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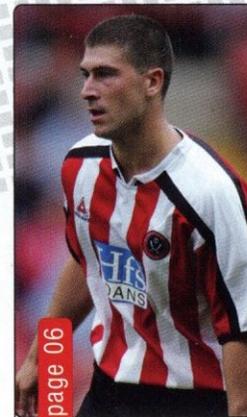
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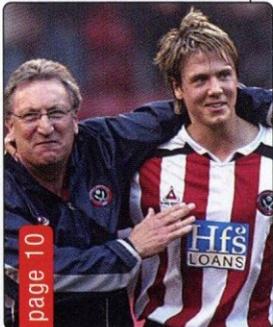
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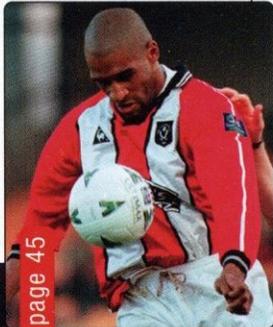
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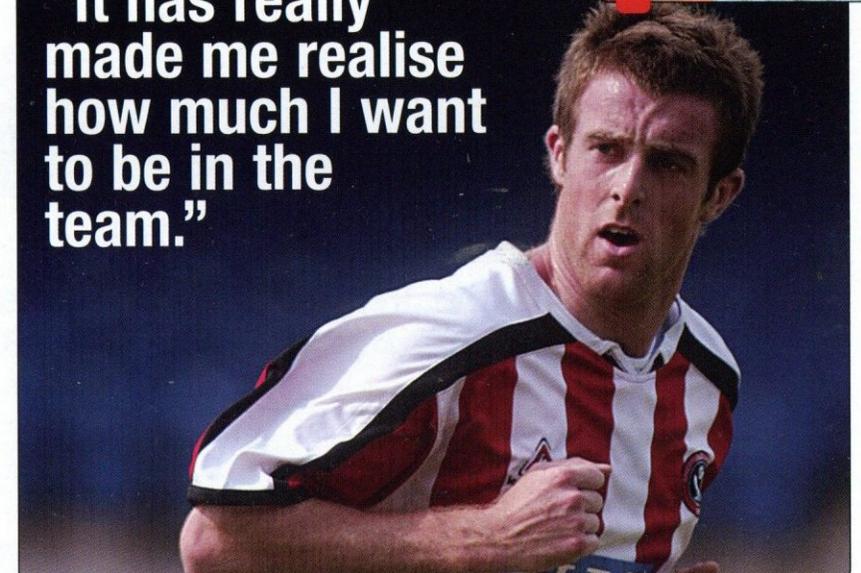


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Welcome to what is all set up to be a cracking affair with the Hatters this evening.

To many people Luton Town's league position at this moment makes them the surprise packet of the Championship, but certainly not me.

They have already beaten all the teams that were relegated from the Premiership last May, and deservedly so. Mike Newell must be really proud of the club at this moment in time.

Luton, a bit like like ourselves and Reading, would have been few people's choice as being in the division's top three before the season started.

Thanks to all the fans who went down to Reading where it was unfortunate that we lost Vincent Pericard the day before, and then Craig Short

during the warm-up, because with them we would have given Reading an even closer contest.

But I have to say 'well done' to the young lads, especially Ian Ross, Stephen Quinn, Jonathan Forte and Colin Marrison who started, because all of them acquitted themselves well.

I have loaned 'Rossy' back out to Boston United for a final month, and the others will also shortly be continuing their careers on loan in the lower divisions which I think develops them better than Reserve team football can.

It was nice to see Ian get back on the scoresheet again on Saturday, and Jonathan Forte and Stephen Quinn will go out within the next fortnight which will stand them in good stead.

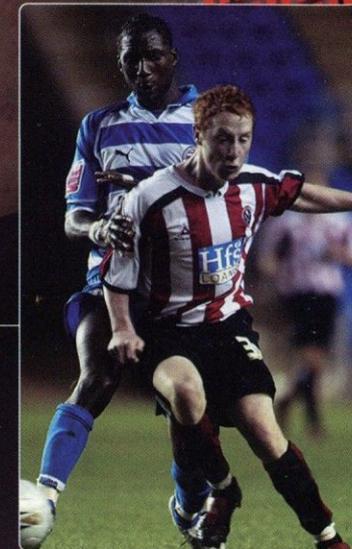
It was disappointing to draw at the weekend but in a

game like that you have to be satisfied with a clean sheet and hope to take one of the few opportunities that come along.

Unfortunately, we didn't do that and you could tell at the final whistle that the Cardiff players and supporters were delighted to go home with a point from the game.

However, I can't fault the effort and with three games in the space of seven days, it is going to take another big effort on the lads' behalf to get through tonight and Saturday's match at Crystal Palace with as many points as possible.

I thought our fans were magnificent against Cardiff and with excitement at a



premium for most of the match that was as good as I have ever heard from a United crowd.

Finally, a battlecry for tonight. **COME ON YOU BLADES**, make this stadium a cauldron. We really need you all to get behind us as we try to continue the good start we have had.



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# 'Trev' gets Cup Outing after all

**Simon Francis** is back at Bramall Lane and battling for a first team berth after a successful month's loan at Grimsby Town.

He had six games with former Blades coach Russell Slade - now boss of the League Two outfit - and made an unexpected first start of the season in a United shirt at the Madejski Stadium last week.

"It was only about five minutes before kick-off that I was told I was going to be playing - it was an unusual experience," he said. "Shorty did his calf in the warm up and I was quickly thrown in alongside Leigh Bromby in the centre of defence.

"It was strange, the preparation was not what I was expecting, but in a

way I didn't have time to be nervous. There was just enough time to double-check on the sheet in the changing room about who I was to mark from set-pieces and then we had to go out.

"I'd played six games on loan at Grimsby, playing right midfield and then all of a sudden I was back in centre of defence. The bonus for me is that I played a full 90 minutes and that's what I need - regular games. That's the reason why I went to Grimsby."

He adds: "The loan deal has been beneficial because I've got a bit of match fitness under my belt. I enjoyed the time, too, Grimsby have a good set of lads and are doing well in their league.

"I played in all the games as a right midfielder, which is not my natural position, but it did encourage me to put a bit more work in and that can only benefit me long-term. I'd rather play in defence but for the sake of playing first team football going to Grimsby was good for me.

"There were a few ex-Blades there too. The manager used to be a coach here. Russell was also at Notts County when I was there as a youngster but we didn't work together, and then there's Andy Parkinson.

"Parky is a good player, he terrorises defenders in that league but he has shin problems so he seems to play a game and miss a game but when he is involved he is a big player for the club."

Back at home, relaxing after United's tie at

Reading, he was able to enjoy Grimsby's televised Carling Cup encounter against Newcastle and particularly the spat between recent teammate Justin Whittle and former England captain Alan Shearer.

"It surprised me a little bit," said Simon. "Knowing Justin I don't think the clash would have been deliberate and it might have been an over-reaction on Shearer's part.

"Justin is a nice guy, both on and off the field, and not really that aggressive - I bet he's not had many red cards. It has just been an issue because Shearer was involved - had it have been any other player there wouldn't have been as much fuss made."

The Blades enlisted the help of former England goalkeeper **Peter Bonetti** a fortnight ago.

Bonetti - the original goalkeeper to be nicknamed 'The Cat' - played over 700 times for Chelsea and was part of the England World Cup squads in 1966 and 1970, playing in the quarter-finals in Mexico. But he wasn't drafted in to assist Paddy Kenny with some extra training sessions...

...he was one of the taxi drivers who brought United's players back from the Championship victory at Millwall.

United's management decided on alternative transport to the team coach to get back from Millwall in the hope that the players would have more rest time ahead of the Yorkshire derby at Leeds.

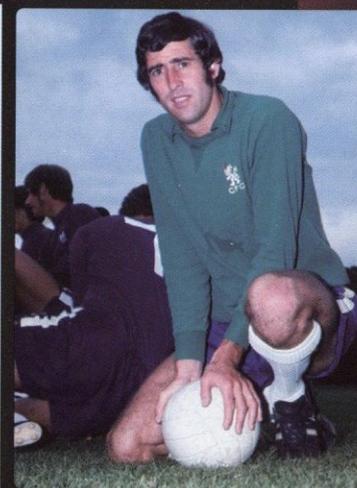
They returned north in the comfort of executive people carriers, but for the Blades players driven home by Bonetti it was not as easy as first hoped.

Stuart McCall, Phil Jagielka, Chris Morgan, Keith Gillespie, Leigh Bromby and Nick Montgomery were in with 'The Cat' and, despite him being a Londoner, they struggled to get out of the capital!

Monty explains: "The idea was good, getting us back home and in our own beds as soon as possible after the game, but it didn't quite work out that way for our group. 'The Cat' was having trouble with his 'sat nav' system and we had problems - three times we end up down a cul-de-sac.

"It was a bit strange having a former England goalkeeper driving for us. He was a nice bloke and didn't chat about football too much. Obviously, he was before my time but I'd heard of him - and saw him on the celebrity team on 'The Match' last year.

"Apparently he was a good goalkeeper in his day - he must



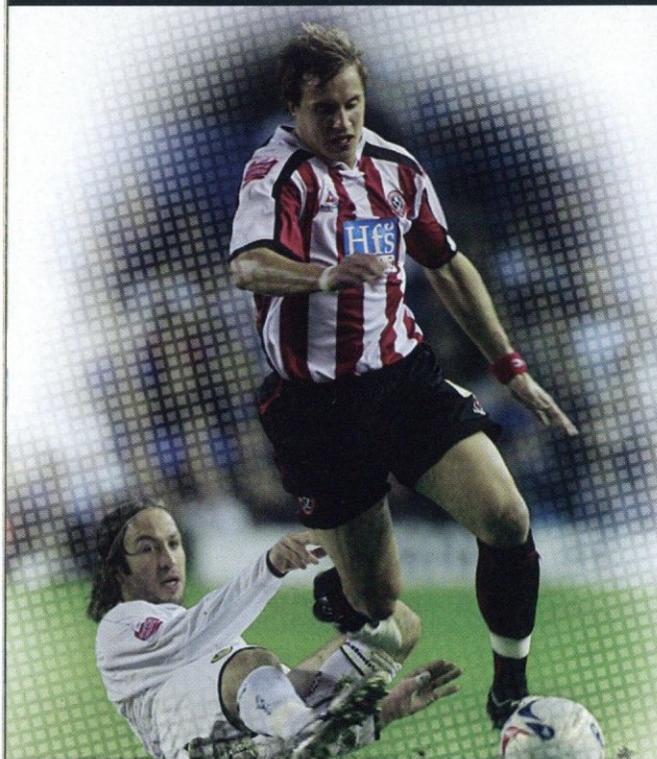
have been, he played for England, and racked up a few appearances for Chelsea - and I think that's the reason why none of the lads gave him any stick when he was getting us lost on a Tuesday night in London!"

Morgs added: "Someone told us before we got in that Peter Bonetti would be driving us. It was just a coincidence as he works for the firm that does executive travel and he also taxis England players back to their clubs after international weeks.

"I think Brombs spoke to him the most because he was sat in the front. That's probably why we got lost - Leigh would have been boring him!"

# Lads held up by 'Cat' nap!

# from Elland Road



■ **above:** Quinny battles with Richardson  
■ **left:** Jags leaves ex-Blade Shaun Derry on the deck



■ **above:** Kilgallon closes in but can't prevent 'Kabbs' netting the equaliser



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■ **Top:** Nick Montgomery attacks Gary Kelly  
■ **above:** Steven Kabba keeps Matt Kilgallon at arm's length!

# the story so far



■ The Gaffer and Leigh Bromby

to prove he is fit enough to continue his career.

## FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER

Lilian Nalis who has been on the sidelines since injury agrees to a month loan at Coventry City.

**United's Iranian winger Sharu Naraji undergoes cruciate ligament surgery which will rule him out for six months.**

## SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

Coca-Cola Championship

**BLADES 1 WOLVES 0**

**SCORER:** Shipperley (16).

**UNITED:** Kenny; Kozluk, Bromby, Morgan, Unsworth; Ifill (Gillespie 59), Montgomery, Jagielka, Quinn; Shipperley (Pericard 90), Kabba (Webber 83). **Unused:** Tonge, Geary.

**WOLVES:** Oakes, Naylor, Olofinjana (Anderton h-t), Lescott, Craddock, Cameron (Davies 66), Kennedy, Edwards, Miller (Ndah 66), Seol, Cort. **Unused:** Gyepes, Postma.

**Referee:** R. Beeby.

**Attendance:** 25,533.

Pink Day at the Lane as the Club supports Breast Cancer Awareness but Glenn Hoddle sees red with his team which is dominated in the first-half and United should be out of sight before seeing off the visitors' spirited revival.

**Neil Warnock:** "That was the first time this season that Wolves have been beaten by a better team. We have worked a lot on our back four and today was as solid as we have looked."

**Another goal by Jordan Robertson and a free-kick from Nicky Law see the**

**Blades' U18s hit back twice to draw 2-2 at Newcastle United.**

## MONDAY 17 OCTOBER

Sheffield City Council planning councillors give approval for the building of the £2.5m new corner stand between the Global Windows and the Bramall Lane stands.

## TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER

Coca-Cola Championship

**MILLWALL 0 BLADES 4**

**SCORERS:** Webber (33, 73), Pericard (36), Quinn (68).

**MILLWALL:** Marshall, Ifil, Williams, Lawrence, Vincent, Wright, Morris (Elliott 74), Livermore, Simpson (Fangueiro 49, Hutchison 86), Dunne, May. **Unused:** Robinson, Jones.

**UNITED:** Kenny; Kozluk (Geary 18), Bromby, Morgan, Unsworth (Quinn h-t); Ifill (Gillespie 75), Montgomery, Jagielka, Tonge; Pericard, Webber. **Unused:** Shipperley, Kabba.

**Referee:** P. Walton.

**Attendance:** 9,148.

United rest Shipperley, Kabba and Quinn but are repaid as Pericard and Webber take their chance in a powerful, display against a side unbeaten in seven but short of strikers.

**Neil Warnock:** "What pleased me most was that for the first 20 minutes they battered us but we still won. That's why we're top, we've got that resolve now."

## WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

The home Central Section Pontin's League game with Forest is put back until 18 January owing to United's Carling Cup involvement.

## SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Yorkshire County Cricket Club and the Blades celebrate Bramall Lane's 150th year as a sports stadium by playing each other at Twenty20 cricket and then football. Around 2,500 spectators attend the matches which have Neil Warnock officiating at both - the teams win their respective games.

## TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER

Kyle Nix and Jordan Robertson turn the tables on Lincoln City Reserves with goals to overturn an early setback for the Reserves 'B' at Worksop.

## WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

Huddersfield Town inflict the first defeat of the season on the Blades' 'A' Reserve team by 1-0 at the Galpharm Stadium.

## THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

Neil Warnock becomes the Coca-Cola Championship Manager of the Month for the second month in succession.

## SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER

Jordan Robertson claims his first Academy goals of the season, hitting both in the U18s' 2-1 win over Barnsley.

## MONDAY 10 OCTOBER

The FA confirm that Neil Warnock is to be charged with using abusive and/or insulting words towards a match official during the match at Reading on 1 October.

## TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

Travis and Marrison find the net in the Pontin's League Cup as the young 'B' squad earn a 2-2 home draw with Blackpool.

## WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

Vincent Pericard and Chris Armstrong both score as United Reserve 'A' twice hit back to draw 2-2 at Huddersfield in the Pontin's League Cup

## THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

Blackpool take Chris Armstrong on loan for a month as he bids



■ CONGRATULATIONS! The lads acclaim Vincent's first Blades goal at Millwall

A Yorkshire derby to savour, televised live, with little to choose between the sides, although the Blades have a slight edge in possession and chances.

**Neil Warnock:** "There is definitely room for both of us up there at the top of the table, I thought Leeds were super and we were the same."

## SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

The U18s triumph by 3-1 against the Owls at Shirecliffe, Nicky Law and Jordan Robertson (2) claiming the goals. Meanwhile the U16s make it a double with a 4-1 victory.

## MONDAY 24 OCTOBER

Ian Ross and Jonathan Forte are recalled from their loan spells to play for United in the Carling Cup at Reading.

## TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER

Carling Cup, Third Round

**READING 2 BLADES 0**

**SCORERS:** Kitson (54, 75).

**READING:** Stack, Murty, Shorey, Sonko, Ingimarsson, Oster, Sidwell, Baradji, Hunt (Little 85), Obinna, Kitson (Cox 78). **Unused:** Hahnemann, Gunnarsson, Doyle.

**UNITED:** Barnes, Geary, Wright, Bromby, Francis (Horwood 82),

**S. Quinn, Tonge, Webber (Nix 82), Marrison (Law 58), Forte, Ross. Unused:** Annerston, Short.

**Referee:** R. Stiles.

**Attendance:** 11,607.

Law and Horwood even get debut appearances as subs as Neil Warnock plays a second string side to preserve his players' league ambitions. Even so, the Blades give a decent account of themselves before going out of the competition.

**Neil Warnock:** "The young lads were excellent, and their performances showed this club is heading in the right direction."

**Striker Gary Mulligan signs a second month on loan for Port Vale.**

## WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

San Lee's consolation goal is the only bright part of the Reserves 'B' disappointing 3-1 defeat at Scarborough.

## THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

Ian Ross rejoins Boston for another month's loan.

**The Reserve 'A' derby scheduled for 8 November at Hillsborough is brought forward to Wednesday 2 November at 2pm.**

## THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

United's U18 Academy fixture with the Owls on 22 October is switched from Middlewood Road to Shirecliffe at Wednesday's request.

## FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

Coca-Cola Championship

**LEEDS 1 BLADES 1**

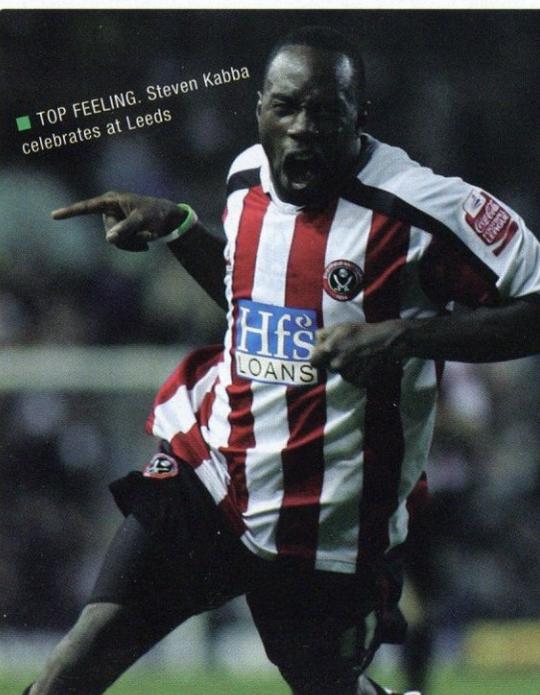
**SCORERS:** Leeds - Richardson (53) United - Kabba (69).

**LEEDS:** Sullivan, Kelly, Butler, Kilgallon, Harding, Richardson (Einarsson 77), Douglas (Moore 88), Derry, Lewis, Blake (Healy 74), Hulse. **Unused:** Gregan, Bennett.

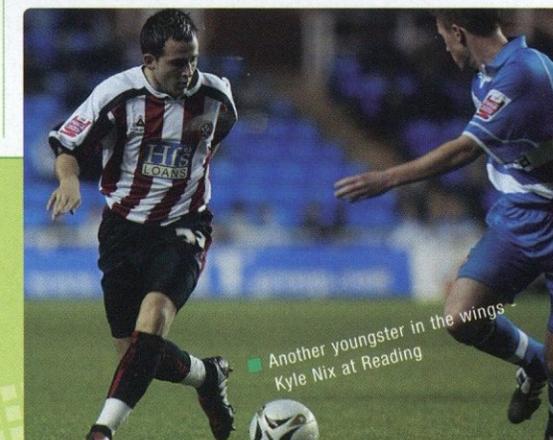
**UNITED:** Kenny; Geary, Bromby, Morgan, Wright; Ifill (Gillespie 59), Montgomery, Jagielka, Quinn; Shipperley (Webber 64), Kabba (Pericard 87). **Unused:** Short, Tonge.

**Referee:** A. Wiley.

**Attendance:** 23,600.



■ TOP FEELING. Steven Kabba celebrates at Leeds



■ Another youngster in the wings - Kyle Nix at Reading

# keith gillespie

**had to live with the 'new George Best' tag virtually as soon as he left Northern Ireland and joined Manchester United at 16 years of age.**

Although the likes of Norman Whiteside had been similarly acclaimed a few years previously, being slim and a winger meant Keith had even more reason to be labelled.

He took the comparison with 'a pinch of salt' although rooming with Robbie Savage might have helped keep his feet on the ground!

But being part of the much fabled Manchester United youth team of the early 90s that included Beckham, Scholes, Butt, Giggs and Gary Neville didn't do him any harm. It was coached by Eric Harrison who receives much of the credit:

"He was fantastic for all of us. Nicky Butt was the first to get a

senior chance and I think I was the second, but they were all obviously going to have their turn, especially with so many European matches in which you could only play so many foreigners at that time - unfortunately, I was Irish!"

Keith debuted at 17 years old against Bury in the FA Cup and was only told just before kick-off:

"I didn't have time to worry and didn't do badly. I crossed for Mike Phelan to score the first goal and I got the second. Next week I was back in the 'A' team! Fergie was good like that, keeping your feet on the ground. He was brilliant, a hard taskmaster but he didn't get where he is without a lot of discipline."

A loan period at Wigan was a logical part of his progression but it was a long way from the Premier League in every way:

"It was a bit of a culture shock in those days but it helped me mature and I even had a couple of games at centre-forward. It was a good spell for me because I scored four times in eight games, and I haven't had a ratio like that ever since.

"I should have scored more in my career and it hasn't been for the want of trying. But I like to think I have done my share of providing goals, especially at Newcastle when I just had to keep putting balls into the box for Les Ferdinand to finish off - it was easy.

"As my career progressed I had taken as much satisfaction from creating goals as others have from scoring them. I think I have been unselfish, but maybe I just don't have the scoring instinct."

He became a regular in the Reds' first-team squad although standing in his way was Andrei Kanchelskis, probably their best player at the time, Keith was happy to bide his time, until Newcastle moved in:

"By a strange quirk of the fixture calendar I had played against them four times in different competitions in around four months and, fortunately, done well on each occasion."

Ferguson actually told Keith of Keegan's interest on the night the Reds beat the Blades 2-0 at the Lane in an evening FA Cup tie. Although he didn't put on any pressure, Fergie did need an English striker to score goals in Europe and Andy Cole fitted the bill.

Keith accepted because: "I had seen the support Newcastle generated and Keegan went out of his way to get me. He told me that he would not have allowed Cole to go if he didn't get me as part of the deal.

