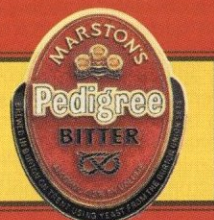
Above: Christian hammers the ball past a bemused looking couple of 'Hatters'.



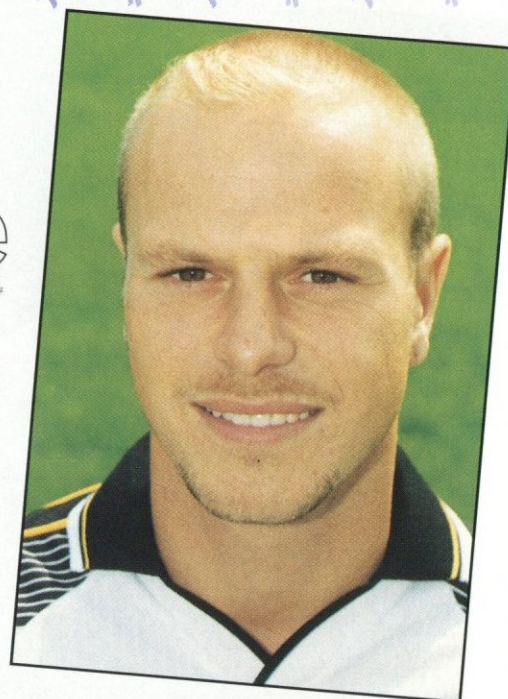
THE OLD SMITHY AT BATCHWORTH

MANY THINGS HAVE GONE FOR A BURTON THESE DAYS - BUT THANKFULLY NOT IN BURTON. MARSTON'S PEDIGREE REMAINS THE GOLDEN PINT IT ALWAYS WAS BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY BEER TRADITIONALLY BREWED IN WOODEN CASKS

THANK HEAVENS SOME THINGS ARE WHAT THEY USED TO BE



Robin's backing the new Rams



Robin van der Laan didn't have a lot of luck early this season. Last year's skipper and the man who scored the Premiership promotion decider against Crystal Palace spent the first few weeks of Derby's Premiership campaign battling against injury and absent from the side he captained to victory last year.

The robust midfielder finally made his Premiership debut in the Rams' first home win against Sunderland on September 14th. After that victory he told THE RAM about his frustration at the start of the season and his hopes for the rest of it.

"Obviously I knew it was going to be hard to get back into the team. We have a good squad, not many players have gone and a few good players have come in. The injury I have had has made it very difficult - and the lads have done very well."

Speaking of new players he had some words of praise for new Croatian star Asanovic, scorer of the winning goal against Sunderland. Robin rates him very highly. "He's done very well and his skill speaks for itself. You just can't get him off the ball."

THE BETTER SIDE

Robin was thrilled to be part of the team that achieved the first Rams home win. The Sunderland match was a rough one with six bookings and a sending off. Asked how the lads coped with the slightly volatile atmosphere Robin said: "You have to match them step for step. We knew Sunderland were one of the hardest sides to beat, they're very strong defensively. They do like to kick at you all the time - but you just have to match that. Football-wise we knew we were the better side."

With the sending off of Richard Ord, Sunderland were left with 10 men on the pitch - a state of affairs that seems deceptively advantageous for the opposition but can often prove troublesome. Robbie said: "Their middle four and back four were still intact and they were still difficult to break down, they still kept a lot of possession. But we kept the

“...we knew Sunderland were one of the hardest sides to beat... Football-wise we knew we were the better team...”

pressure on and usually 90 minutes gives you some chance to take the lead." Asanovic took that chance when he was brought down and awarded a penalty which he converted himself.

Robin is certainly happy to be back in the first team. Last season he was a first choice player throughout, never absent from the first team but for injury and a three-match suspension. This season it has been injury that has kept him out of the first team again, he told THE RAM of the frustrating ankle pain behind his early absence from his first team slot: "Both of my ankles were very painful during pre-season. The dry ground was like concrete and my ankles can't take much of that, especially with me being big built."

FRUSTRATION

"Pete Melville, the physio, thought I might need surgery but they took X-rays and scans and the specialist said there was nothing wrong - just a bruised bone in my ankle joint

- so if nothing flares up I should be OK."

Reflecting on last week's first leg defeat against second division team Luton Robin said: "It is always a worry, you have to try not to get too complacent because in every round there is an upset. Teams from the lower leagues are always beating bigger teams. We weren't good at Kenilworth Road, but now we have the chance to put that right in the second leg."

Despite the upset, Robin was encouraged by Saturday's draw at Hillsborough. Speaking after that game, Robin said: "It was another draw that we could have won. Sheffield Wednesday are a big team and that result was great for confidence."

