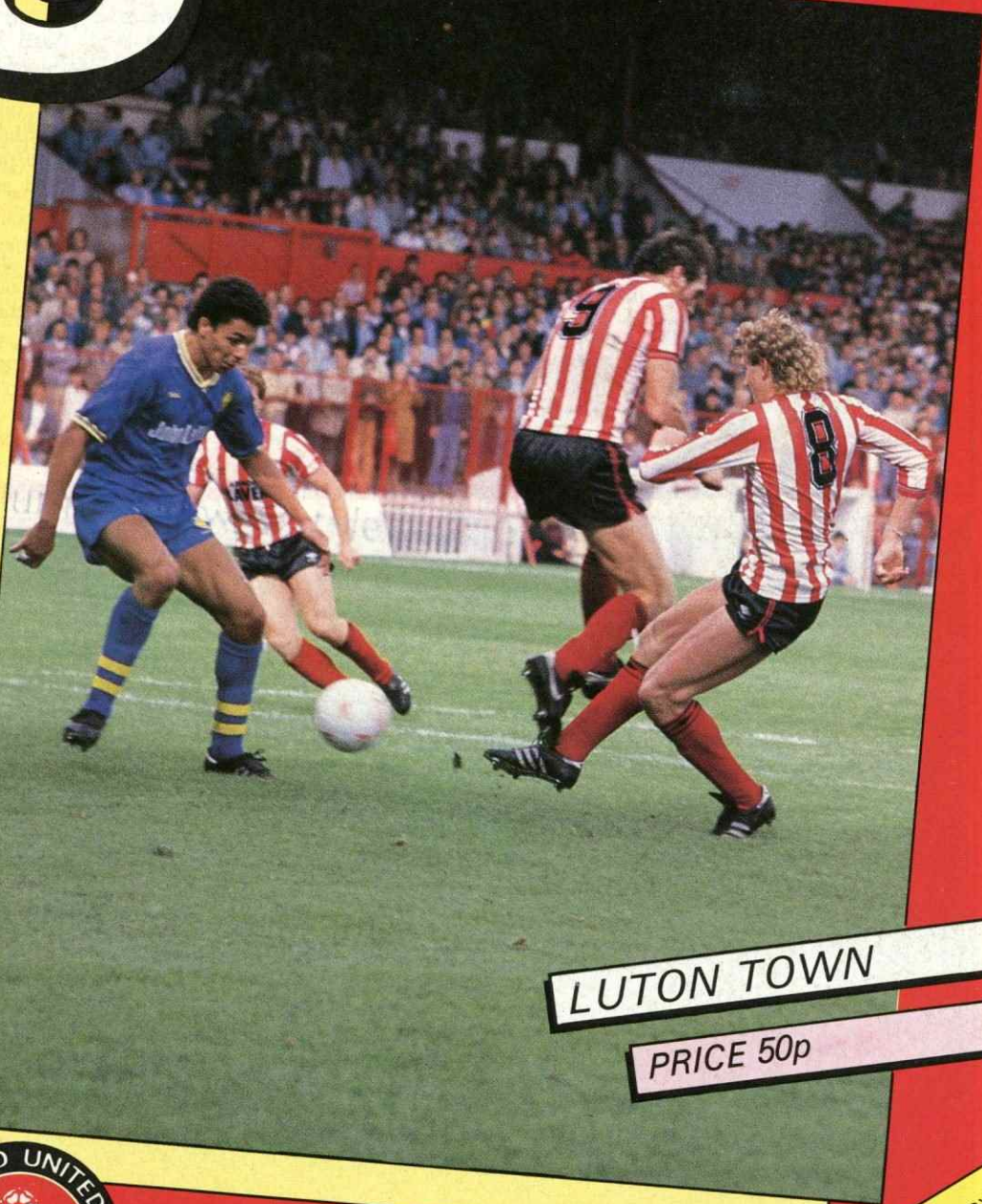


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Tonight's second round Milk Cup tie, against Luton, gives United followers a first hand opportunity to compare the present Sheffield team with a seasoned First Division side. Although Luton are not perhaps classed as a glamour club, they are a very experienced side, and if progress in the competition is to be made, will no doubt prove a most difficult hurdle to overcome.

Unfortunately, this season's competition has been rather devalued by the ban on English teams entering the various European competitions. The winners of the Milk Cup gained automatic admission to the European Cup Winners Cup, a competition which provided clubs with much needed revenue. In the present economic climate, the loss of such income can only be described as a major set back, both to football in general, and the affected clubs in particular.

Last season provided the perfect illustration, with Norwich, a

comparatively small club, winning a major competition for the first time since 1962. They were obviously looking forward to playing in Europe together with the possibility of associated financial benefits, yet through no fault of their own, suddenly found their dreams of fame and fortune in shatters. One has to feel a great deal of sympathy for any club in a similar position to Norwich.

Having said that however, it is my opinion that the Authorities were correct in making the decision to ban English teams. I have always maintained that individual clubs must put their own house in order before inflicting the action of a small loutish element of supporters on foreign towns and cities. It is completely beyond my comprehension why supporters cannot follow and encourage their respective teams without having to resort to violence and objectionable behaviour when things are perhaps not going their way. I am certainly not against good natured banter among supporters, but I do wish there would be a rekindling of the old fashioned feeling of respect for opposing teams and their supporters.

At Sheffield, the players are doing their part by visiting sick fans in hospital, attending charity functions and generally attempting to promote the good points of football wherever possible. The club have, in addition to the 'Junior Blades' now organised a 'Senior Blades' for the senior citizens among our supporters. Last week, Colin Morris and Phil Thompson attended a luncheon in aid of the new 'Senior Blades', which I understand was enjoyed by all who attended.

I would like to conclude tonight's notes by offering Joe Bolton and his wife Sue congratulations on the birth of a 'wee' boy. This is the first offspring of the Bolton family, and I am sure Joe and Sue will make ideal parents.



