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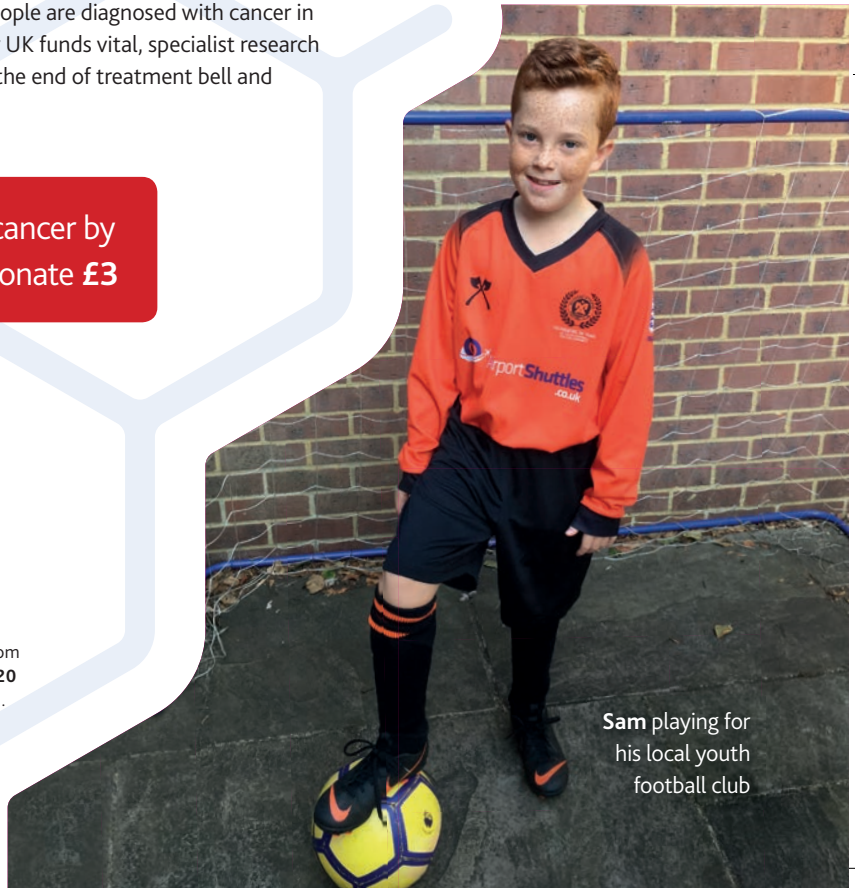
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WELCOME

Welcome back to the Stadium of Light as the Lads aim to make it a fourth successive win in all competitions, after success in midweek at Rochdale. Inside today's issue Charlie Wyke talks babies and goals, we hear about Sunderland Ladies coach Melanie Reay's preparations for a big derby cup clash and Jordan Willis relives his first goal for the club. There is also an in-depth opposition view and the latest from the Academy teams.

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JACK ROSS

WELCOME BACK TO THE STADIUM OF LIGHT FOR TODAY'S
LEAGUE ONE ENCOUNTER AGAINST AFC WIMBLEDON.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors, including Wally Downes and his backroom team, the Dons players and, of course, the supporters that have travelled to the North East today.

We are back on home turf following an unbeaten start to the season in all competitions, with our last three games ending in victories.

Last weekend's win against Portsmouth gave everyone a boost, and although we took positives from those hard-fought draws against Oxford United and Ipswich Town, we put immense pressure on ourselves as a club to win consistently.

Like Portsmouth, Rochdale provided a stern test and throughout Tuesday's game there were spells during which we had to dig deep and be resilient, but to the players' credit, they came out on top.

In order to be successful in any given season you must find a way to turn tight, close matches in your favour. The significance of collecting three points instead of one is huge and the match midweek was a great example of winning such a hard-fought encounter.

We are beginning to build momentum. When you get this moving in a positive forward direction it can be powerful and the short-term aim is to make sure we continue this. As always the next match provides the opportunity to do so and that is what we have to do this afternoon.

We had a good victory here last weekend and we have only lost one league game at the Stadium of Light in over a year, therefore we know we are a good team at home but need to continue to show that.

Despite a challenging start to the season, Wimbledon are a good side and we know that first-hand from the two tough matches we encountered last season. Whatever the course of the match we must find a way to win.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Ross".

Jack Ross







CHARLIE WYKE

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE LADS, WELCOME TO
TODAY'S GAME AGAINST WIMBLEDON.

It's great to be back at the Stadium of Light, and hopefully we can take full advantage by putting another three points on the board.

We are already five games into the season, but we remain unbeaten in all competitions.

Against Oxford United and Ipswich Town, we weren't at our best and we know it, but we managed to come back and grind out a result on both occasions.

Since then, we have won three on the bounce and we are starting to build a lot of momentum, and confidence is high within the dressing room.

The games are coming thick and fast and there's not a lot of time to rest and recover, but our preparations for today have been good and we are feeling fresh.

On a personal note, it's been a busy week on and off the pitch following the birth of my first child, and it's one I won't be

forgetting in a hurry. For now, I think I'll just stick to the one baby - it's not easy - but after scoring two in three, hopefully there's plenty more goals to come.

I had a tough season last year and the injuries I had meant I not only missed a lot of football, but I couldn't affect the game the way I wanted when I was playing.

Now, I feel like I'm in a really good place and I just want to play as many games as I can to help the team achieve promotion.

Today's game won't be easy - they never are in this league, as we have seen in our first four matches - but we are a very good team, and as always, three points is the aim.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wyke'.

Charlie Wyke



MELANIE REAY

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE STADIUM OF LIGHT FOR TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE ONE GAME AGAINST AFC WIMBLEDON.

I was in attendance as the Lads got their first win of the league season against Portsmouth last week and hope for more of the same today.

However, while the men have an important game here this afternoon to focus on, the attention of myself, my coaching staff and our players is fully turned to our game tomorrow afternoon, as we face a Wear-Tyne derby against Newcastle United in the FA Women's National League Cup at Eppleton Colliery Welfare.

We started our new campaign last Sunday with the league's longest away trip to West Bromwich Albion. The Baggies are newly-promoted to the FAWNL and only lost one league game last season, so we were fully prepared for a tough encounter. We were missing our skipper, Keira Ramshaw who was serving the second game of a three-match ban.

Despite missing a player of Keira's importance, the Lassies worked hard to ensure we had enough on the day as we picked up three points and a clean-sheet with a 2-0 win. Bridget Galloway opened the scoring in the first-half and Katie Barker scored in the second to see us collect the points on the road. West Brom battled hard in their first game

back in the league, but we defended well and did what we needed to do to take the points. The players know we're capable of even better but it's important to pick up wins in the manner we did last week.

We wanted to make an immediate impact on the table, and it was pleasing to see we could do that in a new formation and with a number of players making competitive debuts. The result was made better by the fact teams we expect to be around us come the end of the season dropped points. I'd like to thank our travelling fans for making the long journey, your support is always appreciated.

Looking ahead to tomorrow's FA WNL Cup game at home to Newcastle United, it's a huge tie for us so early in the season and one we have been looking forward to for a number of weeks since the draw was made. They are in the league below, but we certainly won't underestimate a local derby. Added to the importance of the game being a rivalry, it will be our first home game of the season and we hope to pack Eppleton out in red and white.

We have faced Newcastle many times over the years, especially during the pre-Women's Super League era, however,

it's now been seven years since we last met. Our last encounter with Newcastle saw us run out 3-1 winners, also in a League Cup tie in October 2012, with Sophie Williams and Steph Bannon scoring a brace.

While we have been rather upfront about promotion being our intention this season, we would still love a cup run in both the League and FA Cups and a derby win would be the ideal way to kick that off.

Once again, we will be missing Keira for the game and it's important for the players who can be part of the occasion to rise to it and handle the pressure created by the size of the crowd we hope for.

I've got a large squad available to me and the players know there is competition for places. Games like tomorrow's derby are a perfect opportunity for them to show their willingness to fight for the shirt and for their place in the team.

Melanie Reay





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THE RED & WHITE ARMY

IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH RAWA, OR INDEED THE GENERAL IDEA OF ORGANISED SUPPORTER GROUPS, YOU CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR WONDERING 'WHAT'S THE POINT?'



How can we get the stadium rocking again? The question was raised amongst a group of supporters and the discussion began. We had just been to Wembley and saw Portsmouth's little blue plastic flags waving. If we were going to do flags then they couldn't be little plastic flags. They had to be different, to represent memories that we, the supporters, have of the club. They needed to be different shapes and sizes. There needed to be lots of them. These would be flags paid for by the fans for the fans. Our appeal brought generosity beyond expectations and enabled us to pay for the flags that you now see waving in the Roker End before every match.

Memories of strips and legends surrounding a central surfer and a smaller surfer at the front. The atmosphere lifted by the spectacle of a vibrant Roker End.

We appealed again; this time for volunteers and once again the response was fantastic. Now we have a core group of regular volunteers who give up their time before each match to set up the flags. The first time our display took place I will never forget the feeling of looking back at supporters arriving at their seats, surprised to see a flag there. They picked it up, slightly baffled and looked around at the hundreds of flagpoles sticking up out of seats. Suddenly it was clear. As the main beat from 'Invaders Must Die' kicked in we released the main surfer and the noise was incredible.

Since that day, it's become something of a family, literally in my case as my son and my mother join in with setting the display up. My son, who is nine-years-old, skips around the empty Roker End planting flags in seats, perhaps the seat in which you are now sitting. We do try and get them all back in at half-time but

it's not always that easy; you can help by passing them back to us. We also ask you to make sure that they do stay in the stadium.

If you're interested in getting involved at all then please do get in touch with us at info@redandwhitearmy.co.uk. Whether you want to make a donation or join the group of hardy flag bearers. Similarly, if you have any ideas for future flag designs (and there will be more) then drop us a line with your suggestions. We have co-opted leads from various different areas of support and our aim is to provide a constant, structured and representative voice for supporters.

Ha'way the Lads

The Red & White Army

RAWA is an independent supporters' group made up of SAFC supporting members with a democratic structure. We have co-opted leads from various different areas of support and our aim is to provide a constant, structured and representative voice for supporters

[ACTION REPLAY]



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ACCRINGTON

BISHOP (61' PEN)

SUNDERLAND

McNULTY (17'), McGEADY (79'), WYKE (90'+4)

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST 2019 | WHAM STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 2,343 | REFEREE: DARREN DRYSDALE

SHOTS



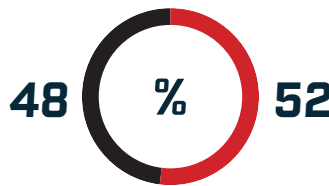
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CORNERS



POSSESSION



FOULS



YELLOW CARDS



RED CARDS



ACCRINGTON LINE-UP

1 Evtimov
 2 Johnson
 5 Sykes
 3 Hughes
 12 Maguire ■
 7 Clark
 16 Barclay ■ (Ⓢ De Carvalho 90+2')
 8 Finley
 11 McConville
 31 Baker-Richardson (Ⓢ Pritchard 78')
 19 Bishop

Unused Substitutes:

Edwards, Sherif, Francis-Angol, Conneely, Bursik

SUNDERLAND LINE-UP

16 Burge
 13 O'Nien
 5 Ozturk
 4 Willis
 2 McLaughlin
 7 Maguire ■ (Ⓢ Wyke 77')
 6 Power (Ⓢ Dobson 86')
 23 Leadbitter
 11 Gooch
 22 Grigg (Ⓢ McGeady 69')
 10 McNulty

Unused Substitutes:

McLaughlin, Flanagan, Baldwin, Embleton



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THAT THERE WERE
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[JACK ROSS]



[ACTION REPLAY]



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SUNDERLAND

WILLIS (27'), MAGUIRE (39')

PORTSMOUTH

HARNES (22')

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2019 | STADIUM OF LIGHT | ATTENDANCE: 29,140 | REFEREE: MICHAEL SALISBURY

SHOTS



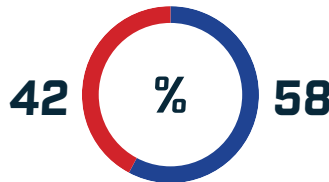
SHOTS ON TARGET



CORNERS



POSSESSION



FOULS



YELLOW CARDS



RED CARDS



SUNDERLAND LINE-UP

1 J. McLaughlin
 13 O'Nien
 5 Ozturk
 4 Willis
 2 C. McLaughlin
 23 Leadbitter
 6 Power
 11 Gooch
 7 Maguire (G) (Hume 87')
 19 McGeady (G) (Grigg 81')
 10 McNulty (G) (Wyke 49')

Unused Substitutes:

McGeouch, Flanagan, Burge, Dobson

PORTSMOUTH LINE-UP

1 MacGillivray
 2 Walkes (G) (McCrorie 73')
 5 Downing
 6 Burgess (G)
 3 Brown
 33 Close
 4 Naylor
 14 Cannon (G) (Evans 63')
 19 Harnes
 10 Marquis
 11 Curtis (G) (Harrison 62')

Unused Substitutes:

Pitman, Raggatt, Bass, Haunstrup



“PORTSMOUTH ARE A GOOD SIDE AND IT WAS A BIG GAME, SO WE HAD TO WORK HARD FOR THE WIN AND I’M DELIGHTED FOR THE PLAYERS”

[JACK ROSS]

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HOT TOPIC

HOT TOPIC INVITES A RANGE OF WRITERS TO LOOK AT WIDER FOOTBALLING ISSUES CONCERNING MORE THAN JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SUNDERLAND.