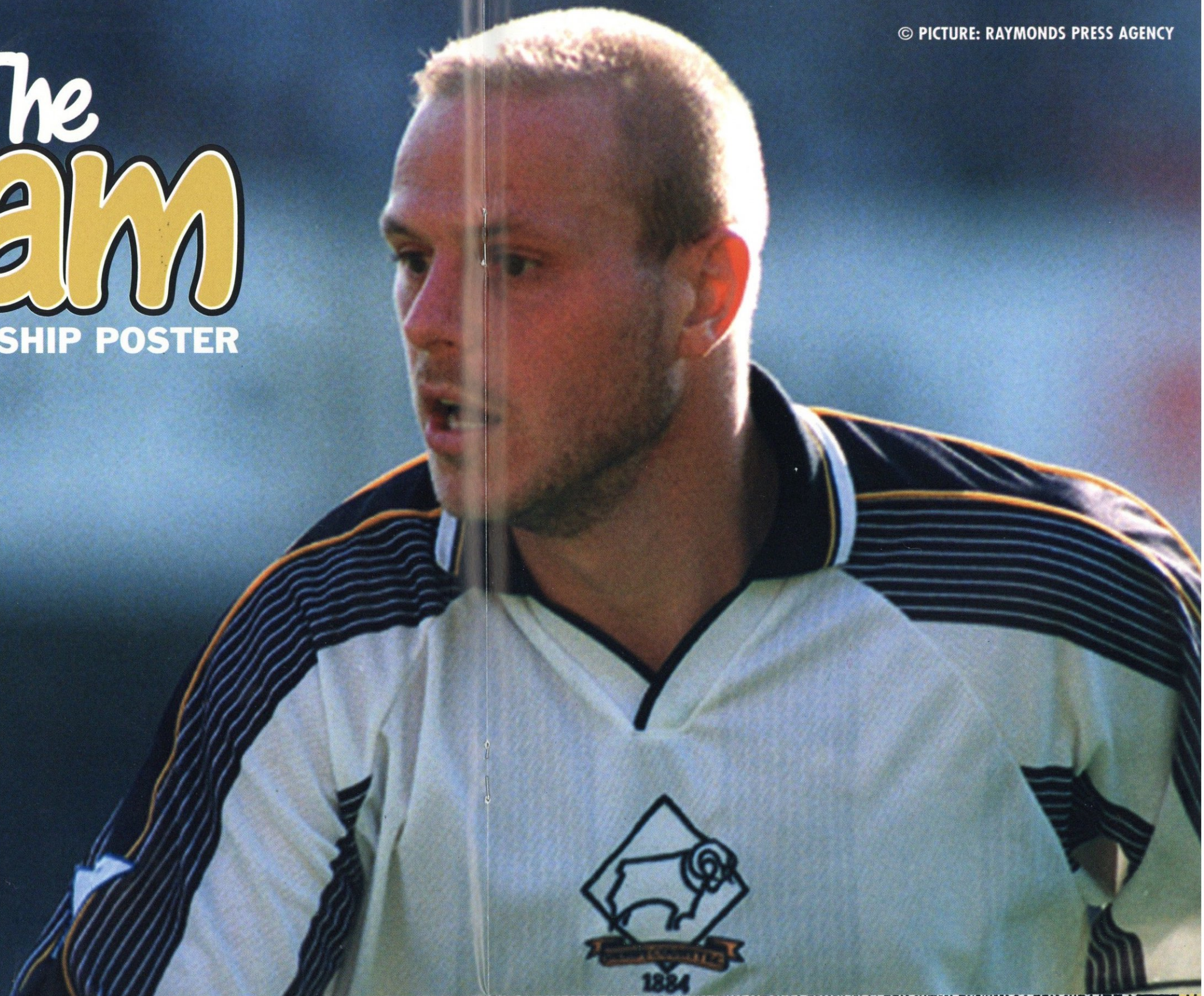
Now he hopes the same spirit with prevail for the return leg against Luton tonight. As Robin went on to say: "There is a long season ahead but we're doing OK."

INTERVIEW: AMELIA CLARK



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Everything
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know
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favourite
Rams
stars... and
didn't dare
to ask

Number four: Robin van der Laan

Date of birth: Born Schidam 5.9.68

Height: Just under 6ft **Weight:** 13st 8lb

Position: Midfield

Marital status: Single

Partner's name: Alexandra

Previous clubs: Wageningen; S.V.V.; Port Vale

Most rated opponent: Manchester United

If you could be any player from history which would you be? Dutch football's Johann Cruyff, "He was in the same class as Pele – one of the all time greats..."

Why did you come to Derby County? "The ambition they had, and the fact that they were a bigger club than Port Vale. I needed to step it up, I was too comfortable at Port Vale – I wanted a new challenge."

Who did you support as a kid? "Sparta Rotterdam, the team we played in our pre-season friendly."

Heroes/influences?: "I admire Tommy Lee Jones, the film star."

Who would YOU like to meet?

"I haven't got a clue"

Superstitions: "I always seem to do the same things like ways of warming up, and the food I eat. If I have a bad game I change something. You hear some players do the craziest things but I'm not really like that."

What do you wear in bed? "Not very much!"

Pet hates: "Slow and bad drivers – I hate them."

What does your girlfriend call you: "Normally Rob, except when she is not very happy."

Most embarrassing moment: "It was when I played for Port Vale. I remember it was the last game of the season, all the fans were gathering at the side of the pitch and I thought I'd take my shirt off and throw it into the crowd. But they jumped all over me and tried to strip me – It took me half an hour to get in and I walked off in just my underpants – and I was lucky to get away with them."

