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# IN TODAY'S ISSUE...

**S**o, here we go! The waiting is finally over and we can now savour the excitement of having the world's most famous football club, Manchester United, here at Huish Park, the home of the Glovers.

Yeovil Town Football Club have experienced some very special times over the years in the FA Cup, but to have Manchester United playing in our own backyard really is a unique moment for all involved at the club.

In honour of this great occasion we have really pulled out all the stops to bring you an extra special edition of *Green&White*.

Included in this special edition we have got interviews with Glovers captain Joe Edwards, United defender Chris Smalling, former United players Lou Macari and Mickey Thomas, ex-Glover Steven Caulker and also the most recent player to represent both clubs, Tom Lawrence.

Added to all those top interviews we've got some great features including a look back at our previous Third Round adventures as well as a recap of the times Yeovil Town and Manchester United have met previously.



And as well as all that we've got some top quality opinion pieces along with all the usual programme features.

So we hope you enjoy this very special edition of *Green&White* for what promises to be a day that will live long in the memory of all Yeovil Town fans.

**Adrian Hopper,**  
Editor

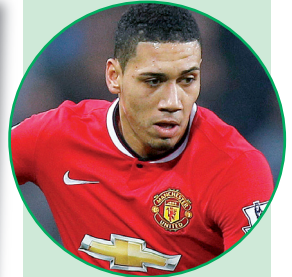
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# GARY JOHNSON

>> VIEWS OF THE MANAGER

**W**e'd like to welcome Louis van Gaal, Ryan Giggs, all their backroom staff and, of course, the Manchester United team to our very humble Huish Park ground this afternoon.

I have every respect for Mr van Gaal for all the success that he has had so far achieved in his career at the top level of football and his assistant Ryan Giggs was one of the top players not only at Manchester United but around the world.

They bring their team to Yeovil for this very prestigious FA Cup Third Round tie - a tie that every club watching the Third Round would want.

We were the lucky ones this year and now we have to make sure that the game is a competitive one for our supporters and that our boys play with the freedom to express themselves and be able to produce an effective display against a world class team like Manchester United.

I am looking forward to seeing Huish Park full again and I am sure our home supporters will be very vocal, but they will probably have to compete with the 2,000 Manchester United fans that are coming to the match.

Hopefully we can make a day for people to remember for the rest of their lives as these games don't come round that often, but it does give someone the opportunity of immortality.

I am sure there are also a lot of Yeovil based Manchester United fans present today, as there are United fans in most towns in the country.

It is a really great opportunity for us having a great club like United, with all their world class players, down here in Somerset and playing on our own doorstep.

This is a great opportunity for our club to show its strength, and its FA Cup reputation around the world, as I believe



>> Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal and his assistant Ryan Giggs

***“Hopefully we can make a day for people to remember for the rest of their lives as these games don't come round that often”***

the game is being beamed throughout the world, even though it's going to be said that it is Manchester United playing that little club in Somerset (only joking!) but it is an opportunity for reputations to go sky high.

So enjoy today's game and hopefully the lads will put on a performance befitting the occasion.

Have a safe journey home.

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# LIVING THE DREAM

>> CHRIS SPITTLES TALKS TO CAPTAIN JOE EDWARDS ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF FACING THE TEAM HE'S SUPPORTED SINCE BEING A BOY – MANCHESTER UNITED

**G** lovers midfielder Joe Edwards has had more reason than most to look forward to today's game.

As a lifelong Manchester United fan, a Red Devils shirt was always his most eagerly-awaited present on his birthday or at Christmas.

A series of jerseys with number 7 or number 11 on the back were proudly worn by the 24-year-old and his brother Harry as they grew up near Gloucester. And Edwards' mum Anna still has her son's shirt collection at the family home - a collection which will soon have a significant new addition.

The midfielder said: "It was always United for me and the whole family supports them, although no-one's actually from Manchester.

"My mum's family all support United and my dad grew up in North Wales which is a real United stronghold and he's always supported them.

"They were both big fans of George Best, he was their favourite player, and it just followed that me, my brother and my sisters started following United as well.

"Every Christmas and birthday I asked for a United shirt and I ended up with



>> Joe will be hoping to get the shirt of one of Manchester United's star players

quite a few of them, which are in a box somewhere at my parents' house.

"At the start I got shirts with a number 7 on because of David Beckham, although I had '7' and Edwards on it instead.

"Then when Beckham left, I got a few shirts with 'Giggs' and '11' on the back instead. Some of them were quite big and baggy, so they probably still fit me now!

"It's crazy to think that I'll be playing against United on Sunday and probably get an actual shirt from one of the players rather than a replica one.

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>> **EDWARDS  
FACTFILE**

**Full name:**

Joseph Robert Edwards

**Date of birth:** October 13, 1990 (age 24)

**Place of birth:**

Gloucester, England

**Position:** Midfielder

**Twitter:** Joeedwards10

**Squad Number:** 4

**Senior career:**

**BRISTOL CITY**

(2010-2013)

**BATH CITY**

(Loan - 2010)

**STOCKPORT COUNTY**

(Loan - 2011-2012)

**YEovil TOWN**

(Loan - 2012)

**YEovil TOWN**

(2013-Present)



>> Joe in action for the Glovers

“The gaffer’s made it clear that we’ve got to be professional and wait until after the game for any shirt swapping, although I don’t think any of us would do anything stupid like swapping at half-time anyway.

“And whichever shirt I get certainly won’t end up in the box with all the others, that’ll be framed and put up at home with my Wembley Yeovil shirt.”

Edwards was so determined to wear his United gear as a youngster that he even jettisoned the shirt of the club he signed for aged seven, despite them being Premier League rivals.

He explained: “When I was really young I signed for Aston Villa and I ended up being there for a few years.

“When I first went there they gave me a Villa shirt to wear but when I came home I told my mum that I didn’t want it and

**“When the Class of 92 film came out I realised just what a talented player he was”**



put on my United one instead.”

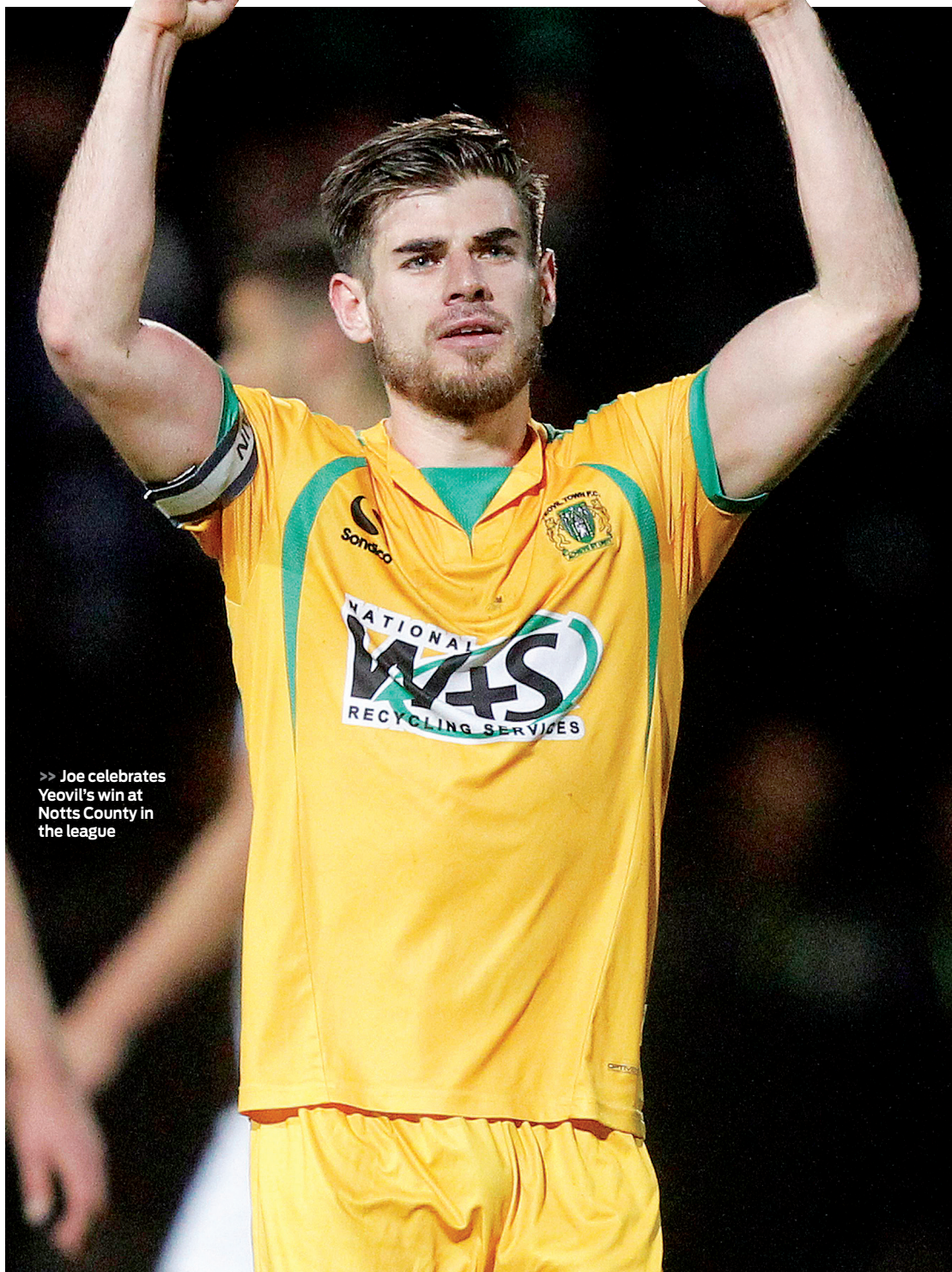
Edwards stayed with Villa until he was 11, when he linked up with Bristol City, where he would first encounter Gary Johnson. And it was while at City that he linked up with a member of United’s famous ‘Class of 92’, which produced the likes of Beckham, Giggs, Scholes and Gary Neville.

Edwards recalled: “Although I’d been a United fan, I’d never really met any of their players. I played against their youth team for Villa but that was it and I couldn’t tell you who was in their side.

“Then when I joined City, I was coached by a guy called Raphael Burke, *pictured*, who was part of the Class of 92.

“At first he didn’t speak about it too much and I probably didn’t realise the significance of what he was saying,

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>> Joe celebrates Yeovil's win at Notts County in the league

but as I got to know him more I was fascinated by what he had to say.

"He really was a part of that great team and he knew all the star names that I'd grown up supporting and idolising.

"Then when the *Class of 92* film came out I realised just what a talented player he was - the others said he had the most natural ability and skill of them all, which is saying something in a team which contained Beckham and Giggs."

Edwards' family will all be at today's game to cheer him on - and are under orders to keep their United loyalties in check. But his father Kevin has had to agree to face his phobia in order to watch his son at Huish Park today.

The family were all due to embark on a skiing holiday on Friday, travelling to the resort by train. But they've been forced to re-arrange the trip and will instead travel tomorrow - which means Kevin boarding a plane for the first time in 40 years.

Edwards said: "It was really important for me to have all the family here watching me and of course they were all determined not to miss it.

"I had lots of people contact me asking for tickets but my focus was making sure all the family were able to come.

"They have all been fantastic to me, particularly my mum and dad who gave up so much when I was younger to make sure I could always get to training and to matches.

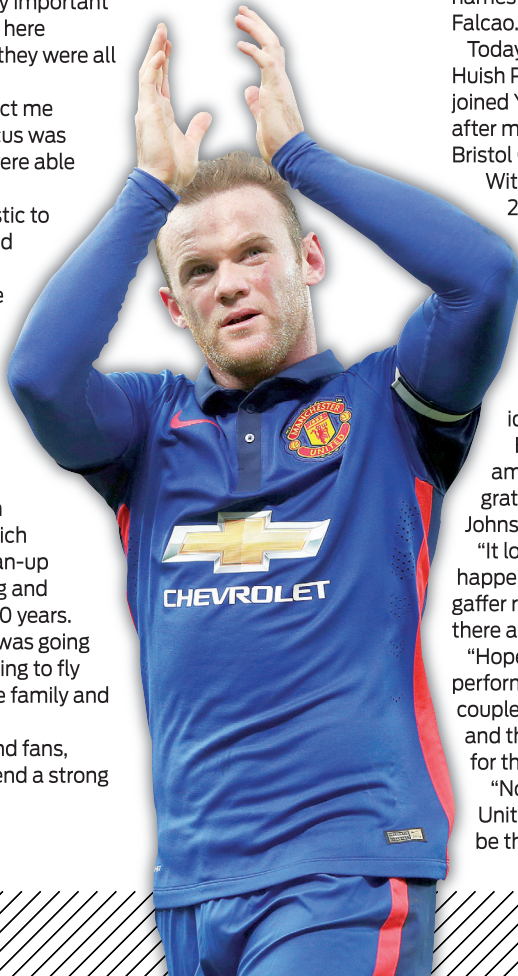
"The only problem was that they were all due to go on a skiing trip and were booked to travel before the game.

"Instead of taking the train they're now having to fly which means my dad having to man-up because he's scared of flying and hasn't been on a plane for 40 years.

"But there was no way he was going to miss this game so he's going to fly out there with the rest of the family and conquer his phobia."

Like most Yeovil players and fans, Edwards is hoping United send a strong

***"I personally really hope Rooney plays. As captain to lead the teams out with him would be fantastic and then if he plays in midfield to get the chance to play against him would be brilliant"***



squad to Huish Park today - and as a central midfielder he's hoping to face United and England captain Wayne Rooney.

With Rooney being deployed in midfield rather than his more accustomed striking role in recent games, Edwards could find himself in direct opposition to one of football's biggest stars.

He said: "I think as the game has got closer that's what we've all started to realise - that we could be up against some of the best players in the world.

"I personally really hope Rooney plays. As captain to lead the teams out with him would be fantastic and then if he plays in midfield to get the chance to play against him would be brilliant.

"We all want them to send their strongest team and if they do that then it's not just Rooney - they've got world class players all over the team and big names like Di Maria, Van Persie and Falcao."

Today's game continues a remarkable Huish Park career for Edwards, who joined Yeovil permanently two years ago after making just two league starts for Bristol City.

Within six months of his arrival, the 24-year-old was running out at Wembley for the League One play-off final.

Victory against Brentford meant his first full season with the club was spent in the Championship, and now he gets the chance to face his boyhood idols.

Edwards said: "It's been an amazing couple of years and I'm grateful to the club and to Gary Johnson for giving me my chance here.

"It looked like it wasn't going to happen for me at Bristol City, but the gaffer remembered me from his time there and took a chance on me.

"Hopefully I've repaid his faith with my performances and we've had a brilliant couple of seasons with the promotion and then playing in the Championship for the first time.

"Now we're playing Manchester United at Huish Park which could even be the biggest game of all."

>> Manchester United captain Wayne Rooney



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# WE'VE MET BEFORE

>> MARTIN McCONACHIE LOOKS BACK AT YEOVIL'S PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS WITH MANCHESTER UNITED

>> MATCH STATS

FA Cup Third Round  
Old Trafford  
Attendance: 49,004



**MAN UTD** 3  
Baird, Bamford, Pearson



**YEOVIL & P** 0

>> SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1938

Three second half goals saw then-Second Division giants Manchester United safely through to the FA Cup Fourth Round at the expense of Yeovil Town in a Third Round encounter in 1938.

The plucky Glovers held out against Walter Crickmer's side for an hour before United then found another gear and scored three times in 20

minutes through Harry Baird, Thomas Bamford and Stan Pearson.

Yeovil had chartered a special train for 300 of their supporters that left the Somerset station at 6.20am and their numbers swelled the attendance to more than 49,000, the second highest crowd of the day.



The Glovers were managed for the final time by David

Halliday, *pictured*, who had agreed a deal to take over at Aberdeen but stayed until the FA Cup run ended.

Town were gallant opponents but the class told in the end and the club had to be satisfied with a cheque for £1,283, their share of the match receipts of £3,035.

In the national press, the *Daily Mail* commended their display, pronouncing "Yeovil, a team of 11 fearless triers, played good combined football."

The Glovers ended the 1938-39 season in fourth spot in the Southern League and reached the final of the Southern League Cup, losing to Colchester United over two legs.

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>> A complimentary ticket that was given by Manchester United FC to a group of Yeovil Town supporters who cycled to Old Trafford for the game





>> Yeovil's mascot Rex Rainey leads the Glovers out at Maine Road



>> Stan Hall's mistake gifts United the lead



>> Blake makes it four



>> Jack Rowley, far left, fires home his and United's second goal



## >> **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1949**

### >> **MATCH STATS**

**FA Cup Fifth Round  
Maine Road**

**Attendance:** 81,565



**MAN UTD 8**

Rowley 6, 12, 22,  
65, 88, Burke 44, 47,  
Mitten 72



**YEovil TN 0**

United ended Yeovil Town's brave and memorable 1948-49 FA Cup run with a professional 8-0 victory at Maine Road.

Jack Rowley led the way with a superb individual display that saw five goals, there was a quickfire double from Ronnie Burke and Charlie Mitten also scored as the Glovers were despatched ruthlessly from the Fifth Round of the world's most famous football cup competition.

Matt Busby's side had struggled past Bradford Park Avenue in the previous round while Alec Stock's Yeovil created history by defeating top flight opposition in Sunderland at Huish.

More than 6,000 Yeovil fans travelled to Maine Road, half of them going on one of six special trains chartered by the club.

Yeovil had actually had the temerity to force a corner inside the first 30 seconds which came to nothing but

it stung United into action and by the midway point of the first half, Rowley had completed a hat-trick.

In addition, Yeovil keeper Stan Hall received a stud injury to his stomach and played the final 70 minutes in pain from the wound.

If the game wasn't over already, it soon was when Burke scored either side of half time to make the score 5-0. Rowley, one of seven full internationals in the starting line up, then added his final two goals either side of a goal from Mitten as the Glovers were taught a harsh lesson by their illustrious opposition.

History had been created again though as the massive attendance of 81,565 (with thousands more locked outside) was the biggest attendance to see a Non-League team and the largest to see an FA Cup match excluding finals.



Some of the Yeovil fans who made the long trip to Manchester to see the Glovers play at Maine Road



>> Yeovil's Eric Bryant, left, goes close with a header in the opening stages



>> Jubilant Yeovil fans by the Victoria monument in Piccadilly, Manchester

>> **SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010**

**Benefit Match  
Huish Park**

**Attendance: 6,664**



**YEovil TN 3**  
Kalala 47, S Williams 49, Virgo 51



**MAN UTD XI 2**  
Possebon 36, Brady 77

A remarkable start to the second half was the feature of a 3-2 win for Yeovil Town over a Manchester United XI for Darren Way's benefit match.

Trailing 1-0 at half time, the Glovers struck three times inside five minutes before United pulled a goal back. But the highlight of the match was an appearance from Way himself, coming on as a last minute sub for an emotional reappearance in a Yeovil Town shirt.

United took the lead on 36 minutes with a shot from Rodrigo Possebon. After the break, Yeovil roared into action with Congolese midfielder Jean-Paul Kalala striking a brilliant equaliser before Sam Williams put Yeovil ahead with a goal from close range.

Williams then turned provider, crossing for trialist Adam Virgo to head home. Yeovil then made seven changes with a quarter of an hour to go and Robbie Brady shooting home straight after.