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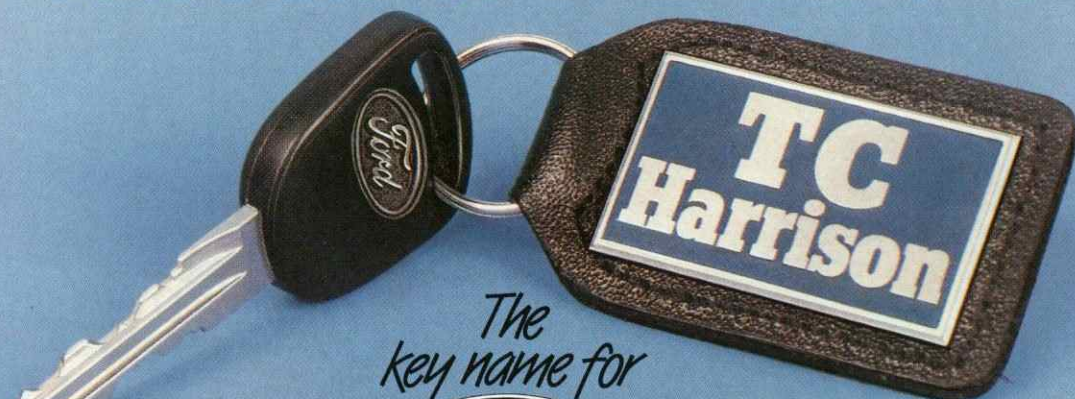
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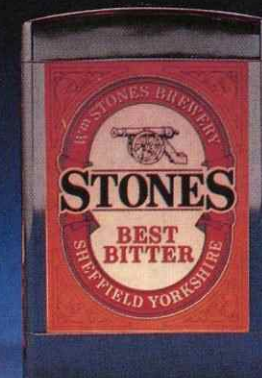


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Front Row: Frank Nicholson, Graham Blakey, John O'Rourke, Vic Jacques.

Missing from photo: Philip Wood.

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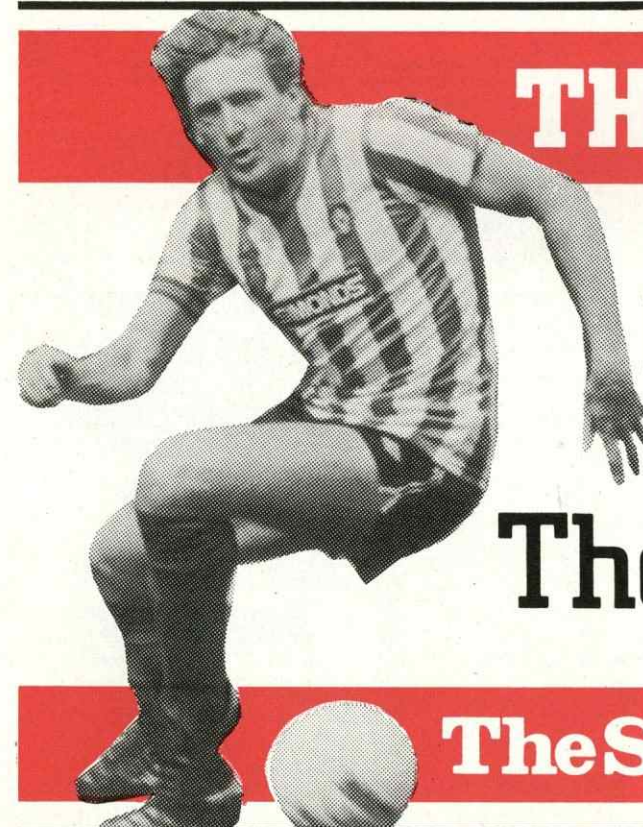
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The Winners in

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SLOW START BY LUTON

By Tony Pullein

It has already become clear that, if Luton are to achieve any honours this season, they will come in one of the knockout cups. The Hatters have made a slow start to their First Division programme and have been particularly disappointing at home on their own artificial pitch.

Manager David Pleat is confident that his team is capable of going all the way to Wembley. They were within a whisker of getting there last season when they led Everton 1-0 until four minutes from the end of the F.A. Cup semi-final. The Toffees then equalised and grabbed a winner in extra-time.

Luton always try to play attacking football and both strikers — Brian Stein and Mick Harford — had scored three times each before the weekend.

The Hatters won at West Ham (1-0) and drew at Newcastle (2-2) — after leading 2-0 at one stage — but they have been beaten in their last two away games at Aston Villa (1-3) and Everton (0-2).

UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Today's meeting is the third League (Milk) Cup match between the clubs and Luton have yet to score a goal. The first meeting was on 23 September 1969 and United won 3-0 thanks to goals by Alan Woodward (2) and John Tudor. United's team that evening at the Lane was: Hodgkinson, Badger, Heaton, barlow, Colquhoun, Powell, Woodward, Addison, Tudor, Staniforth, Reece. (Attendance 16,884).

The second League Cup meeting was again at Bramall Lane on October 8th 1974. United won 2-0. Both Luton and United were in Division 1. When the first tie was played United were in Division 2 and Luton in Division 3. Both previous meetings were in Round 3 of the competition.

The clubs have never met in the F.A. Cup but there have been 26 meetings in the League. United's League record against Luton is summarised below.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Division 1 (Home)	2	0	1	1	1	5
(Away)	2	1	0	1	2	2
Division 2 (Home)	11	6	4	1	21	13
(Away)	11	3	2	6	14	21
Total	26	10	7	9	38	41

The first of these matches was played at the Lane on 11 September

1937, United winning 2-0. United have twice won 4-1, both times in Division 2, once at the Lane (1977-78) and once at Luton (1960-61). Luton have twice won 4-0, once at the Lane in Division 1 (1955-56) and once at Luton in Division 2 (1977-78).

THE LAST LEAGUE CUP MEETING

This was at the Lane on 8th October 1974, United winning 2-0 watched by a crowd of 14,150. The teams were:

United: Brown, Badger (sub. Garbett), Hemsley, Eddy, Colquhoun, Franks, Woodward, Bradford, Dearden, Currie, Field (scorers: Eddy, Bradford).

Luton: Barker, Shanks, Buckley, Litt, John Ryan, Jim Ryan, Anderson (sub Garner), West, Husband, Alston, Hindson.

LUTON IN THE LEAGUE CUP

Luton Town have entered the League (now Milk) Cup every season and their record over the years is very similar to United, neither club having made a real impact in the Competition.