What would we find in your

glove compartment? "Mess"

First crush: "There was this girl at school when I was 15 or 16. She was 'the girl' the one everybody fancied."

If you were not a footballer what would you be? "Before I became a professional footballer I worked for my Dad's building company – I was going to take over but I found football was a much easier way to make money than getting up really early, leaving late and owning your own company!"

If you had a time machine where would you go? "I'd go into the future and see what it would be like. I'm car mad so I'd like to see what we're driving, or flying about in in the next 10 or 20 years."

Thoughts on the new stadium: "We're all very excited, now we just have to make sure we maintain our Premiership status."

Favourite music: "Anything with a good tune; U2; Oasis; Simple Minds..."

Favourite film: "Independence Day and Jurassic Park, I thought the special effects in both were brilliant."

Favourite car: "I don't have one, I always want a change. At the moment I have the club Rover and a Series 1 BMW."

Favourite colour: "Black, for clothes and cars, but I'm not so keen on it for eyes!"

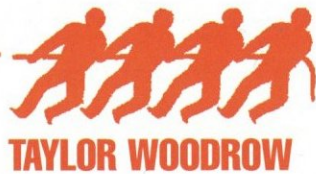
Favourite comedian: "Harry Enfield"

Favourite night out: "We mainly go out after games, for a few drinks in the Player's Lounge, then a meal, then a nightclub."

Favourite holiday destination: "I like America, I've been to Orlando, now I'd like to go to California."

Favourite food and drink: "I like everything but I'm not much for traditional English but anything foreign: chinese; Indian; Argentinian; Mexican – in Holland we have a lot more choice."





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Reserves & Youth.... Young guns star

A YOUNG Reserves team took a two-goal lead in a promising performance at Nottingham Forest's City Ground last Thursday.

Injuries to several in the first team squad meant run-outs for Steve Elliot (pictured), Martin Rowntree, Leroy Murphy, Sean Murphy and Craig Owen.

And another member of the young guns – Marc Bridge-Wilkinson – got the Rams off to a cracking start on 11 minutes when he played a neat one-



two with Leroy Murphy before bursting through to fire past the Forest 'keeper.

A superb turn and goal soon afterward from Craig Smith put the Rams further ahead – but Forest secured a draw with two second half goals.

PONTINS LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT
THU AUG 20	LEEDS UNITED	H	0-1
Wed Aug 28	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-3
Thu Sep 5	Everton	A	4-1
TUE SEP 10	MANCHESTER UTD	H	1-2
Thu Sep 19	Nottingham Forest	A	2-2
THU SEP 26	BOLTON W.	H	
TUE OCT 1	SHEFFIELD WED	H	
Mon Oct 7	Stoke City	A	
TUE NOV 5	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	
Tue Nov 12	Oldham Athletic	A	
TUE NOV 19	BLACKBURN RVRs	H	
Mon Nov 25	Liverpool	A	
Wed Dec 11	Manchester United	A	
TUE DEC 17	EVERTON	H	
Wed Jan 8	Bolton Wanderers	A	
TUE JAN 21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	
Wed Feb 19	Birmingham City	A	
TUE FEB 25	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	
Mon Mar 3	Blackburn Rovers	A	
TUE MAR 18	LIVERPOOL	H	
TUE MAR 25	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	
Wed Apr 2	Leeds United	A	
TUE APR 15	STOKE CITY	H	
Tue Apr 29	Sheffield Wednesday	A	

MIDLAND MELVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT
SAT AUG 10	WALSALL	H	2-1
Sat Aug 24	Aston Villa	A	0-1
Sat Aug 31	Birmingham City	A	1-3
Sat Sep 7	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	0-3
SAT SEP 14	GRIMSBY TOWN (C)	H	0-2
SAT SEP 21	LEICESTER CITY	H	
SAT SEP 28	LINCOLN CITY	H	
SAT OCT 5	PORT VALE	H	
Sat Oct 12	Notts County (C)	A	
Sat Oct 19	Northampton Town	A	
SAT OCT 26	NOTTS COUNTY	H	
Sat Nov 2	Nottingham Forest	A	
SAT NOV 9	PETER. UNITED	H	
SAT NOV 23	SHREWSBURY TOWN	H	
Sat Nov 30	West Brom	A	
Sat Dec 7	Walsall	A	
SAT DEC 14	WEST BROM	H	
SAT DEC 21	ASTON VILLA	H	
SAT JAN 4	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H	
Sat Jan 11	Coventry City	A	
Sat Jan 25	Leicester City	A	
Sat Feb 1	Lincoln City	A	
Sat Feb 8	Mansfield Town	A	
Sat Feb 15	Notts County	A	
SAT FEB 22	COVENTRY CITY	H	
SAT MAR 1	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	
Sat Mar 8	Peterborough United	A	
Sat Mar 15	Shrewsbury Town	A	
SAT MAR 22	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H	
SAT MAR 29	STOKE CITY	H	
Sat Apr 5	Stoke City	A	
Sat Apr 12	Grimsbay Town	A	
SAT APR 19	MANFIELD TOWN	H	
Sat Apr 26	Port Vale	A	
SAT MAY 3	WOLV WANDERERS	H	

Youth Profile

NAME: Robert Messina

BORN: London

POSITION: Right Midfield

ROBERT was born in London and attended the Sacred Heart and Cardinal Newman schools in Luton. He has played for Luton School Boys, Chiltern Youth Team and has represented Bedfordshire at County level.