The biggest cheers of the day came right on time; after manager Terry Skiverton came on for a three minute cameo, Darren Way replaced Nathan Jones right on full time, his first game time since his terrible accident 18 months beforehand.



>> A cartoon used in the national press to showcase Yeovil's FA Cup giant-killing exploits. Inset: The programme for the game



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# JED STEER

>> VIEWS OF THE GLOVERS KEEPER

**F**irstly, I'd like to say how pleased I am to step in for our skipper Joe Edwards who appears elsewhere in today's souvenir edition of *Green&White*.

Like most of the boys, today's game is without doubt the biggest of my career to date. Playing in the FA Cup and League Cup for Aston Villa and making my debut for Norwich were big games, but to start against Manchester United will definitely be my biggest game yet.

People often ask me what it is like to be on loan and playing in a big game like this. Well for me it's quite easy because the team I play for is the team I support, and in this case it's definitely Yeovil Town and Aston Villa.

Since I arrived at Yeovil things couldn't have gone much better really but I have to mention the lads in front of me. Steve (Arthurworrey) and Jordan (Clarke) arrived around the same time as I did and we have formed a good partnership.

Clean sheets are great and I have been lucky enough to have a few since I came, but we have to start winning games as well as that's the most important thing.

I have been asked how I approach a day like today. On the day of the game I will probably get up somewhere between 8.30am-9.00am and then have some breakfast and have a chilled morning.

I share a house with Tom Eaves and I expect we will watch a few videos of United and Yeovil, but above all else just remain calm and focused.

However, I suspect the adrenalin will have kicked in the night before as you savour the thought of walking out onto the Huish Park pitch against some of the greatest players in the world.

People ask me if I dare to dream. Well yes I dare to dream, of course I do, and you have to or there is not much point in turning out.

United slipped up against MK Dons in the Capital One Cup and they are the



>> Jed in action for Aston Villa during a Capital One Cup clash with Rotherham

***“Playing in the FA Cup and League Cup for Aston Villa and making my debut for Norwich were big games, but to start against Manchester United will definitely be my biggest game yet”***

same league as us, albeit slightly higher, so why can't we win?

It's still only 11 against 11 and I know all the lads will be dreaming and going for it.

We are not expected to win so we can go out there and express ourselves and feel under no pressure.

The atmosphere will be fantastic I'm sure with a full house Huish Park crowd willing us to win, we will be giving it our best shot I know.

Playing in front of a big crowd does definitely give you a huge lift and it's true what they say about the crowd being your 12th man.

Being a goalkeeper always puts you in the limelight and mistakes show up, but although it's a lonely position you have to be totally focused and not worry about making a mistake.

I have to be organised, and yes I am a bit of a shouter, but that helps to keep me focused on the game.

But it's a great opportunity for us all and I hope the supporters will enjoy the match as much as we the players will do.

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>> **LYNCH  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Right back  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
(2001-2004)  
**A:** 1 **G:** 0  
**YEovil TOWN**  
(2006-2008)  
**A:** 38 **G:** 0



>> **MARK LYNCH**

A full back by trade, Lynch was a junior with United and went out on loan to St Johnstone in 2001-02. He played just one first team match for the Old Trafford side and made quite an impact, but not a good one, scoring an own goal in a 2-0 defeat at Deportivo La Coruna in March 2003. During his six years with the club, he also captained the reserve side for two seasons from 2002-04.

After spending a year each with Sunderland and Hull City (winning the Championship with the former), he then came down south and signed for Yeovil

Town in August 2006, staying for two seasons and making 38 appearances without scoring. The defender was a sub in the 2007 play-off final against Blackpool at Wembley, coming on for Andy Lindegaard with 13 minutes remaining.

In the summer of 2008, he left Huish Park for Rotherham United where he again played 38 games over two seasons before joining Stockport County and then dropping into Non-League football where Altrincham was his next destination. Mark, now 33, runs a personal training business in the north west area.



>> **POOLE  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Winger  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
(2003-2005)  
**A:** 0 **G:** 0  
**YEovil TOWN**  
(2005-2007)  
**A:** 29 **G:** 2



>> **DAVID POOLE**

Manchester-born Poole, an exciting winger, was a product of the United youth academy and was at Old Trafford for seven years, signing a professional contract at 19 and winning an FA Youth Cup and a Reserve League title. In addition, he represented England at three age group levels, Under-15, 16 and 17.

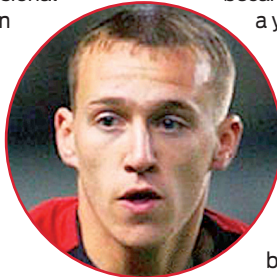
He left the Premiership club in 2005 after they restructured their youth and reserve set-up. Yeovil Town was his first port of call, signing in August 2005, where he made 25 appearances, scoring twice including a third minute goal in the home derby draw

with Bristol City, his highlight at the club.

Early on in his second season, he went on loan at Stockport in a move that later became permanent but after a year, he joined Darlington before returning for a second spell at Edgeley Park. He has played the rest of his career in the north west with Droylsden and Hyde.

In 2008, he married former Fame Academy runner-up Carolyne Good but the couple split after three years. Now 30, he is now involved in the fitness industry, advising professional sports people.

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>> **ROSE  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Left back  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
 (2000-2001)  
**A: 0 G: 0**  
**YEovil TOWN**  
 (2004-2006)  
**A: 48 G: 1**



>> **MICHAEL ROSE**

Born in Salford, Michael Rose was a trainee at Manchester United but was released before he made a first team appearance.

After a season at Chester City, he then spent two years at Hereford United where his accomplished displays at left back earned him a place in the England semi-professional team.

In May 2004, Yeovil Town manager Gary Johnson signed Rose and the defender became an integral part of the side that won League Two in 2004-05.

He played 47 times, scoring once in the game against Mansfield and was named in the PFA League Two Team of the Year for that season.

But after the Glovers' promotion, the following season saw Rose firstly go out on loan to Cheltenham Town before then



joining Scunthorpe United after one final appearance for the Glovers.

Four years at Stockport County then followed including four months on loan at Norwich City in 2009-10; he later went on to play for Swindon Town and Colchester United before signing for Rochdale on Valentine's Day 2014.

Yeovil Town fans will have seen him recently, having played at Yeovil in October 2014.

At the age of 32, he is still performing well at League One level, is a renowned dead ball specialist and should pass 500 career appearances at some point this season.

His contract with Rochdale was extended in the summer, taking him through to the summer of 2016.

His goalscoring shows no sign of slowing down with 34 career goals to his name already for 11 different clubs.

>> **JONES  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Midfielder  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
 (2005-2008)  
**A: 5 G: 0**  
**YEovil TOWN**  
 (2007)  
**A: 11 G: 0**



>> **RITCHIE JONES**

Ritchie Jones had a genuine pedigree at Old Trafford, having joined the MUFC academy when he was nine and not leaving the Red Devils till he was 21, twelve years on. During that time, he was initially an important part of the youth and reserve teams, winning eight trophies.

He made his full United debut in October 2005 in a Carling Cup clash with Barnet and had three more cup outings that season against West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City and Burton Albion and one against Crewe Alexandra the following campaign.

Three month loan deals followed at Barnsley and Colchester United before Russell Slade put pen to paper in August 2007 to borrow the midfielder for a period that eventually lasted five months.

Enigmatic at times, Jones played 11 times before returning to United where he was released in the summer of 2008; he then joined Hartlepool United for two years, playing 78 times.

Since then, 6'2" Jones had plied his trade in the north of England turning out for Oldham Athletic,

Bradford City, Rochdale and Grimsby Town but a year ago, his career took a new twist when he signed for NASL side FC Edmonton, based in Canada. He has played 25 times for the second tier side and has Tomi Ameobi, brother of Newcastle brothers Shola and Sammy, as a team mate.



While at Old Trafford, Jones played 34 times for the England age groups from Under-16s to Under-20s, scoring six times. In English club football, Jones has totalled 194 appearances for his nine clubs, adding ten goals.

>> **STEWART  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Winger  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
 (2009-2011)  
**A: 0 G: 0**  
**YEovil TOWN**  
 (2010)  
**A: 6 G: 0**



>> **CAMERON STEWART**

A local lad, Stewart signed as a trainee at Old Trafford when he was 16 and within two years, had worked his way through the youth and reserve teams to the fringe of the first team. So much so that in December 2009, the then 18-year-old made the bench for the Champions League away tie in Wolfsburg.

It was his only glimpse of the first team matchday experience and the following summer, the attacker arrived here in Somerset on a six month loan deal, signed by Yeovil Town manager Terry Skiverton.

His first senior appearance came in the season opener against Leyton Orient but a niggling injury meant he returned to United earlier than expected in the autumn.

He went back out on loan to Championship side Hull City when he

regained fitness and signed a permanent deal in the summer of 2011, staying at the KC Stadium for more than three years.

His time was punctuated with four more loan spells at Burnley, Blackburn Rovers, Charlton Athletic and Leeds

United with the last of these agreeing to sign him in the summer.

However, the constant upheaval amidst changes of ownership and management meant the deal fell through and instead, Stewart teamed up with Mick McCarthy at promotion chasing Ipswich

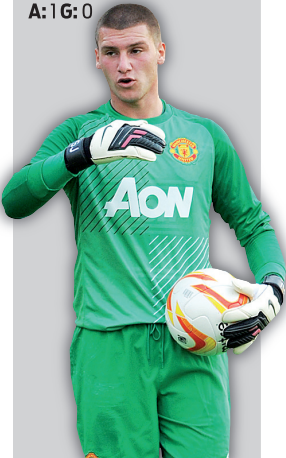
Town, signing a three year contract.

The 23-year-old broke his jaw in a friendly against Leyton Orient and then suffered a knee injury; he has yet to make a start for the Tractor Boys though but passed his century of senior games last season.



>> **JOHNSTONE  
FACTFILE**

**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
 (2011-Present)  
**A: 0 G: 0**  
**YEovil TOWN**  
 (2013)  
**A: 1 G: 0**



>> **SAM JOHNSTONE**

The goalkeeper joined United's academy when he was just ten years old and was the number one stopper at that level there in season 2010-11.

Still a United player to this day, Johnstone's career has seen a series of loan deals which have provided him with first team football and the chance to continue a blossoming youth international career with England.

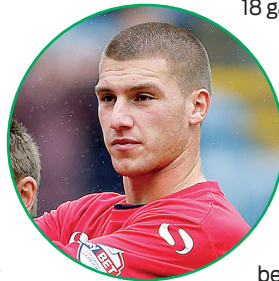
Although he had a brief sojourn to Oldham Athletic, his first senior appearance came at Scunthorpe United and he followed up with another dozen in that season, 2011-12, including one against Yeovil.

The next season saw a seven game loan at Walsall (and faced Yeovil again) before he finally pulled on a Yeovil jersey in the away Championship clash with Burnley last season.

The Glovers lost 2-0 and afterwards, it was revealed that the keeper had injured his finger in the pre-match warm up so he returned to Old Trafford for treatment. It took another six months before he played again, this time at Doncaster Rovers where he finished off the season with 18 games.

This campaign saw 21-year-old Johnstone initially feature in Louis van Gaal's first team plans, playing in the pre-season friendly against Italian side Roma in the United States. But after suffering an elbow injury, he slipped behind Ben Amos and Anders Lindegaard in the pecking order.

Joining League One side Doncaster Rovers on loan until January, he has played another 12 games with his 50th senior appearance coming on Boxing Day at home to Coventry City.



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## >> TOM LAWRENCE

Among the few footballers to have played for both of today's teams, Tom Lawrence has a unique slant on the tie. He played for both sides last season, but despite this, the 20-year-old attacker has no doubts which team he will be cheering on.

"I've been a Manchester United fan since I was born," Lawrence confesses. "Having spent 12 years with them, I'll be hoping they can go and get a result today." Honest words then from the man who clocked up 19 appearances for the Glovers last season but was then recalled by United before Yeovil's final match.

His season though ended in a fantastic high as he made his United bow in their penultimate game of the campaign, a 3-1 win over Hull City at Old Trafford. Lawrence continues: "I'd been at the club since joining them at eight years old and being a winger from Wales, Ryan Giggs was my hero. So to be picked by him and then to be substituted with him coming on for me was a special moment."

It capped a real breakthrough season for the Wrexham-born star who had progressed through the youth system at United after joining them at age eight. Having played his way through to the brink of the first team, he found the likes of Federico Macheda in front of him, limiting his opportunities. So at the start of last season, the decision was made to loan him out to Carlisle United.

Three goals in 11 games was a good return and helped his development, so much so that United reserve boss Warren Joyce suggested another move. "He said about going out on loan to Yeovil as it would get me games at a decent level though I didn't know much about Yeovil or anyone there," revealed Lawrence.

In his time here at Huish Park, Lawrence impressed those who watched his exciting runs and attacking nous. Goals followed too with the winner at Blackpool and an equaliser against Huddersfield Town.

It was, therefore, a sad day for Glovers fans when interim United boss Giggs recalled him before Yeovil's final league game of the season. He did it



### >> LAWRENCE FACTFILE

**Position:** Winger  
**YTFC/MUFC Career Stats:**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
(2013-2014)  
**A: 1 G: 0**  
**YEovil TOWN**  
(2014)  
**A: 19 G: 2**

with something in mind though.

Lawrence said: "I'd gone back to play on the Friday night for the reserves at Liverpool then came back down for the Middlesbrough match. Back home on the Monday, I trained with the first team and I was included in the shape drills for the game so I thought I'd be in the squad. Then I found out I was starting and it was a dream come true."

His 70 minutes in front of 75,000 at Old Trafford before being replaced by Giggs will stay with him forever. For the moment, it seems to be his last chance of action in a United first team shirt but not necessarily in the Premier League.

Lawrence showed his ambition and acceptance of change by signing a three



>> Lawrence scores for the Glovers against Blackpool in the 2-1 win at Bloomfield Road last season



>> Ryan Giggs comes on to replace Lawrence during his one appearance for Manchester United last season

year contract with Premier League new boys Leicester City before then going out on loan once more, this time with second tier side Rotherham United and netting a fortnight ago at Wigan.

"I hope to come out and play some more games this season," added Lawrence. "At Yeovil, I enjoyed it because I was playing regularly at Championship level which is what I really wanted to do."

So will he have an eye on today's big clash between two of the sides he represented last season? "Oh yes. I'm not sure what side Louis van Gaal will put out but I think it will be a mixture of the first team lads and the youngsters."

And as Lawrence has shown, the youngsters up there can be pretty special.





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# MARTIN McCONACHIE

>> VIEW FROM THE TERRACE

**F**irst of all, can I wish all the readers of *Green & White* a very Happy New Year and that 2015 brings you all health and happiness.

Well, it is certainly starting in spectacular fashion with this FA Cup Third Round tie against the biggest club side in the world, Manchester United. I remember the day the draw was made, jiggling around my front room with excitement, only slightly tempered by the fact we still had to get past Accrington Stanley in a replay first.

That in turn reminded me of a decade earlier when we were paired with Liverpool at Huish Park, a game we would ultimately lose 2-0 after a brave fight.

Having never been a fan of a 'big club', I have had to make do with the odd scrap from the top flight table over my time as a Glovers nut (44 years next weekend, since you ask!). As I've mentioned numerous times before, my first Yeovil game was the one immediately after a big FA Cup tie and despite what some of you think, it wasn't the Sunderland game! It was the match after the Arsenal 1971 FA Cup game but since then, matches against top flight teams haven't been that regular.

My first real experience was when Norwich City came to Huish in 1980. In their ranks, they had the likes of Martin Peters, Justin Fashanu and Kevin Bond and won 3-0 despite the best efforts of Malcolm Gold. Malcolm came from the next village to me and his display that day was outstanding despite sustaining an injury to his knee.

Next up in the memory bank is Queens Park Rangers in 1988. I barely remember this game except that there was never three goals between the sides, the scoreline not reflecting our display that day.

I can however recall most things about



>> The Yeovil fans gather outside the Liverpool team coach during the Glovers' last big FA Cup tie at Huish Park in 2004

the 3-1 defeat to Arsenal in 1993 and, before that, the epic replay win over Hereford in the second round replay. Should I live to be a hundred, that night will stay with me in crystal clear high definition surround sound quality. The knowledge of Arsenal waiting for us was similar to the Accrington game; although this year's tie was exciting, it fell short of the 1992-93 drama.

As I write this, it's freezing cold outside and I can't help thinking of Liverpool in 2003-04. The ticket stubs shaking in my hands as I queued for 12 hours for my Liverpool tickets; I swear I have never been as tired as when the ticket office opened in the morning. It's a wonder I wasn't a dribbling, incoherent mess (don't go there, please!).

And so to today and the visit of Manchester United. For all of us here at Huish Park, either working, supporting or playing, I hope today will bring you many memories of what is the greatest football club competition in the world.

***"I remember the day the draw was made, jiggling around my front room with excitement, only slightly tempered by the fact we still had to get past Accrington Stanley in a replay first"***



>> Nick Crittenden tries to escape the attentions of Liverpool's El Hadji Diouf during Yeovil's 2004 Third Round clash with the Reds

# YEOVIL'S THIRD ROUND ADVENTURES



>> **STEVE SOWDEN LOOKS BACK AT YEOVIL TOWN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE FA CUP THIRD ROUND AND REMEMBERS THOSE SPECIAL DAYS IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY**

**W**rapped-up warm against the cold January air an eight-year-old boy, wearing a green and white woolly hat

and scarf, clutched his step-father's hand tightly as they shuffled over the pedestrian bridge above the Queensway dual-carriageway in Yeovil.

The grip on the hand tightened as the boy was concerned he may get swept away in a tide of people with the bridge packed with bodies all walking towards the ground.

It was this boy's first ever trip to the sloping pitch of Huish, home of Yeovil Town FC, although he had made that same walk on many occasions before as he was a pupil at Huish Primary School which stood opposite the ground.

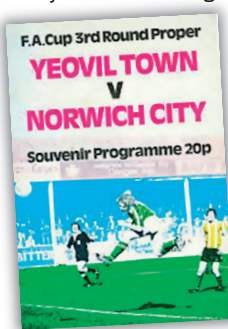
It was January 5, 1980, and Yeovil Town, then of the Alliance Premier League, were

playing host to Norwich City, of the old First Division, in the FA Cup Third Round.

Once inside the ground he was instantly addicted to the excitement and atmosphere of live football and his love affair with Yeovil Town began. Although Yeovil lost that day by a 3-0 scoreline to Norwich – with a team boasting England 1966 World Cup winner Martin Peters and a young striker called Justin Fashanu – the eight-year-old lad was gripped.

That eight-year-old lad was me and now 35 years on that same excitement is still there as Yeovil prepare to do battle with Manchester United at Huish Park in the Third Round of the FA Cup. Although my love affair with the Glovers has wavered on occasions like all relationships over the years, there is nothing like the FA Cup to rekindle that deep affection for the club.