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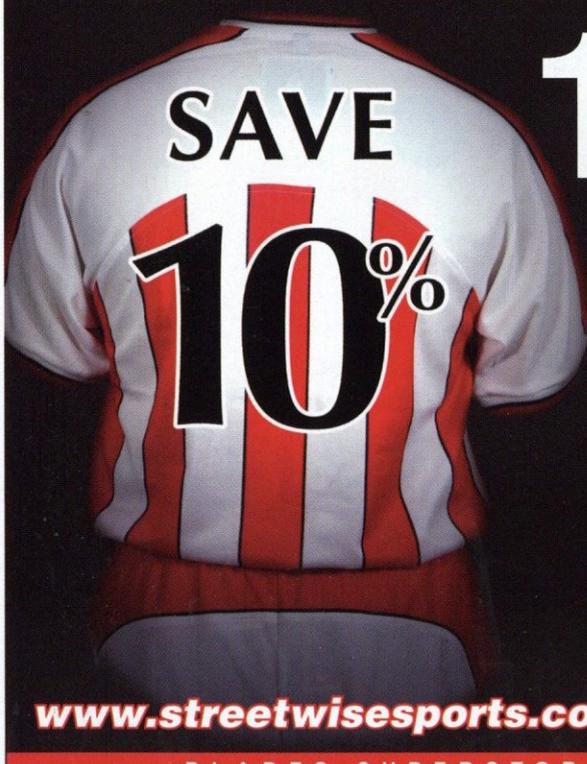
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# keith gillespie

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After signing - and being valued at £1 million - Keith had four good seasons there as the Geordies finished second twice, played in the Champions League and reached an FA Cup Final:

"It was the most enjoyable part of my career. The attacking style suited me and I didn't have too many defensive responsibilities.

"I think we went almost 100 games without a 0-0 draw although we had good defenders in people like Howey, Albert, Barton and Berresford. They didn't have much help from the midfield in those days as David Ginola and I were told to just get the ball upto the likes of Beardsley, and Rob Lee was also an attacking midfielder."

In the 1995/96 season Newcastle won 17 of 19 home games but will always be remembered for the way in which they squandered what looked like an unassailable Premiership lead to Manchester United:

"We let things slip and they just kept on winning and winning. Not many people remember who came second but they do Newcastle from that season because of the football we played."

Missing the FA Cup Final through a broken bone in his foot is Keith's biggest disappointment, especially after playing in every round until the injury three weeks before the 0-2 loss to Arsenal.

But Champions League action, mainly under Kenny Dalglish went a long way towards making up for that:

"Kenny was a great person to work with and we got on really well. The team had some great

results and the 3-2 win over Barcelona (Asprilla hat-trick) was probably the best game I have ever played in.

"The atmosphere was incredible, everything went right for me and we went three up before Barca, with the likes of Rivaldo, Figo, and Enrique, came back at us."

In late 1998 Keith joined Blackburn Rovers under Brian Kidd for £2.5 million, but not before another potential move left a sour taste in his mouth:

"I was in the last year of contract and six months earlier I was set to sign for Bryan Robson at Middlesbrough for an agreed £3.5 million fee but failed a medical because of the then undetected broken bone in my foot.

"I think the Newcastle board were trying to sell me behind Kenny's back and when I told him the 'bad news' he said the good news was that he wanted me to stay and be part of his plans.

"Ruud Gullit then took over and eventually I went to Blackburn who were then bottom of the league. But I knew Bryan very well from Old Trafford, I was his first signing and he was a great coach.

"We were relegated that season but came back up two years later and beat Spurs in the Worthington Cup Final in Cardiff."

The parting of the ways at Ewood Park was in part due to Keith's relationship with manager Graeme Souness:

"I respected him as a player and as a man, but we didn't see eye to eye on everything - I wasn't alone in that - and we had our fall-outs. I was in and out of the team and seemed to be discarded at the first opportunity for no reason.

"During another loan spell at Wigan he recalled me completely out of the blue and put me straight back in. It was confusing but great to be back in the side."

It wasn't all bad, though, Keith acknowledges that he improved the defensive aspect of his

game there and watched Damien Duff develop into 'a fantastic player'.

When he wasn't offered a new contract in summer 2003 Keith switched to Leicester City, a "good well-run club," but didn't play too well or that often under Micky Adams in his first season. Then Craig Levein took over and things changed:

"He had a different style, put me in and showed faith in me - it's nice when a manager does that. I won the Supporters Player of the Year trophy last season and was pleased with my personal performance although the team didn't do too well."

When Leicester's financial situation necessitated Keith and a few others being shipped out this summer he had some nice letters from fans who appreciated his displays.

Probably not, however, when he was red carded against us last season at the Lane, although he reckons Jon Harley 'made a bit of a meal of my shove'!

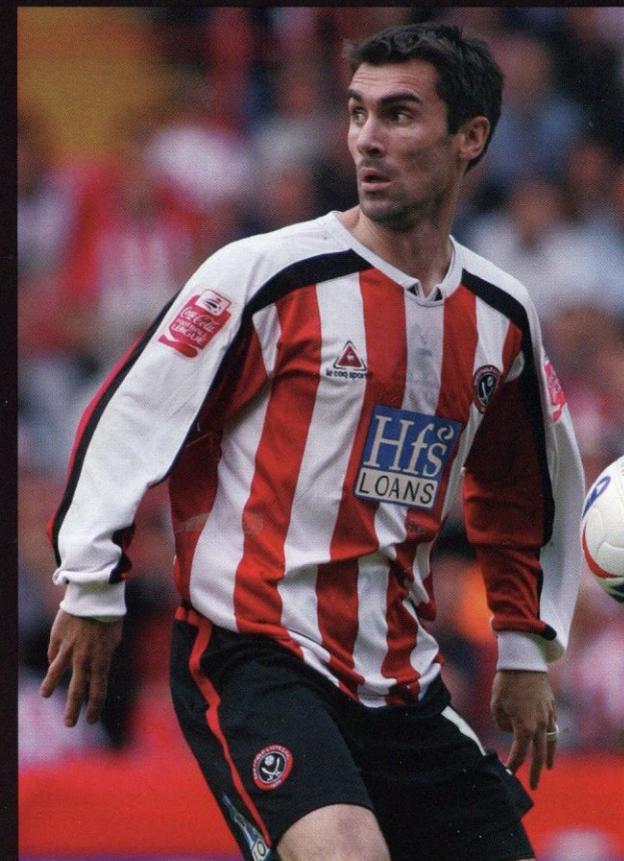
One thing that is indisputable is the 67 Northern Ireland International caps Keith has won, something he is very proud of:

"We don't have that many players to choose from but my International form in the last five years has probably been the best it has ever been.

"I think I'm seventh on our all-time list of capped players and that is something I really want to build on. I reckon if I can get to about 80 caps I would be third."

One of his most recent was in the recent and infamous 1-0 win against England at Windsor Park when he was caught by Wayne Rooney's elbow, resulting in a real flashpoint:

"He did catch me on the side of the head but it was nothing and I got up straight away. He apologised at half-time because he had just got a bit frustrated. I was the same at his age."





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Two pictures today of happy kids having a great time with United. Some of them are snapped watching the first team squad training during this week's Soccer School, whilst Danny Webber is with **Sam** and **Tommy Walker** at the Academy course. Sam won his SUFC home kit in the free raffle on a recent Soccer School.

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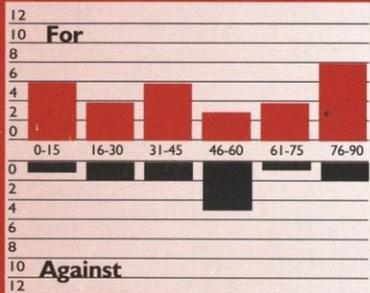
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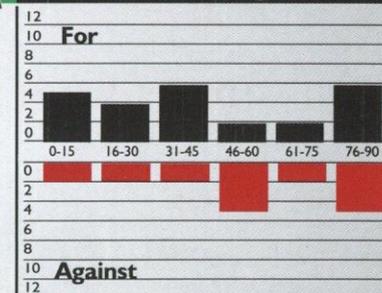
## When for & against

## Where & how scored

## When for & against



10	Close range	10
16	Inside 18yd box	9
5	Outside 18yd box	6
18	Shots	14
4	Headers	7
3	Volleys	3
3	Penalties	1
2	Free Kicks	0
1	Own Goals	0



## Last 6 results

## Seasonal progress comparison

## Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Cardiff	H	0-0
Leeds	A	1-1
Millwall	A	4-0
Wolves	H	1-0
Reading	A	1-2
Plymouth	H	2-0



Opponents	H/A	Score
Coventry	A	0-1
Plymouth	H	1-1
Norwich	H	4-2
Crewe	A	1-3
Cardiff	A	2-1
Preston	H	3-0

## Swings

Won when Behind	3
Drawn when Behind	1
Drawn when Ahead	0
Lost when Ahead	0

Best winning sequence	8	Best winning sequence	2
Worst losing sequence	0	Worst losing sequence	0

## Swings

Won when Behind	2
Drawn when Behind	2
Drawn when Ahead	2
Lost when Ahead	2

## Discipline

Fouls committed	201
Average per game	12.56
Yellow cards	23
Red cards	0

## Last meeting at Bramall Lane 23/3/96

Sheffield United	1-0	Luton Town	
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Attendance	14,935	Referee	West
Tracy, Short (Starbuck), Nilsen, Patterson, Hodgson, Ablett, Ward, Hutchison, Taylor (White), Walker, Whitehouse (Cowans)		Feuer, James, Thomas, Waddock, Davis S, Patterson, Oldfield (Tomlinson), Oakes, Taylor, Alexander (McLaren), Harvey (Thorpe)	
Booked: Hutchison, Ablett		Booked: Davis S	
Sent Off: none		Sent Off: none	

## Discipline

Fouls committed	212
Average per game	13.25
Yellow cards	18
Red cards	1

## Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	3
Conc from free kick	4
Scored from corner	6
Conc from corner	1

## Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	5
Conc from free kick	2
Scored from corner	0
Conc from corner	3

## Strike ratio

Shots on target	101
Goals scored	31
% shots scored	30.7
Divisional rating	2

## Luton's Last 10 Years



## Strike ratio

Shots on target	104
Goals scored	25
% shots scored	24
Divisional rating	7

## Top scorer

Goals Scored	8
Games Played	14
Points Won	5

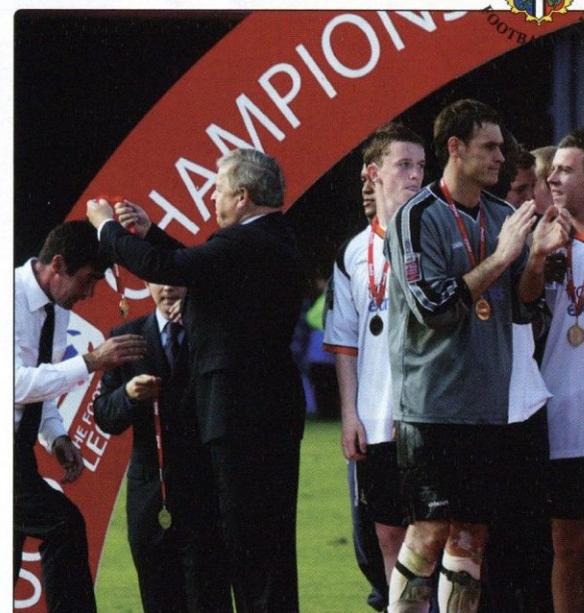
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# match-up



## did you know...

Luton collected the biggest points total in their history last season as they claimed a total of 98 in their League One title triumph.

## one to watch...

### STEVE HOWARD

(forward)  
Born: **10.05.76**  
Birthplace: **Durham**  
Previous club: **Northampton Town**  
Appearances this season: **14 (6 goals)**

The talisman of this Luton side, Howard is the focal point of all their attacking efforts.

Solid on the floor, he is a dominant figure in the air and led the side superbly as they clinched promotion last season. Speculation linking him with a move away from Kenilworth Road in the summer came to nothing and Mike Newell was relieved to hang on to a forward who is rapidly climbing Luton's all-time scoring charts.

Howard's little and large partnership with



Northern Ireland striker Warren Feeney gives the best of defences in this league trouble and he will be the chief threat to the Blades' backline tonight.

## league record v Luton Town

	P	W	D	L	F	A
H	17	7	6	2	27	23
A	17	6	2	9	24	29
T	34	13	8	11	51	52

# media viewpoint - points at stake!



alan biggs  
- writer/broadcaster

Not surprising that Luton have dipped a little after their excellent start but they remain a solid unit founded on familiarity and teamwork. This could be a closer game than some might expect. But the Blades have the clear edge in quality and experience. Their sense of belief is hardening whereas Luton's might be wavering a touch.

**United 2  
Luton Town 0**



james shield  
- sheffield star

Luton show little sign of slipping up and like United, deserve their high ranking. They are full of goals and that, combined with the way they have adapted to life in the Championship, means they will arrive bursting with confidence whatever their weekend result. Likewise NW and his players, so I'm going to break the habit of a lifetime and predict a high scoring game, with the visitors possibly taking the lead before being pegged back. Of course, that means put your mortgage on a 0-0 bore-draw!

**United 3  
Luton Town 2**



paul walker  
- radio sheffield

"Luton may not have an abundance of big names in their side but they've shown what can be achieved when you keep a squad together for a long time. They are on a roll after their promotion to this division and they've picked up some tremendous results along the way. I saw them a few times last season, they're hard working but have flair with Brkovic - a big ariel threat with Howard. United need to stamp their authority on the game early on. I don't think there will be much in this at all. Kappa to score and Blades to nick it."

**United 1  
Luton Town 0**



jules warren  
- halliam fm

"You can only be impressed by what's going on at Luton, they took league one by storm last season and have carried on in the Championship. They're high on confidence, as are United, of course, but I think the Blades will have to settle for a draw from this one."

**United 1  
Luton Town 1**

**Our pundits made their judgements prior to Saturday's fixtures.**

## keeping score...

3 points for a correct result and scoreline

1 point for a correct result

## media match-ups scoreboard

james shield	14
alan biggs	8
paul walker	8
jules warren	5



# Luton Town



Marlon Beresford

**After a surprise League One championship triumph last season, Luton Town have been ruffling more than a few Championship feathers in recent months.**

Crystal Palace, Southampton, Leicester, Hull, Cardiff and Norwich have been among the clubs beaten by Mike Newell's fast starting Hatters and while all around Kenilworth Road refuse to discuss the prospect of a promotion push just yet, it looks to be a more realistic prospect with each passing week.

Playing a brand of football that has proved to be a handful for the best of sides in this league, Mike Newell's side are so much more than a long ball side determined to lump their way to glory. Tough to break down at the back, their willingness to give their all to the cause is their best quality and while hitting target man Steve Howard is an obvious tactic to employ, they mix that with a passing game that is pleasing on the eye.

Their need to find a new home to replace their aging Kenilworth Road home is pressing and that will be even more



Ahmet Brkovic

significant for the club's future now that they have Premiership ambitions once again.

Even the most loyal Hatters fan would accept their home ground is not fit for the modern game and talk of plans to build a new home at junction 10 of the M1 continue at a pace. Newell and his players have managed to find a winning formula on the field and now it's up to his paymaster to find a solution to their stadium dilemma off it.

Sheffield United boss Neil Warnock has gone on record to suggest Luton will be among the promotion contenders right through to the end of this Championship season - he gets the chance to see them at close quarters tonight.

Coventry City v Luton Town 29.10.05



## Luton's roll call

name	this season's league apps	league goals
<b>MARLON BERESFORD</b> (goalkeeper) Born: 02.09.76 Birthplace: Lincoln Previous club: Barnsley	13	
<b>CHRIS COYNE</b> (defender) Born: 28.12.78 Birthplace: Brisbane, Australia Previous club: Dundee	12	
<b>MARKUS HEIKKINEN</b> (defender) Born: 13.10.78 Birthplace: Finland Previous club: Aberdeen	14	
<b>RUSSEL PERRETT</b> (defender) Born: 18.06.73 Birthplace: Barton on Sea Previous club: Cardiff City	4	
<b>KEVIN FOLEY</b> (defender) Born: 01.11.84 Birthplace: Luton Previous club: None	10	
<b>SOL DAVIS</b> (defender) Born: 04.09.79 Birthplace: Cheltenham Previous club: Swindon	12	
<b>PAUL UNDERWOOD</b> (defender) Born: 16.08.73 Birthplace: Wimbledon Previous club: Rushden and Diamonds	9	
<b>CARLOS EDWARDS</b> (midfielder) Born: 24.10.78 Birthplace: Port of Spain, Trinidad Previous club: Wrexham	14	
<b>KEVIN NICHOLLS</b> (midfielder) Born: 02.01.79 Birthplace: Newham, London Previous club: Wigan Athletic	15	3
<b>PETER HOLMES</b> (midfielder) Born: 18.11.80 Birthplace: Bishop Auckland Previous club: Sheffield Wednesday	8	2
<b>DEAN MORGAN</b> (midfielder) Born: 03.10.83 Birthplace: Enfield Previous club: Reading	15	4
<b>KEITH KEANE</b> (midfielder) Born: 20.11.86 Birthplace: Luton Previous club: None	3	
<b>AHMET BRKOVIC</b> (midfielder) Born: 23.09.74 Birthplace: Dubrovnik, Croatia Previous club: Leyton Orient	16	4
<b>STEVE ROBINSON</b> (midfielder) Born: 10.12.74 Birthplace: Lisburn, Northern Ireland Previous club: Preston North End	12	
<b>WARREN FEENEY</b> (forward) Born: 17.01.81 Birthplace: Belfast Previous club: Stockport	16	4
<b>ENOCH SHOWUNMI</b> (forward) Born: 21.04.82 Birthplace: Kilburn, London Previous club: None	14	
<b>STEVE HOWARD</b> (forward) Born: 10.05.76 Birthplace: Durham Previous club: Northampton Town	14	6



**58** The number of Northern Ireland caps gained by **Mal Donaghy**, whilst with Luton, making him the club's most capped player.

**1** The number of Luton players to be voted 'Footballer of the Year', the honour achieved by **Sid Owen** in 1958-59.



**£3 million** The record transfer fee received by Luton, for the sale of **Curtis Davies** to West Bromwich Albion in August this year.

**The number of managers** Luton had in 1995 (**David Pleat, Terry Westley** and **Lennie Lawrence**) and also in 2000 (**Lennie Lawrence, Ricky Hill** and **Lil Fuccillo**).

**10** The number of goals scored by **Joe Payne** against Bristol Rovers on 13 April 1936, not only a record for Luton but also the most goals ever scored by one player in a League game.



**243** The number of League goals scored by **Gordon Turner** between 1949-64, making him the Hatters all-time leading marksman.

smooth operator...

# Nick Owen

He has long been one of the smoothest presenters on television, yet Nick Owen's professional objectivity is cast aside when his beloved Luton Town are under the spotlight.

Previously a frontman for a variety of ITV sports shows, Nick has been the anchor with the BBC's Midlands Today evening news show over the past eight years and only his work commitments will stop him making the trip to Bramall Lane tonight.

"I'd love to be going tonight because this should be a fantastic game," he confirms. "But my work generally gets in the way of the mid-week games and that will be the case this time. Still, I fancy us to go up there and give the Blades a good game.

"Sheffield United look like being the team to beat in the Championship this season. I have had some dealings with Neil Warnock over the years and he's a fantastic character. I fancy them to go up this season and wouldn't it be great if the top two in this division were Sheffield United and Luton. Everyone going to this game would settle for that scenario."

Few observers picked out the Hatters as potential promotion challengers this season after their stunning League One title triumph last term, yet Nick insists he has not been surprised by their progress.

**"I said before a ball was kicked this season that I felt Luton would do okay, so our position in the league is not a big shock,"**

**Nick confirms.**

"This Luton side have grown up together over the last couple of years. They have produced a few fine young players through the youth ranks and mixed them with a handful of astute signings. Mike Newell has got them playing with real passion and we are a good side to watch.

"Newell's appointment was shrouded in controversy a couple of years back because the club had just been taken over by a new owner and everything seemed to be falling apart, but he has done a fantastic job. He's a wonderfully understated manager and he has learnt his trade from working with some of the greats over the years. Long may his success continue."

Owen's excitement at Luton's progress this season is tempered with his frustration at their ongoing battle to move out of their creaking stadium at Kenilworth Road. "We need a new ground, that's stating the obvious," he says.

"It just has to happen or there is barely any point in the club carrying on. There is no way we can compete long term with teams in the Championship or the Premiership with a stadium that has such a modest capacity and no real potential to make money in areas other than football."

The good days are back for Luton Town and all they need now is a stadium to compliment their rising team.



**manager**

A formidable striker with Blackburn and Everton, amongst others, **Mike Newell** cut his managerial teeth with Hartlepool before being tempted to join Luton - another of his former clubs - in the summer of 2003. The Hatters were tenth in his first season and last year he guided them to the League One title - finishing 14 points clear of second-placed Hull City.

**star man**

Now in his fourth season at Luton, Croatian midfielder **Ahmet Brkovic** is a key player for Luton at this level, especially after signing a contract extension in the summer. Playing mainly on the right flank he has scored a number of important goals for the Hatters. He arrived on these shores from HNK Dubrovnik and signed for Leyton Orient before moving on a bosman free.

**young gun**

Homegrown goalkeeper **Dean Brill** currently provides competition for Marlon Beresford but is seen as the long-term solution at Kenilworth Road. Only 19, he has made three first team appearances this season and has yet to experience a Championship defeat. Standing at 6ft 3ins, he is Luton born and kept a clean sheet on his U19s debut for the club - as a 15-year-old!

**goal power**

Between them, **Steve Howard** and **Warren Feeney** have already reached double figures as Luton have made an impressive start to the season. Howard, formerly with Hartlepool, has scored 88 goals in 180 starts for the Hatters and has attracted the attentions of other clubs. He was paired with Irish striker Feeney at the end of last season to guide the club to promotion.