The player he most admires is Ryan Giggs and his ambition is to play for Derby County and for his country.

His duties currently include cleaning the boots of Martin Taylor, Chris Powell and Dean Yates – and Robert says his family have inspired his wishes to be a footballer.

An old-fashioned style right winger, Robert is probably the fastest player in the current Youth Team squad, he's yet to break through to the team and, according to the coaching staff, must work hard on all aspects of his game and, when he gets his chance, must make the most of it.

Robert Messina

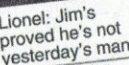




LIONEL PICKERING, the man whose money transformed Derby County's prospects, relished the moment of promotion to the

Lionel: Jim's proved he's not yesterday's man

Gerald Mortimer



by Gerald Marmor

"Author Cox moved by a whisker and Ray McFadden got us to Wembley. Ray's been able to clear the decks with a new team and they've got talent, which had not happened before."

"Now we have the problem of staying in the Premiership and building a stadium that could cost up to £200m."

"I can't have it, so it's interesting, but I can't have it, so it's interesting. We



Pickering deserves the success - Smith

PICKING

ONCE Jim Smith found some dry clothes, his first thoughts were for another Laurel Pickering.

Dorley Carson's manager clutched the fifth possession of his career and stood on the wrong end of a sackcloth from John Wilkins.

The boxer suffered a blow before the start of the game against Crystal Palace when defender Dean Venn was ruled out with a knee injury.

"I've suffered the best in training," he said.

The lad was in tears over the "Matti Carlson went in for his debut and played marvellously."

"Was a major let for him."


"As I - L Palace were playing than we were. In the second half our team got out."


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TRUE or FALSE?

1. Oldham Athletic's first name was Pine Villa.

3. England became a member of FIFA in 1905.

2. Geoff Hurst was the leading scorer of the 1966 World Cup Finals.

4. British clubs won all three European competitions in 1970.

WHO'S TROPHY CABINET?

Which Scottish club has lifted the following trophies?

Scottish Cup: 30 times
Division 1 Championship:
29 times
Premier Championship:
1976/77, 1978/79,
1980/81, 1981/82,
1985/86, 1987/88
Scottish League Cup:
10 times
European Cup: 1966/67

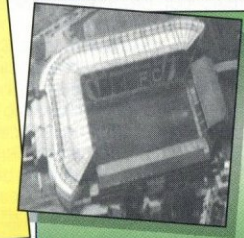
? QUICK QUIZ ?

1. Which club had ten players on international duty on 20th November, 1974?
2. Who became Ireland's most capped player last season?
3. Which club won the first League Championship after World War II?
4. With which club did midfielder Gary McAllister begin his career?
5. Which club shares the Memorial Ground with a rugby club?
6. In which country do Larissa, Kalamata and Panachaiki play?

IN WHICH YEAR DID...?

Everton win the League, Portsmouth win the FA Cup final against Wolves, Rangers win the Scottish League and Clyde win the Scottish Cup, England, Scotland and Wales share the Home Championship, 118,567 spectators watch Rangers play Celtic at Ibrox?

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SPOT THE GROUND

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'Norm & Ec'

by Norman Hood



Answers

QUICK QUIZ: 1. Leeds United; 2. Paul McGrath; 3. Liverpool; 4. Motherwell; 5. Bristol Rovers; 6. Greece.
 WHO'S TROPHY CABINET? Celtic
 TRUE OR FALSE? 1. True; 2. False; it was Eusebio with 9; 3. True; 4. False; Celtic lost the European Cup Final.
 IN WHICH YEAR? 1939.
 SPOT THE GROUND: St Andrews, Birmingham City

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Yesterday's Rams

STEP BACK IN TIME WITH THE RAMS

30

YEARS AGO



There was not a second leg to the second round of the League Cup 30 years ago, when the Rams were drawn away to Coventry City. The game took place at Highfield Road on September 13, 1966. The Rams had made a poor start to the season losing five and drawing one of their first six games. They went to Coventry with their first win behind them, 2-0 at Northampton.

The Rams at last approached the form which they were capable of, but without touching brilliance. The defence, which had conceded 13 goals in seven games, was much improved, with Webster outstanding. But the Rams' forwards were finding the Coventry defence, marshalled by George Curtis, as rugged and uncompromising as ever. But nevertheless the Rams started well and a header by Thomas, from a cross by right back Richardson, brought the best out of Glazier as he leapt up to tip the ball over the bar.

Thomas was the best Derby forward on view but his inside forward partner, Draper, drifted in and out of the game without making any telling contribution. The Rams were falling down in the last third of the field. After making quick breaks out of defence, their slowing down in this area gave the Sky Blues' defence time to regroup.

Coventry took the lead at 36 minutes, Farmer scoring from the edge of the penalty area after a cross by Clements had been headed away. That was the score at half-time, though the Rams had tried hard to gain an equaliser. Glazier had not been called upon to make a save of note as most of the Rams' efforts had foundered with misplaced passes in and around the penalty area. The main culprit was Draper whose final ball tended to be over ambitious.