Luton's overall record is

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	29	11	10	8	47	36
Away	40	15	7	18	50	63
Total	69	26	17	26	97	99

United's record, including the two games against Rotherham is

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	36	21	8	7	64	37
Away	33	6	8	19	37	63
Total	69	27	16	26	101	100

United have now topped 100 goals both 'for' and 'against' in League Cup games. Luton are nearly there and we may see them concede their 100th goal tonight.

Biggest Win

Home	United	5-1	(v Grimsby Town 1982-3, Round 2)
			(v Rotherham 1985-6 Round 1)
	Luton	5-2	(v Peterborough 1969-70 Round 1)
Away	United	4-1	(v Brentford 1962-3 Round 2)
	Luton	4-1	(v Orient 1984-5 Round 2)

GOALS POWER (LUTON)

Luton's pattern of play suggests that they tend to slacken off when a game is an hour old. Twelve of the 14 goals scored, in the period under review, came before the 60-minute mark.

They also tend to concede goals at a much higher rate in the second-half.

Our chart covers the Hatters 10 games up to and including their visit to Everton on September 14th.

Score at:

	MINS			MINS			FT
1984-85	15	30	HT	60	75		
LEICESTER (H)	1-0	2-0	2-0	3-0	3-0		4-0
Coventry (a)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0		0-1
EVERTON (H)	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0		2-0
1985/86							
NOTTM. FOR (H)	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1		1-1
Newcastle (a)	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-2		2-2
West Ham (a)	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0		1-0
ARSENAL (H)	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-2		2-2
Aston Villa (a)	0-1	0-2	0-3	1-3	1-3		1-3
CHELSEA (H)	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1		1-1
Everton (a)	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1		0-2

Goals scored between:						
1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	
3	3	2	4	1	1	

Goals conceded between:						
1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	
1	1	2	3	3	2	

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Heaviest Defeat

Home	United	1-4	(v Leeds 1978-9 Round 3)
	Luton	2-5	(v Liverpool 1960-1 Round 2)
Away	United	0-5	(v West Ham 1971-2 Round 5)
	Luton	1-5	(v Everton 1968-9 Round 3)

Furthest Progress

United have reached the Round 5 on three occasions. Luton have done so once, in 1978-79, losing 1-4 to Leeds at Elland Road.

Clubs Met

United have met 36 clubs in League Cup ties. They have met Arsenal most often (3 ties, 5 matches).

Luton have met 38 clubs, meeting Manchester City most often (3 ties, 5 matches).

After the second leg at Luton, United and Luton will have played 4 games to settle 3 ties.

Incidentally, the last club to play Luton were Sheffield Wednesday who beat Luton 4-2 at Hillsborough in Round 4 last season.

Seeding

The Second Round draw of the Milk Cup is now seeded so that none of the First Division clubs nor those at the top of the Second Division meet each other. Last season only six seeded clubs were knocked out in Round 2, and only one of those was a Division 1 club, namely Stoke City, knocked out by Rotherham.

The previous season, 8 seeded clubs did not progress beyond Round 2, and 5 of these were from Division 1. Those five were Watford, Leicester, Notts, Forest, Wolves and Luton Town. Luton were knocked out by Rotherham!

Goals

This season has seen an increase of goals scored in Round 1. Since 1979-80, 1st Round ties have been two legged, with no replays, drawn ties being decided by 'away goals' or penalties, and this seasons total of goals scored in the 56 games is the highest of those seven seasons. The total are listed below (excluding any penalties used to decide drawn ties).

1979-80	157
1980-81	142
1981-82	154
1982-83	156
1983-84	176
1984-85	165
1985-86	182

Last season saw the highest number of goals per game scored in the whole Milk Cup Competition for some time, there being 3.05 goals per game, the highest average since 1967-68 (3.18 goals per game). The lowest average was 2.49 goals per game (1969-70) and the highest was 3.69 goals per game (1963-64). The average for all League Cup games before this season is 2.94 goals per game.

Back Row: Mark Stein, David Preece, Gary Parker, Emeka Nwajobi, Stacey North, Mark North, Ray Daniel, Rob Johnson.

Middle Row: John Moore (Reserve Team Manager), Tim Breacker, Les Sealey, Paul Elliott, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mitchell Thomas, John Faulkner (Youth Team Manager)

Front Row: Trevor Hartley (First Team Coach), Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy, Steve Foster, David Pleat (Manager), Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Ashley Grimes, John Sheridan (Physio).

LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL

Player	Birthplace	Date of Birth	Previous Clubs
Tim Breacker	Bicester	2.7.65	—
Ray Daniel	Luton	10.12.64	—
Andy Dibble	Cwmbran	8.5.65	Cardiff
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	13.9.57	—
Paul Elliott	London	18.3.64	Charlton
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	24.9.57	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	2.8.57	Man. Utd, Coventry
Mick Harford	Sunderland	12.2.59	—
Ricky Hill	London	5.3.59	—
Rob Johnson	Bedford	22.2.62	—
Peter Nicholas	Newport	10.11.59	Crystal Palace, Arsenal
Mark North	Ware	29.5.66	—
Stacey North	Luton	25.11.64	—
Emeka Nwajobi	Nigeria	25.5.59	—
Gary Parker	Oxford	7.9.65	—
David Preece	Bridgnorth	28.5.63	Walsall
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	29.9.57	Coventry
Brian Stein	South Africa	19.10.57	—
Mark Stein	South Africa	28.1.66	—
Mitchell Thomas	Luton	2.10.64	—

Down Memory Lane

BY
DENIS
CLAREBROUGH

THE SUBSTITUTE KEEPER



If you watched the tension packed Wales-Scotland international match on the TV two weeks ago, no doubt you were suprised to see Alan Rough appearing in the second half in the Scottish goal in place of Jim Leighton. The opportunity to substitute one goalkeeper for another doesn't of course present itself to League clubs in our domestic competitions, and so there is always a slim chance that one player tonight from either United or Luton's team will have the opportunity to shine between the posts.

It's always an emotional moment when that green jersey is pulled on over that club shirt. There is sympathy for the injured player as he leaves the field coupled with the inevitable anticipation of an onslaught of high centres into the goal area to test the nerve of the new keeper, and inevitably a cheer for the first ball safely clutched.

Thankfully the new keeper usually does well and we will all have our own memories of some fine displays, though inevitably sometimes the goals mount up and there have been occasions when the new keeper, his nerve shattered, has had to be replaced by another of his team-mates.

