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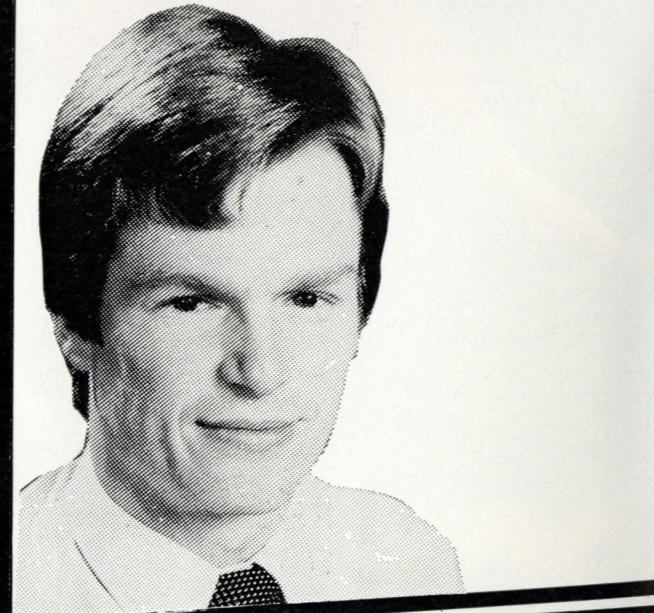


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## MAURICE SETTERS

It became a routine for me, I'd see Maurice Setters' name in a programme have a sharp intake of breath then check who was down to face him that afternoon. Opponents would bounce off him as if they had hit a brick wall. He was one of the top hard-working half-backs in the business and became a household name in English football.

Incredibly football left him on the dole for two years. To keep fit and also to while away some time he played a lot of squash. He couldn't afford to keep a telephone at home so, when Jack Charlton decided to offer him a coaching job at Hillsborough, he traced him through a squash club.

As Jack explained to me soon afterwards "I didn't get Maurice because he could tackle. He is a very good coach with whom I have worked a lot at Lilleshall. He has been brought up through the same system as me . . . so we understand each other straight away when we are talking football."

Maurice comes from Honiton, Devon—a country town, population around 5,000, on the main A38 road, London to Exeter. His father, Leonard, is a Londoner and was a bit useful himself at football. He was a builder and moved to Devon, got married (wife Emily) and had two sons. Keith, the eldest, is manager of a supermarket in Poole, Dorset. Maurice at first worked as a garage mechanic.

Devon is a rugby county but Maurice played rugby and football at school. A lot of credit must go to his father for his encouragement of Maurice to play football but two schoolmasters, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hewlitt, launched his career by putting his name forward for England Schoolboy trials. Exeter City started to run a Colts team and he answered their newspaper advertisement. He was with Exeter from the age of fifteen to seventeen, playing in the first team when he was only sixteen.

A month after his seventeenth birthday he was transferred to West Bromwich Albion. As a youth he played as an inside-forward. In his Exeter debut he was outside-right. At West Brom, as a junior he played in most positions but manager Norman Dodgin, surely the one to direct his career the most, converted him to wing-half where he took over from Jimmy Dudley and formed the strong half-back line of Setters, Kennedy and Barlow. He spent five years with West Brom.

The next in line for his services was Matt Busby who was rebuilding Manchester United after the Munich air crash. Maurice settled in this time at left-half with Bill Foulkes and Paddy Crerand the other half-backs and behind them Jimmy Dunne and Noel Cantwell. After five years with Manchester United he played for Stoke and Coventry and had a few outings with Charlton before becoming manager of Doncaster Rovers. In his playing days he captained the England 'B' team and was in the Under-23 side twenty-five times. At Doncaster he brought to the fore Terry Curran, Paul Gilchrist, Brendan O'Callaghan, Mike Elwiss and Peter Kitchen.

Football is all about ability, passion for the game and principles and in these three respects Maurice sets an example to the young Owls. At seventeen, playing in the top flight, he earned £8 a week and had to fight to get the maximum £20 a week when he was twenty. "Money is not the real thing players should care about" he told me "It's important, yes, but the aim should be to be the best at football you can . . . if you achieve that, money is not a problem."

He knows too, all about fighting for a position in the first team. "At West Brom, there were forty players and four teams. You couldn't stroll about in practice matches, you were being judged all the time. You soon learned that in pro football it's difficult to get in the first team and twice as hard to stay there . . ." Wednesday have a very young squad and that attitude, gradually being absorbed by the players, will hold the team in good stead when the real testing time comes in the First Division.

Away from Hillsborough he knows contentment. He and his wife are grandparents. They live in a village called Tickhill near Doncaster. Their married daughter is called Sharon, two others living with them are Fiona and Emma Louise. Good company, a meal out with friends, a cigar or two for Maurice, some drinks and relaxing conversation—these are the things he values. Which shows he knows a thing or two about living.



## PROFILE

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## SPORTSMANS DINNER

On Wednesday, 8th April a 'Sportsmans Dinner' will be held at the Hillsborough Suite. A six course meal will be followed by a well known speaker from the sporting world and then entertainment from a cabaret act. Master of Ceremonies for the night will be our own Jack Charlton. All you need is a lounge suit and £10 for a ticket (available from the Development Office) . . . it's sure to be a great night.

## SUPPORTERS CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Sheffield Wednesday Supporters Club F.C. made two presentations at the Club's Annual Dinner and Dance at the Hillsborough Suite last Monday. 21 goal Ian Pearson was presented with the Leading Goalscorer trophy and Andrew Cotton received The Player of the Year Trophy. Ian (left) and Andrew are pictured showing their awards to Owls Chairman Mr. H. E. McGee.



## MIDDLEWOOD GO FOR REPEAT

In the clash of the nursery sides from Sheffield Wednesday and Chesterfield, Middlewood Rovers beat Saltergate 4-2 in the Sheffield and District Junior League Under-16 Cup Final.

A fine vollied goal in the second minute by Martin Armitage gave Middlewood a dream start and when the Chesterfield side gifted away an own goal it looked likely that the Rovers were on course for an easy victory. However, complacency set in the Middlewood ranks and Saltergate fought back very gamely to level the scores by the interval.