More than anything, it's the mess of it I love. There is pleasure to be taken from those fleeting moments of beauty, the volley, the dribble, the looped pass with the outside of a boot, but what moves me about football is the drama, the anarchy, the swells of noise, the outrage. And the contrast: what else in life gives you such a knot of nausea when it all goes wrong?

Everything comes from a mistake somewhere down the line. Some goals feel like the work of deity, but ask a manager to analyse Lionel Messi's latest act of genius and they will find a moment when a challenge might have been made or space closed down. Most of the time, we are waiting for frailty, for a mistimed tackle or misplaced pass to fuel our players, for the balance to shift.

Football has a messy heart, which is why VAR represents an existential threat. You cannot impose a system upon chaos, because it breaks the emotional contract we have with the game. Look for a mistake and you will find one, because sport is imperfect. Break it all down to its component parts and you are reminded of its essential idiocy; 22 people chasing air.

Matches should be fast and referees should be fast, too, right or wrong. They navigate a sea of mistakes and make their own, for which we love and hate them. In matters of fact, VAR can help - goal-line technology is excellent - but football has always been a game of competing fictions. 'The lads did great today?' Er. Did they? We interpret, we purr, we fume.

“MATCHES SHOULD BE FAST AND REFEREES SHOULD BE FAST, TOO, RIGHT OR WRONG. THEY NAVIGATE A SEA OF MISTAKES AND MAKE THEIR OWN, FOR WHICH WE LOVE AND HATE THEM”

The people who have been considered least during VAR's implementation are the people in a stadium - uncertainty, patchy explanation - which makes me think that it isn't about us at all.

And so who is it for? The cliffhanger moments it creates work on television, but in the ground they defer joy and then downgrade it, because we matter less than anybody.

I want drama, but not the drama of failing to understand what's going on. I want mess, but not the mess of helplessness. I categorically do not want my team to fall victim to some horrific injustice, but I also accept that seasons are a catalogue of could haves, should haves and did nots.

It has been written that "with small fortunes on the line, anything that reduces those errors must be good," but only if you view life through the prism of money. It is why the Championship Play-off Final is the richest game in sport, why cups are shunned and kick-off times changed. VAR is designed to make football more right, which is precisely why it feels so wrong.



THE NEWSROOM

BIG DAY FOR DEFENDER AND KIT SPONSOR

Jordan Willis netted his first goal for the Lads in style in the win over Portsmouth this last weekend.

The big defender was all smiles after the full-time whistle and so were his kit sponsors, who had picked Saturday's early kick-off as the game to meet Jordan, the player they have chosen to sponsor for the 2019-20 campaign.

Barry Pollock and his guests from 'The Works', a local digital marketing and creative agency, caught up with Jordan, where they were able to chat about his goal and he also presented Barry with his shirt.

The company, which is based in Bowes Business Park, Chester-le-Street are regulars at the Stadium of Light and are members of the club's networking group SAFC In Business.

"The day couldn't have gone much better," Barry explained. "Great hospitality, Jordan scoring his first goal and being named Man of the Match in the Lads' first league win of the season. We are delighted to be sponsoring Jordan this season and helping to support the club in this way."

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As well as enjoying our hospitality, you get the chance to meet your sponsored player, who will present you with their shirt.

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Some of the players still available include new boys Marc McNulty, Conor McLaughlin, Lee Burge, Dylan McGeouch, Duncan Watmore and Tom Flanagan, as well as youngsters Denver Hume, Benji Kimpioka and Ethan Robson.

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Supporters can avoid matchday queues and postage costs with free delivery courtesy of the www.safcstore.com now.

Place your order - however big or small - with the online store and have your items delivered free of charge.

The 2019-20 home and away kits are now in stock for supporters as young as one-year-old and up to six-year-olds.

Priced at £39.99 the adidas mini kit bundles offer shirts, shorts and socks and are available in both red and white and away kit blue.

As well as home and away kits, this season's goalkeeper kits are also in stock.

You could also get kitted out like the Lads on the training pitch with our brand new range of adidas training wear, including tracksuits and polo shirts.

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NEW AND IMPROVED STREAMING SERVICE



Supporters can enjoy a new and improved live streaming service this season with new packages for 2019-20 now on sale.

One of the most popular additions is the full match replays. Fans all over the world can now access the full 90-minute re-run of all of the Black Cats games.

The enhanced service also includes a clock, live score, replays of goals and key moments during the game. The match replays are available from midday the following day.

The international match streaming package costs £110 for the season, allowing fans outside the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands to watch every league game live online, except for those selected for domestic or international TV broadcast.

For £45 supporters anywhere in the world can purchase a live audio package and tune into safc.com to hear live commentary of every game in 2019-20. (International match streaming passes include the live audio package).

Additionally, supporters in the UK will be able to live stream selected games - specifically those which do not take place during the UEFA blocked hours of 2.45pm-5.15pm on a Saturday and are not being broadcast on TV.

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- International seasonal pass - £110
- Live stream of every league game not chosen for TV broadcast
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- Audio commentary of all SAFC games in 2019-20 (all competitions)
- Full 90-minute replay of all games (available from noon the following day)
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ADIDAS MINI KITS NOW ON SALE

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Supporters are advised that the Children with Cancer UK logo does not appear on junior sizes shirts.



HOW TO BUY:

The Stadium of Light store is open:
Monday - Saturday from 9am-5.30pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.



WE MUST THRIVE UNDER THE PRESSURE

BIRTHDAY BOY JORDAN WILLIS LAYS HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE AS HE DISCUSSES THE EXPECTATION AND PRESSURE THAT COMES WITH BEING AT SUNDERLAND AFC.

Something special is brewing on Wearside. As he strains his tea in the canteen at the Academy of Light, Jordan Willis lets off a big smile - settled and at home in his new surroundings.

Having known nothing but the sky blue of Coventry City all his life, the geographical relocation, plus the reality of having to meet new faces and settle into fresh surroundings, has certainly been a challenge for the defender.

But just days after scoring his first for the club last time out at the Stadium of Light, Willis, who is hoping to celebrate his birthday with another three points today, is relaxed as he reviews a testing start to life on Wearside.

"It was a tough decision to leave Coventry because I had been there for nine years, including my youth team days," he confessed.

"It just felt like the right time for where I wanted my career to go. It was just the right time for us both to part ways really. The summer went by and I managed to get myself a move to Sunderland.

"It is my first move; I have never been out on loan. This is my first time at a new club, so I have experienced new staff, new players and new everything.

"To have a few familiar faces here like Lee Burge, Dylan McGeouch and Marc McNulty has helped me to settle in because when there are people you know at the club, they help you to get to know the rest of the group." 🍷



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And that has helped Willis get up to speed very quickly as to what's expected this season - promotion.

While he knew what he was signing up to when he drove north and left his life in the Midlands behind, the 25-year-old has admitted he didn't quite realise the full scale of the club until he walked through the door.

"The drive is there to get the club back to where it belongs," he admitted.

"You can see that every day throughout every part of the club. It's not just there in our group or the staff here, the fans have that ambition too and you can feel it.

"Talking to the manager beforehand, I got the feeling from him that he could

"THE DRIVE IS THERE TO GET THE CLUB BACK TO WHERE IT BELONGS"



improve me as a player. And to be a part of the journey to help get this club back to where it belongs - that is what attracted me. If you look at the stadium and the number of fans we get home and away, it is a special club to play for.

"You can't help but see things on social media," he continued. "When it is there on twitter and you're scrolling through you do see what the fans are saying, but the ambition for this club and the expectation is massive.

"We have to thrive upon that and make sure that drives us on. You can't read into things and shy away from the fact that we want to get promoted this year. You have to take everything on ➔"



board and reply on the pitch in the right way. That is all you can do.

“As players we don’t have to panic because we know within ourselves, and the squad we have, that if things go well this season and we continue to play in the manner we have shown over the last two games, we should be able to get out of this league.”

It’s fair to say it’s been a relentless few seasons at Sunderland following back-to-back relegations and then missing out on promotion to the Championship last season in the Play-Off Final.

But while Willis can see the potential of the club, he’s not getting carried away by the size of the task in hand if he is to play a part in helping the club climb the Football League.

“We are in League One at the minute and we have to get out of this league

“WE HAVE TO GO GAME BY GAME, WINNING EACH WEEK. THE FIRST CHALLENGE WE HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH IS PROMOTION FROM THIS LEAGUE”



first and foremost. As a player you can’t look too far ahead,” he explained.

“We have to go game by game, winning each week. The first challenge we have to accomplish is promotion from this league.

“I have always said that I want to play at the highest level possible, so that would be the Premier League.

“Whether that happens or not remains to be seen but I will keep striving to play at the best of my ability and hopefully that can help me fulfil those ambitions. This is a football club that can get out of this division and continue to progress.”

But to progress at this club takes a certain type of character.

Having scored his first goal for the club in last Saturday’s win over Portsmouth,

the defender has revealed he loves playing at the Stadium of Light in the 'big game' atmospheres.

A challenge and an occasion that presents itself with two options - thrive or crumble.

"At the start of the game when you are walking out of the tunnel you really do take it in," he recalled. "It blew me away on the opening day against Oxford coming out to that many fans.

"But at the same time, when the game starts, I manage to shut out all the noise and get on with the game.

"There are times where the crowd is electric and it can give you a big lift, but on the whole, you normally focus on your game and try to cut out the noise and not get overhyped. But it really does give you a lift seeing that many people support you."

"I THINK WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE BIG MOMENTS, LIKE MY GOAL AT WEMBLEY FOR COVENTRY, YOU CAN ONLY DREAM OF THOSE"



He continued: "I think when it comes to those big moments, like my goal at Wembley for Coventry, you can only dream of those moments. I think in the grand scheme of things you think more about the team rather than yourself and you just want to win the game. If you can score a goal or contribute in that way it is just an added bonus. For me, hopefully we can win some big games here.

"You have to treat every game like a big one, but when the big ones come along there is that added pressure and the added sense of wanting to succeed.

"You have to thrive under that and make sure you do come out on top, especially in those games, because you know that the feeling when you don't is indescribable." ❌





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LEAGUE ONE PREVIEW

Oh, what a difference a week makes!

After drawing their first two games of the season, Sunderland have roared back with two impressive 2-1 victories against Portsmouth and Rochdale, igniting our season in the process.

No other side in League One was able to pick up back-to-back wins in the week, but plenty of sides picked up four points.

Peterborough got an impressive draw against Ipswich last weekend and followed that up with their first win of the season on Tuesday night against pointless Southend United - Posh are away at MK Dons today.

Elsewhere, Portsmouth followed up their defeat at Sunderland with a frantic 3-3 draw against nine-man Coventry City - Pompey were due to play Rotherham United this weekend, but that game has been postponed.



Bolton are expected to fulfil their fixture against Ipswich Town at the Macron Stadium, but Bury have had their match with Tranmere postponed meaning that they have not played any of their first five games.

Fleetwood Town have enjoyed a strong start to the season, but they have lost and drawn their last two matches after storming out

the traps with two wins to start the campaign. They welcome Accrington Stanley who have just one point from their opening three games of the season.

Coventry made a stunning comeback with nine-men against Portsmouth on Tuesday and they will be looking to build on their unbeaten start when Gillingham visit St. Andrew's.

The Gills are yet to taste victory this season, having drawn two and lost one of their opening three.

Eighth play ninth at Montgomery Waters Meadow as Shrewsbury Town host Burton Albion. Both sides have two wins to their names and a victory for either side will put them amongst the early-season pacesetters.

Table-topping Blackpool face Rochdale at Spotland, a victory will put them on 13 points from a possible 15. Rochdale are currently 13th in the table after their 2-1 defeat against Sunderland midweek.

Just behind Blackpool are Lincoln City who tasted defeat for the first time this season on Tuesday against MK Dons. The Imps face Doncaster Rovers at the Keepmoat Stadium.

Finally, Bristol Rovers, who won their first game of the season on Tuesday, host Oxford United at the Memorial Stadium.

TODAY'S OTHER LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Doncaster Rovers vs Lincoln City, MK Dons vs Peterborough United, Bristol Rovers vs Oxford United, Wycombe Wanderers vs Southend United, Rochdale vs Blackpool, Fleetwood Town vs Accrington Stanley, Bolton Wanderers vs Ipswich Town, Coventry City vs Gillingham, Sunderland vs AFC Wimbledon, Shrewsbury Town vs Burton Albion.



AFC WIMBLEDON

AHEAD OF THIS AFTERNOON'S FIXTURE, WE ASSESS THE DANGERS POSED BY WALLY DOWNES' AFC WIMBLEDON.

