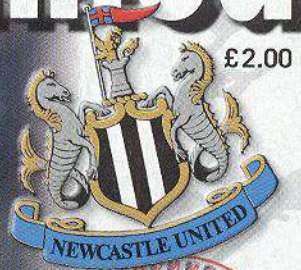


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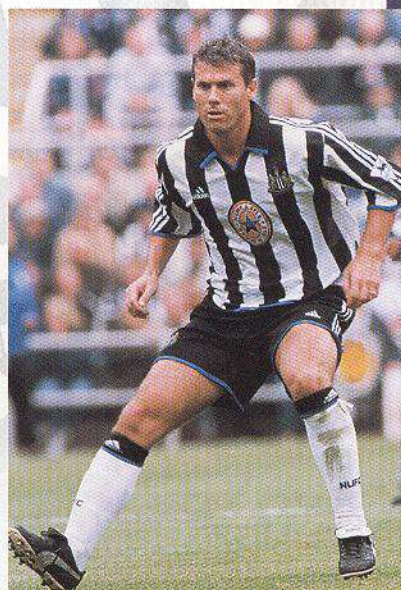
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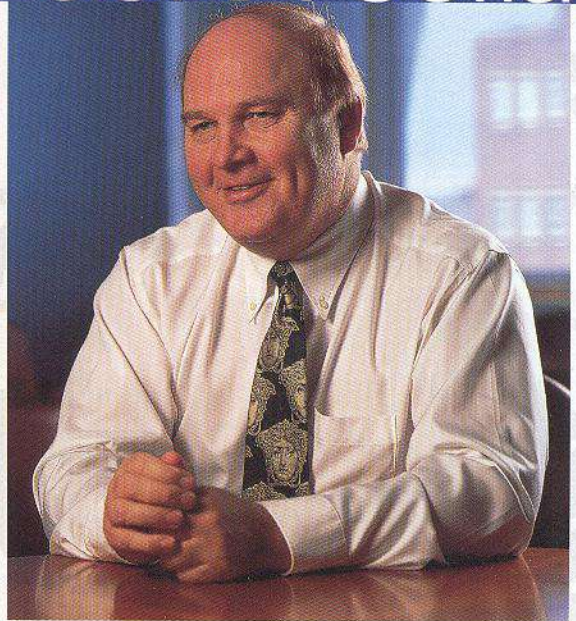
On behalf of my directors and everyone at Newcastle United, I extend a warm and sincere welcome to CSKA Sofia. We congratulate them on qualifying for the UEFA Cup and know that we have to be at our best if we are to progress at their expense.

Over the years we have enjoyed many memorable nights in various European competitions. These occasions are always special and tonight will be another when the atmosphere is likely to be different to what we are accustomed to in the Premier League and our domestic cup competitions.

There will not be many fans here from Bulgaria, but it is our pleasure to welcome those who have made the journey and it is a great pleasure to play host to yet another of Europe's famous football clubs.

Bobby Robson knows the European scene inside out and his vast experience is certain to be of great value to us.

It promises to be another marvellous occasion and it gives me the greatest pleasure on behalf of both this great club and our supporters to extend the hand of friendship through football.



**Freddy Shepherd,
Chairman,
Newcastle United Football Club.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'F. Shepherd'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the printed name.

Dobré došli, CSKA

Ot imeto na móite direktori ina vsichki ot Newcastle United bih iskal surdechno da pozdravia CSKA Sofia. Nie gi pozdraviavame za kvalificaciata za kupata na UEFA i znam, che triabva da budem v nai-dobra forma za da uspeem da pobedim.

Prez godinite preminahme prez mnogo vulnuvashti vecheri ot Europeiski sustezania. Tezi sluchai sa vinagi specialni no тази vecher shte bude neobichaina zashtoto atmosferata shte e razlichna ot tova, s koeto sme sviknali pri turnirite u nas.

Niama da ima mnogo fenove tuk ot Bulgaria, no nie s udovolstvie shte posreshtnem tezi, koito sa proputuvali do tuk i s ogromho udovolstvie shte budem domakini na oshte edin izvesten Europeiski footbolen klub.

Bobby Robson e zapoznat podrobno s Europeiskata scena i ima goliarn opit, koeto shte bude ot goliama polza za nas.

Ochertava se edna chudesna sreshta, koeto me kara s goliarno udovolstvie pa podkania dvata dobri kluba i tiahnite poddrujnici da protecnat zuka za edno futbolno priatelstvo.



A first-class, all-round team performance in Sofia a fortnight ago gave us the two-goal lead we thoroughly deserved and I will happily settle for similar standards tonight.



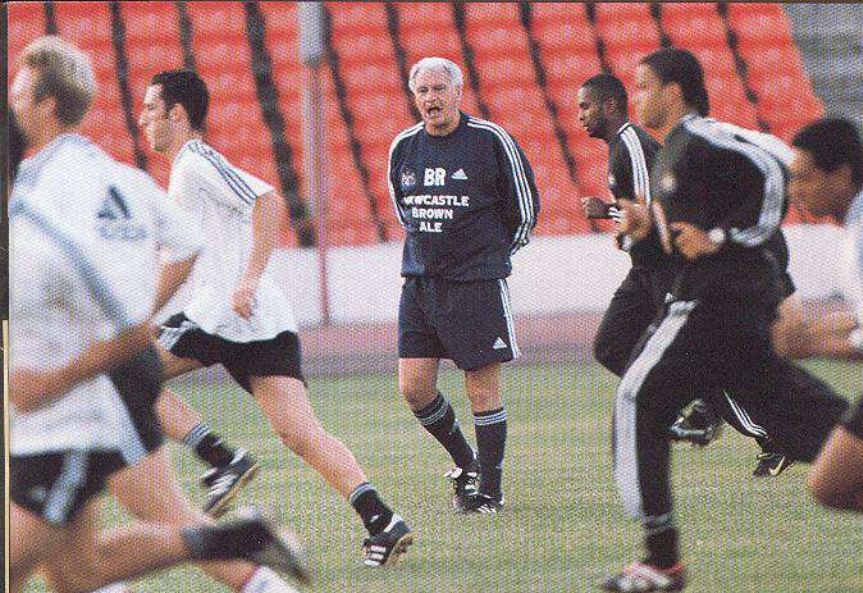
It is never easy going to one of the Eastern Bloc countries - you need to be solid and competitive, and tough both physically and mentally. We were strong at the back in Bulgaria, especially in that first difficult 20 minutes when we knew CSKA would be at their most dangerous, and it was particularly pleasing to come home without conceding a goal.

We were excellent in midfield, where Gary Speed and Robert Lee dominated to such an extent that Kieron Dyer was able to get the space to run at the opposition without being tied down by defensive duties.

Up front we saw a masterly 90 minutes from Alan Shearer, who led the attack and the whole team with great responsibility. He's on fire just now after his seven goals in two games against Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds and I'm delighted for a man whose first priority is always to make his best possible contribution to the overall team performance.

I had high hopes of Alan's partnership with Duncan Ferguson for the first few minutes in Sofia. But then Duncan had to come off with an injury after only 17 minutes, we learned subsequently that it would take longer to heal than we first thought and now we are also without the man who took his place in Bulgaria and in the two subsequent games, Temuri Ketsbaia.

So, from having three strong and experienced strikers we came away from Elland Road last Saturday with only one. That said, our 2-0 victory two weeks ago tonight gives us every chance of going through to the next round of the UEFA Cup. I've been asked this week if I'm pleased we are in this competition in view of our precarious Premiership position and the answer is an unequivocal yes. You always want to give your fans the chance of seeing how you compare with some of the best teams in



Europe and despite our injury situation I'm looking forward to going through to the second round.

We are ahead on merit in this tie. There's no reason why we can't stay ahead tonight.

We have to make St. James' Park our fortress. Our last scoreline here will take some following, mind you. The victory in Bulgaria set the players up to give Sheffield Wednesday - the only club below us - a terrible mauling. Delighted as I was for our players and for the fans of this club who have been unbelievably loyal and supportive through so many dark days, I felt very sorry for Danny Wilson.

Wednesday's manager was let down by his players, whose heads dropped the moment Aaron Hughes gave us the lead. Alan Shearer's first-half hat-trick gave us the platform to go on and do something extraordinary and I told the players at half-time that they had the opportunity to reduce the heavy imbalance in our goals-against column and to treat our supporters to something really special.

That's exactly what they did with Alan's five goals grabbing the headlines and everybody making a positive contribution. Leeds away was always going to be a much more difficult 90 minutes and we were fortunate to be only two down at half-time. Shearer's two goals got us

level, but Michael Bridges - a Geordie, of course - finally took one of a clutch of chances to give Leeds victory by the odd goal in five.

More of that match and how I see the Premier League road ahead in Sunday's programme for the Middlesbrough game, but I want to end tonight with a warm welcome for our new Head Coach, Mick Wadsworth.

Mick's a great coach, a great organiser and a great motivator. He worked for me when I was the England manager and he's also produced outstanding results on shoestring budgets at clubs like Carlisle and Scarborough.

He coaches players, he coaches teams and he coaches the coaches - that's how good he is. It is no reflection on our other coaches - all of whom are still here - to say that this club needs Mick Wadsworth. I need him. We will all benefit greatly.

"We are ahead on merit in this tie. There's no reason why we can't stay ahead tonight."

Bobby ROBSON



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As befits one of the country's most ambitious football clubs, Newcastle United plans to give its fans all over the world the opportunity to **join the club**.

The club is currently in the process of bringing together its various types of membership into an overall structure to which all supporters can belong. Every Newcastle United fan all over the world will then be able to join the club and feel part of 'the Toon Army'.

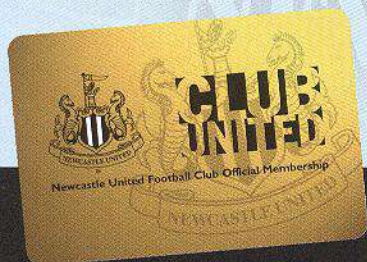
The aim of Club United is to provide Newcastle supporters with a wide, and growing, range of benefits which rewards them for their continuing loyalty to this great club.

Current season ticket holders are being given free membership to Club United and will not have to pay the fees that will be charged to other fans to join.

Benefits currently include:

- Personalised gold membership card
- Free copy of the glossy new quarterly magazine, **scene@st.james'**
- Special discounts and other concessions at leading retail outlets, covering food, drink, accommodation, leisure and sports facilities, household goods and motoring - with many more offers in the pipeline.
- Competitions with great prizes for Club United members.

Alec King, United's Director of Marketing, says the main objective of Club United is to forge a stronger bond between the club and its supporters both at home and abroad.



"The members' scheme is unique," he says, "with a huge potential for developing and expanding the club's commitment to its supporters and its responsibilities to the community and the less advantaged."

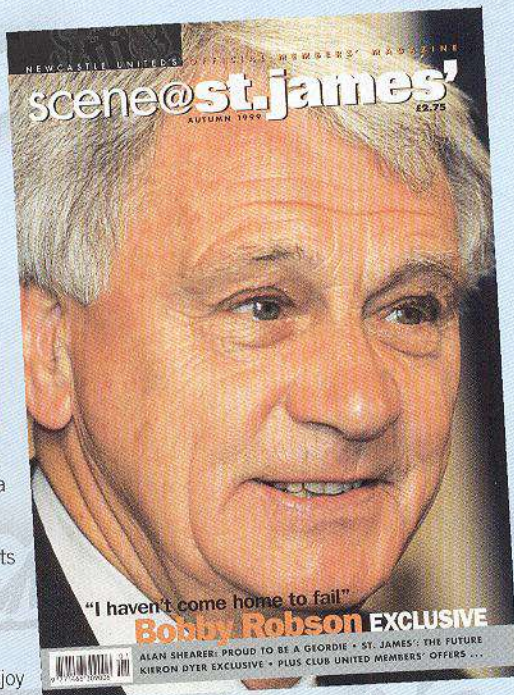
Members are sure to enjoy their free copy of the new quarterly members' magazine, **scene@st.james'** - the first issue of which has just been published. It is also available on subscription, at all our club shops and through newsagents. If you are not a Club United member, four issues cost £9.99 (including p&p), if you are resident in the UK.

There is an exclusive interview with Bobby Robson, whose stunning arrival as United's manager has shot the club back into the international spotlight once again. The feature is full of sharp insights into the extraordinary career of the Langley Park lad who has come home to take up yet another huge footballing challenge. "There is only one Newcastle United," he says, "and I haven't come home to fail."

scene@st.james' also contains a brilliant picture of Alan Shearer framed against the Tyne Bridge and revealing interviews with both Alan and Kieron Dyer, who has made a remarkable impact for both United and England since his £6m. signing from Ipswich.

The magazine also tells you about Steve Howey's mountainous route back to fitness, outlines the future for the new St. James' Park, and takes you through the planning, design and manufacture that goes into every adidas replica shirt worn by the Toon Army.

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United members the chance to win a pair of season tickets for the 2000-01 season.

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scene@st.james' replaces **Black and White**, the monthly magazine which for just over five years informed and entertained United fans with stories and pictures. The new publication will carry details of concessions and special offers in addition to the many behind-the-scenes interviews and picture opportunities available exclusively to the club's only official magazine.

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mick wadsworth



MICK WADSWORTH has worked for many clubs. He has been a successful manager in his own right. He has coached at virtually every level of the game and been part of the England set-up.