For a while in the second half it looked as if the Rovers might struggle but gradually they gained the upper hand and leading scorer Tony Simmons twice shaved the post following splendid runs. Simmons was rewarded though by adding two further goals to enable Middlewood to retain the trophy they won last year.

Now Middlewood can concentrate on winning the League and are in a strong position for doing the double once again. Tomorrow morning they take on the Rotherham United nursery side at the Training Ground. Kick-off 11.00 a.m.

Back row: John Peacock, Mark Corker, John Megson, John Durham, Neil O'Keefe, Lee Dalton, Paul Tomlinson. Front row: Steve Sansom, Tony Simmons, Martin Armitage, Kevin Matthewson, Mark Hemingway, Robert Kenney.

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# 2nd Opinion

A new era in British Football is about to dawn and its launching pad is in the Second Division.

Queen's Park Rangers, still in with a chance of promotion, are to go ahead with their ambitious plans to lay an artificial playing surface at Loftus Road—setting a trend which could be followed throughout the Football League's upper divisions.

The cost of the Rangers plan, work on which will start this summer, has been estimated at £350,000, which represents quite a gamble for the West London club since the League has yet to give official approval.

The League is not discouraging Rangers, but since officials have only just started to canvass opinion about synthetic turf, one can only guess at what long-term policy will be.

Artificial turf will have many advantages over a natural playing surface—its wide use in North America has proved this—but it will change the way British football is played and many will say for the worse.

The most obvious advantage is that any club with an artificial surface need never again postpone a match because of the weather; frozen, waterlogged or baked hard pitches would be a thing of the past and a simple cover would remove the threat of snow.

There used to be a problem with Astroturf, the best-known synthetic surface, in that rain would make it so slippery that a player could barely stand up on it, let alone play football. Rain is rarely a problem during the American season, but that can hardly be said of the British campaign.

The QPR system, Omniturf, has apparently overcome that difficulty and rainwater will simply drain away, leaving the pitch dry and playable.

But putting the advantages to one side, the great difference between natural and

This week Jon Culley of the Morning Telegraph gives his personal view on the introduction of synthetic turf to the Football League and the advantages and disadvantages that could come with it.

synthetic turf is that an artificial surface just does not feel like the real thing and does not respond like the real thing and therefore the football played on it will not be the same.

Some say synthetic turf alters a player's attitude to a match. There is no need for

boots—training shoes will suffice—and therefore no need for shin pads and perhaps the absence of those may make more difference than one would think.

The mere process of putting on pads and lacing up boots in the dressing room, conditions a player's mind to the fact that it is not a training session he is preparing for, but the big game.

Playing in light shoes instead of boots will, some say, remove much of the aggressive aspect of the game, which would help forwards but put defenders at a disadvantage by removing the menace of solid-booted tackles.

On the field itself, artificial turf removes the possibility of uneven bounce. Whether it has been raining for weeks or it is the middle of a drought, the ball will still bounce to the same

height, and the words "deceptive" and "cruel" applied to the bounce will disappear from the language.

Faster, more fluent football will result, but the extra "skill" a player needs to adjust to pitches that resemble concrete one month and a paddy field the next will become redundant.

There is also the problem that, while synthetic turf is in its infancy here, half the clubs or more will still have conventional pitches, and players could face all kinds of problems if he is playing on grass one week and Omniturf the next.

I'm not sure what the response to artificial turf will be in this country and even if it is favourable I'm far from certain that many clubs will seriously consider installing it.

Undersoil heating—considerably cheaper than a synthetic "carpet"—has hardly been unanimously adopted and there will not be many clubs ready to spend £350,000 on it tomorrow.

It may be big in America but priorities over there are somewhat different from ours. Here, the few clubs with much money put winning and buying players first, and stadia and facilities often come a poor second.