As the Rams attacked they became more vulnerable at the back, and Coventry profited when a long clearance, out of defence, found Clements, who controlled it, before beating Richardson and scoring from close range. Coventry were in control of the game and Pointer might have added a third goal had Matthews, a former City goalkeeper, not flung himself at the oncoming forward. Pointer needed lengthy treatment, and the crowd showed their displeasure. Five minutes from time the Rams scored a consolation goal. Hughes won the ball and cut inside, before passing to Draper. He made ground before crashing in a shot which Glazier could only parry, for Hodgson to drive in. The Rams might have scored a late equaliser, but three minutes from time Buxton hooked in a shot which went narrowly wide, and the Rams were out of the competition.

COVENTRY CITY:

Glazier; Kearns; Burkitt; Farmer; Curtis; Bruck; Rees; Gibson; Gould; Pointer; Clements; Sub: Mitten

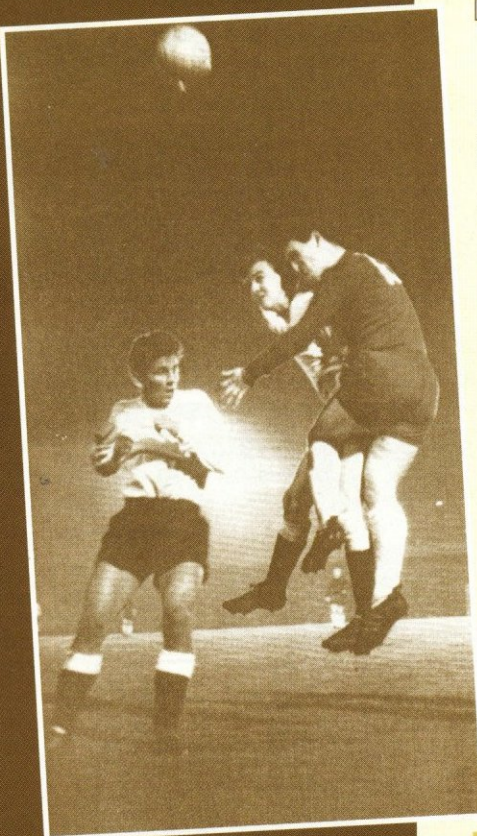
DERBY COUNTY:

Matthews; Richardson, Daniel, Webster, Saxton, Waller, Hughes, Thomas, Buxton, Draper, Hodgson; Sub Upton.

REFEREE Mr. A.E. Dimond (Harlow)

Attendance 14, 829

The Ram mag historian Mike Wilson takes us through the fortunes of Derby County in bygone times. Here's a look at what the Rams were up to this time 10, 20 and 30 years ago.



Top: Matthews let in two for Coventry but wouldn't allow them to make it three!

Above: Saxton and Webster involved in a more successful challenge against Birmingham City. But Webster was outstanding in defence against Coventry

20 YEARS AGO

Still in the time before two legs were introduced into the second round, the Rams were drawn away to Doncaster Rovers, at the Belle Vue stadium. The Rams had opened the season by drawing their first three League games. They gradually took control of this tie, at times producing their best football so far. However they had to come from behind to win an entertaining game. Three days earlier Doncaster had been beaten 0-4 at home by Torquay United, but made a mockery of that scoreline by playing great football and gaining the lead.

The Rams started off well enough, but failed to capitalise on any chances to score and ease the pressure. George missed an opportunity at four minutes, stabbing a cross from James over the bar.

Rovers took the lead at 21 minutes, when Miller's centre was headed down by O'Callaghan, for Kitchen to side swipe past Moseley on the volley. James missed two chances to equalise, both after George headed on clearances. The ball simply ran away from him on the first occasion, and then he brought out a brilliant save from former Forest custodian, Peacock.

Taylor, earlier booked for a foul on Rioch, was the main reason for the Rams' attacks coming to nothing. He stopped every centre and picked up loose balls in and around the penalty area. McFarland was in superb form - and he needed to be to cope with the awkward O'Callaghan, whose main strength was in the air.

The turning point of the tie came when Macken replaced King. Macken played on the right flank with Rioch back in midfield. For

20 minutes the Rams played some beautiful football, but could not gain the goal which it deserved. James had a shot deflected over, and George had a shot on the turn well saved by Peacock who dived to his right and held on to the ball. The equaliser came at 73 minutes, and fittingly James played a part in it. From a free kick Rioch swept a ball out to Thomas, who played it on to James. He crossed from an awkward angle, the ball clipping the bar before dropping invitingly for George to head in. James had begun to play a greater part in the game in the second half, twisting and tormenting the Rovers' defence down the Derby left flank. The Rams scored the eventual winner 10 minutes from the end. Thomas ran strongly at the Rovers' defence before bringing in Macken, whose cross found Rioch. He had time to control the ball and beat Peacock comfortably from close range. As Rovers fought back Moseley tipped over a header from O'Callaghan, but the Rams proved worthy winners, for their first success of the season.