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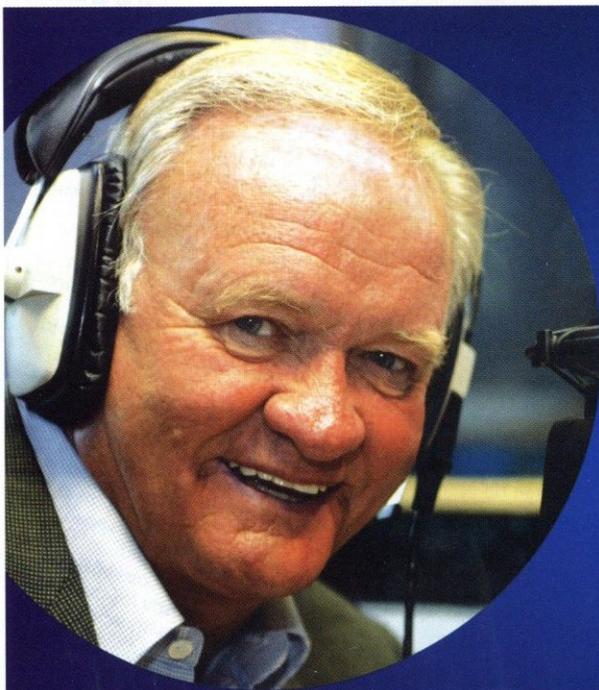
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**Ever heard the story of the team that weren't allowed to enter the FA Cup because they didn't get their application in on time? Or the player who couldn't play because his registration form didn't reach the League by midday on Friday?**

Fortunately, these aren't stories relating to United whose Football Secretary, **Donna Fletcher**, is responsible for making sure that they never do.

Her administration - with regard to appropriate deadlines - has to be completed for all players signed, sold or loaned at every level of the Club, player's contracts organised and away trips planned in detail, well in advance.

Donna is personal secretary to Neil Warnock, Terry Robinson and Derek Dooley, the latter she began working for as a typist when she started at the Lane in 1989:

"As was common in those days, all junior staff were soon

recruited for extra Saturday work, so I worked matchdays in the Souvenir shop, the Box Office and the Pools Office. It was a great way to get to know the staff at the club, but my main work was always as a typist."

Returning from maternity leave in 1996 she was asked to take over as Football Secretary which carries considerable responsibility, not least in ensuring that games can go ahead through correct procedures. It is not unusual for her to have to chase up match officials to make sure they confirm their attendance!

With regard to signing players Donna often has to book hotels - twice if they then decide to sign - and then registration forms must be completed.

Luckily, nowadays, they don't have to be rushed to Lytham St Annes by car, and a fax is sufficient. But the crucial thing is to have a fax copy with the time on it so that even if the League don't receive the fax until a minute after the

deadline, possibly because of a number such incoming forms, the registration is still valid.

In organising team travel for matches Donna liaises with Neil Warnock who always has the final decision on the hotel, and he will never stay in one if it was used the night before a defeat!

Then there is a training ground to sort out: "For the game at Millwall, I realised that with the hotel Neil had chosen, Charlton's ground was too far away and West Ham was the only option. A quick phone call to them got us permission to use their Academy on the day of our match."

Last week was a typical one that indicates the sort of things she has to undertake.

The Cup game at Reading meant that the reserve game at Chesterfield against Forest had to be re-arranged. And she helped re-arrange a reserve game at Sheffield Wednesday because the Owls had a first team game re-arranged.

Blades' players recalled from loan for the Reading game meant more paperwork, and for all returning loanees the payroll section has to be notified so they can invoice the other club.

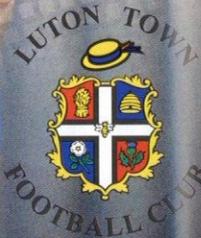
Disciplinary forms have to be completed and, for players receiving a ban, the FA has to be notified about which games they will miss.

These things are fairly routine but, when I called, Donna was arranging a flight ticket from Malta to London for a player needing to return there instead of Manchester.

**The most unusual request of the week, however, was from Cardiff City. They asked if she could organise for two large frozen lasagnes they were bringing to be heated and ready for them to eat on the coach during their return journey!**

# classic luton town campaigns

Football historian **LEIGH EDWARDS** selects ten Luton Town 'Classic Campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons.



Steve Howard

## 1969/70

**Malcolm Macdonald** scored 25 times as Town won **promotion**. They had narrowly missed it the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with **Alec Stock** signing **Malcolm Macdonald**, **John Ryan** and **John Collins**.

Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting **Chris Nicholl** from Halifax and **Matt Tees** from Charlton. Macdonald netted hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield



David Pleat

## 1973/74

Luton regained **top-flight status** after an absence of 14 years. They recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer **Carlisle** 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. **Harry Haslam** signed **Alan West** from Burnley and **Jimmy Husband** from Everton as they maintained their promotion challenge.

Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals **Orient**, then leading marksman **Barry Butlin** scored three in a 4-2 win over **Preston**. **Alan Garner** and **Bobby Thomson** were ever-present and other stars included **Peter Anderson** and **John Ryan** as Luton finished runners-up.

## 1981/82

**David Pleat** guided them to the **Second Division title**. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and **Tony Grealish** was swapped for Brighton's **Brian Horton**. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals **Watford** 4-1, then **Steve White** scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of **Grimsby**.

**Richard Money** arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman **Brian Stein**, **Mal Donaghy**, **Kirk Stephens** and **Steve White** were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

## 1987/88

**Ray Harford** plotted Luton's **Littlewoods Cup final triumph**. **Danny Wilson** replaced **Peter Nicholas** in midfield, while **Micky Weir** arrived from Hibernian and **Mike Newell** moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at **Oxford** and **Ian Allinson** was signed from **Stoke** in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against **Oxford**, finishing ninth in the top-flight.

They defeated **Wigan** 5-2, **Coventry** 3-1, **Ipswich** 1-0, **Bradford City** 2-0 and **Oxford** 3-1 in the **Littlewoods Cup** before beating **Arsenal** 3-2 in the final. They were also **FA Cup** semi-finalists and **Simod Cup** finalists.

## 1988/89

Luton were **Littlewoods Cup finalists** for the second consecutive season. Departures were **Brian Stein**, **Mark Stein** and **Andy Dibble**, while newcomers included **Roy Wegerle**, **John Dreyer** and **Steve Williams**.

Town's first home win was 1-0 against **Liverpool** and they beat **Southampton** 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with them narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. They defeated **Burnley** 2-1, **Leeds** 2-0, **Manchester City** 3-1, **Southampton** 2-1 and **West Ham** 5-0 in the **Littlewoods Cup** before losing 3-1 to **Nottingham Forest** in the final.



Steve Foster

Ricky Hill

Brian Stein

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## 1954/55

**Gordon Turner** scored 32 goals as Luton won promotion to the **top-flight for the first time**. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to **Nottingham Forest** and soared up the **Second Division** table with six straight wins.

Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced **Blackburn** 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at **Nottingham Forest**. **Dally Duncan**'s side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past **Hull City**, **Rotherham**, **Liverpool** and **Port Vale**. **Tom Aherne** and **Shay Dunne** were ever-present as Luton pipped **Rotherham** to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at **Doncaster**.

## 1958/59

Town were **FA Cup finalists for the first and only time**. They were unbeaten in their opening ten **First Division** games, trouncing **Manchester City** 5-1 and scoring four goals past **West Ham** and **Preston**.

They recovered from a lean spell to beat **Arsenal** 6-3 and **Burnley** 6-2, then top scorer **Allan Brown** netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of **Nottingham Forest** but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated **Leeds** 5-1, **Leicester** 4-1, **Ipswich** 5-2, **Blackpool** 1-0 and **Norwich** 1-0 in the **FA Cup** before **Syd Owen**'s side lost 2-1 to **Nottingham Forest** in the final.

## 1967/68

**Bruce Rioch** netted 24 goals as the Hatters won the **Fourth Division title**. New captain **Terry Branston** made his debut as Luton kicked off with a 1-1 draw at **Wrexham** and **Ian Buxton** arrived from **Derby** in September. Town lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat **Charlton** in the **League Cup** first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins.

**Allan Brown**'s side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at **Brentford** in February and **Keith Allen**, **Max Dougan**, **Fred Jardine**, **John Moore** and **Ray Whittaker** also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over **Crewe**.

## 2001/02

**Steve Howard** scored 24 times as Luton won promotion. **Joe Kinnear**'s side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer **Carl Griffiths** netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over **Torquay**.

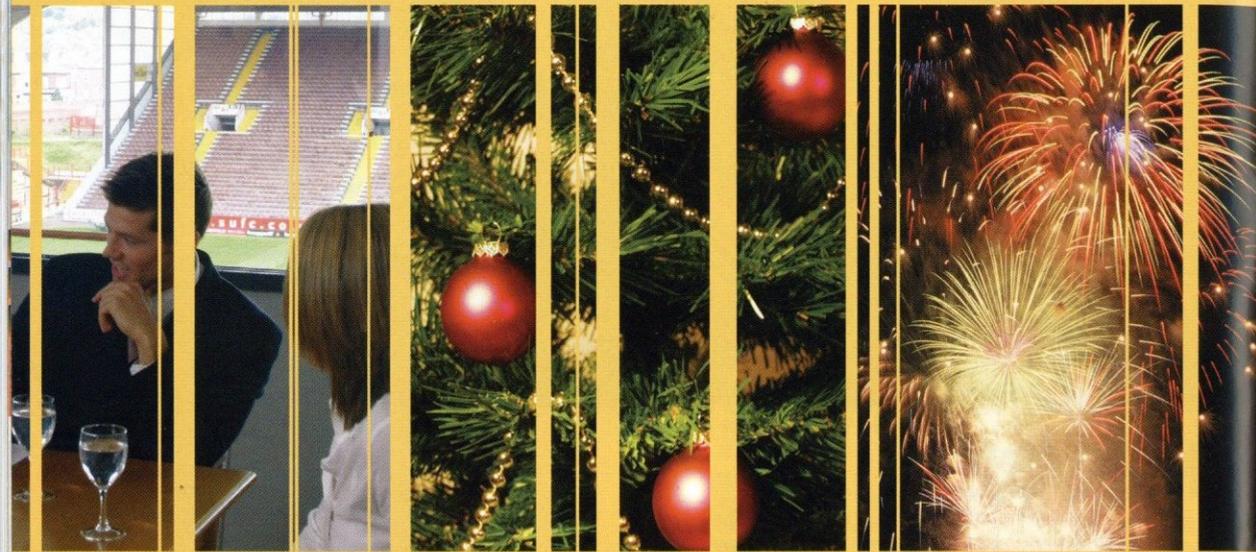
The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating **Darlington** 5-2 in October, signing **Chris Coyne** from **Dundee**, **Jean-Louis Valois** from **Lille**, **Dean Crowe** from **Stoke**, **Ahmet Brkovic** from **Orient** and **Dave Bayliss** from **Rochdale**. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past **Halifax** and **Mansfield**, took Town back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to **Plymouth**.

## 2004/05

**Mike Newell** managed the Hatters to the **League One title**. They stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat **Bradford City** 4-0 and **Wrexham** 5-1, then **Steve Howard** netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at **MK Dons**.

The 1-0 victory over **Port Vale** in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer **Bristol City** 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by **Hull**, they triumphed 4-1 at **Torquay** and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

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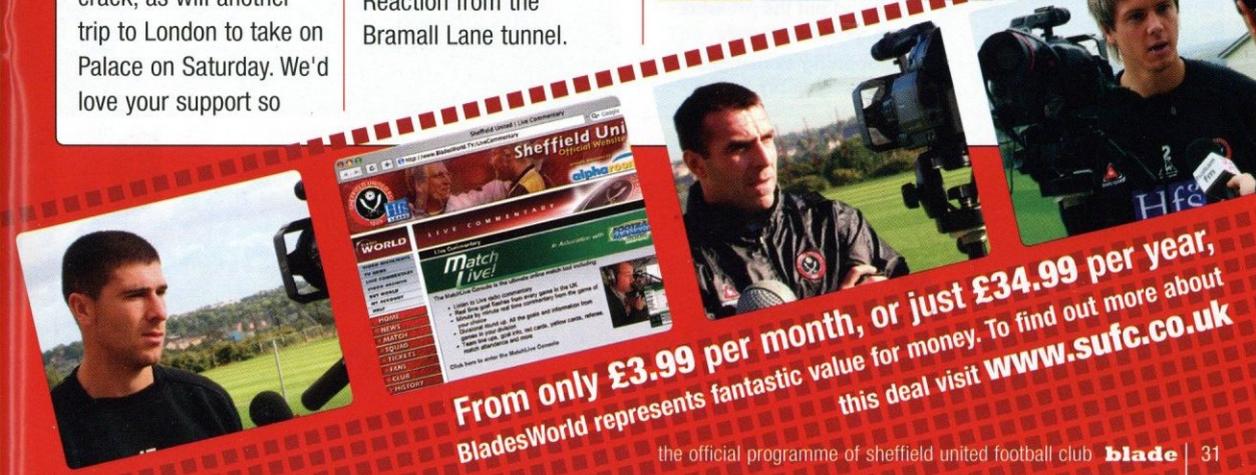
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Neil Warnock - Blades Manager

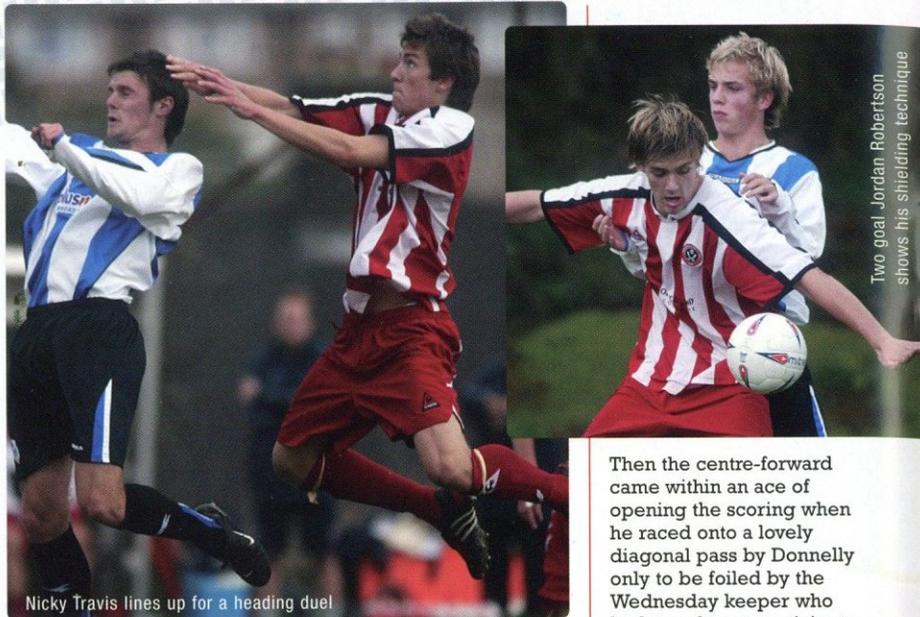


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# FA Premier Academy League - U18s Group D

AUGUST		
20	Millwall	2-0
27	Milton Keynes Dons	1-0
SEPTEMBER		
3	Stoke City	0-0
10	West Brom Albion	0-0
17	Wolves	0-0
24	Nottingham Forest	2-0
OCTOBER		
1	Huddersfield Town	0-2
8	Barnsley	2-1
15	Newcastle United	2-2
22	Sheffield Wednesday	3-1
NOVEMBER		
5	Derby County	
12	Sunderland	
19	Leeds United	
DECEMBER		
3	Middlesbrough	
10	Nottingham Forest	
JANUARY		
7	Barnsley	
14	Newcastle United	
21	Sheffield Wednesday	
FEBRUARY		
4	Derby County	
11	Sunderland	
18	Leeds United	
25	Middlesbrough	
MARCH		
4	Huddersfield Town	
11	Blackburn Rovers	
18	Crewe Alexandra	
APRIL		
1	Everton	
8	Liverpool	
22	Manchester City	

## Owls can't stop Blades run



Nicky Travis lines up for a heading duel

Two goal Jordan Robertson shows his shielding technique

Then the centre-forward came within an ace of opening the scoring when he raced onto a lovely diagonal pass by Donnelly only to be foiled by the Wednesday keeper who had raced out to anticipate.

But the first goal did come to the Blades way after 37 minutes. Robertson won a free-kick to the right of

furiously and pretty even with few chances until Robertson headed over for United.

### United U18s 3

Owls 1

FA Academy Premier League

Saturday 22 October

Jordan Robertson's breakaway goal in the final minute sealed a 3-1 home win for the U18s against Sheffield Wednesday at Shirecliffe on Saturday.

After building a comfortable two goal lead the Blades seemed on course for a routine win until the Owls pulled one back and put the pressure on in the later stages.

The opening exchanges were, predictably, fast,



Blades' keeper Jamie Green claims under pressure

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Nicky Travis and Ryan Cresswell flank a celebration scrum!

centre just outside the penalty-area and Nicky Law stepped up to curl the ball past the wall and across the goalkeeper just inside the left hand post.

Within five minutes the lead was doubled with a well-worked goal that ended with Law squaring the ball for Robertson to turn in at the near post.

Donnelly passed up a great chance just after the restart when he chose the right option but lobbed weakly at the goalkeeper.

The Owls, kicking up the slope, seemed to take heart and head several efforts at goal which were either saved by Green or whistled close to goal and it was little surprise they broke

through with a header in the 65th minute.

Although Wednesday had the momentum at this point United almost restored the two goal advantage but Oliver's 20 yard volley took a touch that tipped it just over the top.

The , after 72 minutes, they scorned a great opportunity. Law set it up by charging

down a clearance and putting in an accurate low cross that Oliver miscued when he should have scored.

Back came Wednesday to first hit the sidenet and then find Green coming out on top in a 1 v 1 situation. But their hopes of an equaliser were dashed when Fairhurst beat the offside trap and slipped the ball through the defence for Robertson to sidestep the keeper and find an empty net.

Scott Sellars: "I was pleased with the performance and although we didn't start the second period well and allowed Wednesday to come back at us, we battled well.

"We showed good quality for the goals, especially Law's free-kick and Fairhurst's work for the last goal. These derbies are never top class affairs, there is so much fear and no-one wants to make a mistake."

**Blades:** Green, Starosta, Birks, Kerry (Eagers 78), Cresswell, Travis, Law (K Quinn 90), Binnion, J Robertson, Oliver (Fairhurst 75), Donnelly.

**Unused:** Carrick, Naughton.  
**Scorers:** Law (37), Robertson (42,90).

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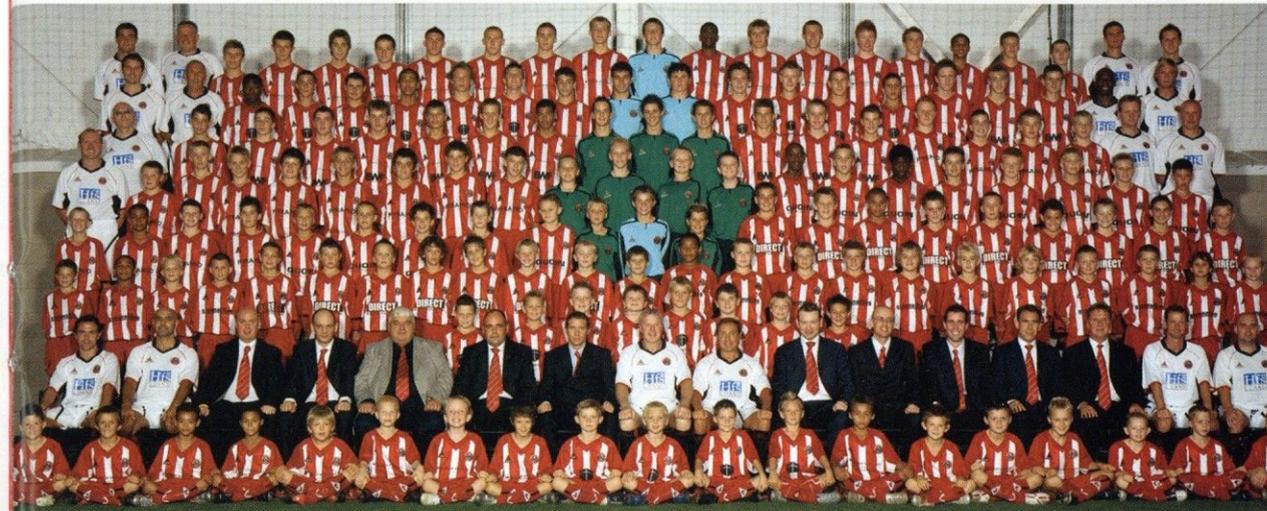
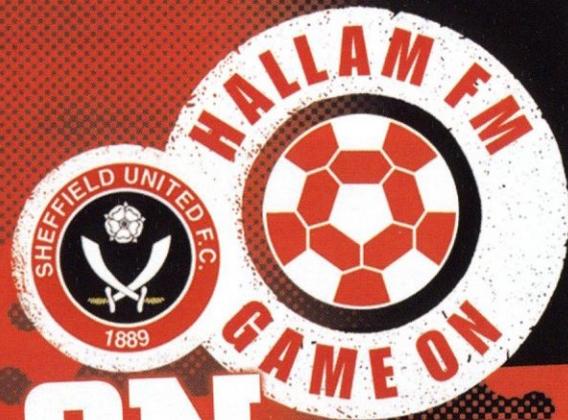
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**What a line-up!** For the first time the nine squads at The Forsyth Sheffield United Academy have been individually sponsored and the Academy's largest ever photoshoot provided the opportunity for the squads to meet their sponsors.

More than 150 young footballers from nine to 18-year-olds and their coaches gathered at the Academy for pictures to be taken with representatives from the companies who had each sponsored a squad which for the season will wear shirts sporting their sponsor's name.

Later, managers and coaches enjoyed a buffet with representatives from Forsyth Business Centres, Bank of Scotland, Scarborough Development Company, Pyramid Carpets, Direct Wholesale UK, Green Piling, Quoin Property Group and Burnley Wilson Fish.

Ron Reid, Academy Football manager, said: "Although the evening took a great deal of organising, everything went surprisingly smoothly and we all enjoyed meeting the sponsors and 'showing off' our players. I hope the sponsors also found it a rewarding and interesting experience."

**Trevor applauds Academy facilities**

There was an important visitor recently at The Forsyth Sheffield United Academy in Shirecliffe where the FA was holding its national Charter Standard Holiday course providers' in-service training course for coaches from football clubs across the country.

**Sir Trevor Brooking** presented awards to those Holiday course providers which had been nominated in the FA's Chartered Standards football holiday course national awards, which are held annually to ensure its standards for youngsters are maintained.

The FA has never before held the course at a venue which offers facilities for actual training on a football pitch – in the case of the Academy on its third generation indoor Astroturf pitch.