The Empire Stadium, home of our recent visitors Vancouver Whitecaps, where games are played on an Astroturf Surface.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1980													
AUG.	9	Sheffield U. (LC1)	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Johnson <sup>1</sup>	Owen	McCulloch
	12	Sheffield U. (LC1)	1-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Owen	Mellor	Curran
	16	Newcastle U.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor <sup>1</sup>	Johnson	Mellor	McCulloch
	19	Bolton W.	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Mellor	Curran
	23	Notts C.	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Mellor*	Owen*
	27	Wimbledon (LC2)	1-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Owen <sup>1</sup>	Johnson	Lowey	Oliver
	30	Preston N.E.	3-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Johnson	Owen	Mellor
SEPT.	2	Wimbledon (LC2)	3-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant <sup>1</sup>	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Owen <sup>1</sup>	McCulloch
	6	Oldham A.	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson	Mellor	Curran <sup>1</sup>
	13	Bristol C.	2-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Johnson	Owen*	Campbell
	20	Q.P.R.	1-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Taylor	Johnson*	Owen	Campbell*
	23	Watford (LC3)	1-2	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King*	Taylor	Mellor	Owen	Campbell
	27	Swansea C.	3-2	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Leman	McCulloch	Curran <sup>1</sup>
OCT.	4	Derby C.	1-3	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	King	Hornsby*	Taylor	Leman	McCullo <sup>1</sup>
	7	Blackburn R.	2-1	Cox	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering*	Hornsby <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Johnson	King	Curran <sup>1</sup>
	11	Cardiff C.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby <sup>1</sup>	Taylor	Johnson	King	Mellor*
	18	Bristol R.	3-3	Bolder	Blackhall <sup>1</sup>	Grant <sup>1</sup>	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	King*	McCullo <sup>1</sup>
	21	Grimsby T.	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	Sterland	Curran*
	25	Orient	2-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Taylor	Johnson	Sterland	Mellor*
NOV.	1	Luton T.	0-3	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering	Hornsby	Taylor*	Johnson	Sterland	McCulloch
	8	Wrexham	2-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Pickering*	Hornsby	Curran <sup>2</sup>	Johnson	King	Mirocevic
	11	Bolton W.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Curran <sup>1</sup>	Johnson	King	Mellor
	15	Newcastle U.	0-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Hornsby	Curran	Johnson	King	McCulloch
	22	Chelsea	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic*	Johnson	Leman	Mirocevic*
	29	Watford	1-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Johnson	Leman	McCullo <sup>1</sup>
DEC.	6	West Ham U.	1-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Miro <sup>1*</sup>	Johnson	Leman	Owen
	13	Bristol R.	4-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith <sup>1</sup>	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Johnson	Leman*	McCulloch
	26	Shrewsbury T.	1-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic*	Johnson	Leman	Curran <sup>1</sup>
1981													
JAN.	3	Newcastle U. (FA3)	1-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant*	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Pearson <sup>1</sup>	Johnson	Leman	McCulloch
	10	Chelsea	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Pearson	Johnson	Leman	Mirocevic
	24	Cambridge U.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland <sup>1</sup>	Pearson	Taylor	Leman <sup>1</sup>	McCulloch
	31	Notts C.	1-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Pearson	Johnson	Leman*	McCulloch
FEB.	7	Bristol C.	0-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Johnson*	Leman	McCulloch
	14	Oldham A. (5)	3-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Taylor*	Leman	Curran <sup>2</sup>
	21	Swansea C.	2-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant*	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland <sup>1</sup>	Mirocevic	Taylor	Leman	McCullo <sup>1</sup>
	28	Q.P.R.	2-1	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Taylor <sup>2</sup>	Leman	King
MAR.	4	Cardiff C.	0-0	Bolder	Williamson	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Taylor	Leman	McCulloch
	7	Derby C.	0-0	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Taylor	King	Curran*
	14	Black'n R.	1-3	Bolder	Blackhall	Williamson	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic*	Taylor	Leman	McCull <sup>1</sup>
	28	Orient	0-2	Bolder	Blackhall	Grant	Smith	Shirtliff	Sterland	Mirocevic	Taylor*	Johnson	Curran
APR.	4	Luton T.											
	11	Wrexham (SF)	23,989										
	14	Preston N.E.	26,164										
	18	Cambridge U.	16,724										
	21	Shrewsbury T.	15,151										
	25	West Ham U.	15,054										
MAY	2	Watford	15,195										
		Grimsby T.	14,085										

## OUR HOME GATES

Sheff. U. (LC1)	23,989	Wrexham	15,736
Newcastle U.	26,164	Bolton W.	16,262
Preston	16,724	Watford	14,761
Wimb'don (LC2)	15,151	Bristol Rovers	14,008
Bristol City	15,054	Shrewsbury	22,863
Q.P.R.	15,195	Chelsea	25,113
Watford (LC3)	14,085	Notts. County	22,449
Blackburn R.	16,707	Oldham	16,679
Cardiff City	15,396	Swansea	17,887
Orient	18,018	Derby	28,301

## OUR AWAY GATES

Sheff. U. (LC1)	25,588	Newcastle U.	19,161
Bolton W.	15,926	Chelsea	24,947
Notts. Co.	10,264	West Ham	30,476
Wimb'don (LC2)	3,549	Newcastle (FA3)	22,499
Oldham	14,000	Cambridge	9,231
Swansea	9,764	Bristol City	11,639
Derby	18,554	Q.P.R.	15,104
Bristol Rovers	4,401	Cardiff	7,002
Grimsby Town	10,298	Blackburn	19,222
Luton Town	12,092	Orient	6,561

# STATISTICS



# LUTON TOWN

Luton Town, who comprehensively beat Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season, are in with a good chance of reaching a promotion spot.

They lie seventh to Wednesday's eighth at the time of writing, and today's match promises to be another close affair, with the result of particular importance.

Players to watch for today include striker David Moss, who has 17 goals this season, and highly-rated centre back Mike Saxby, formerly with Mansfield Town.

**JAKE FINDLAY** Scottish born goalkeeper Jake played for Aston Villa before Luton signed him up. Made 14 League appearances while at Villa Park and has made around 100 for Luton. Stands 6ft. 1in, and weighs over 14st.



Back row: Andy Pearson, Rob Johnson, Les Harriott, Michael Small, Robert Walker, Herbie Smith, Clive Goode, Wayne Turner, Shamus Heath. Third row: David Coates (Coach), Steve White, Mark Aizelwood, Jake Findlay, Mike Saxby, Raddy Antic, Alan Judge, Mal Donaghy, Godfrey Ingram, John Moore (Coach). Second row: Kirk Stevens, Alan West, Tony Greash, Brian Stein, David Pleat (Manager), Paul Price, John Smith (Chief Executive), David Moss, Pasquale Fuccillo, Ricky Hill, John Sheridan (Physiotherapist). Sitting: Ray Brammer, Alan Cosby, Andy Foote, Brian Phelps, Neil Madden, John Woodward, Andrew Beasley, Frank Bunn, John Cole, David Patterson.

**KIRK STEPHENS** Born in Coventry, Kirk joined Luton straight from school and is in his second season as a first-team regular. Scored his first League goal in a 1-0 win over Watford last season.

**MAL DONAGHY** Belfast-born Mal has been capped at International level in Ireland, but for the Republic. Had a spell with an Irish club before coming to Kenilworth Road and has since made over 100 League appearances.

**MIKE SAXBY** Mansfield-born Mike cost Luton a club record £200,000 fee when he was signed from his home-town club in July 1979. A strong central defender, he made 76 League appearances for Mansfield and has added around 70 more for Luton.

**PAUL PRICE** Welsh-International centre back Paul, who hails from St. Albans, has

been at Kenilworth Road all his professional career. He is on target for 200 League games and is one of the longest-serving men on Luton's books.

**RICKY HILL** London-born midfield man Ricky joined Luton as a youngster. He missed only two League matches last season, taking his total to 125, and six goals took his tally for the club to 19.

**PASQUALE FUCCILLO** Despite the name, born in Bedford. A midfield player who likes to go forward, he missed all of last season but had previously made over 100 League appearances, scoring 21 goals.

