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1ST JANUARY 1927

A crowd of 26,163 at Ayresome Park witnessed Middlesbrough hammer Port Vale 5-2 courtesy of three goals from George Camsell, a Billy Pease strike and an own goal as Boro continued their push for promotion to the top flight. Camsell's hat-trick made it ten goals in eight days for the Middlesbrough forward en route to a record haul of 59 league goals in a season.

1ST JANUARY 1936

Goal ace George Camsell scored his penultimate Football League hat-trick in a 3-1 win over West Bromwich Albion at Ayresome Park, on the way to scoring 28 goals in 38 league appearances.

1ST JANUARY 1959

A brace from the second tier's top goalscorer, Brian Clough, and a strike by Scotland international Willie Fernie – his first for the club after a switch from Glasgow Celtic – were enough for Boro to see off Huddersfield Town 3-1 at Ayresome Park.

1ST JANUARY 1997

Aged 39 years, 11 months and 21 days, Bryan Robson turned out in a 2-0 loss to Arsenal at Highbury to become the club's then oldest player – a record that stood until January 2019 when Dimi Konstantopoulos appeared at 40 years and 38 days. While Dimi had little to do in a 5-0 win over Peterborough United, Robson's final professional outing saw him at the heart of the action to the extent that the *Evening Gazette's* Eric Paylor considered the former England skipper's performance worthy of the man of the match award.

1ST JANUARY 2002

Gianluca Festa's second-half goal against Everton at the Riverside ended a run of four straight defeats for Steve McClaren's struggling side as they moved three points clear of the final relegation spot.

2ND JANUARY 1937

Young ex-South Bank St Peter's boy Wilf Mannion made his Boro debut in a 2-2 draw with Portsmouth, stepping in as a last-minute replacement for the injured Cliff Chadwick. The local newspaper report noted that the new man 'lacks a little speed at the moment' but felt, 'Mannion appears to have more than "a chance" of making good later on. This outing will have done him good.'

MONTH OF JANUARY

2ND JANUARY 1989

Peter Davenport, a £700,000 record signing from Manchester United the previous year, scored his first goal for the club in a 1-0 win over his former employers in front of a season-high 24,411 gate at Ayresome Park. The win was Boro's first victory in the league since mid-November and ended a seven-game winless run in the First Division, while the result brought Alex Ferguson's men back down to earth after a 3-1 win against Liverpool at Old Trafford the previous day.

2ND JANUARY 1995

A bumper crowd at Ayresome Park was left disappointed as Boro's match with Barnsley was abandoned at half-time owing to an icy pitch, with the home side leading 2-1. The fixture was the last to be abandoned at the club's home of 92 years. To make matters worse for the Boro faithful, the rescheduled game ended 1-1 with ex-Middlesbrough man Andy Payton scoring against his former employer after Jaime Moreno had scored his first league goal for the club.

3RD JANUARY 1981

The FA Cup third round brought a long-distance journey to the Vetch Field where Boro turned on the style to defeat Swansea City 5-0. The match is best remembered for Northern Ireland schemer Terry Cochrane's stunning overhead kick that was one of the goals of the season.

3RD JANUARY 2009

Boro edged past non-league Barrow in the FA Cup third round courtesy of a 2-1 win at the Riverside. Afonso Alves's brace put the home side in the comfort zone before Jason Walker scored with ten minutes remaining to set up a grandstand finish and bring hope to the 7,000 travelling Bluebirds supporters.

4TH JANUARY 1997

Over 2,500 Chester City fans filled the away end at the Riverside Stadium for the FA Cup third round tie but had little to cheer as Boro ran out 6-0 winners, with the visitors' Kevin Noteman missing a penalty at 5-0. Fabrizio Ravanelli (two), Craig Hignett – who was later dismissed – Neil Cox, Mikkel Beck and Phil Stamp were on the scoresheet in an impressive win that proved to be the start of the most successful FA Cup run in the club's history.

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5TH JANUARY 1907

One-time record £750 signing Steve Bloomer scored four as the Teessiders gunned down Woolwich Arsenal, running out 5-3 winners at Ayresome Park to gain two vital points in their battle against the drop.

6TH JANUARY 2024

High-flying Aston Villa struggled to overcome Championship Middlesbrough in the FA Cup third round at the Riverside until a late Matty Cash goal settled the tie for the visitors in the 87th minute.