One or two fans here today, may remember a match at Luton against United in September 1960, when Ron Baynham, the home keeper suffered a cut head and concussion in a collision with Joe Nibloe, and Seamus Dunne the Irish international full back took his place. United were already leading by a single goal and Dunne was to concede three more in his hour long stint in goal.

United's most famous substitute goalkeeper must be Alan Woodward, indeed 'Woody' was in goal for the last quarter of an hour in a cup-tie against Newcastle in 1969 and a two-nil victory gave us a home tie against Luton. Alan had scored against Newcastle and hit two more against Luton and his skills were summed up in the United programme as 'almost as good at keeping 'em out as he does at putting 'em in'.

'Woody' always seemed confident in the green jersey but the game that made his reputation was a home match against Leeds United in November 1967. Alan kept a clean sheet for 81 minutes against that fine Leeds side and an excellent display of goalkeeping included two super saves from Albert Johanneson that brought the house down. A fine header from Mick Hill gave United a one-nil victory and Alan was cheered and applauded off the field by players and spectators alike.

Older fans may recall a similar display by Colin Collindridge against an equally fine Manchester United team in January 1948. Manchester came to the Lane with a sixteen match undefeated run and a forward line that read, Delaney, Morris, Rowley, Pearson and Mitten, and I can assure you that that wasn't a bad line-up! Jack Smith, our keeper, only lasted seven minutes of that game but two goals from George Jones against one from Jack Rowley brought the Blades two unexpected points.

We all hope for the sake of the two keepers this evening that injury doesn't take them of the field of play, but if it does, who knows, you may see an unexpected hero.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

30 YEARS AGO

On October 1, 1955 five years before the Football League Cup (now the Milk Cup) was instituted we slipped into the First Division danger zone when beaten 2-1 here by Burnley. After a goal-less first half Albert Cheeseborough and Bob Burke netted for the visitors and Peter Wragg replied.

Sheffield United: Burgin, Coldwell, Mason, Whelan, Shaw J, Iley, Ringstead, Hagan, Wragg, Howitt, Grainger.

Burnley: McDonald, Rudman, Winton, Seith, Cummings, Shannon, Gray, McIlroy, Cheeseborough, Burke, Pilkington. Attendance: 28,000.

Today's visitors Luton were also in mid-table after a 3-1 defeat at Old Trafford where Bobby Cummins gave them a first half lead from a penalty. Blackpool stayed top of division one after beating Cardiff 2-1.

Bristol Rovers and Fulham led the way in Division Two, Bobby Robson getting one of the Cottagers goals in a 3-2 win at Rotherham. Meanwhile mid-table Liverpool beat Plymouth 4-1.

20 YEARS AGO

In a second round League Cup tie on September 22, 1965 we went down 2-1 at Sunderland with Gil Reece replying to goals by Nick Sharkey and George Mulhall.

Sunderland: Montgomery; Irwin, Ashurst, Parke, Harvey, McNab, Hellawell, Herd, Sharkey, Baxter, Mulhall.

Sheffield United: Hodgkinson; Badger, Maller, Munks, Finnigan, Wagstaff B., Docherty, Kettleborough, Jones, Birchenall, Reece. Attn: 22,300.

Luton who were then in the Fourth Division had gone out in a first round replay at Brighton. Amongst the second round surprises Northampton won at Blackburn, Mansfield beat Birmingham but the rounds honours went to Peterborough who won 4-3 at Newcastle. It is also interesting to note former football league club Workington going through in a replay at Brentford.

10 YEARS AGO

September 9, 1975 saw us winners 4-2 at Halifax in a second round League Cup tie. Chris Guthrie got a hat-trick and a home defender deflected the ball into his own net while Tony Rhodes and Steve Downes got the Halifax goals.

Halifax: Gennoe; Smith (Downes), Collins, McHale, Rhodes, Phelan, Jones, Ford, Bell, Gwyther, Pugh.

Sheffield United: Brown; Badger, Hemsley, Eddy, Colquhoun, Franks, Woodward, Garbutt, Guthrie, Currie, Speight. Attn: 7,925.

In the same round Luton went down 2-1 at Darlington with Ron Fletcher getting their goal. The round's big surprise was at Crewe where the home side beat Chelsea with a disputed penalty.

Newcastle made no mistake this time with a 6-0 win at former football league club Southport.

Meanwhile on the international front Billy Bremner was one of five Scotland players banned for life from representing their country.

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A TO Z

by
Tony Pullein

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CUTBUSH, John. John was a defender who served his apprenticeship with Tottenham but he did not come into contention for a first-team place with the White Hart Lane club. But, soon after joining Fulham in 1972, he got his chance in League football and he held a first-team place at Craven Cottage for more than four years. He first came to Bramall Lane on loan in March 1977 but the transfer was completed at the end of the season and he remained with the Blades for about four years.
League record: Tottenham nil aps.; Fulham 132(3) aps., 3 gls.; Sheff. Un. 126(3) aps., 1 gl.

DAVISON, Ted. Ted was one of the great men of Sheffield football. In his early days, as a goalkeeper, he joined Sheffield Wednesday from Gateshead in 1908, and he remained with the club until 1926. In March 1922 he was honoured by England, playing against Wales. A man of high principles, he came to Bramall Lane as manager in 1932 and he led the club to the F.A. Cup final of 1936. During his spell in charge, he spent a great deal of time developing the club's youth scheme. He remained in charge until 1952.

DEFEATS. Our club record defeat was suffered in an F.A. Cup tie at Bolton in February 1890 when we crashed by 13-0.

The highest number of defeats suffered in a season in the Football League was 26 when we finished bottom of the First Division in 1975/76.

The fewest defeats suffered was three during our debut season in the Second

Division in 1892/93. But we played only 22 matches in those days. Our best for a programme of 42 or more games was seven defeats in 1952/53 and 1970/71. On both occasions we won promotion to the First Division.