Six points shy of safety when Wally Downes was appointed three weeks before Christmas, AFC Wimbledon stayed up on the last day of the season after taking 21 points from their final 12 games.

Five of their last six fixtures saw them eke out draws, including a hard-fought 2-2 at champions-elect Luton to illustrate that they have had the 'never say die' spirit from Downes' own playing days instilled into them.

Last Saturday, the Dons took their first point of this season from a 1-1 home draw with Accrington. This followed 2-1 defeats at home to newly-relegated Rotherham and away to Fleetwood, as well as an agonising penalty shoot-out Carabao Cup exit to rivals MK Dons.

A tough start to the season continued at Ipswich in midweek when a goal deep into added time cost them a point ahead of this

"AFC WIMBLEDON STAYED UP ON THE LAST DAY OF THE SEASON AFTER TAKING 21 POINTS FROM THEIR FINAL 12 GAMES"

afternoon's visit to the Stadium of Light. Having seen 11 players depart since the end of last season, to the start of this week only six newcomers had arrived, including goalkeeper Nathan Trott and striker Michael Folivi on loan from West Ham and Watford. In contrast, in addition to a couple of free transfers from Gillingham two of the club's permanent acquisitions have been plucked from the Met Police and Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Ahead of their midweek match at Ipswich, AFC Wimbledon had taken the game to Fleetwood in their first away fixture, Kwesi Appiah giving them the lead before the home side's second-half fight-back.

While Sunderland and the original Wimbledon met for the first time in 1985, the first clash with the current club took place a year ago tomorrow, two goals from Lee Cattermole bringing victory from a losing position. In the return fixture last February, the Dons produced a stubborn resistance and went down only to an Aiden McGeady goal two thirds of the way through the game. Undoubtedly they will be determined and tough opponents once again today.

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THE BOSS



WALLY DOWNES

BORN: LONDON
9 JUNE 1961
AFC WIMBLEDON GAMES: 34
PREVIOUS CLUBS:
BRENTFORD (2002-04)

Fighting spirit runs in the Downes family. Wally is the nephew of former World middleweight boxing champion Terry Downes.

Wally's talent was in his feet rather than his hands and he burst onto the scene with a debut goal for the original Wimbledon against Barnsley 40 years ago when he was just 17.

It was the first of over 200 games the midfielder managed as the club climbed from the fourth tier to the top-flight, although by the time the 'Crazy Gang' were winning the FA Cup in 1988 Wally was playing for his old Wimbledon boss Dave Bassett at Sheffield United.

Moving into coaching with Crystal Palace, he assisted Steve Coppell before becoming a manager with Brentford where he was

given a job by former Palace chairman Ron Noades.

After 21 months with the Bees, he re-united with Coppell at Reading before working with Alan Pardew at Southampton, both Avram Grant and Sam Allardyce at West Ham and Harry Redknapp at QPR, in addition to a stint at Gillingham.

'Where's Wally' watchers then had to turn their attention to India when he again linked up with Coppell, this time at Kerala Blasters, Jamshedpur and ATK.

Coming full circle Downes came to AFC Wimbledon last December, dramatically saved them from relegation and masterminded a 4-2 FA Cup win over West Ham to show that now, as then, the Dons should never be under-estimated.

STAR MAN


**KWESI
APPIAH**
FORWARD

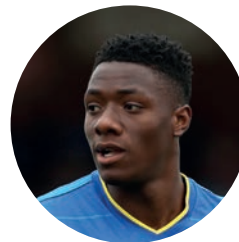
A scorer for Ghana in the quarter-finals of the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations, and more recently in a friendly international earlier this year, the Thamesmead-born 29-year-old has played for 16 clubs including loans. Amongst his experience is playing for Crystal Palace and Reading at Championship level, while at the other end of the scale the well-travelled frontman has a hat-trick against Durham City to his name from his days with Kings Lynn. He first came to Wimbledon on loan in 2013-14, scoring three times in seven games, before returning on a permanent basis in the summer of 2017. The scorer of the Dons' first away goal this season, he also found the net in last season's remarkable FA Cup victory over West Ham.


**NESTA
GUINNESS-WALKER**
DEFENDER

Teenage left-back who is the great grandson of the actor Sir Alec Guinness, whose final volume of autobiography was called 'A Positively Final Appearance'. Such a description should not apply to Nesta for many years yet, having just made his league debut on the opening day of this season. Last term, he caught the eye in the FA Cup against Newport County playing for Metropolitan Police.


**ANTHONY
HARTIGAN**
MIDFIELDER

Teenage central midfielder who debuted two years ago this month and played 41 times in all competitions last season. Hartigan has the experience of playing at Wembley against Tottenham in the FA Cup. The first player born this century to play for Wimbledon, he has been with the club since he was 14 and the season before last he was named the League One Apprentice of the Year.


**PAUL
KALAMBAYI**
DEFENDER

Dulwich-born central defender who turned 20 last month. Gained experience with Isthmian League Tonbridge Angels after a couple of EFL Trophy appearances for the Wombles, for whom he made a league debut against Portsmouth on New Year's Day. Between then and the end of the season he appeared regularly as he helped the club's successful climb away from the danger zone.


**ROD
McDONALD**
DEFENDER

The son of former Walsall player Rod and brother of Clayton, who also numbered the Saddlers amongst his clubs, Liverpool-born Rod was with Manchester City and Stoke during his academy days. After a series of loans in non-league and a stint with Oldham, he was given his EFL debut by Chris Wilder at Northampton four years ago. Spent the 2017-18 season as a regular with Coventry.


**TERRELL
THOMAS**
DEFENDER

A former team-mate of Max Power and Will Grigg at Wigan, where he made eight appearances in 2017. Terrell is a 23-year-old defender who was briefly with Arsenal until joining Charlton aged 14. The Rainham born player remained with the Addicks until two years ago but the only first-team games he played were on loan to Woking. Later had a loan with Sutton before joining Wimbledon.


**JOE
PIGOTT**
FORWARD

The 6ft 2in 25-year-old forward scored a penalty against Oxford on his senior debut for Charlton six years ago this month and has a Wembley goal on his CV - a vital last-minute strike in the 2015 League Two Play-off Final for Southend. Pigott has so far scored 24 goals in 70 games after joining in January last year. He played league football for seven clubs before stepping up to the EFL.



**NIKOLA
TZANEV**
GOALKEEPER

New Zealand international 'keeper who came to England as a nine-year-old and progressed via the Crystal Palace and Brentford academies before coming to the Dons in March 2017. Gained experience on loan to Lewes and Potters Bar Town prior to making his league debut on the opening day of this season. Now 22, the 6ft 4ins gloveman also holds dual nationality with Bulgaria.



**MITCH
PINNOCK**
MIDFIELDER

The 24-year-old former England 'C' international played for seven non-league clubs after two league appearances for Southend. Returned to the EFL when joining AFC Wimbledon a year ago and made 44 run-outs in total last season, including the 4-2 FA Cup win over West Ham and scoring one of his four goals against his former club Southend. He also played in both games against Sunderland.



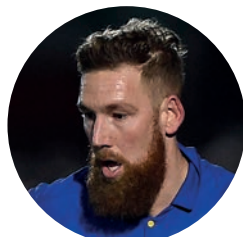
**CALLUM
REILLY**
MIDFIELDER

A team-mate of Lee Burge and Jordan Willis with Coventry, Reilly also played alongside Chris Maguire at Bury. Now 25, the midfielder started with 60 Championship appearances for Birmingham before a move to Burton and also served Gillingham. Born in Warrington but eligible for the Republic of Ireland, he was capped eight times at Under-21 level.



**MICHAEL
FOLIVI**
FORWARD

The 21-year-old striker is on loan from Watford, for whom he debuted in the Premier League as a sub at Stoke in January 2017. He made a single appearance later the same season on loan to Coventry and added to his experience with a further loan to Boreham Wood. Joined the Dons last January, scoring twice, and impressing sufficiently for Wimbledon to take him on loan again this season.



**SCOTT
WAGSTAFF**
MIDFIELDER

Scored twice as the Dons knocked West Ham out of the FA Cup last season. The experienced 29-year-old has played more than 300 times, almost half of them for his first club Charlton. Had loans with Bournemouth, Northwich and Leyton Orient before joining Bristol City in 2013. After three years at Ashton Gate, he had two seasons with Gillingham before signing for the Dons a year ago.



**DYLAN
CONNOLLY**
MIDFIELDER

Republic of Ireland Under-21 international winger having a second stint in English football since joining the Dons in January, when he became Downes' first signing. Five seasons ago he spent a year with Ipswich without making a first-team debut. Played for Bohemians, Shelbourne, Bray Wanderers and Dundalk in, winning both league and cup in his final season with the latter.

STAR MAN



**LUKE
O'NEILL**
DEFENDER

Right-back who turned 28 earlier this week and already has two goals this season, including one last Saturday. A noted danger from dead-balls, one particular free-kick against Luton last season was a special highlight for a full-back who is no stranger to the score-sheet. A former England Under-17 international, he started at Leicester, debuting for them in a cup tie at Hartlepool almost exactly 11 years ago. Since then he has become a well-travelled player, at one point being understudy to Kieran Trippier at Burnley for whom he did briefly appear in the Championship. The Dons became O'Neill's eleventh club when he joined this summer. Last season he made 46 appearances for Gillingham, including both games against Sunderland.



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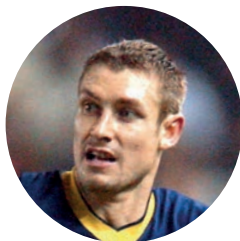
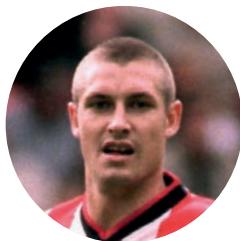
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PLAYED FOR BOTH

ROB MASON CHOOSES A PAIR OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE SERVED BOTH OF TODAY'S CLUBS.



DARREN HOLLOWAY

SAFC APPS: **66** / WIMBLEDON APPS: **102**

Daz Holloway played over 100 games in all competitions with Wimbledon, after starting his professional career at Sunderland where he was a regular member of Peter Reid's team that reached the Play-off Final in 1998.

Holloway had debuted at Stoke in October 1997. It had been a long wait, the Bishop Auckland-born defender had first been named on the bench in the Premier League almost two years earlier when Sunderland were still at Roker Park. In between he had done so well on loan to Carlisle that the Cumbrians had offered a club record fee for the youngster.

When finally given an opportunity Holloway grabbed it, going on to start 37 games in that initial season. By this time he had gained international recognition with a debut for England Under-21s. In total he turned out 66 times for the Lads, the last in September 2000, being sold to Wimbledon later that month.

Now assistant manager at Darlington working with Alun Armstrong who he coached alongside at Middlesbrough, Holloway played for Darlington in 2006-07. In a career hampered by injury, he also had a loan spell with Bolton while with Sunderland, and a further loan to Scunthorpe during his time with Wimbledon, before going on to play 57 league games for Bradford City.



KENNY CUNNINGHAM

SAFC APPS: **11** / WIMBLEDON APPS: **250**

Kenny Cunningham will always be more popularly remembered with Wimbledon supporters than Sunderland ones. The 72-times capped Republic of Ireland international played 250 league games for the Dons between 1994 and 2002, sandwiched between over 100 each in the colours of Millwall and Birmingham City. At Sunderland, his 11 league games in 2006 were the last of his career.

Signed by Niall Quinn when his fellow Dubliner took over at the Stadium of Light, although he was the only new face in the pre-season training camp at Bath, Cunningham was steadfastly tight-lipped refusing to do interviews. This was a pity because when he did speak after his second game, back at his old club Birmingham, he spoke eloquently and intelligently.

Unfortunately, three days later his under-hit back-pass cost a vital goal in a 3-2 home defeat against Plymouth in Quinny's enormously tough opening.

Once Roy Keane arrived Cunningham was injured after five games, was subbed on his solitary subsequent appearance and was later named on the bench twice more as Sunderland stormed to the Championship title - the only trophy he was ever part of winning. Under Mick McCarthy he had captained Ireland at the 2002 World Cup while a Wimbledon player.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

WE CAUGHT UP WITH AFC WIMBLEDON FAN PETE HOTCHKISS AHEAD OF OUR GAME TODAY...

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR WIMBLEDON THIS SEASON?

It does feel like our recruitment this summer is much improved on previous years, and the team spirit from the tail end of last season has carried over - so I'm hoping for some mid-table mediocrity and no last-day-of-the-season miracles required.

Callum Reilly looks like a particularly strong signing and I am very excited to see what he can do for us this season.



Callum Reilly

LAST SEASON YOU NARROWLY ESCAPED RELEGATION, DO YOU FEEL THAT THE CLUB IS BETTER PREPARED FOR LIFE IN LEAGUE ONE THIS TIME AROUND?

Our struggles last season had been coming for some time. As a club we really struggled to recruit players good enough for this level and we struggled to keep hold of the existing talent we had at the football club. I love Neal Ardley and he will always be a legend, but I think we should have parted ways before last season started. We ended up with a squad of players that were not good enough for this level and lacked the desire needed to avoid relegation.

