

FOCUS on our VISITORS

DERBY COUNTY'S 3-1 win at home to Manchester United on Boxing Day—captain and centre-half Roy McFarland scored two of the goals—lifted them above us to seventh place in the table. They have earned 20 of their 26 points at the Baseball Ground and will obviously be hoping to produce some of their formidable home form here today.

Remembering how boldly they played when they visited Stamford Bridge in a League Cup replay in October, it is hard to understand why County have scored only seven away League goals all season—the fewest in the First Division except for Coventry City's six.

With consecutive away victories against West Ham and Wolves, Derby at last appeared to be finding the sort of consistency that earned them their first League Championship last season, but they slipped again last Saturday, losing by four clear goals at Stoke.

Despite the vagaries of home and away form, County have progressed impressively on their first European Cup venture, eliminating Zvezdarnik (Yugoslavia) and then Benfica on their way to the quarter-finals.

DERBY COUNTY PLAYERS

COLIN BOULTON: Former police cadet who joined Derby after a trial in 1964. Since replacing Les Green in 1971 has become first-choice goalkeeper, with more than 100 League appearances. Born Cheltenham. 5 ft. 10½ in., 12 st. 6 lb.

RON WEBSTER: Derby's longest-serving player with over 350 League games to his credit. A local-born full-back, he joined the club at 15 in 1958 and made League debut in season 1961-62. Born Belper. 5 ft. 8½ in., 11 st.

DAVID NISH: Britain's most expensive footballer cost Derby £225,000 from Leicester last Aug. England Under-23 International (10 caps) who has played full-back and in midfield for County. Aged 24 and nearing 250 League appearances. Born Leicester. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st.

JOHN O'HARE: Scottish International striker (13 caps) recently switched to midfield. A bargain £20,000 buy from Sunderland in Aug. 1967, he had scored 61 goals in 206 League games for Derby at the start of this season. Born Renton. 5 ft. 8½ in., 11 st. 9 lb.

ROY McFARLAND: England's centre-half and Derby captain with 11 full and five Under-23 caps returned last Saturday after a two-match suspension. Cost £24,000 from Tranmere Rov. in Aug. 1967. Born Liverpool. 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st. 12 lb.

COLIN TODD: Brilliant defender signed from Sunderland for a then club record fee of £170,000 in Feb. 1971. Holds one full and 13 Under-23 caps. Approaching 250 League appearances. Born Chester-le-Street. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 5 lb.

JOHN McGOVERN: £7,000 bargain from Hartlepool in Sept. 1968 and has since made nearly 150 League appearances. Won first Scottish Under-23 cap last season. Born Montrose. 5 ft. 7½ in., 9 st. 13 lb.

ARCHIE GEMMILL: Forceful Scottish International midfielder player (seven caps) who was signed for £60,000 from Preston in Sept. 1970. Originally with St. Mirren. Born Paisley. 5 ft. 5 in., 11 st. 3 lb.

ROGER DAVIES: 21-year-old centre-forward who made First Division debut after beginning this season on loan to Preston. Previously with Worcester City, he cost Derby a then non-League record fee of £15,000 when signed in Sept. 1971. Born Wolverhampton. 6 ft. 3 in., 13 st. 7 lb.

KEVIN HECTOR: Exciting all-round forward ever-present last winter when scoring 12 League goals. Previously with Bradford P.A., he netted 44 goals in the season before joining Derby for £40,000 in Sept. 1966. Born Leeds. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 8 lb.

ALAN HINTON: Hard-shooting top scorer for Derby last winter (20 goals) and a principal marksman again this season. Capped three times by England, he cost £30,000 from Nott'm. F. in Sept. 1967. Rarely misses as Derby's penalty-taker. Born Wednesbury. 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 11 lb.

STEVE POWELL: 17-year-old full-back who became County's youngest-ever first-team player when making League debut v. Arsenal in Oct. 1971. Son of former Derby forward Tommy Powell. Born Derby. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st.

Club address:

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OFFICIALS

Chairman: MR. SAM LONGSON.
Secretary: MR. STUART WEBB.
Manager: MR. BRIAN CLOUGH.
Assistant Manager: MR. PETER TAYLOR.
Trainer-Coach: MR. JIMMY GORDON.
Captain: ROY McFARLAND.

HONOURS

Football League Champions 1972.
Div. II Champions 1912, 1915, 1969.
Div. III (North) Champions 1957.
F.A. Cup Winners 1946.