DONCASTER ROVERS:

Peacock; Creamer; Brookes; Ternent; Reed; Taylor; Miller; Murray (Robinson 81); O'Callaghan; Kitchen; Laidlaw

DERBY COUNTY:

Moseley; Thomas; Nish; King (Macken 64); McFarland; Todd; Newton; Gemmill; Rioch; George; James

REFEREE Mr G. Courtney (Spennymoor)

Attendance 14,888

The Rams had started the season with only one defeat in their first five games, when they met West Bromwich Albion in the second round of the League Cup. The first leg was played at the Baseball Ground, on September 24 1986.

Albion, managed by Ron Saunders, revealed some disgraceful tactics which resulted in them having one player ordered off and four more cautioned. But the Rams refused to be intimidated and ran out worthy winners, with a handy lead to take to the Hawthorns. Albion took the lead at seven minutes. Palmer had already been booked for not retreating at a free kick. A long cross by Whitehead caught out the Rams' defence, and Ross MacLaren quickly headed back to Wallington, allowing the alert Steve Bull to nip in and lob the ball over the Rams' goalkeeper. The Rams equalised at 17 minutes, when, after good work by Sage and



Above: Phil Gee scored the only goal of the second leg after this victory to allow the Rams to go through 5-1 on aggregate

10 YEARS AGO

Davison, Micklewhite hit in a centre which Gee allowed to pass on to Chandler, who scored with a cracking shot past Naylor. The Rams took the lead at 20 minutes when Gee turned past the struggling Bennett and rolled the ball back for Davison to pick his spot. Dickinson elbowed Williams in the face and was sent off while the injured Bennett followed, four minutes later, to be replaced by David Burrows. At this stage Albion had completely lost control, and just on half time the Rams scored a third goal. Davison, turning on a free kick by Gregory saw his shot hit a post, for Micklewhite to thump in the rebound.

Bobby Williamson worked tirelessly for Albion, but the Rams continued to dominate. Their second half efforts produced only one more goal, at 68 minutes. Micklewhite's corner was headed on by Pratley for Davison to head into the net. Only good goalkeeping by Naylor prevented the Rams from adding to their lead. Davison, subject of a £200, 000 bid by Oxford United had ran Dyson ragged in a brilliant display. The Rams eventually went through 5-1 on aggregate, Phil Gee scoring the only goal of the second leg.

DERBY COUNTY:

Wallington; Sage; Forsyth; Williams; Pratley; MacLaren; Micklewhite; Gee; Davison; Gregory; Chandler; Subs. Garner; Cross

WEST BROMICH ALBION:

Naylor; Whitehead; Anderson; Bennet (Burrows); Dyson; Dickenson; Palmer; Evans (Robinson); Bull; Williamson; Dobbins

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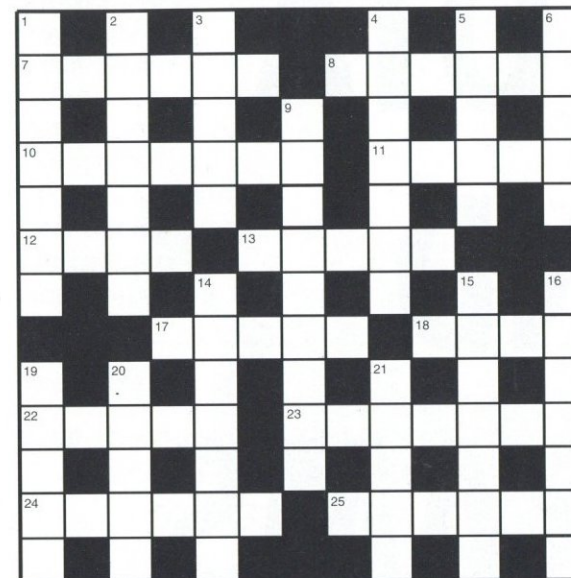
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ACROSS

7. No not Di's Carlin - but an old Derby favourite! (6)
8. Billy gets 'em ready for the first team! (6)
10. Belonging to the 'Lord of the Manor'? (7)
11. Go wrong around agreement at N.E. football ground. (5)
12. Englands away strip. (A bit like John Major!) (4)
13. A swashbuckler's namesake grabbed the points off Blackburn! (5)
17. Not so short shorts, popular in 2dn's day! (5)
18. Short, fat hairy legs belonging to partner of sadly missed Luton Town Fanatic! (4)
22. A little bird tells me this is what they call a Sheffield Wednesday Apprentice! (5)
23. Resolute, like an 80's Pop Star. The Rams will be in the Premier League next season! (7)
24. Igor - one of many coming into the country! (6)
25. David who's played for both of tonight's clubs! (6)

DOWN

1. More than one limb required to

- decide early round winners in this cup competition! (3,4)
2. Very early Rams player, who had a loaf named after him? (7)
3. A scrooge or as far as D.C.F.C. were concerned - a Maxwell! (5)
4. Being a hit with a girl or putting the ball in the net - same thing! (7)
5. At last after too many years dozing. Derby County seem to have stirred! (5)
6. ---- and gained this into the top flight! (5)
9. Ex Rams favourite, wee Archie, scored a famous one against Holland a few years back. All by himself! (1,4,4)
14. It's said that tonight's visitors are all as mad as these! (7)
15. Apart from not losing. We have to do this to make sure of our place next season. (We've already started to!) (3,1,3)
16. Where Lionel has been known to sink a few! (3,4)
19. A bit of a starchy man this Van Der Laan! (5)
20. What the ref does with his coin before the start! (5)
21. Mr Storer - Ex Rams Manager! (5)

ANSWERS TO ISSUE 2 CROSSWORD
Side, 19. Baths, 20. Roars, 21. Agnew
Neil, 4. Ridge, 5. Large, 6. Astro, 9. Champions, 14. Covered, 15. Manager, 16. Off
Calf, 22. Alone, 23. No Goals, 24. Hurler, 25. Legend DOWN: 1. Filbert, 2. The Spot, 3. O

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He that leaves last laughs longest...