**Les Howie**, FA national development manager who organised the course,

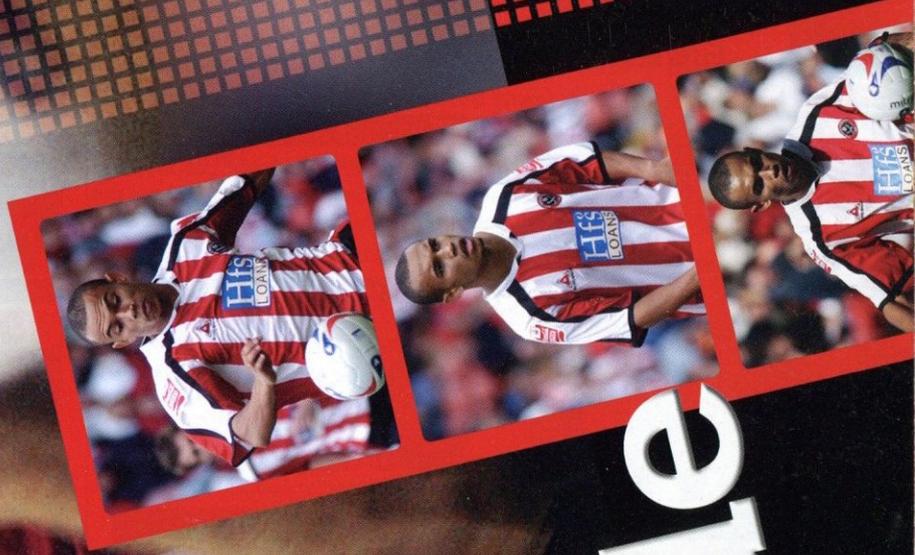


Sir Trevor with Blades Academy Coach, Kevin Fogg, and Academy Manager Nick Mennell

said: "We were delighted with the facilities at the Academy, which for the first time enabled us to combine hands-on training with classroom instruction. I know that Sir Trevor was also impressed with what the Blades' Academy has to offer, not

only in terms of facilities, but also its coaching abilities." The running of the course coincided with the England Under 21s game against Poland at Hillsborough which the coaches were able to attend in the evening.

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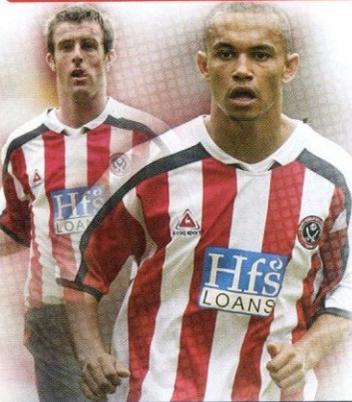
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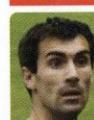
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Good evening and welcome to our second home game in four days. As usual I would like to welcome the travelling fans, players and directors who have made the journey up from Luton this evening.

Our Match Sponsors this evening are **DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary UK LLP**, one of the largest legal services organisations in the world; their party is being hosted by Partner, Ashley Mott.

This evening's Match Ball is sponsored by long-term supporters of the Club, **Dearnside Fabrications**, whose party is hosted by Managing Director, Paul Muldoon.

I would also like to welcome the **Unite Group** to this evening's game. Unite "at the heart of student living" have recently opened their latest development, adjacent to the ground and are the sponsors of this evening's student promotion. Alan Allison their Sales and Marketing Manager is hosting a party of guests in the Marston's Suite and we hope they have an enjoyable evening and wish the same for all the Students who have taken up the ticket offer in the Bramall Lane upper tier.

## Attention Season Ticket Holders

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Season ticket holders have the chance to watch league games style within our Luxurious Marston's Suite by upgrading their ticket for just £40. Season ticket holders can bring a non season ticket holder for £60.

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- Three-course carvery meal
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- Match Day Programme
- Luxury Cinema style padded seats behind glass
- Ex-Blades Legend to host the suite
- Competitions and Prizes
- Soup, Tea and Coffee at Half-Time
- Tea and Coffee at Full-Time
- Access to the exclusive Marston's Suite Bar



The very popular celebration package has now been available for three seasons and has seen many season ticket holders take up this great offer.

We are taking bookings for all league games this season, so if you have a celebration coming up why not book now and celebrate at Bramall Lane.

For further details on the package or to book places please contact the Commercial Department on **0870 442 8813** or email: [commercial@sufc.co.uk](mailto:commercial@sufc.co.uk)

For further details on all the Blades hospitality, sponsorship, events and advertising please visit the new commercial micro-site at: [www.sufc.co.uk/commercial](http://www.sufc.co.uk/commercial)

### Pictured from the Wolves Game

- 1) Our Main Match Sponsors at the game were WDB Brands our Official Beverage supplier, their Regional Manager, Russell Gibbs, is pictured here receiving a picture from the 2000th League game at Bramall Lane from Rob Kozluk and Phil Jagielka
- 2) The match ball was sponsored by Bakewell Bridge Car Park and the Rhodes Family are pictured here receiving the signed and mounted match ball from Rob and Phil.
- 3) Grant Thornton were our Programme Sponsors and James Campbell, son of David Campbell, their Managing Partner is pictured receiving the signed and framed programme from Rob and Phil.
- 4) After a good team performance Rob Kozluk was named sponsors man of the match and he is pictured here receiving a bottle of champagne from Muriel Rhodes of Bakewell Bridge Car Park.



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## home kit sponsors



Good evening, welcome to you all and especially to the students of both Hallam and Sheffield Universities who will be seated in the away end taking advantage of a special offer for this match; many of you will be attending your first Blades match but, hopefully, not your last.

Picking up on some of the comments I have read this week on the situation with G and H block in the Global Windows Stand, it is clearly an issue that the Club have not managed to properly explain.

In 2002/03 season the Club was found guilty by the FA of an offence of not being able to control the home supporters on a number of occasions.

All incidents were in G and H block and involved the well publicised firing of flares and also repeated offences of coin throwing.

I cannot emphasise enough the seriousness of these findings. Comments were made at the time that after the first flare was fired, steps could have been taken to stop any other flares. This was also my initial opinion, expecting the flares to be large objects.

Of course, on research, it turned out the flares were similar to the size of a biro and, due to this and the firing mechanism, virtually impossible to detect.

We had no grounds to appeal the findings of the FA and the result, after much negotiation, was a suspended fine of £100,000 and the imposition of a number of conditions to be fulfilled so that the area could be used again.

These conditions included improvements to the ground and control over the identity of supporters sitting in the G and H block areas.

We met the conditions and agreed to move the location of the police box to allow sales of tickets in the area in certain circumstances.

Some consider that the conditions imposed by the FA appear to be draconian in comparison to other football

clubs, but the seriousness and pattern of the behaviour in G and H block led to the severity of the decision.

Currently, the seats there are not sold until the rest of the Global Windows stand is sold out, and only then to supporters who can prove their identity at purchase and on entering this area of the ground.

I understand that this is a pain for all concerned, including the ticket office staff, but unfortunately the consequences of the FA findings are still in place.

If a repeat incident occurs and we are found guilty of the same offence the fine becomes payable and the area would be at risk of closure, not to mention the shame that such a repeat would bring to the Club. As a result we continue to operate the control over the sale of seats.

This column is written prior to the Cardiff match but at the time of writing we have already sold a great deal of seats in G and H block.

Assuming that the game passed without problem it will have provided good evidence in the consideration of the strategy adopted in the sale of the seats. A review is conducted after every match day.

As the season continues there may be the opportunity to carefully look at relaxing the controls over seat sales in a way that minimises the risk of problems, but allows supporters less inconvenient access to this part of the ground.

I'll cover the review of the other off the pitch activities in the column at the Millwall game.

Enjoy the game.

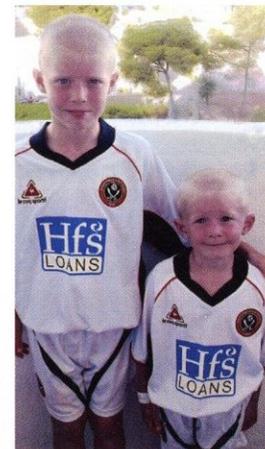
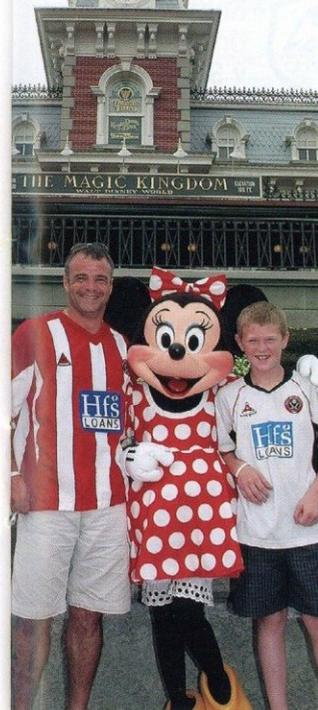


▲ **Brian's Blades Bar** The Robshaw family on tour in Nerja in Bar Bosqky (Blades Bar) with well known fellow Blade and landlord, Brian Wise, formerly of the Big Tree at Woodseats, and others.

# Blades on Tour

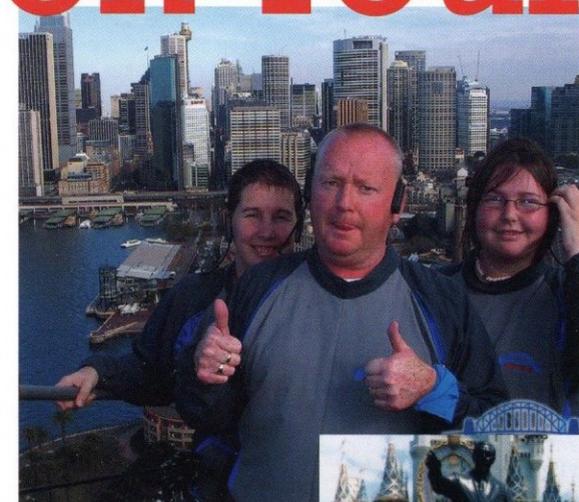
## ◀ Missionary Blades!

Season ticket holders **Wayne Shaw** and son, Stephen of Lowedges, tried converting Minnie Mouse into a Blades fan whilst on holiday at Walt Disney World in Florida in September. At least they got her in red and white!



## Surprise, surprise! ▲

Junior Blades **Dalton Golland** (9) and **Wade** (6) of Westfield pose for a photograph on the balcony of their hotel in Cala Egos, Majorca, and mum, Angela, says: "I would make their day if they opened the programme and saw their picture."



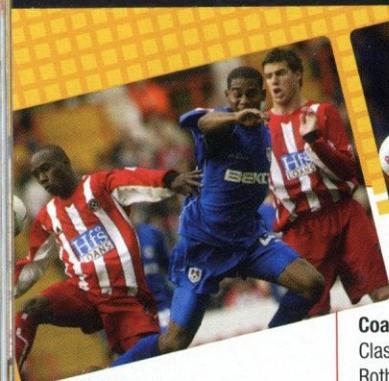
## Climbing ▲ Blades

Getting high are **Bob, Debbie** and **Chelsea Wilson** who completed the Sydney Harbour Bridge climb on holiday in Australia.

## Smile, please ▶

Disney World in Florida is a popular destination and young **Josh Raine** of Chesterfield made sure he recorded the moment when he visited on holiday earlier this year.





**Coach Travel** (sponsored by Classic Business Forms of Rotherham): Away Blade is running coaches to Selhurst Park. The prices are £19 (Away Blade members) and £22 (non members). Coaches leave at **8am**. There is **no family coach** for this fixture.

**Directions:** From the north: Take the M1/A1 to the North Circular (A406) for Chiswick. Take the South Circular to Wandsworth then the A3 to the A214 and follow signs for Streatham to the A23. Turn left onto the B273 after one mile, follow to the end, turn left into the High Street and then into Whitehorse Lane.

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**Sheffield United v Millwall**

Coca-Cola Championship  
Saturday 19 November 2005

Kick-off 3pm

This match is a category 'B' fixture and tickets are on sale at the Box Office now.



**Wolves v Sheffield United**

Coca-Cola Championship  
Tuesday 22 November 2005

Kick-off 7.45pm

Whether the fixture is all ticket or not will **depend on advance ticket sales**, therefore supporters are advised to purchase tickets in advance to guarantee entry.

Any supporters wishing to pay on the day should contact the SUFC Box Office before travelling to ensure tickets are available.

We have been allocated **2,597** tickets, these are priced at: **£27** Adults, **£14** Concessions (U16, over 65).

We also have **12 pairs of wheelchair and helper tickets available**. These are priced at **£14 per pair**.

Tickets are on sale at the Box Office from **Monday 31 October 2005**.

\*All sales are subject to availability

**Coach Travel** (sponsored by Classic Business Forms of Rotherham): Away Blade is running coaches to Molineux. The prices are **£11** (Away Blade members), **£14** (non members). Coaches leave at **3.30pm**.

There is **no family coach** for this fixture.

**Directions:** From North: Exit M6 Junction 12. At island take third exit onto A5 for Wolverhampton. At next island turn left onto A449. After six miles A449 passes under M54, carry straight on and at sixth roundabout (Five Ways) take third exit into Waterloo Road. Molineux is one mile straight on.

**Car Parking:** Around West Park, Newhampton Road and rear of Stan Cullis Stand. Also in Town Centre - five minutes walk.

**Nearest Railway Station:** Wolverhampton - three quarters of a mile.



**Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday**

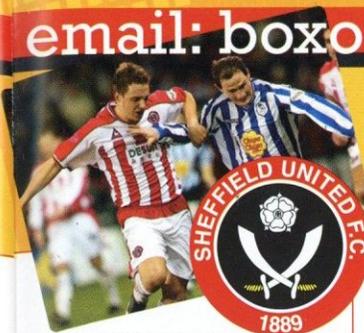
Saturday 3 December 2005, kick-off 3pm

■ Tickets are initially on sale as a **2 or 3 match package**.

■ Supporters can purchase a ticket for the SWFC match if purchasing either Millwall or Burnley, or both, at the same time.

SUFC v Millwall  
19 November 2005  
Category B

SUFC v SWFC  
3 December 2005  
Category A



SUFC v Burnley  
10 December 2005  
Category B

■ Adults will save **£6** when purchasing the **3 match package** and **£4** when purchasing the **2 match package**

■ **Junior package** prices start from as little as **£5** for the 2 match package and **£7** for the 3 match package.

**Tickets go on sale to various categories of supporter as follows:**

**Monday 31 October – Saturday 19 November 2005**  
Tickets are on general sale for the 2 or 3 match package.

**Monday 21 November – Saturday 26 November 2005**  
Tickets are on general sale for the 2 match package (SWFC and Burnley).

If any tickets remain unsold after the above dates, tickets will go on general sale for the SWFC match only on **Monday 28 November**.

All ticket sales are subject to availability. For further details please contact the Ticket Office.



**Leicester City v Sheffield United**

Coca-Cola Championship  
Saturday 26 November 2005  
Kick-off 3pm

Whether the fixture is all ticket or not **will depend on advance** ticket sales, therefore supporters are advised to purchase tickets in advance to guarantee entry. Any supporters wishing to pay on the day should contact the SUFC Box Office before travelling to ensure tickets are available.

We have been allocated **2,023** tickets, these are priced at: £22 Adults, £20 Young Adults 16-21, £20 Seniors (Over 65), £17 Juniors 12-15, £14 Juniors 0-11.

Tickets are on sale at the Box Office from **Monday 7 November 2005**.

\* All sales are subject to availability.

**Coach Travel** (sponsored by Classic Business Forms of Rotherham). Away Blade is running coaches to the Walkers Stadium. The prices are **£11** (Away Blade members), **£14** (non members). Coaches leave at **11.30am**. There is **no family coach** for this fixture.

**Directions:** From North: Take the A46/A607 into the City Centre or exit the M1 at Junction 21, take the A5460, turn right three quarters of a mile after the Railway Bridge into Upperton Road, then right into Filbert Way.

**Car Parking:** NCP Car Park, five minutes walk.

**Nearest Railway Station:** Leicester, one mile.

**Matchday Prices 2005-06**

	Category 'A' Adult Concs		Category 'B' Adult Concs		'Blades Days' Adult Concs	
Hallam FM Kop	£21	£15	£19	£13	£10	£5
Global Windows Stand	£25	£16	£23	£14	£10	£5
Hfs Loans Stand	£24	£15	£22	£13	£10	£5
Streetwise Corner	£24	£15	£22	£13	£10	£5
Junior Blades U16	–	£8	–	£8	–	£5
Junior Blades U10	–	£3	–	£3	–	£3

\*'Blades Days' is for a maximum of four games. Season Tickets have had these offers included in them when calculating the price.

**Concessionary Rates**

Concessionary rates are available for **youths** (under 16), **seniors** (over 60) and **Students** with a valid NUS card. The **unemployed** can also qualify for concessionary prices, **but must first sign up** for the £20 annual membership.

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**THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WERE IMPOSED ON US BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AFTER INCIDENTS AT HOME GAMES AGAINST SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY AND NORWICH CITY IN 2002/03.**

- Sheffield United is warned as to its future conduct.
- Sections G & H of the Laver Stand were closed until the end of season 2003/04.
- The area is not to be re-opened until the CCTV system is upgraded to the satisfaction of the FA by a report from the FA's Head of Safety and Security.
- Upgrading shall include considerations for the relocation of the Stadium Control Room and this will be done in full consultation with the Police Ground Commander.
- Sections G & H had to be netted over during closure.
- When reopened it will be required to be used for Season Ticket holders only for the following season.
- There will be a fine of £100,000 which will be suspended to the end of season 2005/06 and this may be imposed in full or part by an FA Commission if the Club is found guilty of a similar offence in that period.
- The Club was ordered to print a notice in the matchday programme for three seasons indicating

responsibility of spectators to ground safety.

The Chairman wishes to remind all supporters of the serious consequences of breaching ground safety regulations, in particular with regard to: ■ pitch encroachment ■ throwing of coins/other objects ■ standing in seated areas ■ blocking gangways ■ the ignition of flares or fireworks

These regulations, if breached, will cause profound damage to not only Sheffield United but to the ordinary supporters who may not gain access to the ground through further FA punishment.

The Club wishes to again project the image that we were once renowned for, that of a friendly family club. We remind spectators of the difficult job the Stewards and the Police have in managing the ground. Control and discipline when managing large crowds is dependent on the behaviour of supporters. Anybody transgressing these regulations or not obeying instructions from the appropriate authorities risk immediate exclusion from the ground. The perpetrators of the incident where a young girl was injured by the indiscriminate, pre-meditated firing of a flare are facing a custodial sentence.

**is spoiling the ninety minute enjoyment that the vast majority come to experience worth it when YOUR liberty and your ability to watch Sheffield United, YOUR Club, is at risk?**

**PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD WISH TO BE RESPECTED YOURSELF.** Make Bramall Lane a trouble-free zone and show the rest of football that Sheffield United has again become a Family Club, safe for both home and visiting supporters alike.



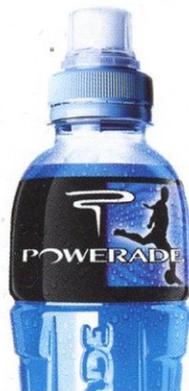
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## Fantastic on Plastic

Today's visitors are one of the few clubs that experimented, for a time, with the use of a synthetic, or 'plastic', pitch - an idea borrowed from the American NFL.

The benefits were that games were not cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and the pitch could be used for training - or hired out for other events - without fear of ruining the surface.

With football clubs coming under severe financial pressure in the 1980s, an artificial surface could save money on training grounds and bring in revenue from outside usage.

There were big disadvantages, however. Although fine for the NFL, where the ball was carried or thrown, in football the ball was kicked and bounced along the surface.

For all their technical efforts, the manufacturers were never able to reproduce a surface that responded in the the same way as grass.

Players and managers were soon complaining that the ball bounced too high, was more difficult to control and that players could be burned when sliding into the tackle. For the bigger clubs, UEFA had also banned their use in European competitions.

United's early



CHRIS WILDER Supplied the pass

experiences of artificial surfaces weren't happy. In September 1987, Billy McEwan's Blades side had lost a close game at Oldham's Boundary Park. Although the Blades had been allowed by Oldham to train on their artificial pitch, McEwan was unimpressed: "A couple of hours to familiarise ourselves with the conditions hardly makes up for the advantage the home players have, who play on them week in and week out."

Yet when Dave Bassett's promotion chasing side returned to Oldham in

March 1990, it was a completely different story. Oldham had gone 38 games unbeaten at home but the Blades - with a patched up team and a brace from Brian Deane - came away with an impressive 2-0 victory.

Captain Paul Stancliffe explained the team's strategy: "It seemed that the main problems were psychological - other teams had surrendered before the game had started. We decided the best way to defeat Oldham was to attack them, to deny them time and space and to use the high ball. It worked a treat and the result was no fluke."

Visiting Luton on a miserable and cold Boxing Day morning in 1990, all the advantages seemed to lie with the home team.

United had just one win in seventeen games; it was another plastic pitch; the club had a complete ban on all away supporters - although a few Blades managed to get in - and that season, only Manchester United had so far won at Kenilworth Road.

However, just as at Oldham, United took a positive approach to the game. Deane and

Bradshaw ran the Luton back four ragged, whilst the Blades' own rearguard - especially Hill and Beesley - were magnificent.

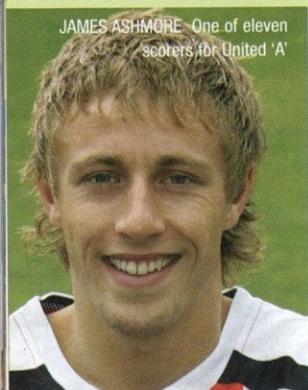
'Deano' was again a key performer, seemingly supporting claims that artificial surfaces benefited players with excellent touch and skill. It was he who latched on to Wilder's pass to fire the only goal past Chamberlain and gain United's first away victory of the campaign.