And in all that time and through all those varied experiences, the 48-year-old Yorkshireman names Bobby Robson as his greatest inspiration, which is why he is now working as Head Coach alongside the man he calls "the finest possible role model".

They first met a decade and a half ago when the miner's son who has now come home to his native North-East to manage the club he supported as a kid was the England supremo.

Wadsworth, like Robson, began his working life down a pit. He then had a spell as a teacher before the call of full-time football became too strong to resist. Coaching is his first love - "I love to help players develop and if I'm proud

of anything I've done in football it's my work as a coach" - but he was also brilliantly successful when he was in charge at Carlisle from 1993 to 1996 and at Scarborough from 1996 to earlier this year.

Carlisle, struggling when he joined them, were promoted from the Third Division as champions - eight points ahead of Walsall - in 1995 and also went to Wembley for the first time in their history, beaten by Second Division Champions Birmingham City in the Auto Windscreens Shield in front of more than 76,000.

Scarborough were considered no-hopers, but Wadsworth's blend of coaching and hot-gossiping lifted them into the Third Division play-offs at the end of the 1997-98 season.

Now the man who was a part-time professional at Scunthorpe in the mid-1970s and has had a variety of coaching jobs from looking after the youth team at Barnsley to nurturing the talents of Alan Shearer, Andy Cole and Steve McManaman at various stages of their international careers has rejoined the manager he believes to be the absolute best.

"I didn't hesitate for a moment - not for a split second - when Bobby asked me to come and help," says the one-time North-West Regional Coach for the Football Association.

"I worked with him a lot when he was the England manager for eight years - I watched matches for him during the run-up to the World Cup finals in 1990 and also during the final games in Italy when Bobby came so close to becoming only the second England manager to get his hands on the most coveted trophy of them all.

"It was a privilege to work with him then and it still is. He's a brilliant manager, a brilliant coach and communicator, a brilliant tactician and he's also a brilliant bloke. He's a good man, a decent man - he always talks of 'us', 'we', 'you', 'together' and very rarely says 'I'. He believes in team spirit and togetherness and in the development of players.

"More than that, he believes in the development of every part of the club and what's for certain is that the longer he is here the better Newcastle United will become, on and off the pitch.

"Bobby Robson is exceptional - he is right up there with the great European managers, men like Arrigo Sacchi and Marcello Lippi. He is respected throughout the world after all he has done, not only with Ipswich Town and England but also at places like Barcelona, PSV Eindhoven, Sporting Lisbon and Oporto.

"He has won things wherever he has been and his standing throughout world football is sky-high. Newcastle United are lucky he was available to give them his vast experience and wonderful enthusiasm in their hour of need. And I feel lucky to be working again alongside a man of the highest ability and integrity."

match review

WELCOME TO HELL, said the banner ... but Sofia quickly became a black-and-white heaven for United.



The red-hot atmosphere built up by the passionate Bulgarian fans before kick-off threatened to be a potent weapon in their favour.

But, steadily and surely, we drew the sting, quietened the fans ... and stung Sofia with second-half goals from Nol Solano and Temuri Ketsbaia.

It was the classic European away performance - and one which bore the stamp of a man who'd seen it all and done it all before. Bobby Robson by name.

The defence, so different now to the combination which conceded 18 goals in six games, held firm against the probing attacks of Sofia led by Roumen Hristov and Dimitar Berbatov.

And the Bulgarians were inches from a 25th-minute lead when Milen Petkov thundered a 30-yard drive against the top of the bar.

The early loss of Duncan Ferguson with a hamstring twinge didn't unsettle us, and within a minute Gary Speed's header from a Nol Solano free-kick brought a superlative save from Nenad Lukic.

But with Kieron Dyer tearing increasingly wide holes in the Sofia midfield and defence, Rob Lee and Speed beavering away, and Alan Shearer and Temuri Ketsbaia hungrily pressing up front, the scales tipped ever more our way.

And when, five minutes after the interval, Dyer was tripped by Sasa Mrkic, Shearer stepped over the ball and Solano whipped a delightful free-kick high into the net.

"Their players thought Alan was going to take the kick," said Nol, "but he tricked them by stepping over the ball and the goalkeeper hardly moved when my shot went over his right shoulder.

"Happy? Yes - I was happy, and I ran straight towards our supporters before the rest of the players caught up with me."

From that point we were in charge. Dyer, on 64 minutes, skinned Ivan Litera down the left and lifted a shot inches wide of the far post. Solano volleyed a Shearer knock-down inches over. And, after 76 minutes, Solano, Shearer and Dyer built up a fine move before Ketsbaia cut in past Petkov to fire past Lukic.

"We knew Sofia would try and take the initiative so we



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Lukic, Kremenliev (sub G. Ivanov 60), Mrkic, Trentchev (sub Litera 55), Sharac, Petkov, Velikov, Tchoumakov, Mantchev, Hristov (sub D. Ivanov 55), Berbatov. Subs: Paskov, I. Ivanov, Kovacevic, Antonov.

Newcastle United

Harper, Barton, Dabizas, Goma, Domi, Dyer, Lee, Speed, Solano (sub Hamilton 83), Shearer, Ferguson (sub Ketsbaia 17). Subs: Karelse, Beharall, Hughes, McClen, Robinson.

prepared the team for that in the first 20 minutes," said our highly-satisfied manager as he savoured his first Newcastle victory. "We knew we would have to defend with courage. And we did that.

"Nil-nil at the interval was fair - they had chances and we had chances. But I was happy because we were in a position to be a bit more adventurous in the second half.

"In the second half, we gave a tremendous performance, and might have won by a lot more."

Skipper Alan Shearer, praised by Robson for his display, said: "It was a tremendous team performance from start to finish. We knew the crowd would be hostile, but we also knew that if we could keep the crowd quiet, the longer the game went on the more confident we would get.

"It was as good a result as any for a long time. We worked our socks off for it and the organisation was spot on. We went to Sofia to do a job, and we're really pleased with what we did."

However, Alan struck a note of caution when he warned: "We haven't beaten Sofia yet. It's only half-time. But we have put ourselves in the driving seat."

Sofia coach Dimitar Penev, knowing his side had been well beaten, was gracious in defeat. "We want to congratulate Newcastle, and Mr Robson, on their good football," he said. "CSKA are not at the level of Newcastle, and I believe Newcastle will become stronger from now on."

Mr Penev must have raised an eyebrow when he heard our result against Sheffield Wednesday three days later ...



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by Paul Tully



TWENTY-EIGHT times League Champions and nine times Cup winners, CSKA Sofia were for many years the unrivalled footballing Kings of Bulgaria.

Given that the club was only formed in 1948, their honours list, which also includes 12 Red Army Cup wins, is truly phenomenal.

But in recent years the bright red star of CSKA has faded somewhat, the once-crucial Army influence being marginalised since the fall of the Communist rulers in 1991.

And the road back to the top, despite a League and Cup double in 1997, has proved long and hard for those entrusted with the reawakening of a slumbering giant.

The club was formed, in the era of post-war Communist restructuring, as the Bulgarian Army Sports Club.

Known then as Septemvri pri CDV, the first of 11 names the football club has carried, they won the title in their first year of existence and then 11 more times in 12 seasons between 1951 and 1962 - the last nine consecutively.

Known subsequently as CDNV, Narodna Voiska, CDNA, Otbor na Soffiskia garnizon (OSG), CDNA, CSKA Cherveno zname, CSKA Septemvriisko zname, Sredec, CFKA Sredec, and finally CSKA since 1964 when they merged with Red Banner, they have boasted many of Bulgaria's finest players.

Great stars such as Petar Jekov, Dimitar Yakimov and Ivan Kolev played for them in the '50s, and in 1957 they moved into their present 25,000-capacity parkland home in the South-East of the city, the Stadion Bulgarska Armia, in Borisova Gradina, a mere 200 metres from the national 70,000-capacity Vasil Levski Stadium, home of bitter rivals Levski Sofia.

Although CSKA's grip on the domestic game weakened in the 1960s, their entry into regular European competition opened up new horizons and the rest of the nation looked on in awe as CSKA

took on some of the Continent's top names in their golden years.

Three times CSKA knocked the defending European Champions out of the European Cup - Ajax in 1973, Liverpool in 1980, and Nottingham Forest in 1982. They also reached the 1967 and 1982 European Cup Semi-Finals and the 1989 Cup-Winners' Cup Semi-Final before losing to Inter-Milan, Bayern Munich and Barcelona respectively.

Thirteen times CSKA have completed the domestic League and Cup double, the last occasion two years ago in 1997.

But since the fall of Communism in 1991, CSKA, with their power base weakened, have suffered several difficult years, winning the Championship only twice since then and last season finishing a disappointing fifth. Indeed, their route into the UEFA Cup this season, like Newcastle United's, came via the domestic Cup: CSKA beat League Champions Litex Lovech 1-0 in the Final in Sofia with an 81st-



Milen Petkov



Nenad Lukic

The Manager

Dimitar Penev



DIMITAR PENEV has seen every peak and trough of Bulgarian football in almost 40 years at the top.

A veteran of three World Cups as a player with Bulgaria, starting with England 1966, he ultimately took over as national coach of the side which gloriously reached the Semi-Finals of the 1994 World Cup in America.

Born and brought up in the small town of Mirovane, he was snapped up by one of the Bulgarian capital's lesser teams, Lokomotiv Sofia.

But the immense promise he showed as a teenager led him to CSKA Sofia by the age of 20; and in a decade there he won seven League Championships and five Cups.

Penev developed under the Army regime at CSKA and, as a top-quality left-back, won 90 caps for his country.

After he retired in his early 30s, Penev took his coaching badge and went first to CSKA before coaching in Kuwait for two years.

He returned to CSKA in the early 1980s, found a club faded from its initial glories, and revitalised it to such an extent that he won five Championships and five Cups with them.

There could be no other choice for the new national coach, and when Ivan Vutsov was sacked two games from the end of the Euro 92 qualifying series, Penev was asked to take over - while also remaining in charge of CSKA.

When the national team's results did not swiftly improve, the Bulgarian Football Union decided that Penev could not do both jobs, and persuaded him to work as national coach full-time.

Two years later, in USA 94, Bulgaria famously beat Germany but lost 2-1 to Italy in the World Cup Semi-Final in New York.

Cruelly, two years on, after the relative failure of Euro 96, Penev was sacked and replaced by Hristo Bonev, sparking a major row between the players and the BFA.

Penev eventually went to Spartak Varna but, when CSKA's fortunes started to wane a year after the 1997 Double triumph, the call went out for this legend of Bulgarian football to return home to the club where it all started 30 years and more before. And last season he added another Bulgarian Cup triumph to his and CSKA's many honours.

minute goal from Valentin Stanchev, thus depriving Litex of the double and simultaneously opening their own doorway to Europe once again.

Stanchev has since left and, unusually for a club of CSKA's standing, they have only three current full internationals on their books - midfielder and captain Milen Petkov, 25, who played in both of Bulgaria's Euro 2000 qualifiers against England, and Yugoslavs Sasa Kovacevic and Sasa Mrkic.

But, although some say CSKA are now a club in crisis, there are many more who believe there could be better days just around the corner.

The effect on the club of the loss of Army influence since 1991 has been tempered by CSKA's recent attachment to Multigroup, a major new enterprise created from several previous state concerns. This has given CSKA a stronger financial foundation from which to operate.

And six successive League wins this season following a controversial opening-day defeat by Neftochimik Bourgas, has answered many of the critics.

CSKA's run of League victories then came against Velbazhd Kyustendil (3-1), Minyor Pernik (2-1), Spartak Varna (2-1), Slavia Sofia (3-1), Dobrudzha Dobrich (3-0) and Botev Plovdiv (4-0).



In the middle of that run, CSKA also handed an 8-0 aggregate beating to Irish club Portadown in the UEFA Cup qualifying round, and Newcastle are the only club to prevent CSKA scoring so far this season.

On the managerial front, former national coach Dimitar Penev last year replaced former Levski boss Georgi Vasilev, who masterminded CSKA's 1997 double, and many fans have faith that Penev is the man to restore CSKA to former glories. Unhappily, President Luboslav Penev's plan to have former CSKA star and national hero Iordan Letchkov at his manager Dimiter Penev's right hand did not materialise.

Remarkably, manager Penev, a former international centre-back who played for Bulgaria in the 1966 World Cup in England, is the UNCLE of the 33-year-old club President, who Tynesiders might remember as the Bulgarian centre-forward who scored an OWN GOAL in the Euro 96 3-1 defeat by France at St. James' Park; Luboslav came back from Spain to take up the prestigious position with CSKA.

Of all CSKA's great players, including the likes of Emil Kostadinov, Ivan Kolev, Trifon Ivanov and Dimitar Iakimov, the greatest is unarguably striker Hristo Stoichkov, who started out with them before

Sasa Mrkic

Dimitar Penev with Lucio Stanciu

leaving for fame and fortune - and eventually a close partnership with Bobby Robson - at Barcelona in 1989. When he later came back to the Stadion Bulgarska Armia for a brief spell, he was greeted as a returning hero.

Indeed, when Stoichkov, who retired from international football in the game against England at the Stadion Bulgarska Armia in June, walked into the Directors' Box to watch the CSKA-Newcastle first leg 14 days ago, the crowd spontaneously broke into a repeated and thunderous chant of 'Hristo, Hristo, Hristo'.