**GODFREY INGRAM** Born in Luton, striker Godfrey is a fringe player but had managed to get his name on the score sheet once in only four games before the start of the season.



**TONY GREASH** Midfield man Tony, born in Paddington, began his career in London with Orient, for whom he played in 171 League games. He is in his second season with Luton, for whom he missed only one League match last season, and is a Republic of Ireland International.

**DAVID MOSS** Consistently a top goalscorer, striker David scored 60 goals in 217 appearances for Swindon Town before joining Luton about two years ago. Top scorer last season with 24, he has taken his tally for the club past the 50-mark with 17 so far this term.

**BRIAN STEIN** Brian was born in South Africa but has played his football in Britain where Luton has been his only League club. He ended last season having appeared in exactly 100 League games and scored 21 League goals.

**STEVE WHITE** Luton equalled the £200,000 record fee they paid for Mike Saxby when they signed striker Steve from Bristol Rovers in December 1979. Born in Gloucester, he scored 20 goals in less than 50 games at Bristol.

**ACTION FROM KENILWORTH ROAD**  
The Owls have a score to settle, 3-0 to be exact, with today's visitors. Pictured left are two talented midfield men, Ricky Hill and Kevin Taylor.

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The postponement of the match against Grimsby meant I was not able to say what I wanted about crowd behaviour, although somehow the notes which were to have appeared in the programme found their way into one of the Sunday papers. For that reason, what I am going to say will not be new to quite a few of you.

We got severely punished earlier in the season because a bunch of so-called fans of this club got themselves into big trouble at Oldham and I thought that would have taught everyone involved a lesson.

I'm distressed to learn it has not. I've been receiving quite a few letters of complaint recently, from fans—sometimes even Wednesday fans—who say they've been subjected to unpleasant behaviour on the terraces at Hillsborough.

They say they have been assaulted, insulted, spat upon and had objects thrown at them by youths in blue and white. Visiting supporters cannot watch their team in comfort or safety and even Sheffield fans are getting harassed just because they do not have a South Yorkshire accent.

I find all this disgusting and very upsetting. We at Sheffield Wednesday were very embarrassed by the Oldham incident and we don't want anything like it to happen again. So come on, let's have a bit less of the aggro.

Moving on to football, I thought after last Saturday's match at Orient that my earlier worries that the present Wednesday team are not ready for the First Division had been confirmed.

It is not a question of skill or ability or potential. We've got bags of that. What is missing is the right attitude.

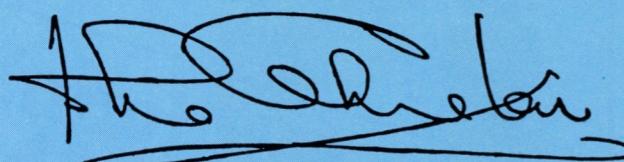
Now I'm not saying anyone's being lazy or unprofessional, it's just that, for some reason, getting into the first team at Wednesday has become the most important thing to some of the players and their big effort is stopping there.

Getting into the team should be only the first step. Once you've got there you should be putting all your effort into winning for Sheffield Wednesday.

Until we develop that extra determination, that extra will to win, then all the skill in the world would be no good to us in the First Division.



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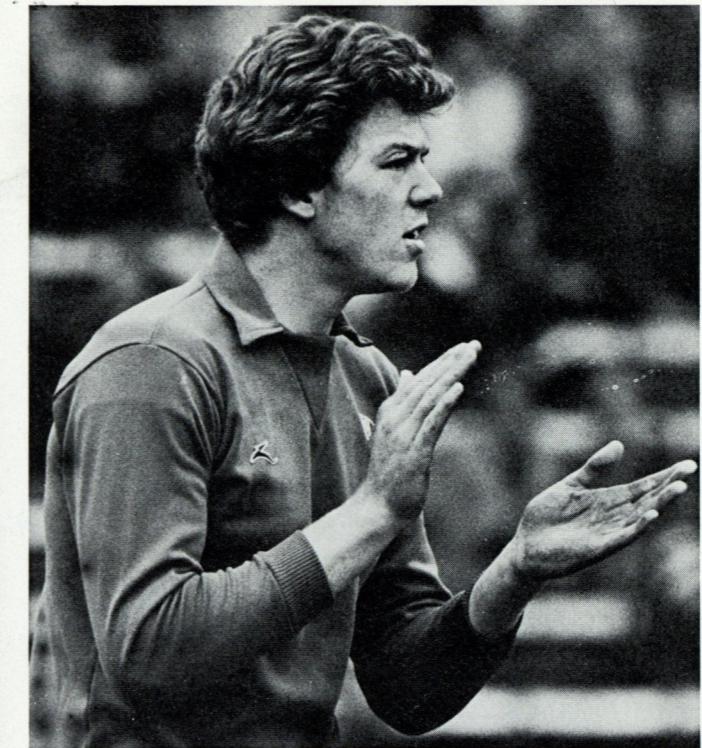
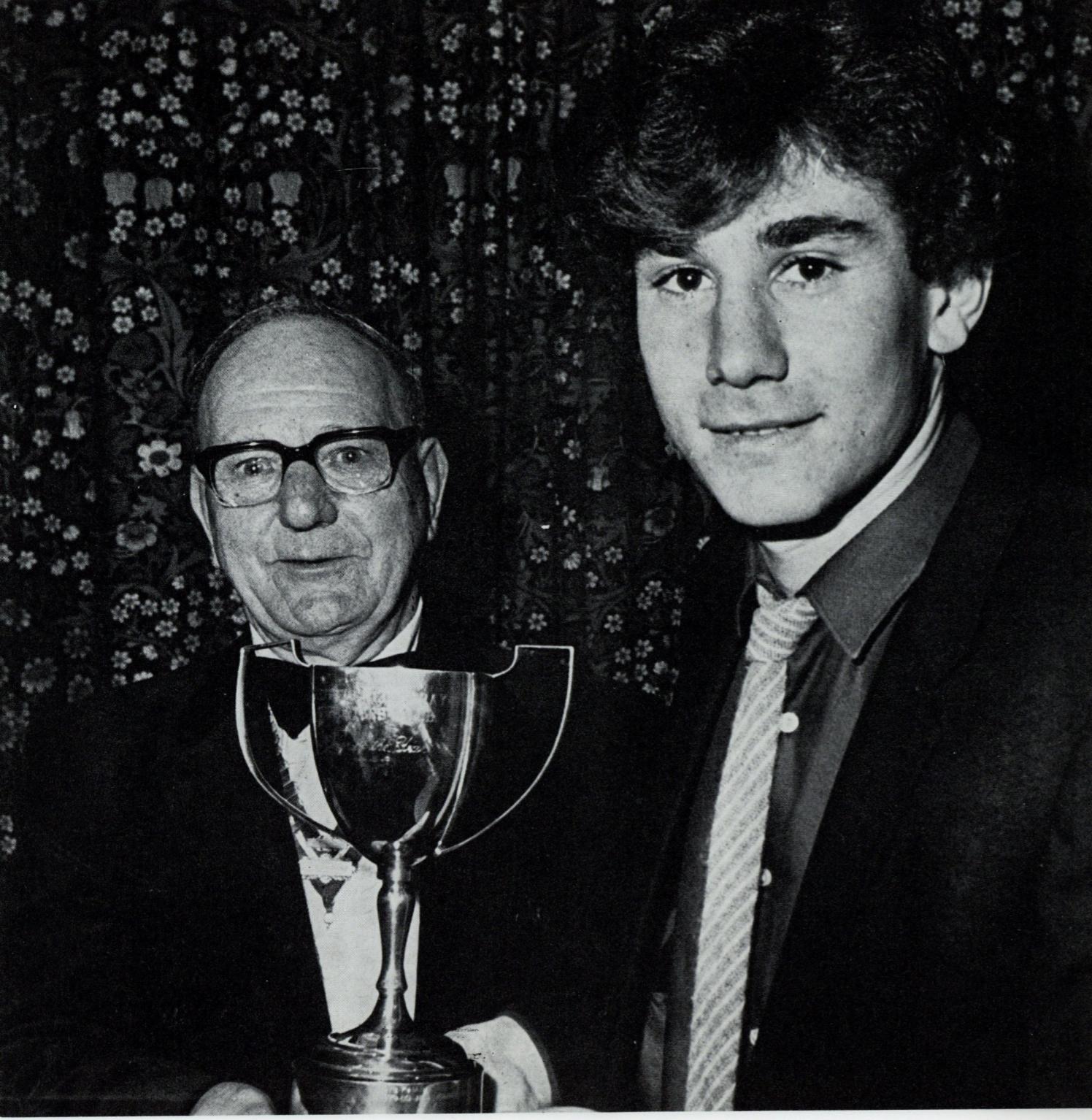
## GAMES AND GOALS