BRIAN DEANE Scored at Oldham

# reserves in detail

JAMES ASHMORE - One of eleven scorers for United 'A'



## Reserve Rollcall 2005-06 'B' squad

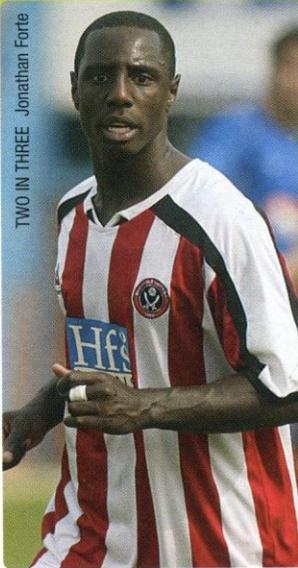
	APPS	GOALS
ANNERSON, J	7	
LAW, N	5	
BINNION, T	6	
ASHMORE, J	4 (1)	
CRESSWELL, R	3	
HILL, S	4 (1)	
NARAJI, S	2	
GYAKI, R	1	1
MARRISON, C	5	4
MULLIGAN, G	2	
TAYLOR, T	1	
STAROSTA, B	5 (2)	
SAN LEE	3 (4)	1
KERRY, L	7 (1)	
NAUGHTON, K	1 (1)	
ROBERTSON, J	3 (2)	3
OLIVER, D	2 (2)	1
DONNELLY, M	1	
TRAVIS, N	3 (1)	1
EAGERS, J	(1)	
QUINN, K	(1)	
NIX, K	6	1
ROMA, D	6	
QUINN, S	3	2
McFADZEAN, K	3	1
DEENEY, S	1	
HORWOOD, E	2 (1)	
HARPER, A	2	
ROBERTSON, C	(1)	

## Reserve Rollcall 2005-06 'A' squad

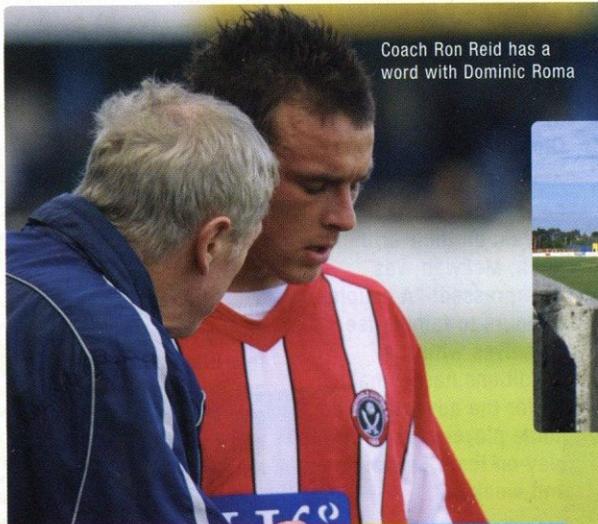
	APPS	GOALS
BARNES, P	5	
GEARY, D	5	2
ARMSTRONG, C	5	4
HARPER, A	3	
FRANCIS, S	4	1
ROMA, D	3 (1)	
HURST, K	1	
QUINN, S	2 (1)	2
KABBA, S	1	
SHAW, P	3	1
FORTE, J	3	2
WRIGHT, A	3 (1)	
MULLIGAN, G	2 (1)	
GYAKI, R	- (1)	
SALEH, R	1	
BINNION, T	2	
DELOUMEAUX, E	2	1
McFADZEAN, K	4	
LAW, N	3	1
NIX, K	2 (1)	
SAN LEE	1 (1)	
TONGE, M	4	
NALIS, L	4	
KOZLUK, R	2	
OLIVER, D	1 (2)	
NAUGHTON, K	- (1)	
HORWOOD, E	4	1
MARRISON, C	2 (1)	
DEENEY, S	1	
ASHMORE, J	1	1
ROBERTSON, J	- (1)	
STAROSTA, B	- (1)	
WEBBER, D	2	
PERICARD, V	1	1

## Owls brought forward to tomorrow...

United 'A's fixture at **Sheffield Wednesday** has been brought forward by six days and will be played at Hillsborough tomorrow (**Wednesday 2 November**) at 2pm.



TWO IN THREE Jonathan Forte



Coach Ron Reid has a word with Dominic Roma

## Sheffield United 'A' Pontin's Holidays League - Central Section

### 2005-06

Home matches at Chesterfield, kick-off 2pm

August

W 17 Oldham Athletic	2-1
W 24 Rotherham United	2-2
W 31 Grimsby Town (PLC)	5-2

September

W 7 Stoke City	3-0
W 21 Bradford City	3-1

October

W 5 Huddersfield Town	0-1
W 12 Huddersfield T.(PLC)	2-2

November

W 2 Sheff. Wednesday	2pm
Tu 15 Barnsley	2pm
Tu 29 Walsall	2pm

December

Tu 6 Hull City	2pm
W 14 Oldham Athletic	2pm

January

W 11 Stoke City	2pm
W 18 Nottingham Forest	2pm
Tu 24 Bradford City	2pm

February

W 1 League Cup Quarter-Final	
M 6 Walsall	2pm
Tu 21 Rotherham United	2pm

March

Tu 7 Huddersfield Town	2pm
W 22 League Cup Semi-Final	
W 29 Nottingham Forest	7pm

April

W 5 Sheff. Wednesday	2pm
W 19 Barnsley	7pm
W 26 Play-Off Semi-Final	

May

Tu 2 Play-Off Final	
Tu 9 League Cup Final	



## Directions to Sandy Lane...

From M1 Southbound, depart M1 Exit 31 on Ramp (South) towards A57/Worksop.

## Sheffield United 'B' Pontin's Holidays League - East Section

### 2005-06

Home matches at Worksop Town, kick-off 7pm

August

Tu 16 Doncaster Rovers	1-2
W 24 Hartlepool United	2-2
Tu 30 Tranmere Rovers (PLC)	1-2

September

M 5 Grimsby Town	4-1
Tu 13 York City	2-0

October

Tu 4 Lincoln City	2-1
Tu 11 Blackpool (PLC)	2-2
W 26 Scarborough	1-3

November

M 7 Darlington	7pm
W 16 Hull City	2pm
W 30 Scunthorpe United	7pm

December

W 7 Rotherham Utd (PLC)	7pm
Tu 13 Doncaster Rovers	7pm

January

Tu 10 Grimsby Town	7pm
Tu 31 York City	2pm

February

W 1 League Cup Quarter-Final	
Tu 7 Scunthorpe United	7pm
W 22 Hartlepool United	2pm

March

W 8 Lincoln City	7pm
W 22 League Cup Semi-Final	
Tu 28 Scarborough	7pm

April

M 3 Darlington	7pm
Tu 18 Hull City	7pm
W 26 Play-Off Semi-Final	

May

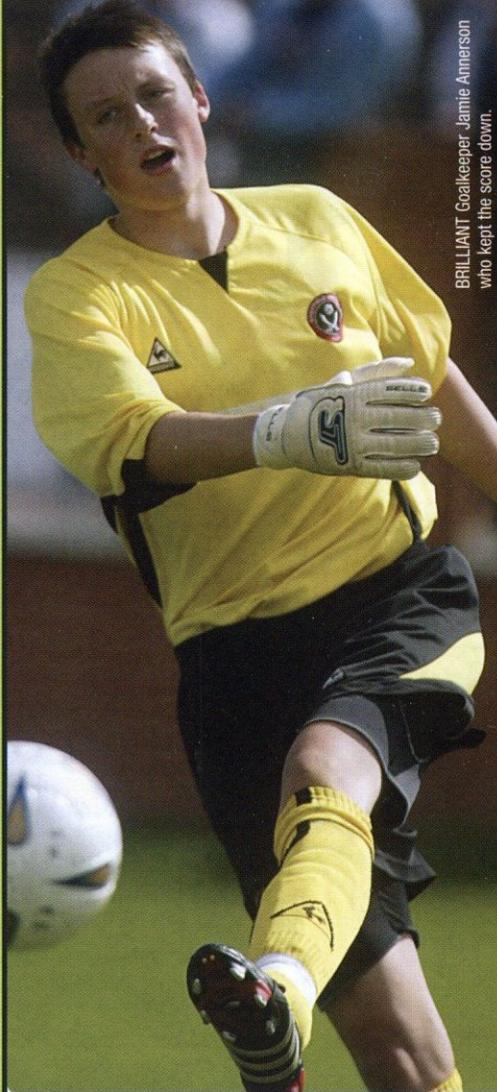
Tu 2 Play-Off Final	
Tu 9 League Cup Final	

At roundabout, take the **FIRST** exit onto A57 (Worksop Road) and follow the signs for Worksop.

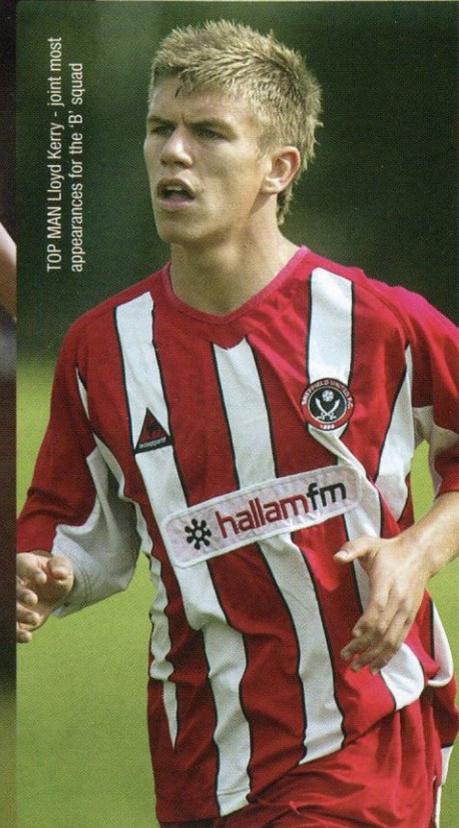
At roundabout, take the **SECOND** exit, onto B6041 (Gateford Road). Follow Road Past Tesco to traffic lights at bottom.

Continue (South-East) on B6040 (Gateford Road), bear **RIGHT** (South) onto A60 (Gateford Road). Turn **RIGHT** (West) onto A60 (Babbage Way).

Arrive Babbage Way, Worksop S80. Take first right near entrance to B&Q. Ground is in view on the left.



BRILLIANT Goalkeeper Jamie Annerson who kept the score down.



TOP MAN Lloyd Kerry - joint most appearances for the 'B' squad

# "Worst display of the season"

## Scarborough 3 Blades Res 'B' 1

Pontins East Section

### Wednesday 26 October

Two goals, poorly defended, in the first 20 minutes helped begin United's downfall - and ended their four game unbeaten run - in the league fixture at the McCain Stadium.

The young Blades under performed and slipped to just their second league defeat of the campaign. Coach Ron Reid said: "This was just about the worst performance of the season."

"We never seemed to get going and never really recovered from

the two early goals - it was poor all around. Scarborough dominated in all areas, they put pressure on us and took advantage."

Unmarked headers on 11 and 19 minutes put the Seadogs in control but **San Lee** gave the Blades hope with a volley from Nix's cross on 21 minutes.

The goal failed to spark United into life and Scarborough again held the upper hand, and a slip by McFadzean allowed the home side to extend their lead, whilst Reid opted to make changes to his defence at the break.

In the rain in the second half it was only the brilliance of goalkeeper Annerson that

managed to keep the score down. He made a couple of fine saves as Scarborough continued to apply the pressure.

**Scarborough:** Pecora, Lyth, Beadle, Perry, Cook, Wood, Eccles, Hughes, Barber, Coulson, Blott. **Subs:** Barnes, Dalton, Amos.

**Blades B:** Annerson, Starosta, Horwood, Kerry, McFadzean (C. Robertson 45), Roma (Travis 45), Harper (Oliver 75), Ashmore, J. Robertson, San Lee, Nix.

**Unused:** Hernandez, Donnelly. **Scorer:** United - Lee (21)

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# crowd scene

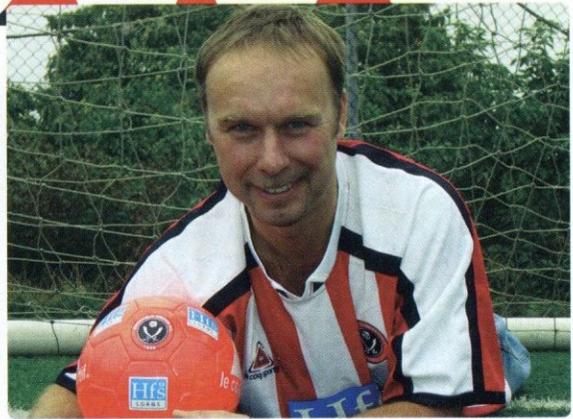
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## Paul's hot texts!

**Paul and Wendy Wilson**, season ticket holders in the Hfs Loans Stand celebrated their Silver Wedding in September with a trip to Aruba, in the Dutch Caribbean.

It was too hot to wear the a normal Blades shirt, so Paul is pictured in the next best thing, a Blades singlet. It is midday, about 105F, and he has just received a text confirming the Blades as 2-0 winners over Ipswich.

Before they set off, son, Adam, also a Kop Season ticket holder, was charged with getting seven points from the three games they missed and he did them proud by getting all nine as the team carried on its winning streak against Brighton and Watford.



## Richard's great day

Hfs Loans, our official club sponsor, arranged for Blades fan, **Richard Tunstall**, to emulate his heroes by playing a five-a-side match at the Club's Academy immediately before United beat Wolves at Bramall Lane.

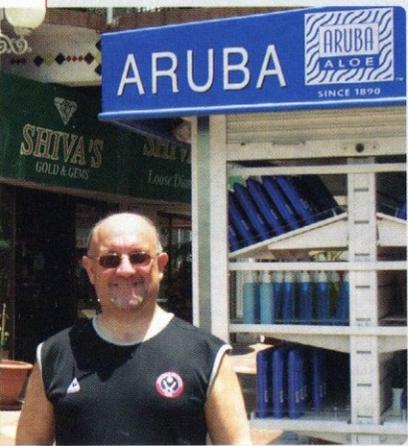
Richard (43) from Stannington, who won the opportunity through a national competition, was joined by nine of his mates as they spent the morning pitting their wits against each other before going to the top-of-the-table clash.

He said: "I've been a Unitedite for over 30 years and it was a great feeling to not only have a look round the Blades' fantastic facilities, but to actually come along and use them, too. You never know I may have been playing on the same pitch as a future Blades star - hopefully one starring in The Premiership!

"The lads are doing brilliantly at the moment, and I'm sure they can keep the run going during the season, so we can get back to where we belong. It makes it all the more sweet that we can look down at Wednesday struggling at the bottom of the league!"

Wendy says: "Although we miss the games and it can be agony relying on texts, this must be a good omen for some winter sunshine soon!"

Earlier in the year Paul and Wendy went to La Cala Spain, having bought the new home strip at the Open Day and flying to Malaga next day. Was this the first new home shirt abroad?



## Supporters Club Supporters Club Supporters Club Supporters Club

**Luton Town** are another team in great form and pushing for promotion, so it should be a great game. Under well respected manager, Mike Newell, they won the 1st Division Championship last season and have gone on to prove that it was no fluke. The team has not changed appreciably from last season and have battled and played good football to be third through some outstanding performances.

Since my last notes we have played our **Carling Cup** at Reading, losing 0-2. The competition has caused much discussion in football with the variable strength of sides some Premier clubs field, and how seriously it has been taken.

Certainly in the past few seasons this cup has been a marvellous chance for us to raise extra finance and increase the Club's image. Unfortunately, along with progress comes injuries and suspensions. Possibly we are better out of it although I, like all Unitedites, do not wish the team to lose games at any level.

However, well done to all the young players who have made their debuts in the Cup and acquitted themselves well - it can only be good for the future.

Nothing must interfere with the marvellous position we currently hold in the league. There is certainly no let-up in the battle for top spots in the Championship and **Reading's** run has to be (reluctantly) admired.

Being unbeaten away and only conceding two goals is phenomenal, no doubt helped by being able to pick an unchanged defence.

We, unfortunately, have picked up **injuries** to vital defenders including the recent bad news about **Craig Short**, which is a matter of concern, well as the lads called in have played.

Modern football is a squad game and over a season it will certainly be tested, but hopefully we have the finance to strengthen when required.

Tonight's game is vitally important and a good result essential as our next game is at Crystal Palace who will be buoyed by defeating Liverpool, so a marvellous atmosphere and hostile reception is guaranteed. Brave hearts required by all!

On behalf of his family and mates, I send best wishes for a speedy recovery from surgery, to **'big Trev'** who will no doubt be listening in to the game today, from his hospital bed.

Please keep up your vocal encouragement tonight and support the lads all the way.

**Beryl Whitney - Secretary SUSC**

## Senior Blades

Welcome to the Hatters, a club like most that in the old days had some long serving and loyal players; the one that stands out for me was **Sid Owen** who made 398 appearances for them.

The run up to **Christmas** has started with the organisation of two Christmas **lunches** with a singer and, usually, dancing afterwards, although the panto trip is now fully booked.

We will continue taking subscriptions (£1 per annum), and remember you must be paid up by **31st March** to reap your benefits (season ticket discount etc). Still room for new members out there - do you now qualify at 60 years of age? Ring **Mr. M. Webb** on 0114 226 6754.

## Congratulations...

**Brian Munden...** True Blade for life. Happy Birthday with best wishes from Jayne, Jennifer, Des and Robert.



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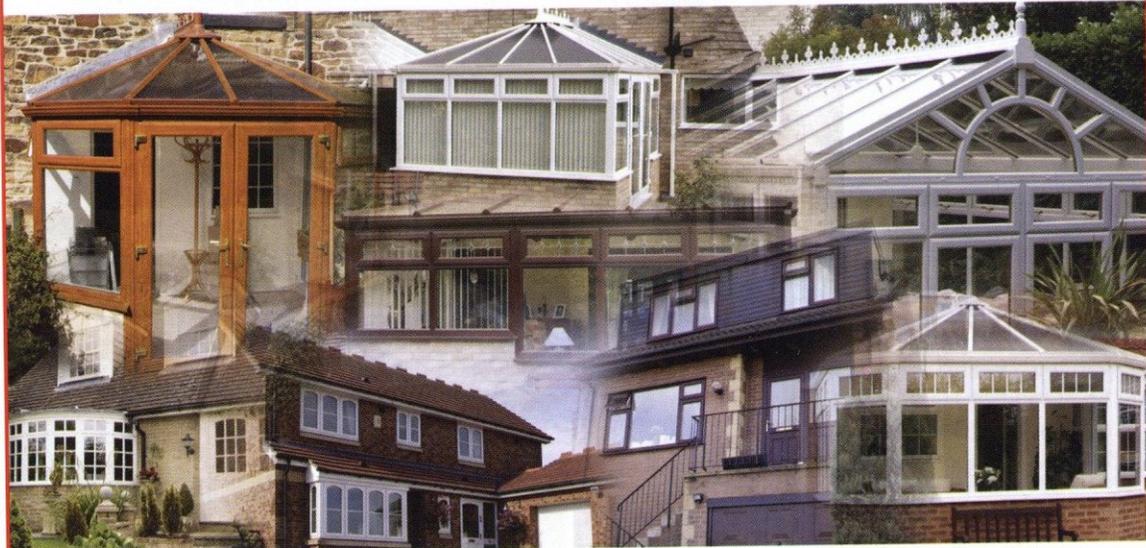
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*family page*

## Fancy yourself as a reporter?

We would like Junior Blades to send in their match reports after each game, so that we can include selected ones on this page in the following programme.

If you think you fit the bill, please send yours by post to:

**Victoria Ward, Sheffield United FC,  
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or via email to  
victoria.ward@sufc.co.uk**

## birthday rollcall...

**august** 20 Joshua Jenkins. **november** 1 Samuel Godfrey, Andrew Lindsay, Mitchell Parker, Bethany Parker, Jake Crookes, Will Darwin, Kelsey Maxfield, Phillipa Pashley, Leah Fox, Thomas Watts, Joseph Bates. 2 Thomas Codling, Amy Guest, Jade Ayres, Matthew Tilley, Ellie Bardill, Joe Collins, Bethan Dennis, Oliver Greaves. 3 Luis Dimelow, Joshua Thompson, Sophie Ross, Samuel Killoway, Mitchell Pearson, James Burke, John Storrs. 4 Katie Swales, Christopher Davies, Ashley Richards, Emma Tryner, Oliver Barnes, James Duke, James Warner, James Swann, Katie Linaker. 5 Luke Hutson, Liam Williams, Jane McInnes, Jack Wright, William Davison. 6 Thomas Jackson, Jamie Wells, Luke Farnsworth, Williams Onions, Jamie Postello. 7 Gemma Ashcroft, Adam Cowlshaw, Elizabeth Pashley, Christopher Smith, Alastair Ward. 8 Emma Batham, Matthew Smith, Matthew Collins, Richard Cosgrove, Ben Simpson, Travis Simpkins, Declan Linacre, Sam Mottershead, Benjamin Wait. 9 Ethan Hall, Rebecca Locke, Andrew Duckworth, Digory Holmes, Jonathan Hatfield, Sarah Lee, Corey Marshall, Joshua Mortimer, James Read, Jack Thomas, Chad Webb, Hollie Furniss. 10 Reece Betts, Adam Hughes, Adam Stocks, Hannah Griffiths, Oliver Totty, Charlie Poole, Harry Riddle, Jack Whinfrey.



## United v Wolves 15 October 2005

*Gemma Green* of Brinsworth, Rotherham, has sent us her thoughts on United's vital 1-0 win:

"First of all, can I just say how well I think the Blades played today? To stop Wolves from scoring must have been a difficult task but all the players did extremely well.

"At first I'll be honest - I wasn't very hopeful for the Blades and a man in front of me couldn't even watch the kickoff!!!!

"In the first few minutes the ball was constantly on our side. We had plenty of tries and the ball was either being saved or kicked wide of the goal posts.

"But the well deserved goal came from Neil Shipperley's head. From where I was sat I couldn't really see most of the time who actually had possession of the ball and it looked sort of scrappy. But when everyone jumped up it was one of those glorious moments when you know you are leading!!!! FANTASTIC goal!!!!

"I didn't want to get my hopes too far up, though, because I know what Wolves are capable of when they are one nil down. I just kept praying that the Blades would keep the ball from touching the back of the net, which they did. Many thanks to Paddy Kenny!

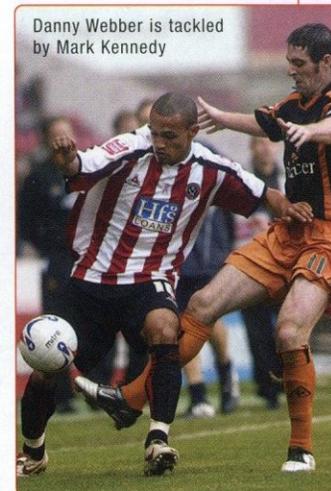
"There was one point, though, where I thought 'this is it' when Kenny came out of his box to try and save the ball but the Wolves player got round him and kicked it into the danger zone! But a fantastic header came from Rob Kozluk and he saved what could have been a goal! Well done, Kozzy!