CSKA, treating their trip to Tyneside as a special occasion, have invited a number of their former stars, including Stefan Boskov, a 1950s captain, Krum lanev, a legendary striker of the '50s and '60s, Nako Dchakmakov and Georgi Denev, as guests of honour this evening.

Of the current 32-man CSKA squad, seven are Yugoslavian and the rest Bulgarian. Striker Roumen Hristov, 24, is one of their brightest jewels, but the side is built around the exciting talents of captain Milen Petkov, the man who planted a

sensational 30-yard drive against our crossbar midway through the first half of the first leg.

Petkov, voted Bulgaria's Player of the Year in 1998-99, plays on the left side of midfield with three from Metodi Deyanov, Vesselin Velikov, Ivan Litera, Dragan Sharac and Ivan Paskov completing the midfield quartet in coach Dimitar Penev's favoured 4-4-2 line-up.

The three goalkeepers, new signing Nenad Lukic, Ivaylo Ivanov and the 21-year-old Todor Kutchoukov have equally shared duties this season, though Yugoslav Lukic kept goal against Newcastle with Ivanov on the bench.

Former international Emil Kremenliev, 30, who played for Bulgaria at St. James' Park in Euro 96, is the regular right-back with Krassimir Tchoumakov, who can play either in defence or midfield, another ever-present.

Aleksander Tomash missed the game against Newcastle with Vesselin Velikov and Ivo Trentchev forming the centre-back partnership and Yugoslav Sasa Mrkic on the left. Galin Ivanov, Gueorgi Antonov, Miroslav Savic and Stefan Loultchev have also come into the midfield reckoning this season.

Penev, following the summer departure of last season's exciting striker Valentin Stanchev to Saschen, has drafted in the promising 18-year-old, Dimitar Berbatov, who has responded with six goals so far.

Alongside Berbatov, Hristov, a thrilling prodigy who was nine-goal top scorer in 1998-99, has three to his name already this time round. The arrival of the highly-rated Yugoslav Sasa Kovacevic, who scored on his CSKA UEFA Cup debut at Portadown, adds to Penev's forward strength, while Asen Bukarev, Dimiter Ivanov, who replaced Hristov after 55 minutes of the Newcastle match, and Genadi Simeonov have all been on the scoresheet this season.

Penev, who brought in 14 players in the summer and let 11 leave, has used well over 20 men since the opening day without sacrificing the



Krassimir Tchoumakov

consistency which put them second, one point leaders Levski, by last Sunday.

But competing in Bulgaria, where football has seen a serious decline in recent years, and competing on the wider European stage, are two different matters.

As CSKA and Penev found out when they met Newcastle United and Bobby Robson on September 16th ...



Roumen Hristov



Vesselin Velikov

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Millennium



Club historian Paul Joannou reviews those players to have made their mark on United's history over the last century, and continues a marvellous competition - to find the club's Millennium Superteam.

GREATS

ONE player who has experienced it all in European football is one of our right-back nominations, David Craig. An Ulsterman, Craig was recognised by many judges to be one of the best defenders in the game during the 1960s and '70s.

David joined Newcastle's apprentice scheme in August 1960 after a trial at Scunthorpe and as a raw teenager from Northern Ireland he rapidly caught the eye of manager Joe Harvey after starring in the club's F.A. Youth Cup success of 1962.

Craig developed into a complete footballer in many ways. He was dependable and able to recover quickly when defending and an intelligent, positive player going forward. He also had a steady character that never gave his manager a problem. Craig was a thorough professional and is one of only a handful of individuals to total over 400 senior games for the Magpies.

As a promising full-back, Craig made the No. 2 shirt his own during the 1964-65 Second Division promotion season, alongside Frank Clark on the left flank. The pair stayed together for over ten years. Had it not been for several injuries that kept the Irishman out of action - including both the 1974 F.A. Cup Final and 1976 League Cup Final - David would have come close to Jimmy Lawrence's appearances record for the club.

He did, though, win European honours in the shape of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup as Newcastle stormed to a Final victory over Hungarians Ujpest Dozsa in 1969 in what was the forerunner of the present-day UEFA Cup tournament. Craig was outstanding and became a regular for his country, too - although again missing out on several caps due to injury.

Craig retired from senior action in the summer of 1978 - a one-club man with the black'n'whites. Afterwards he played briefly for Blyth Spartans as well as the odd game for Dunston Mechanics. Still living in Newcastle, he runs a newsagency business in North Shields.

Another right-back to clock up more than 400 games for the Magpies was Bobby Cowell who commanded the No. 2 shirt from the war years until a bad injury sustained on tour in Germany in 1955 forced the County Durham product to hang up his boots. Like Craig, Bobby was a one-club servant to Newcastle.

Cowell joined United in October 1943, one of many to hail from the North-East pits. A brave defender, quick and determined, his Football League debut actually occurred in the record 13-0 victory over Newport County in 1946. He saw off challenges from Benny Craig, Bob Fraser and Dick Burke to win the full-back position and helped the club to promotion in 1948 then took part in a trio of Wembley F.A. Cup victories 1951, '52, and '55, along with Jackie Milburn and Bobby Mitchell, the only other United players to do so in that glorious period.

Bobby was often on the fringe of an England cap, Milburn once remarking that he was "the best uncapped full-back I've known". A popular character with the grass-roots fans, he remained loyal to United and after his retirement lived in Ponteland, a devoted supporter of the black'n'whites to his death in 1996.

The player to replace David Craig in United's side was another accomplished defender, Irving Natrass. Like both Craig and Cowell, the Fishburn youngster arrived on the scene having worked his way up through United's ranks since joining the set-up in July 1970. Natrass oozed confidence, was a class act when defending, and in attack always had a constructive urge, as well as a cracking shot that often found the net.

Becoming Newcastle skipper, Natrass was destined for an England cap before a series of cruel injuries kept him out of action, mishaps that were to follow him for the rest of his career and stop him from becoming a regular in the international squad.

Equally at home in midfield or central defence, he played in the 1976 Wembley League Cup Final, but missed United's F.A. Cup run and England's tour of South America in 1977. And when Newcastle were relegated a year later, Irving's obvious talent was too good for Second Division football and he moved to Middlesbrough for a £375,000 fee in July 1979.

Although he served Boro well - topping 200 games over seven seasons - injury again interrupted his progress and he never reached international recognition again. Like our other right-back nominations, Natrass remained in the region after leaving the game, entering the clothing business.

DAVID CRAIG

APPEARANCES & GOALS

1960-1978
435 appearances 13 goals



BOBBY COWELL

APPEARANCES & GOALS

1943-1956
409 appearances 0 goals

IRVING NATRASS

APPEARANCES & GOALS

1970-1979
313 appearances 22 goals

SELECT YOUR MILLENNIUM SUPERTeam

Throughout the season Paul Joannou will review United's greatest players and nominate a shortlist in their respective positions. At the end of the season supporters can select their All-Time Greatest XI and try to match the selection by Newcastle United's panel. The nominations for the position of right-back are:

BILL McCracken, DAVID CRAIG, BOBBY COWELL, IRVING NATRASS.

bulgarian football - a tale



It was at the 1994 World Cup in the USA that Bulgarian football finally came of age. A golden generation of footballers, moulded into shape by present CSKA Sofia manager Dimitar Penev (above), re-wrote the history books in America. The team not only won their first match at the World Cup finals - ending an extraordinary 17-game winless streak - but went on to reach the semi-finals, memorably eliminating the holders, Germany, along the way.



Hristo Stoichkov

That victory over the Germans in the Giants Stadium, New York, was the highest point in Bulgaria's football history. No Bulgarian fan will ever forget the two stunning goals, from Hristo Stoichkov and Jordan Lechkov, that enabled their team to come back from a goal down and reach the semi-finals, where they were ultimately defeated 2-1 by Roberto Baggio and Italy.

Stoichkov finished that tournament as the joint-winner of the Golden Boot, with six goals. And later that year he became the one and only Bulgarian to be crowned European Footballer of the Year. In 1996 he also made a name for himself at the European Championship finals in England, scoring in each of his country's three matches, including the 3-1 defeat against France here at St. James' Park.

Stoichkov, who was in the 25,000 crowd at the Bulgarska Armia stadium a fortnight ago, is unquestionably Bulgaria's greatest-ever footballer. But it was his good fortune to be at his peak at a time when those players around him in the Bulgarian national side were of a similar calibre. Among the other star pupils in the class of '94 were midfielder Krassimir Balakov, defender Trifon Ivanov, fellow striker Emil Kostadinov and goalkeeper (and record cap-holder) Borislav 'Bobby' Mikhailov.

Following the international retirement of Stoichkov and company, it seems inevitable that Bulgaria will struggle to scale such lofty heights again in the first years of the New Millennium. However, they did draw twice against England in the current Euro 2000 qualifying campaign, so all is not lost just yet.

Life before Stoichkov was a mixture of highs and lows for Bulgarian football.

Granted access to FIFA in 1924, Bulgaria made little impression internationally in the early years, and there was only a brief three-year



flirtation with a fully-integrated national league before World War Two arrived...and changed everything.

The Communist takeover of the country had a profound effect on the way sport was run. The whole system was re-organised, and as old clubs were dismantled and disbanded, new ones sprang up to take their place. Most of these were attached to organisations within the Communist Party, such as the army, the police, and the railway.

Tonight's visitors CSKA were the army club. In those days they had the initials CDNA, and they were the



Trifon Ivanov

of ups and downs by Mike Hammond



Jordan Letchkov (centre) in Euro 96 action at St. James'

predominant force in the 1950s, capturing every national title bar two during that decade and eventually winning a European record nine Championships in a row from 1954 to 1962.

The big star of that side was inside-forward Ivan Kolev, nicknamed the 'pocket Puskas'. He scored 25 goals in 75 games for the Bulgarian national team from 1950 to 1963, but while his club ruled the roost at home, Bulgaria failed to qualify for both the 1954 and 1958 World Cups with a team that was essentially CDNA in different-coloured shirts.

Bulgaria finally broke their World Cup duck in 1962 and in fact went on to reach the game's most prestigious tournament four times in a row, from 1962 to 1974. There were a number of prominent individuals during this period, among them Dimitar Penev, a central defender, who won 90 caps, and the prolific striker Hristo Bonev, who scored 47 goals in 96 internationals - a record unmatched even by the great Stoichkov (who managed 37 in 83).

Another leading individual was Levski Sofia striker Georgi Asparoukhov, who scored Bulgaria's

first World Cup finals goal, in Chile in 1962, but was hampered by injury at both the 1966 and 1970 tournaments. Tragically, Asparuchov was killed in a car crash in 1971. The Levski Sofia stadium now bears his name.

No Bulgarian team has ever reached the Final of a European club competition, but CSKA (as they were re-named in the mid-'60s) made it to the semi-finals of the Champions' Cup in both 1967 and 1982. During the run to the latter they memorably knocked out holders Liverpool in the quarter-finals before Bayern Munich crushed them in the semis.

CSKA and their arch-rivals Levski Sofia were officially disbanded by the communist authorities in 1985 after violent incidents that scarred the Bulgarian Cup Final of that year. Both clubs resurfaced under new names (Sredets and Vitosha, respectively), before eventually reverting to their old names after the collapse of Communist power at the end of that decade.

CSKA reached another European semi-final in 1989, in the Cup-winners' Cup, with Stoichkov making his name by scoring seven goals, including three in the semi-final



Krassimir Balakov (right)

against Barcelona, a club he would later join.

The new, more liberated political system of the 1990s enabled Bulgarian footballers to move abroad for the first time, which they did in their droves. Consequently, the domestic league became weaker and less attractive. But the national team benefitted considerably - as the astonishing events of USA '94 were to prove.