Wally Downes, our current boss, quickly jettisoned that deadwood, and I do feel this season's squad feels like a group of players who understand what it means to be a Wimbledon player.

“I’M HOPING FOR SOME MID-TABLE MEDIOCRITY AND NO LAST-DAY-OF-THE-SEASON MIRACLES REQUIRED”



Wally Downes

WHAT ARE YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES OF SUNDERLAND AND WIMBLEDON GAMES?

I've been watching Wimbledon since the mid-80s and one of my earliest memories is during our promotion season to the top-flight we defeated Sunderland 3-0 at Plough Lane. That result pretty much propelled us into believing that we could get promoted. I am pretty sure that Glynn Hodges scored a hat-trick that day!

SUNDERLAND LOST THE PLAY-OFF FINAL LAST SEASON, WHAT DID YOU MAKE OF THEIR CAMPAIGN?

League One is a tough league to get out of, but I honestly expected you guys to make it out in one of the automatic promotion places.



Joe Pigott

You won almost half your games, which is very consistent and not many teams went to the Stadium of Light and picked up points.

The fact that Sunderland only lost five games all year must make not getting promoted hurt quite a bit, but I guess a season of rebuilding after all the over spending and “underachieving” of previous years meant that the club was not quite able to keep up with the velocity of those clubs who did make it up to the Championship.

WHICH PLAYERS FROM OUR SQUAD ARE YOU MOST WORRIED ABOUT HEADING INTO THE GAME AND WHY?

Aiden McGeady might not be the youngest of players, but he’s always

“AIDEN McGEADY MIGHT NOT BE THE YOUNGEST OF PLAYERS, BUT HE’S ALWAYS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A MOMENT TO BREAK OPPOSITION TEAMS DOWN. WE’LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM FOR SURE”

capable of providing a moment to break opposition teams down. We’ll have to keep an eye on him for sure. He scored a lovely goal against us last year at the Stadium of Light, so I hope that our defenders will mark him a bit more tightly this time around.

WHICH PLAYERS SHOULD SUNDERLAND FANS BE WEARY OF?

Joe Pigott is the man who seems to be scoring the goals for us, but Scott Wagstaff is - if fit - the one I think you’ll need to be weary of. He took West Ham apart in the FA Cup last season, and on his day will take a game away from the opposition.

FINALLY, HOW DO YOU SEE THE GAME PLAYING OUT?

It has been a slow start for both teams so far this year, but Sunderland picked up a big win last weekend against Portsmouth so maybe that early-season pressure has waned. I fancy Wimbledon to nick a point, so I am going with a 1-1 draw.

ROLL BACK

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROB MASON** DISSECTS A PROGRAMME FROM THE PAST

Today's programme roll back comes from the first-ever visit of the original Wimbledon, a Canon League Division Two (now the Championship) fixture from 9 November 1985.

COVER

The kit for this season was similar to the current one with more white than red. The cover didn't change throughout the season in terms of imagery, focussing on the shirt with pictures of forwards David Hodgson and Dave Swindlehurst within the white stripes.

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CONTENT

Looking back there were several interesting things to read despite manager Lawrie McMenemy did not producing a column. A youth player feature focussed on Gary Owers, later a long-serving first-teamer who at this point was in his first season as an apprentice, while one of the youth team match reports featured a game in which Gordon Armstrong had scored a hat-trick. The centre pages provided a full colour picture of Clive Walker followed by a profile of the forward. The Supporters' Association had their own regular column as did the Junior Supporters' Club, the Roker Rookies. There was also a crossword and quiz.

Soccer Snippets provided news on player comings and goings and also news of the introduction of what became known as The Friendly Cup, still contested between Sunderland and Norwich City who had met in the League Cup Final earlier in the year.



MATCH FACTS

Saturday 9 November 1985 | Attendance: 15,518

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Dave Swindlehurst 44', 74'

Carlton Fairweather 82'

VISITORS

Two of the 32 pages were devoted to the visitors who included future Sunderland cult-hero John Kay. The pen-picture of Kaysie claimed that when he came into the reserves he was a skilful midfielder player whose runs had earned him the nickname 'Dribble'! Wimbledon's scorer in the game was Carlton Fairweather who later spent many years at Sunderland as a coach, latterly in charge of the Ladies team. Also in the Dons' squad at the time was current manager Wally Downes, although he didn't play. Dave Bassett's side though did include future well known managers Ian Holloway, Andy Thorn and Lawrie Sanchez. They also fielded future Arsenal full-back Nigel Winterburn, Sunderland-born Mick Smith and Alan Cork who was sent-off.

Your Visitors

WIMBLEDON CLUB FACTS
 Year formed: 1888
 Current Professional: 1984
 Stadium: The Dons
 Ground: Pheasant Lane
 Current Director: Christopher 1980-82
 Current Player: Blue shirts, blue shorts, blue stockings, blue and white striped socks

WIMBLEDON CLUB FACTS
 The visitors today are Wimbledon, who are making their first visit to ROKER Stadium, and are known as the 'Dons' by the club's football supporters who play in a different kit.

DAVID BESSANT (Goalkeeper)
 Height: 5ft 8ins. Born: Wimbledon, London. This 28-year-old is Wimbledon's first goalkeeper. He signed for Wimbledon in 1974 after a successful performance against Ipswich. He made his debut for Wimbledon in January 1980 and has made over 200 appearances for the club. He has also won four honours for the club: 4 seasons.

STEVE BALLANCE (Midfielder)
 Height: 5ft 8ins. Born: Epsom, Surrey. Last year, Steve Ballance was named in the Football League's PFA Team of the Year. He has also won four honours for the club: 4 seasons.

ANDY THORN (Striker)
 Height: 5ft 8ins. Born: London. This 28-year-old is Wimbledon's first striker. He signed for Wimbledon in 1974 after a successful performance against Ipswich. He made his debut for Wimbledon in January 1980 and has made over 200 appearances for the club. He has also won four honours for the club: 4 seasons.

IAN HOLLOWAY (Manager)
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WALLY DOWNES (Coach)
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MICK SMITH (Striker)
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DUG-OUT DEPUTIES

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROB MASON** TURNS THE SPOTLIGHT ON FORMER ASSISTANT MANAGERS AND COACHES.

One time Wimbledon striker Steve Cotterill gave up his job as manager of Stoke to come to Sunderland in October 2002 as assistant to Howard Wilkinson. His hope was that he would work alongside 'Sergeant Wilko' and eventually take over from the man who to this day remains the last English manager to guide a team to the top-flight title.

He didn't get the opportunity as after only two league wins in 20 games Wilkinson was sacked, with Cotterill dismissed with him after under five months in charge. Having not seen Steve for years, last summer I bumped into him in Bristol. He was pleasantly philosophical about his dismissal at Sunderland and remained full of praise about the club and its support.

Cotterill could have felt hard done to in being dismissed with Wilkinson but couldn't grumble about the brief tenure - having walked out on Stoke after just 13 games since the Potters placed their trust in him. At the time of writing Cotterill's LinkedIn entry describes him as 'Professional Football Manager - Waiting for a new challenge'. Listing all nine clubs he has managed, Sunderland - where he was assistant - is conspicuous by its absence on Steve's CV.

Sunderland's recent visitors Portsmouth are one of the clubs Cotterill took



charge of since his time at the Stadium of Light. Manager at Pompey from June 2010 to October of the following year, on that LinkedIn page Steve describes his time at Fratton Park thus: "Stabilized club on the pitch, after two separate takeovers and administration, where liquidation was narrowly avoided. Compensation agreed and left to take over at Nottingham Forest."

Cotterill was at the City Ground from October 2011 until the end of the season. He then had almost a year and a half out of the game before becoming manager of Bristol City in December 2013 and going on to achieve the double of winning League One (with 99 points) and collecting the Football League Trophy in his first full season when he was League One Manager of the Year.

Leaving Ashton Gate in early 2016, it was late in 2017 when he took on his next managerial position at Birmingham City, only to be dismissed five months later.

As a player, Cotterill was on the books of Cheltenham, Alvechurch, Burton, Wimbledon, Brighton and Bournemouth before beginning in management in 1995 in Ireland with Sligo Rovers who he took into Europe. Coming to his home town of Cheltenham he excelled by taking them from non-league to the equivalent of League One, in addition to winning the FA Trophy at Wembley - a record that led to his climb up the levels to Stoke.

Further success came with the League Two title in 2010 with Notts County, who he joined over two years after leaving Burnley which was his first position after Sunderland and where he spent three and a half years.

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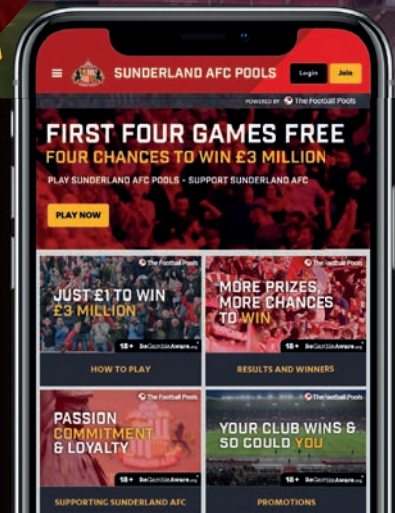
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THE GREAT: CHARLIE BUCHAN

ROB MASON PAYS HOMAGE TO THE GREAT
AND GOOD OF SUNDERLAND

One hundred years ago next week Sunderland were getting going again as the Football League resumed after the end of the First World War. The opening day of the season was on 30 August, the Stripes having beaten the Whites 6-3 ten days earlier in a public practice match between members of the Sunderland squad, while South Shields and Middlesbrough had been beaten in warm-up friendlies. Sunderland, of course, were in the top-flight. They had been there since becoming the first club after the 12 founder members to join the Football League in 1890 and they would remain at that First Division level until 1958.

The visitors to Roker Park for that first post-war league game were Aston Villa, like Sunderland one of the grandest clubs in the land. Sunderland won 2-1 with the great Charlie Buchan carrying on where he left off. Inducted into the Sunderland Hall of Fame this summer, Buchan scored the first goal after the war, just as he had netted the last one before the Football League stopped due to the Great War.

There was no such thing as VAR a century ago but clearly they managed without it in the last minute when there was a dispute as to whether a Sunderland shot had gone over the



A century ago this month Charlie Buchan scored Sunderland's first Football league goal after The Great War

line. Villa 'keeper Hardy kept his hands on the ball in the place he'd saved it and shouted the referee over to judge if it was was over the line or not. No goal was given.

The Great War had ended on 11 November 1918 with a 'Victory League' featuring North East sides from various levels starting in January 1919. The big kick-off in August 1919 however represented the resumption of football getting back to normal. Sadly, this was something that would only last for two decades.

Three games into what would have been the 1939-40 season the Football League was abandoned due to the start of World War Two. Eighty years ago next week Germany invaded Poland with Britain declaring war on Hitler's Germany two days later on 3 September.

CONTRASTING GATES

In the previous issue of Red and White, I mentioned that the opening gate of this season was the highest for a first home game of the season outside of the top-flight since the first league game at the Stadium of Light in 1997. Since then, the 24,051 at Ipswich was the highest away gate the Lads have appeared at in any of their three seasons at this level. In contrast, the 2,343 who witnessed the Carabao Cup win at Accrington was the fourth lowest attendance Sunderland have played in front of in the last 100 years. Only crowds in the Checkatrade Trophy at Morecambe last November, the Anglo-Italian Cup at Cambridge in 1992 and Cagliari in 1972, along with a Simod Cup game with Charlton in 1988, have seen lower gates. The 1,666 who saw the game with the Addicks in the capital is the lowest.

A-Z: ALIM OZTURK

FROM FAVOURITE CAREER MOMENTS AND GREATEST FEARS TO CELEBRITY MATES AND MUSICAL TASTES, **RED & WHITE** GETS AN ALPHABETICAL INSIGHT INTO THE SUNDERLAND SQUAD.

A APPEARANCE

Against which team did you make your Sunderland debut?
Charlton.



B BANTER

Who's the biggest joker in the dressing room?

Max Power.



C CELEBRITY

Who's the most famous person in your phonebook?

Andre Santos.

D DESTINATION

What's your favourite place to go on holiday?
Turkey.



E EAT

What's your favourite food?
Turkish food.



F FANS

Describe the Sunderland fans in one word?
Amazing.

G GOAL

What's been your best strike to date for Sunderland?
I haven't scored yet.

H HOBBIES

What do you do when you're not playing football?
Spend time with my family.

I IDOL

Who did you look up to when you were a kid?

My brother, he was like a father to me as well. He's the reason I am here now.

J JAM

What's your favourite song?
Turkish music.



K KEY
Who's Sunderland's key man?
John Cooke!



L LOVE
What made you fall in love with football?
When I was younger I used to play on the streets. That was the thing!

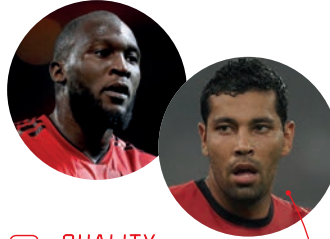


M MOMENT
If you could relive one moment from your career, what would it be?
That goal in the Edinburgh derby!