7TH JANUARY 1975

David Armstrong scored an 89th-minute penalty to spare top-flight Boro's blushes against non-league Wycombe Wanderers in an FA Cup third round replay at Ayresome Park and set up a clash with north-east rivals Sunderland in the next round.

8TH JANUARY 2011

Boro were stunned by third-tier Burton Albion at the Pirelli Stadium after the Brewers fought back from a goal down to win 2-1 to progress to the next round of the FA Cup. Gary O'Neil's free kick looked to have ensured the Teessiders' passage to the next round but Shaun Harrad equalised in the 82nd minute before grabbing a 94th-minute winner on a day of shocks that saw north-east rivals Newcastle United dumped out of the competition by Stevenage Borough and Sunderland lose at home to Notts County.

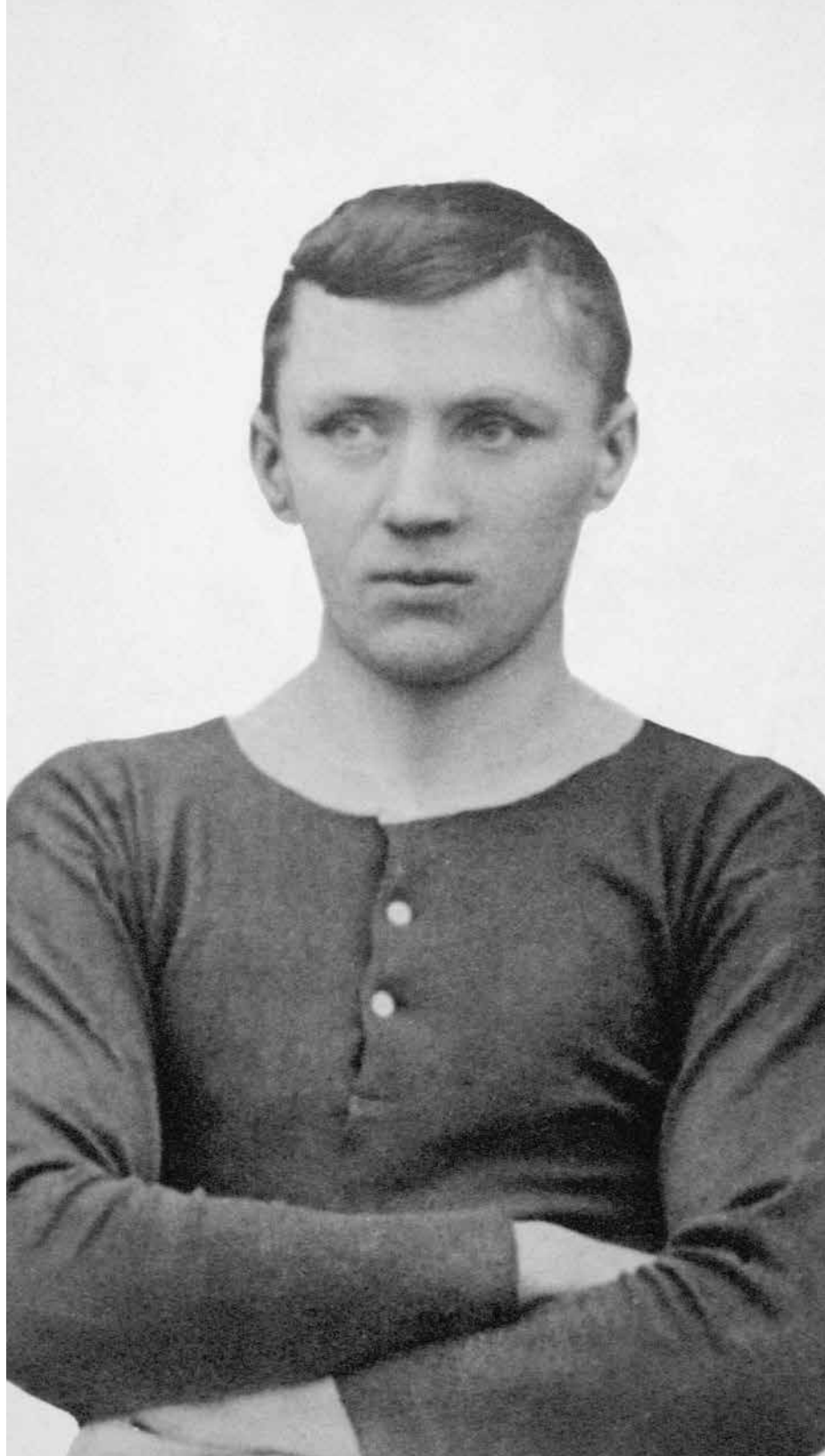
9TH JANUARY 1926

Jimmy McClelland scored all five of the home team's goals as Boro sent Leeds United crashing out of the FA Cup with a 5-1 win in the first competitive meeting between the two sides.