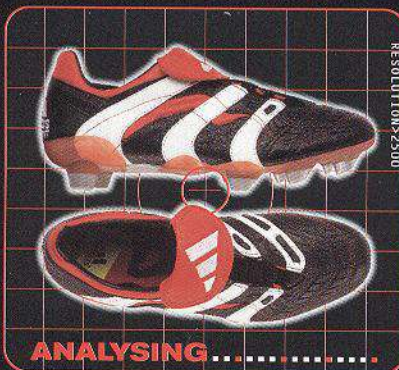


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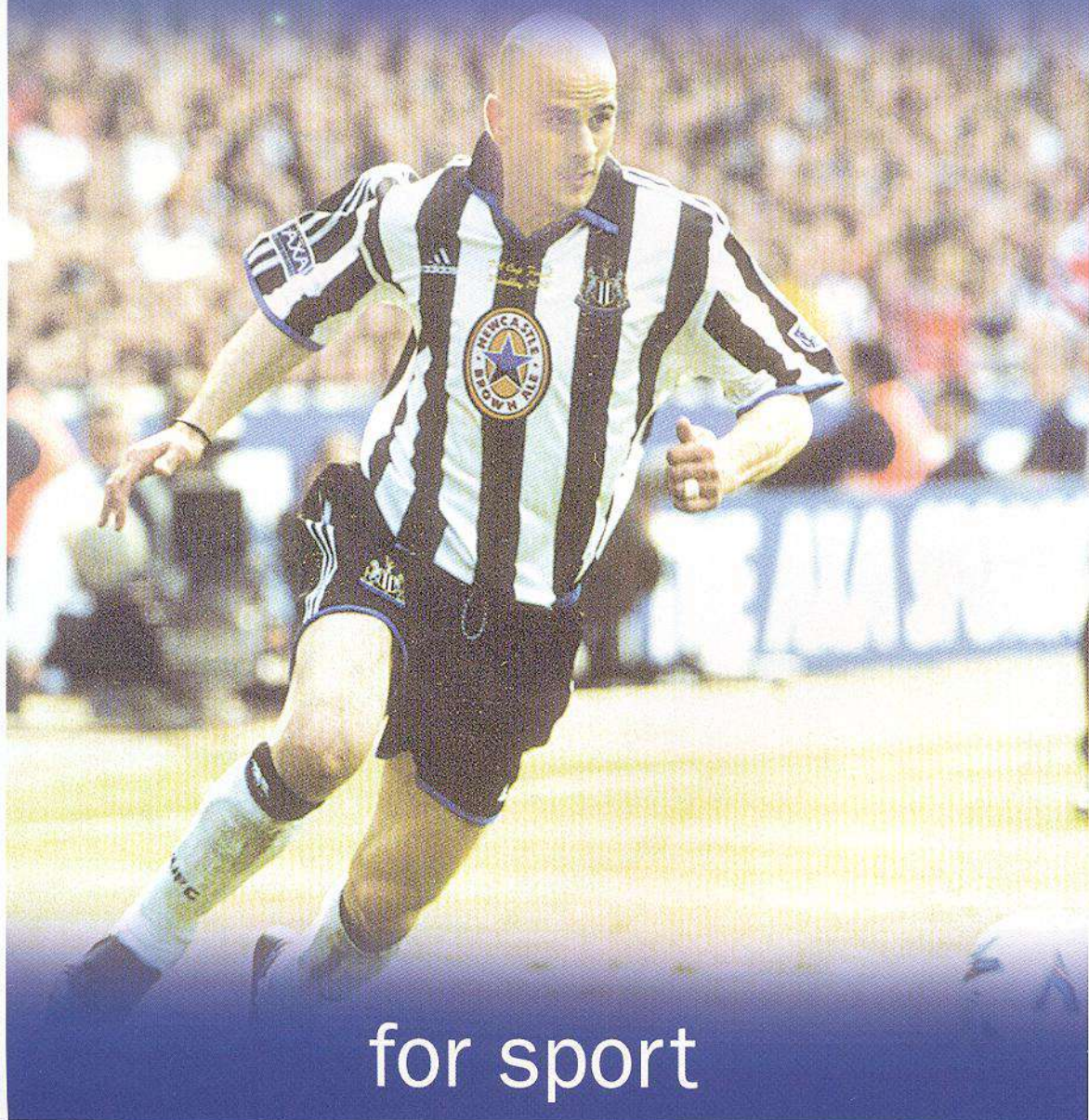
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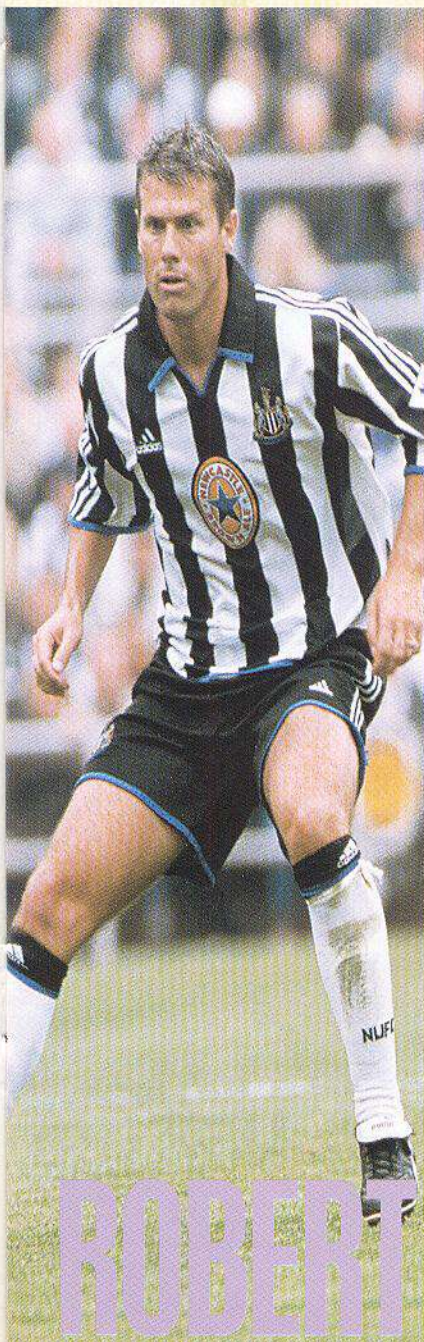
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for sport

A MONTH ago, Robert Lee feared and firmly believed he had played his last game for Newcastle United. By early September, he fully expected to be parting company with the club he loves.



ROBERT LEE

But there's an old saying that you can't keep a good man down. And Rob, at 33 the great survivor of Newcastle United, is now back in the side doing all the good things he's been doing ever since he came here from Charlton Athletic in 1992.

The rift between him and former manager Ruud Gullit was deep and irreparable, and former skipper Rob reveals: "If Ruud Gullit had been here another two weeks, I would have been gone.

"It was very close - I had a few clubs interested in me. But the only reason I would have left was the manager: not because I didn't get on with the fans; not because I didn't get on with the players; the manager would have been the sole reason.

"I had many, many letters from supporters when I was out of favour, all giving me their backing, and I would like to thank each and every one of them now. I love this club and I love the people and the area, and never wanted to leave. I'm delighted I didn't have to."

Since signing for £700,000 in September 1992 as United, under Kevin Keegan, were launching their First Division Championship challenge, Rob has been a fulcrum of the side. Today, he is one of only two survivors of that class of '92 - Steve Howey is the other while on-loan Tommy Wright was a temporary third - but Rob almost wasn't here at all.

After fighting back from the loss of the captaincy last season to play a part in the end-of-season run-in and F.A. Cup Final, Rob was "badly hurt" when he got no squad number this time round.

Banished to train with the Reserves and Juniors, he says: "It was surprise I felt as much as anything when I didn't get a number. But I admit that in August I never envisaged myself playing for Newcastle United again.

"It was quite clear I wasn't going to play any part under Ruud Gullit, and I was training with the Reserves and Juniors.

"Then on the Saturday morning before the Manchester United away game I came in to do a bit of five-a-side with Tommy Craig but found out that Gullit had resigned and the next thing Steve Clarke told me that he wanted me in the side at Old Trafford.

"The No. 7 shirt I'd always worn at Newcastle had gone to Kieron Dyer by then - Kieron actually offered it back to me, but you can't change numbers mid-season - so I took a number with a seven in it - 37!

"I wasn't match-fit but I played 65 minutes against Manchester United, 75 against Chelsea by which time Bobby Robson was in charge, and the full 90 in the next games.

"Bobby's changed a few things and got everybody smiling and enjoying training again. He's a great man and a great manager.

"And I like to think I've played my part in the side's upturn."

Few would doubt that Rob has. His know-how in midfield alongside Gary Speed has added an extra dimension and freed up the likes of Dyer to wreak havoc.

Former England star Rob's European experience was also invaluable when United took on and conquered tonight's opponents CSKA Sofia in the UEFA Cup first round first leg a fortnight ago.

He had figured in 18 of United's 22 European ties before Sofia and, in a magnificent team performance in Bulgaria, played his own part majestically.

The man who started it all off for United in Europe in the '90s with a hat-trick of HEADERS away to Royal Antwerp in 1994 draws an intriguing parallel between then and now.

Rob, now within sight of a testimonial at United, says: "When we played Antwerp, winning 5-0 away was an unbelievable result but it came at a time when we were playing very, very well. We were beating everybody by that sort of score every week.

"But this season we had been losing games before Sofia, so it was different. And that's why, given the pressure we were under, I think Sofia was one of our best European performances of all."

ROBERT LEE

Born Plaistow, London,
Feb 1, 1966

Height 5ft 11in

Weight 11st 13lbs

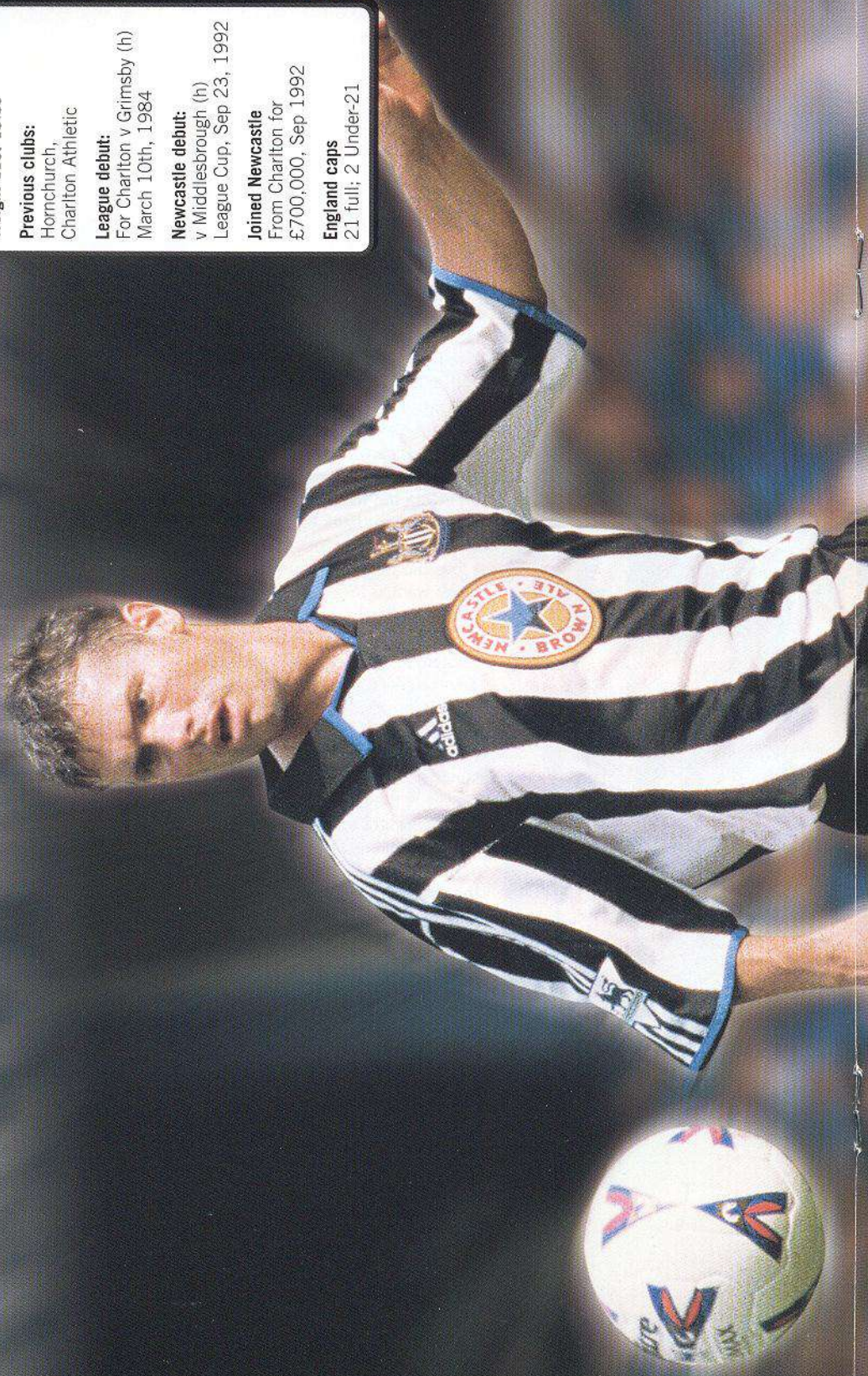
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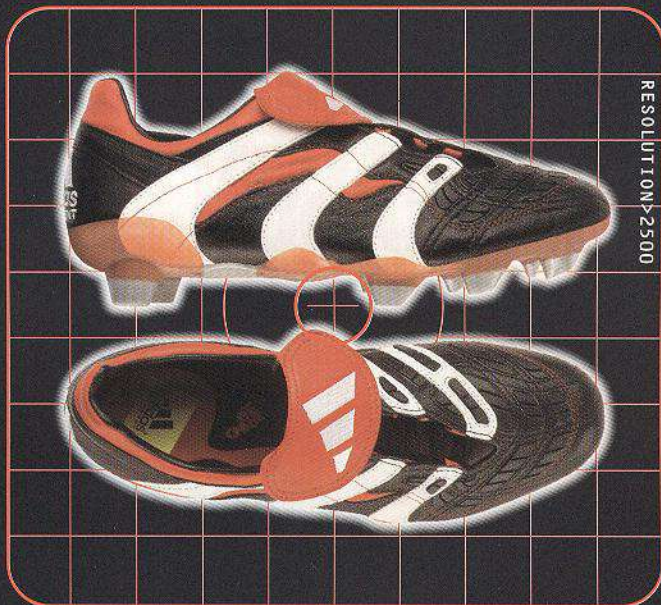
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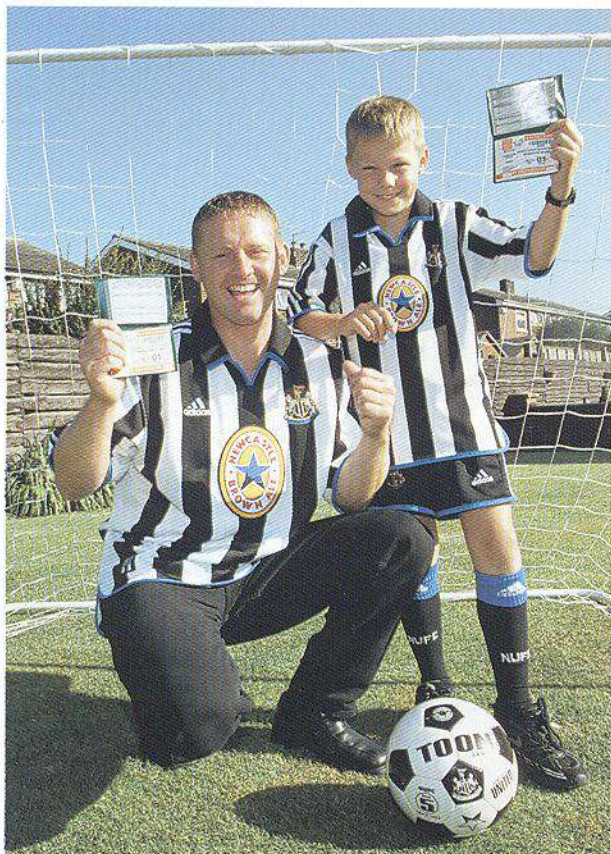
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FIRST ROUND

First leg: Feyenoord (home) 4-0 (Scott, B. Robson, Gibb, Davies)
Attendance 46,348.