N NICKNAME
What's the best nickname you've heard in football?
They don't really have nicknames in Turkey, but here they do it a lot.

O OPTIMISM
What do you want to do when you retire?
I'd love to work with kids at an academy.

P PETS
Do you prefer cats or dogs?
Neither.

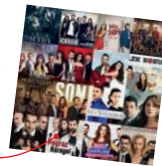


Q QUALITY
Who are the best players you've played with and against?
Best I've played against was Romelu Lukaku and best I've played with was Andre Santos.

R RAPID
Who's the fastest player in the squad?
Denver Hume.

S SUPPORT
Growing up, which club did you support?
Well...

T TV
What series are you currently watching?
Turkish series.



U UNKNOWN
Tell us something we might not know about you?
Don't talk to me when I first wake up in the morning!



V VIDEO GAMES
Do you have a favourite?
Call of Duty.



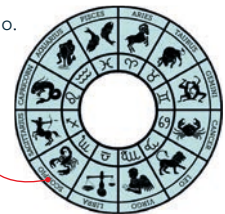
W WIN
Your favourite win in football?
Beating Rangers away in the first game of the season.



X XYLOPHONE
Can you play a musical instrument?
No, I can't.

Y YIKES
What's your biggest fear?
I am not scared of anything.

Z ZODIAC
What's your star sign?
Scorpio.





INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Sunderland AFC has launched a brand-new membership scheme exclusively for overseas supporters to connect with the club.

The international membership offers a range of benefits including digital programmes, ticket promotions and weekly e-newsletters and is currently available in two categories: International Plus Membership - £50 a year, International Membership - £25 a year.

We would like to thank the following who have already signed up:

International Plus Membership

Geoff Stokoe	Ian Humble	Joerg Steger	James Rankin	Charles Allan
Peter Forster	John Ambler	Jonathan Lynn	John Hymers	Malcolm Clark
Steven Wisniewski	Daniel Elliott	Callum Fisher	Havar Bue	Jeffrey Baker
Macarena Delgado	Jill Lennox	Gordon Logan	Ann Nilsen	William Kilgallon
Clare McKean	Chris Arnold	Chris Fordon	Aidan O'Brien	Jeffrey Hydari
Michael Peart	Elliott Coates	Allyson Beardmore	Paul Bergene	Michael Gregg
Richard Whalley	Charlie Anderson	Robert Bell	Bryan Thompson	Matt Austin
Daniel Hunt-Vincent	Ivan Sandoval	Johan Grundberg	Patrick Eyre	Lukas Butz

International Membership

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Simon Ames	John Ainsworth	Raymond Leonard	Chris Talarek	Dave Ward
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Jo Sayers	Robert Jones	Miles Hunt	John Mann	Josh Barton
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Raymond Smith	Christopher Andrews	Mark Taylor	Yunseog Ryu	David Frankenthal
Dominik Sinzinger	Filippo Nozzoli	Matt Stilwell	Simon Quigley	Andreas Glatter
Simon Walker	Dean Birkett	Liam Dudley	Mike Lackaye	Shannah Calamar

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IN THE KNOW?

FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE:

1. For how many successive seasons was Kevin Phillips top league goalscorer for Sunderland?

2. In 2004, Sunderland were defeated 1-0 in the semi-final of the FA Cup by Millwall. Which Sunderland player received a red card during the game?

3. What is the nickname of Sheffield United?

4. Which English football club used to play their home games at the Goldstone Ground?

5. Which Dutch defender joined Liverpool from Southampton for a fee of £75million?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:

1. Which movie won the Oscar for best actor, director and cinematography in 2016?

2. From what country is Calvin Harris from?

3. St George is the patron saint of England but in which country is he buried?

4. What is the real surname of Sting from The Police?

5. What is the name of the sequel to the film and book 'Twilight'?

SCORE:

FOOTBALL ANSWERS: 1. Six, 2. Jason McAteer, 3. The Blades, 4. Brighton & Hove Albion, 5. Virgil Van Dijk.
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS: 1. The Revenant, 2. Scotland, 3. Israel, 4. Sumner, 5. New Moon.



NO TIME TO SLOW UP

LUKE O'NIEN WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS AFTER SUNDERLAND PICKED UP THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT WIN AGAINST ROCHDALE ON TUESDAY, BUT HE STRESSED THAT IT WILL MEAN NOTHING IF THE LADS FAIL TO PICK UP POINTS TODAY AGAINST AFC WIMBLEDON.

The performance on Tuesday was a professional one as the Lads combated harsh weather conditions and a physical Rochdale side to get a vital victory.

O'Nien was honest in his assessment of the win.

"It was a very good win over Rochdale. It was not necessarily the prettiest of performances from ourselves, but when you look at the scoreline and see you have the three points that is all that counts.

"Listen, not all games are going to go your way. Throughout the course of the season you have to win games in different ways.

"The game against Rochdale was not easy for us and credit to them as they

"YOU CAN'T ALWAYS WIN THE WAY YOU WANT TO WIN - BUT AS LONG AS YOU GET THAT VICTORY - THAT IS ALL THAT COUNTS"

played some great football and made it difficult for us. The way they went about things is very good. To win ugly is important as well.

"You can't always win the way you want to win - but as long as you get that victory - that is all that counts."

O'Nien picked up an early booking at Spotland, but he managed to get through the rest of the game without giving the referee the opportunity to give him a second card.

"I picked up an early booking against Rochdale and that can make things difficult. I stood on his foot as I was going for the ball and that is something I have got to learn from quickly," he explained.

"When you're on a yellow card you just have to be smart about your play. We have plenty of experienced heads on





the pitch who can help you out and collectively we did well to get another goal after they levelled it. To see the game out when they were bombarding our box with balls late on was pleasing.

"From back to front we defended solidly. Credit to the fans, even when it wasn't going our way, they stuck with us. They were there with us when we needed them."

While the team are yet to keep a clean-sheet this season, it is fair to say that the team have been defensively much stronger since Alim Ozturk was brought back into the side.

He and Jordan Willis managed to head and clear pretty much every ball that came into their path and for the second straight game, the Lads have relied heavily on their defence to see the game out.

"Credit to Ozturk. He was brilliant last season for us, and you saw what he could bring towards the end of the campaign," O'Nien said.

"He is a player that pushes everybody in every session. Jordan Willis came in and he has been excellent so far. Together they are quality players and they have gelled together very well. We have strong depth here and it is important to have that competition around the pitch."

With Wimbledon to come today at the Stadium of Light, O'Nien knows that the hard work of the last two games could all go out the window if the team fails to pick up a victory against a side expected to struggle.

But the squad know that you can't take anything for granted in this league.

A victory today will give Sunderland the all-important momentum heading into two tough looking fixtures next week against Premier League Burnley and Peterborough United.

"In this league you can never relax. When you win one game you have to move onto the next one, it is relentless," he explained.

"I think we have momentum now and it is key for us to build on that. The Portsmouth win was so big for us, but if we dropped points on Tuesday it would have been for nothing.

"The win at Rochdale was important, but we need to back that up with another three points against Wimbledon. We are going to rest up now and then build up for Saturday in training where we need another big performance."



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MY FAVOURITE GAME

Hull City at home in the
2017-18 season



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MY FAVOURITE GOAL

My free-kick against Leicester City

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MY FAVOURITE STADIUM

Etihad Stadium



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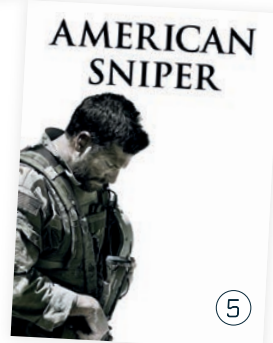
MY FAVOURITE FOOD

Thai

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MY FAVOURITE FILM

American Sniper



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THE COMMENTATOR'S ~~CURSE~~ COLUMN

BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE'S SAGE **NICK BARNES** REVEALS HIS LOVE FOR A TRUE FOOTBALLING CURIO, THE ENAMEL BADGE.

In this digital age it is refreshing to find there is one area of the football world seemingly untouched by smart phones and tablets - the enamel badge.

When we arrived at the 'Cherry Red Records' stadium, aka 'Kingsmeadow', there outside, laid out on a trestle table, was a kaleidoscopic display of enamel badges.

They're produced by Terry Hall and amongst them was a match-day badge commemorating AFC Wimbledon v Sunderland, a relatively cheap but gratifying memento of the match. Terry re-appeared at Wycombe Wanderers and unveiled a Wycombe v Sunderland badge.

Terry is based in Oxfordshire so he tends to gravitate to the clubs in the south. I'll be heading straight to his table when we visit AFC Wimbledon and Wycombe this season.

However, Terry is not alone in producing enamel badges and at Accrington Stanley last week it was satisfying to find behind the home end a small table and on sale a 'match-day badge' of Sunderland's Carabao Cup first round tie.



I'll be scurrying back round there in a few weeks for the league badge and a pot noodle.

I have hundreds and at one stage aimed to have in my collection the badge of every club in the Football and Premier League, an aim I achieved, for a year or two but then the promotions of the likes of Forest Green Rovers and Cheltenham negated my attempt.

However, it hasn't stopped me collecting them. Last season I was on a mission to collect the club badge

from all the teams we visited in League One and, having done so, I felt smugly it was job done but then couldn't help myself at Portman Road and headed for the club shop and purchased an Ipswich Town badge. I'll be the same at Tranmere Rovers next year!

George Forster in the SAFC Supporters' Association shop used to produce a match-day badge but sadly demand fell away. I did wonder whether in this day and age the enamel badge would survive but I do believe it has in the modern football pantheon.



ROKER REPORT

ROKER REPORT CATCH UP WITH FORMER
BLACK CAT **DON GOODMAN**...

RR: FIRST AND FOREMOST, DON, THANKS FOR SITTING DOWN FOR A CHAT WITH ROKER REPORT. A NICE EASY ONE TO BEGIN WITH - YOU PLAYED WITH SOME DECENT CENTRE FORWARDS WHILST AT SUNDERLAND, BUT WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE STRIKE PARTNER?

DG: That's a tough one. It's hard to answer and maybe unfair to pick between John Byrne and Phil Gray. I struck up a good relationship with both of them so I couldn't pick between the two of them. They both had an eye for goal, were both great players, both worked well with me so it would be too hard to say, I think. I'll just name them both.

RR: LET'S GO BACK TO 1991. SUNDERLAND HAVE WON JUST FOUR MATCHES IN OUR OPENING 14 GAMES, MARCO GABBIADINI IS SOLD TO CRYSTAL PALACE AND A FEW MONTHS LATER YOU WALK IN THE DOOR. WHAT DID DENIS SMITH SAY TO CONVINCE YOU ROKER WAS THE RIGHT PLACE?

DG: I honestly bought into the club, as well as Denis Smith - but he unfortunately didn't last long after he bought me, which is remarkable really when you think about it - the board

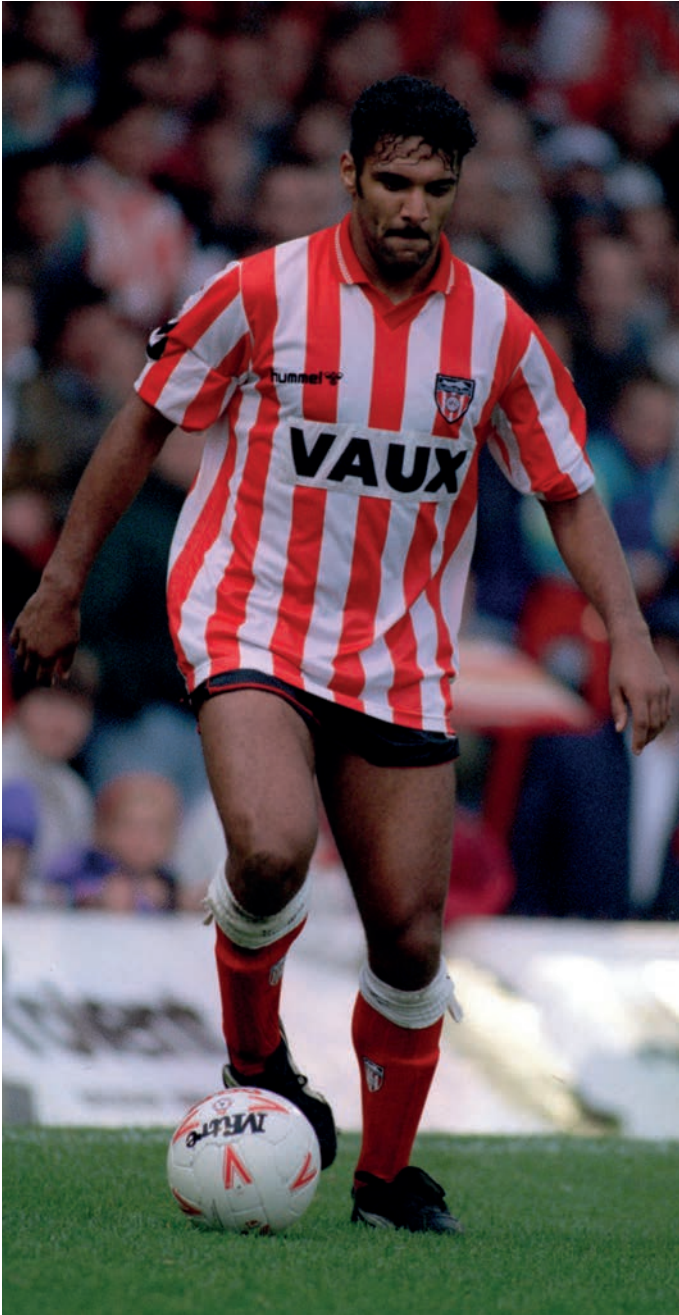


“THERE WERE A FEW CLUBS SNIFFING AROUND, SUNDERLAND BEING ONE OF THEM... IT WAS AN EASY CHOICE IN THE END - A NO BRAINER”

allowed him to almost double the transfer record then a few weeks later relieve him of his duties, which was disappointing from my perspective. There were a few clubs sniffing around, Sunderland being one of them, so I drove up, listened to what Denis had to say and, if I'm honest, it was an easy choice in the end - a no brainer. I'd been to Roker Park before as an opposing player and it was a lovely atmosphere even though it was against me at the time and I just thought, 'I'd love to play for these fans' and move the club forward.