DEARDEN, Billy. Billy spent just over five years at Bramall Lane and was on two occasions our leading scorer. He began in the junior teams at Oldham and made his League debut for the Latics in 1964/65. In 1966 he moved on to Crewe and two years later he was on the move again for Chester. His performances in the lower divisions promoted the Blades to invest £10,000 in his transfer in 1970. In 1971/72 he was our leading scorer with 18 goals and he topped the list again a year later with 23. He then moved into a midfield role and, after losing his place in 1975, he returned to Chester. In 1977 he was transferred to Chesterfield where he completed his playing days.

League record: Oldham 31(3) aps., 2 gls.; Crewe 45(2) aps., 7 gls.; Chester 85 aps., 22 gls.; Sheff. Un. 170(5) aps., 61 gls.; Chester 35(1) aps., 7 gls.; Chesterfield 18(9) aps., 2 gls.



DUNNE, Jimmy. No one has ever equalled Jimmy's feat of scoring 41 League goals in a season for the Blades. It was in 1930/31 when he achieved that record in 41 League games. He also scored five times in the F.A. Cup. Jimmy was signed from New Brighton in 1926 but it took him about three years to win a regular place in the side. Once established, he led our scoring list for four successive seasons from 1929/30 with 36, 41, 33 and 26 in League matches. Jimmy was capped seven times by N. Ireland and he also played for the Republic of Ireland on 14 occasions. It was a dispute over his international career — the club refused to release him for one game — that led to his departure to Arsenal for £8,000 in 1933. But he never really settled in at Highbury and always considered his time at Bramall Lane was the highlight of his career.

League record: New Brighton 8 aps., 6 gls.; Sheff. Un. 173 aps., 141 gls.; Arsenal 22 aps. 9 gls.

ECKHARDT, Jeff. Jeff came to the club straight from school and made his League debut at Crystal Palace last March. He held his place at left-back for most of the closing games of the season and he has this season been holding the right-back spot.

League record: Sheff. Un. 12 aps.
(Up to and including September 7th)



EDDY, Keith. Keith was a midfield player who began his career with Barrow when they were still in the Football League. He moved on to Watford in 1966 and won a Third Division Championship medal with the Hornets three years later.

He was transferred to Bramall Lane for £50,000 in 1972 and gave the club four years of outstanding service.

League record: Barrow 127(1) aps., 5 gls.; Watford 239(1) aps., 26 gls.; Sheff. Un. 113(1) aps., 16 gls.

EDWARDS, Keith. Keith has on four occasions been our leading scorer. He made his League debut for us, as substitute, against Q.P.R. in 1976 and in 1976/77 he topped our list for the first time with 18 goals. In 1978 he was transferred to Hull City where he was leading scorer for three seasons before returning to Bramall Lane in a £95,000 deal. In 1981/82 he hit 36 goals for the club but he topped that two seasons ago when his tally reached 49. This smashed Jimmy Dunne's record of 46 goals set up back in 1931. Last season Keith was our top scorer again with 15.

League record: Sheff. Un. 64(5) aps., 29 gls.; Hull City 130(2) aps., 57 gls.; Sheff. Un. 151(6) aps., 94 gls.

(Up to and including September 7th)

In part 7 of our A-Z we shall be featuring MEL EVES and looking at our record in the F.A. Cup.

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COLIN MORRIS

Colin Morris is a player who relies on pace and skill. He is also 32 years old. Normally, that is around the maximum expectancy for someone of his type. But suggest anything of the kind to Colin and he comes back at you as quickly as he can turn a defender and zip to the by-line.

"I feel as fit and sharp as any of the lads at the club," he says. And there's an impish sense of challenge when he adds: "If any of them want to take me on at short or long distance I'm as good as any of them. I don't put weight on and I feel as fit as I've ever been."

Every single word of that is borne out by Colin's enduring standards on the field. In more than one sense, he is a true survivor. As a winger virtually all his career, he has needed to be. He entered the game in the slipstream of England's 1966 World Cup success when managers were blinkered into believing that 4-4-2 was the **only** way to do it.

Amid that kind of thinking, wingers had to make out a pretty strong case for themselves — or join other members of a dying

breed. They had to be top-notch performers for managers to risk their sometimes precarious and unpredictable talents.

Colin accepts all that, while continuing to prove that there is still a place in the game for players of his style. "The trouble with people with skill," he says "is that it doesn't always come off and managers tend to go for steadier players and safety first."

Of latter times, too, there has been a sort of stigma about anybody termed a winger, an immediate suspicion of inconsistency and lack of "work rate".

Colin is more than aware of that but is quite unabashed when he says: "I don't mind being called a winger — that's what I've been for 90% of my career. It's being called a midfield player I don't like. That's the way some managers want them to play. You can be subdued by playing deep and having to get back and defend. If you've got the ability you should be able to use it."

Indeed, it's hard to imagine that Colin, even in his twilight years, will settle for being called a "wide midfield player." And he's grateful for the way he's been used at Bramall Lane. "I've always been played to my strengths here," he acknowledges.

Neither was the shock switch to a central striking role at the start of the season foreign to Colin's inclinations — even though he admits: "I'm surprised to be keeping Keith Edwards out of the team. I've played up front only once before — with Dave Bamber at Blackpool. But I prefer it. You can go and hunt for the ball. If you play a wide role you stay on one side for 90 minutes."

Scoring goals is something for which Colin has both taste and appetite — and playing alongside Peter Withe has increased his share of the spoils. "There's no substitute for scoring but the next best thing is to make goals," he says with a reminder that he hasn't lost his relish for working on the flanks. "I like to watch good wing-play myself. I like to be excited by somebody. Trevor Steven (now with Everton) excited me when I first saw him at Burnley. He had electrifying pace."

In fact, it was at Burnley — like so many Geordies — where Colin started his career. "They were in the First Division nearly all the time I was there. They had such a good side with people like Ralph Coates, Dave Thomas and Willie Morgan that it was a job to get in and stay in. I learnt a lot from the players at Burnley. The majority were internationals."

Colin had to drop down the league to make his mark. He helped Southend, under Dave Smith, to promotion from the Fourth Division in his first full season. Later, he was to repeat that feat on joining the Blades four years ago.