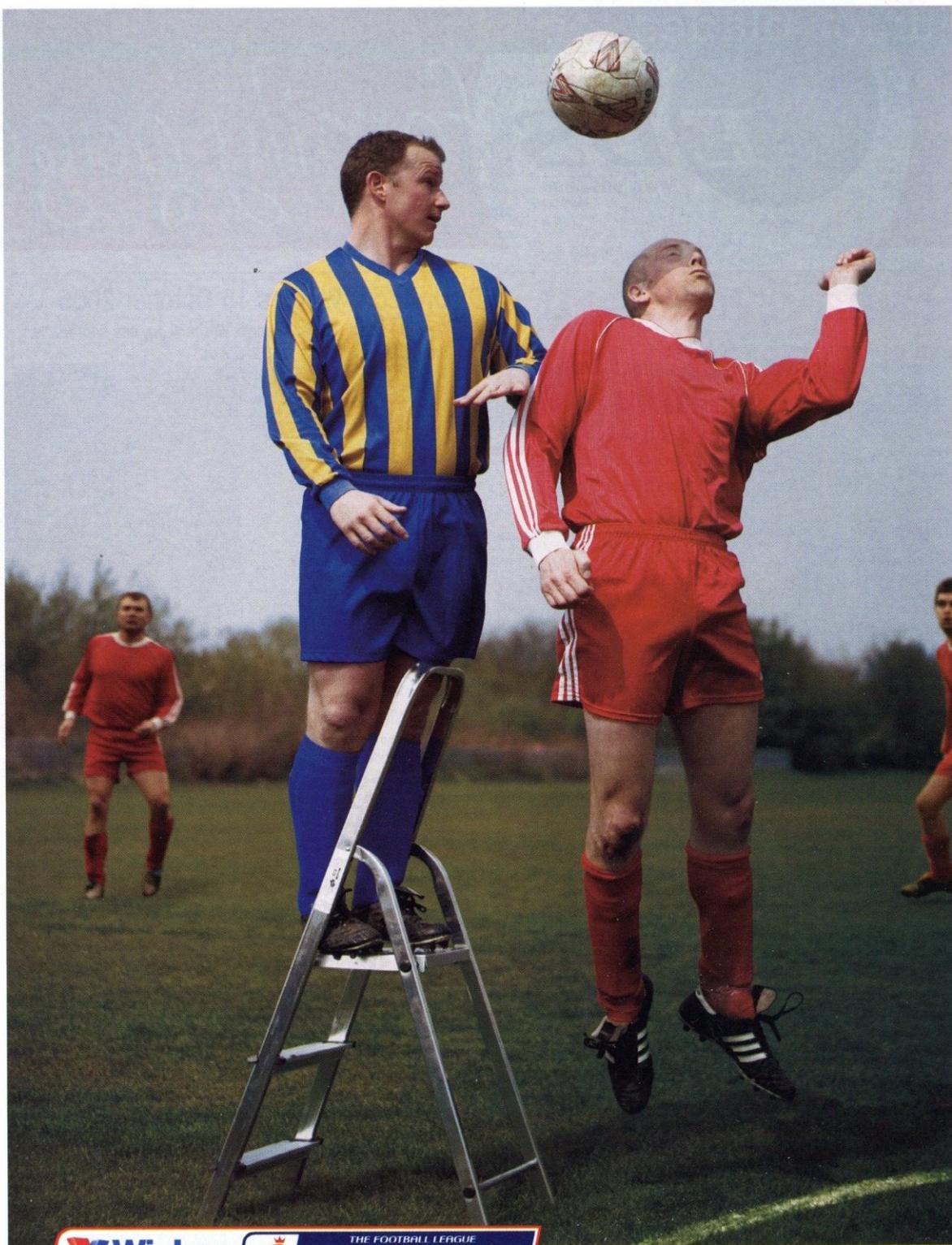
"Their players did play quite dirty and the referee was extremely unfair to our players. There was one where Kozluk was brought down and their player got a yellow card! Good. Everyone was shouting 'off, off' which he should have been. By the end of the first half I was starting to see hope!

"In the second half Blades again did very well and kept up their playing and didn't let that ball ever go in their net!!!! Wolves seemed to be doing quite well and there were a few heart stopping moments when I really thought they were going to equalise!

"I think Blades played at their very best and have kept their title! Unbeatable at home!!! Well done, lads you've once again done us all proud!"

Danny Webber is tackled by Mark Kennedy





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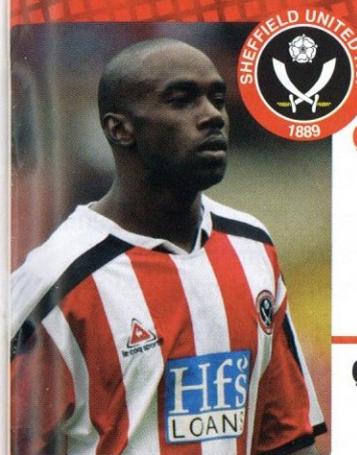
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# United US and them

with dave burkinshaw

10 questions about **both** teams answers on page 69

## & Luton Town



**Q1** Steven Kabba has had loan spells with two league clubs. One was Luton, but which was the other?

**Q6** Which former Blades and Luton striker had a spell as a manager with a Swiss club, and subsequently with the Republic of Ireland U21 team?

**Q2** The son of which former Luton and England midfielder has been playing for the Blades Academy team this season?

**Q7** What feat did Blades defender **Brian Gayle** achieve in the two games when the sides met in the league in 1994-95?



**Q3** Former Town coach **Danny Bergara** was caretaker manager at the Lane following which manager's departure from the club?

**Q8** Which former Blades and Town midfielder is now a match commentator and football pundit with Sky TV?

**Q4** Which former Luton striker scored the Chelsea goal which relegated the Blades from the Premiership in 1993-94?

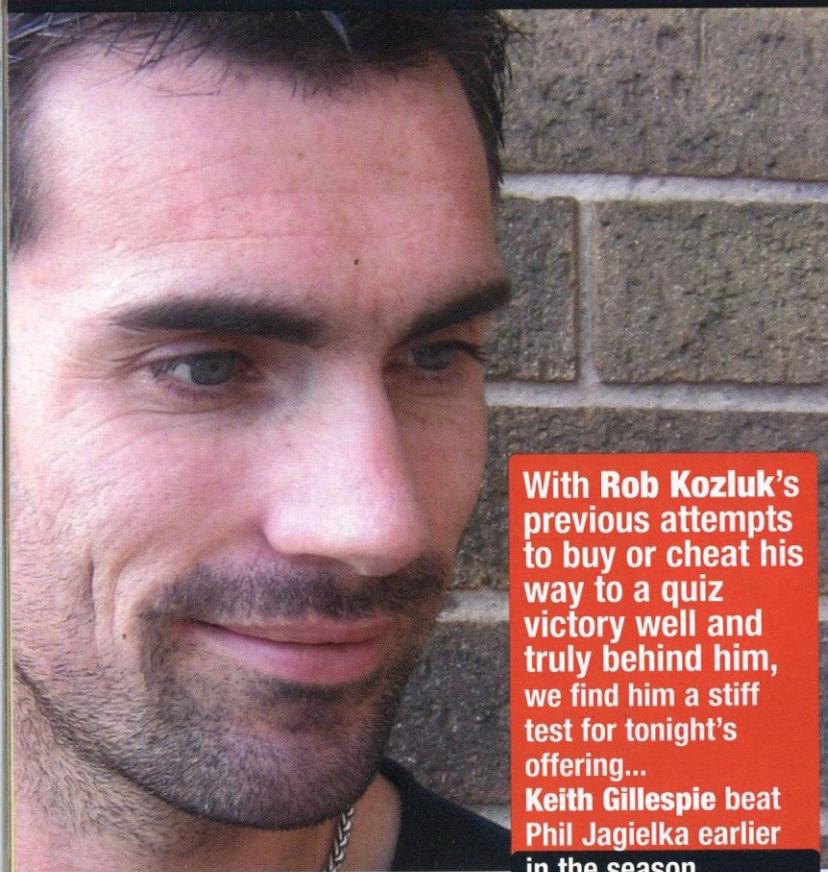
**Q9** In which year did Luton boss Harry Haslam become manager at Bramall Lane?

**Q5** When the Blades won 6-3 at Luton in 1994-95 **Kevin Gage** was one of two United players who scored twice. Name the other.



**Q10** What feat did Blades and former Luton Town full-back **John Ryan** achieve for us in consecutive league games in 1980-81?

## Keith takes on...



With Rob Kozluk's previous attempts to buy or cheat his way to a quiz victory well and truly behind him, we find him a stiff test for tonight's offering... Keith Gillespie beat Phil Jagielka earlier in the season.

## Gillespie's answers...

- 1 Haven't a clue on Harry Potter
- 2 That's Robinson Crusoe
- 3 Charlie
- 4 Status Quo, I think
- 5 The one where he puts the axe through the door... The Shining
- 6 Emma Bunton
- 7 Got to be Lord's
- 8 I don't know any others... so I'll say Mansell
- 9 Boris Becker, surely
- 10 Hunter
- 11 I remember this... he started at Watford
- 12 It was Rene Higuita
- 13 I don't like the ground pictures, but I'm sure that's Everton
- 14 That's Gavin McCann
- 15 I'll go with a wheel nut

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# Questions

### Knowledge:

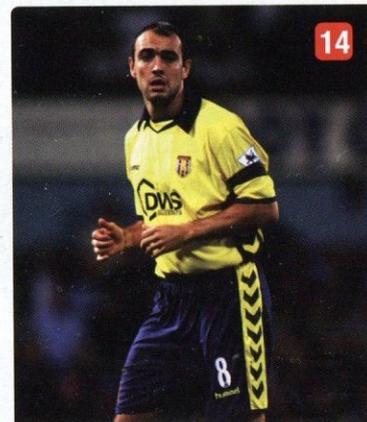
- 1 What is Harry Potter's owl called?
- 2 Which character, in Daniel Defoe's novel, is shipwrecked on an island and survives by his own ingenuity?
- 3 In the phonetic alphabet, which word represents the letter C?

### Entertainment:

- 4 Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt are long-time members of which rock band?
- 5 In which film did a menacing Jack Nicholson say: 'Here's Johnny'?
- 6 Which Spice Girl had a solo chart topper with 'What Took You So Long'?



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### General Sport:

- 7 Which London ground is called 'The Home of Cricket'?
- 8 Which Briton was runner-up in the Formula One Drivers' Championship twice in the 1980s?
- 9 Who was the first German to win the Wimbledon Men's Singles title?

### Football:

- 10 Which former Leeds defender was nicknamed 'Bite Yer Legs'?
- 11 David James joined Liverpool from which club?
- 12 What was the name of the Colombian goalkeeper who famously used a scorpion kick at Wembley in 1995?

### Photos:

- 13 Where is this?
- 14 Who is this?
- 15 What is this?



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The ones they didn't get... Harry Potter's owl is called Hedwig and the item in question 15 is an ink bottle.

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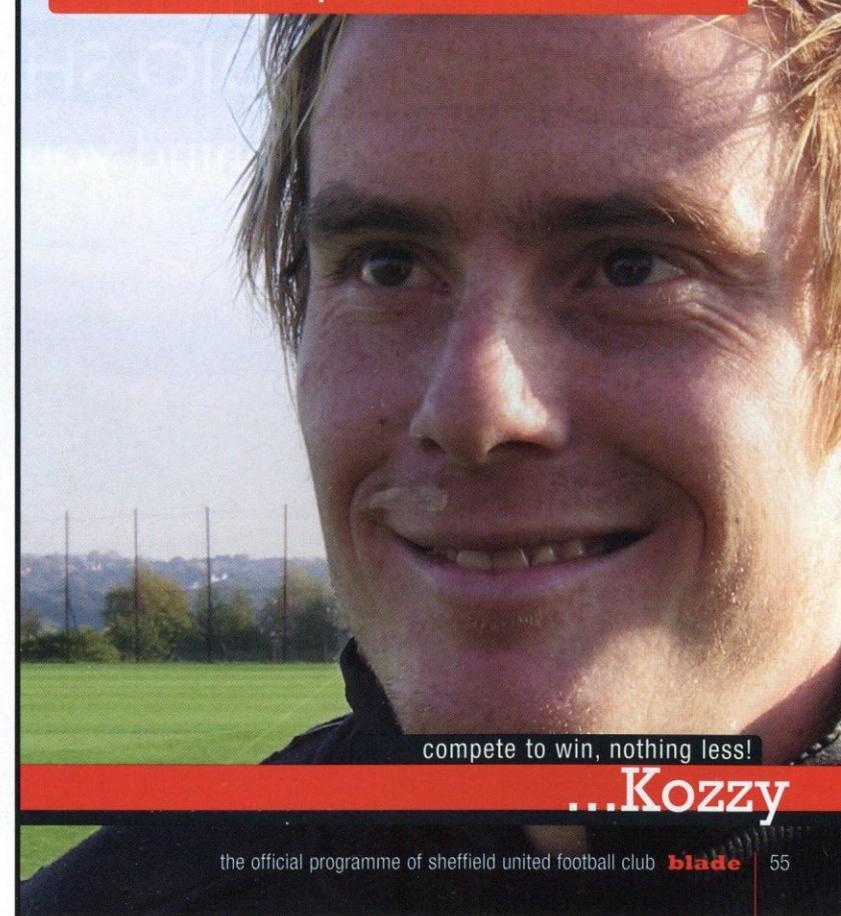


## Kozluk's answers...

- 1 Is it Tongey?
- 2 Ah, Robinson Crusoe
- 3 It must be Charlie
- 4 They beat Les up in Corrie... Status Quo
- 5 I don't watch scary films
- 6 I think it was Emma
- 7 Lord's
- 8 The moustache... Mansell
- 9 Can't think of anyone before Becker
- 10 Norman Hunter
- 11 I think he signed from Watford
- 12 I can't remember his name
- 13 Looks like Everton
- 14 That's Gavin McCann
- 15 A crown green bowl

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A high scoring encounter and another win for Gillespie, who has now scored 12 and 13 out of 15 in his two quiz outings. Following the loss of quiz big-guns Ashley Ward and Andy Liddell, do we have a new champion-elect?



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## Eniola's Way

Our England Ladies last week trounced Hungary 13-0 in their World Cup qualifier, their biggest win ever. So, let's take a look at one of the squads up and coming young stars who scored two goals.



18-year-old striker, **Eniola Aluko** plays her club football at Charlton Athletic and has worked her way up the England's ranks through the U19 and U21 squads.

The first of her current 11 international caps came in 2004 when England beat Holland 2-1. She now impresses the football world with her performances at senior level for her country.

A couple of years ago, Eniola was named Young Player of the Year at the Women's FA Awards. She's obviously setting a high family standard for younger brother to follow - Some also plays international football for the U16's.

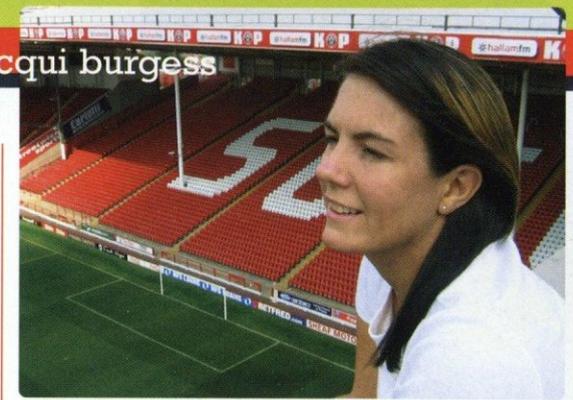
She's been described as "one of the exciting young players in the women's game, has great pace and technical ability".

Such talents were definitely evident two weeks ago when

she scored a brace at club level in a thrilling London derby against league rivals Arsenal. The match ended 3-3 after Charlton had gone 2-0 up within the first 15 minutes.

Eni's first goal was a bit of a corker from 25 yards out. She admits that, after watching it later on TV and the web: "I had to ask myself if it was really me!"

Her second was another long strike which, as she puts it, was ironic. "My long-range shots at Tuesday's training session were



scaring the birds in the trees rather than hitting the top corner!

"The game was a great advert for the women's game with high drama, great skill and highly talented players on show. It was full justification for why women's football should be televised.

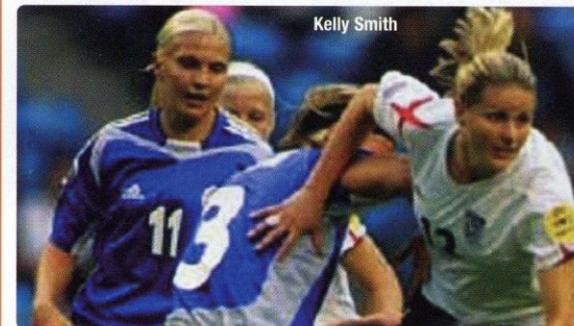
"It had the same ingredients of a top of the table men's Premiership clash and I'm sure many of the neutrals, newcomers and respective fans present were wholly won over."

It's not all play for Eni, though. She is due to take her A-Levels in the summer and hopes to make a career in the legal profession. She even manages to find time write a column for the FA's website.

While we're singing praises we should congratulate Arsenal & England midfielder, **Kelly Smith**, who not only scored a hat-trick against Hungary but has been short-listed for the FIFA World Player of the Year.

The contenders are drawn up by FIFA experts and committee members for women's football and will be announced on 19th December.

When asked about the news, Kelly said: "Naturally, it's a great honour to be considered worthy of inclusion in this shortlist, and after the season I had last year when I was hampered by injury, it's a real buzz to be nominated."



Kelly Smith

\*As a little footnote tonight I'd just like to pass on this quote from Georgie Thompson, Sky presenter (and Fulham fan): "Football is like the average man - unpredictable, exasperating, but at times pleasantly surprising!"  
Enjoy tonight's game!

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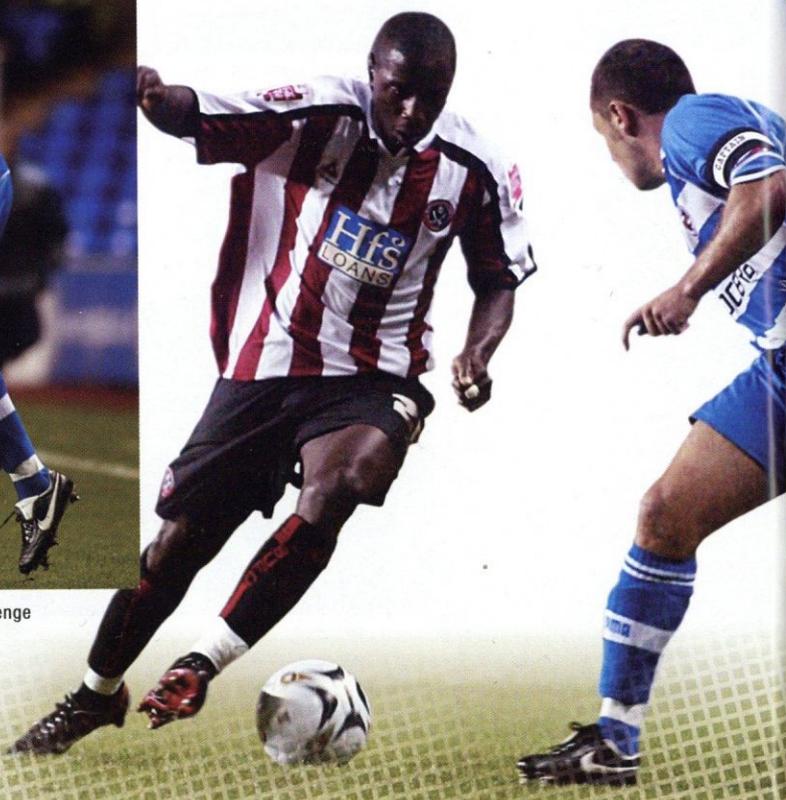
■ above: Debutant Nicky Law pulls this effort wide



■ above: Ian Ross bypasses Hunt of Reading



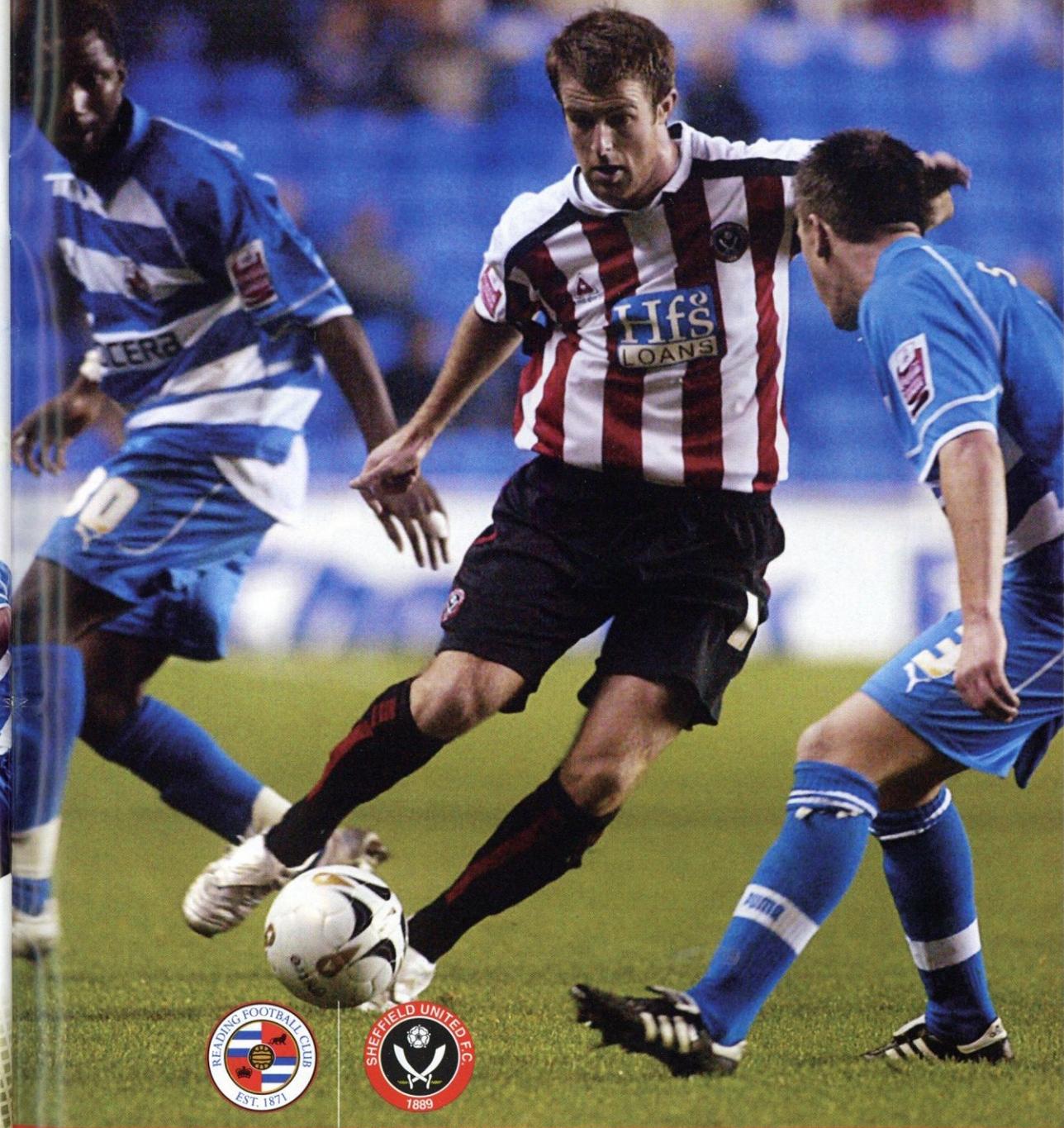
■ above: Stephen Quinn comes off best in this challenge



■ above: Jonathan Forte attacks his marker with pace

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■ above: Tongey shimmies past another opponent

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## Blades boost for student life

A very big welcome this evening to Sheffield students who are attending through the special promotion that the Blades have negotiated with the Unite Group.