Yeovil, the most feared of all FA Cup giant-killers, love nothing more than a cup run to get the town buzzing. And although victory over today's visitors could be akin to something from the



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>> **YEovil'S THIRD ROUND TIES**

>> <b>JANUARY 12, 1935</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>LIVERPOOL</b>	<b>6</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 8, 1938</b>	
<b>MANCHESTER UTD</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 7, 1939</b>	
<b>SHEFFIELD WEDS</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
>> <b>REPLAY, JANUARY 12</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SHEFFIELD WEDS</b>	<b>1</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 8, 1949</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>0</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 7, 1950</b>	
<b>CHESTERFIELD</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 4, 1958</b>	
<b>FULHAM</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 4, 1964</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BURY</b>	<b>2</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 2, 1971</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ARSENAL</b>	<b>3</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 5, 1980</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NORWICH CITY</b>	<b>3</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 9, 1988</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>QPR</b>	<b>3</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 2, 1993</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ARSENAL</b>	<b>3</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 2, 1999</b>	
<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
>> <b>REPLAY, JANUARY 12</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	<b>2</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 6, 2001</b>	
<b>BOLTON WANDERERS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>1</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 4, 2004</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LIVERPOOL</b>	<b>2</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 8, 2005</b>	
<b>ROTHERHAM UNITED</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>3</b>
>> <b>JANUARY 4, 2014</b>	
<b>YEovil TOWN</b>	<b>4</b>
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realms of Roy of the Rovers, there is nothing wrong with a bit of romantic dreaming and the traditional after-match inquest of "ifs, buts and maybes."

Even now I still have memories of the Norwich game and then eight years later in 1988 when Yeovil gave Queens Park Rangers a good test in the Third Round before running out of steam and going down to a 3-0 defeat at Huish. But victories over Weymouth and Cambridge United in the earlier rounds are still up there in my 'favourite games' list.

By the time Yeovil's next venture into the Third Round came around in 1993, the Glovers were now at Huish Park and they welcomed Arsenal. An Ian Wright hat-trick put paid to any giant-killing thoughts although Yeovil got on the scoresheet thanks to a Paul Batty penalty in a 3-1 defeat. But the game saved the club – deep in financial turmoil – from going out of business.

Next up were Cardiff City and a rain-soaked day in South Wales in 1999 which ended in a 1-1 draw before the Glovers went down in a dramatic 2-1 replay defeat back at Huish Park.

By then I was working for a local newspaper, the *Yeovil Express*, and covering the Glovers was a boyhood dream come true.

I was never one for remaining unbiased in my reports or during my stints in the press box I struggled at being a silent neutral observer – something which came to the fore at Bolton Wanderers' Reebok Stadium in the Third Round of the FA Cup in 2001. Yeovil, still then in the Nationwide Conference, were drawing 1-1 with their more illustrious counterparts and heading for a replay, only for Bolton to hit a late, late winner through Michael Ricketts.

I threw my pen down on my notebook in disgust high up in the press box in the stadium rafters; the pen bounced off and flew threw the air on to fans sat below. A fellow journalist sat next to me said: "I'm guessing you are a Yeovil fan." My expression of disappointment confirmed his view.

There was also a feeling of huge disappointment in January 2004 when Yeovil went down 2-0 at Huish Park to



Liverpool in a Third Round tie. Fresh from recent successes in the FA Trophy and Nationwide Conference, it was Yeovil's first season in the Football League and I was predicting a giant-killing success. But sadly there was no fairytale on that occasion.

But Yeovil savoured Third Round joy the following season when goals from Phil Jevons, Darren Way and Andrejs Stolcers saw them to a comfortable 3-0 success at Rotherham United, before the Glovers went down to a 3-2 defeat at Charlton Athletic in the Fourth Round.

Yeovil's only entry into the cup at the Third Round stage came last season and they enjoyed an emphatic 4-0 win over Leyton Orient at Huish Park, but then lost 2-0 at Southampton in the next round.

>> **Kieffer Moore celebrates his goal in last season's Third Round win over Leyton Orient**



>> Warren Patmore celebrates giving Yeovil the lead in their 2001 Third Round clash with Bolton Wanderers



>> Yeovil are denied a late equaliser in the Third Round replay with Cardiff City in 1999



>> Arsenal's David Seaman punches clear in the Third Round clash with the Gunners in 1993



>> Some happy Yeovil fans before the Third Round tie with Liverpool in 2004



But where did Yeovil's romance with the FA Cup Third Round begin? The Glovers first reached the Third Round in 1935 when they suffered a 6-2 defeat at home to Liverpool and then in 1938 they lost 3-0 away at Manchester United.

The following season they drew 1-1 at Sheffield Wednesday before going down to a 2-1 defeat at home in the replay.

But it was the 1948-49 season in which Yeovil became synonymous with the FA Cup and a famous Fourth Round giant-killing 2-1 victory over Sunderland before losing out in the Fifth Round at Manchester United when they suffered an 8-0 defeat. But the Third Round saw Yeovil defeat Bury 3-1 at Huish with goals from Jack Hargreaves, Ray Wright and Bobby Hamilton.

The following season they reached the Third Round again and went down 3-1 away at Chesterfield, while in the 1957-58 campaign they lost 4-0 at Fulham.

The 1960s saw Yeovil reach the Third Round just once in 1964 where they lost 2-0 at home to Bury.

Two months before I was born in March 1971, Arsenal were the visitors to Huish in the Third Round where they gained a 3-0 win and put themselves on the way to a League & Cup Double.

Today's game will be Yeovil's 17th appearance in the FA Cup Third Round and what better way to start 2015 than victory over Manchester United. I know, I'm a dreamer and wearing green and white tinted glasses, but surely it's about time the Glovers gained some revenge for that 8-0 defeat back in 1949!?! Keep the Faith!



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# ADRIAN HOPPER

>> VIEWS OF THE MEDIA

**M**anchester United. How can two words engender such joy and passion yet hatred and jealousy at the same time?

Well I'm not qualified to answer that but I can put a personal slant on it.

My love affair with United started in 1957 when my dad used to listen to the football results on a Saturday and United were just getting the tag of *The Busby Babes*. Then the following year the Munich air disaster happened and the whole thing took off for me. Support became almost an obsession as I followed United's every move. Out of the dark days of Munich came success and more success as the mighty Red Devils went from one triumph to the next.

FA Cup finals were a regular occurrence with the victory over Leicester City in 1963 a particularly prominent moment especially as relegation had been a possibility that season.

And then in 1968 United won the European Cup with victory over Benfica in the final. A fitting tribute to manager Sir Matt Busby and the fallen Babes.

But it hasn't been all glory and another major watershed moment was when Denis Law, one of my early heroes, scored a back heel for rivals Manchester City to send United into Division Two.

From then on it was pretty much glory all the way first with Tommy Docherty's kids and then with Sir Alex Ferguson's 25 years of glory - Premier League titles, FA Cup victories, Champions League triumphs and finally being the team with the most domestic league titles.

You just can't give it up. It's part of your DNA. It's almost a disease. But hey, hold on a minute, I'm Head of Media for Yeovil Town FC now.

Thirteen years working for this football club has built up an equally unbreakable bond. To work for a football club is an incredible experience and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity.



>> Adrian with the FA Cup trophy at Old Trafford back in 1977

If United had glory and triumph then so have Yeovil Town in my time. An FA Trophy win at Villa Park, promotion to the Football League from Non-League after years of trying, promotion to League One, Wembley play-off finals - one good and one not so good - and finally Championship football, a level never achieved at this football club.

Add to that friendships with players past and present and nearly ten years of working with Gary Johnson. There's been plenty of joy and passion in there too.

And then on that Monday evening Alan Shearer pulls out ball number 25. Can this be true? Are Yeovil really going to be playing Manchester United at Huish Park?

Now what do I do? Who do I support? Both clubs have been a major part of my life since 1957. How do I separate a 57 year love affair from my job, my work mates, my friends in the dressing room and the gaffer?

It's one of those rare dilemmas, but in this case it's a win, win situation for me. No matter who secures victory I should be on a winner, but I think the ideal result will have to be a draw. It's probably the most diplomatic one too!

***“My love affair with United started in 1957 when my dad used to listen to the football results on a Saturday and United were just getting the tag of The Busby Babes”***



# FEEL THE FORCE!

>> ALEX O'LOUGHLIN TALKS TO FORMER YEovil LOANEE STEVEN CAULKER WHO REVEALS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FACE UNITED'S FEARSOME ATTACKING TALENT

**T**he mesmeric talents of Manchester United's attacking force is, for the majority of people, only enjoyed on *Match of the Day* and in the case of Yeovil fans during the agonising wait for the beginning of the *Football League Show*.

But whilst most in the stands will have based their knowledge on the Red Devils' attack on TV analysis and, in the case of the younger generation, *Football*



>> Caulker in action for his current club QPR

*Manager*, former Glovers loanee Steven Caulker, now an ever present with QPR in the Premier League, is perhaps better qualified to bestow the dangers which await Gary Johnson's men.

The 23-year-old, who spent the entirety of the 2009-10 season on loan at Huish Park, felt the full force of United at Old Trafford back in September, as goals from new boys Angel Di Maria and Ander Herrera added to strikes from Juan Mata and Wayne Rooney as Louis van Gaal recorded the first win of his reign.

Caulker had played twice previously against the red half of Manchester whilst at Cardiff, and in fact scored in the 2-2 draw last season at the Cardiff City Stadium, and the centre back cannot look past the importance of getting on the score sheet first having suffered the 4-0 defeat four months ago.

"A team with that much quality you know it's always going to be a backs against the wall job," admitted Caulker. "In games against teams like United I think it's important that you get the first goal and unfortunately we didn't, and once the first one went in it became an uphill battle."

"We were having to try and attack them which left gaps which left us exposed but on reflection if we could have nicked the first goal, I think it would have been a different game."



**"In games against teams like United I think it's important that you get the first goal and unfortunately we didn't, and once the first one went in it became an uphill battle"**

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>> United's Robin van Persie, bottom left, Wayne Rooney, bottom right, Radamel Falcao, top left, and Angel Di Maria



**We would like to congratulate everyone at Yeovil Town Football Club and wish them good luck against Manchester United.**

**We would also like to wish all our customers and staff best wishes for 2015 and good luck to Yeovil Town for the rest of the season in League One.**



Scoring first is a task easier said than done as soon as you mention the likes of Robin Van Persie, Rooney, Di Maria and Radamel Falcao, and their attacking attributes are plentiful and descriptive of their world class status, as Caulker describes.

"I'd say keeping Van Persie on his right foot is half the problem solved, but someone with his quality will always find half a yard; I think it's important to keep Van Persie with his back to the goal," revealed Caulker.

"As for Rooney he is a difficult one as a defender because he likes to drop into the hole, so it's a big ask for your holding midfielder. It creates a challenge because he is very good at picking up possession in the pockets and he wants to play on the blindside of the holding midfielder and just a few yards in front of the defence, so that's something where communication will have to be key.

"Di Maria is everything you'd expect him to be. He's good at dribbling the ball, quick, athletic, nice touch, wand of a left foot, so he's someone you have to mark closely. You really don't want to leave him with too much time on the ball because he will cause problems.

"With us (QPR) the game was put to bed quite quickly, so I'd say for Yeovil with the home support it will be ideal to make the ground rocking, make the pitch as small as possible and really get in their faces. I think that's going to be Yeovil's big opportunity against a good United team, but they are not as good as they have been in recent years."

The home faithful should be used to creating a good atmosphere, a trait which played a big part in Yeovil's promotion to the Championship during the 2012-13 campaign and perhaps more appropriately, 11 years ago when the Glovers hosted Liverpool in the FA Cup Third Round and pushed Gerard Houllier's side all the way.

On that day the team collective of Gary Johnson's side more than matched their Premier League opponents before a dubious penalty and late strike ended hopes of a replay, but a similar approach will be necessary according to Caulker if



>> Caulker in action for the Glovers during his loan spell in the 2009-10 season

yet another Yeovil Town FA Cup upset is to be recorded.

"I don't think when you play Manchester United you can rely on your goalkeeper and back four, I think it has to be a team performance and it starts from the closing down from defenders and midfielders tracking runners.

"The way they play no one is in one position all the time. They swap positions, swap wings and it's pretty flowing, similar to how Arsenal played for years. It will come down to concentration and a team effort, that will be the key part."

Caulker, who played 46 times for the Glovers during the 2009-10 season, certainly has fond memories of his days at Huish Park and wishes the green and whites well for their big day against United.

"I'd love to be back at Huish Park for the game," added Caulker. "The FA Cup is always full of upsets and this would be the perfect day for there to be one. It would be a great success for the club."

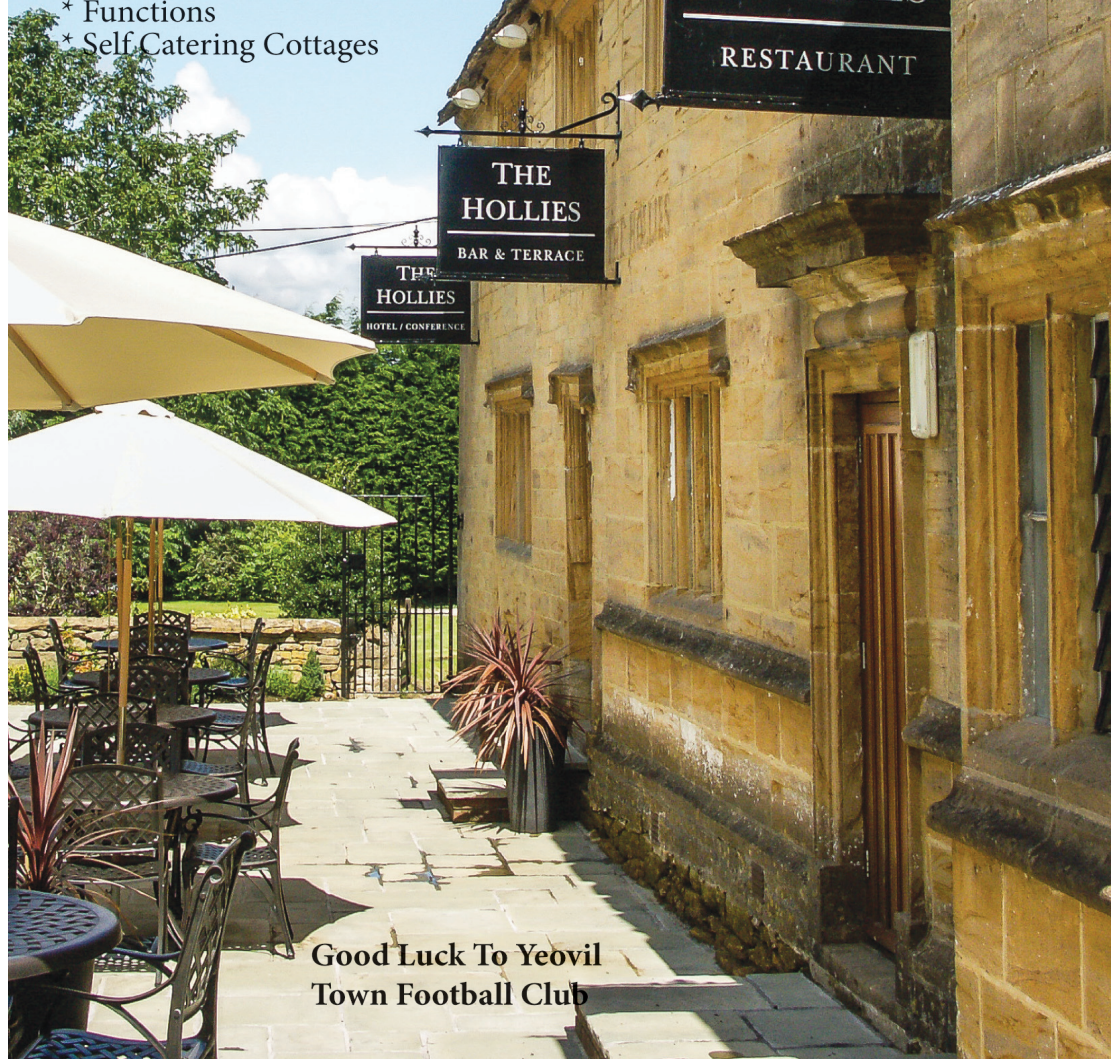
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# MORE CUP MAGIC IN SECOND ROUND

>> BY MARTIN McCONACHIE

**T**he Second Round of the FA Cup always throws up its fair share of drama due to the footballing giants entering the competition at the next stage and this year was no different.

Five Non-League teams reached the Third Round draw, one match will have to be replayed due to an ineligible player and a Non-League side suffered heartbreak after the longest penalty shootout in the competition's history.

For Yeovil Town, the biggest carrot of all was dangling as they hosted Accrington Stanley in their replay. Manchester United, 11 times winners of the FA Cup, would face whichever of the two clubs got through and it was the Somerset side who triumphed, but only just. Late goals from Simon Gillett and Kieffer Moore ensured a dream date with the Red Devils at home for the Glovers.

First round heroes Warrington Town, victors over Exeter City, fell at the next hurdle when they lost 2-0 at Gateshead. The north east side then became the first opposition for new Baggies head coach Tony Pulis at the Hawthorns yesterday.

Conference side Southport set up a mouth watering clash at Championship pace setters Derby County by beating big spending rivals Eastleigh 2-1 while famous giant-killers Blyth Spartans toppled local foes Hartlepool 2-1 with a 90th minute Jarrett Rivers wonder goal. Wrexham, who

>> **Simon Gillett celebrates scoring Yeovil's first goal in the replay win over Accrington Stanley**



>> **The Blyth Spartans players celebrate after defeating Hartlepool United**

beat Arsenal in the Third Round in 1994, had former Yeovil striker Andy Bishop to thank as his double gave them a 3-1 win over Maidstone United. Elsewhere, Conference team Dover Athletic beat League Two Cheltenham 1-0 and Bristol City squeezed past AFC Telford United with a goal from another ex-Yeovil front man, Kieran Agard.

Last Friday night saw the bizarre Second Round match between Milton Keynes Dons and Chesterfield being replayed. The Spireites won the original fixture 1-0 but fielded an ineligible player in the match, meaning that Scunthorpe United will have to wait to see who they'll face next Tuesday.

Scunthorpe are used to waiting though after their epic penalty shootout win over Non-League Worcester City. With the match poised at 1-1 after 120 minutes where there were an incredible 54 chances, the drama continued with a record 32 penalties taken to decide who would progress. In the end, Miguel Angel Llera slotted home the winning spot kick.

## >> FA CUP SECOND ROUND RESULTS

### >> SATURDAY, DEC 6

Accrington 1 Yeovil Town 1  
Bury 1 Luton 1  
Cambridge 2 Mansfield 2  
MK Dons 0 Chesterfield 1  
Oldham 0 Doncaster 1  
Oxford Utd 2 Tranmere 2  
Preston 1 Shrewsbury 0  
Sheff Utd 3 Plymouth 0  
Wrexham 3 Maidstone 1

### >> SUNDAY, DEC 7

Gateshead 2 Warrington 0  
Aldershot 0 Rochdale 0  
Barnsley 0 Chester 0  
Bradford 4 Dartford 1  
Bristol City 1 AFC Telford 0  
Cheltenham 0 Dover 1  
Scunthorpe 1 Worcester 1  
Southport 2 Eastleigh 1  
Wycombe 0 AFC Wimbledon 1  
Colchester 1 Peterborough 0

### >> TUESDAY, DEC 16

Chester 0 Barnsley 3  
Luton 1 Bury 0  
Mansfield 0 Cambridge 1  
Rochdale 4 Aldershot 1  
Tranmere 2 Oxford Utd 1  
Yeovil Town 2 Accrington 0

### >> WEDNESDAY, DEC 17

Worcester 1 Scunthorpe 1  
*Scunthorpe United win 14-13 on penalties*



**O**n occasions like today, where the little side takes on the big side, players and supporters can take heart from one clear fact. If it's happened before then it can happen again and one player with strong links to Manchester United has been a giant-killer himself.