Second leg: Feyenoord (away) 0-2
Attendance 45,000. Aggregate 4-2

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Sporting Lisbon (away) 1-1 (Scott). Attendance 9,000

Second leg: Sporting Lisbon (home) 1-0 (B. Robson)

Attendance 53,747. Aggregate 2-1

THIRD ROUND

First leg: Real Zaragoza (away) 2-3 (B. Robson, Davies).

Attendance 22,000.

Second leg: Real Zaragoza (home) 2-1 (B. Robson, Gibb).

Attendance 56,055. Aggregate 4-4, Newcastle won on away goals.

QUARTER-FINAL

First leg: Vitoria Setubal (home) 5-1 (Foggon, B. Robson (2), Davies, Gibb).
Attendance 57,662

Second leg: Vitoria Setubal (away) 1-3 (Davies)

Attendance 34,000. Aggregate 6-4.

SEMI-FINAL

First leg: Glasgow Rangers (away) 0-0. Attendance 75,580

Second leg: Glasgow Rangers (home) 2-0 (Scott, Sinclair). Attendance 59,303.
Aggregate 2-0.

FINAL

First leg: Ujpest Dozsa (home) 3-0 (Moncur 2, Scott).

Attendance 59,234.

First leg:

Ujpest Dozsa (away) 3-2 (Moncur, Arentoft, Foggon).

Attendance 34,000. Aggregate 6-2.

EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP

1969-70

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Dundee United (away) 2-1 (Davies 2).

Attendance 21,000.

Second leg: Dundee United (home) 1-0 (Dyson)

Attendance 37,470. Aggregate 3-1.

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Porto (away) 0-0. Attendance 25,000.

Second leg: Porto (home) 1-0 (Scott).
Attendance 44,833. Aggregate 1-0.

THIRD ROUND

First leg: Southampton (home) 0-0.
Attendance 38,163.

Second leg: Southampton (away) 1-1 (Robson)

Attendance 25,182. Aggregate 1-1, Newcastle won on away goals.

QUARTER-FINAL

First leg: Anderlecht (away) 0-2.
Attendance 30,000.

Second leg: Anderlecht (home) 3-1 (Robson 2, Dyson).

Attendance 59,309. Aggregate 3-3, Newcastle lost on away goals.

EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP

1970-71

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Inter Milan (away) 1-1 (Davies).

Attendance 14,460

Second leg: Inter Milan (home) 2-0 (Moncur, Davies)

Attendance 56,495. Aggregate 3-1.

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Pecs Dozsa (home) 2-0 (Davies 2).

Attendance 50,550.

Second leg: Pecs Dozsa (away) 0-2.
Attendance 25,000. Aggregate 2-2,

Newcastle lost on penalties.

UEFA CUP 1977-78

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Bohemians (away) 0-0
Attendance 25,000

Second leg: Bohemians (home) 4-0 (Gowling 2, T. Craig 2).

Attendance 19,046. Aggregate 4-0.

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Bastia (away) 1-2 (Cannell).
Attendance 8,500

Second leg: Bastia (home) 1-3 (Gowling)

Attendance 34,560. Aggregate 2-5.

UEFA CUP 1994-95

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Royal Antwerp (away) 5-0 (Lee 3, Sellars, Watson).

Attendance 19,700

Second leg: Royal Antwerp (home) 5-2 (Cole 3, Beardsley (pen), Lee)

Attendance 31,383. Aggregate 10-2.

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Athletic Bilbao (home) 3-2 (Fox, Beardsley (pen), Cole)

Attendance 32,440

Second leg: Athletic Bilbao (away) 0-1
Attendance 47,000.

Aggregate 3-3.

Newcastle lost on away goals.

UEFA CUP 1996-97

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Halmstads BK (home) 4-0 (Ferdinand, Asprilla, Albert, Beardsley)

Attendance 28,124

Second leg: Halmstads BK (away) 1-2 (Ferdinand)

Attendance 7,847. Aggregate 5-2.

SECOND ROUND

First leg: Ferencváros (away) 2-3 (Ferdinand, Shearer).

Attendance 18,000

Second leg: Ferencváros (home) 4-0 (Asprilla 2, Ginola, Ferdinand)

Attendance 35,740.

Aggregate 6-3.

THIRD ROUND

First leg: F.C. Metz (away) 1-1 (Beardsley (pen))

Attendance 23,000

Second leg: F.C. Metz (home) 2-0 (Asprilla 2)

Attendance 35,641. Aggregate 3-1.

QUARTER-FINAL

First leg: A.S. Monaco (home) 0-1
Attendance 36,215

Second leg: A.S. Monaco (away) 0-3
Attendance 18,500. Aggregate 0-4.



INTER CITIES FAIRS CUP 1968-69 v Vitoria Setubal

in europe 1968-1999

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP 1997-98

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFYING ROUND

First leg: NK Croatia Zagreb (home) 2-1
Beresford (2) Attendance 34,465

Second leg: NK Croatia Zagreb (away)
2-2 aet. Asprilla (pen), Ketsbaia
Attendance: 34,000

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP C

Barcelona (home) 3-2 Asprilla (3)
Attendance 35,274

Dynamo Kiev (away) 2-2 Beresford (2)
Attendance 100,000

PSV Eindhoven (away) 0-1
Attendance 29,200

PSV Eindhoven (home) 0-2
Attendance 35,214

Barcelona (away) 0-1
Attendance 26,000

Dynamo Kiev (home) 2-0 Barnes, Pearce
Attendance 33,694

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP 1998-99

FIRST ROUND

First leg: Partizan Belgrade (home) 2-1
(Dabizas, Shearer) Attendance 26,599

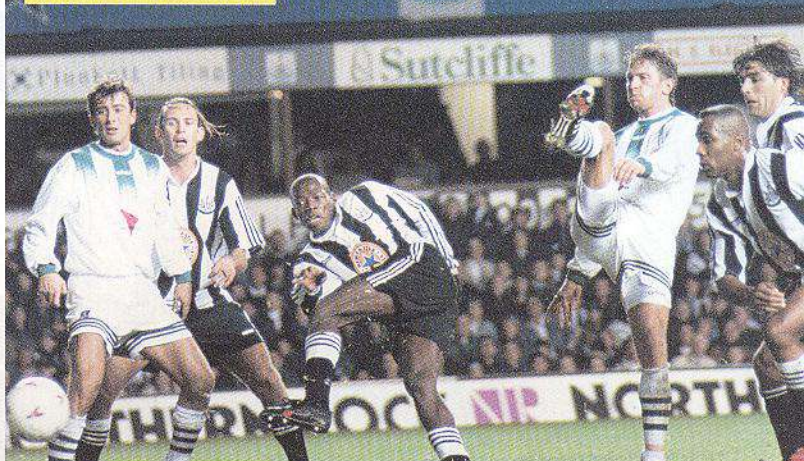
Second leg: Partizan Belgrade (away)
0-1 Attendance 24,000. Aggregate 2-2.
Newcastle lost on away goals.

UEFA CUP 1999-2000

FIRST ROUND

First leg: CSKA Sofia (away) 2-0
(Solano, Ketsbaia)
Attendance 20,260

UEFA CUP 1996-97 v Ferencváros



UEFA CUP 1994-95 v Royal Antwerp



EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP 1970-71 v Pecsí Dozsa





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First steps to heaven



THEY may be only 11 and 12 respectively, but Adam Brown (left) and Paul Warren (below) have already taken a big step up the ladder towards realising their dreams of becoming professional

footballers. And it's all come about because they attended our Football in the Community coaching courses.

One of the main aims of the courses is to make sure boys and girls have fun, but experienced staff are always on the look-out for potential.

Potential is what Adam and Paul possess - to the extent that they have signed forms for United.

Paul, a central defender, lives in Wallsend with his sister, Kelly (16) and Mum and Dad, Geraldine and Colin.

Adam is a forward who lives with his brother, Stuart (14) and their parents, Janice and Colin, in Washington.

Both our budding stars rate Kieron Dyer as their favourite player, especially after his outstanding debut display for England against Luxembourg.

And both boys are now training regularly after school hours with our Academy under the watchful eye of Recruitment Officer, Peter Kirkley and his Youth Development team.

Adam attends Biddick Comprehensive School, in Washington and Paul is a pupil at St. Thomas More High School, North Shields.

Adam's mother, Janice tells us: "He's grateful to have been given this chance by Newcastle United."

And young Paul has one word to sum up the training sessions at Benfield Park: "Smashing!"

Ray Hankin, our Football in the Community Development Department chief, says: "What has happened to these two lads is a terrific incentive for youngsters throughout the North East. All they have to do is come to one of our courses. They will be well taken care of, on and off the pitch. Their destiny lies in their own hands and feet."

Julie Gale has details of forthcoming courses on Tyneside (0191) 2353904.



The Wright Man

AS an official of the Northumberland F.A. for 21 years, six of which have been spent as its President, Alan Wright has something to celebrate.

But, typically, Alan pushed any personal accolades to one side so that he could send a good luck message to "someone really special."

That someone is our new manager, Bobby Robson, who made such a sensational impact in his first home game against Sheffield Wednesday.

Prudhoe-based Wright says: "The NFA is delighted about Bobby coming home. Having a Geordie as manager of a Geordie club is a real bonus and we wish him the very best of luck."

Alan and Bobby last met "a few years" ago when, as manager of England, Robson was the guest speaker at the NFA's annual dinner.

"He charmed us all and proved to be excellent company," Wright tells us.

"What's more, he wasn't one of those celebrities who has a meal, says a few words and then says he's leaving. Bobby stayed with us for most of the night. He certainly made a big impression - just as he will continue to do as manager of Newcastle United."

Fans can take a bow

THAT football continues to attract troublemakers is a sad fact of life. They get their club and the game a bad name.

Rest assured, then, that the police in and around St. James' Park before, during and after matches, will remain ever-vigilant.

"We never relax," says Chief Inspector Dave Jackson, "but to be fair to the fans - especially those who follow United - there has been a marked improvement in their behaviour this season."

Chief Inspector Jackson, who has been in charge of our match-day police force while his boss, Supt. Graham Stafford, has enjoyed a well-earned holiday, adds: "I suppose we can expect a small handful of idiots to be more interested in causing trouble than in watching what's happening on the pitch. But, I'm delighted to report, the louts seem to be on the decrease."

"Certainly, the vast majority of United fans are extremely well behaved. Naturally, we will continue to monitor the situation, but it is a situation that is improving."

Kieron's first Newcastle honour



IT DIDN'T take Kieron Dyer long to pick up his first award at Newcastle.

For the £6m England international was overwhelmingly voted United's August Player of the Month by Sky Sports viewers in conjunction with Newcastle Breweries.

A massive 72 percent opted for Kieron, whose sharp and intelligent play has wowed the Toon Army.

In the wider picture it wasn't the greatest month for United, of course. And the man who brought Kieron to Tyneside, Ruud Gullit, was no longer in charge to see his recruit collect a mounted football from Breweries' Operations Director Steve Williams.

But new United boss Bobby Robson had a tongue-in-cheek warning for the former Ipswich star in his maiden speech to the presentation ceremony just a few days before the Sheffield Wednesday game.

"You've had an easy month, son," smiled Bobby. "But by next month, when we've scored some goals and got some points, there'll be a few more going for Player of the Month."

Added Bobby: "I know we have got THE best supporters in the country. I know that we have a special breed of people who eat and sleep football."

"We have got to give those people results. And I believe we have got the players to get those results."

Basil Hume Memorial Fund

A collection will take place outside St. James' Park prior to the Middlesbrough game on Sunday, to raise money to help build a sculpture of the late Cardinal Basil Hume.

It is planned to site the sculpture of the life-long Newcastle United supporter, who was born and educated in the city, outside St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle.

