

WHO ARE YA?!

# SUNDERLAND

Can the Black Cats bounce back after a fast fall?



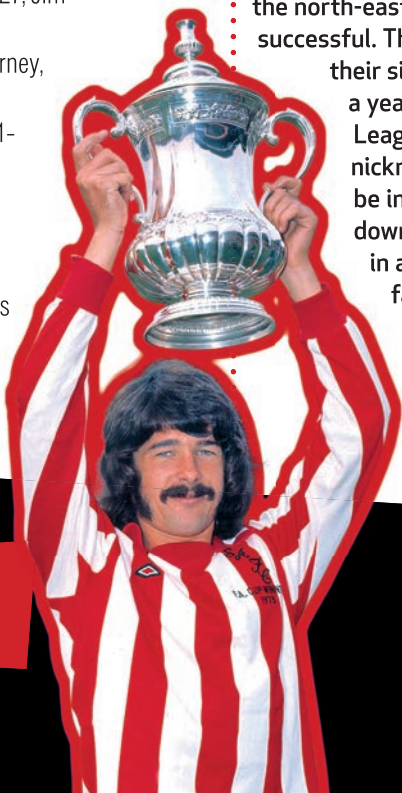
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Max Power is enjoying himself at the Black Cats

## THE CLUB

**Founded** 1879  
**Colours** Red and white stripes  
**Nickname** The Black Cats  
**Stadium** The Stadium of Light  
**Record Attendance** 75,118  
**Record Win** 11-1 v Fairfield, FA Cup, 1895  
**Record Defeat** 8-0, four times, the most recent v Southampton in 2014  
**Most Appearances** 627, Jim Montgomery, 1960-77  
**Most Goals** Bobby Gurney, 228, 1925-50  
**Honours** League: 1891-92, 1892-93, 1894-95, 1901-02, 1912-13, 1935-36  
 FA Cup: 1937, 1973  
**Top Fact:** Sunderland's biggest win in the League is against their local rivals Newcastle United - 9-1 in 1908!



Bobby Kerr lifts the Cup!

Sunderland were the first club from the north-east of England to become successful. They won the first of their six titles in 1891-92, only a year after they joined the League! This season the club, nicknamed the Black Cats, will be in League One after going down for the second season in a row in 2017-18. The fans expect promotion!

## THE MANAGER

Jack Ross became Sunderland's manager in the summer. He joined them after winning the Scottish Championship with his previous club, St Mirren. This success led to him being seen as one of the best young managers in Scotland.



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Old and new:  
Roker Park and the  
Stadium of Light

## THE RIVALS

Sunderland's big rivals are Newcastle United who they play in the **Tyne-Wear derby**. This is named after the rivers in the cities (the Tyne for Newcastle, the Wear for Sunderland).

Sunderland have had the best of recent matches, winning six of the last nine and drawing the others. They have even records overall though, with 53 wins each and 49 draws.

Sunderland also have a local rivalry with Middlesbrough, which is known as the **Tees-Wear derby** – the River Tees runs through Middlesbrough.

## THE STAR PLAYERS

Young striker **Josh Maja** has started the season on fire, with four league goals in his first six games. The 19-year-old could fire Sunderland to promotion. New loan signing **Max Power** is a creative midfielder who helped Wigan to top League One last season and will hope to do the same for his new club.

**Chris Maguire** has loads of experience at clubs like Sheffield Wednesday. He can play on the wing or up front and regularly chips in with goals – including the odd worldie!

Josh Maja  
celebrates for  
Sunderland

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sunderland fans voted for the **Black Cats** to be their nickname when they moved grounds in 1997. A black cat had lived at their old ground in the early 1900s and was photographed with the team, who thought it was lucky

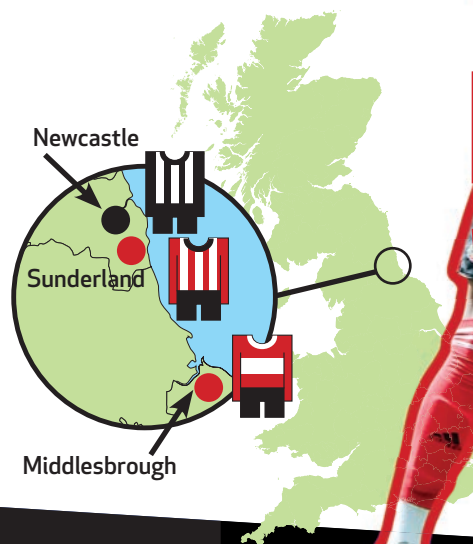
## THE STADIUM

The club have played at the **Stadium of Light** since 1997. When it opened, it was the fourth-biggest ground in England, holding 49,000. Before then, they played at **Roker Park**, which was their home for 99 years!

## THE FANS

Sunderland supporters are known as **Mackems**. This comes from the fact that people in the town say the word "make" as "mak". They draw their support from a large area of the north-east of England, but especially from the county of Durham.

When Sunderland were relegated from the **Premier League** in 2016-17, they were still the seventh-best supported team in the division, with an average crowd of 41,000!



## THE HISTORY

Sunderland were champions three times from 1892 to 1895! At this time they were known as "the team of all the talents". They won the League again in 1902 and 1913 and had another good run in the 1930s – winning the League in 1936 and the FA Cup the next year.

Since then, their only major trophy was the **FA Cup in 1973**.

Sunderland's 1-0 win over Leeds was a huge shock as Leeds were one of the top teams at the time and Sunderland were a division below!

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BOSS  
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