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The World's First Derby

Protect the heritage of football

Dear Fan of Football,
Dear Press Representative,

153 years ago, in 1860, the **World's First Derby** has taken place. Back then, when football was still unknown and an embryonic sport, it was Sheffield FC and Hallam FC – the two oldest teams in the world – who decided to play a friendly but competitive football match. This encounter and celebration of football heritage still lives on today.

The History

We don't know what would have had happened, if in 1860 the World's First Derby wouldn't have had taken place and football as a club sport wouldn't exist today. Maybe we would all play tennis or watch rugby. Who knows? The only thing we are proud of is that we love football and therewith derbies. And we are happy and even more proud about the fact William Prest and Nathaniel Creswick gave the impulse for its invention.

The Event

For this reason, this year, on Saturday **July 27th 2013**, we will celebrate the invention of the World's First Derby at the Sheffield FC Stadium – in recognition to its inventors and pioneers. Come and join us to celebrate a true football legacy! The match between Sheffield FC and Hallam FC will be surrounded by a full-time event with local and national musicians, a pioneer match in the style of 1857 and an exclusive "After-Match-Party".

Press

We would love to welcome you at our stadium in Sheffield. Please see the presentation for further media information – including time table, background and additional contents, accommodation and exclusive media accreditation. To make sure the process on the event will be efficient for you and your individual requests for exclusive content can be guaranteed, please contact us as soon as possible.



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For further information please contact us and visit our press page (www.sheffieldfc.com/press).

Yours in Football

Richard Tims

Chairman of Sheffield FC

The **World's First Derby** is an initiative driven by the Foundation of The World's First Football Club, Sheffield FC. The Foundation's aims are to support grass roots and amateur football, to develop future pioneers for football and to protect the heritage of 1857 – and therewith the World's First Derby. Above all stands the vision to fight for a better world through the game of football. For their services to football and credible maintenance of the values Integrity, Respect and Community, Sheffield FC is recognised by FIFA alongside Real Madrid with a Centennial Order of Merit.

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