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Flashback

PAUL TULLY remembers an amazing First Round tie of the past ... and goes down Memory Lane with a stalwart of those fabulous Fairs Cup days.

Inter Milan 1 Newcastle United 1 Newcastle United 2 Inter Milan 0

EUROPEAN FAIRS CUP • SEPTEMBER 23 & 30 1970

THE MATCH has long since passed into legend as The Battle of St. James' ... the night when Newcastle United rose above an unbelievable display of intimidation from the Italian giants of Inter Milan to carry their European crusade forward once more.

United, winners in 1968-69 and quarter-finalists in 1969-70, went into their third consecutive year of Fairs Cup competition with a titanic clash against an Inter side replete with such stars as Sandro Mazzola, Roberto Boninsegna and Giacinto Facchetti.

A magnificent display in the first leg in the San Siro Stadium secured a 1-1 draw - and set the scene for an explosive second leg.

At St. James', before 60,000 fans, Inter goalkeeper Lido Vieri punched Belgian referee Joseph Minnoy to the ground and was sent off, and amid the mayhem, goals from Bob Moncur and Wyn Davies sent United stoutly and courageously through to Round Two to face Pecci Dozsa.

But the fearsome punishment meted out to Welsh centre-forward Davies remains to this day the outstanding

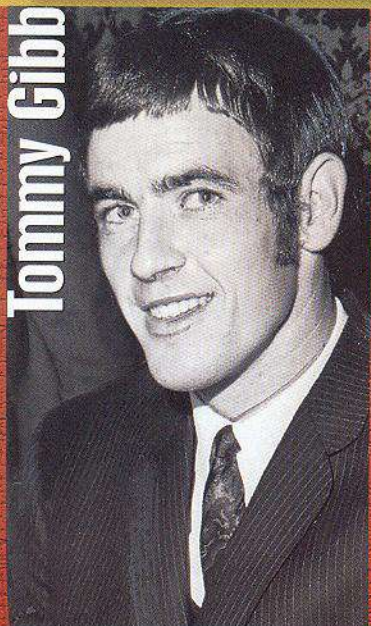
memory of that night at St. James'.

Inter full-back Facchetti, aided and abetted by his co-defenders, led the battering inflicted upon Davies; and so bad did it become that skipper Moncur even asked manager Joe Harvey to bring the Welshman off for his own safety. Wyn, an original braveheart, refused to come off, and was there to head the second goal which finally killed off Inter 20 minutes from time.

Few folk had held out much chance for United when they were first drawn against an Inter side including a number of the Italy team which reached the World Cup Final two months before.

But Davies' 42nd-minute goal in Milan, a header from Bryan Robson's chipped free-kick, tipped things United's way, and they would have returned with a famous first leg victory

Tommy Gibb



TOMMY GIBB has a number of mementoes of the good old days, among them a miniature Fairs Cup trophy commemorating United's 1969 victory, and a postcard of Inter Milan's 1970 side, signed by all the Inter players.

"The postcard was something Inter gave all the Newcastle lads when we went over there for the Fairs Cup-tie in September 1970," says Tommy.

"It had all their players on it, and all the signatures. And I've never parted with it ...

"... because that Inter tie was something else."

Tommy, now 54 and living in Armadale, West Lothian, also had a collection of bumps and bruises by which to remember Inter Milan's visit to Tyneside 29 years ago this very night.

For the rumbustious second leg in front of 60,000 Geordies is something Tommy will never forget.

"It was a bit physical," he says, smiling at his masterly understatement. "And of

all the lads, Big Wyn got the worst of the treatment. They seemed to single him out.

"But, Wyn being Wyn, he stuck it out and knocked in the second goal which killed Inter off. It was certainly quite a night."

Quite a night among many great nights. For Tommy, signed for £45,000 by Joe Harvey from Partick Thistle on the eve of the 1968-69 season, played throughout the Fairs Cup runs as he totted up a club record of 171 consecutive games.

"And some very special memories there were, too," he says. "Apart from Inter Milan, there were great matches against Ujpest in the '69 Final, Feyenoord, when Geoff Allen did so well on the left wing, Vitoria Setubal when they wore socks over their hands in the freezing snow ... and



but for sweeper Cella's 84th-minute equaliser - a 20-yard ground shot which crept just inside the left post past the diving Willie McFaul.

So the scene was perfectly set for the return. And never has Tyneside seen a night like it.

A song penned after the game, to the tune of Blaydon Races, said of Inter 'they were thumping, they were scratching, they were kicking, they were biting'. And they were.

But amongst the all-in wrestling, some football did get played. Cella, Inter's first-leg saviour, cleared Benny Arentoft's backheel off the line on 25 minutes; then on the half-hour, the Inter goal finally fell.

The Italians, who had made five

Anderlecht. I always remember Anderlecht, in the 1969-70 quarter-final when they scored right at the end and went through on away goals. That was another 60,000 gate and there was hardly a sound when their goal went in.

"For a lad like me coming down from Partick Thistle, it was all heady stuff. I stayed in the same digs as Wyn, with Mrs Carr at Pelton, and Wyn and I have stayed in touch ever since, which retains that link with the old Newcastle days. I hear from Bob Moncur occasionally, too. Bob organised the 25-year reunion of the Fairs Cup team in '94, when all the lads got together again in Newcastle - that was a great night."

Tommy made an immediate impression with United in 1968, scoring a sensational 30-yarder against Chelsea on his home debut as United fought back from 0-2 down to win 3-2.

And Tommy would love a rather special and tangible memory of that moment.

For he says: "Willie McFaul told me

changes from the first leg, were so preoccupied with marking Davies at Robson's left-wing corner that Moncur came in unseen to head home and send the crowd into raptures.

Within a minute of Moncur's goal, Davies and Vieri tussled for a ball and the 'keeper was penalised for obstruction on the six-yard line.

Astonishingly, in the midst of the mass protest which followed, Vieri swung an underarm punch at Minny and the official fell to the ground, clutching his stomach.

Police had to come onto the pitch at the Gallowgate End before Vieri, eventually, obeyed his sending-off; reserve goalkeeper Bordon came on with inside-left Achilli sacrificed, and

some time back that he'd seen a video of that game, and of my goal, but try as I might since I've never been able to get my hands on it. There's also film of a diving header I scored at Spurs one year, and I'd love to have that, too. I wonder if anyone out there can help?"

Tommy does have another, less happy legacy of his footballing days.

For the back and hip problems he suffers badly from today in all probability date back to those strenuous playing days.

"I first hurt my back in a game against Birmingham and I've never been the same since," he recalls. "I played on with Newcastle, then Sunderland and Hartlepool, but over the years the pain has got very bad in my back and hips.

"I have to take regular painkillers and it wakes me up every night but that's life. I've been off work for about 18 months with it. If you're lucky enough to be a footballer, this can be the down side of it in later life.

INTER MILAN

Vieri, Burgnich, Facchetti, Fabbian, Guilbertoni, Cella, Pellizzaro, Mazzola, Achilli, Frustalupi, Corso.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

McFaul, Craig, Clark, Gibb, Burton, Moncur, Robson, Dyson, Davies, Arentoft, Young.

Second leg: Newcastle unchanged; Inter - Rigliotti for Burgnich, Giancarlo for Cella, Jair for Pellizzaro, Bellugi for Frustalupi, Bonisegna for Mazzola.

from then on it was merely a question of whether United would win by three falls or a knockout.

In the end, it was a knockout. Keith Dyson headed a Tommy Gibb cross against the bar and Davies, riding a blatant body-check, still managed to throw himself full-length to head the second goal and end the contest, if not actually stop it.

In that football week

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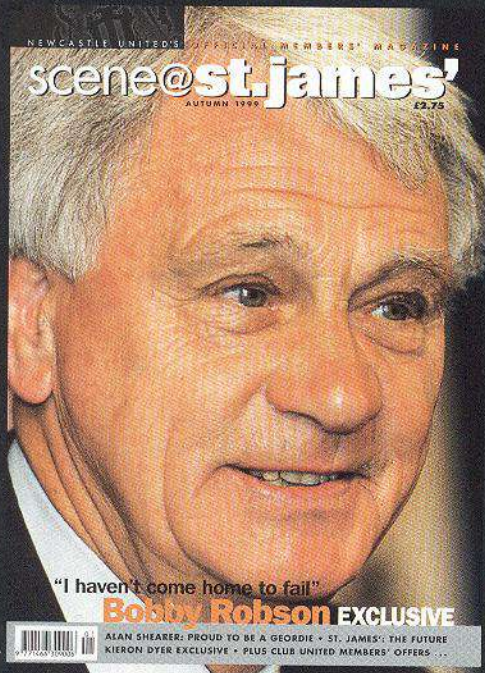
Ipswich manager Bobby Robson was considering a replay appeal over Alan Hudson's "goal that wasn't" in Chelsea's 2-1 victory at Stamford Bridge. Hudson's 'goal' was later shown on TV to have passed outside the post before rebounding from a stanchion ... Gateshead-born striker Tommy Baldwin asked Chelsea for a transfer ... Sunderland captain Colin Todd was chosen to lead England Under-23s against West Germany ... Sheffield Wednesday manager Danny Williams was reportedly preparing a £25,000 bid for Newcastle centre-half John McNamee.



"But people remember you, don't they, and that's the nice part. Why, just the other day I had a letter from a lad in Cardiff wanting me to sign an autograph for him. Once you've been a professional footballer, you're never forgotten."

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Peter in our plans

HELLO, again, boys and girls of the Magpies Club. This is Monty and Maggie bringing you news that there is unlikely to be a members' Christmas party this year. But don't worry. We haven't lost the spirit of goodwill. Not a bit of it!



We can tell you, instead, that Club officials are working hard trying to organise an extra-special trip to the theatre - and if everything works out, you will get the chance to see one of United's all-time great players in action.

Peter Beardsley appeared on many a big stage during his career. Now, he is preparing to take on another starring role, this time as King Pedro of Gallowgate in the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House, in Newcastle.

There is no definite news of a visit, but we will keep you posted and bring you news as soon as we can.

Meanwhile, our best birthday wishes go to these members of the Magpies Club:

Jonathan Clark, of Bedlington, who is six; **Natasha Williams**, of Durham, and **Jack Staker**, of Kent, (both seven); **Jack Vellacott**, of Buckinghamshire, **Andrew North**, of Newcastle, and **Daniel Wright**, of Newcastle, (all eight); **Sam Bewick**, of Merseyside, and **Alexandra Rose**, of London, (both 10); **Oliver Miles**, of Shropshire, (11); and **Michelle Gill**, of Essex, (14).

All of a glow



IT IS 12 months since our Football in the Community Department launched Scoring Goals for Success, a scheme aimed at supporting schools in developing the potential of their pupils.

Now, it's time to take stock of what has been achieved in a first eventful year - and the report is a truly glowing one!

Ray Hankin, our Football in the Community Development Department chief, who has worked closely with Phil

Saint, the scheme's co-ordinator, says: "The project has been a huge success, basically because of the hard work put in by Phil and my staff and also because Scoring Goals for Success is fully endorsed by Newcastle United. The club clearly supports the programme and that, in turn, motivates the pupils taking part."

Saint, who has paid at least one visit to each of the 40 schools involved in the first year, tells us: "Two thousand youngsters have been under our wing in Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Gateshead and Durham.

"They enjoyed 200 hours of football coaching to such an extent that 98 per cent of the schools taking part have reported a noticeable improvement in pupils with regard to motivation, reliability and good conduct.

"There has been a great deal of hard work involved, but it has been well worth it."

Forty schools is as much as Saint can handle and every place has been booked - free of charge - for the second 12 months. However, 40 more lucky schools will be signed up a year from now.



Final memories



I am currently researching for a book on supporters' stories about their journeys to their club's European finals. I would like to hear from Newcastle supporters who in 1969 saw Newcastle's Fairs Cup Final matches against Ujpest Dozsa on Tyneside and in Hungary, giving their accounts, with photographs if possible (also a short profile of yourself - age, job etc). I will not be able to answer letters or return photos, so reprints are advisable. My book will include one story from each game, with photos.

Mick Groom, 4 The Dell, Wickford, Essex SS11 8AG.

Lucky Four is joy for Julie!



JULIE GRANT thinks her Lucky 4 win is top-class - and no wonder!

For this 26-year-old teacher has picked up £500, plus a "really smashing" clutch of other prizes after spending just £1 on a ticket before our 8-0 home win over Sheffield Wednesday.

Apart from the money, Julie is entitled to a VIP day out for four people at St. James' Park, a travel-paid trip for two to an away match, with tickets, and a year's free entry to the National Lottery.

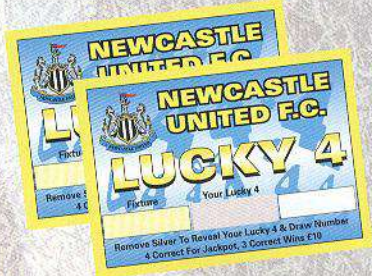
"It's amazing," says Julie, who was at the game with her parents, John and Elizabeth, and brother, David.

"We've got season tickets in the Sir John Hall Stand and I think I'm right when I say I have missed only one home game in the last six years."

Julie, a teacher at Hexham Middle School, has been a Magpies fan since she was a small child.

"The whole family loves the club," says Julie from the family home in Bedlington. "When I told the pupils at school about my Lucky 4 win, they all said they wanted to come with me to a match. But the prizes will be shared with my family. I've chosen to take in the trip to Arsenal and the home fixture against Liverpool."