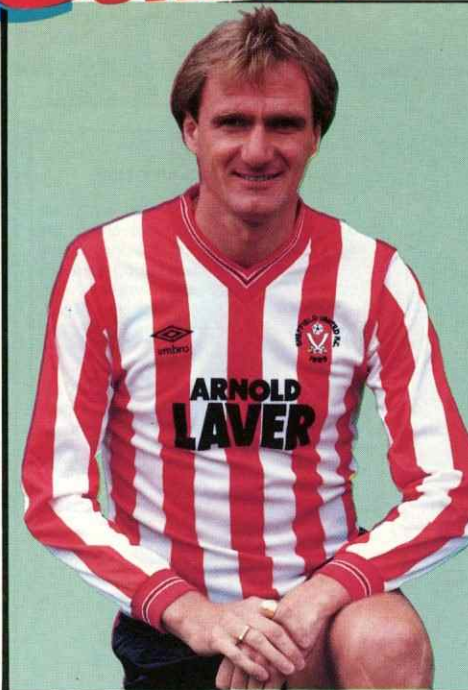
In between, he had less happy times at Blackpool, who, coincidentally, were relegated to the Fourth Division at the same time as United. But Colin enjoyed playing for Alan Ball. "I liked him. He was good for me. He was the first one to play me down the middle."

Then Colin hitched his talents to the Ian Porterfield bandwagon and you know the rest. But if you think that's the end of his story you could have another thing coming. The player who started his career with a First Division club but couldn't get in the team has had to fight his way back the hard way. And he's almost there...

Colin's kit this season is sponsored by Supporters Club — Green Bricks — Rotherham Branch.

CAPTAINS CORNER

Phil Thompson



The Milk Cup, or the League Cup as it used to be called, is now established as one of the game's premier competitions. And so it has thrown up its share of sensations along the way.

There is one I'll never forget and I needed little reminding of it the other day as we prepared for tonight's match with Luton. It was back in August 1978 when I came here with Liverpool and we were beaten by Sheffield United.

It was one of those nights when the ball wouldn't go in. I expect many of you saw it. Full credit to the Sheffield lads of that night but we could hardly believe it. It went on and on and then Gary Hamson scored with what I still believe was their only shot at goal all night.

I took the trouble to look up the teams in my scrapbook. They were:

Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Alan Kennedy, myself, Ray Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

Sheffield Utd: Conroy, Cutbush, Garner, Keeley, Matthews, Speight, Woodward, Stainrod, Finnieston, Hamson, Sabella.

If my memory is right United were relegated at the end of that season and Liverpool won the First Division championship for the eleventh time.

And so, if the United team of that day could beat one of the finest sides in Europe, with great respect to Luton why shouldn't today's Bramall Lane team do even better than 1-0?

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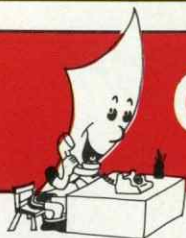
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Talkabout was officially launched on Fargate on 29th August and British Telecom organised a special roadshow in aid of the CHRIS fund which raised over £1500. Tony Kenworthy and John Burridge went along to help them launch and are seen here entertaining the thousands which went along.



RADIO HALLAM'S 'RONALD' AT THE LANE

When Radio Hallam sponsored our Milk Cup match with Rotherham, they asked us if they could do some promotions on the ground. We, of course, agreed, but didn't expect to see a 27 foot high inflatable cartoon character which they affectionately call 'RONALD'. His shape is based on the old style valve radio and besides being 27 feet tall, he has 8 foot long feet. He is seen in the picture holding the Radio Hallam inflatable ball which is seen in use on the Family Focus page. Never mind, Ronald can come every week if we win 5-1!

BLADE CENTENARY 1989

The group of Unitedites led by Denis Clarebrough who are researching the history of the club are making steady progress. Among those taking part are Dave Burkinshaw of Swallownest, Andrew Treharne of Hollythorpe Road, Chris Kentzer, and brothers Steve and Kevin Titterton.

If you would like to help with this work or if you know of items of information, photographs or souvenirs of the club particularly in the very early years do please contact Denis c/o the club.

