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Welcome Back!

Firstly, many thanks for the kind comments resulting from Issue 1. It is still available at https://heyzine.com/flip-book/268d167d8f.html or if you prefer a pdf version you can print or keep from here https://eu.folderfort.com/drive/s/7xtKyUHqSQb63o7OaodtEdIpVRyIWg.

As well as the usual sections there is now a Q&A for anyone that has a query about any aspect of the club's history or ephemera.

The aim is not to write lengthy articles that few would be interested in but to create lots of smaller pieces covering different aspects of the club's history that would otherwise not be seen.

This time you will see usual pieces on shirts, a photo, a player, a programme, a photo, a season as before together with a look at the 1991 exhibition at the museum, an update on the Panini sticker set as well as a new book due out in February and a look at one of the possible sites for the club to play at after the First World War.

Hopefully you will find something of interest, something you didn't previously know or even something you want to know more about and keen to explore the resources on your own.

If you collect something we haven't covered (eg badges, boots, balls, signs etc) and fancy writing a page every quarter, drop us a line.

If you have any suggestions for future issues, want to contribute or want to put something on the for sale or wants section, send a message any of the names below or **dcfchistoryandheritage@mail.uk**

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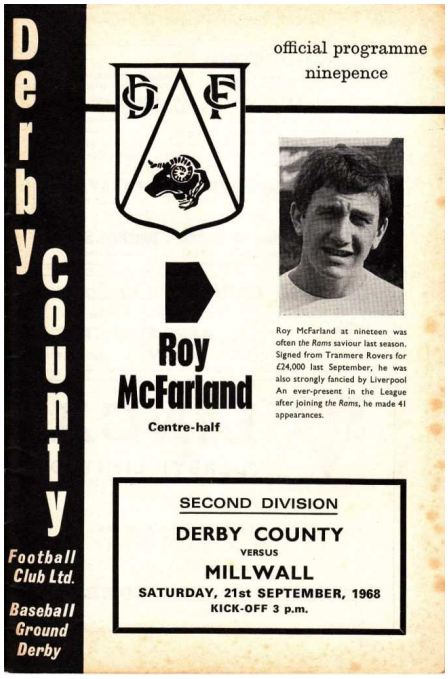
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A Programme



Derby County v Millwall

21st September 1968

The promotion season of 1968/69 has gone down in history as laying the foundation for the club's run of success in the early-mid 1970s, however it's often forgotten that the season had actually started in highly unconvincing fashion. The Rams failed to win any of their opening five games and, when Oxford arrived at the Baseball Ground on August 31st, the league table made for grim reading – 19th place and only a point ahead of bottom club Carlisle. Three wins and a draw had seen the club rise to 9th place by the time Millwall arrived on September 21st. There was the distraction of a League Cup tie at Stamford Bridge coming up just a few days later but Millwall would be tricky opposition. The Lions lay in 3rd place having won 5 of their 9 games to date and had an upcoming League Cup tie at Molineux to look forward to on the same night Derby were at Chelsea.

The Derby programme that season featured no fewer than three separate front cover designs and the Millwall issue was one of just six which featured the club's name in a vertical bar. This would change once again come mid-October.

Up till the turn of the year a different player would grace the cover of each issue and, on this occasion, it was Roy McFarland who had arguably been the club's outstanding performer in the season to date and had been called up for the England Under-23 squad. Brian Clough had recently started to pen a few notes for the programme and those for the Millwall game pulled no punches as both the Post Office as well as those fans who decided to leave early or arrive late bore the brunt of his caustic wit.

With the Manager



I take this opportunity to talk direct to you, the Supporters. Let's forget about the players, as I have talked about them enough.

You are the people who are providing the cash to enable me to buy the players I need. The two ambitions I have at Derby are to see us attain promotion and to see the 'gates' closed.

I will do everything possible to ensure that our Supporters get an excellent service, together with ground improvements.

At last Wednesday's match we had queues waiting an hour for tickets and we had sold out by 7.15 p.m.

There is a full office staff at your disposal all week and tickets may be purchased well in advance of any match. Why get disappointed and have to queue, when you can stroll in the office any day of the week and buy advanced bookings.

All you have to do if you can't get to the ground, send a remittance for the tickets required plus a stamped addressed envelope and despite the G.P.O. we will have them back to you by return of post.

Now I have a complaint on behalf of two-thirds of our Season Ticket holders because we have had a lot of complaints of people coming in ten minutes after the kick-off and leaving ten minutes before the end. I hear all about travelling difficulties, etc., but our ticket holders pay good money for their tickets and they are entitled to see the full ninety minutes of the game.

BRIAN CLOUGH, *Manager*

The remainder of the programme is a bit on the bland side and shows the club taking the lazy way out knowing that there would be plenty to read in the Football League Review supplement anyway. The eagle-eyed will spot on page 3 that Sam Longson, thought of by many in the media as being the Derby chairman throughout the Clough/Taylor era, actually wasn't so during this season. Just a mere director. Sydney Bradley (whose menswear store has an advert on page 10) occupied that role at the time.

The advertising content shows a distinct bias towards light industry and one wonders whether the working people of Derby had any leisure time at all given there is not a single advert for a café or restaurant and only one ad for a licensed premises.

One interesting statistic shows that the club's average home attendance of 20,635 the previous season had risen to 23,525 for the five home games so far this season.

The match itself wasn't particularly memorable. With Millwall playing with just one man up front. Derby dominated first-half possession and netted the game's only goal on 30 minutes, Dave Mackay found Alan Hinton out on the left wing who cut inside and crossed to the far post. Lions defender Dennis Burnett made a hash of his headed clearance, the ball dropping to Alan Durban who volleyed into the net past a stationary Bryan King.

A SHIRT





1891-95

The Football League handbook and the Athletic News Football Annual documents that The Rams' colours for the seasons between 1891-92 and 1894-95 were listed as being cardinal red and white halved shirts, with black knickers.

Some years before, Preston North End had a similar kit to this, so we can speculate about whether John Goodall had any influence in the choice. Looking at the team photo, above, it seems that there is a mixture of red and white and white and red shirts used during this period, possibly as the combinations got mixed over time, resulting in three of this team having different shirts. The collars also alternated colours with a white half collar over the red half of the shirt and vice versa.

The pictured shirt is almost certainly the oldest Derby County shirt in existence, that still belongs to the Goodall family. As both John and Archie played at the same time, it could have been worn by either (even both) of them during those years.