Mickey Thomas was, and still is, one of football's most colourful characters. Born in North Wales, he played more than 250 times for Wrexham including one of the FA Cup's biggest giant-killing feats, knocking out league champions Arsenal at the Racecourse Ground. He then clocked up a century of appearances for United before enjoying a long and varied career including spells at Everton, Stoke City, Chelsea, Leeds United and West Bromwich Albion. Add in a half century of Welsh caps too and this guy did it all.

But here at Huish Park, we love a great story about FA Cup giant-killing so let's return to that fabled day in North Wales in January 1992 and FA Cup Third Round weekend.

"Arsenal were reigning league champions and were seventh in the old First Division," recalls Thomas. "Wrexham should have been thrown out of the Football League completely the year before but they stayed up by default (there was no relegation to the Conference that season) so the gulf between the clubs was massive.

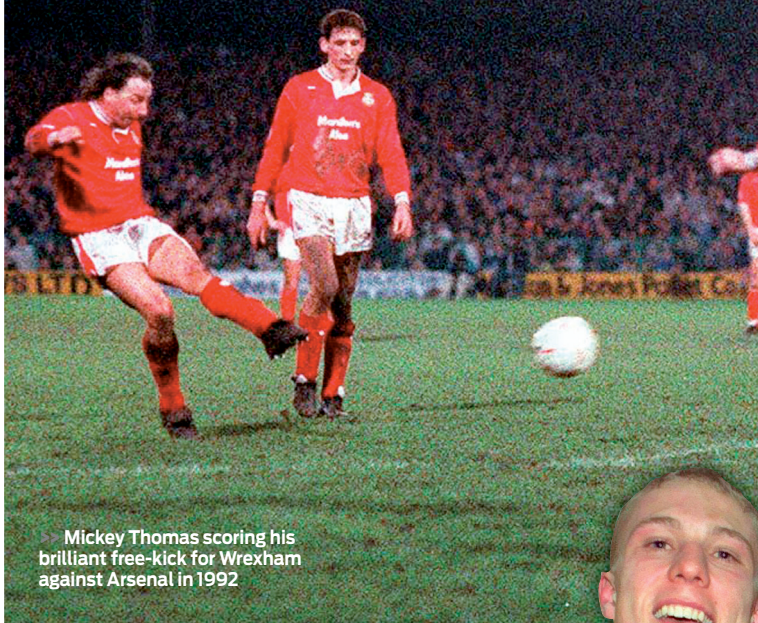
"I said to the manager Brian Flynn before the game 'Where is their one weakness?'; it was trying to bring a laugh to the dressing room because it was actually scary what we were going to face. No one with a sensible mind would say Wrexham would win that game."

Scary or not, there was no escape. Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, O'Leary, Adams, Merson, Smith and Rocastle awaited Wrexham and based on the first half, things were going as most had expected. The Gunners took a 43rd minute lead through Alan Smith having battered the Welshmen but in a way, a mere single goal lead gave their hosts a fillip which helped them later in the game. Step up Mickey Thomas with one of the all time great FA Cup goals.

With eight minutes left, a free kick was

# MIRACLES

>> **MARTIN McCONACHIE TALKS TO FORMER MANCHESTER UNITED WINGER MICKEY THOMAS WHO HAS FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO CAUSE AN FA CUP GIANT-KILLING AFTER FAMOUSLY HELPING WREXHAM DEFEAT ARSENAL IN 1992**

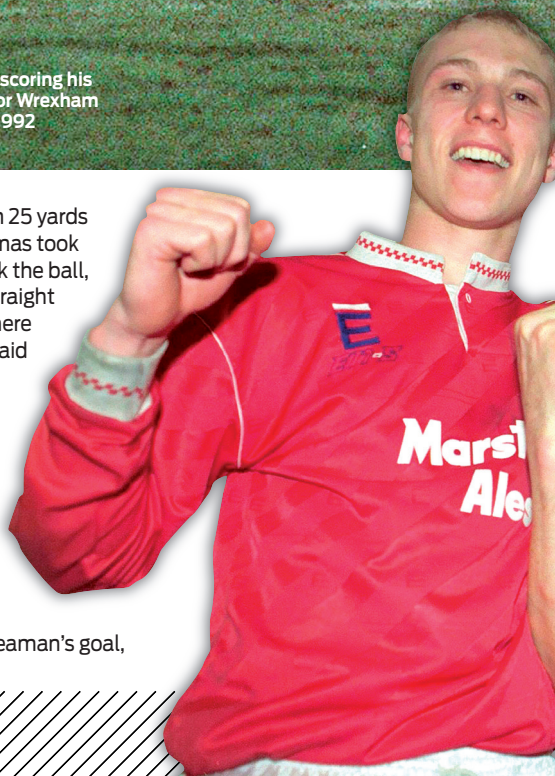


Mickey Thomas scoring his brilliant free-kick for Wrexham against Arsenal in 1992

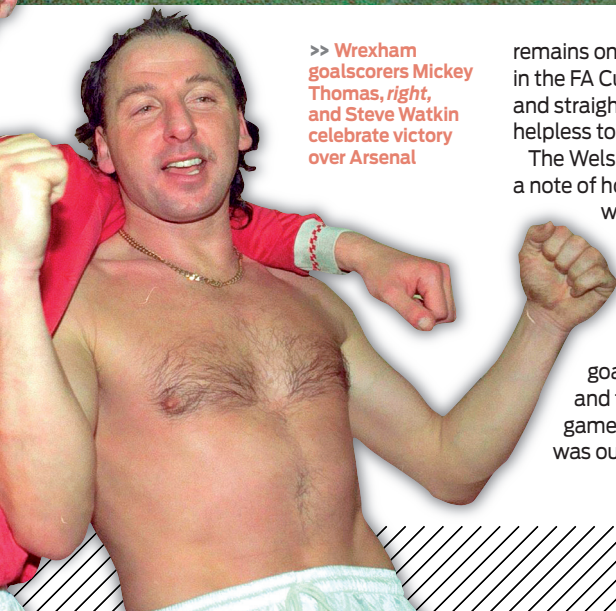
awarded to Wrexham 25 yards out and captain Thomas took control. "Once I struck the ball, I knew it was going straight into the top corner, there was no stopping it," said Thomas.

"I could not believe it. Then when we got a second goal shortly afterwards (through Steve Watkin), it was amazing!"

The goal, a left footed strike that speared into David Seaman's goal,



# CAN HAPPEN



>> Wrexham goalscorers Mickey Thomas, right, and Steve Watkin celebrate victory over Arsenal

remains one of the best goals scored in the FA Cup, its trajectory was so true and straight yet the England keeper was helpless to save it.

The Welsh wing wizard continues with a note of hope for Yeovil. "At 1-0 down, we still believed we were in the game and when I scored my spectacular free kick, Arsenal went after that," added Thomas.

"Getting a quick second goal straight after was a bonus and they couldn't get back into the game. They tried everything but it was our day; one of the most famous

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***"Once I struck the ball, I knew it was going straight into the top corner, there was no stopping it"***





>> Thomas emerges from the tunnel during his days as a Manchester United player

FA Cup victories of all time so it CAN happen!

"As the game got nearer, we started to think that maybe we did have a chance. Myself as captain and Gordon Davies, ex-Fulham and Manchester City, were the senior members of the team and we told our teammates that we had to just give everything, you never know what could happen. In the end, everything clicked that day; our keeper Vince O'Keefe was amazing and all the young boys played well for Wrexham."

So the Glovers stand a chance against the club Mickey served from 1978 to 1981 then? "Yes," he says. "Although Yeovil's form isn't great, it's cup football and the players will be lifted by the occasion."

"They'll be ten yards quicker than normal, they'll run quicker and have more energy. That's the only thing they can match United in because they will be superior in almost all departments."

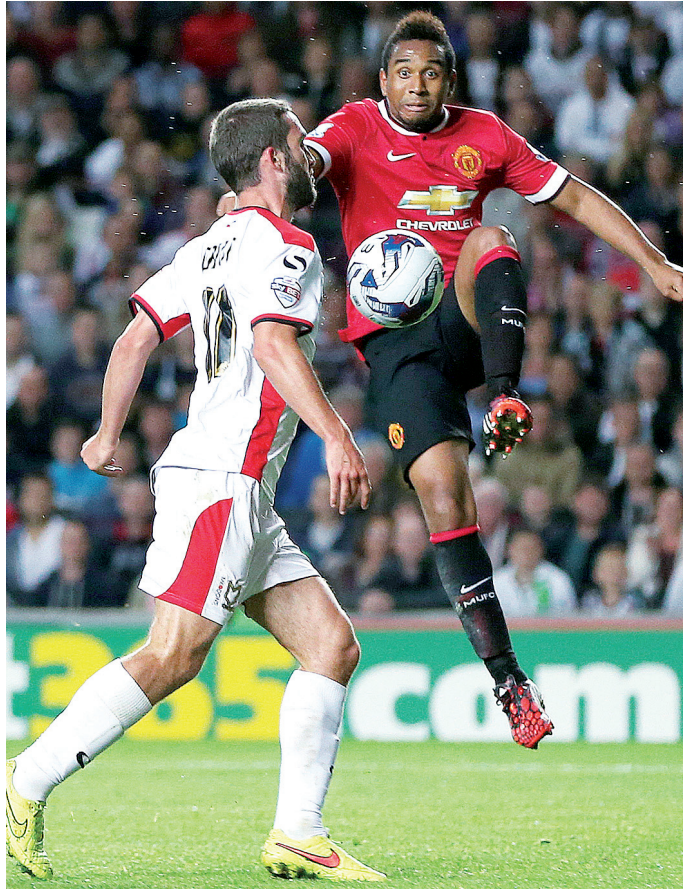
"United are on a good run of form at the moment and they won't want to derail all the hard work they've done and the feel good factor that is around the club at the moment."

"I think Louis van Gaal without doubt, will pick a very strong XI for the game; he knows United's exceptional FA Cup traditions and he will want to give the fans a reward for not doing so well last season and the beginning of this. He will be well aware of what happened at MK Dons and he won't want to take any chances."

And Thomas is quick to point out the part the fans can play too, having experienced that January 1992 day where more than 13,000 crammed into the Wrexham ground for the Gunners' visit.

"The fans were a big part, they sensed something was going to happen, especially after the equaliser," said Thomas. "If the Yeovil supporters that go on Sunday can get behind the team, anything can happen in cup football. It would be wrong of me to say anything else."

Now 60 years of age, Mickey Thomas is still heavily involved with the Old Trafford side and has been for nearly 20 years, accompanying the team around the world via his media commitments.



>> Will Grigg scores MK Dons' second goal in their shock 4-0 win over United in the Capital One Cup earlier this season

Having played more than 700 times at all levels of the game, he is an enthralling and entertaining after dinner speaker too. So does he have any final words on today's big clash?

"I wish Yeovil well, a draw would be amazing," he said. "I commented on the Exeter v Manchester United FA Cup games in 2005 and United's class told in the end. I hope United win it, obviously, and Yeovil have a great day."

"It might be a culture shock to United on the day too; the Yeovil fans have to forget their poor form of the last few weeks and focus on getting behind the team."

An opinion that's as accurate and true as that stunning free kick 23 years ago today.

**"He (van Gaal) will be well aware of what happened at MK Dons and he won't want to take any chances"**



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THE GLOVERS IN  
YOUR THIRD ROUND  
MATCH AGAINST  
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>> **FORM GUIDE**



Sun, Dec 14  
**LIVERPOOL (H)**  
**WON 3-0**



Sat, Dec 20  
**ASTON VILLA (A)**  
**DREW 1-1**



Fri, Dec 26  
**NEWCASTLE (H)**  
**WON 3-1**



Sun, Dec 28  
**TOTTENHAM (A)**  
**DREW 0-0**



Thu, Jan 1  
**STOKE CITY (A)**  
**DREW 1-1**

# MANCHESTER UNITED



>> **BY DAVID COATES**

If you thought the Premier League would be the only thing in Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal's thoughts, think again.

The Dutchman has his eyes set on the FA Cup which he describes as "the most famous domestic cup in the world."

Having been dumped out of the Capital One Cup at League One MK Dons with a 4-0 defeat and with no European action, the FA Cup is undoubtedly United's best chance of silverware this season.

Van Gaal says: "I always want to win a trophy. It's something I've done in my first season at other clubs, so I want to give the fans a trophy.

"The easiest way to win silverware is in a competition like the FA Cup, which requires fewer matches to win.

"I know what the FA Cup means to this club, our players and our fans. Its place in the history of Manchester United is well known.

"So it is hard to believe that long-serving players such as Wayne Rooney, Michael Carrick and Jonny Evans have never won this cup. It is a medal I know they are desperate to get their hands on."

Only first-choice keeper David de Gea and defender Evans remain in contention from the humiliation at stadium:mk with that match proving the final United appearance for Danny Welbeck and Shinji Kagawa who were both sold.

That night also saw appearances by defender Michael Keane, midfielder Nick Powell and striker Javier Hernandez, who have all been loaned out to Burnley, Leicester City and Real Madrid respectively. Brazilian midfielder Anderson has also not been seen since that night.

The Capital One Cup exit was arguably van Gaal's lowest point since replacing David Moyes as the club's permanent manager and ultimately taking over from



>> Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal is hoping to win the FA Cup this season

the legendary Sir Alex Ferguson, who was in charge when United last won the Cup with a 4-0 win over Millwall in 2004.

Since that success, United have twice been losing finalists (2005 and 2007) and reached the semi-finals in 2009 and 2011, but they went out of the competition at this stage to Swansea City last season.

Should van Gaal give his youngsters a chance today, Yeovil fans can place hope on Burton Albion's performance in 2005 when the then Non-League side held a much changed Sir Alex Ferguson side to a goalless draw at home – only to lose the replay 5-0 at Old Trafford.

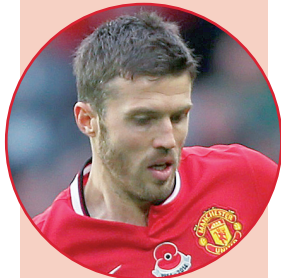
However, given the embarrassment of riches available to the visitors, even an under-strength United should be more than a match for the hosts today.

**GOALKEEPERS & DEFENDERS >>**

>>  
**THE ONES  
TO WATCH**



>> **DAVID DE GEA**  
Has been in sparkling form this season and is now showing why United parted with £17.8m to sign him three years ago.



>> **MICHAEL CARRICK**  
United's unsung hero. Keeps the United midfield ticking over and has also appeared in defence under van Gaal.



>> **WAYNE ROONEY**  
The United captain is the club's third highest goalscorer, bettered only by Sir Bobby Charlton and Denis Law.



>> Northern Irish defender Paddy McNair has made a big impact since being promoted to the first team by manager Louis van Gaal

>> **GOALKEEPERS**

Manchester United fans will be hoping the New Year heralds a new contract for in-form goalkeeper **David de Gea**.

The Spaniard, signed for £17.8m in the summer of 2011, has gone from a player ridiculed for a series of high-profile mistakes to one considered among the best keepers in the world.

His form in the early years of his United career was undoubtedly up and down, but any supporter who knew of his form at Atletico Madrid knew he was a top-class keeper.

Despite their number one being out of contract in summer 2016 and with Spanish giants Real Madrid reportedly keen to take him home, senior Old Trafford sources are reportedly "relaxed" about de Gea's contract situation.

Asked about a possible new deal for his keeper after a stunning performance in the recent 3-0 win over Liverpool, United manager Louis van Gaal said: "That is between the club and the player and it is not open for discussion for the media."

Former Barcelona number one Victor Valdes, who played under van Gaal at the Nou Camp, has been training with the club, leading to speculation he could sign on.

**Anders Lindegaard** is yet to appear for the visitors this season and played just three games last season.

**Ben Amos** is the other goalkeeping option available to United although his only action of last season came in nine appearances on loan at Carlisle United.

>> **DEFENDERS**

**Paddy McNair** has been the unexpected defensive revelation in the opening six months of the season.

The 19-year-old, a product of the famous Old Trafford academy, has acquitted himself impressively in the centre having been thrust in to the pressure cooker at the end of September.

He has regularly appeared in the



>> **Left back Luke Shaw returned from injury in last Sunday's 0-0 draw with Tottenham**

defensive back three preferred by manager Louis van Gaal.

The one blot on the youngster's copybook was away at Southampton last month when he was dragged off before half-time with the boss saying he had "no confidence."

However, the manager was quick to back the Northern Irishman, saying: "He gave already three chances away.

But he shall survive. It's only one moment in a lifetime.

One match, nothing more."

McNair returned for the recent wins over Liverpool and Newcastle United and last Sunday's draw at Tottenham Hotspur.

The big summer arrivals in defence saw **Luke Shaw** and

**Marcos Rojo** join the visitors' backline which lost stalwarts Rio

Ferdinand, Nemanja Vidic and Patrice Evra in the summer.

**Phil Jones** and **Jonny Evans** have been regular starters alongside McNair, supplemented by wing backs Ashley Young and Antonio Valencia.

Tough-tackling Brazilian **Rafael**, England international **Chris Smalling** and youth product **Tyler Blackett**, who has made eight appearances this season, are among the other defensive options.

Shaw and Smalling both started in the 1-1 draw at Stoke City last Thursday with Rafael also coming on as a sub.

**MIDFIELDERS & FORWARDS >>**

>> **STAT ATTACK**  
*Last season's seventh place finish in the Premier League was Manchester United's lowest since 1990 and the first time the club has failed to qualify for a European competition since 1996.*



>> **MIDFIELDERS**

**Ashley Young** could have been forgiven for questioning his future at Old Trafford during the summer.

However, remodelled as a wing-back under new manager Louis van Gaal, the former England international is now in great form.

Young and fellow winger **Antonio Valencia** first adopted their new roles during the summer tour to the United States and both are managing to continue to maraud forward and put in crosses which they have built a career upon.

The formation allows for three in the centre of midfield which in recent matches has been **Michael Carrick**, **Juan Mata** and England captain Wayne Rooney, playing in a deeper role behind a front two.

Mata told the club's official television station MUTV: "I think (Rooney) can play there, yes. He can defend, he can attack, he can pass and he can score goals arriving into the box.

"For us, he is a very important player and I feel privileged to play with such a player as Wazza."

If van Gaal opts to give players on the fringe of the starting XI a run-out in today's tie, he has an embarrassment of riches in midfield.

Winger **Adnan Januzaj** and **Marouane Fellaini** have both been missing with an illness in recent weeks but are expected to be available today, and there is a chance **Daley Blind** could be available again having been missing with a knee injury picked up on international duty in November.

Brazilian teenager **Andreas Pereira**, signed in the summer from Dutch side PSV, has only started in the Capital One Cup exit at MK Dons but has appeared on the substitutes' bench for the past two Premier League matches.

However, British transfer record signing **Ángel Di María** seems unlikely to feature today having only just returned to training after sustaining a problem with his pelvis whilst recovering from a hamstring tear.

