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Red Dwarf's

MY TEAM Liverpool

First game?

I was born in 1964, so my first real memory was the 1971 FA Cup Final, which we lost to Arsenal. In the 1974 Final, we beat Newcastle 3-0 and from that moment on, up until 1990, we were probably the best club

side in the world. I was spoiled. I never knew anything other than success – until the emergence of Man United!



Heysel and Hillsborough disasters, as a player, a player-manager and manager. And he had the biggest arse in football. If he had his back

Carroll, I wouldn't say he's a bad signing, but I do think £35m was bad business.

Biggest disappointment?

Seeing Michael Owen mess up his legacy at the club. I don't know what he was thinking by signing for Man United, especially as he was such a fantastic player for us. I was in Cardiff, in 2001, when he came alive in the last 10 minutes to beat Arsenal. That became known as the "Owen Cup Final".

Hopes for the season?

It looks like it'll be a pivotal season for us. We're in difficult times, but we must have patience with Brendan Rodgers if he wants to go back to the old "pass and move" days. Raheem Sterling is a good find and, if we do end up playing like Barça, then everything should be OK!



FAVOURITE CHANT?

Hearing the Kop sing *You'll Never Walk Alone* in full voice is one of the things to do before you die. I also like *The Fields Of Anfield Road*, while a funny chant of recent times was, "He's big, he's Red, his feet stick out the bed, Peter Crouch, Peter Crouch!"

BIGGEST RIVALS?

Man United, obviously. Despite what people think, there's no real hatred with Everton, as most families have a fan of each club. If they finish above us again this season, it'll be debatable as to who the top team is on Merseyside. That said, the way we're playing now would suggest we couldn't even beat Tranmere!

Funniest moment?

The fact that I watched the 2005 Champions League Final against AC Milan in a sports bar in Manchester! When Milan scored their third goal, I was confronted with 300 screaming Mancs and considered watching the second-half in my hotel room. I chose to stick it out and, thankfully, by the end of the game, I was dancing on tables, taking the p*ss out of everyone in there!

Worst memory?

When I watched what looked like the worst Liverpool side I've ever seen lose to West Brom on the opening day of this season. It's not got that much better since then, either. I'm starting to panic a bit!

Favourite player?

Kevin Keegan was my idol, but Kenny Dalglish is an all-round Liverpool hero. It's hard to put into words how he's thought of among fans. He held the club together through the

1974-90 "THE BEST SIDE IN THE WORLD!"

Worst signing?

It has to be Alberto Aquilani for £20m. What a waste of money! We lost about £15m of that when we sold him. As for Andy



DALGLISH "BIGGEST ARSE IN FOOTBALL!"

FAVOURITE MOMENT AS A KOPITE?

It has to be the "Miracle Of Istanbul", not just for me, but for every Liverpool fan. As underdogs, to come back from 3-0 down was incredible – as was Jerzy Dudek's double save from Andriy Shevchenko. That really was a miracle!



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PLAYER YOU'D HAPPILY SWAP YOUR MISSUS FOR?

Man United's George Best



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