There may be opportunity to see the shirt in person later in 2026 when Goodall's biography is published.

A card



The first Rams players to represent their country at a World Cup were Don Masson and Bruce Rioch at the 1978 tournament in Argentina (Archie Gemmill had moved to Notts Forest by then).

Tennent's are a Scottish brewery and they issued a set of beermats for the tournament.

Each had a picture and printed autograph on the front and a biography on the reverse. There are 26 in set and can be found on places like eBay for around £5 each.

A Trophy



Derby's first away game in the European Cup in 1972 was against Yugoslavian champions Zeljeznicar Sarajevo.

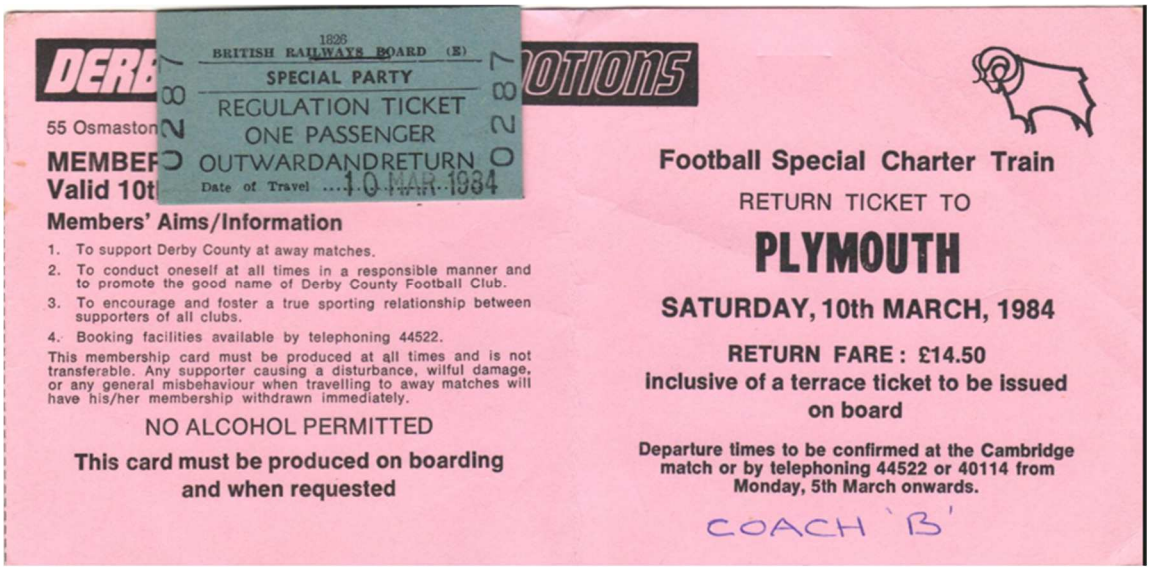
The evening before the game it is customary for the home club to put on a gala dinner for the directors of the visiting team and to exchange gifts, which are usually something from the local area.

In this case Derby were presented with a highly decorated coffee/tea pot that has a touch of a Turkish or Arab design. This would have pleased chairman Sam Longson as he was a teapot collector.



There is a story that when presented, the spout was at 90 degrees to where it is today and was straightened sometime afterwards. The pictures in the Ram programme show it being presented to Sam Longson by the Zeljeznicar President. The picture appears to show the pot as we see it today. The article also suggests the players were also given smaller replicas.

A TICKET



FA Cup Quarter Final vs Plymouth Argyle, 1984.

When we think of tickets it is usual to think of the actual match ticket. Whilst this is one aspect of following the team away from home, the journey to and from the game is usually longer and has its own memories and memorabilia in this case.

Beset with major financial troubles in the High Court in 1984, Derby had managed to reach the last eight of the FA Cup competition. 8,300 Rams fans made the long 5-hour journey to the south-west, many on the special 'Ramaway' trains direct to Plymouth, others by car, mini-bus, coach and even a £75 return flight.



The cost on the train was £14.50 return included the cost of the terrace match ticket!

A SEASON

1989-90

Football League Division 1

Position 16 Average League Attendance 17,275

Date	Opponents		Score		Pos	Att.	Scorers
19/08/1989	Charlton Athletic	A	0-0	D	9	8543	
23/08/1989	Wimbledon	H	1-1	D	13	13874	Hebberd
26/08/1989	Manchester United	H	2-0	W	5	22175	Saunders (p), Goddard
30/08/1989	Nottingham Forest	A	1-2	L	10	24060	og
09/09/1989	Liverpool	H	0-3	L	14	20034	
16/09/1989	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0	W	9	10697	Saunders
23/09/1989	Southampton	H	0-1	L	11	13694	
30/09/1989	Aston Villa	A	0-1	L	15	16245	
14/10/1989	Crystal Palace	H	3-1	W	10	14535	Saunders (p), Goddard (2)
21/10/1989	Chelsea	H	0-1	L	13	12279	
28/10/1989	Arsenal	A	1-1	D	15	33189	Goddard
04/11/1989	Luton Town	A	0-1	L	17	8919	
11/11/1989	Manchester City	H	6-0	W	11	19239	Wright, Saunders (2, 2 p), Goddard, Hebberd, Micklewhite
18/11/1989	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2-0	W	11	18085	Saunders, Goddard
25/11/1989	Tottenham Hotspur	A	2-1	W	8	28075	Saunders, Goddard
02/12/1989	Charlton Athletic	H	2-0	W	5	14590	Saunders, Micklewhite
09/12/1989	Wimbledon	A	1-1	D	7	5024	Goddard
16/12/1989	Norwich City	A	0-1	L	9	16184	
26/12/1989	Everton	H	0-1	L	10	21314	
30/12/1989	Coventry City	H	4-1	W	8	17011	Pickering, Ramage, Hebberd (2)
01/01/1990	Millwall	A	1-1	D	9	12790	Pickering
13/01/1990	Manchester United	A	2-1	W	6	38985	Wright, Pickering
20/01/1990	Nottingham Forest	H	0-2	L	8	24176	
10/02/1990	Queens Park Rangers	H	2-0	W	7	14445	Gee, Saunders
24/02/1990	Tottenham Hotspur	H	2-1	W	6	19676	Saunders, Harford
03/03/1990	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-1	L	8	21811	
10/03/1990	Southampton	A	1-2	L	10	16430	Saunders
17/03/1990	Aston Villa	H	0-1	L	13	21062	
20/03/1990	Crystal Palace	A	1-1	D	12	10051	Wright
24/03/1990	Arsenal	H	1-3	L	14	17514	Briscoe
31/03/1990	Chelsea	A	1-1	D	13	14265	Harford
07/04/1990	Coventry City	A	0-1	L	13	11157	
14/04/1990	Millwall	H	2-0	W	13	13718	Harford (2)
16/04/1990	Everton	A	1-2	L	14	23933	Wright
21/04/1990	Norwich City	H	0-2	L	14	13758	
28/04/1990	Manchester City	A	1-0	W	14	29542	Wright
01/05/1990	Liverpool	A	0-1	L	14	38038	
05/05/1990	Luton Town	H	2-3	L	16	17044	Wright, P.Williams