David Moore warns about the
sometimes dire consequences of
premature match exits... and
suggests that WAITING for the
final whistle is the way forward



If there is one lesson which should have been
learned by Derby County supporters this season it is this –
don't leave your seat before the referee blows the final
whistle! In two out of the first three home games the Rams
scored vital goals with only a few minutes to go. And away from
home a further two late strikes, the last minute equaliser by Dailly
at White Hart Lane and the memorable winner by Flynn at
Blackburn – a real tribute to the team's fitness and determination.

I've often wondered why so many people disappear five or
even 10 minutes before the end of the allotted 90. After all you
wouldn't leave the cinema just before the end of a film or throw
away a book before reading the final chapter would you?

It's one thing to sneak out when your team is 4-0 down with
just a couple of minutes to go, but it's quite another to do the
disappearing act on a regular basis. I know a few people try to
make a quick getaway in their car to avoid congestion, but
sometimes staying behind for a few minutes can be the more
rewarding option.

Mind you there could be another explanation as to why some
supporters leave the Baseball Ground early – it's to do with the
clock at the Ossie End. I'm absolutely convinced that it speeds up
towards the end of the match if Derby are not in front and slows
down when we are a goal up with everyone's baying at the
referee to blow for time. I know there is an electronic scoreboard
which incorporates a digital clock, but let's be honest, it's not 100
per cent reliable is it?

Until the last couple of seasons or so you could be fairly certain
that Saturday afternoon matches would finish at 20 minutes to
five and that suited me. A brisk walk to the car to turn on the
radio just in time to hear the signature tune of Sports Report
followed by the football results. I'd need to be an Olympic sprinter
to do that now. Matches rarely end before ten to five as referees
insist on lengthy 'overtime' and of course, the half-time interval
has been extended from 10 minutes to 15 – I wonder why!

I learned my lesson the hard way many years ago, and I don't
think I've left a match ever since. It was in 1957 and the Rams
were losing 3-2 at home to Barrow in the old Division 3 North, and
that was pretty hard to stomach I can tell you. So off we trooped.
A couple of minutes later and halfway down Harrington Street a
tremendous roar went up – obviously the Rams had equalised.
I've often wondered about that goal. It was scored by Ray Straw
and apparently it was a shot, a real collector's item, not a header
as most of Ray's goals were. And don't forget, there wasn't a
'second chance' to see it on television in those days.

Now it's one thing to leave a few minutes early in a league
match, it's quite another to do a bunk before the final whistle in
the second leg of an FA Cup tie. But that's precisely what
hundreds of Derby County supporters did in February 1973 when
the Rams played against Spurs at White Hart Lane in a 4th Round
replay. Tottenham were leading 3-1 with just a minute to go
before an enormous crowd of almost 53,000 – it seemed best to
make an early exit and head for home. Many were on their way to
St Pancras by the time Derby equalised with two late goals. Half
an hour later we'd achieved that famed 5-3 victory with two
further goals in extra time as bemused spectators, many with
portable radios and unable to believe their ears, milled around the
railway station. I bet they didn't make that mistake again!

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Newcastle	7	2	0	1	5	3	3	0	1	5	4	15
Arsenal	7	2	1	0	9	4	2	1	1	6	4	14
Man Utd	7	1	2	0	8	5	2	2	0	8	1	13
Sheff Wed	7	2	1	1	4	4	2	0	1	5	5	13
A Villa	7	2	2	0	5	2	1	1	1	3	3	12
Chelsea	7	2	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	6	8	12
Middlesboro	7	2	1	1	11	6	1	1	1	3	3	11
DERBY	7	1	2	0	5	4	1	2	1	3	4	10
Sunderland	7	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	9
Wimbledon	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	2	3	9
Tottenham	7	0	2	2	3	5	2	0	1	3	1	8
West Ham	7	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	2	3	6	8
Leicester	7	1	0	2	2	6	1	2	1	3	3	8
Leeds	7	1	0	3	1	7	1	1	1	5	5	7
Everton	7	1	0	2	3	3	0	3	1	3	7	6
Nottm F	7	0	2	2	2	7	1	1	1	6	6	6
Coventry	7	1	0	2	2	5	0	1	3	1	8	4
Southampton	6	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	3	3	6	2
Blackburn	7	0	1	3	2	6	0	1	2	3	5	2