Tonight's clash with Luton has been designated Student Night, and student tickets have been available for just £5.

We have been able to offer the package after teaming up with the **Unite Group**, the UK's leading provider in student accommodation.

Unite are at the heart of student living, providing accommodation to more than 3,000 students in the city and have become the Blades' partner in organising student events at Bramall Lane.

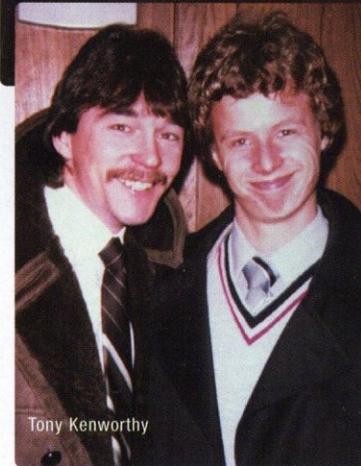
**Andy Daykin**, Sheffield United's Commercial Manager, says: "We are delighted to team up with Unite to offer this fantastic deal. This is a great opportunity for all student football fans in Sheffield to watch the number one team in the Championship at the moment."

**Allan Allison**, Sales and Marketing Manager at Unite, said: "It's great to develop this partnership with a leading sports club. Sheffield United are currently the top team in the Football League and we aim to help them reach the Premiership."

the early 1980s...

## Memories...

Danny Bergara and Martin Peters (rear), plus Cec Coldwell, front right. Anyone know the gentleman next to Cec?

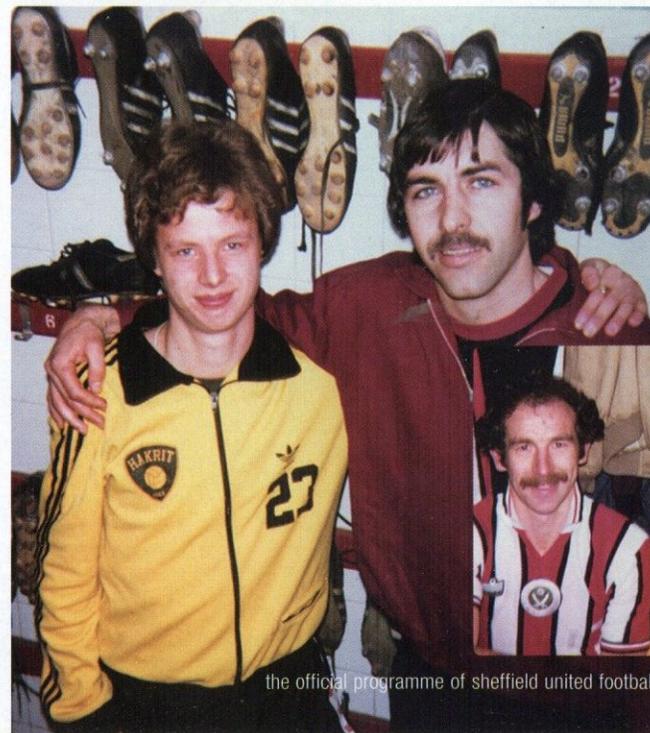


Tony Kenworthy

## ...for Pasi - and Blades fans

Pasi Lepistö was a young player with United in the early 1980s and although he didn't make a first-teamer he has fond memories of his time at the Lane.

Tonight he is a guest of the Club on a very rare visit back here and we hope Unitedites who remember that era will enjoy seeing these pictures of Pasi and his fellow players.

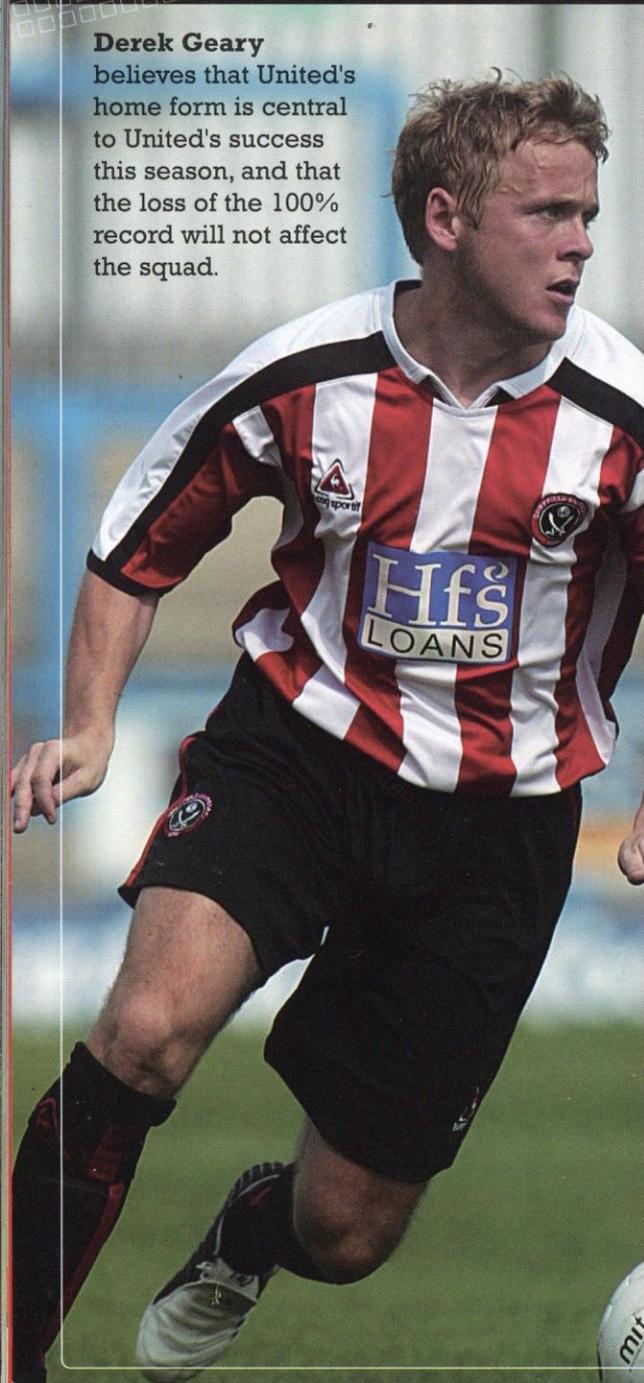


left: Barry Butlin

below: Bob Hatton

# Derek homes in on chance

**Derek Geary** believes that United's home form is central to United's success this season, and that the loss of the 100% record will not affect the squad.



The full-back, who could start tonight following a recurrence of Rob Kozluk's hamstring problem, was part of the Blades squad that attempted to record an eighth successive home Championship win in Saturday's goal-less draw with Cardiff.

He believes: "People are looking at our home form and with us winning every game before Saturday, it was putting more and more pressure on us. Maybe the result against Cardiff will have done us a favour - we no longer have the pressure to win every game just to preserve that record.

"We've done very well at home but it was important for us not to lose, it keeps our unbeaten home start going," adds Geary.

"Our points tally is going along nicely but we are up there to be shot at, being the league leaders. Maybe we can't win every game but we've got a few points on the board and teams come here and are happy to take a point - just like Cardiff were on Saturday.

"Every time you go out you want to win, but sometimes it doesn't happen and you have to stick it out, and maybe a point is a good result. We now have to concentrate on the Luton game, a win will peg them back a bit and that's what we have to aim for."

Geary, who will make his first home start of the season should he be selected tonight, was introduced as a second half substitute for United on Saturday.

He adds: "It was a scrappy game but it has to be looked at as a point gained with the way the other games went at the weekend. Cardiff are a decent side and could be pushing for the play-offs - they came and stuck to their tactics.

"The most important thing is that the home start is intact. We didn't take our chances and sometimes that is going to happen, we'll just have to continue to be patient."

Del, who has never let the Blades down yet and only knows 100% effort, was known to be a bit unsettled at being on the sidelines earlier this season, but knuckled down and his chances have begun to come:

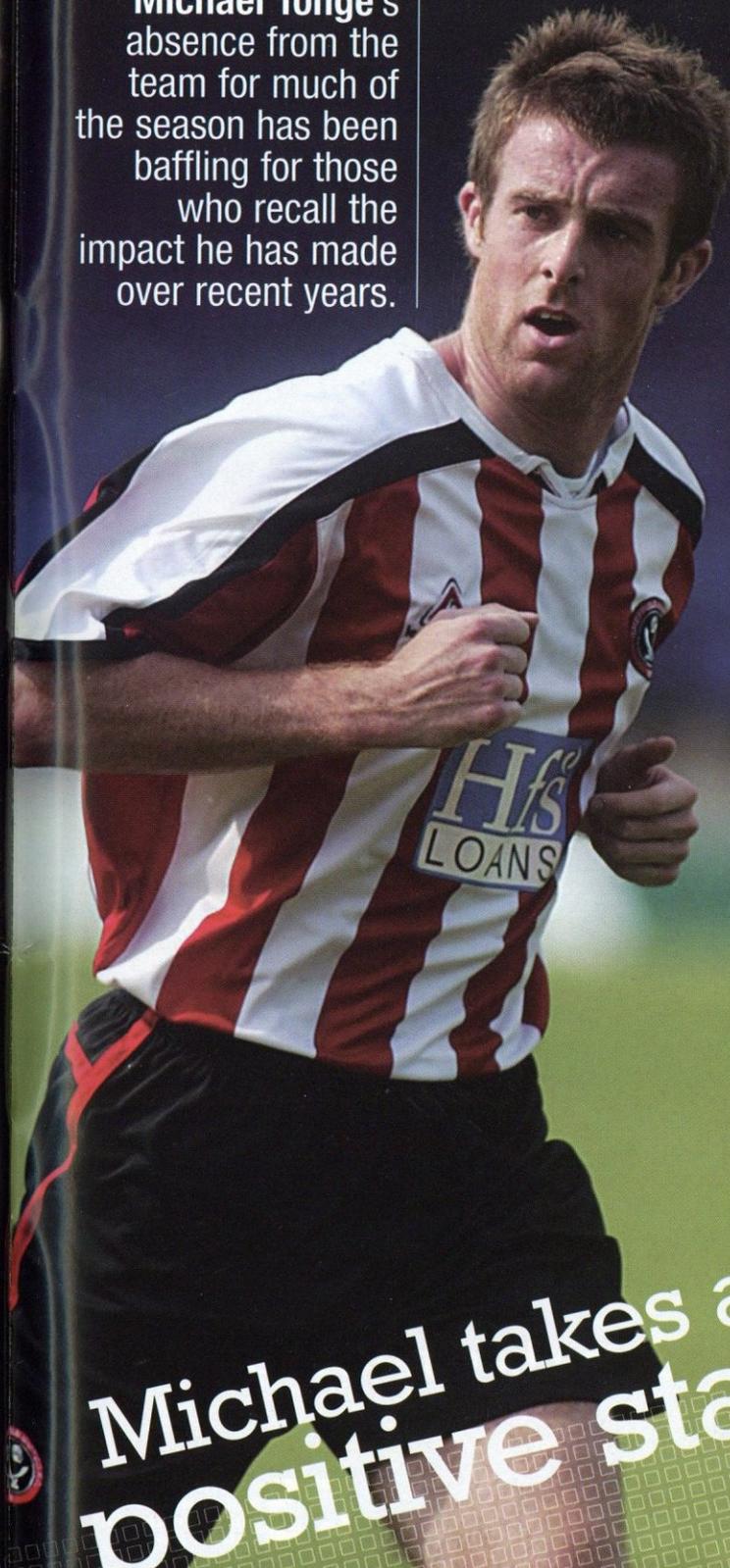
"All players just want to play and I'm no different. I wasn't selected at the start of the season but I've got a chance now."

It came originally when Kozluk limped off at Millwall with Derek coming off the bench, and retaining his place since, including the Cup game at Reading:

"I enjoyed Millwall and Leeds and, hopefully, I didn't let anyone down but the results in those games are more important than my personal performance.

"I want to do well - and clean sheets against Millwall and Cardiff helped - to prove I'm still a good player."

**Michael Tonge's** absence from the team for much of the season has been baffling for those who recall the impact he has made over recent years.



# Michael takes a positive stance

But although he is desperate to regain a place he is level-headed and determined enough to put it all behind him.

After starting the campaign in the starting eleven he lost his place and watched the team take all before them:

"I have to admit I didn't start the season well and I don't really know why. It wasn't that I was applying myself any differently on the pitch but, at Burnley for example, in the second match, I just kept making the wrong decisions.

"In fact I would say that the first 25 minutes or so of that game was the worst in my time at the Club. Then against Preston the manager wanted me to work inside but I often had to come out wide as well.

"There were changes to the team, the lads got on a roll and you couldn't blame the Gaffer for keeping them together."

It meant a long spell on the bench and turning out in Carling Cup games, or for the Reserves, but Michael adopted a sensible attitude:

"I just tried to get my game together again as a solid unit and to be positive. It is the first time I have really been out of the side since I established myself and it has made me very determined to get back.

"In the long run I am sure this period will hold me in good stead because it has really made me realise how much I want to be in the team."

Neil Warnock's decision to juggle his team at Millwall gave Michael a welcome chance to return to league action and play a part in the 4-0 win:

"I was delighted to go out and play from the start and get 90 minutes at that level again. Having spent most of the season watching the lads doing so well it is only natural to want to be part of it.

"When the Gaffer decided to rest some of the lads, those of us who came in had a lot of responsibility to take on, but everyone who came in played their part.

"We had to help make sure we got the right result or there would have been questions asked. Having said that, it is easier coming into a winning side. The lads have great confidence which transmits to others when they come into the team.

"I did feel a bit of pressure because I have been a bit down on a personal level, though obviously it has been great for the Club and the lads who have been playing.

"You don't really feel that you are contributing when you are on the sidelines and used to playing regularly. After the game you go home on a Saturday night thinking there is just a week of training ahead instead of the buzz of having played."

## Neil Shipperley chases down a ball with Cardiff central defender, Glenn Loovens

Pic: Trevor Smith



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## Scoring subs

When **Alan Quinn** scored from a free kick at Millwall he became the 79th Blade to score, in a competitive game, after coming on as a substitute. Between them those 79 players have scored 162 goals as subs. Goals scored in penalty shoot-outs are not included. 72 of those 79 have scored in league games.

## Hat-trick heroes

Two players have scored hat-tricks after coming off the bench:

26/10/82	LC	<b>Keith Edwards</b> (H v Grimsby Town)
19/10/02	D1	<b>Carl Asaba</b> (A v Brighton & HA)

## Penalty kings

Carl Asaba's hat-trick at Brighton included two penalties. Only one other sub has scored two penalties for us:

31/10/88	D2	<b>Peter Duffield</b> (H v Portsmouth)
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Three other Blades' subs have scored from the spot

12/1/80	D3	<b>Jeff Bourne</b> (A v Exeter City)
2/12/00	D1	<b>Wayne Quinn</b> (A v Stockport County)
7/9/02	D1	<b>Carl Asaba</b> (A v Norwich City)

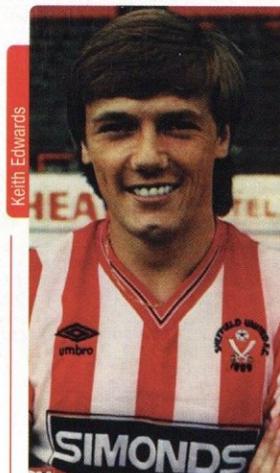
## Double strikes

As well as Peter Duffield (with his two penalties) nine other players have scored twice in the same game after coming on as a sub, and Peter Duffield (ZDSC) managed it again without the aid of a penalty. They are:

**Steve Foley, John Francis, Mitch Ward (FAC), Nathan Blake, Gareth Taylor, Traianos Dellas, Martin Smith (LC), Paul Peschisolido (LC) and Peter Ndlovu.**

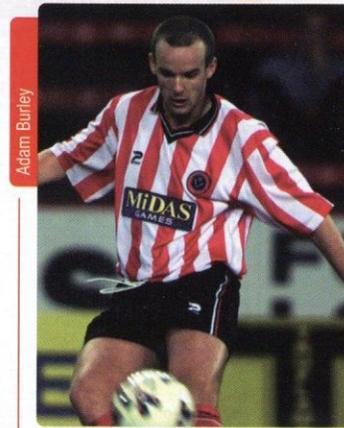
## Super subs

Our first goal-scoring substitute was **Ken Mallender**, on 25 April 1966, in our 3-0 home win over Arsenal. Over the seasons **Gareth Taylor** has become the United 'super sub'. He scored 10 goals as a substitute, all in league games. The players with five or more 'sub goals' are:



<b>Peter Duffield</b>	8 (4 Lge, 2 LC, 2 ZDSC)
<b>Carl Asaba</b>	7 (all Lge)
<b>Nathan Blake</b>	5 (all Lge)
<b>Steve Foley</b>	5 (all Lge)
<b>Peter Ndlovu</b>	5 (4 Lge, 1 LC)
<b>Paul Peschisolido</b>	5 (1 Lge, 1 PO, 1 FAC, 2 LC)
<b>Andy Walker</b>	5 (4 Lge, 1 PO)

**Adam Burley** is our only scoring substitute who never made the first team starting line-up in a competitive game. He scored against Swindon Town at BDTBL on 7 May 2000.



2002-03	21
1997-98	11
1996-97	10
1998-99	9
1995-96	8

## What competition

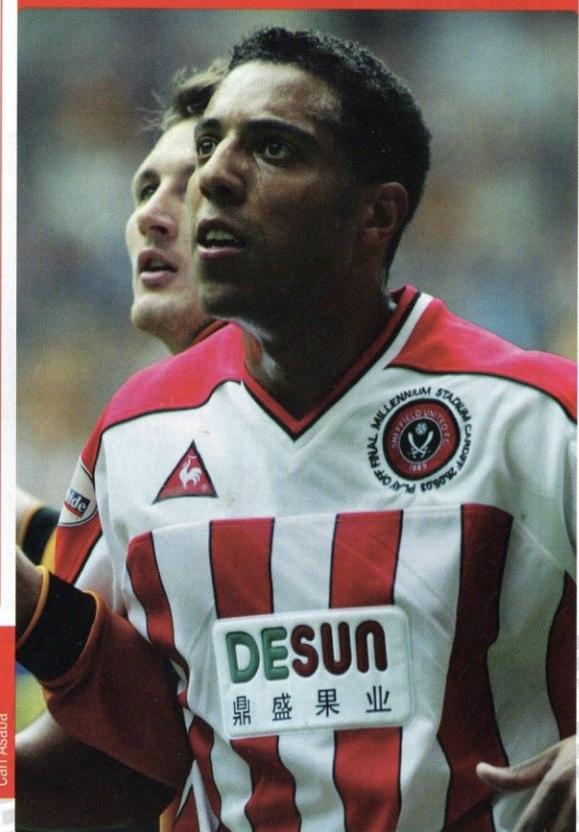
The 162 'sub goals' have been scored as follows:

League	128
L Cup	18
FA Cup	7
Play off	4
ZDS Cup	2
County Cup	2
Y & H Cup	1

The seasons which have seen most 'sub goals' are:

\* The last season without a 'sub goal' was 1975-76.

Above: ADAM BURLEY Scored as a sub but never made a first-team start.  
HAT-TRICKS FROM THE BENCH Keith Edwards and Carl Asaba



# FL Championship stats

2005/06 season

## Attendance records & cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Brighton	52,104	6,867	6,132	6,513	26	0
Burnley	95,642	16,174	10,431	11,955	25	2
Cardiff	91,878	15,231	9,196	11,485	26	0
Coventry	150,067	24,438	16,978	21,438	31	3
Crewe	55,617	8,006	5,958	6,952	16	0
Crystal Palace	153,445	22,400	17,291	19,181	29	0
Derby	187,997	25,292	21,840	23,500	31	3
Hull	156,037	22,201	17,698	19,505	19	2
Ipswich	193,132	29,184	22,551	24,142	22	3
Leeds	145,341	23,600	18,353	20,763	26	1
Leicester	173,825	23,326	20,148	21,728	34	1
Luton	73,061	10,248	7,815	9,133	18	1
Millwall	72,716	10,759	7,674	9,090	26	5
Norwich	227,367	27,470	23,981	25,263	22	2
Plymouth	103,612	16,534	10,460	12,952	29	0
Preston	111,161	17,139	12,453	13,895	31	2
QPR	110,425	15,976	11,741	13,803	29	4
Reading	141,979	22,068	14,027	17,747	16	0
Sheff Utd	170,688	25,533	17,739	21,336	23	0
Sheff Wed	174,736	29,986	21,187	24,962	19	1
Southampton	193,277	26,331	20,792	24,160	31	2
Stoke	124,198	18,744	12,240	15,525	25	5
Watford	117,287	16,802	12,152	14,661	31	1
Wolves	185,590	24,745	21,747	23,199	20	1

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

## Championship form table

Club	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	GI Diff	Sequence
Crystal Palace	4	1	1	13	5	13	8	WWWLWD
Leeds	3	3	0	9	5	12	4	WDWWDD
Reading	3	3	0	7	3	12	4	DWWDWD
Burnley	4	0	2	7	4	12	3	WWLWLW
Cardiff	3	2	1	14	6	11	8	WLWDWD
Sheff Utd	3	2	1	9	3	11	6	WLWWDL
Luton	3	1	2	11	8	10	3	WWLWDD
Southampton	2	3	1	7	4	9	3	DDDLWW
QPR	2	3	1	9	7	9	2	DLDDWW
Leicester	2	3	1	5	4	9	1	DDWLWD
Sheff Wed	2	3	1	7	7	9	0	LWDDDD
Watford	2	2	2	7	7	8	0	LDLDDW
Plymouth	1	4	1	5	6	7	-1	LWDDDD
Coventry	2	1	3	10	12	7	-2	WLDDLW
Norwich	2	1	3	8	11	7	-1	WWDDLL
Hull	1	3	2	6	7	6	-1	LDDDLW
Brighton	1	3	2	5	7	6	-2	DLLWDD
Wolves	1	2	3	7	7	5	0	WLDDLL
Derby	1	2	3	7	10	5	-3	LDWDDL
Preston	0	5	1	5	8	5	-3	LDDDDD
Ipswich	1	2	3	5	10	5	-5	LWLDLD
Millwall	0	4	2	3	9	4	-6	DDDLDD
Crewe	1	1	4	7	17	4	-10	LLWLDD
Stoke	1	0	5	4	10	3	-6	LLLWLL

Ordered by points gained over last 6 games. Most recent result to right of sequence.