Competition	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Av	Biggest	Lowest
FA Cup	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1		21389	21389	21389
League Cup	7	3	1	0	9	1	0	1	2	3	5		18500	22522	12125
Zenith Cup	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	3				
League	38	9	1	9	29	21	4	6	9	14	19	46	17274	24176	12279
TOTAL	49	12	2	10	40	25	5	8	12	25	28		17650	24176	12125

Date	Blades P	Briscoe R	Cross S	Davidson J	Forsyth M	Francis K	Gee P	Goddard P	Harford M	Hayward S	Hebberd T	Hindmarch R	McCord B	McMinn T	Micklewhite G	Patterson M	Pickering N	Ramage C	Sage M	Saunders D	Shilton P (GK)	Taylor M (GK)	Williams G	Williams P	Wright M
19/08/1989			*S28*		141			39				164		*49*	163		8		71	37	93		202		83
23/08/1989					142		**S13**	**40**			*S1*	165		50	164		*9*		72	38	94		203		84
26/08/1989	164		*S29*		143			41			47	166		*51*	165					39	95		204		85
30/08/1989	165		*S30*		144		**S14**	**42**			48	167		*52*	166					40	96		205		86
09/09/1989	166				145			43			49	168		*53*	167		*S4*			41	97		206		87
16/09/1989	167				146			44			50	169		54	168					42	98		207		88
23/09/1989	*169*				148		**S15**	46				171		56	**170**		10		*S2*	44	100		209		90
30/09/1989	170				149		*S16*	*47*			52			57	171				73	45	101		210		91
14/10/1989	*172*				151			49			54			59	173		*S6*		75	47	103		212		93
21/10/1989	173				152			50			*55*			60	174		*S7*		76	48	104		213		94
28/10/1989	*175*				154			52			57			62	176		*S8*		78	50	106		215		96
04/11/1989	176				155			53			58			63	177				79	51	107		216		97
11/11/1989	177				156			54			59			64	178				80	52	108		217		98
18/11/1989	178				157			55			60			65	179				81	53	109		218		99
25/11/1989					159			57			62	172		*67*	181		*S9*		83	55	111		220		101
02/12/1989					161						64	174			183		12	1	85	57	113		222		103
09/12/1989					162			59			65	175			184		13		86	58	114		223		104
16/12/1989	**S13**		*S33*		163			60			*66*	**176**			185		14		87	59	115		224		105
26/12/1989	180		**28**		165			*62*			68		**S2**				15	*S2*	89	61	117		226		107
30/12/1989	181		*S34*		166						69		3				16	2	90	62	118		227		*108*
01/01/1990	182		*S35*		167						70	178	*4*				17	3	91	63	119		228		
13/01/1990			29		170						73	181					20	6	94	66	122		231		110
20/01/1990					172	*S5*			1		75	183	**S3**			*3*	**22**		96	68	124		233		112
10/02/1990		2		2	175		104		4		78								99	71	125		236		114
24/02/1990					176		*105*		5			185				6	23	*S4*	100	72	126		237		115
03/03/1990		**S2**			177		**106**		*6*			186				7	24	*S5*	101	73	127		238		116
10/03/1990	184				178	**S7**	**107**		7			187				*8*	25	*S6*	102	74	128		239		
17/03/1990	185	**S3**			179	*S8*			8							9	**26**	*8*	103	75	129		240		117
20/03/1990	186	3			180				9							*10*	27		104	76	130		241	*S1*	118
24/03/1990		4			181				10	*S1*		188					*28*		105	77	131		242	1	119
31/03/1990		5			182	S9			11	*S2*		189					*29*		106	78		3	243	**2**	120
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14/04/1990		7			184				13			191				11			108	80	132		245	4	122
16/04/1990		8			185	*S11*			14			192				**12**			109	81		5	246	5	123
21/04/1990		9		**S2**	186	*S12*			15			193				*13*			110	82	133		247	6	**124**
28/04/1990				3	187				16			194						9	111	83	134		248	7	125
01/05/1990				4	188	*S13*			17			195						*10*	112	84	135		249	8	126
05/05/1990				5	189				18		*S2*	196						*11*	113	85	136		250	9	127
Total Apps	18	8	2	4	38	0	4	18	16	1	21	26	2	15	18	9	18	8	33	38	35	3	38	9	36
Total Subs	1	2	6	2		8	4			2	2		2				5	4	1					1	
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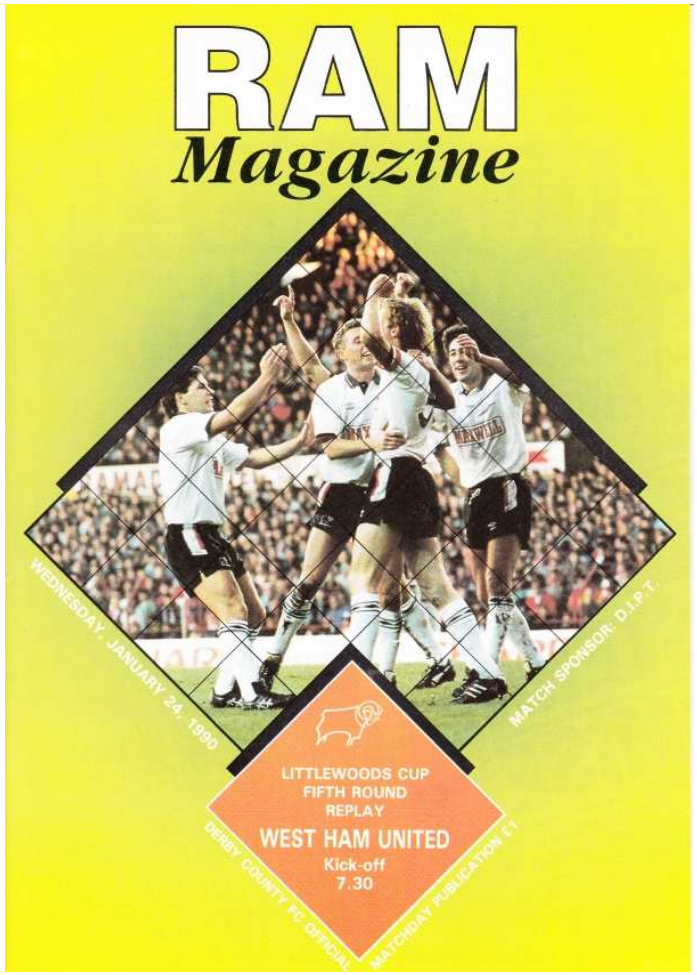
Date	Opponents		Score		Att.	Scorers
FA Cup						
07/01/1990	Port Vale	A	1-1	D	17478	Hebberd
10/01/1990	Port Vale	H	2-3	L	21389	Francis, Ramage
League Cup						
19/09/1989	Cambridge United	A	1-2	L	5333	Goddard
04/10/1989	Cambridge United	H	5-0	W	12125	Goddard, McMinn, Saunders (3)
25/10/1989	Sheffield Wednesday	H	2-1	W	18042	Saunders (2, 1 p)
22/11/1989	West Bromwich Albion	H	2-0	W	21313	McMinn (2)
17/01/1990	West Ham United	A	1-1	D	25035	Saunders
24/01/1990	West Ham United	H	0-0	D	22522	
31/01/1990	West Ham United	A	1-2	L	25164	Saunders
Zenith Cup						
29/11/1989	West Bromwich Albion	A	5-0	W	4880	Goddard, Micklewhite, Saunders (3)
20/12/1989	Newcastle United	A	2-3 *	L	6714	Cross (2)