	THIS SEASON				OWLS TOTAL	
	LEAGUE CUP App + Sub Goals	F.A. CUP App + Sub Goals	DIVISION TWO App + Sub Goals	LEAGUE App + Sub Goals	OWLS TOTAL	
Bob Bolder	3	—	1	—	31	—
Ray Blackhall	5	—	1	—	33	1
Phil Campbell	—	—	—	—	+ 1	—
Brian Cox	2	—	—	—	3	—
Terry Curran	4	2	1	—	27	7
Dave Grant	4	1	1	—	27	1
Brian Hornsby	—	—	—	—	11 + 1	3
Jeff Johnson	3	1	1	—	25 + 1	—
Jeff King	5	—	—	—	18	2
Denis Leman	—	—	1	—	15	1
John Lowey (now with Blackburn)	1	—	—	—	—	86 + 15
Andy McCulloch	5	—	1	—	31	14
Ian Mellor	2	—	—	—	7 + 5	—
Ante Mirocevic	—	—	+ 1	—	17 + 2	3
Gavin Oliver	— + 1	—	—	—	+ 2	—
Gordon Owen	5	2	—	—	4 + 2	—
John Pearson	1	1	1	1	6 + 8	4
Mike Pickering	5	—	—	—	13	—
Peter Shirtliff	—	—	1	—	21	—
Mark Smith	5	—	1	—	34	1
Melvyn Sterland	—	—	1	—	19 + 1	2
Kevin Taylor	4	1	—	—	23	3
Charlie Williamson	1	—	—	8	—	47 + 1
				—	11	—

## LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Goal Pts Diff.	Scorers are in league only
West Ham United	35	22	9	4	65	28	53 + 37	Cross 18, Goddard 13
Notts County	35	15	14	6	39	32	44 + 7	McCulloch 9, Christie 9
Grimsby Town	35	14	13	8	39	28	41 + 11	Cummings 11, Waters 8
Blackburn Rovers	35	13	15	7	37	27	41 + 10	Stonehouse 9, Garner 7
Swansea City	35	14	11	10	50	38	39 + 12	L. James 12, Waddle 7*
LUTON TOWN	35	14	11	10	48	39	39 + 9	Stein 15, Moss 14
Derby County	36	13	13	10	50	47	39 + 3	Swindlehurst 10, Biley 10
Chelsea	36	14	10	12	46	33	38 + 13	Lee 15, Walker 11
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	34	15	8	11	43	36	38 + 7	McCulloch 14, Curran 7
Cambridge United	35	16	6	13	43	46	38 - 3	Spriggs 9, Reilly 7
Queens Park Rangers	36	13	11	12	47	37	37 + 10	Langley 8, Neale 8
Orient	36	13	10	13	47	43	36 + 4	Moores 9, Cheidozie 9
Newcastle United	35	12	11	12	24	37	35 - 13	Shinton 7, Harford 3
Watford	35	12	9	14	42	41	33 + 1	Poskett 12, Bissell 7
Wrexham	35	10	12	13	33	38	32 - 5	McNeil 13, Edwards 6
Bolton Wanderers	36	12	7	17	53	57	31 - 4	Kidd 12, Whatmore 10
Oldham Athletic	36	9	13	14	33	44	31 - 11	Wilde 7, Palmer 6
Shrewsbury Town	36	8	14	14	36	41	30 - 5	Keay 7, Biggins 6
Cardiff City	35	10	9	16	38	53	29 - 15	Kitchen 11, Buchanan 6
Preston North End	35	8	12	15	32	54	28 - 22	Bruce 8, Elliott 7
Bristol City	36	5	14	17	22	44	24 - 22	Mabbutt 7, Ritchie 5*
Bristol Rovers	36	5	12	19	31	55	22 - 24	McCaffery 5, Mabbutt 5

\* Now joined another club.



## PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR 1981

Our congratulations to Mark Smith on being voted Sheffield Wednesday Supporters Club 'Player of the Year'. Mark received the trophy from S.W.S.C. Chairman, Bill Heap (far left). An award from the fans themselves is another honour for Mark in a season which has seen him represent his country at Under-21 level, captain his club, make his 100th League appearance, play in every game this season so far, and attain the ripe old age of 21. We are sure he will continue to give us his high standard of performance for many more years to come.

Chasing Mark for the title were two other young first-teamers. In second place came Bob Bolder, who has proved a formidable last line of defence throughout the season (left) and third was Dave Grant, who's overlapping runs and ferocious shooting has given our Second Division opponents some headaches (below). However, we are sure everyone will agree that all our players deserve an award for putting us back on the football map.

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Saturday, 14th March, 1981  
CENTRAL LEAGUE

## WEDNESDAY 4 BLACKBURN ROVERS 2

A splendid fightback by Wednesday after the Lancashire side had gone 2-0 ahead early in the game. Goals either side of the interval by Paul Shirtliff and Brian Strutt put the Owls level. In the second half Wednesday really dominated and Shirtliff earned man of the match tag with another goal, Pearson scoring the other.

Team: Cox, Oliver, Mossman, Pickering, Matthewson, Beaumont, Pearson, Shirtliff, Mellor, Hornsby, Strutt. Sub. Riley.

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

## BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 WEDNESDAY 1

Wednesday's promotion boat was rocked at Ewood Park although if the scoreline suggests that promotion rivals Blackburn cruised to victory it was far from that.

An early Blackburn attack saw ex-Wednesday player Lowey waste a possible chance but it was the Owls who produced the best football with Taylor and Mirocevic taking command in midfield.

Rovers were subject to a torrid time and it was thanks to their goalkeeper, Arnold that they did not go behind in the first twenty minutes. A superbly hit shot by Taylor produced a brilliant flying save but a little later he knew precious little about another thunderbolt from the same player which fortunately for his side struck him and was deflected on to the bar and safety.

There was no hint of the disasters that were to overcome Wednesday but in the 27th minute it all started to go wrong. A hotly disputed free kick was given in Blackburn's favour 25 yards out and Speight hit a shot of stunning power through the "wall" and left Bolder groping thin air. Wednesday tried hard to come back and twice McCulloch came close but six minutes from half-time, Rovers went further ahead again following a set piece and their player manager Howard Kendall took advantage of a bad clearance to ram the ball in from the angle.

Shortly after the break, Wednesday gave their huge army of travelling fans hope of a revival when Curran latched on to Leman's pass, went past two defenders to give Andy McCulloch a simple tap-in goal.

However, three minutes later, these hopes were cruelly dashed when a long kick out of defence by Blackburn was deflected into the path of Busby and the much travelled striker netted his first goal for the Lancashire side.

In the 70th minute the Owls suffered a further blow when Ante Mirocevic, possibly the most creative player on view this game, was the victim of a late tackle and limped off the field and with him, Wednesday's final hopes.

Team: Bolder, Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Shirtliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Taylor, Leman, McCulloch, Curran. Sub. Johnson.

Saturday, 21st March, 1981  
CENTRAL LEAGUE

## DERBY 0 WEDNESDAY 1

The atrocious conditions made it virtually impossible to play good football but Wednesday always looked the stronger side. Whenever Derby threatened they found Cox in confident form in the Wednesday goal. It was long obvious that one goal could settle the game and so it proved the case when Mick Bentley took his opportunity very well to give the Owls the points.

Team: Cox, Strutt, Riley, Matthewson, Mossman, Shirtliff, King, Mellor, Bentley, Hornsby, Leman.

Saturday, 28th March, 1981  
LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

## ORIENT 2 WEDNESDAY 0

Come the season's end, Wednesday may well rue the afternoon they went to sleep for a short period. A game, true not a very good one, had always seemed to be in Wednesday's hands but in four minutes, Orient had snatched the points.

It looked like the Owls' day at the start of the match, Mirocevic almost giving them a first minute goal and it was Curran who made a great deal of trouble for the home defenders. On one occasion he ran on to a superb ball from Mirocevic and only just failed to beat goalkeeper Mervyn Day.

Orient started to show some promise with Stan Bowles fleetingly dangerous but overall

Ante Mirocevic beats the offside trap against Orient.



they rarely created much trouble for the Wednesday defence.

As half time approached, goalmouth incidents became rarer and there was little for supporters of either side to enthuse about.

It did not look as if the situation was going to change in the opening stages of the second half. Wednesday looked good in patches but although they enjoyed a good deal of possession the Orient defence dealt with the attacks very comfortably.

A goalless draw looked a certainty but in the 70th minute Orient broke the deadlock with a goal that put grave question marks against the Wednesday defenders. Wherever the blame laid, the inescapable fact was that Jennings was given a free header from a long cross to easily beat Bolder. No doubt encouraged by this perhaps surprising change of events, the home side delivered a second blow, going further ahead following a good build up to enable Peter Taylor to net from close range.

Team: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Taylor, Johnson, McCulloch, Curran. Sub. Hornsby.

## WEDNESDAY 2 WHITECAPS 1

The atrocious conditions failed to stop the Wednesday fans who braved the elements from enjoying seeing the home side outclass the touring Canadian club. Former Leeds United and Scottish International goalkeeper David Harvey stood between Wednesday and an avalanche of goals.

For the Owls it was a useful exercise to give Ian Mellor, Brian Hornsby and Mike Pickering a return to first team duty and all did well, whilst young Trevor Matthewson also came through with flying colours. Terry Curran was at his best and produced some scintillating football.