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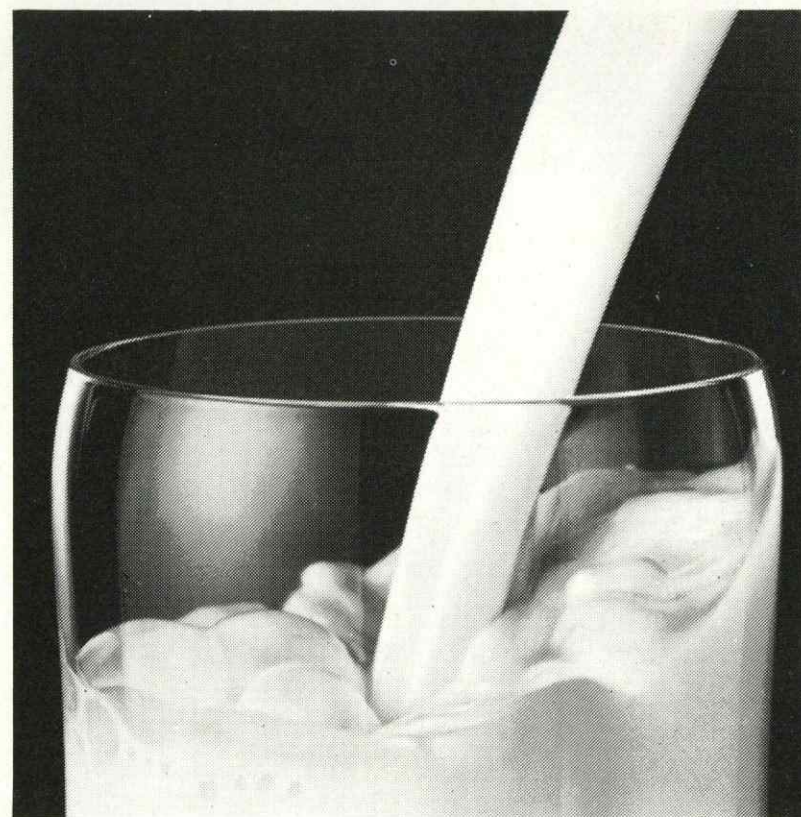
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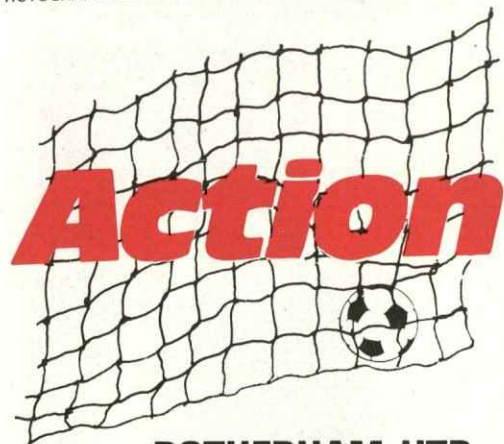
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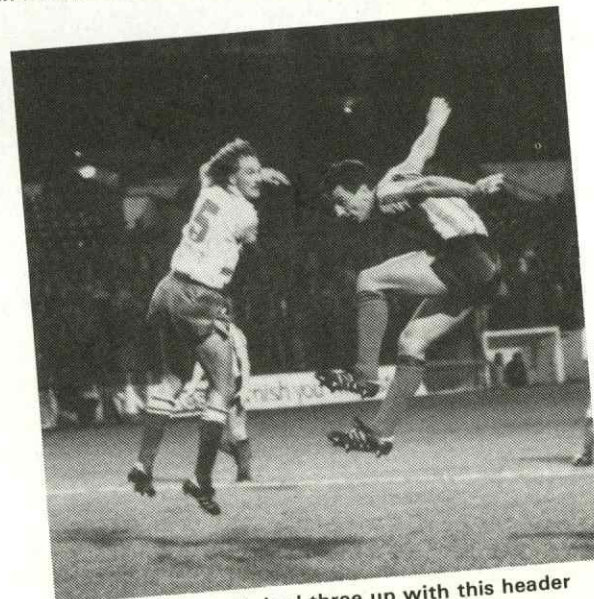
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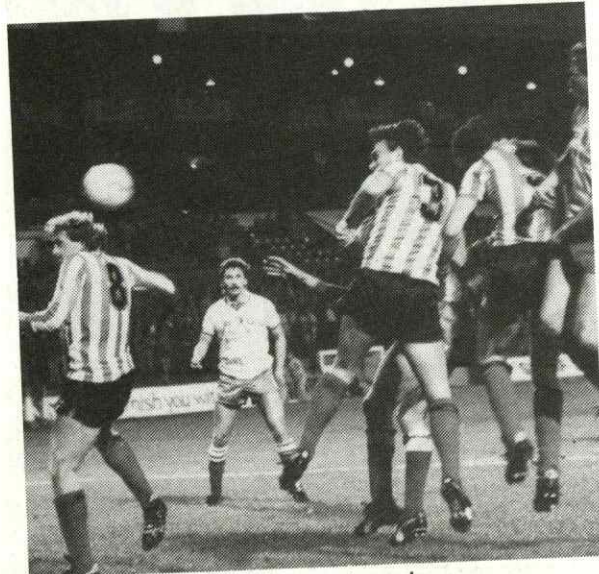
Colin Morris celebrates his first goal of the evening.



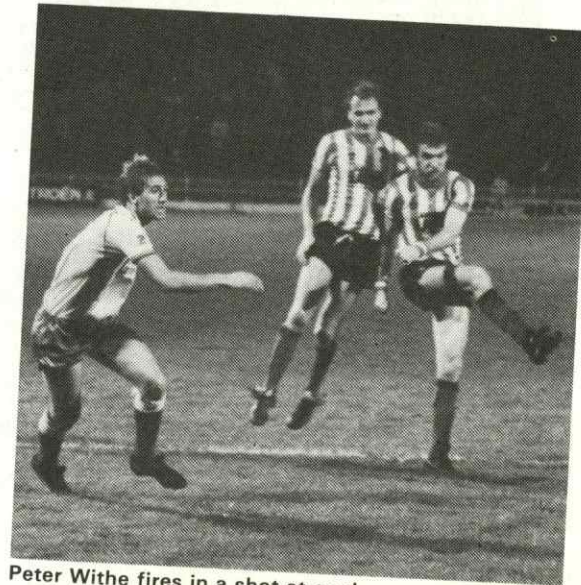
Peter Withe knocks home his first goal for United in the Milk Cup.



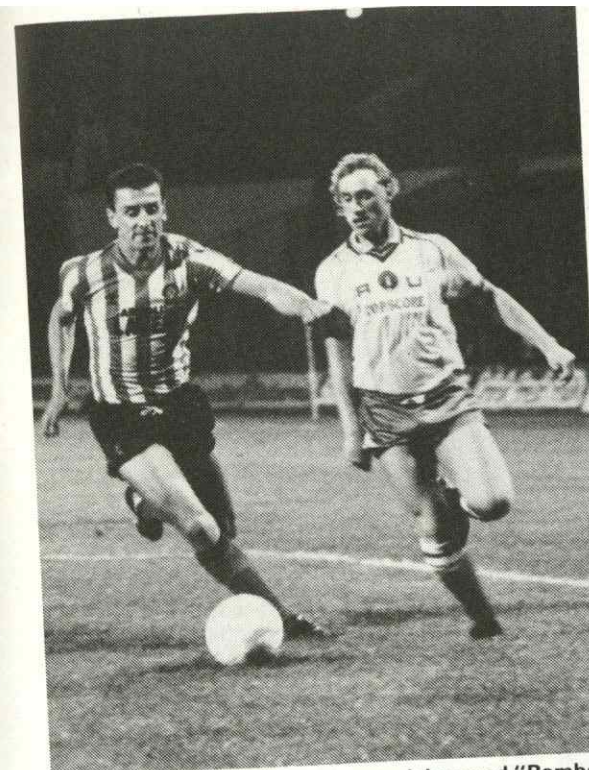
Joe Bolton puts United three up with this header