10TH JANUARY 1978

Prized-asset and want-away midfielder Graeme Souness finally completed his move to Bob Paisley's Liverpool for £352,000 – a record transfer fee between Football League clubs. The move followed a stand-off between manager John Neal and the fiery Scot, who was keen to cement his place in the Scotland World Cup squad by catching the eye of national team manager Ally MacLeod with impressive performances for his new club.

STEVE BLOOMER HIT FOUR OF BORO'S GOALS IN A 5-3 WIN OVER ARSENAL.



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11TH JANUARY 2003

The enigmatic Alen Bokšić was substituted after 71 minutes in his final appearance for Middlesbrough with his side trailing 2-0 to visitors Southampton. Goals in the last 15 minutes by substitutes Noel Whelan and Massimo Maccarone – who replaced the Croatian in attack – rescued a point for the home side. The former Lazio man's final appearance for Boro epitomised a frustrating stay on Teesside for a player who, on his day, showed that he was among the best strikers in Europe yet all too often missed out through injury. Nevertheless, his goal return of 22 in 68 appearances over two and a half seasons helped Boro avoid relegation across two difficult years.

12TH JANUARY 1952

Wilf Mannion's two goals were not enough to ensure Boro progressed to the FA Cup fourth round at the first time of asking as Derby County secured a replay in a 2-2 draw at Ayresome Park.

13TH JANUARY 1973

Stan Anderson's Middlesbrough crashed out of the FA Cup at Plymouth Argyle, leaving the Boro manager questioning his own future as his side struggled in league and cups.

14TH JANUARY 1997

Boro were deducted three points by the Premier League's disciplinary commission as punishment for calling off the match scheduled to be played at Ewood Park the previous month owing to illness in the squad. The club were ordered to pay a £50,000 fine and the associated costs of the commission, as well as to play a rescheduled fixture with Blackburn Rovers.

14TH JANUARY 2020

Middlesbrough's FA Cup campaign was brought to an end with a 2-1 defeat on their first visit to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The Londoners raced into a two-goal lead before George Saville pulled one back for the visitors. Rudy Gestede had a chance late on to equalise but failed to convert from eight yards out.

15TH JANUARY 1997

Teessiders reacted with anger to the three-point deduction by the Premier League with the front-page headline of the *Evening Gazette* reading 'The POINT we want to make' as 'enraged Boro fans today cried foul on the draconian decision of the Premier League's punishment panel'.

MONTH OF JANUARY

16TH JANUARY 1929

Boro's FA Cup tie with Walsall was called off despite the best efforts of 'a large number of unemployed' to clear the six-inch-deep snow from the Ayresome Park turf. The match was called off at 2.15pm with some 10,000 supporters outside the gates awaiting a decision on whether it would go ahead.

16TH JANUARY 1998

Newspapers across the country reported stay-away midfielder Emerson's accusations that the club had let him down on a new contract offer as he prepared to complete a £4.25m move to Tenerife. The accusations followed Steve Gibson speaking out at his bitter disappointment at the former Porto man's failure to return to the club after a Christmas break. Speaking several years later, Emerson admitted that he made a mistake in the way that he departed the club and the Brazilian is still remembered fondly by many Boro fans.

16TH JANUARY 2007

One of the most remarkable FA Cup ties in Boro's history ended in the home team's favour at the Riverside as they triumphed 4-3 against Hull City. After leading 3-0 courtesy of a first-half Seb Hines goal followed by Mark Viduka and Yakubu strikes early in the second half, Boro conceded twice within the space of four minutes. Viduka restored the two-goal cushion before Andy Dawson added his second goal of the match in a frantic second half that brought six goals in 20 minutes.

17TH JANUARY 1995

The third-round replay against Swansea City proved to be the final FA Cup match to be played at Ayresome Park. Having drawn 1-1 at the Vetch Field ten days earlier, the Swans claimed a shock win through goals from Steve Torpey and Dave Penney, with John Hendrie's reply not enough to keep Boro's cup dreams alive. It was the second season in a row that Boro had exited the cup to Welsh opposition, having been knocked out by Cardiff City in a third-round replay at Ayresome Park the previous season.

