

SUPPORTER PROFILE

NAME Shaun Keogh

FIRST MATCH November 9, 1968 v Millwall away. Lost 0-2

STAND OF CHOICE Upper West

FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER Tony Mowbray

AND THE WORST Phil Whelan. I will never forget his horrific display at The Dell in January 1996. Running around like a headless chicken, his sending off was applauded by the Boro fans

LUCKY PANTS? Is an anagram of Kasunt Clyp, Boro's next signing. Possibly

CAN'T WAIT, JUST CAN'T WAIT

TFH HAD A GOOD SUMMER?

SK In terms of a warm glow of anticipation, this summer has been the most satisfying since Bryan Robson became manager in 1994

TFH GREECE — A GOOD THING OR NOT?

SK Neh, filios mou; einah kalo — allo mono yia Ellanika*

TFH 2004-05 — CAN'T WAIT, CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC OR LIVING IN FEAR?

SK Can you remember the feeling you used to have as a child all through Christmas Eve, when you knew you had just one more day to get through before tomorrow morning, but it still seemed an unbelievably long time away? And then you still lay awake all night because the excitement and anticipation made you want to scream? Well, it has been Christmas Eve all summer in Middlesbrough. Boro fans should wear Santa hats on the opening day of the season

TFH THE NEW SIGNINGS, GOOD OR BAD?

SK At last McClaren has bagged a couple of proven strikers in Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Mark Viduka

TFH HOW IS THE BOSS MANAGING?

SK I have a suspicion that this will be McClaren's last season at the Boro. I can't help feeling that Steve Gibson will want to attract a top foreign coach to take the club forward to the next stage

TFH WHICH PLAYER IS INDISPENSABLE?

SK Gareth Southgate

TFH AND ONE TO SELL?

SK Massimo Maccarone; made redundant by Viduka and Hasselbaink

TFH HOW ARE THE NEIGHBOURS?

SK For Sunderland, every day is Hallowe'en...

TFH IF CHELSEA WEREN'T BUYING EVERYBODY, WHO WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL SIGNING?

SK Thierry Henry

TFH DO YOU HAVE A ROONEYESQUE PRODIGY WAITING IN THE WINGS?

SK Yes, Stuart Parnaby

TFH HAND ON HEART, DO YOU WISH ROMAN ABRAMOVICH HAD SEEN YOUR CLUB FIRST?

SK Absolutely not. Gibson is worth a million Abramoviches to Boro fans

TFH HOW WILL MIDDLESBROUGH FARE AND WHO WILL FINISH FOURTH IN THE PREMIERSHIP?

SK The Boro will finish sixth. Newcastle will be fourth
*Yes my friend, but only for Greece



FIXTURES

AUGUST

14	Newcastle (PPV)	(H)
22	Arsenal (SKY)	(A)
25	Fulham	(A)
28	Crystal Palace	(H)

SEPTEMBER

11	Birmingham	(H)
19	Everton	(A)
25	Chelsea (PPV)	(H)

OCTOBER

3	Man Utd	(A)
16	Blackburn	(A)
23	Portsmouth	(H)
30	Charlton	(A)

NOVEMBER

7	Bolton (SKY)	(H)
14	West Brom (SKY)	(A)
20	Liverpool	(H)
27	Tottenham	(A)

DECEMBER

6	Man City (SKY)	(H)
11	Southampton	(A)
18	Aston Villa	(H)
26	Birmingham (SKY)	(A)
28	Norwich	(H)

JANUARY

1	Man Utd	(H)
3	Chelsea	(A)
15	Everton	(H)
22	Norwich	(A)

FEBRUARY

1	Portsmouth	(A)
5	Blackburn	(H)
12	Bolton	(H)
26	Charlton	(H)

MARCH

5	Aston Villa	(A)
19	Southampton	(H)

APRIL

2	Crystal Palace	(A)
9	Arsenal	(H)
16	Newcastle	(A)
19	Fulham	(H)
23	West Brom	(H)
30	Liverpool	(A)

MAY

7	Tottenham	(H)
14	Man City	(A)

2003-04

Premiership	11th
FA Cup	Fourth round
Carling Cup	Winners
Leading scorer	Szilard Nemeth, 9
Average attendance	30,397

2004-05

Arrivals

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink (Chelsea, free), **Ray Parlour** (Arsenal, free), **Michael Reiziger** (Barcelona, free), **Mark Viduka** (Leeds United, £4.5m), **Boudewijn Zenden** (Chelsea, free)

Departures

Michael Ricketts (Leeds United, free), **Robbie Stockdale** (Rotherham United, free), **Craig Dove** (Rushden & Diamonds), **Philip Gulliver** (Rushden & Diamonds), **David Murphy** (Hibernian), **Ross Turnbull** (Bradford City, month's loan), **Allan Johnston**, **Samuel Russell**, **Gary Smith** (released)

Season tickets

£380-£550
26,000 sold

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