Harvey kept Wednesday out until the 44th minute then a beautiful link-up between Mellor and Curran ended with Mellor sidefooting the ball home.

Wednesday maintained their rhythm in the second half and went further ahead after 64 minutes. Pickering got up well to King's corner to give Kevin Taylor a simple tap-in goal.

Whitecaps reduced the arrears with the last kick of the game through Gray with nobody too sure whether or not the referee's final whistle had gone before the ball crossed the line.

Team: (with second half substitutes in brackets): Cox, Blackhall, Matthewson, Smith (Strutt), Shirtliff (Pickering), Johnson (King), Taylor, Hornsby, Pearson, Mellor, Curran.

# AWAY the Lads

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Saturday, 11th April, 1981

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Approx. mileage: 82 miles.

## PRESTON NORTH END

Tuesday, 14th April, 1981

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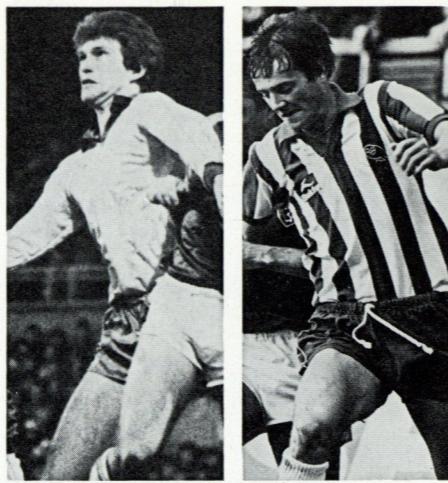
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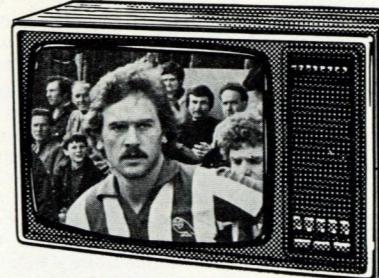
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Our postponed Grimsby home game programme had Melvyn Sterland and Charlie Williamson as forecasters, and though both did well, their number correct was not enough to topple current leader Denis Leman in the bid to win the £50 prize sponsored by our printers, J. W. Northend Ltd. Thirteen is the figure to beat, can today's participants Peter Shirtliff and Jeff King do it?

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Ian Mellor	Red Lion Worsborough	June and Susan Roberts	Commercial Union Properties		Wood & Wragg Limited
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# LOOKING BACK

Winning the F.A. Cup in 1935 proved to be something of a swan-song for Sheffield Wednesday's famous team of the thirties; within two years Wednesday had struggled in the First and then slipped down into the Second.

Wednesday's return to the Second Division, after a period of ten years, was a painful experience; the Owls were bottom of the table in November and had won only two of fourteen games. The signing of Douglas Hunt from Barnsley however solved the centre-forward problem and the team rallied well enough to avoid relegation by two points.

Sheffield United were, however, narrowly missing promotion and under the guidance of the ex-Wednesday 'keeper, Ted Davison, shaped well for the 1938-39 season. Wednesday began that campaign reasonably well but running into an indifferent patch collected only 4 points out of 14 from 1 October until the home game with Norwich on 19 November.

It was to be a famous match—but when Hunt missed a wide open goal in the first sixty seconds it didn't seem to promise much. Then between the 17th and 65th minute, Hunt, benefitting from England International Jack Robinson's superb passing, smashed five goals past the Norwich 'keeper and after left-winger Fallon had scored the sixth of the afternoon, Hunt popped up to make the score 7-0 and take his personal tally to six—the Wednesday club record!

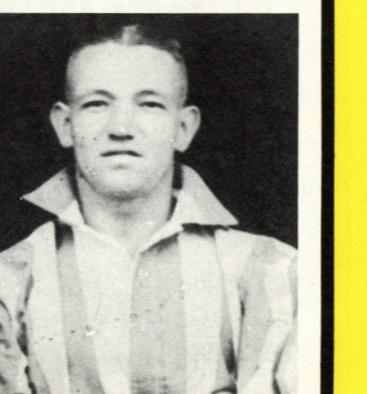
A week later Hunt scored a hat-trick as Wednesday won 5-1 at Luton and though the club was only tenth in early December the picture was brightening up. By February Wednesday were fourth, United top. A 1-0 home win by the Owls over United in March began to bring more changes—before long Wednesday were third and their Lane rivals a place below. In a busy April, the Owls won 12 points and wound up their season with a 1-0 home



If the Second World War ended an era in British football, it also brought to a premature end the careers of many footballers at the height of their prowess—and one of the finest was Wednesday's left-back at the outbreak of war, *Ted Catlin*.

Catlin was the natural successor to that great England left-back, Ernie Blenkinsop, and as an outstanding defender himself he went on to win five full caps for England and also made an appearance for the Football League—and all this was at a time when Wednesday were struggling as a team and England could draw on such excellent defenders as Arsenal's Hapgood.

Coming from the Middlesbrough area in 1931, Catlin took over the No. 3 shirt completely in 1934 and made just over 200 League appearances before the summer of 1939, and though he remained on the club's books for the duration of the war he was too old to be considered when the league was resumed. For Catlin and many more, they could only guess at what honours they and their clubs might have achieved.



win over Spurs, putting themselves second behind leaders Blackburn (there were only two teams promoted from the Second then). United had one more match, a home game at the Lane against Spurs and although the Blades' home record wasn't particularly outstanding, United needed only one point to gain promotion.