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Final table

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1.Liverpool	38	23	10	5	78	37	41	79
2.Aston Villa	38	21	7	10	57	38	19	70
3.Tottenham Hotspur	38	19	6	13	59	47	12	63
4.Arsenal	38	18	8	12	54	38	16	62
5.Chelsea	38	16	12	10	58	50	8	60
6.Everton	38	17	8	13	57	46	11	59
7.Southampton	38	15	10	13	71	63	8	55
8.Wimbledon	38	13	16	9	47	40	7	55
9.Nottingham Forest	38	15	9	14	55	47	8	54
10.Norwich City	38	13	14	11	44	42	2	53
11.Queens Park Rangers	38	13	11	14	45	44	1	50
12.Coventry City	38	14	7	17	39	59	-20	49
13.Manchester United	38	13	9	16	46	47	-1	48
14.Manchester City	38	12	12	14	43	52	-9	48
15.Crystal Palace	38	13	9	16	42	66	-24	48
16.Derby County	38	13	7	18	43	40	3	46
17.Luton Town	38	10	13	15	43	57	-14	43
18.Sheffield Wednesday	38	11	10	17	35	51	-16	43
19.Charlton Athletic	38	7	9	22	31	57	-26	30
20.Millwall	38	5	11	22	39	65	-26	26

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FA Cup																							
07/01/1990	*183*		*S36*		168	**S2**				71	179	5				18	**4**	92	64	120		229	
10/01/1990					169	*S3*				72	180	6				19	*5*	93	65	121		230	109
League Cup																							
19/09/1989	168				147			45		*51*	170		55	169		*S5*			43	99		208	89
04/10/1989	171				150			48		53			58	172				74	46	102		211	92
25/10/1989	174				153			51		56			61	175				77	49	105		214	95
22/11/1989	*179*		*S31*		158			56		61			66	180				82	54	110		219	100
17/01/1990			**30**		171	**S4**				74	182				*S1*	21	*7*	95	67	123		232	111
24/01/1990		**S1**			173	*S6*			*2*	76	184	**7**			4			97	69		1	234	113
31/01/1990		1		1	174	*1*			3	77					5		*S3*	98	70		2	235	
Zenith Cup																							
29/11/1989			**S32**		160	*S1*		58		63	173			182		11		84	**56**	112		221	*102*
20/12/1989	*S14*		27		164		**103**	61		67	*177*						**S1**	88	60	116		225	106



A Player

Legacy #916

Gary Teale



b. 21st July 1978, Glasgow.

Debut: 13th January 2007 v Sheffield Wednesday, home.

Last game: 2nd May 2010 v Cardiff City, home.