Premiership Table as at September 22nd

RAMS ROLL-CALL 1996/97

	96-97 League Apps	Gls	96-97 Cups Apps	Gls	96-97 Derby Apps	Gls	App for Club Apps	Gls
Aljosa Asanovic	7	1	0	0	7	1	7	1
Chris Boden	0	0	0	0	0	0	8(2)	0
Matt Carbon	3	0	0	0	3	0	5(4)	0
Kevin Cooper	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	1(2)	0
Lee Carsley	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0	63(7)	3
Christian Dailly	8	1	0	0	8	1	8	1
Sean Flynn	1(4)	1	0	0	1(4)	1	34(17)	3
Marco Gabbiadini	4(3)	0	0	0	4(3)	0	198(20)	68
Russell Hoult	8	0	0	0	8	0	66(1)	0
Jason Kavanagh	0	0	0	0	0	0	92(35)	1
Jacob Laursen	8	1	0	0	8	1	8	1
Paul Parker	6	0	0	0	6	0	6	0
Chris Powell	8	0	0	0	8	0	27	0
Darryl Powell	7	0	0	0	7	0	45(1)	5
David Preece	0	0	0	0	0	0	12(3)	1
Gary Rowett	8	0	0	0	8	0	45(1)	0
Paul Simpson	1(6)	1	0	0	1(6)	1	162(43)	55
Igor Stimac	7	0	0	0	7	0	35	1
Dean Sturridge	5	2	0	0	5	2	56(15)	23
Wayne Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Paul Trollope	0	0	0	0	0	0	31(13)	4
Robin Van Der Laan	2(1)	0	0	0	2(1)	0	45(1)	6
Ashley Ward	1(2)	0	0	0	1(2)	0	6(4)	1
Darren Wassall	0	0	0	0	0	0	114(8)	0
Ron Willems	3(2)	1	0	0	3(2)	1	37(4)	13
Dean Yates	1	0	0	0	1	0	54	3

Date	v	Opponents	Res	Att	Pos	1
Sat Aug 17	H	Leeds United	3-3	17,115	7	Hoult
Wed Aug 21	A	Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	28,219	12	Hoult
Sat Aug 24	A	Aston Villa	0-2	34,646	16	Hoult
Wed Sep 4	H	Manchester United	1-1	18,026	16	Hoult
Mon Sep 9	A	Blackburn Rovers	2-1	19,214	12	Hoult
Sat Sep 14	H	Sunderland	1-0	17,692	9	Hoult
Tue Sep 17	A	Luton - Coca Cola Cup 2	0-1	4,459	-	Hoult
Sat Sep 21	A	Sheffield Wednesday	0-0	23,934	9	Hoult
Sat Oct 12	H	Newcastle United				
Wed Oct 23		Coca Cola Cup 3				
Sat Oct 19	A	Nottingham Forest				
Sun Oct 27	A	Liverpool				
Sat Nov 2	H	Leicester City				
Sun Nov 17	H	Middlesbrough				
Sat Nov 23	A	West Ham United				
Wed Nov 27		Coca Cola Cup 4				
Sat Nov 30	H	Coventry City				
Sat Dec 7	A	Arsenal				
Sat Dec 14	H	Everton				
Sat Dec 21	A	Southampton				
Thur Dec 26	A	Sunderland				
Sat Dec 28	H	Blackburn Rovers				
Wed Jan 1	H	Sheffield Wednesday				
Sat Jan 4		F.A. Cup 3				
Wed Jan 8		Coca Cola Cup 5				
Sat Jan 11	A	Wimbledon				
Sat Jan 18	A	Chelsea				
Sat Jan 25		F.A. Cup 4				
Sat Feb 1	H	Liverpool				
Sat Feb 15	H	West Ham United (F.A.C.5)				
Wed Feb 19		Coca Cola Cup Semi-Final 1				
Sat Feb 22	A	Leicester City				
Sat Mar 1	H	Chelsea				
Wed Mar 5	A	Middlesbrough				
Sat Mar 8	H	Southampton (F.A.C.6)				
Wed Mar 12		Coca Cola Cup Semi-Final 2				
Sat Mar 15	A	Everton				
Sat Mar 22	H	Tottenham Hotspur				
Sat Mar 29	A	Leeds United				
Sat Apr 5	A	Manchester United				
Sun Apr 6		Coca Cola Cup Final				
Sat Apr 12	H	Aston Villa (F.A. Cup S/Final)				
Sat Apr 19	A	Newcastle United				
Wed Apr 23	H	Nottingham Forest				
Sat May 3	A	Coventry City				
Sun May 11	H	Arsenal				
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- 17 Matt CARBON
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- 18 John TAYLOR
- 19 Tony THORPE
- 20 Jamie WOODSFORD

RAMS MATCHDAY MASCOTS



Rams Family Club Mascots leading out the team today are **Stuart J. Orr** (left) from Mickleover and **Mark Brough** from Heanor. Stuart, aged 11, attends Murray Park School and loves playing football. He also enjoys collecting coins. His favourite players are



Igor Stimac and Ace Asanovic. Mark who is 12, attends Heanor Gate and his favourite players is also Ace. His hobbies include being playing football and golf and he is in the Scouts.

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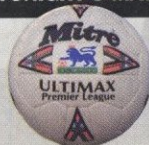
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