RR: YOUR DEBUT WAS AWAY AT WOLVES, BUT YOU HAD A DREAM ROKER PARK INTRODUCTION, SCORING AGAINST LEICESTER CITY IN THE LAST MINUTE. IS THERE A BETTER WAY TO EXPERIENCE ROKER PARK THAN THAT?

DG: The Leicester game was a little bit frustrating, we hadn't managed to break them down until I got that chance. I remember Paul Bracewell launched a high, hopeful ball into the area and I got a good connection. It was a looping header that went over the 'keeper and under the bar from quite a long way out. It was brilliant



way to make you're home debut and hopefully gave the fans a taste of what the club have bought."

RR: YOU WERE SO UNLUCKY IN THAT YOU COULDN'T EXPERIENCE THE FA CUP RUN AS A PLAYER DUE TO BEING CUP-TIED. HOW DISAPPOINTED WERE YOU TO MISS OUT?

DG: I'd played in Round One for West Brom against Marlow and we beat them 6-0 - little did I know how significant that would be at the time. To be honest though, I embraced that cup run. Missing out wasn't a problem at all and at every single stage I travelled with the Lads, I supported them, I celebrated with them and I drank copious amounts of beer with the Lads in celebration. I was a bit of a cheerleader. The only time I felt a little bit sorry for myself was at Hillsborough. When I came out just before the players were gathering in the tunnel, I looked to my right and that sea of red and white shirts, the noise coming from that bank of fans and I did have a little feeling of 'this is what you missed out on' and I felt sorry for myself for a moment. But we beat Norwich, it was amazing and then we got to Wembley. I did the pen pics for TV, where I could rip into the Lads and take the pee a little bit! I did everything you could do as a player, went out and warmed up, got a cup final suit - everything bar playing. I embraced all of it. It was just a shame we couldn't manage to win and get past what was a very good Liverpool side. I must say something on that though, if I can...

RR: GO AHEAD...

DG: When we came back the next day from the final, most of the Lads hadn't even been to sleep. We drank all the way up the motorway and spent most of it taking the mickey out of ➔



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Paul Bracewell, as I recall, because I think he'd played in a few cup finals and lost them all. Anyway, we hit the outskirts of Sunderland and there it was - the homecoming. The FA Cup Final runners-up. There cannot possibly have been a bigger turnout for a losing team. We were all absolutely blown away. There was anywhere between 350,000 and half a million people on the streets for a team that lost. That's my big cup final memory. There's no regrets. I enjoyed the whole thing. Heroes being made - Johnny Byrne scoring in every round, Gordon Armstrong's diving header, David Rush at West Ham. Magical moments and they were my teammates. I was so proud of them.

RR: AROUND THAT TIME, A CERTAIN GAME AT THE NEW DEN MADE FOR SOME INTERESTING TV. WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES OF THAT BATTLE WITH KASEY KELLER? THE WAY HE ACTED IT WAS LIKE HE'D BEEN HIT WITH A FLYING MALLET!

DG: I remember it clearly! We scored a late goal through Andy Melville but were still losing and it gave us a chance to get back into the game, so I ran into the net to get the ball. Kasey got there just ahead of me, there was a bit of a wrestling match and he just managed to swing around and caught me flush across the chin. The red mist came down and I swung a glancing blow. I shouldn't really say this, but if you're going to get sent-off, you want to make sure it's a good one and it wasn't! If Kasey is honest with all of

"...THERE'S NO REGRETS. I ENJOYED THE WHOLE THING. HEROES BEING MADE..."

us, he probably could have handled it without falling to the ground like he did, but it was what it was.

RR: WHEN WOLVES MADE A BID, WHAT CONVINCED YOU TO LEAVE SUNDERLAND?

DG: It was 5 December when I left and the reason I know the date is that it was exactly three years to the day I joined Sunderland. I remember I was playing in the reserves at Anfield of all places and at half-time I was taken off and told why. They had accepted a bid. They never got the figure right publicly. They said £1.1million but it was actually £1.2million with £100,000 after 20 games and another £100,000 after 40 games - it was actually £1.4million, but hardly any publications know that, so there's an exclusive for you! It was a lot of money and it meant Sunderland made a profit on me, which I was pleased about because I loved the club. I left with a heavy heart. ❌



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BURTON ALBION - SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
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Sunderland fans wishing to lay their hands on a ticket for our upcoming Carabao Cup tie at Burnley must visit the Stadium of Light ticket office in person or get in touch via the telephone.

The Black Cats will take on Sean Dyche's side in round two of the competition at Turf Moor on **Wednesday 28 August**, kick-off **7:45pm**.

Due to postal restrictions over the Bank Holiday weekend, online sales for this game stopped on **Friday 23 August**.

However, tickets can still be purchased from the Stadium of Light ticket office in person and over the telephone during office hours.

Tickets are priced at **£15** for adults, **£10** for under-22s/over-65s and **£5** for under-18s.

THE POSH AWAY

Sunderland will remain on the road next weekend when they travel to **Peterborough United**.

Following Wednesday's tie against Burnley at Turf Moor, Jack Ross and the team will

travel to the Weston Homes Stadium on **Saturday 31 August (KO 3pm)**.

Tickets are priced at **£26** for adults, **£21** for over-65s, **£17** for under-22s, **£10** for under-18s and **£5** for under-12s.

SAFC have been allocated **3,858 tickets** for the League One fixture.

ON SALE: HOME DOUBLE

Tickets for two of Sunderland's three home Sky Bet League One fixtures in September are now on sale.

The Black Cats will take on **Burton Albion** on **Saturday 7 September**, kick-off **3pm**, before welcoming Paul Warne's **Rotherham United** to the Stadium of Light on **Tuesday 17 September**, kick-off **7:45pm**.

Tickets for the Lads' game against the Brewers are priced from **£20** for adults and from **£7** for Under 16s. Please note, this fixture may be postponed due to international call-ups.

Admission for Sunderland's meeting with Rotherham is priced from **£18** for adults and **£7** for Under 16s.

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Peterborough's Weston Homes Stadium, widely known as London Road, welcomed us a mere four months ago, so memories are still fairly fresh. Had The Posh not conjured up a last-minute goal to equalise Max Power's effort of only a couple of minutes earlier, we'd have claimed three points, felt a lot better about ourselves, and might not have had to endure the agony of the Play-off Final. Ifs and buts....



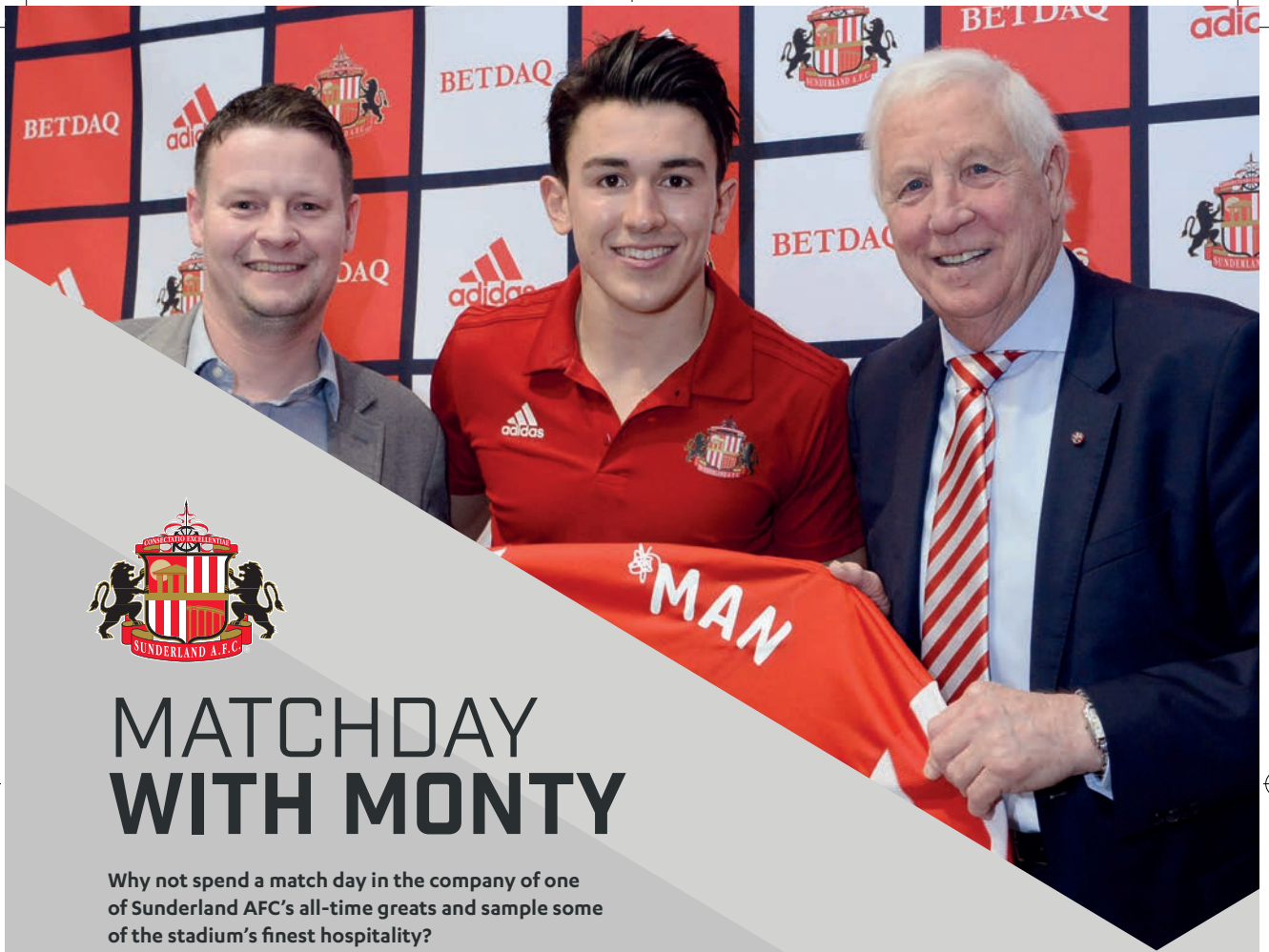
Redevelopment of the ground has left it with one solitary floodlight amongst a mixture of old and new. We'll be in the Main Stand, where the leg-room can be a bit tight, and there should be the usual football-match fare of burgers and pies on offer. The ground's on the main A15 on the outskirts of the town centre, but street parking nearby is restricted to residents only, so take care - or use the car park near the river. Although the railway passes very close to the ground, the station is about a 15-minute walk away, so allow plenty of time if you're using the train.

Five minutes from the station is the town centre, with plenty of refreshment opportunities to break your walk. Close to the station is the spacious Oakham Brewery Tap, which does interesting food, and even closer is the Station Hotel, then the usual mix of food and drink options in the town itself. For a unique experience there's Charters, which is on a boat much closer to the ground, and might list a bit depending on



where the customers stand. The Palmerston Arms also comes highly recommended, but doesn't do stuff like Carling and Guinness, and is not far from the ground - and there's a chippy close by. Beyond the ground on London Road are the Peacock and the Coalheavers Arms, both of which are popular.

A sizeable turnout from Wearside will no doubt make this a good day out, as it's straight down the East Coast main line, or 194 miles down the A1, but please - no last-minute drama this time, Lads.



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Over the course of 2018-19 members enjoyed an evening with SAFC chefs and Netflix stars Joyce Rome and Patrick Lesca as they roped Luke O'Nien and Jimmy Dunne into their kitchen showcase.

Jack Ross has been a special guest at one event and rubbed shoulders with In Business members at the Academy of Light.

An intimate evening in the SAFC Boardroom also took place, hosted by 1973 FA Cup-winning star Dennis Tueart. SAFC In Business members even had first invites to book their place in the end of season head-to-head between Stewart Donald and Charlie Methven, as Donald's Dynamos took on Methven's Magicians in a special Play on the Pitch event.