>> **FORWARDS**

Manchester United boss Louis van Gaal



>> Spanish international midfielder Juan Mata

>> **HOW THEY LAST LINED UP**

Thu, Jan 1, Premier League  
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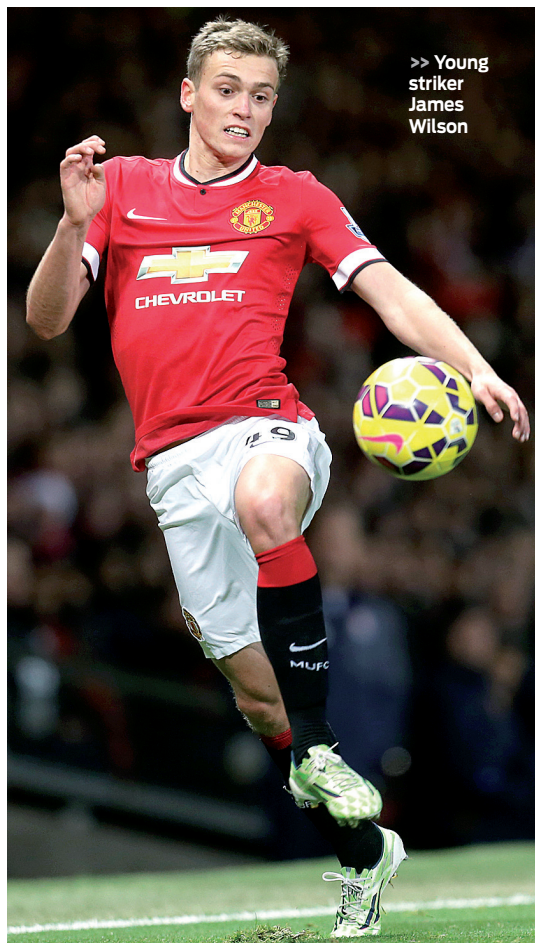
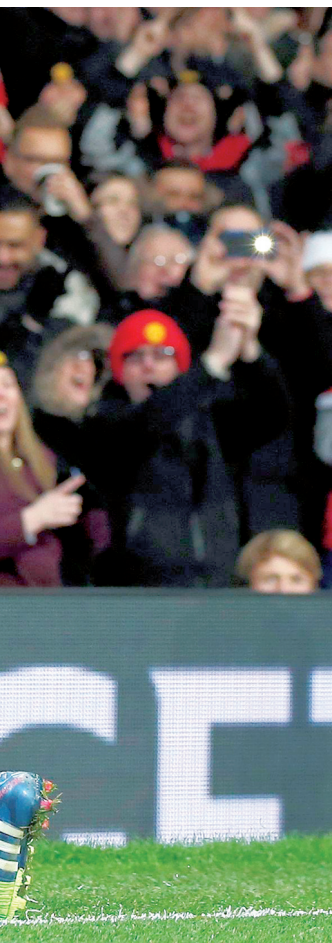
appears to have succeeded where even Sir Alex Ferguson failed and got star forwards **Wayne Rooney** and **Robin van Persie** playing together.

Ferguson was a van Persie man while his successor, David Moyes, often opted for Rooney; yet, on current form, van Gaal appears to be getting the best out of both.

Add **Radamel Falcao**, on loan from big spending French side AS Monaco, in to the mix and the visitors have a forward line on a par with the best in the world.

Van Gaal plays down any suggestion of a managerial masterstroke in getting Rooney and van Persie playing together, insisting his philosophy of his players being "social" is behind their form.

He said: "Rooney and Van Persie are



>> Young striker James Wilson

very social players.

"They have trained together already for six months this season so it is normal they shall improve.

"When we are half a year further on, it shall improve even more, that's why we have training."

The system which fits the pair with Falcao, sees Rooney playing a deeper role and, if selected today, could serve up an attacking masterclass for the sell-out crowd.

Another option is youngster **James Wilson** who has made ten appearances

this season having been given his debut by then-boss Ryan Giggs at the end of the last campaign.

The 18-year-old has the pace and natural goalscoring ability to go on and be a hero at Old Trafford.

**Will Keane**, who home fans will recall starting for QPR against Yeovil during a loan spell last season, was an unused substitute during the recent home win over Stoke City.

Opportunities have been few and far between for Keane this season who will be hoping to get a chance to shine today.

**THE MANAGER >>**

**>> STAT ATTACK**  
 Manchester United are the joint FA Cup record winners with Arsenal having lifted the trophy 11 times. The most recent victory was in 2004 when they beat Millwall 4-0 at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

>> **APPEARANCES & GOALS SCORED**

>> **GOALKEEPERS**

Ben <b>AMOS</b>	0	0
David <b>DE GEA</b>	21	0
Anders <b>LINDEGAARD</b>	0	0

>> **DEFENDERS**

Tyler <b>BLACKETT</b>	8	0
Daley <b>BLIND</b>	8	0
Jonny <b>EVANS</b>	9	0
Saidy <b>JANKO</b>	1	0
Phil <b>JONES</b>	9	0
Paddy <b>McNAIR</b>	9	0
<b>RAFAEL</b>	9	0
Marcos <b>ROJO</b>	10	0
Luke <b>SHAW</b>	9	0
Chris <b>SMALLING</b>	11	1
Tom <b>THORPE</b>	1	0
Marnick <b>VERMIJL</b>	1	0



>> **MIDFIELDERS**

<b>ANDERSON</b>	2	0
Michael <b>CARRICK</b>	11	0
Ángel <b>DI MARÍA</b>	12	3
Marouane <b>FELLAINI</b>	11	2
Darren <b>FLETCHER</b>	10	0
Ander <b>HERRERA</b>	11	2
Adnan <b>JANUZAJ</b>	12	0
Jesse <b>LINGARD</b>	1	0
Juan <b>MATA</b>	17	5
Andreas <b>PEREIRA</b>	1	0
Antonio <b>VALENCIA</b>	15	0
Ashley <b>YOUNG</b>	12	0

>> **FORWARDS**

Radamel <b>FALCAO</b>	12	3
Will <b>KEANE</b>	0	0
Wayne <b>ROONEY</b>	16	8
Robin <b>VAN PERSIE</b>	19	8
James <b>WILSON</b>	9	0



>> **VAN GAAL  
FACTFILE**

**Full name:** Aloysius Paulus Maria van Gaal  
**Date of birth:** August 8, 1951 (age 63)  
**Place of birth:** Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**Teams managed:**  
**AJAX**  
(1991-1997)  
**G:** 285 **W:** 196 **D:** 49 **L:** 40  
**WIN %:** 68.77  
**BARCELONA**  
(1997-2000)  
**G:** 171 **W:** 95 **D:** 32 **L:** 44  
**WIN %:** 55.56  
**NETHERLANDS**  
(2000-2002)  
**G:** 15 **W:** 8 **D:** 4 **L:** 3  
**WIN %:** 53.33  
**AZ ALKMAAR**  
(2005-2009)  
**G:** 176 **W:** 102 **D:** 38 **L:** 36  
**WIN %:** 57.95  
**BAYERN MUNICH**  
(2009-2011)  
**G:** 96 **W:** 59 **D:** 18 **L:** 19  
**WIN %:** 61.46  
**NETHERLANDS**  
(2012-2014)  
**G:** 28 **W:** 17 **D:** 9 **L:** 2  
**WIN %:** 60.71  
**MANCHESTER UNITED**  
(2014-Present)  
**G:** 21 **W:** 10 **D:** 7 **L:** 4  
**WIN %:** 47.62

>> Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal



>> **THE MANAGER**

When it comes to replacing the legendary Sir Alex Ferguson in the Manchester United hot-seat, a managerial CV needs one thing – trophies.

In **Louis van Gaal**, the Red Devils have found as near to Ferguson as it's possible to find.

The 62-year-old can claim Champions League and UEFA Cup success with Ajax in 1995 and 1992 alongside with six domestic titles in the Netherlands, Spain and Germany and domestic cup wins.

However, in November there was talk about how the Dutchman's record was worse than his previous incumbent, David Moyes, and there are few who would deny United have been less than convincing at times this season.

But, with six consecutive wins and seven from their last nine matches before the New Year's Day visit to Stoke City, van Gaal is once again being compared with Ferguson for his ability to build an unshakeable spirit among his players.

Van Gaal said: "The attitude of my players is excellent and they have a very high social standard.

"That is very important because football is a team sport between cooperating human beings. You have to be social. We have a high social standard in the team.

"Wherever I am, I shall guide and manage the team in a social way of treating each other.

"It is also part of my philosophy. I cannot explain that in one page, it is a lot of pages. If you read my book, it is all in there.

"But I think when you win six times in a row, and you draw, and you win again, then the spirit of course is fantastic."

There are obviously few question marks about van Gaal's ability among United's owners who gave him the funds to bring in wideman Ángel Di María for a British record £57.9m and England left-back Luke Shaw for £30m, the highest transfer fee paid for a



>> **Van Gaal celebrates winning the European Cup with dutch side Ajax in 1995**

teenager, in the summer.

The Dutchman has also brought in Spanish midfielder Ander Herrera (£24m), Argentine defender Marcos Rojo (£16m), countryman Daley Blind (£13.8m) and signed striker Radamel Falaco on loan for £6m, with an option to sign him permanently for £40m-plus.

However, it would be inaccurate to claim van Gaal's management is built purely on big money signings.

Born again wing-backs Ashley Young and Antonio Valencia can credit the boss for reigniting their careers, and Marouane Fellaini has shown flashes of the form which saw Moyes part with £27.5m to bring him to Old Trafford last season.

It may still be too soon to say United have found a replacement for Ferguson, but supporters are convinced they have found someone to bring the glory days back to Old Trafford.

>> **KEY BACKROOM STAFF MEMBERS**



>> **RYAN GIGGS**

United's record appearance-maker with 672 matches is now van Gaal's assistant manager.



>> **ALBERT STUIVENBERG**

Appointed assistant coach in July, having previously been coach of the Netherlands' Under-21s team.



>> **FRANS HOEK**

Goalkeeping coach who has previously worked with van Gaal at Ajax, Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

>> **STAT ATTACK**  
*Ryan Giggs announced his retirement from playing at the end of last season following a 25-year career with United which saw him make 672 appearances for the club and win 22 trophies.*



>> Chris Smalling  
in action for  
Manchester  
United this season

# PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS SMALLING WHAT CUP MEANS

>> BY ALEX O'LOUGHLIN

**W**hilst Manchester United were winning 1-0 away at Birmingham City in the Premier League thanks to a Cristiano Ronaldo strike on September 29, 2007, Chris Smalling was reeling with FA Cup disappointment.

The then 17-year-old central defender, *pictured*, bowed out in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round as Maidstone United suffered a 2-0 defeat to Billericay Town, after an initial 3-0 victory over Erith & Belvedere in the First Qualifying Round previously.

Even as a teenager and someone only just embarking on their footballing journey, Smalling was able to recognise the importance and special nature of the world's oldest cup competition, especially for clubs towards the bottom of England's footballing pyramid.

"When the draw is made, as a smaller side it's such a different game when you go away to them," said Smalling. "The atmosphere and the pitch are all different and that is why the FA Cup is such a magical competition.

"I think we played Erith & Belvedere at home if I remember rightly. It was a good game, a night game and you get an extra buzz for night games. I was very young as well but to be able to say I played in that competition was a proud moment at the time.

"You appreciate the amount of rounds the smaller teams have to go through just to get into the First and Second rounds.



Premier League teams don't enter until the Third Round but it's so hard to get to there for the other clubs. You can appreciate how far they have gone and how hard they have worked just to get into the draw."

For Smalling, the disappointment during the 2007-08 campaign was to be temporary as nine months later, after a string of fine performances for The Stones, the 6'4" defender signed for Premier League outfit Fulham, where he made his debut in the FA Cup proper in January 2010 as The Cottagers saw off Swindon 1-0 in the Third Round.

Aaron Hughes lined up alongside Smalling at the back as the centre back pairing helped guide Roy Hodgson's side to a clean sheet, and the Greenwich-born defender continued to play a part in Fulham's progress to the quarter-finals.

In a London derby, the Craven Cottage outfit eventually lost out to neighbours Tottenham after a replay, but for Smalling the experience represented how far he had come since life at Maidstone.

"Against Swindon we kept a clean sheet and I think it was one of my earlier games", remembers Smalling. "It was at home and I remember being very happy and looking out for the draw for the next round, hoping we could kick on and go on a run.

"In the quarter-finals we were unlucky and did very well in the first game. We put up a good fight but they had that

*"When the draw is made, as a smaller side it's such a different game when you go away to them. The atmosphere and the pitch are all different and that is why the FA Cup is such a magical competition"*

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>> Smalling clashes with Arsenal's Aaron Ramsey during United's 2-0 quarter-final victory in their 2010-11 FA Cup run

extra quality in the replay, but the whole experience was great."

With Yeovil boasting a vast and memorable record in the FA Cup, Smalling will be more than aware of the motivation lurking in the home dressing room at Huish Park today as they prepare to take on one of England's footballing elite.

Smalling reached the semi-final with United during the 2010-11 season and featured in every game prior to the meeting with bitter rivals Manchester City at Wembley, but a potentially different banana skin lies in wait this season.

Although not involved back in August, a 4-0 defeat to Town's League One rivals MK Dons in the Capital One Cup will perhaps add a more tentative approach to the Third Round fixture with the Glovers, with United keen to win their twelfth FA Cup and first since 2004.

Smalling said: "Winning the FA Cup

would be terrific especially as we've not got many midweek fixtures this season. We deserve a cup run – the Capital One Cup did not work out and to go far in the FA Cup would give us something to really look forward to at the end of the season, along with a good league campaign as well.

"It has been a very long time since we won it – when I first came here, a lot of the senior players then had not won the FA Cup either. A lot of the boys will be looking forward to kicking on in it.

"I did dream about it as a kid, you see all the games pop up and the shock results and to get to that final at Wembley would be something magical and I hope we can get there.

"We've not had a very good run in the FA Cup for a while and we have had some tough games to start with. It'd be nice to get some teams at home and kick on this year."

***"To go far in the FA Cup would give us something to really look forward to at the end of the season"***

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# VIEW FROM THE RED DEVILS

>> **BARNEY CHILTON, 43, EDITOR OF UNITED'S FIRST FANZINE, RED NEWS**

**How did you become a Manchester United fan?** Family, so no choice, as it should be! Begged, demanded to be taken, and it was mum who went to United most of the time, and took me to my first game in 1976. Saw the darker days of the 1970s and 80s where we could be a great cup side (long overdue in these times) but not so much in the league, and then 'Fergie time', which still seems so great. I pinch myself it's actually happened!

**United have a long and successful association with the FA Cup. What is your best memory of following them in the cup?** So many. I don't like/agree with the FA Cup semi-finals being played at Wembley. The romance surrounded the mystique of FA Cup final day, and semi-finals at neutral venues, and we have had some great times at Villa Park - Norman (Whiteside) in 1983 - and then beating Liverpool in 1985. But I don't think you can look past Ryan Giggs' hairy chest going on a mad run after THAT goal against Arsenal in 1999.

**What is your assessment of Louis van Gaal's reign at United so far?** We're moving in the right direction. No idea what his much said philosophy may actually mean, but he's got our



>> **Ryan Giggs is mobbed by fans after his famous goal against Arsenal in the FA Cup semi-final replay at Villa Park in 1999**

team looking like a team again. Their confidence is back and we look a wholly different proposition to a year or so ago.

**What was your take on David Moyes' time at Old Trafford last season?** I now scratch my head wondering if it actually happened. He seems a decent enough bloke, but things began to spiral out of control, quickly. Maybe the man after Fergie was always jinxed. But LvG seems light years away from the demeanour and manner of Moyes.

**What do you know about Yeovil Town?** That it's supposed to be a really nice, tight ground to visit, with very friendly fans. I'm looking forward to this tie and I hope you/we enjoy it, but with a nice United victory (sorry!). United fans away are boisterous and good - so it should make for a good atmosphere. Some may see us as glory hunters, but glory found the young ones and for the older ones (most are not), so we look forward to new ties like today, and hopefully we can finally go on a long FA Cup run again - it's been too long.

**If you could buy one new player, who would you buy and why?** Cristiano Ronaldo for the obvious. But that boat may have sailed so Gareth Bale and his years ahead does excite. But an experienced defender might be the best option considering the season of injuries we have had.

**Finally, please name your all time best Man Utd XI.** It changes on any given day! Edwin van der Sar, Denis Irwin, Arthur Albiston, Nemanja Vidic, Jaap Stam, Bryan Robson, Roy Keane, Cristiano Ronaldo, Ryan Giggs, Eric Cantona, *right*, and Ruud van Nistelrooy. And lots of subs!

● *The views expressed in this feature are not those of either Yeovil Town or Manchester United*

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# MANCHESTER UNITED AND THE FA CUP



>> **SIMON WOODSELL STUDIES THE SPECIAL ASSOCIATION MANCHESTER UNITED HAVE WITH THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CUP COMPETITION**

**M**anchester United's history in the FA Cup can only be described as glittering. Many clubs have their own magic moments that have been consigned to the annals of time; none have quite so many as the Red Devils of Salford.

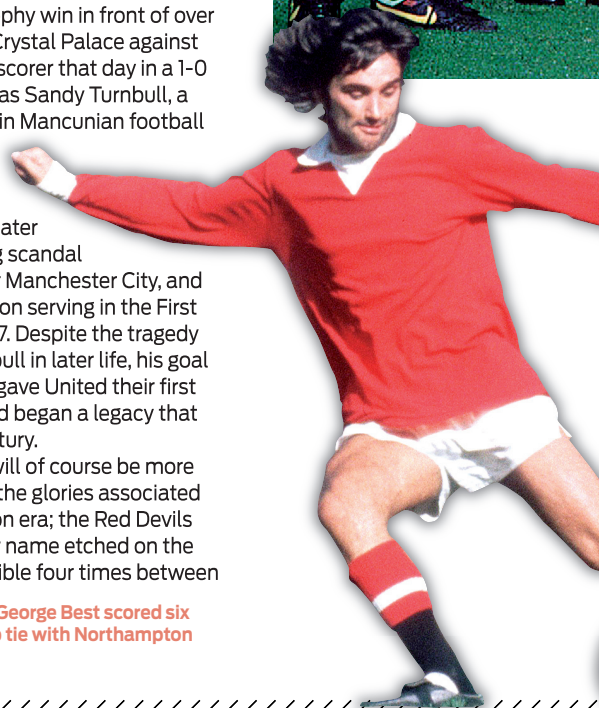
All the way through history Manchester United's name has been entwined with the story of England's premier knockout competition; the club, joint with Arsenal, hold the record for competition wins, however their first taste of glory was some 20 years earlier than the Gunners, meaning the club's synonymy with the cup stretches back much further.

Listing United greats in the FA Cup is like reading of a hall of fame roll-call; George Best's famous double hat-trick against Northampton, Lou Macari and Jimmy Greenhoff against Liverpool, all the way through to Cristiano Ronaldo and Ruud van Nistelrooy's goals in their last cup victory in 2004.

United's first great moment in the FA Cup came with winning the competition over a century ago in 1909. Having won the League title for the first time the previous season, they went on to secure a first FA Cup trophy win in front of over 70,000 fans at Crystal Palace against Bristol City. The scorer that day in a 1-0 win for United was Sandy Turnbull, a notorious name in Mancunian football history; the player was banned for life some five years later in a match-fixing scandal when playing for Manchester City, and was killed in action serving in the First World War in 1917. Despite the tragedy that befell Turnbull in later life, his goal scored that day gave United their first taste of glory and began a legacy that would last a century.