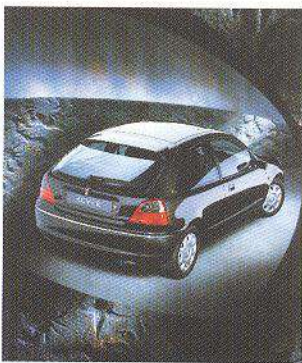
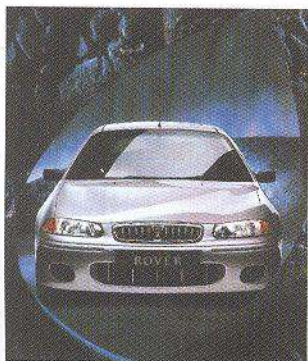
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Everton	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Aston Villa	3	2	1	0	8	5	7
Liverpool	4	1	3	0	5	3	6
Bolton	3	2	0	1	3	6	6
Leeds United	4	1	2	1	6	7	5
Manchester United	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Blackburn	3	1	0	2	3	2	3
Middlesbrough	4	0	3	1	5	8	3
Bradford City	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Sheffield Wed	3	0	0	3	4	9	0
Barnsley	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

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NOVEMBER

Tues 9 Manchester Utd H 7.00

Mon 15 Aston Villa H 7.00

Tues 30 Leeds Utd A 7.00

DECEMBER

Tues 7 Bradford City A 7.00

Mon 13 Sheffield Wed H 7.00

Tues 21 Everton A 7.00

(at Widnes Rugby League Ground)

JANUARY

Mon 10 Middlesbrough H 7.00

Mon 17 Liverpool A 7.00

(at St. Helens Rugby League Ground)

Mon 24 Liverpool H 7.00

FEBRUARY

Wed 2 Manchester Utd A 7.00

(at Bury F.C., Gigg Lane)

Wed 23 Aston Villa A 7.00

MARCH

Mon 6 Leeds Utd H 7.00

Mon 13 Bolton H 7.00

Wed 29 Barnsley A 7.00

APRIL

Mon 10 Sunderland H 7.00

Tues 25 Blackburn A 7.00

CENTRE-FORWARD David McMahon produced a dramatic last-minute winner to clinch victory at Sheffield Wednesday last Thursday and extend our Reserves' winning run to three games.

The three points also fired us to the top of the table in the F.A.

Premier Reserve League North before Monday's home match with bottom side Barnsley.

Argentinian triallist Lucas Cominelli put United ahead with a finely-judged eighth-minute free-kick from 25 yards which swerved around the defensive wall and inside the left post.

We held the lead for 70 minutes before Wednesday snatched an equaliser which looked as if it would force a share of the points.

But with only seconds remaining James Coppinger picked up a ball in midfield, made ground, and released McMahon who took the ball in his stride and struck a fine shot under the diving goalkeeper.

Watched from the Hillsborough stand by Bobby Robson and his new No. 2 Mick Wadsworth, it was a good result ... but, according to Reserves coach Tommy Craig, not such a good performance.

"It was a good win but a poor performance," declared Craig. "And I've got to say we were fortunate to score a last-minute winner.

"From start to finish, we failed to get a real grip on the game and we were never in control at any time due to a lot of poor passing.

"I'm a hard man to please when it comes to football, but I believe it was a night when we failed to live up to the standards we have set in the last 18 months."

Added Craig: "At this level the performance is equally as important as the result, but once again I have had to reimpress the need to get a performance.

"The gaffer and Mick Wadsworth were both there at Hillsborough and they saw for themselves that it was a poor night's entertainment. But the fact that they were there should have acted as a stimulant to the players. There's no better way to impress the manager than when he's sitting there watching you."

The match was also important in that it gave injury comeback men

Marcelino and Stephen Glass valuable match practice.

And such was Marcelino's success at Hillsborough that he came off after 35 minutes to be drafted straight into the first team for the game at Leeds two days later.

Glass, meanwhile, following nine minutes of Premiership action against Sheffield Wednesday at St. James' Park, played the full 90 minutes and said: "It was important that I got a couple of matches in as soon as I could."

Dutch goalkeeper John Karelse, who did so well to keep out Bradford City Reserves in United's 1-0 win at Kingston Park on September 6th, also played a vital part in the victory over Wednesday.

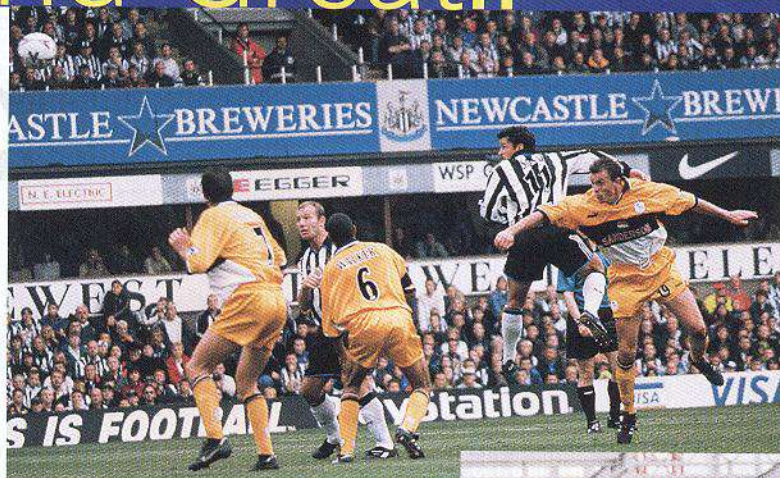
Said Craig: "John kept us in the game with a couple of very good saves."

A full report on Monday's home game with Barnsley Reserves will appear in the programme against Middlesbrough on Sunday.

■ The match against Liverpool Reserves at St. Helens Rugby League ground has been switched to Monday January 17th to avoid a clash with our October 25th Premiership match at home to Derby County.



Eight and Great!!



TWO - FOUR - SIX - EIGHT - who do you appreciate???

Not that Sheffield Wednesday were in a very appreciative mood as they ended up on the wrong end of an almighty hiding here at St. James' Park 11 days ago.

But we were in the mood for dancing ... and Alan Shearer led the eightsome reel with a high-fives quickstep while Aaron Hughes (right) went in for a spot of Sunday afternoon skywalking after his first senior goal for the club.

Aaron's header set the ball rolling, and by the time Alan Shearer had completed a first-half hat-trick the only question left was: How Many?

The answer was another four - and Kieron Dyer and Gary Speed also got in

on the act to take the total to a great eight.

It was exhilar-EIGHT-ing stuff as United rattled in their first eight-goal tally since November 7th, 1959, when Everton were on the wrong end of an 8-2 thrashing.

The last time we won 8-0 was in November 1907 against Birmingham ... but what's a 92-year wait when you've had a couple of 9-0s and a record 13-0 in between times?

In Sunday's programme for the Premiership game against Middlesbrough, we'll be producing a five-page special on the Sheffield Wednesday game, with exclusive pictures and words from the players.

And it will make great reading. Don't miss it!

FIXTURES Under-19s 1999-2000

AUGUST
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SEPTEMBER
Sat 4 Bolton H 12.00 2-0
Sat 11 Liverpool A 11.00 4-0
Sat 18 Everton H 11.00 0-8
Sat 25 Nottm Forest H 11.00 3-3

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(All other kick-offs to be arranged)

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FINAL (2 legs): May 9 & 16.

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UNITED Under-19s, after a 4-0 victory and a 4-0 defeat, shared a six-goal thriller with Nottingham Forest at Durham on Saturday.

And defender Gary Caldwell rescued a point with an injury-time equaliser ... moments after Forest had themselves gone ahead in injury time!

Caldwell headed home a last-gasp Brian Kerr corner after our 2-1 lead had been turned into a 3-2 deficit with two Forest goals in 14 minutes.

Forest also led 1-0 at the interval before Shola Amoebi (58 minutes and substitute David McMahon (68) put us ahead.

The result kept us in second place in Group A and repaired some of the damage which was inflicted by Everton, who overwhelmed us 4-0 at Durham seven days before.

Ironically, we had beaten Liverpool 4-0 on Merseyside the week before with the best performance of the season, and coach Kenny Wharton said: "We played superbly at Liverpool ... but then came up against an Everton side with a lot of top-notch players.

"We were 3-0 down after 12 minutes and I brought Gary Caldwell on and switched it around a bit. We settled down but conceded one more before half-time, though in the second half we stabilised quite well - but we didn't hurt them.

"And we could have defended better. We gave them three of their goals."

The Under-17s, meanwhile, having gone to the top by winning 2-0 at Bolton with goals from Michael Chopra (penalty) and Keith Barr, consolidated their position by beating Forest 2-1 on Saturday.

And for the second week running it was Barr (pictured), filling in at centre-back during an injury crisis, who struck the second goal.

Alan Irvine's side went into action at Bolton on September 18th with six players missing and a substitutes' bench comprising five schoolboys.

Jonathon Brain (ankle), Carl Heiniger (foot), Joe Kendrick (broken nose), Peter Ramage (knee) and Ryan Hogg and Stephen Brennan (both groin) all missed the Bolton game and none of them - though Brain was on the bench - made the starting line-up against Forest.

"Despite the injuries, the lads that I picked did a good job," said Irvine, whose side stands one point ahead of Leeds United at the top of group A.

"I had to use a lot of schoolboys, but to everyone's credit they pulled off good results."

At Bolton, Michael Chopra gave United the lead from the penalty spot on 38 minutes after Johnny Mann was pulled down. And Barr headed the second from

Cowie's free-kick 15 minutes from time.

Neale Phelan's superb 25-yard drive into the top corner gave us a tenth-minute lead against Forest after Ollie Cowie's cross was only half-cleared.

Forest captain Tony Shevlin blazed a 72nd-minute penalty over the bar after goalkeeper Phil Pringle fouled Craig Westcarr in the box, and in the 84th minute Barr doubled our lead, scoring from a narrow angle following a Cowie corner.

Barr's goal proved to be the winner when Westcarr pulled a goal back for Forest in the final minute.

On Saturday the Under-19s are at home to Group A's bottom club, Huddersfield (11.00am), who have lost four of their five games so far. And the Under-17s are aiming to complete a League double over Nottingham Forest when they travel to the Midlands for the return game.


F.A. PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE - Under-19s Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	5	4	1	0	16	8	13
NEWCASTLE UTD	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
Sheffield Wed	5	2	0	3	6	12	6
Barnsley	5	1	2	2	9	9	5
Leeds United	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
Middlesbrough	5	1	1	3	5	17	4
Huddersfield	5	1	0	4	9	17	3

Under-17s Group A

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NEWCASTLE UTD	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Leeds United	5	3	0	2	15	16	9
Sheffield Wed	5	2	1	2	10	12	7
Sunderland	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
Middlesbrough	5	1	3	1	4	7	6
Barnsley	5	0	0	5	6	23	0





We were more than happy with both the result and the performance in Sofia a fortnight ago. Now we have to finish the job on Tyneside and I'm confident that we will.

It's invariably difficult away from home in any European tie and, not surprisingly in view of our start to the season, very few gave us much chance of starting our UEFA Cup campaign with a win.

But win we did and I actually believe that our performance against CSKA was better in many respects than that extraordinary 8-0 scoreline against Sheffield Wednesday three days later.

When we flew to Sofia, we had gone months without a win - since April in fact when we won another important Cup game, against Tottenham at Old Trafford, which took us to the F.A. Cup Final against Manchester United.

Truth to tell, the players would have taken a score draw before the kick-off in Bulgaria. Even a no-score night would have been acceptable. But to come back with a clean sheet having scored twice ourselves was very satisfying and really set us up to steamroller Sheffield Wednesday on the Sunday.

I know it's a cliché, but it really is only half-time against CSKA. All we have done is give ourselves a great chance of going through to the second round next month against a club that won its sixth match in a row to stay second in the Bulgarian First Division on Sunday.

Teams have been known to squander a two-goal lead and the first goal will be particularly important tonight. If we get it, then I believe we will cruise through. But if we hand the Bulgarians a massive boost to their confidence by conceding the first goal on our own soil - and particularly if they were to score early in the game - we would be facing a very difficult night indeed.

They showed when their skipper Milen Petkov hit the crossbar with a

stunning shot from 30 yards that they have players capable of changing the game in an instant and we will certainly give ourselves problems if we start with the attitude that we only have to turn up to go through.

That won't happen. There will be absolutely no complacency in our camp. The players will be confident that they can beat CSKA again, but they will definitely not take it for granted.

And Bobby Robson won't allow us to feel that we are as good as through. This man is a tremendously experienced European campaigner and a very successful one. He was pleased with the way we went about our work in Sofia - we all were - but he has been around this game longer than anybody in our camp and he therefore knows better than anybody that you have to work hard for any success that might come your way.

We want to be successful in this UEFA Cup. Of course it's true that retaining our Premier League status is the absolute priority and I'm well aware that with nine matches played we still have only four points. That's certainly not acceptable for a club of Newcastle United's status and ambition and I'll talk more about that in Sunday's notes for the programme against Middlesbrough.

But there's no reason at all why we can't combine lift-off out of the relegation zone with decent results in the cup competitions. The UEFA Cup happens to be the first of the season and we want to make progress in it. It really is as simple as that.