18TH JANUARY 2002

Diego Forlán flew into Gatwick Airport as Boro hoped to complete a deal for the Uruguayan international. However, the *Evening Gazette's* back-page headline instead read 'Forlán at the Final Hurdle' as it was revealed that 'Boro were today rocked as goal-getting target Diego Forlán snubbed Teesside to join Manchester United', with the young forward declaring, 'We are flying to Manchester and I am signing for Manchester United.'

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19TH JANUARY 1974

Bolivian international forward Jaime Moreno was born in Santa Cruz. Signed in 1994 after playing for his nation at the 1994 World Cup, the first Bolivian to play in the Premier League struggled to make an impression on Teesside in two spells at the club. Moreno went on to have a highly successful career in Major Soccer League with D.C. United, breaking the league goalscoring record when notching his 109th MLS goal against New York Red Bulls in 2010 and winning multiple individual and team accolades.

20TH JANUARY 1998

The Guardian reported that Boro target Dion Dublin had rejected a £5m switch to Teesside from Coventry City despite Bryan Robson's insistence that his former Manchester United team-mate simply wanted time to think over the move to the north-east.

20TH JANUARY 2004

A well-worked second-half strike by Juninho gave Boro a 1-0 League Cup semi-final first leg win at Highbury to hand Arsenal's 'Invincibles' their first domestic defeat over 90 minutes of the season. The Teessiders might have had a more significant advantage going into the second leg but Juninho's first-half effort struck the inside of the post and Joseph-Désiré Job missed two good chances in the closing stages.

21ST JANUARY 1929

Middlesbrough triumphed 5-1 against Walsall in their on-off FA Cup fourth round replay which had already been postponed twice. George Camsell and Billy Pease each grabbed a brace and Owen Williams added Boro's other goal to book a tie with Walsall's local rivals West Bromwich Albion.

22ND JANUARY 1928

Boro's in-form marksman George Camsell faced a race against time when he received a late call-up to the England trial match at The Hawthorns the following day. The ex-Durham City man had to depart by rail at 7am from Middlesbrough and then head in a taxi to West Bromwich Albion's home ground. Unsurprisingly, he failed to impress and instead it was Dixie Dean, on the opposing side, who grabbed the attention of the selectors with a hat-trick.

21ST JANUARY 1929 — BILLY PEASE WAS ON TARGET AGAINST WALSALL IN THE FA CUP (CULLEY COLLECTION)



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22ND JANUARY 1962

Stephen Pears, widely considered one of the best goalkeepers in the club's history, was born in Brandon. Pears initially joined Boro on loan from Manchester United in 1983 before returning on a permanent deal in 1985. He went on to play 339 league games in a total of 424 appearances that included four promotions, three relegations, one Wembley appearance and an England call-up, although injury would ultimately prevent the stopper playing for the national side.

23RD JANUARY 1915

Middlesbrough's reserves faced criticism in the local press after recording a remarkable 19-1 victory over Skelton Celtic in the North Riding Senior Cup at Ayresome Park. One local sport journalist described the score as absurd and contended that 'a score of four or five to one would have amply served the purpose in these anxious times, when small clubs meet with sufficient rebuffs to discourage them ... [there] is no reason why they should be so humbled as to practically be ridiculed'.

23RD JANUARY 2024

Morgan Rogers scored his final Boro goal as Middlesbrough were trounced 6-1 by Chelsea in the League Cup semi-final second leg at Stamford Bridge. Boro's 1-0 aggregate lead from the first leg was wiped out by a Jonny Howson own goal after 15 minutes before Enzo Fernández, Axel Disasi and Cole Palmer added further goals before half-time. As the game petered out, Palmer and Noni Madueke made it six for the Londoners before the Aston Villa-bound attacker scored a consolation goal with two minutes left on the clock.

24TH JANUARY 2015

On-loan Chelsea striker Patrick Bamford and Spaniard Kike were the Boro heroes as they humbled Premier League champions Manchester City at the Etihad. The 2-0 FA Cup fourth round win for Championship Boro brought the sixth – and most surprising – clean sheet in seven games for Aitor Karanka's side. It was the second successive season that Manchester City had exited the tournament to a second-tier side, having crashed out to holders Wigan Athletic at the quarter-final stage in the previous campaign.

