OUR VISITORS



SUNDERLAND

A FORMER schoolboy and Under-23 international, locally - born Jim Montgomery made his League debut for Sunderland in February 1962, when 18, and has appeared in 150 League and Cup games. Missed several matches last season with a broken ankle.

At full-back Sunderland can choose between Irish international John Parke, Cecil Irwin and Len Ashurst. Parke joined them from Hibernian in November 1964 at a substantial fee, and last season figured at both right-half and right-back.

Ashurst was secured by Sunderland from Prescot Cables, a Lancashire junior club near Liverpool, some nine years ago, and up to the end of last season had played 305 League matches. Irwin has been with them for seven years.

Besides Parke, Sunderland have another Irish international defender in Martin Harvey, a talented wing-half who has been capped 22 times. Harvey, who made his debut seven years ago, was switched to centre-half last season on several occasions when Charlie Hurley was injured.

Hurley, captain of his club and country (Eire), first made a name for himself at Millwall. Sunderland beat several rivals to his signature nine years ago this month, and Hurley has now passed the 300 mark in first-team appearances.

Wing-half Jim McNab is a most versatile player. Last season he played at right-half, left-half, centre-half and insideleft. Born at Denny, Scotland, he has made 270 League appearances since signing professional in 1957.

Mike Hellawell and George Herd have each appeared at outside-right this season. Hellawell started his career with Queen's Park Rangers, and spent seven years' service with Birmingham City before joining Sunderland in January last year.

Herd, a Scottish international five times while with Clyde, has been at Sunderland since the end of the 1960-61 season, and is now approaching his 150th League appearance. Played most of his games last season at inside-right.

Harry Hood, another former Clyde player, joined Sunderland just under two

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years ago. He did not figure in the firstteam at all last winter, but has been recalled this season.

Centre-forward Neil Martin, yet another Scot, was signed from Hibernian last October. He has been capped three times by Scotland, and scored a hat-trick for Sunderland in last Saturday's 4-0 win against Blackpool.

Jim Baxter cost the club a record fee of about £80,000 when they signed him from Glasgow Rangers just over a year ago. Baxter played 24 games for Scotland while with Glasgow Rangers, and added a further six internationals to his total last season.

At outside-left Sunderland have two strong claimants in **George Mulhall**, signed from Aberdeen four years ago, and **Alan Gauden**, a newcomer to the side last season.