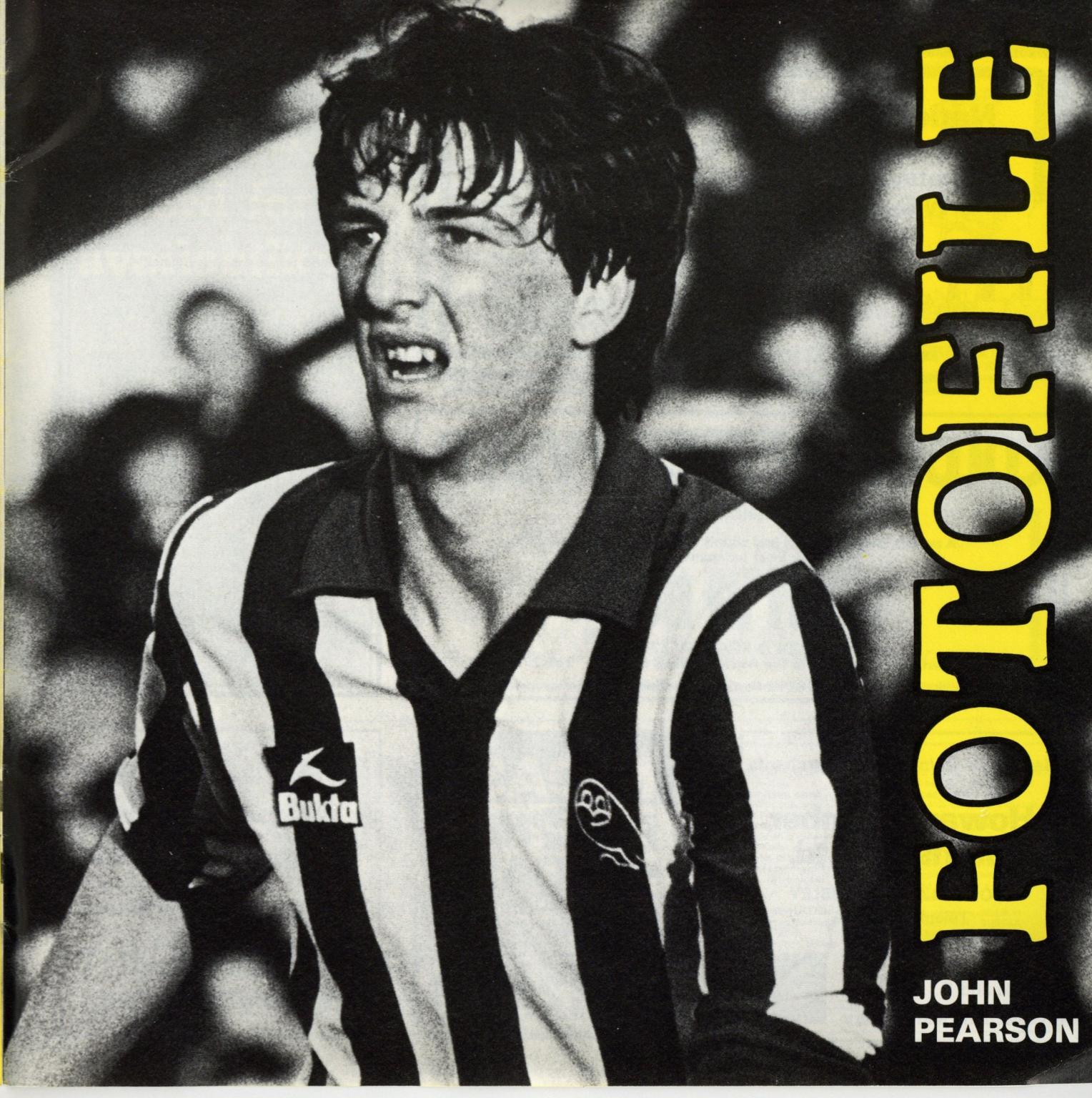
United made no mistake. Led by Jimmy Hagan's hat-trick the Blades swept to a 6-1 win and thus Wednesday stayed in the Second, in third place.

If there was any real optimism for the next season it was virtually unheard; already the dark clouds of war were gathering over Europe and the inevitability of conflict was not far away. The 1939-40 season lasted just one week, a week in which Wednesday lost at Luton by three goals, defeated Barnsley at home 3-1 and then on Saturday, 2 September surprisingly lost at home to Plymouth by the only goal. Within twenty-four hours Britain was at war and the Football League was suspended for six years.

Football continued during the war, and Wednesday's share of what glories there were in a restricted but enthusiastic set-up was as losing finalists in a two-legged war-time Cup Final in 1943 against Blackpool, for whom Stanley Matthews played. For the second leg at Hillsborough a 47,657 crowd represented the war-time record and despite a Robinson goal Blackpool won 2-1 to take the trophy on a 4-3 aggregate.

## TODAY WAS THE DAY ...

... In 1966 that we caught up on one of the backlog of fixtures caused by our run to the Cup Final, beating Blackpool 3-0 here ... In 1970 that the new Champions, Everton, won 1-0 here in front of nearly 31,000—and future Wednesday player Colin Harvey appeared in the No. 6 shirt for the visitors ... In 1978 that we drew 1-1 at Plymouth thanks to a Rodger Wylde goal.

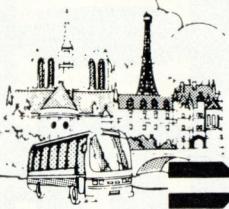


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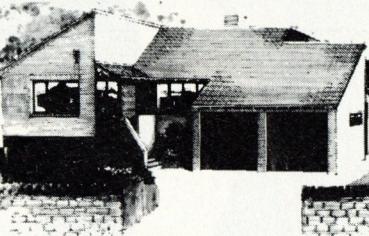
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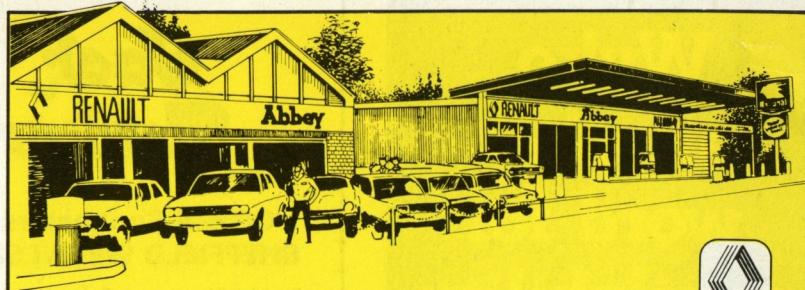
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