PATRICK BAMFORD WAS ONE OF THE GOALSCORERS AT MANCHESTER CITY IN THE FA CUP. (THE GAZETTE)



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25TH JANUARY 1975

Boro cruised past Sunderland into the fifth round of the FA Cup in front of the *Match of the Day* cameras. A common feature of the tournament during the period, both teams donned their away kit with Boro in their now iconic blue-and-black-striped shirts and Sunderland in white. Despite Sunderland taking the lead after intercepting a rare misplaced pass by Graeme Souness, the midfielder soon made amends with an assist for fellow Scot Bobby Murdoch, who equalised in front of the Holgate. Into the second half, David Mills was felled by the Sunderland goalkeeper and John Hickton, complete with a trademark long penalty run-up, tucked the resultant spot kick into the corner of the net. As the Mackems pushed for an equaliser, Boro countered and Mills was felled in the box once again. Hickton coolly added his second from the spot to make sure of the club's first FA Cup win over their Roker rivals.

26TH JANUARY 2002

Noel Whelan and substitute Andy Campbell scored to see Steve McClaren's side dump Manchester United out of the FA Cup in the fourth round in a midday TV clash that attracted a crowd of just 17,624 to the Riverside. The tie looked to be heading for a replay at Old Trafford until former Leeds man Whelan struck in the 84th minute, and Campbell added another with a minute remaining to give the home side a 2-0 win that set up a fifth-round Riverside date with Blackburn Rovers.