## Championship top scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	Tot	Gms	Ave
Carl Cort	Wolves	9	0	0	9	14	0.64
Cameron Jerome	Cardiff	8	1	0	9	17	0.53
Ashley Young	Watford	8	1	0	9	17	0.53
Ade Akinbiyi	Burnley	7	2	0	9	19	0.47
Rob Hulse	Leeds	8	0	0	8	14	0.57
Steven Kabba	Sheff Utd	8	0	0	8	14	0.57
Mark De Vries	Leicester	6	2	0	8	19	0.42
Clinton Morrison	Palace	7	0	0	7	12	0.58
Dave Kitson	Reading	3	4	0	7	12	0.58
Marlon King	Watford	7	0	0	7	13	0.54
Dean Ashton	Norwich	6	1	0	7	17	0.41

## Championship records

Highest Attendance	29,986	Sheff Wed v Leeds
Lowest Attendance	5,958	Crewe v Derby
Average Gate	17,164	
Aggregate Attendance	3,261,182	
Biggest Home Win	Cardiff 6-1 Crewe, Reading 5-0 Millwall	
Biggest Away Win	Ipswich 0-4 Preston, Millwall 0-4 Sheff Utd, Crewe 0-4 Wolves	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Cardiff 6-1 Crewe	
Total Games	190	
Home Wins	71 (37%)	
Away Wins	51 (27%)	
Draws	68 (36%)	
1-1 Draws	34 (18%)	
0-0 Draws	20 (11%)	
Total Cards	Yellow 605	Red 39

## Football League Championship fixtures and results grid

Home	Away	31.10	7.11	14.11	21.11	28.11	5.12	12.12	19.12	26.12	2.1.01	9.1.01	16.1.01	23.1.01	30.1.01	6.2.01	13.2.01	20.2.01	27.2.01	6.3.01	13.3.01	20.3.01	27.3.01	3.4.01	10.4.01	17.4.01	24.4.01	1.5.01	8.5.01	15.5.01	22.5.01	29.5.01
Brighton	1-1	3-3	4-0	26.11	17.4	2-2	1-0	3-0	1-2	19.11	30.4	1.11	25.3	4.2	21.1	8.4	4.3	1-2	31.12	22.4	26.12	2-2	25.3	8.4	15.4	4.3	31.12	11.2	1-3	2-2		
Burnley	22.11	14.1	6.11	6-1	1-0	17.12	18.2	26.11	2-1	1-0	1-2	31.1	22.4	26.12	2-2	25.3	8.4	15.4	4.3	31.12	11.2	1-3	2-2									
Cardiff	4.2	25.2	30.4	28.12	1.4	21.1	0-2	19.11	18.3	17.4	1-0	10.12	26.11	3.12	1.4	3-0	1-1	11.3	15.2	1-1	2.11	3-1	2.1									
Coventry	25.2	2-1	17.4	25.3	2-2	1-1	26.12	14.2	1.11	2-2	3-1	30.4	10.12	21.1	3.12	3.12	4.2	1-3	8.4	11.3	19.11	0-0	0-4									
Crewe	0-1	2-0	4.2	22.11	15.4	28.12	2-0	18.3	4.3	2.1	1-2	3.12	25.2	1-0	1-1	14.2	21.1	5.11	2-0	22.4	2-0	1.4	10.12									
Crystal Palace	1-1	11.3	2-1	1-1	14.1	25.3	17.4	2.11	11.2	1-1	26.12	8.4	3.12	25.2	10.12	1-2	31.12	1.2	30.4	2-2	2-1	1-2	18.11									
Derby	2-0	15.4	3.12	3.1	18.3	14.1	2-1	26.12	1.4	1-1	0-1	1-1	11.2	11.3	22.4	0-0	1-1	3.1	10.12	22.11	0-1	5.11	25.2									
Hull	15.4	11.2	1-0	2-2	2-1	26.12	22.4	25.3	31.1	25.2	31.12	11.3	0-1	5.11	4.0	10.12	22.11	14.1	2-1	2-2	8.4	0-1	3.12									
Ipswich	3-3	22.11	10.12	26.12	22.4	25.3	3-1	31.12	0-2	3.12	25.2	2-1	11.3	8.4	5.11	4.2	15.4	1-1	21.1	2-1	25.3	14.2	2-0									
Leeds	0-0	0-1	21.1	2-1	17.12	8.4	14.2	4.3	0-0	18.2	0-2	26.12	31.12	22.4	15.4	1-2	25.3	26.11	2-0	5.11	4-2	22.11	4.2									
Leicester	28.12	5.11	14.2	15.4	22.11	26.11	18.3	4.2	1.4	0-0	11.3	2-1	4-2	1-1	3-0	2.1	17.12	0-4	4.2	0-2	0-1	28.12	21.1									
Luton	1.4	22.4	0-0	0-0	5.11	18.2	2.1	14.2	1-2	26.11	18.3	4.3	22.11	15.4	1-2	1-1	17.12	0-4	4.2	0-2	0-1	28.12	21.1									
Millwall	14.2	28.12	1.11	1-1	1-1	18.2	2-1	5.2	0-1	1.4	19.11	1-1	2-0	2.1	17.4	0-1	18.3	0-1	17.12	4.3	21.1	30.4										
Norwich	4.3	1-0	18.3	18.2	1-1	17.12	0-2	0-1	30.4	2.1	1.11	17.4	0-0	14.1	28.12	19.11	26.11	11.2	1-1	31.1	4.3	1-3	1.4									
Plymouth	0-0	0-0	19.11	31.12	18.2	3.1	1-1	1.11	4.3	30.4	0-0	11.2	14.1	8.4	25.3	1-1	0-3	17.12	26.12	1-1	0-1	26.11	17.4									
QPR	18.3	2.1	28.12	17.12	1.4	1-3	15.4	26.11	2-1	0-1	31.1	1-0	11.2	3-0	1-1	22.11	5.11	2-1	0-2	14.1	18.2	22.4	4.3									
Reading	10.12	2-1	2.1	14.1	1-0	3-2	1.4	19.11	2-0	1-1	28.12	3.12	5-0	31.1	1-2	25.2	30.4	2-1	1.11	11.2	17.4	11.3	18.3									
Sheff Utd	21.1	10.12	0-0	2-1	4.3	30.4	2-1	8.4	2-0	17.4	4.1	1.11	19.11	26.12	2-0	2-1	25.2	14.2	3.12	25.3	31.12	4.2	1-0									
Sheff Wed	1-1	1.4	1-0	3-2	2.1	11.2	5.11	1-1	17.12	1-0	14.1	31.1	1-2	15.4	22.11	18.3	22.4	18.2	0-1	26.11	11.2	18.2										
Southampton	2.1	3.12	1.4	4.3	2-0	2.11	4.2	1-1	21.1	19.11	30.4	10.12	17.4	1-0	0-0	15.2	1.1	0-0	28.12	25.2	2-0	18.3	0-0									
Stoke	5.11	18.3	0-3	22.4	2-0	3.12	22.11	21.1	2.1	28.12	10.12	2-1	25.2	3-1	14.2	4.2	3.12	0-1	1.4	0-0	15.4	18.3	1-3									
Watford	3.12	3-1	25.2	11.2	31.1	31.12	4.3	30.4	17.4	0-0	1-2	9.4	25.3	2-1	10.12	1-2	1.11	0-0	2-3	19.11	26.12	14.1	3-1									
Wolves	22.4	0-1	11.3	8.4	11.2	2-1	1-1	1-0	18.2	17.12	0-0	14.1	1-2	5.11	31.12	1-1	3-1	26.12	22.11	25.3	26.11	31.1	15.4									

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31.10.05	Home					Away					GD	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Sheff Utd	16	7	1	0	15	4	5	1	2	16	9	18	38
Reading	16	6	1	1	17	7	4	4	0	9	2	17	35
Luton Town	16	4	4	0	16	9	4	0	4	9	9	7	28
Watford	16	3	2	3	12	10	4	3	1	14	9	7	26
Leeds United	15	4	2	1	13	9	3	3	2	6	5	5	26
Crystal Palace	15	5	1	2	11	4	2	2	3	13	11	9	24
Southampton	16	3	5	0	7	2	2	4	2	12	11	6	24
QPR	16	4	2	2	10	7	2	4	2	8	11	0	24
Cardiff City	15	4	2	2	16	11	2	3	2	9	7	7	23
Wolves	16	3	3	2	9	7	2	3	3	11	10	3	21
Burnley	16	3	3	2	16	10	2	1	5	5	10	1	19
Leicester City	16	3	2	3	9	8	1	5	2	7	10	-2	19
Ipswich	16	3	2	3	9	12	2	2	4	6	11	-8	19
Stoke City	16	3	1	4	8	12	3	0	5	7	12	-9	19
Hull City	16	2	4	2	7	6	2	2	4	6	8	-1	18
Preston NE	16	0	6	2	3	7	3	3	2	13	11	-2	18
Derby County	16	2	4	2	11	11	1	4	3	10			



(The numbers above the players' names are for substitution reference only)

date	opponents	res.	pos	gate	away	1	2	3	4	5	6
Aug 6	S LEICESTER CITY	4-1	1	18,224	1,340	Kenny	<b>Bromby 1</b>	Jagielka	Morgan	Harley	<b>Ifill 1</b>
9	Tu Burnley	2-1	1	11,802	2,198	Kenny	Bromby	Jagielka	Morgan	Harley	Ifill
13	S QPR	1-2	5	13,497	1,558	Kenny	Bromby	Jagielka	Morgan	Kozluk	Ifill
20	S PRESTON NE	2-1	2	20,519	787	Kenny	Bromby	Short	Morgan	Harley	Ifill
23	Tu BOSTON UNITED CC1	1-0	-	6,014	351	Barnes	Kozluk	Bromby	Morgan	Geary	Gillespie
27	S COVENTRY CITY	2-1	1	17,739	939	Kenny	Bromby	Morgan	Short	<b>Unsworth 1P</b>	Ifill
29	M Crewe Alexandra	3-1	1	7,501	2,145	Kenny	Bromby	Morgan	Short	Unsworth	Gillespie
Sept 10	S IPSWICH TOWN	2-0	1	21,059	1,087	Kenny	Bromby	Morgan	Short	Unsworth	Ifill
13	Tu Brighton & HA	1-0	1	6,533	567	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Gillespie
17	S Watford	3-2 og	1	15,399	2,384	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Ifill
20	Tu Shrewsbury Town CC2	0-0 aet 4-3 on pens		4,250	545	Barnes	Geary	Francis	Morgan	Wright	Gillespie
24	S DERBY COUNTY	2-1	1	22,192	2,305	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	<b>Unsworth 1</b>	<b>Ifill 1</b>
27	Tu PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2-0	1	20,111	433	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Ifill
Oct 1	S Reading	1-2	1	22,068	3,745	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Ifill
15	S WOLVERHAMPTON W	1-0	1	25,533	3,758	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Ifill
18	Tu Millwall	4-0	1	9,148	712	Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Ifill
21	F Leeds United	1-1	1	23,600		Kenny	Geary	Morgan	Wright	Ifill	Ifill
25	Tu Reading CC3	0-2	-	11,607		Barnes	Geary	Bromby	Francis	Wright	Ross
29	S CARDIFF CITY	0-0	1	25,311		Kenny	Kozluk	Morgan	Bromby	Unsworth	Gillespie
Nov 1	Tu LUTON TOWN										
5	S Crystal Palace										
19	S MILLWALL										
22	Tu Wolverhampton W										
26	S Leicester City										
30	W Carling Cup 4										
Dec 3	S SHEFFIELD WED										
10	S BURNLEY										
16	F Preston NE										
21	W Carling Cup 5										
26	M NORWICH CITY										
28	W Southampton										
31	S STOKE CITY										
Jan 3	Tu Hull City										
7	S FA Cup 3										
11	W Carling Cup S-F (1)										
14	S Ipswich Town										
21	S BRIGHTON & HA										
25	W Carling Cup S-F (2)										
28	S FA Cup 4										
Feb 1	W Derby County										
4	S WATFORD										
11	S Plymouth Argyle										
14	Tu READING										
18	S Sheffield Wed (FA Cup 5)										
25	S QPR										
26	Su Carling Cup Final										
Mar 4	S CREWE ALEXANDRA										
11	S Coventry City										
18	S Norwich City										
22	W FA Cup 6										
25	S SOUTHAMPTON										
Apr 1	S Stoke City										
8	S HULL CITY										
15	S Cardiff City										
17	M LEEDS UNITED										
22	S Luton Town (FAC S-F)										
30	Su CRYSTAL PALACE										
May 13	S FA Cup Final										

7	8	9	10	11	sub 12	sub 13	sub 14	sub 15	sub 16	Referee
Montgomery	Nalis	Tonge	<b>Gray 1P</b>	Webber	Shipperley(11)	<b>Kabba 1P</b> (10)	Quinn	Kozluk	Gillespie(9)	L. Mason
Montgomery	Nalis	Tonge	<b>Shipperley 1</b>	<b>Webber 1</b>	Barnes	Kabba(11)	Quinn	Kozluk(6)	Gillespie(6)	M. Halsey
Montgomery	Nalis	Harley	Shipperley	Webber	Short(8)	<b>Kabba 1</b> (10)	Quinn	Gillespie(9)	Shaw	S. Tanner
Montgomery	Jagielka	Tonge	<b>Shipperley 1</b>	<b>Webber 1</b>	Quinn(9)	Barnes	Kozluk	Gillespie(6)	Shaw(10)	K. Stroud
Quinn	<b>Ross 1</b>	Armstrong	Shaw	Ifill	Forte(6)	Wright(2)	Mulligan(10)	Nix	Quinn S.	M. Jones
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba 1</b>	Barnes	Nalis	Kozluk(9)	Tonge(11)	Gillespie(3)	C. Webster
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	<b>Shipperley 1</b>	<b>Kabba 1</b>	Ifill(11)	Armstrong(9)	Kozluk	Tonge	Shaw	A. Leake
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba 2</b>	Gillespie(6)	Nalis	Tonge(10)	Armstrong	Kozluk	P. Dowd
Montgomery	<b>Jagielka 1</b>	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba</b>	Ifill(10)	Geary	Nalis	Tonge(11)	Armstrong(9)	L. Probert
Montgomery	<b>Jagielka 1</b>	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba</b>	Webber(10)	Geary	Nalis(11)	Tonge	Gillespie(9)	M. Clattenburg
Nalis	Tonge	S. Quinn	Mulligan	Webber	Annerson	McFadzean(6)	Marrison(11)	Horwood	Nix(10)	A. Hall
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba</b>	Pericard(10)	Webber(11)	Tonge	Gillespie(6)	Geary	M. Pike
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	<b>Shipperley 1</b>	<b>Kabba</b>	Pericard(10)	Webber(11)	Tonge	Gillespie(6)	Geary	G. Laws
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba 1</b>	Pericard(10)	Webber(9)	Tonge	Gillespie(6)	Geary	R. Hegley
Montgomery	Jagielka	Tonge	<b>Pericard 1</b>	<b>Webber 2</b>	Shipperley	Kabba	<b>Quinn 1</b> (5)	Gillespie(6)	Geary(2)	P. Walton
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	<b>Kabba 1</b>	Short	Pericard(11)	Webber(10)	Tonge	Gillespie(6)	A. Wiley
S. Quinn	Tonge	Webber	Marrison	Forté	Nix(9)	Law(10)	Annerson	Horwood(4)	McFadzean	R. Styles
Montgomery	Jagielka	Quinn	Shipperley	Kabba	Ifill(6)	Webber(10)	Tonge	Wright	Geary(2)	C. Foy

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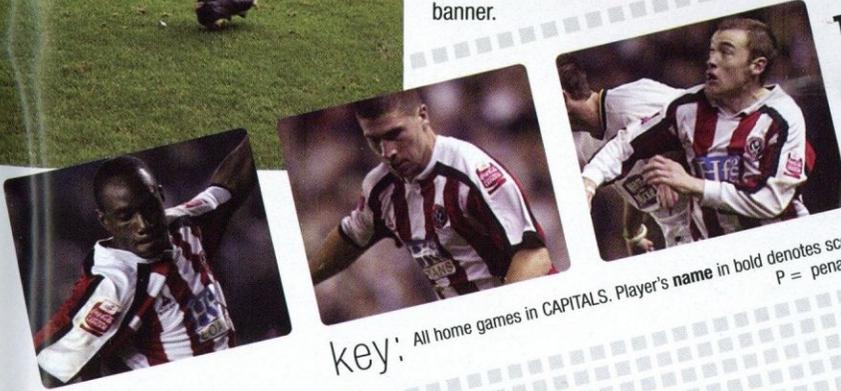
Blades plc chairman Kevin McCabe presents FURD project leader Howard Holmes with a painting of the Lane's highest ever crowd at half-time last Saturday.



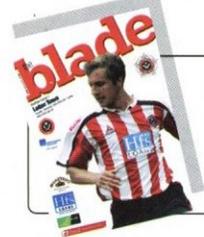
'Football Unites, Racism Divides' celebrates the tenth year of its existence at a special dinner at the Lane later this month and the painting is a gift from United to acknowledge the project's invaluable work.

Left: The Blades run out against Cardiff against a backdrop of the national anti-racist campaign's banner.

us & them answers (pg53):  
1: Grimsby Town 2: Ricky Hill  
3: Billy McEwan 4: Mark Stein 5: Carl Veart  
6: Don Givens 7: He scored own goals in both. 8: Chris Kamara 9: 1978  
10: Missed consecutive penalties



key: All home games in CAPITALS. Player's name in bold denotes scorer. ▲ = withdrawn ■ = booked □ = sent off P = penalty og = own goal ● = penalty shoot-out scorers



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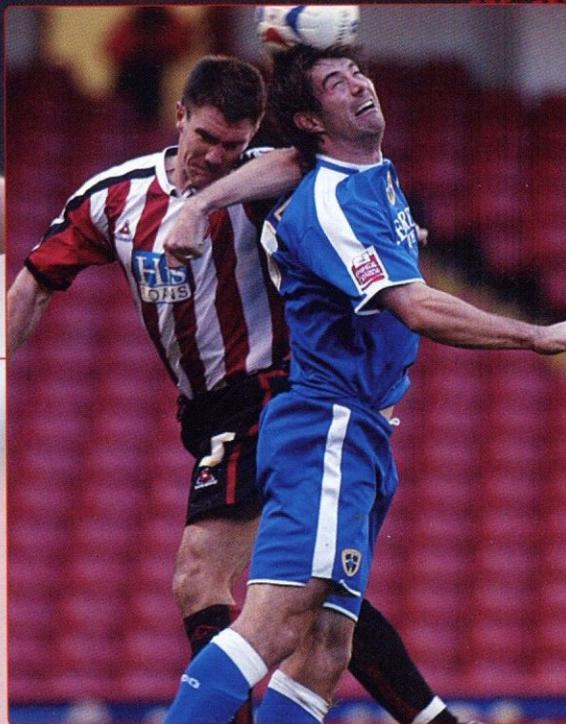


the captain

# cmm

chris morgan

After Saturday's game a few people were disappointed that we couldn't keep the 100% home record going but having had time to think, it could be classed as a good point.



**It was difficult.** Cardiff came here with a gameplan and made it hard for us. They are a good side and quickly put men behind the ball when they were not in possession. Having said that, with the likes of Koumas and Jerome in the team, they had the ammunition to hurt us.

Barring a couple of chances, I didn't think we were in danger of losing the game, and I may be biased but I thought that if anyone was going to sneak the game it would be us.

We were a bit sloppy with the ball and not as fluent as we have been in possession, you have to give Cardiff credit where it's due.

### To play or not to play?

When a team does put a lot of players behind the ball and drop their front two very deep, defenders have to stay on their toes because the players they are supposed to be marking are all over the field doing other jobs. Of course, I would prefer a striker to be right in front of me but that's not always the case.

Sometimes our strikers have to help us out but generally we prefer the likes of Kabba and Webber up the field, hurting defenders with what they do best rather than be on the toes of Montgomery and Jagielka.

We go on the road and have a go at teams and to be fair to Wolves a couple of weeks ago, they came here to try and win the game.

I'm pretty sure that Luton will do the same tonight. Mike Newell has them playing good football and with them being up there in the table I think they will be looking to beat us rather than just trying to stop us - hopefully that will make it an interesting game to watch.

### Big crowds are a spur

It has been great to play in front of 25,000 fans at the last two home games. There is a great atmosphere when this ground is packed and, to be fair to Cardiff, their supporters contributed on Saturday.

It spurs you on when the ground is almost full and it shows we must be doing something right on the field when you all file through the turnstiles.

### Rest is the best medicine

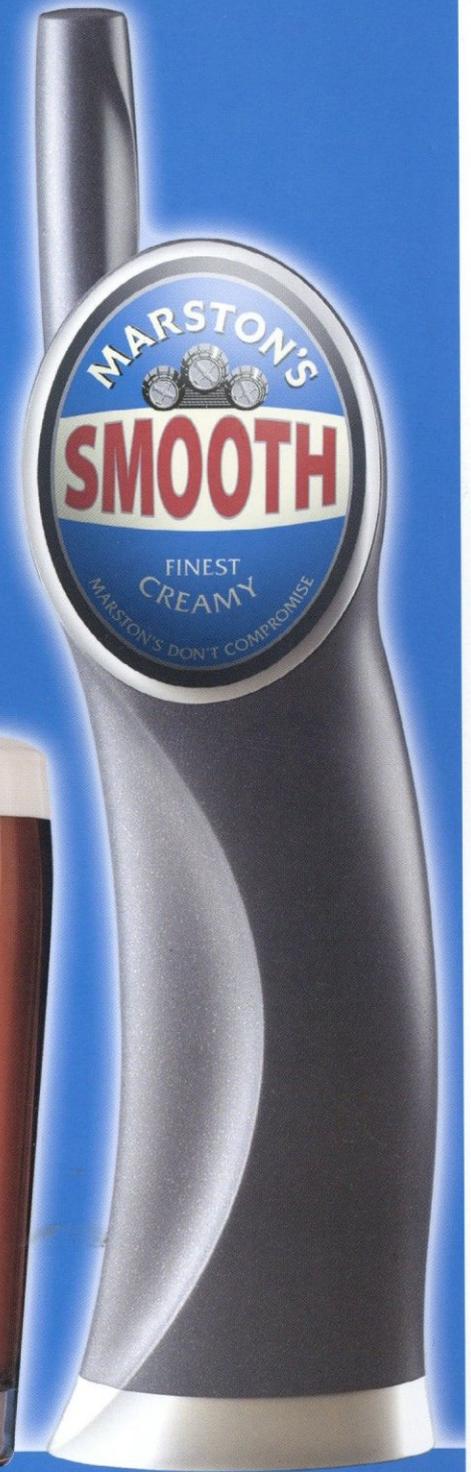
It's another week when we played Saturday-Tuesday-

Saturday and there is little you can do in between the games other than rest.

Fortunately for us this week's first two games have been at home and haven't involved a lot of travelling, but it is still important to look after yourself - rest and eat well before preparing for the next game.

We've got a long trip to Crystal Palace next week and then an international break when we will be able to fully recharge the batteries again.

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