Younger fans will of course be more familiar with all the glories associated with the Ferguson era; the Red Devils would have their name etched on the trophy an incredible four times between

>> **United legend George Best scored six goals in an FA Cup tie with Northampton Town in 1970**





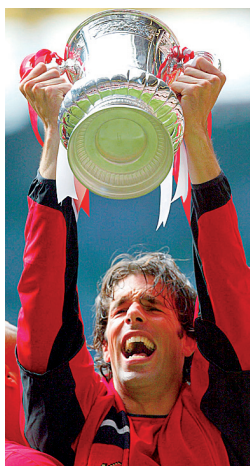
>> The Manchester United players celebrate winning the FA Cup in 1990 after defeating Crystal Palace 1-0 in a replay

1990 and 1999, the final victory of the quartet becoming the second part of United's unprecedented treble.

That golden period could have all been very different, however. The goal scored by Mark Robins in the Third Round against

Nottingham Forest in January 1990 is widely credited with being a strike that saved a job; United endured a particularly dismal season, finishing just five points above the First Division relegation zone. Lee Martin's goal to win the final in a 1-0 replay victory against Crystal Palace was the high-point of a difficult time for United.

The 1990 win started an era of domination of the FA Cup unmatched by any other side; the great Liverpool sides of the 1970s and 80s only



>> Ruud van Nistelrooy celebrates with the FA Cup after United's last triumph in 2004

won the competition three times during that entire two decades, and the great Arsenal side of the 30s only won the FA Cup once. United's age of domination in the 90s was unprecedented. Ferguson, despite the trials of his early tenure, had built a dynasty.

Those four cup wins in the last decade of the millennium are smattered with classic FA Cup moments; Cantona's 1996 goal against Liverpool capped a remarkable season for the Frenchman, who had come back from his infamous seven-month ban earlier in the campaign to lead United an historic 'double double', the first club in English history to do so.

The final on that occasion had been an unremarkable one, with defences well on top, but in the dying embers of the game Cantona popped up with a goal of sheer

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>> **UNITED'S  
FA CUP HONOURS**

>> **APRIL 24, 1909**  
**BRISTOL CITY** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 1  
*Turnbull 22*

>> **APRIL 24, 1948**  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 4  
*Rowley 28, 70, Pearson 80, Anderson 82*

**BLACKPOOL** 2  
*Shimwell 12 (pen), Mortensen 35*

>> **MAY 25, 1963**  
**LEICESTER CITY** 1  
*Keyworth 80*

**MANCHESTER UTD** 3  
*Law 30, Herd 57, 85*

>> **MAY 21, 1983 (AET)**  
**BRIGHTON & HA** 2  
*Smith 14, Stevens 87*

**MANCHESTER UTD** 2  
*Stapleton 55, Wilkins 72*

>> **REPLAY, MAY 26**  
**BRIGHTON & HA** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 4  
*Robson 25, 44, Whiteside 30, Mühren 62 (pen)*

>> **MAY 18, 1985 (AET)**  
**EVERTON** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 1  
*Whiteside 110*

>> **MAY 12, 1990 (AET)**  
**CRYSTAL PALACE** 3  
*O'Reilly 18, Wright 72, 92*

**MANCHESTER UTD** 3  
*Robson 35, Hughes 62, 113*

>> **REPLAY, MAY 17**  
**CRYSTAL PALACE** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 1  
*Martin 59*

>> **MAY 14, 1994**  
**CHELSEA** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 4  
*Cantona 60 (pen), 66 (pen), Hughes 69, McClair 92*

>> **MAY 11, 1996**  
**LIVERPOOL** 0  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 1  
*Cantona 85*

>> **MAY 22, 1999**  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 2  
*Sheringham 11, Scholes 53*

**NEWCASTLE UTD** 0

>> **MAY 22, 2004**  
**MANCHESTER UTD** 3  
*Ronaldo 44, Van Nistelrooy 65 (pen), 81*

**MILLWALL** 0

brilliance. A weak punch by David James only reached the talismanic Frenchman lurking on the edge of the area, and with unbelievable control of his body he half-volleyed the ball back into the net through a crowd of players. A goal of real class and quality that embodied everything good about the mercurial forward.

No mention of United's exploits in the FA Cup would be complete without mentioning a game of even greater significance, and possibly the all-time classic FA Cup match; the 1999 semi-final replay against Arsenal at Villa Park. The then-rivalry between Manchester United and Arsenal was at its absolute zenith; Ferguson and Arsene Wenger were bitter adversaries and the Gunners, in Wenger's first full season in England the year before, had broken a United stranglehold on the Premier League that only the Jack Walker-backed Blackburn Rovers had managed once previously.

The first tie had ended 0-0 between the sides, with the Gunners' Argentinian

full-back Nelson Vivas getting himself sent off after elbowing Nicky Butt. United dominated the game, but Arsenal held out with a rugged defensive performance that necessitated a replay.

This replay was to epitomise everything that the rivalry stood for. Games between the two sides were pure theatre, and the match had it all. It was initially dominated by the Red Devils, with Arsenal always looking dangerous; a fantastic David Beckham strike from distance had given United the lead in the first half, but Dennis Bergkamp struck back in the 69th minute with a deflected effort that set up a grandstand finale.

The pattern of the game was to totally change only a few minutes later; Roy Keane was sent off for a second bookable offence and then the Gunners began an onslaught, and there seemed only one winner from there.

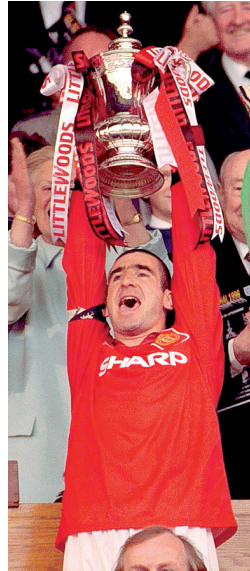
United held out, despite an injury-time penalty, and the game went to



extra-time, setting the scene for one of football's greatest ever moments.

In the 110th minute, Ryan Giggs picked up the ball in his own half after a lazy sideways pass from Patrick Vieira, ghosted past four Arsenal defenders and hammered the ball through David Seaman from an impossible angle. United, who had held out for 40 minutes with ten men, had scored a goal for the Red Devuks to book their place at Wembley, and duly went on to complete a Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League treble with Giggs' moment of genius destined to go down in history.

For all that glory however, United have occasionally seen the other face of the coin. The 1976 final is the standout example, where Tommy Docherty's swashbuckling

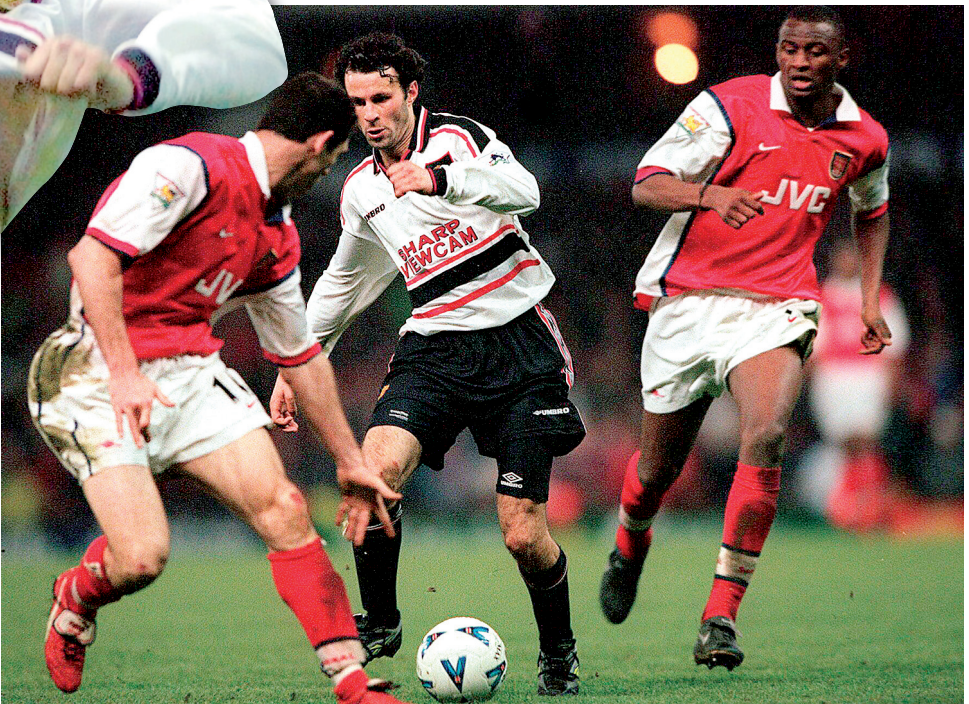


>> Eric Cantona lifts the FA Cup in 1996 after securing victory for United with a stunning late goal against Liverpool

young United side faced Second Division Southampton at Wembley. The final is one of the most disputed in history; Bobby Stokes firing a late Southampton winner past Alex Stepney in a goal which to this day is debated for offside.

Matt Busby's 'babes' also were denied a storybook ending to trying times; in the aftermath of the Munich air disaster, Busby guided United to a final against Bolton Wanderers. Nat Lofthouse, the famous 'Lion of Vienna', put in a two-goal performance for the Trotters, but the game was shrouded in controversy after he barged 'keeper Harry Gregg into the net for Wanderers' second goal.

There are myriad other Manchester United-influenced moments in FA Cup history. Choosing but a few in such a brilliant history is to only scratch the surface of a club whose name and legacy will long be associated with our much-loved and vitally important competition.



>> Ryan Giggs sets off on his mazy run in the FA Cup semi-final against Arsenal in 1999 before firing past David Seaman, left, and then famously running off and taking his shirt off to celebrate, inset

Lou Macari  
in action for  
Manchester  
United

# MARVELLOUS MACARI

**>> MARTIN McCONACHIE TALKS TO MANCHESTER UNITED FAVOURITE LOU MACARI ABOUT ALL THINGS UNITED, FA CUP SHOCKS AND HIS NEW FOUND FAME THROUGH THE POPULAR FILM MARVELLOUS**

**W**hen one sits down to consider how our illustrious visitors Manchester United will approach today's tie, one could do with the perspective of someone who has played for them, been on the end of a giant-killing there and also managed a team that beat the Red Devils too. Step forward, Lou Macari.

For our, er, slightly younger supporters, a brief bio. Lou Macari, now 65, started at Celtic and moved for £200,000 to Manchester United when he was 23. Eleven years later, he had played over 400 games and scored just shy of 100 goals. Three FA Cup finals in four seasons, two dozen Scotland caps and 700+ games as a manager at six different clubs is proof that this man knows what he's talking about. So do Yeovil have a chance today?

"Yes, of course they do," he confirms in his still-strong Glaswegian accent. "It might only be a slim chance but this is what the FA Cup is all about. It doesn't happen as often nowadays because the difference between the big and small teams is so massive but the result is never a foregone conclusion.

"We found that out at United when we played Bournemouth in 1984 and got beat. At United, we played lots of teams that if we'd lost, it would have been a giant-killing but that Bournemouth game stands out for the wrong reasons. They were poor conditions, a heavy pitch and that was it!"

Of course, a lot will depend on the approach taken by United boss Louis van Gaal. At Milton Keynes Dons earlier in the season, the visitors came a cropper losing 4-0 to a fizzing, sparkling display from Karl Robinson's men but a lot of media coverage post match suggested United brought it on themselves, making a plethora of changes from the usual



>> The Bournemouth players celebrate after defeating Manchester United in the FA Cup in 1984

***"At United, we played lots of teams that if we'd lost, it would have been a giant killing but that Bournemouth game stands out for the wrong reasons"***

Premier League line up. Macari sees no such repeat.

"Unfortunately for Yeovil, I can see the manager putting out a strong team with maybe only one or two younger players," confirms Macari. "The big names will be desperate to get a game with this being the FA Cup and the possibility of a trophy at the end of the season."

But if that is the case, it's no reason to rule out Yeovil's chances as Macari the manager can point to an FA Cup date in 1993 where his Stoke side overturned United. "I remember getting the team sheet before the kick-off and wondering how on earth can we possibly beat them," he said.

"There was Bruce, Pallister, Schmeichel, Hughes, McClair, Ince - all the big guns. It looked a tough game but we did it (Stoke won 2-1) and you can do it too. A lot of it comes down to luck.

"In the 1977 final against Liverpool, we got a little bit of luck when my shot was deflected off Jimmy Greenhoff and into the net but the year before against Southampton, we didn't get the fortune and we lost."

Macari's career at United lasted from 1973 to 1984, pre-dating the Sir Alex Ferguson era by two seasons. Joining Swindon Town as a player manager, he later managed West Ham United, Birmingham City, Stoke City, Celtic and

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Huddersfield Town. So how does he see the latest occupant of the Old Trafford hot seat?

"He is a manager in the mould of Sir Alex, he stands for no nonsense," added Macari. "He expects the best from his players and I'm quite hopeful that next season, we'll be challenging for the Premier League title again.

"The problem this year has been injuries, I think we've had something like 47 injuries this season of all sorts, especially defensively.

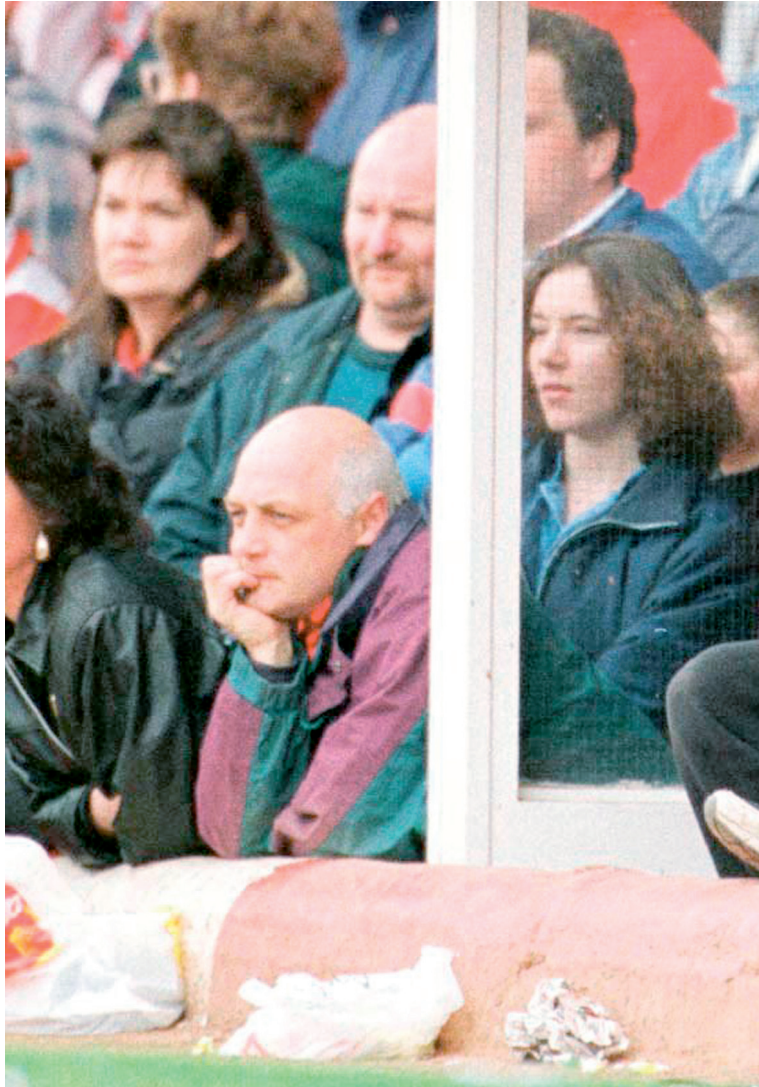
"Losing a manager and several good players was always going to be a problem; we've lost Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, Gary Neville and Edwin van der Sar in recent seasons and players of that quality can't be replaced easily. Will we ever see the likes of those players staying for 10, 12, 15 years anymore? I'm not so sure.

"This present team is rebuilding, it won't happen overnight as it didn't happen overnight for Sir Alex. Progress is okay this season but we've been spoilt and we've been used to being at the top and challenging for titles. We're third now but I hope it gets even better and with a month to go, we are still in with a slim chance of winning the title."

All this comes from a man who loves United and is still involved with them via the MUTV channel and other media commitments. Yet having not played for nearly 30 years and been away from management for a dozen seasons, younger supporters here wouldn't immediately recognise him or his wide experience. But all that changed in September 2014 as the BBC debut of a British television film, *Marvellous* was aired.

"I was manager at Stoke and one day, this man came up to me called Neil Baldwin," said Macari. "He chatted to me outside the ground and told me he had just been sacked as a clown in the circus.

"He was known as 'Nello' and after talking to him, I liked the idea of someone being around that could make the dressing room laugh so I took him on as a kitman. It's a serious game, football, but

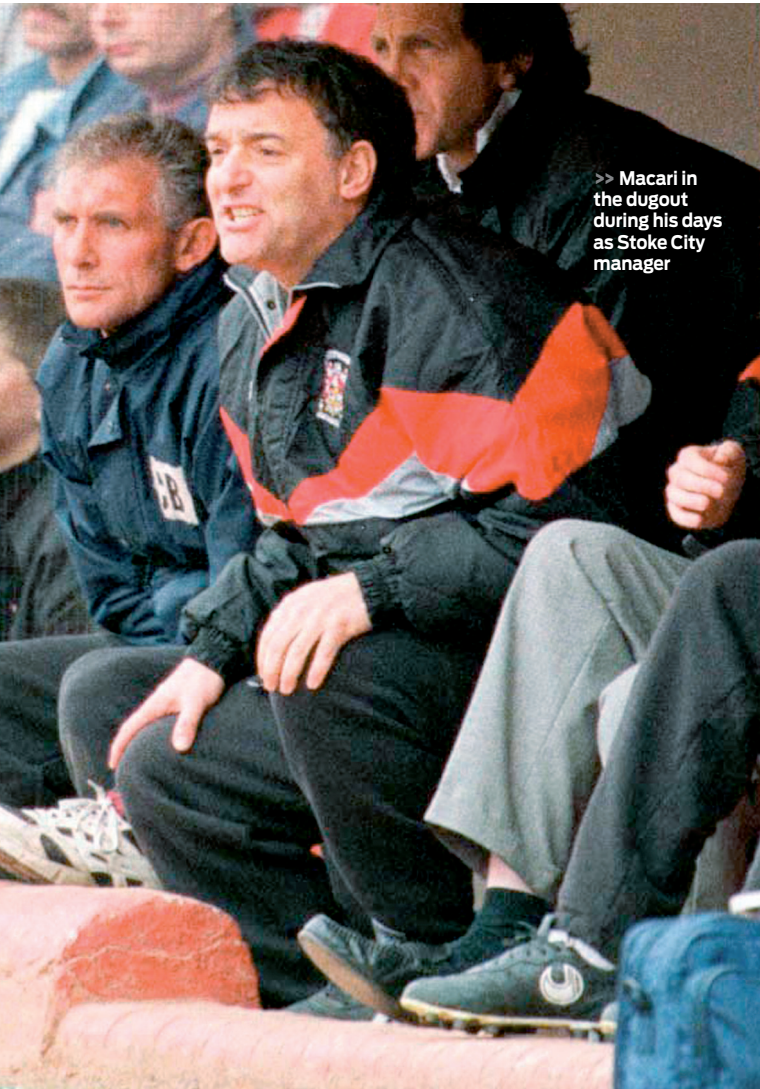


***"Nello was a great guy and we had some great times with him and the players"***

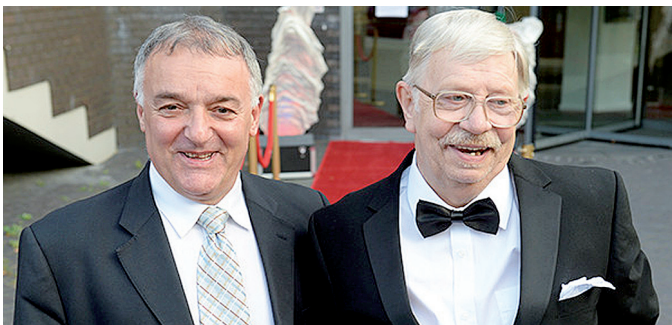
there's got to be times for a laugh and a joke.