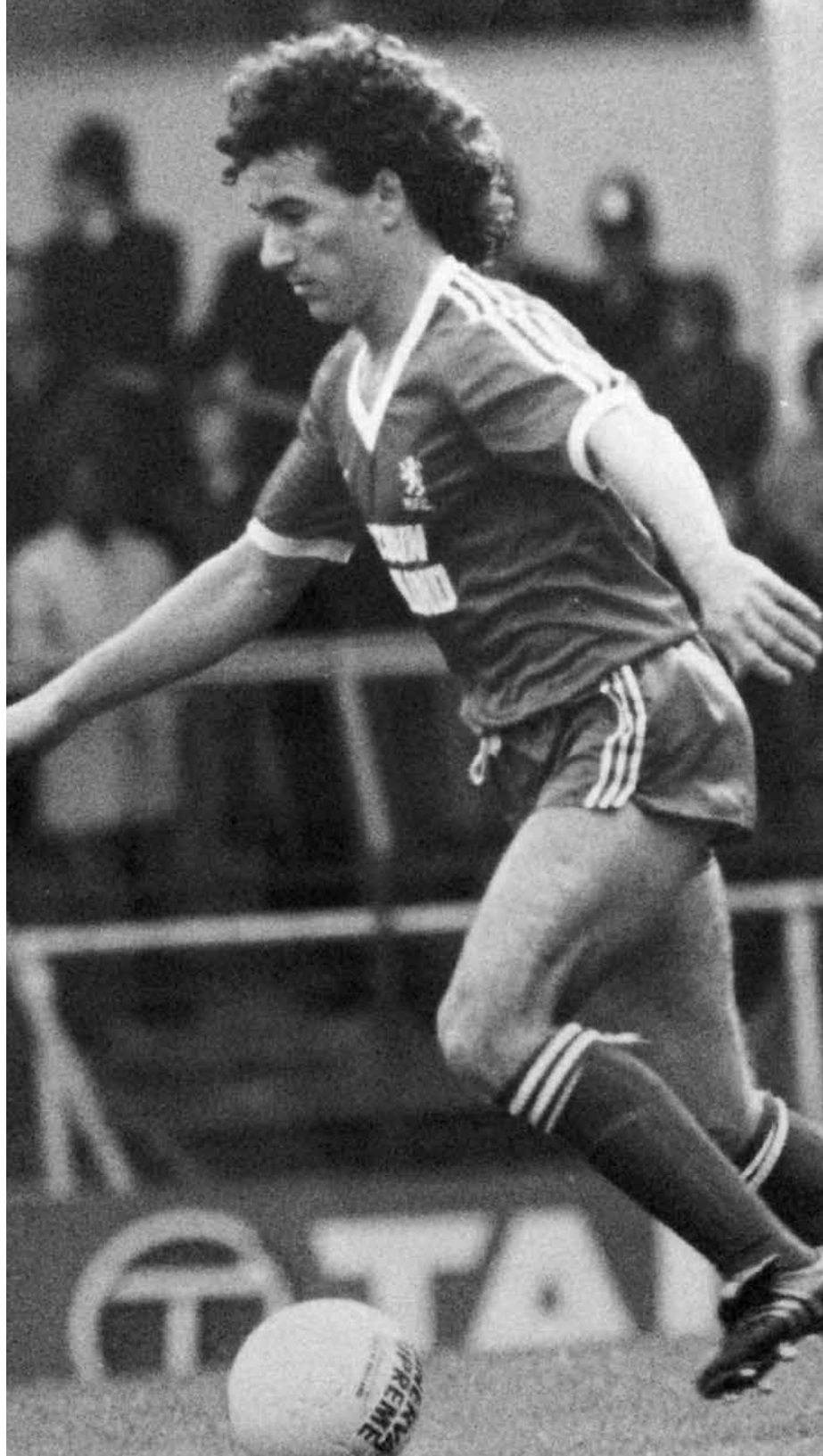
27TH JANUARY 1896

After deliberation lasting several months, the approach from the chairman of Middlesbrough's Baseball Club for Middlesbrough Football Club to run the former was declined. Middlesbrough's directors also decided that the use of the Linthorpe Road Ground for baseball would no longer be permitted, although the decision was eventually overturned but with numerous caveats.

28TH JANUARY 1978

Boro manager John Neal gave promising 17-year-old Australian Craig Johnston his debut as Everton took on Boro at Ayresome Park in the FA Cup fourth round. A player derided by previous boss Jack Charlton, Johnston had impressed in the club's reserves to earn the number ten shirt vacated by the suspended Tony McAndrew. Boro led 3-0 with goals from John Mahoney and a brace from David Mills before the Merseysiders looked to stage an unlikely comeback but the home side hung on for a 3-2 victory.

CRAIG JOHNSTON MADE HIS DEBUT AGAINST EVERTON AS A TEENAGER (GORDON REES)



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29TH JANUARY 1983

After struggling to dispose of non-league Bishop's Stortford after a replay in the FA Cup third round, Boro – languishing in the lower echelons of the Second Division – were handed a home draw against Notts County that attracted the biggest crowd of the season to date at Ayresome Park. A Ray Hankin goal and Kevin Beattie's penalty – Boro's final FA Cup penalty scored at the famous old ground – proved enough to seal a victory that sent the majority of the 17,114 crowd home happy.

30TH JANUARY 1982

Stephen Bell made his debut at home to a Southampton side that included Kevin Keegan and returning Boro favourite David Armstrong. Having impressed manager Bobby Murdoch in training, the slim-built, blond-haired winger became the then youngest Boro debutant aged just 16 years and 323 days. Without a league win since 26th September and rooted at the foot of the top-flight table, Murdoch's side were felled by a solitary goal from Keegan as the Teessiders headed for relegation.

30TH JANUARY 1988

A colossal series of FA Cup fourth round ties with Everton began with a visit to the reigning champions. Bruce Rioch's Second Division promotion-chasers fell behind in the first half to a Graeme Sharp goal but battled back after the interval as Paul Kerr converted a Stuart Ripley cross. Everton had a chance to secure their progress to the next round but Stephen Pears saved well to take the tie to a replay at Ayresome Park.

30TH JANUARY 1990

A 2-1 Zenith Data Systems Northern Final first leg win at Villa Park put Boro in the driving seat as they sought a first appearance at Wembley. Torrential rain poured down in Birmingham and Boro fell behind to a Paul Birch goal in the 13th minute but Bernie Slaven restored parity two minutes later. The tie appeared to be heading for a draw until Mark Brennan scored a stunning last-minute winner from outside the box following a short free kick.

31ST JANUARY 2003

Bolton Wanderers striker Michael Ricketts completed a late transfer deadline day move to Middlesbrough, joining new recruits Malcolm Christie and Chris Riggott, who both moved to Teesside from Derby County.

DAVID ARMSTRONG, PICTURED HERE DURING HIS BORO PLAYING DAYS, RETURNED TO AYRESOME PARK WITH SOUTHAMPTON (THE GAZETTE)



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31ST JANUARY 2006

Emanuel Pogatetz and Stuart Parnaby proved to be the unlikely goal heroes as Boro trounced a sorry Sunderland 3-0 at the Stadium of Light. Leading 2-0 at half-time, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink added to the relegation-bound Mackems' woes with a rifled shot following a delightful ball from Gaizka Mendieta.

31ST JANUARY 2008

Boro paid a club-record £12.7m for Brazilian international Afonso Alves as they looked to boost their attacking threat. Signed from Dutch side Heerenveen, Alves had lit up the Eredivisie and topped the previous season's scoring charts with 34 goals in 31 games.