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NEWS FROM SAFC'S AWARD-WINNING CHARITY

VISIT THE HERD AT THE BEACON OF LIGHT

Earlier this week, a unique Sunderland AFC themed sculpture arrived at the Beacon of Light as part of Elmer's Great North Parade.

The Parade, which is organised by St Oswald's Hospice, hosts a spectacular art trail across the North East featuring 50 individually designed elephants based on the much-loved children's character, Elmer the patchwork elephant.

The Beacon of Light's elephant, 'The Beautiful Game', is located inside the award-winning sports and education facility from 21 August to 1 November and is sponsored by Stagecoach North East and Sunderland Business Group.

Designed by local contemporary artist, David Maguire, the elephant represents the passion that Sunderland fans have for



The Beautiful Game

their club, with men's and ladies team players sporting iconic red and white home shirts and favourite away kits from recent years.

Phil King, Beacon of Light General Manager, said: "The 'Beautiful Game' is a stunning design and a perfect fit for us. We have some fantastic Elmer-themed activities planned

throughout the duration of the trail which all the family can enjoy. I hope everyone takes the chance to see these unique pieces of art."

Download the specially created App to locate all the Elmers in the North East.



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'The Beautiful Game' is one of seven sculptures in Sunderland for Elmer's Great North Parade.

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GUESS THE NATIONALITY

Can you match up the players with their correct nationalities?



1 2 3 4
A B C D



GUESS THE GROUND

Can you name the stadium below and the team who play there?



SAFC ANAGRAMS

Can you unscramble the words below to reveal the Sunderland players?

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CHAIR WEEKLY

GUESS THE PLAYER

Can you name the Sunderland player we have blurred out below?



GUESS THE CREST

Can you correctly identify this club crest?



MAKE YOUR PREDICTION

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SCORERS:

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE...



ANSWERS: Guess The Nationality: 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B; Guess The Ground: Fratton Park, Portsmouth; SAFC Anagrams: Alim Ozturk, Charlie Wyke; Guess The Player: Chris Maguire; Guess The Crest: Fulham; Spot The Difference:



JUNIOR REPORTER

Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against AFC Wimbledon.

It was great to maintain the momentum of last Saturday's win against Portsmouth into midweek and win against Rochdale, to claim our first league away win of the campaign.

As mentioned, last week we beat rivals from last season Portsmouth 2-1 here to pick up our first three points of the season. After falling behind to a Marcus Harness strike, goals from Jordan Willis and Chris Maguire flipped the game on its head to mark our first league win on the board.

Wimbledon haven't started the new season in flying colours, but registered their first point last week, drawing 1-1 with Accrington. The visitors lost out to Ipswich Town in midweek though.

Picking up three points last Saturday against a promotion contender has to up the confidence in the home camp, and hopefully we can gain our second successive home win today.

Ha'way the Lads!

Finlay Anderson

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GET YOUR SUNDERLAND HEROES' AUTOGRAPHS...



TODAY'S MASCOTS



ISAAC

Hobbies: Football
Favourite players: Jon McLaughlin, Luke O'Nien, Aiden McGeady



GEORGE

Hobbies: Football, goal practice, football cards, Lego, dressing in Peaky Blinder outfits and talking (especially about Sunderland AFC and Jim Montgomery)
Favourite players: Aiden McGeady, Chris Maguire, Jon McLaughlin



FREDDIE

Hobbies: Football, Fifa, Fortnight, Star Wars
Favourite players: Chris Maguire, Aiden McGeady, Will Grigg



ASHTON

Hobbies: Watching and playing football
Favourite players: Jon McLaughlin, Will Grigg and Aiden McGeady



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UNDER-23s

RED & WHITE CAUGHT UP WITH SUMMER RECRUIT RUBEN SAMMUT TO FIND OUT ABOUT HIS FOOTBALLING EDUCATION AT CHELSEA, HIS FIRST-TEAM OBJECTIVES AND ACCLIMATISING TO THE NORTH EAST.

'SUNDERLAND IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR', SAYS SAMMUT

Ruben Sammut has laid roots in Sunderland because he knows the importance of a settled environment as he adapts to life in new surroundings.

Adjusting to life in the North East after penning a one-year contract at the Stadium of Light, the midfielder knows the significance of the next 12 months in his career.

A product of Chelsea's academy, the 21-year-old has enjoyed a glittering youth career, which includes captaining the Blues to three FA Youth trophies.

Coming runners-up in the UEFA Youth League also, Sammut was sent on loan to Scottish club Falkirk last year to hone his trade.

Now at the Academy of Light, the deep-lying midfielder, who formed part of Jack Ross' 25-man squad that went to Portugal during pre-season, knows he must give everything he's got if he is to remain in the game.

"I'm really enjoying it and I found it quite straight forward if I'm honest," he said.

"It was quite easy for me to settle in to be fair because I came up here for a couple of weeks at the back end of the season and got to know some of the boys.

"I'm now just determined to hit the ground running and keep enjoying it.



"IT WAS A HARD WEEK BUT IT WAS A GOOD CHANCE TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON THE FIRST-TEAM MANAGER"

"I was delighted to get the opportunity to go to Portugal with the first-team. It was a really good week over there and I managed to feature in both games.

"It was a hard week but it was a good chance to make an impression on the first-team manager and try to get in his eyes and hopefully I will be able to break in to his plans this season."

He continued: "It's been a breath of fresh air to be honest, because at Chelsea it didn't matter how well you played or how hard you trained the pathway was blocked.

"At Sunderland there are a lot of eyes on you all the time because you get to train with the first-team and the coaches come to our games too.

"It gives you the confidence because if you work hard and play well then hopefully you will get a chance."



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UNDER-18s

GET THE LATEST NEWS AND RESULTS FROM THE NEXT GENERATION OF SUNDERLAND PLAYERS.

SUNDERLAND 2 BLACKBURN ROVERS 5

SUNDERLAND U18:

Cameron, Armstrong, Ord, Miller (Pye, 46'), Krakue, Foster (Dichicco, 60'), Jones, Gooch (Bruce, 80'), Kiernan, Watts

Subs not used: Newman, Baggs

Sunderland Under-18s' wait for their first league win of the season went on as Blackburn Rovers defeated them last weekend.

Cole Kiernan had handed the Black Cats the advantage after 38 minutes, but Samuel Durrant and Jake Garrett struck twice in four minutes to ensure Rovers led at the break.

Sam Burns extended the visitors' lead on Wearside early in the second period, before Kiernan bagged his

second to get Sunderland back in the game.

But Paul Bryson's side were unable to capitalise further and as a result Jared Horlock punished them as he put away a fourth in the 67th minute.

Durrant then sealed Rovers' scoring spree in stoppage-time as he tucked his penalty past stopper Adam Cameron.

Speaking to Red & White following the defeat at the Academy of Light, boss Bryson admitted his side must cut out costly individual errors if they are to start putting points on the board.

"The first 40 minutes was fairly even, but we probably showed a little bit of inexperience which cost us," he said.

"We went 1-0 up on 38 minutes through Cole and should've seen the half out in

U18 PREMIER LEAGUE - NORTH DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	PTS
Manchester City	2	2	0	0	+10	6
Liverpool	2	2	0	0	+7	6
Wolves	2	2	0	0	+5	6
Manchester United	2	1	0	1	+1	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	+1	3
West Bromwich Albion	2	1	0	1	-2	3
Blackburn Rovers	2	1	0	1	-3	3
Middlesbrough	1	0	1	0	+0	1
Newcastle United	2	0	1	1	-6	1
Derby County	2	0	0	2	-3	0
Stoke City	2	0	0	2	-4	0
Sunderland	2	0	0	2	-6	0



the lead. We didn't and conceded two really poor goals to go in at the break trailing.

"The biggest thing for me was the individual mistakes that were there in the build-up to the goals. They were really, really bad. The lads have got to learn from that and learn fast.

"On the plus side, Logan Pye played in the second-half and he's only an Under-16. I was really pleased with him, but we have got to nullify these individual errors otherwise we are going to get punished week in week out."



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SAFC LADIES

GET THE LATEST NEWS AND RESULTS FROM MELANIE REAY'S SAFC LADIES.

WEST BROM 0 SUNDERLAND 2

Sunderland Ladies got their season off to the perfect start last weekend as they defeated West Brom 2-0 away from home.

That set Melanie Reay's team up for a big game tomorrow against Newcastle United in the FA Women's National League Cup at Eppleton CW.

One player who won't feature is Keira Ramshaw as she will be suspended, but the Lassies star player is still looking forward to the game.

"Everyone will be massively excited because we all love derby day," Ramshaw explained.

"The match is very important to the club as games with local rivals always bring more interest and get the fans



talking. This will hopefully bring more people to watch our games because if they enjoy what they see then our fanbase will continue to grow, which can only benefit the club. It's great that we can play ties like this because it's massive in terms of people gaining an interest in women's football."

She continued: "I am absolutely devastated to miss it!

FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE - NORTHERN PREMIER DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	PTS
Blackburn Rovers Ladies	24	23	0	1	97	69
Sunderland AFC Ladies	24	15	3	6	47	48
Derby County Ladies	24	15	3	6	19	48
Huddersfield Town Ladies	24	15	2	7	39	47
Middlesbrough Women	24	13	4	7	19	43
Fylde	24	13	3	8	15	42
Stoke City Ladies	24	9	6	9	8	33
Guiseley Vixens Women	24	9	4	11	-3	31
Nottingham Forest Ladies	24	7	4	13	-28	25
Hull City Ladies	24	7	2	15	-24	23
Sheffield FC Ladies	24	6	3	15	-18	21
Doncaster Rovers Belles	24	4	6	14	-43	18
Bradford City Womens	24	0	0	24	-128	0

"I'm Sunderland born and bred and I love derby day, so to find out I'm missing it due to a red card last season is absolutely heartbreaking. I'm sure the lasses will do fantastic and I know they'll play the game and not get caught up in the occasion. I will just be shouting from the sidelines!"

"But like I said before, not many derbies happen between Sunderland and Newcastle in the ladies game, I think that's why it hurts so much because we haven't had one for so long and when it has come around I can't play, but I will strive to make up for missing it over the course of the season."

Fans can attend the game at Eppleton Colliery Welfare, DHS 9NE, on Sunday by purchasing tickets on the day of the game. They are priced at £3 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Kick-off is at 2pm and we advise arriving early to avoid any potential congestion at the turnstiles.





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PREMIER LEAGUE TWO
DIVISION 2



Date	Opposition	H/A	KO/FA
AUGUST			
Mon 12	Stoke City	A	D 1-1
Sun 18	Norwich City	H	L 1-2
Fri 23	West Bromwich Albion	A	7pm
Fri 30	Aston Villa	H	7pm
SEPTEMBER			
Mon 16	Middlesbrough	H	7pm
Sun 22	Swansea City	A	12pm
Sun 29	West Ham United	A	12pm
OCTOBER			
Mon 21	Newcastle United	H	7pm
Fri 25	Fulham	A	2pm
NOVEMBER			
Sun 3	Reading	H	12pm
Fri 22	Manchester United	A	7pm
DECEMBER			
Mon 9	Stoke City	H	7pm
Sun 15	Norwich City	A	1pm
JANUARY			
Mon 6	Aston Villa	A	7pm
Mon 13	West Bromwich Albion	H	7pm
FEBRUARY			
Sun 2	West Ham United	H	12pm
Fri 14	Newcastle United	A	7pm
MARCH			
Sun 1	Fulham	H	12pm
Mon 16	Reading	A	1pm
APRIL			
Mon 6	Manchester United	H	7pm
Mon 20	Middlesbrough	A	7pm
MAY			
Sun 3	Swansea City	H	12pm

UNDER-18s

PREMIER LEAGUE TWO
NORTH DIVISION



Date	Opposition	H/A	KO/FA
AUGUST			
Sat 10	Manchester United	A	L 0-3
Sat 17	Blackburn Rovers	H	L 2-5
Sat 24	Stoke City	H	11am
Sat 31	Wolves	H	11am
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 14	Everton	A	12.30pm
Sat 21	Newcastle	H	11am
OCTOBER			
Fri 4	West Bromwich Albion	A	1pm
Sat 19	Derby County	H	1pm
NOVEMBER			
Sat 2	Middlesbrough	A	11am
Sat 30	Liverpool	A	12.30pm
DECEMBER			
Sat 7	Manchester City	H	11am
JANUARY			
Sat 4	Manchester United	H	12.30pm
Sat 11	Blackburn Rovers	A	12.30pm
FEBRUARY			
Sat 1	Stoke City	A	1pm
Sat 15	Wolves	A	1pm
Sat 22	Everton	H	12.30pm
Fri 28	Newcastle United	A	7pm
MARCH			
Sat 14	West Bromwich Albion	H	11am
Sat 21	Derby County	A	1pm
APRIL			
Sat 4	Middlesbrough	H	11am
Sat 18	Liverpool	H	11am
Sat 25	Manchester City	A	12.30pm

SAFC LADIES

FA WOMEN'S NATIONAL
LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION



Date	Opposition	H/A	KO/FA
AUGUST			
Sun 18	West Bromwich Albion	H	W 2-0
SEPTEMBER			
Sun 1	Fylde	A	2pm
Wed 4	Middlesbrough	H	7:45pm
Sun 8	Hull City	H	
Sun 15	Huddersfield Town	A	2pm
Sun 22	Sheffield FC	H	2pm
Sun 29	Nottingham Forest	A	2pm
OCTOBER			
Sun 27	Derby County	A	2pm
NOVEMBER			
Sun 10	Loughborough Foxes	H	2pm
Sun 17	Stoke City	H	2pm
DECEMBER			
Sun 8	Burnley	A	2pm
JANUARY			
Sun 12	West Bromwich Albion	A	2pm
FEBRUARY			
Sun 2	Fylde	H	2pm
Sun 9	Hull City	A	2pm
Wed 19	Middlesbrough	A	7:45pm
Sun 23	Huddersfield Town	H	2pm
MARCH			
Sun 8	Sheffield FC	A	2pm
Sun 15	Stoke City	A	2pm
Sun 22	Nottingham Forest	H	2pm
Sun 29	Derby County	H	2pm
APRIL			
Sun 26	Loughborough Foxes	A	2pm
MAY			
Sun 10	Burnley	H	2pm

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MAN OF THE MATCH

Our Man of the Match against Portsmouth was Jordan Willis. He was presented by former player, Stan Cummins.