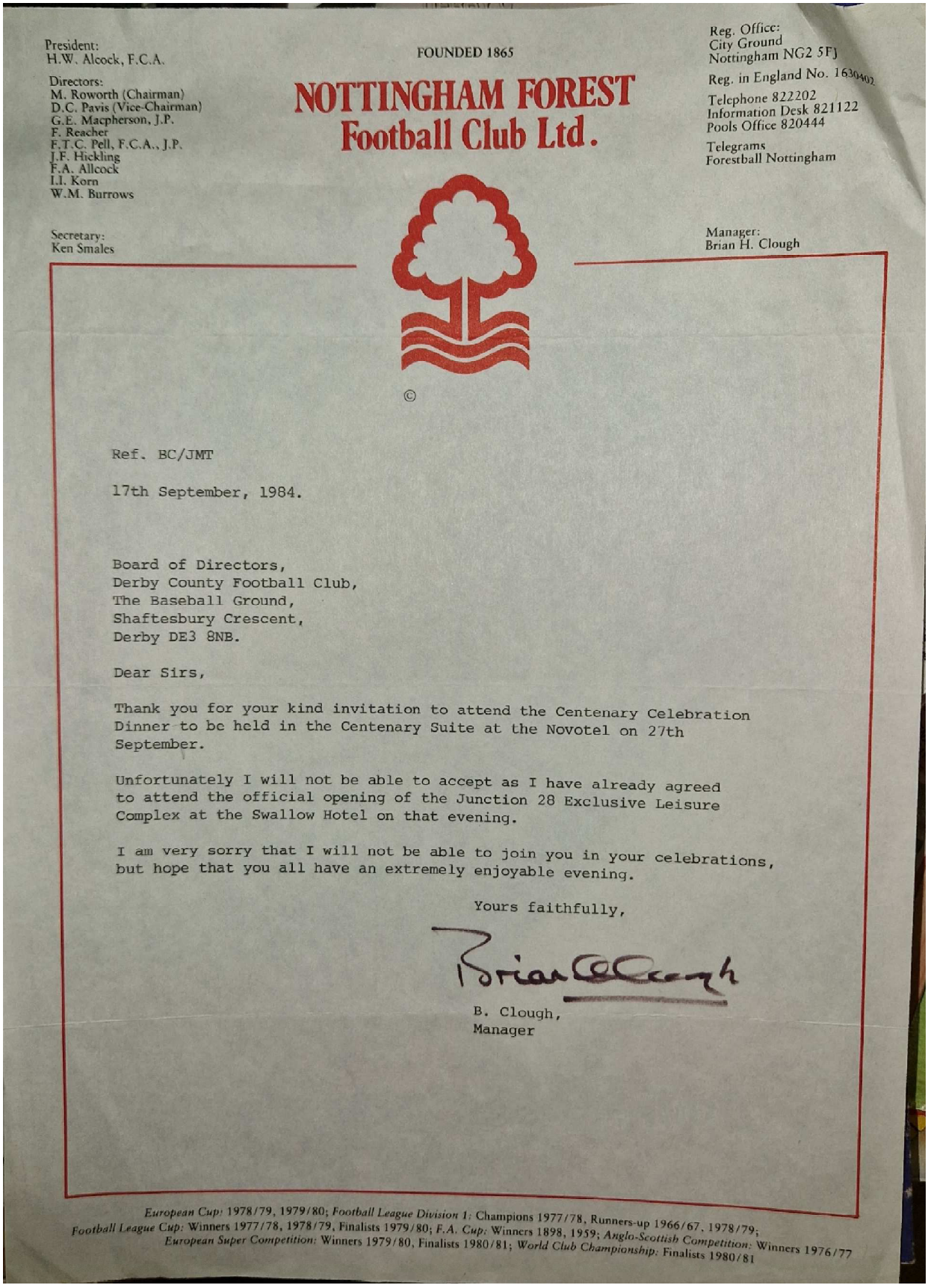
	Apps	Sub	Goals
FA Cup	6	2	2
League Cup	4	3	2
Premier League	9	9	1
Division 1	56	13	4
Play Offs		1	
Total	75	28	9

Teale had made his name as a direct, pacy winger for Wigan Athletic and joined Derby on 11th January 2007, one of a trio of transfers arriving to bolster the promotion push, the others being Stephen Pearson and Craig Fagan.

The transfer fee was around £600,000 and he signed a three-year contract, ending in June 2010. He featured in 16 games during the successful promotion season and 18 games in the dreadful, record-breaking Premier League season. Along with the rest of the team, he struggled for form amongst various team and managerial changes (Davies to Jewell to Clough). He went out on loan to Plymouth and Barnsley for the rest of that season.

He returned to Derby and played regularly for the next two seasons before leaving on a free transfer to Sheffield Wednesday. After a year he moved back to his native Scotland to join St Mirren.

A DOCUMENT



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17th September, 1984.

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Centenary Celebration Dinner to be held in the Centenary Suite at the Novotel on 27th September.

Unfortunately I will not be able to accept as I have already agreed to attend the official opening of the Junction 28 Exclusive Leisure Complex at the Swallow Hotel on that evening.

I am very sorry that I will not be able to join you in your celebrations, but hope that you all have an extremely enjoyable evening.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Clough

B. Clough,
Manager

European Cup: 1978/79, 1979/80; *Football League Division 1:* Champions 1977/78, Runners-up 1966/67, 1978/79; *Football League Cup:* Winners 1977/78, 1978/79, Finalists 1979/80; *F.A. Cup:* Winners 1898, 1959; *Anglo-Scottish Competition:* Winners 1976/77 *European Super Competition:* Winners 1979/80, Finalists 1980/81; *World Club Championship:* Finalists 1980/81

EFL 2025-26 PANINI STICKER UPDATE

The complete set of stickers from the EFL 2025-26 sticker collection is shown below including the two versions of the Lewis Travis sticker.





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For the completist collector there were several promotional sheets either included with the starter pack or as part of a newspaper promotion. Two of the sheets have a Derby player on them – Carlton Morris and Jacob Zetterstrom.



As usual, after a couple of months of sales (if you were lucky enough to find anywhere selling the sticker packs), Panini allow you order your missing stickers to complete your collection. This is the link to order the stickers.

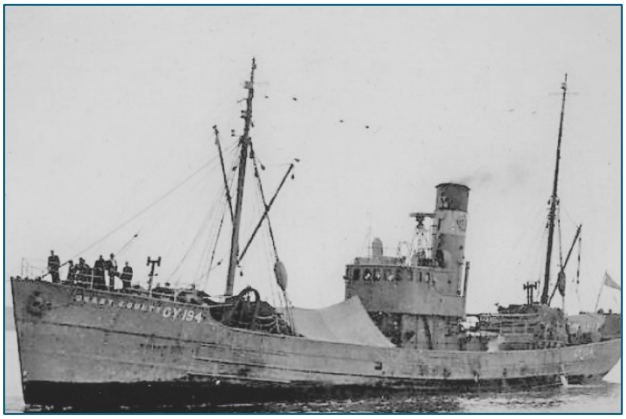
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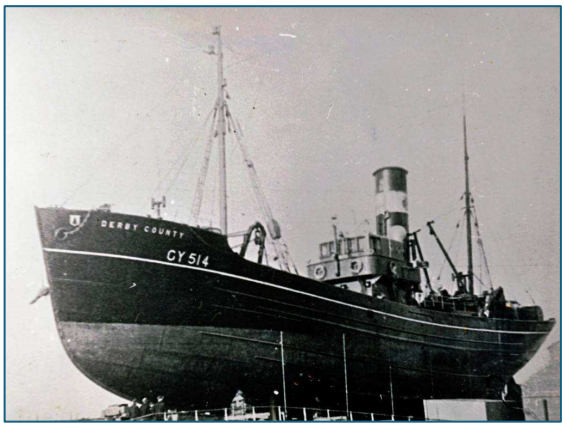
These stickers will cost 36p each but will not include the parallel gold of sticker of Lewis Travis. If you have access to eBay or Vinted, you may be able to purchase them more cheaply. A gold Travis sticker will currently cost around £5.