"Nello was a great guy and we had some great times with him and the players. I signed the likes of Mark Stein (bought for £90k, sold for £2million) and Mike Sheron (bought for £100k, sold for £2.75million) and they did great for the club financially but I always say that Nello was my best ever signing.

"I've been amazed by the reaction to the film going out; nowadays more people ask me about the film than about



>> Macari in the dugout during his days as Stoke City manager



>> Macari with former Stoke kit man Neil Baldwin at the premiere of *Marvellous*

Manchester United. It's overtaken the club, now that takes some doing!"

Macari is hoping to be here today for the game and has mixed memories of the FA Cup. United fans here today will be hoping that today's match sparks off a run to the final and a repeat of their 11 previous triumphs. The home fans today would probably settle for a draw and a replay or maybe dream of another Bournemouth (1984) all over again.

Now THAT would be marvellous!



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# BEN BARRETT

>> ALL THE ODDS FROM OUR BETTING EXPERT

It has been nigh on impossible to avoid the David versus Goliath comparisons surrounding this afternoon's game between Yeovil Town and Manchester United ever since the draw for the FA Cup Third Round was made.

As expected, the Red Devils are heavy favourites, with odds as short as 2/9 available on the high street. A replay at Old Trafford would please both supporters and the club's bank manager alike and with odds of 4/1 available it would make the punters' accountants happy too!

What of the ultimate upset and one of the greatest FA Cup stories of recent times? Odds of 8/1 is an average price available out there for a shock Yeovil win. The Somerset side will be out to emulate MK Dons who earlier in the season knocked the biggest club in world football out of a major cup competition - the Capital One Cup.

The Glovers' hero in the Second Round replay was Kieffer Moore - the striker came off the bench to assist one and score the second in a 2-0 win over Accrington Stanley.

The giant striker is a standout price of 14/1 to score first today, and 5/1 to notch at any time this afternoon. Odds of 500/1 on a Kieffer Moore hat-trick is worth a quid for any of the ultimate optimists out there.

Of course, the likes of Wayne Rooney, Robin Van Persie and Angel Di Maria lead this particular market, but some of United's youngsters shouldn't be ruled out. James Wilson is 4/1 to score first and that jumps out as immediate value.

Elsewhere in the third round, the odds of Leicester (7/4) to beat managerless Newcastle, Bradford to topple Millwall at 5/2 and Preston to get past Norwich (7/4) make for a potentially valuable 'Cup Upset Treble' paying out at over 25/1.

Manchester United remain one of the



>> Yeovil striker Kieffer Moore is 14/1 to score the first goal this afternoon

favourites to lift the trophy outright in May at 6/1, if the result doesn't go their way today however, the odds on Yeovil Town getting their hands on the silverware will surely tumble from the current 1000/1.

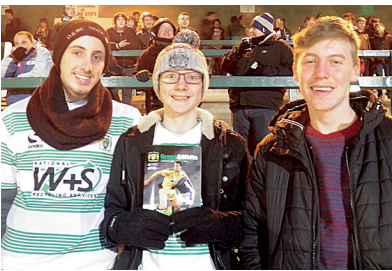
Whatever you're gambling on this weekend, please make sure you act responsibly and only gamble to limits you are comfortable with.

● All the odds quoted were correct at the time of writing and subject to change. Whatever you bet on, whoever you bet with; Yeovil Town FC promote responsible gambling for over 18s only. For the facts on gambling visit [gambleaware.co.uk](http://gambleaware.co.uk).

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FOR THE FACTS ABOUT GAMBLING



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**MATCH  
STATS**

Sky Bet League One  
Monday, December 29  
Huish Park  
Attendance: 4,132

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Lisbie 62, Cox 85

>> **YTFC STARTING  
LINE-UP**

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15 **Twumasi**  
26 **Arthurworrey**  
20 **Nugent**  
3 **N Smith**  
11 **Foley** (Berrett, 78)  
4 **Edwards**  
23 **Gillett**  
10 **L-Smith** (Ralph, 58)  
9 **Hayter** (Inniss, 78)  
27 **Eaves**

>>  
**WHAT  
THEY SAID****JOE  
EDWARDS**

@Joeedwards10

"Can only apologise. I promise we'll give everything to put things right. #ytfc"

**AARON  
WOODRUFF**

@WoodruffAaron

"Gary Johnson is the man to sort this situation, if anyone can - he can! More tricks up his sleeve yet for sure! < #AchieveByUnity #ytfc >"

**MAREK  
STECH**

@Stechy100

"Nice to be back at Huish Park @YTFC"

>> Pictures by Pinnacle  
and Pat Custard

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## >> TOP TWEETS



>> **ADAM VIRGO**  
@Adamvirgs19

*"On a brighter note I am a pundit for @btsport on Sunday back at my old club @YTFC vs Manchester United FA Cup 3rd round. Absolutely buzzing!"*



>> **YEovil TOWN FC**  
@YTFC

*"Happy New Year to everyone from all at #YTFC"*



>> **JOE EDWARDS**  
@Joeedwards10

*"Happy New Year Everyone!! Hope you all have a healthy and happy one!!"*



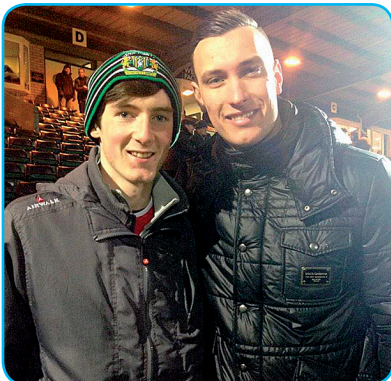
>> **SETHANA TWUMASI**  
@Sethalno16

*"Wish you all a Happy healthy and successful new year. Thank you all for your support through the Good and Bad God bless"*



>> **JORDAN CLARK**  
@Jordan4Yeovil

*"Thanks for the photos @Stechy100 #ytfc"*



>> **CHRIS HOCKLEY**  
@ChrisHockley

*"Probably the best @TheWesternGaz front page ever?"*



>> **KATIE GILLINGHAM**  
@KateWritesStuff

*"I'm disappointed, but there's always hope there - I'll never give up on my team! #ytfc"*



>> **LIVVY DAY**  
@livvyd\_

*"Gotta be prepared for Sunday when I intend to out-sing every United fan in HP #ytfc"*



>> **ELLIOT WATTS**  
@ytfcwattsy

*"Definitely going for Kieffer to score anytime on Sunday #ytfc"*



>> **JAMES HEALEY**  
@Jimmer84

*"Good chat with @AlexiLalas. He is now a @YTFC fan. #YTFC"*

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>> TODAY'S SPONSORS

>> MATCH SPONSOR – W+S RECYCLING SERVICES

Today we welcome all our guests from our main sponsor **W+S Recycling Services** and in particular would like to thank proprietor Geoff Thompson for today's sponsorship.

With head offices based in Poole **W+S Recycling Services** commenced trading in 1988 having obtained contracts with Dorset County Council for waste recycling in Weymouth and Sherborne where they still operate.

We thoroughly hope that you enjoy your day with us and on behalf of everyone at the club we thank you for your ongoing support.

>> PROGRAMME SPONSOR – OLD MILL

We also welcome Stuart Grimster along with his colleagues and guests from **Old Mill**.

**Old Mill** is very supportive to Yeovil Town FC with both advertising and sponsorship. They also offer expert services which we can vouch for.

On behalf of the Chairman, Directors and myself we thank you for your loyal support and trust that you and your guests enjoy your day.

>> BALL SPONSOR – THATCHERS

Another big Glovers welcome to Chris Milton from **Thatchers** Cider Company. Chris, Sales Director of **Thatchers**, has been instrumental in the commercial support that they have given to Yeovil Town FC. **Thatchers** also carry their name on the back of the Yeovil home and away shirts, with the away kit colour resembling the **Thatchers** brand.

I would like to thank everyone at **Thatchers** for this loyal support.



# COMMERCIAL CORNER

>> CLUB COMMERCIAL NEWS

>> BY DAVE LINNEY

I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that 2015 is filled with good health and happiness.

Manchester United are arguably the biggest club in football ever to grace the Huish Park turf. For many football clubs in the lower leagues, it is a dream to be drawn against teams as big as United, not only for the commercial spin offs, but to witness some of the best players in the world playing here at Huish Park.

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming all our commercial partners and supporters for this exciting FA Cup Third Round tie. Without you, this would not have been possible.

>> PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB

Yeovil Town Football Club are continually striving for further commercial success and are looking for new members to join the Yeovil Town Private Members Club Scheme, which pays out £1000 of prize money each month.

Schemes such as the Private Members contribute greatly to the financial stability of this historic club, hopefully with a view to reaching greater heights.

The scheme is run each month and subscription is £10 per month and payable by standing order, cash or a cheque.

For more information on the above

please contact Commercial Manager Dave Linney on 01935 847 872 or email [dlinney@yafc.net](mailto:dlinney@yafc.net).

The ten winners of £100 each for the December draw were as follows:

- 175 - Anthony Mattravers, Yeovil
- 106 - Mr Foster, Yeovil
- 179 - Mr L Tottle, Marston Magna
- 36 - Mr & Mrs Nicholson, Kingsbury Episcopi
- 144 - Mr A Chamberlain, Yeovil
- 92 - Mr T Gibson, Pitney
- 113 - Mr L David, Sherborne
- 121 - Mrs S Lavis, Dorchester
- 91 - Mrs P Spurway, Yeovil
- 83 - Mr S Masters, Yeovil

>> GOLDEN GAMBLE WINNERS

The winners from the Golden Gamble draw for the Leyton Orient match were as follows:

- 1st Prize – 271
- 2nd Prize – 423
- 3rd Prize – 834

>> GLOVERS GOLF DAY

The sixth Glovers Golf Day, sponsored by Thatchers, will take place at the magnificent Sherborne Golf Club in spring.

Teams of three will get the opportunity to rub shoulders with Yeovil Town players, past and present, along with management and celebrities. More information on the date will follow soon.



>> Gary Johnson gets set to tee off during last year's Glovers Golf Day

>> **LEYTON ORIENT SPONSORS**

Thank you to all our sponsors from the recent Leyton Orient match. Match sponsor **Lynx Copiers**.



Ball sponsor **Mayor of Yeovil, Mike Lock**.



**Lynx Copiers** also presented the man of the match award to Nathan Smith.

>> **GOAL SPONSORS**

The following list of supporters have kindly sponsored Yeovil Town FC for each goal scored in all Sky Bet League One, FA Cup, Capital One Cup, Johnstone's Paint Trophy matches as well as every clean sheet kept, game won and League One point gained. **Money raised so far: £1252.50.**

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- **Cai Jutson and Noah Baker**

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- **Tony Custard**
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Are you aged between two and 15 years of age and would you like to be one of the Yeovil Town mascots for a game? Why not give Dave Linney a call for cost and availability on 01935 847 872. Included in your mascot package:



- Ticket for the game
- Your photo and details printed in the matchday programme
- Your name and details read out over the PA system
- Meet the players and management in the changing rooms
- A replica Yeovil Town football that the players will sign
- Pre match warm up prior to the game
- Lead out Yeovil Town on to the pitch
- Shake hands with the opposing team players
- Join the captains and officials for a photo



# TODAY'S MASCOTS

>> LEADING OUT THE GLOVERS

>> **GEORGE PROUT**

George is 11 years old and lives in Figheldean, near Salisbury, where he attends the village school. He is a keen Yeovil Town supporter and enjoys following them both at home and away. George's favourite players are Sam Foley and Simon Gillett. He is a keen sportsman and plays football for Durrington Rangers.



>> **HARRISON FOSTER**

Harrison, who will be nine next week, loves all football and regularly watches Yeovil Town and Frome Town with his favourite players being Simon Gillett for Yeovil and Jonny Vance for Frome. His other team is Manchester United and this is his first time seeing them live. His favourite player is Ángel Di María.



>> **ISABELLA FOSTER**

Isabella is seven years old and loves watching Yeovil Town and Frome Town. Her favourite players are Ajay Leitch-Smith for Yeovil and Lewis Haldane and Kris Miller for Frome. Isabella also enjoys singing, hip-hop, boxing and gymnastics.



>> **LILY ALLSWORTH**

Lily is eight years old and goes to Vallis First School in Frome. Her hobbies include gymnastics, reading and Yeovil Town Football Club.



>> **NOAH BAKER**

Noah is seven years old and attends Greenfyld School in Ilminster. He plays for Ilminster YFC Under-8s and his favourite player is Yeovil captain Joe Edwards.



>> **HARRIS HAYTER**

Harris, who attends Barnby Dun School, supports Yeovil Town and Manchester United. His hobbies include football and Xbox and his favourite player is dad, James!



>> **MASON WAY**

Mason is eight years old and attends East Coker Primary School. His hobbies include football and computers and he plays football for Pen Mill Rangers. Mason supports Yeovil Town and Chelsea and his favourite players are Joe Edwards and Eden Hazard.

>> **AVA WAY**

Ava is six years old and currently goes to East Coker Primary School. Her main hobby is gymnastics. Ava supports Yeovil Town and her favourite player is Kieffer Moore.

>> **FINLEY SKIVERTON**

Finley, who is 10 years old, goes to Norton-sub-Hamdon Primary School. His favourite players are Joe Edwards and Robin van Persie.

>> **AIDAN SKIVERTON**

Aidan is eight years old and also attends Norton-sub-Hamdon Primary School. His favourite player is Kevin Dawson.

>> **WILLIAM TUPMAN**

William, aged eight, attends Trent School. He plays football for Montacute Youth FC and his favourite players are Sam Foley and Joe Edwards.

>>  
**JUNIOR GLOVERS**

Junior Glovers is open to all children who are 15 years of age or under on July 31, 2014 and the annual fee is just £16.00. For that, the member receives:

- Discounted season ticket offer
- Discounted matchday ticket offer
- 10% off purchases in the official club store and the Green & Whites shop
- £2.00 off the price of travelling to away games through the Green & Whites
- Invitations to social events
- Opportunity to be a mascot at an away game... this is FREE!

You can join the Junior Glovers by downloading the form from the club's website [www.ytfc.net](http://www.ytfc.net) or picking one up at reception, and returning it, with a passport size photograph to:

Green & Whites Supporters Club,  
Huish Park,  
Lufton Way,  
Yeovil,  
Somerset  
BA22 8YF

Alternatively, you can hand your form into the Green & Whites shop/office at Huish Park. Cheques to be made payable to GWSC.

>> Check out pages 78&79 for the Junior Glovers games and wordsearch plus the four pages towards the back of the programme for collecting autographs

# JUNIOR GLOVERS



## CLOSE-UP!

Which four Manchester United greats have we zoomed in on?



1.



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## WORDSEARCH

Can you find these 20 players from today's visitors Manchester United?

- DALEY BLIND
- MICHAEL CARRICK
- RAFAEL DA SILVA
- DAVID DE GEA
- ANGEL DI MARIA
- JONNY EVANS

- RADAMEL FALCAO
- DARREN FLETCHER
- ANDER HERRERA
- ADNAN JANUZAJ
- PHIL JONES
- ANDERS LINDEGAARD

- JUAN MATA
- MARCOS ROJO
- WAYNE ROONEY
- LUKE SHAW
- CHRIS SMALLING
- ANTONIO VALENCIA

- ROBIN VAN PERSIE
- ASHLEY YOUNG

**QUICK QUIZ**

1. For which club does Harry Kane play?
2. Who is the manager of Aston Villa?
3. Which team play at Upton Park?
4. Which club have the nickname 'The Cottagers'?

YEovil TOWN F.C.



# JUNIOR GLOVERS

**BADGES**

Which Non-League club, currently still in the FA Cup, does this section of badge belong to?



1. FROM WHICH CLUB IS JORDAN ON LOAN?

2. AGAINST WHICH TEAM DID JORDAN MAKE HIS DEBUT FOR YEovil?

3. WHAT IS JORDAN'S SQUAD NUMBER?

4. AGAINST WHICH TEAM DID JORDAN SCORE HIS FIRST TWO GOALS FOR YEovil?

FOUR QUESTIONS ON...**NON-LEAGUE**

**JORDAN CLARKE**



**ANSWERS** >> QUICK QUIZ: 1. Tottenham Hotspur, 2. Paul Lambert, 3. West Ham United, 4. Fulham. BADGES: Dover Athletic, FOUR QUESTIONS ON: 1. Coventry City, 2. Chesterfield, 3. B&S, 4. Notts County. CLOSE UP: 1. Cantona, 2. Best, 3. Beckham, 4. Robson.



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## &gt;&gt; BY SARA BRADLEY

**T**he Community Sports Trust are busy preparing for their second season in the Nerf Junior Premier League and will be holding trials during the February half term for boys from Under 12 through to Under 16.

The Nerf Junior Premier League teams are the latest step for the Trust and are run in conjunction with their existing Development Centres within the region as well as their Advanced Development Centre which was established with the aim of developing local players.

Entry into the Nerf Junior Premier League this season has been a great success for the Trust and the progress made by all the boys within the squads through their hard work and commitment has been fantastic.

The Nerf Junior Premier League is run in a very similar way to Centre of Excellence and Academy level football, with the only difference being the incentive to play for league points and participate in cup competitions.

Fixtures are played on a Saturday morning and therefore do not conflict with local leagues who operate on a Sunday as it is important for the Trust to work alongside local grassroots clubs in order to help develop young footballers within the area.

As well as JPL trials, the Trust will also be holding Advanced Development Centre trials for boys from under 8 through to under 11 with the aim to produce further Nerf Junior Premier League squad players.

The Advanced Development Centre works alongside existing Development Centres and the Trust works with players on both the technical and tactical side of the game in order to help players reach their own potential.



&gt;&gt; The Community Sports Trust's Under-13s JPL squad

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As well as learning new football skills they also aim to help the players learn important life skills such as respect for their coaches and fellow players.

Participating in the Advanced Development Centre set up does not affect the players playing with their Junior Club side as the Trust sees this as an additional training opportunity to compliment the good work being done by the local Junior Club sides.

The structure the Trust has in place gives an opportunity to a wide range of boys to get involved with their local football club, while also enhancing their progression and enjoyment of the game.

More information with regards to dates and times for the above trials will be released over the next few weeks on the Trust's website - [www.ytfc.net](http://www.ytfc.net).

Alternatively, you can contact the Trust's Development Officer, Bob Thomas, on 01935 706 671 or by emailing [Bthomas@ytfc.net](mailto:Bthomas@ytfc.net) for more details.