KEY: Starting XI ● | Unused Sub U | Booked ■ | Sent-off ■ | First Sub ●↑ | Second Sub ●↑ | Third Sub ●↑ | Fourth Sub ●↑ | Penalty (p) | Own Goal †



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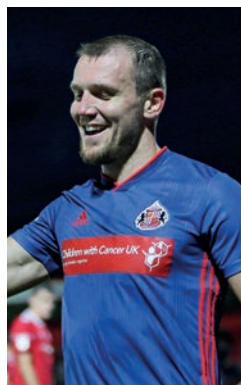
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01	Jon McLaughlin	09.09.1987	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	59	0	0
02	Conor McLaughlin	26.07.1991	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
04	Jordan Willis	24.08.1994	4	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	1
05	Alim Ozturk	17.11.1992	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	20	4	0
06	Max Power	27.07.1993	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	40	8	4
07	Chris Maguire	16.01.1989	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	36	12	10
08	Dylan McGeouch	15.01.1993	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	23	10	0
09	Charlie Wyke	06.12.1992	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	20	13	7
10	Marc McNulty	14.09.1992	3	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	1	4	0	0
11	Lynden Gooch	24.12.1995	4	0	2	0	1	0	4	1	2	58	36	11
12	Tom Flanagan	17.01.1992	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	42	2	2
13	Luke O'Nien	21.11.1994	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	41	15	5
14	Duncan Watmore	08.03.1994	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	32	33	6
15	Jack Baldwin	30.06.1993	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	3
16	Lee Burge	09.01.1993	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
17	Elliot Embleton	02.04.1999	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	0
18	George Dobson	15.11.1997	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0
19	Aiden McGeady	04.04.1986	3	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	2	66	16	23
21	Ethan Robson	25.10.1996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	1
22	Will Grigg	03.07.1991	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	19	8	5
24	Grant Leadbitter	07.01.1986	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	89	56	11
31	Benji Kimpioka	21.02.2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	2
33	Denver Hume	11.08.1996	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	10	5	0
43	Anthony Patterson	10.05.2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

STAT SNIPPETS



JORDAN WILLIS

Centre-back Jordan Willis opened his goals account for the Lads on only his fourth appearance, scoring in the 2-1 victory against Portsmouth last time out at the Stadium of Light. It was the 24-year-old's first goal since scoring for previous employers Coventry City in a 1-0 win over Barnsley back in September 2018.



CHARLIE WYKE

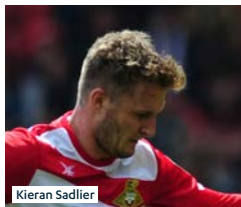
The former AFC Wimbledon loanee, with the Dons for three months in 2014, has two goals in three games this season, an impressive start to 2019-20 after registering five for the entirety of last season. Yet he'll be keen to score at the Stadium of Light, after goals against Accrington and Rochdale came on the Lads' travels.

2019-20 SKY BET LEAGUE ONE TABLE



#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	PTS
1	Blackpool	4	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	3	+5	10
2	Lincoln City	4	2	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	3	2	+7	9
3	Coventry City	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	3	+3	8
4	Wycombe Wanderers	4	2	0	0	5	2	0	2	0	1	1	+3	8
5	Ipswich Town	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	+2	8
6	Sunderland	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	+2	8
7	Fleetwood Town	4	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	1	5	4	+2	7
8	Shrewsbury Town	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	3	+1	7
9	Burton Albion	4	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	6	3	+1	6
10	MK Dons	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	3	+1	6
11	Rotherham United	3	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	6
12	Doncaster Rovers	3	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	0	1	1	+1	5
13	Rochdale	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	5
14	Portsmouth	4	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	4
15	Peterborough United	4	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	1	2	1	-1	4
16	Oxford United	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	2	3	-2	4
17	Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	-2	4
18	Tranmere Rovers	4	1	0	1	7	3	0	0	2	0	4	0	3
19	Gillingham	3	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	1	-1	2
20	AFC Wimbledon	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	4	-3	1
21	Accrington Stanley	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	3	-3	1
22	Southend United	4	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	2	0	5	-9	0
23	Bolton Wanderers	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	-7	-11
24	Bury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-12

2019-20 SKY BET LEAGUE ONE TOP TENS



TOP SCORERS

		P	G
Nathan Broadhead	Burton Albion	3	2
Lynden Gooch	Sunderland	3	2
Kieran Sadlier	Doncaster Rovers	3	2
Morgan Ferrier	Tranmere Rovers	3	2
Fred Onyedina	Wycombe Wanderers	3	2
Armand Gnanouillet	Blackpool	3	2
Ivan Toney	Peterborough United	3	2
Connor Jennings	Tranmere Rovers	3	2
Josh Morris	Fleetwood Town	3	2
Patrick Madden	Fleetwood Town	3	2

TOP ASSISTS

		P	G
Jorge Grant	Lincoln City	3	3
Callum Camps	Rochdale	3	2
Marcus Maddison	Peterborough United	3	2
Kieron Morris	Tranmere Rovers	3	2
Rhys Norrington-Davies	Rochdale	3	1
Ben Wiles	Rotherham United	3	1
Anthony Hartigan	AFC Wimbledon	3	1
Flynn Downes	Ipswich Town	3	1
Zain Westbrooke	Coventry City	3	1
Nick Freeman	Wycombe Wanderers	3	1

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WHAT'S ON IN SUNDERLAND

SUNDERLAND RIVER FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, 31 AUGUST TO SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 12NOON - 7PM, SUNDAY 12NOON - 6PM

Sunderland's famous riverside will host a new, family-focussed event later this year. The riverside, which welcomed some of the 1.2million visitors to last year's award-winning Tall Ships Races, will host the Sunderland River Festival from 31 August to 1 September, celebrating the city's maritime heritage, and its creative future.

WHAT'S ON

On opposite sides of the Wear at St Peter's Quayside and Low Street, there will be a weekend of music and water-based entertainment, with events, street theatre, activities and performances for all the family to enjoy.

Live music, including performances from leading local band Dennis and national folk/rock favourite Martin Stephenson, best known for the acclaimed album 'Boat to Bolivia', will be performing a solo set to close the event.

Low Row will have a heritage focus where visitors can meet costumed characters and famous faces from the city's past, such as Jack Crawford and Peggy Potts.

At St. Peter's, visitors can experience a beautiful interactive show within 'The Whale', which is an impressive 18metre giant inflatable blue whale.

Out on the water, community maritime activities and watersports partners Sunderland Yacht Club and City of Sunderland Rowing Club will be organising a range of activities and demonstrations.



GETTING THERE/PARKING

If travelling by car please use the various city centre car parks. It is then a short walk to Low Street and approximately 20 minutes to St. Peter's.

For access to St. Peter's Quayside, a Park and Walk will operate from the Yellow car park at the Stadium of Light. Access will be available from 11am both days.

St Peter's and Sunderland Metro stations are closest to the event sites. Local bus and metro services will be operational please visit www.nexus.org.uk for further timetables.

FOR MAP AND FURTHER INFORMATION:
WWW.SEEITDOITSUNDERLAND.CO.UK/SUNDERLAND-RIVER-FESTIVAL

COMING SOON

BURNLEY - WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST - 7.45PM
TURF MOOR - CARABAO CUP ROUND TWO



Following the conclusion of today's game, Jack Ross' side remain with it all to do as they head to **Burnley** on

Wednesday for their **Carabao Cup round two** clash.

Sunderland booked their date against the Premier League opposition when they brushed aside Accrington Stanley earlier this month.

Marc McNulty put the Black Cats on course to advance in the competition, before the Lads hit a slight bump in the road early in the second period.

Conor McLaughlin was penalised for a foul inside the area and Colby Bishop made no mistake from 12 yards as he stroked the ball past Lee Burge to level things up.

Ross acted quickly to being pegged back and threw on attacking duo Aiden McGeady and Charlie Wyke to change the game.

And boy did they do just that.

McGeady seized upon a loose pass in the middle of the park and seconds later breezed past two Accy defenders before firing into the far-left corner to restore Sunderland's advantage.

Then, in the closing minutes McNulty turned provider as he picked out Wyke's near post dart to add a third and seal Sunderland's progression.

Tickets for the Black Cats' second round clash at Turf Moor on Wednesday, kick-off **7:45pm**, are on sale now. Supporters will be charged **£15** for adults, **£10** for under-22s/over-65s, and **£5** for under-18s.

Sunderland will remain on the road after that as they face **Peterborough United** at the **ABAX Stadium** on **Saturday 31 August**.

Kicking off at **3pm**, Ross will be hopeful his side can collect all three points after they were denied them last term when Matt Godden struck in stoppage time to salvage a point for Posh.

Tickets are priced at **£26** for adults, **£21** for over-65s, **£17** for under-22s, **£10** for under-18s and **£5** for under-12s.

Following that, Sunderland will return to the Stadium of Light to face **Burton Albion** on **Saturday 7 September**.

Supporters are advised that this game falls on an international weekend so it might be postponed at short notice.

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CREATE





SUNDERLAND

MANAGER: **JACK ROSS**

JON McLAUGHLIN	1	○○○
CONDOR McLAUGHLIN	2	○○○
JORDAN WILLIS	4	○○○
ALIM OZTURK	5	○○○
MAX POWER	6	○○○
CHRIS MAGUIRE	7	○○○
DYLAN McGEDUCH	8	○○○
CHARLIE WYKE	9	○○○
MARC McNULTY	10	○○○
LYNDEN GOOCH	11	○○○
TOM FLANAGAN	12	○○○
LUKE O'NIEN	13	○○○
DUNCAN WATMORE	14	○○○
JACK BALDWIN	15	○○○
LEE BURGE	16	○○○
ELLIOT EMBLETON	17	○○○
GEORGE DOBSON	18	○○○
AIDEN McGEADY	19	○○○
ETHAN ROBSON	21	○○○
WILL GRIGG	22	○○○
GRANT LEADBITTER	23	○○○
GLENN LOOVENS	24	○○○
BENJI KIMPIOKA	31	○○○
DENVER HUME	33	○○○
ANTHONY PATTERSON	43	○○○



WIMBLEDON

AFC WIMBLEDON

MANAGER: **WALLY DOWNES**

○○○	1	NATHAN TROTT
○○○	2	LUKE O'NEILL
○○○	4	ROD McDONALD
○○○	5	WILL NIGHTINGALE
○○○	6	TERELL THOMAS
○○○	7	SCOTT WAGSTAFF
○○○	8	ANTHONY HARTIGAN
○○○	9	KWESI APPIAH
○○○	10	ADAM ROSCROW
○○○	11	MITCH PINNOCK
○○○	12	JACK RUDDI
○○○	13	NIKOLA TZANEV
○○○	14	KYRON STABANA
○○○	16	DYLAN CONNOLLY
○○○	17	MICHAEL FOLIVI
○○○	18	NESTA GUINNESS-WALKER
○○○	19	SHANE McLOUGHLIN
○○○	20	OSSAMA ASHLEY
○○○	21	EGLI KAJA
○○○	22	TOMMY WOOD
○○○	24	JOE McDONNELL
○○○	30	PAUL KALAMBAYI
○○○	33	CALLUM REILLY
○○○	35	ARCHIE PROCTER
○○○	36	REUBEN COLLINS
○○○	37	PAUL OSEW
○○○	38	AYDUB ASSAL
○○○	39	JOE PIGOTT
○○○	40	ANTHONY WORDSWORTH

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: **ANTHONY BACKHOUSE**

ASSISTANT REFEREES: **WAYNE GRUNNILL & RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH**

FOURTH OFFICIAL: **KEVIN MULRAINE**