The card set will be available shortly.

Just a heads up on the Panini 2026 World Cup Adrenalyn card set just released. There are no Rams players featured in the set at this stage. This may be due to the expanded format of the competition and the need to limit each country to 12 cards.

A PHOTO





Pictured in the post-war years as GY194 (left) and GY514.

The reader may be aware of steam train bearing the club's name, but less well known is a trawler.

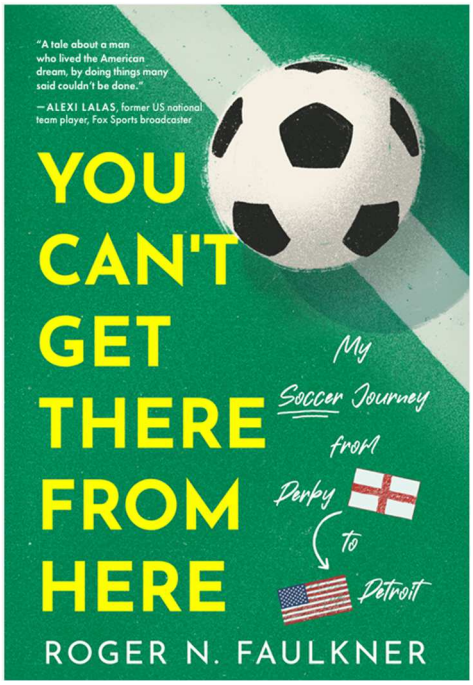
In 1933 the 155 feet long trawler bearing the name Derby County was built at Smiths Dock, Middlesbrough for Consolidated Fisheries Limited at a cost of £19,864 with a displacement of 399 tons and was officially numbered GY514 and was the first trawler to be side-slipped on the new slipway facility at Grimsby.

Landing her first catch on 13th September 1933 it marketed 1,250 boxes with a sales value of £1,086. August 1939 saw the ship sold to the Admiralty for £22,518 and converted to an Anti-Submarine vessel and re-numbered FY171.

At the end of the war the ship returned to being a fishing boat and re-registered as GY194 before eventually being scrapped in Belgium in February 1964 with no known surviving items, other than a few photographs.

A BOOK

I don't know if you know the name Roger Faulkner?



He is from Fritchley, Derbyshire and a former top 10 British junior tennis player. After moving to US as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, he co-founded Detroit Express and brought Jimmy Hill and Trevor Francis to the NASL. He was involved with the USA 94 World Cup being played in Detroit and also advisor to the GSW consortium with Andy Appleby that bought Derby in 2008.

He is a Derby fan and his autobiography is due to be released this month (February).

"Here" was Fritchley Primary, Herbert Strutts Belper and Duffield Tennis club. "There" is explained in the book! It tells the story of his lifetime involvement in sport, from a flirtation with the European tennis tour, to the creation of the Detroit Express with English icon Jimmy Hill, and ultimately to the successful bid to stage the first-ever indoor World Cup matches at the Silverdome in 1994. It contains numerous stories of fascinating interactions with the likes of Henry Kissinger, Trevor Francis, Jimmy Hill, Pele, Robin Williams, and many others.

The 338 page hardback book can be ordered from Amazon at https://www.amazon.co.uk/You-Cant-Get-There-Here/dp/B0G5VJDCZM. There is also a Kindle version available for those people who prefer that medium.



Roger, pictured left with manager Paul Jewell, GSW chairman Andy Appleby, DCFC chairman Adam Pearson and DCFC CEO Tom Glick, on the takeover.

A GAME

Luton Town 0 v 6 Derby County, FA Cup, 1946

"What a combination! We shall be slaughtered at the Baseball Ground." Luton Town supporters said this to me (writes our special correspondent) after Derby County's 6-0 triumph in the Cup-tie on Saturday before a record Luton crowd.

The Rams had given them a lesson in football that they will never forget, they said. Although their team was slaughtered these Luton "fans" were full of admiration for the wonderful performance given by the Derby forwards. Five minutes after the start the result was inevitable. Luton were never in the same class as Derby County, who played exactly as they chose - surprisingly fast in the mud - and for most of the game had the Luton players running round in circles.

The Rams' forwards were superb. Individualism - an ominous word when related to football - was completely absent. Each goal was the result of clever, unselfish teamwork, with the forward in the best position finishing off the concerted movement of brilliant scheming and complete understanding.

Doherty was the architect of victory. He was hard-working, inspiring, dazzling. Several times when in front of the goal he passed to a colleague who was in a better position to score. I do not want to detract from Stamps's grand performance - he did all that was asked of him and more, and he was always in the right place at the right time - but he scored his four goals because he took the perfect openings that were made for him.

Morrison, switched from centre-forward to outside-left through Duncan's injury, bewildered the Luton right back with his speed. He repeatedly flashed along the touchline only to see his centres saved by Duke or smothered and scrambled away by the backs. It is a mystery how he found such speed in the wretched underfoot conditions.

When in a favourable position Carter sent in several terrific shots, but for the most part he played a delightfully constructive game. His close passes and tricks repeatedly spread-eagled the defence and left the goal wide open. Engineered by Doherty, executed by Carter, and finished off by Stamps - that was the formula for most of Derby's goals.

Despite the brilliance of the other four forwards, Sammy Crooks was far from outshone. Opposing him was Dunsmore, the best back on the field, who not only carried his colleagues, but who seemed determined to "blot out" Sammy. Crooks outwitted all attempts to stop him, however, and played a grand part in the victory. His goal had the touch of genius. He was well placed to shoot hard, but seeing the goalkeeper advancing towards him, Crooks lifted it over Duke's head into the net. Many other players would have slammed it and probably missed the net.

The Rams' defence was not as solid and confident as we know it can be, although able to hold the Luton forwards, who showed individualism rather than teamwork. When Luton made their 15 minute effort early in the second half, Nicholas and Parr, and even Leuty were uncertain. Only bad luck prevented Luton from scoring at least two goals. At this period the Rams' defence was wonderful, Leuty's clearance off the goal line, when Needham slashed the ball across the goalmouth to the far corner, was a miracle. Apart from the groans of disappointment even the Luton supporters applauded him.

Except on three occasions when shots from Needham and Waugh brought him to his knees, a rasper from Brice caused him to make a frantic length dive, Boulton was never severely tested. He did all that was asked of him confidently. Ward and Bullions, while rarely spectacular - what half-back can be? - splendidly served the forwards. It was these two players who gave the defence they confidence during that threatening 15 minutes. Ward's quick tackling abruptly ended seven promising Luton movements.