Mick Wadsworth arrived a few days ago to take up the post of Head Coach and a very valuable addition to the staff he will be, too. He's a top-class coach, as his record proves, and the players welcome him warmly. As Bobby Robson says, Mick is joining

Alan Shearer

captain's corner

the family here and we are all in it together, all pulling in the same direction for the good of Newcastle United.

Despite Saturday's defeat at Elland Road, I remain absolutely adamant that we are not a relegation squad and I know that from the little he has seen of us so far Mick Wadsworth shares that opinion. I worked with him when he was in charge of the England Under-17 squad a good few years ago and also spent a week with him helping to make a coaching video with his Carlisle players, so I know what a valuable contribution he can make to our cause.

You would expect me to be in great nick after savouring the pleasure of scoring seven goals in my last two games. But I'd willingly have traded the last two at Leeds for a win or draw last Saturday.

Now we have to pick up the winning habit again. It won't be easy, but I will be very surprised and deeply disappointed if we don't make it into the next round of the UEFA Cup.

"The first goal will be particularly important tonight".



UEFA CUP 1st Round 1st Leg results

CSKA Sofia (Bul) 0, NEWCASTLE UNITED 2
 Tottenham Hotspur 3, Zimbru (Mol) 0
 West Ham United 3, Osijek (Cro) 0
 Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 1, Leeds United 3
 Glasgow Celtic 2, Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 0
 Kaiserslautern (Ger) 3, Kilmarnock 0
 Monaco (Fra) 3, St Johnstone 0
 Aris Salonika (Gre) 1,
 Servette Geneva (Svi) 1
 Inter Bratislava (Svk) 1,
 Rapid Vienna (Aus) 0
 Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) 2, Juventus (Ita) 5
 Ajax (Hol) 6,
 Dukla Banska Bystrica (Svk) 1
 Bodo Glimt (Nor) 0,
 Werder Bremen (Ger) 5
 Helsingborg (Swe) 1, Karpaty Lviv (Ukr) 1
 Lausanne (Svi) 3, Celta Vigo (Spa) 0
 Skonto Riga (Lat) 1, Widzew Lodz (Pol) 1
 Parma (Ita) 3, Krybas Kryvly Rih (Ukr) 2
 Teplice (Cze) 3, Ferencváros (Hun) 1
 Atletico Madrid (Spa) 3,
 Ankaragucu (Tur) 0
 Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 2, Lens (Fra) 2
 Beira Mar (Por) 1, Vitesse Arnhem (Hol) 2
 Torpedo Kutaisi (Geo) 0,
 AEK Athens (Gre) 1
 Lokomotiv Thilisi (Geo) 0,
 PAOK Salonika (Gre) 7
 Amica Wronki (Pol) 2, Brøndby (Den) 0
 AS Roma (Ita) 7, Vitoria Setubal (Por) 0
 Anderlecht (Bel) 3,
 Olimpija Ljubljana (Siv) 1
 Lech Poznan (Pol) 1, Gothenburg (Swe) 1
 Sigma Olomouc (Cze) 1,
 Real Mallorca (Spa) 3
 AB Copenhagen (Den) 0,
 Grasshoppers Zurich (Svi) 2
 Benfica (Por) 0,
 Dinamo Bucharest (Rom) 1
 MTK Budapest (Hun) 0, Fenerbahce (Tur) 0
 Viking Stavanger (Nor) 3,
 Sporting Lisbon (Por) 0
 Grazer AK (Aus) 3, Spartak Trnava (Svk) 0
 Ionikos Piraeus (Gre) 1, Nantes (Fra) 3
 Hapoel Haifa (Isr) 3, Bruges (Bel) 0
 Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) 1,
 Legia Warsaw (Pol) 0
 Nova Gorica (Siv) 0, Panathinaikos (Gre) 1
 Zenit St Petersburg (Rus) 0,
 Bologna (Ita) 3
 Roda JC Kerkrade (Hol) 2,
 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukr) 0
 Hajduk Split (Cro) 0, Levski Sofia (Bul) 0
 Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 1,
 Lyngby (Den) 2
 Vojvodina Novi Sad (Yug) 0,
 Slavia Prague (Cze) 0
 FC Zurich (Svi) 1, Lierse SK (Bel) 0
 VfL Wolfsburg (Ger) 2,
 VSC Debrecen (Hun) 0
 Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 2,
 Linzer ASK (Aus) 0
 Udinese (Ita) 1, Aalborg BK (Den) 0
 Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 0,
 Montpellier (Fra) 1
 Stabæk IF (Nor) 1,
 Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 0
 HJK Helsinki (Fin) 0, Lyon (Fra) 1



CARLING
F.A. PREMIERSHIP

1999-2000 season

P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Manchester United	9	3	2	0	15	5	3	1	0	8	5	+13	21
Leeds United	9	3	1	1	8	5	3	0	1	9	6	+6	19
Arsenal	9	4	0	1	9	4	2	1	1	3	3	+5	19
Sunderland	9	3	2	0	6	1	2	0	2	8	7	+6	17
Chelsea	7	3	0	0	6	0	2	1	1	4	3	+7	16
Aston Villa	9	3	1	0	7	2	2	0	3	4	7	+2	16
Leicester City	9	3	2	0	9	5	1	0	3	5	6	+3	14
Tottenham Hotspur	8	3	0	1	10	7	1	2	1	4	4	+3	14
Everton	8	3	1	0	10	2	1	0	3	4	7	+5	13
West Ham United	7	3	0	0	4	1	1	1	2	5	4	+4	13
Middlesbrough	9	2	0	3	4	7	2	0	2	6	6	-3	12
Liverpool	7	1	0	2	4	4	2	1	1	6	5	+1	10
Southampton	8	2	0	2	6	6	1	1	2	7	10	-3	10
Watford	9	2	0	2	4	4	1	0	4	1	5	-4	9
Coventry City	9	2	0	3	7	7	0	2	2	4	6	-2	8
Wimbledon	9	0	3	2	6	8	1	2	1	7	10	-5	8
Bradford City	8	0	2	1	2	5	2	0	3	2	4	-5	8
Derby County	9	1	0	4	3	11	1	2	1	4	4	-8	8
Newcastle United	9	1	1	2	12	6	0	0	5	6	16	-4	4
Sheffield Wednesday	9	0	0	4	2	8	0	1	4	1	16	-21	1

Not including Liverpool v Everton played Monday night.

First team players, appearances and goals

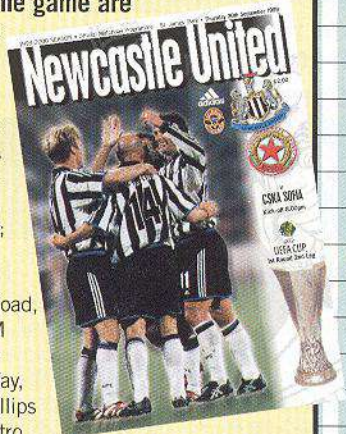
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	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
SHAY GIVEN	1									
WARREN BARTON	2	9		1					10	3
MARCELINO	3	3							3	
DIDIER DOMI	4	8	1	1					9	1
ALAIN GOMA	5	9		1					10	
STEVE HOWEY	6									
KIERON DYER	7	8/1	2	1					9/1	2
FRANCK DUMAS	8	2							2	
ALAN SHEARER	9	7/1	8	1					8/1	8
SILVIO MARIC	10	1/4							1/4	
GARY SPEED	11	9	3	1					10	3
ANDY GRIFFIN	12									
STEVE HARPER	13	4		1					5	
TEMURI KETSBAIA	14	6		-/1	1	1			6/1	1
NOL SOLANO	15	9	2	1	1				10	3
LAURENT CHARVET	16	-/1							-/1	
STEPHEN GLASS	17	-/1							-/1	
AARON HUGHES	18	4/1	1						4/1	1
JAMIE McCLEN	19	3/2							3/2	
DUNCAN FERGUSON	20	2/2		1					3/2	
CARL SERRANT	21	2							2	
GARY CALDWELL	22									
LIONEL PEREZ	23									
GARRY BRADY	24									
BRIAN KERR	25									
JAMES COPPINGER	26									
DAVID BEHARALL	27	-/2							-/2	
PAUL ROBINSON	28	2/7							2/7	
JOHN KARSELE	29	2							2	
PAUL TALBOT	30									
STUART GREEN	31									
TOMMY WRIGHT	32	3							3	
DES HAMILTON	33			-/1					-/1	
NIKOLAOS DABIZAS	34	3		1					4	
ROBERT LEE	37	3		1					4	
Own Goals		1								1

SHAY GIVEN	1	
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MARCELINO	3	●●●●●●●●●●
DIDIER DROGBA	4	●●●●●●●●●●
ALAIN GOMAS	5	●●●●●●●●●●
STEVE ROWLEY	6	
KIERON DYER	7	●●●●●●●●●●
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LAURENT CHARVET	16	●●●●●●●●●●
STEPHEN GLASS	17	●●●●●●●●●●
AARON HUGHES	18	●●●●●●●●●●
JAMIE MCCLEEN	19	●●●●●●●●●●
DUNCAN FERGUSON	20	●●●●●●●●●●
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DES HAMILTON	33	●●●●●●●●●●
NIKOLAOS DABIZAS	34	●●●●●●●●●●
ROBERT LEE	37	●●●●●●●●●●

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Next in TOON ... MIDDLESBROUGH

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F.A. PREMIERSHIP

Sunday 3rd October, 1999
3.00pm kick-off

KEY	GOALS SCORED	SUBSTITUTE & NUMBER REPLACED	UEFA Cup	W.C.	F.A. Cup	F.A. ATT.	POS.
AUG 7	Aston Villa	H	0-1	36,376	116		
8	Sheff Wed	H	1-3	28,701	19		
9	Sheff Wed	A	2-4	15,030	20		
15	Southampton	H	3-3	35,809	18		
21	Wimbledon	H	1-2	36,420	19		
25	Sunderland	A	0-1	35,092	19		
30	Manchester United	H	0-1	35,092	19		
11	Chelsea	A	2-0	20,260	19		
16	CSKA Sofia (UEFA Cup 1 (1))	H	8-0	36,619	19		
19	Sheff Wed	A	2-0	20,260	19		
19	Leeds United	H	2-3	40,192	19		
30	CSKA Sofia (UEFA Cup 1 (2))	H	2-3	40,192	19		
3	Middlesbrough	H					
12	Birmingham City (Worthington Cup 3)	H					
16	Coventry City	A					
21	UEFA Cup 2 (1)	A					
25	Derby County	H					
30	Arsenal	A					
4	UEFA Cup 2 (2)	A					
8	Everton	H					
20	Walford	A					
25	UEFA Cup 3 (1)	A					
27	Tottenham Hotspur	H					
4	Worthington Cup 4	A					
9	Aston Villa	A					
9	UEFA Cup 3 (2)	A					
11	F.A. Cup 3	A					
15	Worthington Cup 5	A					
18	Bradford City	H					
26	Liverpool	H					
28	Leicester City	A					
3	West Ham United	H					
8	F.A. Cup 4	A					
12	Worthington Cup Semi Final (1)	H					
15	Southampton	H					
22	Wimbledon	A					
26	Worthington Cup Semi Final (2)	A					
29	F.A. Cup 5	A					
5	Sunderland	A					
12	Manchester United	H					
19	F.A. Cup 6	A					
26	Sheriff Wednesday	A					
27	Worthington Cup Final	A					
2	UEFA Cup 4 (1)	A					
4	Chelsea	H					
9	UEFA Cup 4 (2)	H					
11	Walford	H					
16	UEFA Cup Quarter-Final (1)	A					
18	Everton	A					
25	UEFA Cup Quarter-Final (2)	A					
25	Liverpool	A					
1	Bradford City	H					
6	UEFA Cup Semi-Final (1)	A					
8	West Ham United	A					
9	F.A. Cup Semi-Final	H					
15	Leicester City	H					
20	UEFA Cup Semi-Final (2)	H					
22	Leeds United	H					
24	Middlesbrough	A					
29	Coventry City	H					
6	Derby County	H					
14	Arsenal	H					
17	UEFA Cup Final	A					
20	F.A. Cup Final	A					

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↑ Coventry City



Saturday, October 16th, 1999 - Kick-Off 3pm
Directions by road to Highfield Road, Coventry ...

Leave Tyneside on the A1 southbound. Stay on A1 and A1(M) joining M1 link at Junction 44. Stay on the M1 southbound and at Junction 21 turn off onto the M69. Stay on M69 for 16 miles heading west towards Coventry and cross the M69/M6 Junction 2 onto the A4600 following signs to City Centre. After three miles, turn right into Swan Lane and Highfield Road is ahead on the left. There is nearby street parking and some pay-to-park areas, though these get full close to kick-off.



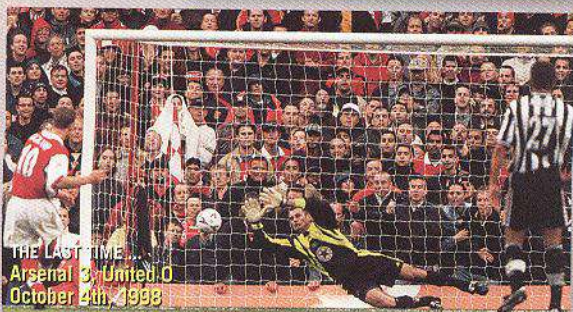
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↑ Arsenal



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