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 Friday (Non Match Week) - 9am-4pm

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## >> FORTHCOMING AWAY MATCHES



### >> BARNSELY v YTFC

Sky Bet League One  
 Saturday, January 10.  
 Kick-Off: 3.00pm.

### >> LOCATION

Oakwell, Grove Street, Barnsley, S71 1ET

### >> TICKET DETAILS

Tickets available from Huish Park ticket office. **Ticket Prices** – Adults: £23, Over-65s: £16, 17-21 year olds: £16, 12-16 year olds: £10, Under-12s: £5. Wheelchair and ambulant disabled pay the relevant age band (carer FOC). Tickets on the day are cash only (no concessions for 12-16 year olds and Under-12s).

### >> GWSC TRAVEL INFORMATION

Departs from Huish Park at 7.45am (departs Yeovil Bus Station by request). Members - Adults: £29, Concessions: £27. Non-members - Adults: £31, Concessions: £29. To book your seat please see Paul Hadlow in the Programme Shop on match days or TEXT 07736 044 570 (please do not telephone until after 6pm) or EMAIL - paulhadlow@outlook.com.

## >> NEXT HOME MATCH



### >> YTFC v BRADFORD CITY

Sky Bet League One  
 Saturday, January 17.  
 Kick-Off: 3.00pm.

Visit [www.ytfc.net](http://www.ytfc.net) for full details.



### >> PETERBOROUGH v YTFC

Sky Bet League One  
 Saturday, January 31.  
 Kick-Off: 3.00pm.

### >> LOCATION

ABAX Stadium, London Road,  
 Peterborough, PE2 8AL

### >> TICKET DETAILS

Ticket details yet to be released. Check [www.ytfc.net](http://www.ytfc.net) for future updates.

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>> 2014-15 FIXTURES & RESULTS



>> **AUGUST 2014**

Sat 9 15:00	H Doncaster	SBL1	0-3	5,235	(388)	Weale	Moloney	Sokolik	Martin	Davis	Edwards	Berrett
Tue 12 19:45	H Gillingham	C1C1	1-2	2,283	(191)	Krysiak	Twumasi	Sokolik	Martin	Nugent	Smith	Berrett
Sat 16 15:00	A Gillingham	SBL1	0-2	5,173	(222)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Tue 19 19:45	A Walsall	SBL1	2-1	3,758	(186)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson <sup>1</sup>	Edwards
Sat 23 15:00	H Scunthorpe	SBL1	1-1	3,943	(193)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 30 15:00	H Barnsley	SBL1	1-1*	3,991	(394)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson	Edwards

>> **SEPTEMBER**

Tue 2 19:45	H Portsmouth	JPT1	1-3	2,787	(692)	Weale	Moloney	Nugent	Martin	Smith	L-Smith	Foley
Sat 6 15:00	A Bradford City	SBL1	3-1	12,601	(190)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin <sup>2</sup>	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 13 15:00	A Coventry City	SBL1	1-2	11,085	(458)	Weale	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Tue 16 19:45	H Crewe	SBL1	1-1	3,509	(110)	Kean	Sokolik	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 20 15:00	H Peterborough	SBL1	1-0	3,970	(377)	Kean	Twumasi	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Grant <sup>1</sup>	Edwards
Sat 27 15:00	A Crawley Town	SBL1	0-2	2,351	(375)	Kean	Twumasi	Sokolik	Martin	Smith	Grant	Edwards

>> **OCTOBER**

Sat 4 15:00	H MK Dons	SBL1	0-2	4,000	(337)	Kean	Twumasi	Nugent	Martin	Smith	Berrett	Edwards
Sat 11 15:00	A Port Vale	SBL1	1-4	4,798	(179)	Kean	Moloney	Sokolik	Martin <sup>1</sup>	Smith	Berrett	Edwards
Sat 18 15:00	H Swindon Town	SBL1	1-1	5,679	(1,545)	Krysiak	Twumasi	Nugent	Inniss	Davis	Grant	Edwards
Tue 21 19:45	A Sheffield Utd	SBL1	0-2	19,353	(155)	Krysiak	Twumasi	Nugent	Inniss	Davis	Grant	Edwards
Sat 25 15:00	H Rochdale	SBL1	0-3	3,601	(243)	Krysiak	Sokolik	Nugent	Inniss	Davis	Dawson	Edwards

>> **NOVEMBER**

Sat 1 15:00	A Chesterfield	SBL1	0-0	6,462	(188)	Steer	Clarke	Nugent	Arthurworry	Davis	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 8 15:00	H Crawley Town	FAC1	1-0	2,355	(162)	Steer	Clarke	Nugent	Arthurworry	Davis	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 15 15:00	H Fleetwood	SBL1	0-1	3,577	(72)	Steer	Clarke	Nugent	Arthurworry	Davis	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 22 15:00	A Notts County	SBL1	2-1	7,746	(250)	Steer	Clarke <sup>2</sup>	Nugent	Arthurworry	Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 29 15:00	H Preston NE	SBL1	0-2	4,343	(471)	Krysiak	Clarke	Inniss	Arthurworry	Smith	Dawson	Edwards

>> **DECEMBER**

Sat 6 15:00	A Accrington St	FAC2	1-1	1,440	(306)	Steer	Clarke <sup>1</sup>	Nugent	Arthurworry	N Smith	Dawson	Edwards
Sat 13 15:00	A Oldham	SBL1	4-0	3,706	(111)	Steer	Clarke	Nugent	Arthurworry <sup>1</sup>	N Smith	Twumasi	Edwards
Tue 16 19:45	H Accrington St	FAC2 <sup>1</sup>	2-0	6,373	(167)	Steer	Moloney	Nugent	Arthurworry	N Smith	Twumasi	Edwards
Sat 20 15:00	H Colchester	SBL1	0-1	6,837	(120)	Steer	Moloney	Nugent	Arthurworry	N Smith	Twumasi	Edwards
Fri 26 15:00	A Bristol City	SBL1	1-2	13,731	(1,121)	Steer	Moloney	Nugent <sup>1</sup>	Arthurworry	N Smith	Berrett	Edwards
Mon 29 19:45	H Leyton Orient	SBL1	0-3	4,132	(217)	Steer	Twumasi	Nugent	Arthurworry	N Smith	L-Smith	Edwards

>> **JANUARY 2015**

Sun 4 15:30	H Man Utd	FAC3										
Sat 10 15:00	A Barnsley	SBL1										
Sat 17 15:00	H Bradford City	SBL1										
Sat 24 15:00	H Coventry City	SBL1										
Sat 31 15:00	A Peterborough	SBL1										

>> **FEBRUARY**

Sat 7 15:00	H Crawley Town	SBL1										
Tue 10 19:45	A Crewe	SBL1										
Sat 14 15:00	A Doncaster	SBL1										
Sat 21 15:00	H Gillingham	SBL1										
Sat 28 15:00	A Scunthorpe	SBL1										

>> **MARCH**

Tue 3 19:45	H Walsall	SBL1										
Sat 7 15:00	H Oldham	SBL1										
Sat 14 15:00	A Leyton Orient	SBL1										
Tue 17 19:45	A Colchester	SBL1										
Sat 21 15:00	H Bristol City	SBL1										
Sat 28 15:00	A Rochdale	SBL1										

>> **APRIL**

Fri 3 15:00	H Chesterfield	SBL1										
Mon 6 15:00	A Fleetwood	SBL1										
Sat 11 15:00	H Notts County	SBL1										
Tue 14 19:45	H Sheffield Utd	SBL1										
Sat 18 15:00	A Swindon Town	SBL1										
Sat 25 15:00	H Port Vale	SBL1										

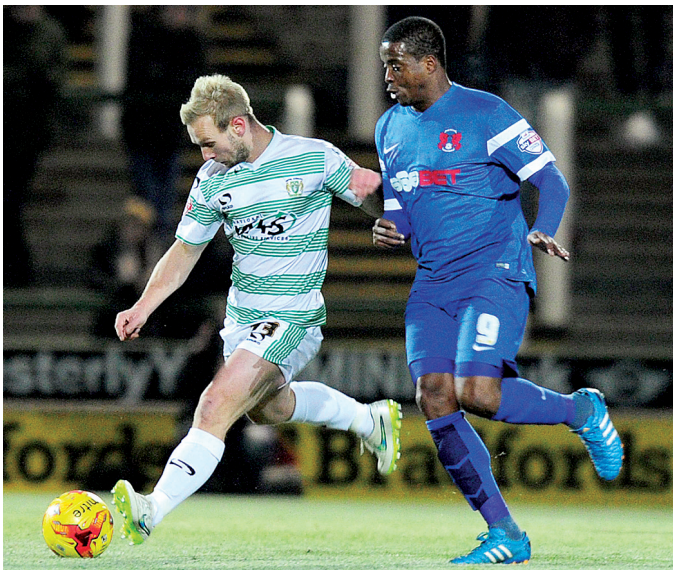
>> **MAY**

Sat 2 15:00	A MK Dons	SBL1										
TBC	A Preston NE	SBL1										

KEY: SBL1 = Sky Bet League One, CIC = Capital One Cup, FAC = FA Cup, JPT = Johnstone's Paint Trophy  
 Name = 1st sub, Name = 2nd sub, Name = 3rd sub, Name = Unused sub, \* = Number of goals scored, \* = Own goal scored. Approximate away support in brackets



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>> Simon Gillett holds off Leyton Orient's Kevin Lisbie to send in a cross during last Monday night's 3-0 defeat



>> Seth Twumasi brings the ball forward for the Glovers

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## &gt;&gt; SKY BET LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	(December 30)	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1 Bristol City	23	8	2	1	19	9	6	4	2	23	13	20	<b>48</b>
2 Swindon Town	23	7	3	2	21	12	7	2	2	23	10	22	<b>47</b>
3 Preston NE	23	6	4	1	20	12	7	2	3	16	9	15	<b>45</b>
4 MK Dons	22	8	2	2	33	12	5	3	2	15	10	26	<b>44</b>
5 Bradford City	23	4	3	5	15	16	6	3	2	16	10	5	<b>36</b>
6 Sheffield United	22	4	4	3	12	10	5	2	4	16	16	2	<b>33</b>
7 Chesterfield	23	5	3	3	16	14	3	5	4	16	17	1	<b>32</b>
8 Rochdale	23	3	3	6	13	16	6	1	4	26	15	8	<b>31</b>
9 Notts County	22	3	2	6	12	16	5	5	1	15	8	3	<b>31</b>
10 Peterborough	23	4	3	5	14	16	5	1	5	16	13	1	<b>31</b>
11 Fleetwood Town	23	4	5	2	12	10	4	1	7	11	12	1	<b>30</b>
12 Walsall	23	4	4	3	13	10	3	5	4	10	12	1	<b>30</b>
13 Oldham Athletic	22	5	3	3	16	16	2	6	3	13	17	-4	<b>30</b>
14 Doncaster Rovers	22	2	3	5	8	13	6	3	3	15	14	-4	<b>30</b>
15 Port Vale	23	5	2	4	16	15	3	3	6	13	17	-3	<b>29</b>
16 Barnsley	22	4	2	5	21	21	3	3	5	11	14	-3	<b>26</b>
17 Coventry City	23	4	5	3	13	14	2	3	6	11	17	-7	<b>26</b>
18 Scunthorpe	21	4	1	5	11	16	3	4	4	17	20	-8	<b>26</b>
19 Leyton Orient	23	2	3	6	15	17	4	4	4	17	17	-2	<b>25</b>
20 Gillingham	23	4	4	4	17	18	2	3	6	10	17	-8	<b>25</b>
21 Crawley Town	23	4	4	4	12	17	1	4	6	9	19	-15	<b>23</b>
22 Crewe Alexandra	23	4	3	5	11	18	2	2	7	9	23	-21	<b>23</b>
23 Colchester	23	2	2	7	12	20	3	4	5	15	20	-13	<b>21</b>
24 Yeovil Town	23	1	4	7	5	19	4	1	6	14	17	-17	<b>20</b>

KEY: P=Games played, W=Wins, D=Draws, L=Losses, F=Goals for, A=Goals against, GD=Goal difference, PTS=Points

## &gt;&gt; YETFC FIRST TEAM STATS

	2014-15				YETFC CAREER	
	A	G	Y	R	A	G
1 Chris WEALE	8	-	-	-	222	1
2 Brendan MOLONEY	7	-	1	-	7	0
3 Nathan SMITH	24	-	4	-	142	1
4 Joe EDWARDS	27	-	4	-	120	4
5 Aaron MARTIN	14	3	3	-	14	3
6 Jakub SOKOLIK	12	-	3	-	12	0
7 Kevin DAWSON	20	1	4	-	82	6
8 James BERRETT	13	-	3	-	13	0
9 James HAYTER	25	2	1	-	119	26
10 Ajay LEITCH-SMITH	23	1	2	-	23	1
11 Sam FOLEY	23	1	2	-	83	8
12 Artur KRYSIAK	5	-	-	-	5	0
13 Kieffer MOORE	15	4	1	-	39	9
14 Sam HOSKINS	8	1	-	-	29	1
15 Seth TWUMASI	14	-	1	1	17	0
16 Nathan RALPH	18	1	2	-	35	2
17 Joel GRANT	9	1	1	-	47	5
18 Jordan CLARKE	7	3	-	-	7	3
19 Liam DAVIS	8	-	-	-	38	1
20 Ben NUGENT	24	1	7	1	24	1
21 Calvin BROOKS	-	-	-	-	-	-
22 Gareth STEWART	-	-	-	-	5	0
23 Simon GILLETT	21	3	1	-	25	3
24 Ryan INNISS	6	-	-	1	6	0
26 Stephen ARTHURWORREY	11	1	2	-	11	1
27 Tom EAVES	6	-	-	-	6	0
28 Alex SMITH	1	-	-	-	1	0
30 Jed STEER	10	-	-	-	24	0

KEY: A=Appearances (includes sub appearances), G=Goals scored, Y=Yellow Cards, R=Red Cards

## &gt;&gt; TODAY'S FIXTURES

## &gt;&gt; FA CUP THIRD ROUND

3.00pm kick-off unless stated  
 Dover v Crystal Palace (13:00)  
 QPR v Sheff Utd (13:00)  
 Sunderland v Leeds (13:00)  
 Aston Villa v Blackpool  
 Man City v Sheff Wed  
 Southampton v Ipswich  
 Stoke v Wrexham  
 Chelsea v Watford (16:00)  
 Arsenal v Hull (17:30)

## &gt;&gt; LEADING SCORERS

Eoin DOYLE  
 Chesterfield **18**  
 Andy WILLIAMS  
 Swindon Town **14**  
 Jonathan FORTE  
 Oldham Athletic **13**  
 Tom BRADSHAW  
 Walsall **12**  
 Joe GARNER  
 Preston North End **11**  
 Aaron WILBRAHAM  
 Bristol City **10**

## &gt;&gt; MOST ASSISTS

Nathan BYRNE  
 Swindon Town **9**  
 Daniel JOHNSON  
 Oldham Athletic **8**  
 Dean COX  
 Leyton Orient **7**  
 Matt DONE  
 Rochdale **6**  
 Michael SMITH  
 Swindon Town **6**  
 Jake HESSENTHALER  
 Gillingham **6**

## &gt;&gt; OUTGOING YETFC PLAYERS

	A	G
Matteo LANZONI	0	0
Jack PRICE	7	0
Jake KEAN	5	0
Jordy HIWULA	9	1

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# SIMON WOODSELL

>> VIEWS ON THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL

**A**fter the second longest stint in Premier League history without a managerial change, the merry-go-round this week went into overdrive as Crystal Palace first dispensed with Neil Warnock on Boxing Day, and then in the wake of last Sunday's defeat by Stoke, West Bromwich Albion also sacked the affable but hapless Alan Irvine.

In this age of Premier League football quite literally being the be-all and end-all of some clubs' sustainability (not necessarily the aforementioned two, mind), Chairmen have this season shown an admirable level of restraint; there could easily have been two or three at various points already this season and at Newcastle, Liverpool and Leicester in particular, the managerial trigger fingers must have been itching.

That period of relative serenity has now come to an end and one suspects that there will now be a high turnover January; indeed, it looks like in the next day or two Alan Pardew, the subject of one of my columns earlier in the season, will leave Newcastle to take over from Warnock as manager of the Eagles, perhaps kicking off a domino effect that could subsequently see Georgie and boyhood Magpies fan Steve Bruce leave Hull City to take up the reins on Tyneside.

On the face of things, the Pardew move down south is a strange one, but when you look a bit closer the attractions of Selhurst Park make the motives a little more clear; unloved at St James' Park, Pardew will be stepping into an environment where he is a hero after Palace's exploits in the 1990 FA Cup, as well as leaving Mike Ashley's 'Cockney Mafia' to become a manager with ultimate control over signings as well as the players on the pitch.

The Palace squad is one with potential too; captain Mile Jedinak is a player with a lot of quality and maverick wingers



>> Alan Pardew scores Crystal Palace's winning goal in their epic 4-3 FA Cup semi-final win over Liverpool in 1990

Yala Bolasie and Wilfried Zaha can terrorise defenders when in the mood. After dispensing with Neil Warnock, Palace Chairman and lifelong Eagles fan Steve Parish is now likely to back his next appointment in the transfer market, so the scope will be there for Pardew to add to it as well.

At West Brom, Palace's miracle worker from last season, Tony Pulis, has stepped into the breach. Pulis is another interesting appointment, a manager that likes the control he previously enjoyed at Selhurst Park and Stoke City before that.

How he will adapt to the continental style 'Head Coach' system preferred by the Baggies will remain to be seen, but the Midlands side must be confident of staying up with a coach used to dealing with tough circumstances at the helm.

The next few weeks could be turbulent within the managerial offices of many Premier League clubs then, and more than a few names on doors could be changed as clubs scramble to find the formula that will see an uptick in results.

Burnley's rapid turnaround in form recently has probably hastened the departure of this week's casualties; it would be a fairly safe bet to suggest there may be more in the coming weeks.

***“Unloved at St James' Park, Pardew will be stepping into an environment where he is a hero after Palace's exploits in the 1990 FA Cup”***





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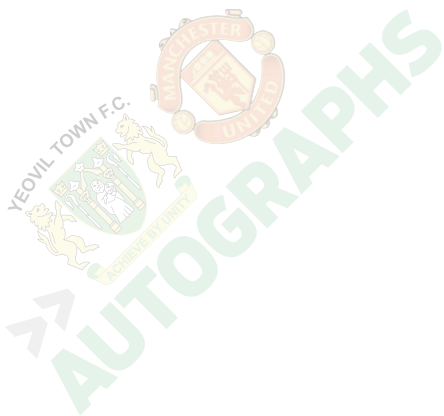


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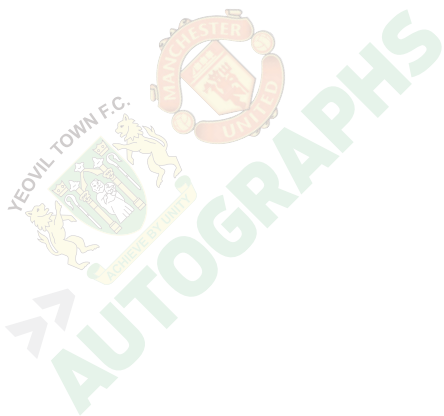
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