Luton Town: Duke; Beach, Dunsmore; Goodyear, Vinall, Campbell; Daniel, Brice, D. Needham, Gardiner, Waugh.

Derby County: Boulton; Nicholas, Parr; Bullions, Leuty, Ward; Crooks, Carter, Stamps, Doherty, Morrison.

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A TEAM



1977-78

Back row: Gordon Guthrie (physio), Don O'Riordan, Gerry Daly, David Langan, John Middleton, David Nish, Peter Daniel, Colin Todd, Steve Powell, Frank Bluntstone (assistant manager)

Front row: Charlie George, Billy Hughes, Roy McFarland, Tommy Docherty (manager), Jeff King, Leighton James, Kevin Hector.

The Gipsy Curse - Fact or Fiction?



A recap of the story. The Rams had played at the Baseball Ground a couple of times in the early 1890s before deciding to move there permanently from the Racecourse in 1895. The stadium was originally designed as a baseball ground and had stands etc already in place. Allegedly the football club turfed out a gipsy family as part of the move who placed a curse on them never to win the league or FA Cup competitions. Three cup final defeats in five years seemed to add credence to the story. Ahead of the 1946 cup final a journalist took Derby's captain, Jack Nicholas to a gipsy camp near the team hotel in Harpenden and lifted the curse. The story (word for word) was repeated in many newspapers across the country on April 24th 1946. Even the Hornet boys comic put it the front and back cover in 1963.

Lo, and behold, Derby win the cup and 26 years later they won the league. **But**…

There are no contemporary newspaper reports in 1895 of the gipsy camp being moved, or any mention of them at all.

The Baseball Ground would likely have been a fenced off area, staging baseball and football matches.



So it is unlikely that gipsys would have been on it in the first place.

Losing three cup finals between 1898 and 1903 might suggest something unusual, but there is no mention of any curse anywhere in the papers around the time of the finals.

The first mention of it all was in April 1946 when an unnamed journalist from an unnamed publication mentioned it or, more likely, created it, ran with it and sold the story to multiple papers.

A gipsy curse is only supposed to last for 7 years.

Is there enough evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt that there was a curse or was it invented in 1946 by a journalist? I would suggest not, it's a work of fiction, but a nice story.

But, if you have documentary proof otherwise, let us know.

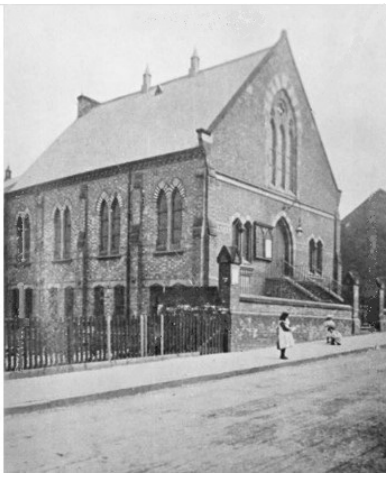
JUNCTION STREET, DERBY





If you head into Derby from the Derby Royal Hospital down Uttoxeter Road, just after the traffic lights at the Rowditch, the next road on the left is Junction Street. Although it is a relatively short street, it once had two pubs on it, opposite each other. On one side we had the Junction Inn and opposite was the Great Northern (pictured above), which has now been converted to a domestic dwelling.

Steve Bloomer's family ran this pub with Bloomer himself living upstairs after his football career had finished. This is also where he died.



That's one part of the Junction Street story. There was a chapel next to the Junction Inn which also housed the local school in the basement. The 'old boys' of the school formed a football team that became over the years shortened its name from Junction Street School to Derby Junction in 1886 and reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup in 1888, beating Blackburn Rovers in the quarter-final before losing to WBA in the semi-final. With the emergence of Derby County they folded not long afterwards in 1895.

One of the problems they faced was that they were at the end of the tram system and a few miles away from Derby's main railway station. This was not ideal for potential fans or visiting teams, so they had a nomadic existence across various grounds in Derby. They would have started playing at the nearby Rowditch Ground then Olive Street before progressing to the Arboretum (the original football field is at the end of the footpath leading from Loudon Street and would have been where the playground is today and not the tree-lined football pitch)
and Vulcan Ground (not the Baseball Ground, more of that another time).

BASEBALL GROUND MOVES

Vernon Street



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At the end of the First World War, Derby were still tenants at the Baseball Ground, meaning they were not really able extend or rebuild it. With the return of overseas servicemen, the government were funding all sorts of building projects (roads, housing and all sorts of buildings including stadia). Derby had a good look at building something new in various parts of the city, at least four sites were mentioned.

One site that was briefly looked at was the Derby prison site on Vernon Street that had closed to normal prisoners in 1916, and then used as a military prison, but over time the numbers decreased as new prisoners were directed to Birmingham.

Friargate railway station was nearby for fans, but there were other issues as the site would need to be completely demolished and cleared and there were the bodies of executed prisoners buried in unmarked graves around the site that would have to be exhumed and moved, not a quick process.

The site was cleared eventually in 1929 and became Derby's Greyhound Stadium by 1933 through to 1987. The outer wall along Uttoxeter Old Road and the main entrance on Vernon Street were retained.

There could have been some interesting stadium names had this site been selected – The Jail or The Gaol with the listed frontage built into the stadium.

WHAT TO DO WITH OLD PROGRAMMES

Post-1970 programmes

Even though they are nearly 60 years old, there is little demand for programmes of this age and even the 1960s aren't collectable on the whole. Obviously there are exceptions, but these are going to be quite rare and not something most fans will have.

Some questions to ask yourself:-

How quickly do you want to get rid of the programmes?

Do you want to get rid of them all in one job lot or bit by bit?

Are you concerned about how much money you raise?

Can you spare the time and effort in determining the value of each item and putting it or listing it on auction sites/Vinted, photographing, listing, chasing payment, packaging and posting for not a great return?

Programmes between 1945 and 1970 or Finals/Specials

For programmes a bit older, or more recent, rarer ones, the recommend sales route would be approach known collectors first, then potentially look at a specialist football auction. For help with any of these options, you can contact anyone on page 2.

Method	Cost	Likely Sales	Profit	Job Lot	Comments
Auction House – General Sale	Sales Commission 15%-20%	Probable	Minimal, unless some items are extremely rare	Yes	Depends who is looking at the time, but may end with items returned
Car Boot	£5-£10	Possible	Minimal	Will have to bundle	Will have to sell cheap
Donation – charitable cause, local studies library	0	N/A	0	Yes	Easy, hassle-free
Ebay or Vinted	0	Unlikely	Possible depending upon rarity	Possible, will have to bundle	Time consuming. Will have to

					bundle and sell cheap.
Football Dealer	0	Probably won't take anything after 1970. Rare items only –Yes	Minimal	Possible	Will want to buy cheap – few pence each. Not modern items. Will take the rare items, leaving majority
Known Collector	0	Possible for specific items only	Possible	Unlikely	Will take the rare items, leaving majority
Local Newspaper Advert	0	Possible	Possible	Yes	Beware of Traders
Private Sale	0	Depends on items, age etc	Possible	Unlikely	Will take the rare items, leaving majority
Specialist Football Auction	Sales Commission 15%-20%	Probable	Minimal, unless some items are extremely rare	Yes	Depends who is looking at the time, but may end with items returned

As with all things, condition plays a big part in determining a value. Modern programmes are built to last with perfect binding techniques instead of the staples.

Things that affect values are folds and creases, writing the team changes or score and scorers. Older programmes are more likely to some of these issues as well as Sellotape marks, rusty staples or even pin or punch holes which largely destroy any value to a collector.

Programmes prior to 1945
Generally anything of this age should be sent to an auction house.

THE RAMS IN FOCUS 1991 AT THE MUSEUM



Back in 1991 Derby City Museum curated a display called The Rams in Focus.

Several rooms at the museum were filled with trophies, photos and other attractions making this the first football-related exhibition in the city.





The last time Steve Bloomer's international caps were shown in public.



Eagle-eyed readers will see a few items that have disappeared over the years – the Juventus pennant and base of the Watney Cup being just two.



Some of the famous names who attended..Tim Ward, Reg Harrison, Ken Oxford, Jim Bullions, Derby Mayor, Jack Stamps, Raich Carter and Geoff Barrowcliffe.

H & H - Q & A

Q. Why did Derby not compete in the first season of wartime football in 1939? There was an East Midlands League, won by Chesterfield!, but Derby chose not to compete.

A. With organised football suspended, Derby took the decision to shutdown for the foreseeable future. Players had been called up into various branches of the armed forces and sent all over the country. We also had another issue in that the manager's (George Jobey) contract was cancelled so the organisation and selection of players was no longer in place.

They played eight fund-raising games until 1942-43 when they joined a Northern Football League competition. By that time manager Jobey had been suspended by the FA for making illegal payments to players and a 'guest' player system was used depending on who was nearby at the time, regardless of their parent club.

Q. I seem to remember a Brown and White version (of the Joma kit). I recall a picture of Ted McMinn wearing it (maybe for a testimonial).

The picture is probably in the Ted McMinn testimonial brochure (below), but that is a black shirt, although the lighting and tiles behind do appear to make it a dark brown.



Forthcoming Auctions and Displays

Auctions

Arthur Johnson, Meadow Lane, Nottingham

Every Saturday from 9:30am

The following (amongst many others) hold regular auctions and will usually have some Derby County interest. Hansons hold sporting memorabilia auctions throughout the year.

You can bid on-line, usually directly on their website, in person or via The Saleroom. If you are bidding, just be aware of buyers's commissions which can add 40% to the winning bid price and also shipping costs which are expensive.

- Hansons
- Midland Sports Action
- Bamfords
- Sheffield Auction Gallery
- Sportingold

Paul Tattershaw often puts on displays of shirts, tickets, programmes and photos throughout the Derby area.

No planned dates

If you are interested in arranging a display at your pub, restaurant, office etc the see page 2 for contact details.

Rams Remembered

John Robertson, 20/1/53 - 25/12/25



Robertson joined Notts Forest in 1970 but struggled to tie down a regular midfield place. It wasn't until Brian Clough took over in 1975 and made him into the winger we remember. He was to Forest what Alan Hinton is to Derby.

In June 1983 he signed for Derby, with the fee decided by a tribunal. The transfer to Derby, then managed by Peter Taylor, was the trigger for the falling about between the managers, and they never spoke again.

Roberston's career at Derby was plagued by injuries and he was not able to reproduce the form that brought him international honours. After two seasons he moved back to Forest and then eventually into coaching and followed Martin O'Neil around are his assistant manager to Wycombe, Norwich City, Leicester City, Aston Villa and Celtic.

Wants/For Sale Lists

Got something to buy or sell then send the details to

dcfchistoryandheritage@mail.uk

Wanted Derby County homes:
1982/83 Sunderland Fr (s/s), Reds v Whites & Whites v Blues 1948-1957, 1946/47 Arsenal post 5/2
Wanted Derby County aways:
1968/69 Carlisle post 8/2/69, 1946/47 Middlesbrough, Liverpool, 1945/46 West Brom
Contact: stevekitson@gmail.com

Wanted: Derby County Yearbook 1958-59, 1963-64, Annual 2012
Contact: andy.ellis@derbycountycollection.co.uk

Wanted: 1944/45 DCFC away programmes
Barnsley (16/9), Doncaster (23/9), Sheff Utd (28/10),Chesterfield (25/11),Stoke (26/12), Notts Co (27/1), Leicester (12/5), Aston Villa (Midland Cup Final)
Contact: steven.mcghee61@btinternet.com

Wanted: Derby County homes:
1970-71 – British Olympic (F), Nottingham Forest (Post)
1982-83 – Sunderland (F)
2024-25 – Burnley, Leeds United, Swansea City
2025-26 - all
Contact: neil.laughlin@countrywidemortgages.co.uk

Wanted: Football trade, cigarette cards and stickers..any year, any club but **NO** Match Attax
Contact: andy.ellis@derbycountycollection.co.uk

For Sale: Hundreds of programmes, teamsheets, tickets, photos, trade cards and many DCFC books.
Full list here - https://eu.folderfort.com/drive/s/SL46eod1KKsE2IiDrXX7EpBhNnW8XZ
Contact: Andy Ellis, andy.ellis@derbycountycollection.co.uk



Derby County Memories

https://www.derbycountymemories.co.uk/

Rams Heritage Trust

https://ramsheritagetrust.org/

The Derby County Collection

https://dcfchistorian.wixsite.com/dcfccollection