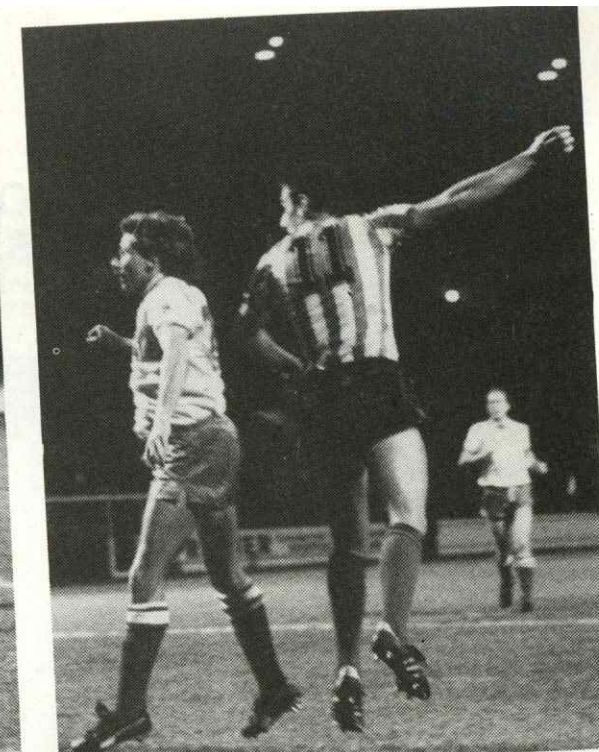
Tony Kenworthy heads towards goal



Peter Withe fires in a shot at goal

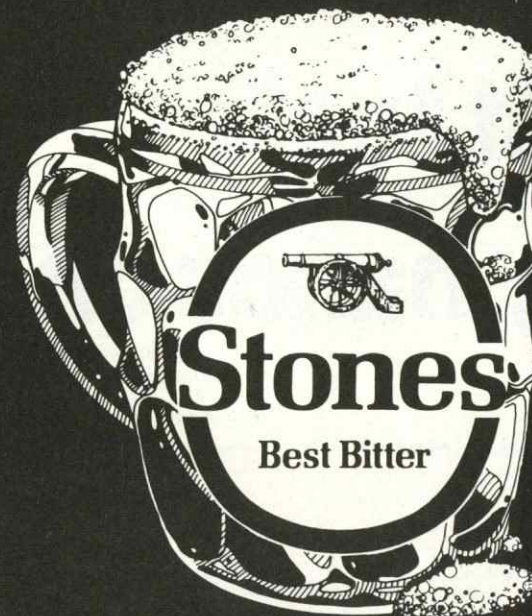


On the ball — Joe Bolton — now nicknamed "Rambo"



Joe Bolton heads in United's fourth goal

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TONY WOODCOCK WRITES ABOUT PETER WITHE

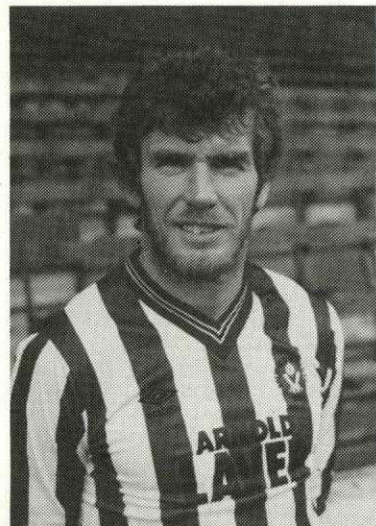
"I'll never know why Cloughie sold him." So says Tony Woodcock about his former Nottingham Forest striking partner Peter Withe.

A glowing tribute from one England striker to another comes in Woodcock's book "Inside Soccer", which is based on diaries written at a time when Withe was rumoured to be leaving Aston Villa. The Arsenal goal ace comments: "He'll be a tremendous buy again for whoever is lucky enough to get him."

And so Woodcock, for one, was convinced of the wisdom of United manager Ian Porterfield when he swooped last summer to harness Withe's power-play to the promotion bandwagon.

Woodcock writes: "He is a very, very good target man ... very unselfish." The compliment couldn't be bigger, coming as it does from someone who demonstrates in the book that he is not afraid to criticise his fellow pros.

And there's more. "He is one of the best trainers I have ever seen; he never grumbles at all. He is a good, honest centre forward, an



old fashioned battling type, very good in the air."

All of which explains Woodcock's disappointment when Forest sold Peter to Newcastle for £225,000. Until that time, these two players of vastly differing styles had complemented each other so well in Clough's crusade.

"He is great to play with because he is always up there, he takes all the bashes, knocks people around in his turn; you just need someone there to pick up the pieces after he has gone through the brick wall."

Off the field, Peter is one of the game's most renowned dressing room characters — and his eccentricities are not lost on someone who observed them at such close quarters.

"He is a very chirpy character," says Woodcock. "He does some daft things. Once at Forest someone brought a tray of chocolate eclairs in and had a bet that Peter could eat the lot. He scoffed about twenty three of them. He is the biggest eater I have ever seen; he will finish his own meal and if you aren't careful will then be on to your plate as well."

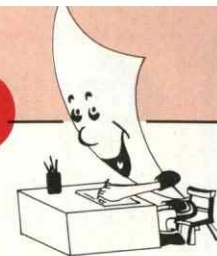
United will just be grateful that Peter also has such an appetite for hard work!

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FOR THE RECORD



CENTRAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER SHEFFIELD UNITED 0 BARNSELEY 4

Team: Ford, Fuller, Downes, Arnott, Geelan, Smith B, Lancaster, McGeeney, Edwards, Peattie, Pearson.

Sub: Grayson for Geelan 85mins. Once again, the Reserves lost because of the lack of experience within the side. They battled well and played some good football at times, but Barnsley's more mature players always had the edge.

match and let Lincoln come back into the game until Jamie Flynn got our second goal in the 63rd minute with a good 20yd shot. After this it was always going to be a win for the Blades, but never a spectacle.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER SHEFFIELD UNITED 2 LINCOLN CITY 0

Team: Scaife, Fuller, Downes, Flynn, Smith B, Geelan, Lancaster, McGeeney, France, Grayson, Pearson.

Subs: Copeland for Grayson 88 mins. Norton for Scaife 45 mins.

Scorers: McGeeney, Flynn. This match, played in a very strong wind was never going to be a classic. After a sound start, the Juniors went ahead on 9 minutes with a goal from Paddy McGeeney after a good ball from Carl Fuller. Playing with the wind, the Juniors totally dominated this first half but were unable to make it count in front of goal, the score remaining at 1-0 going into the second half. With only a single goal advantage the youngsters looked to be making hard work of the



Sid Saver, the Red's ace goalie, takes a goal kick and boots the ball out of the penalty area. However, a strong wind's blowing and the ball ends up back in Sid's own net. Benny Bigmouth, a Blues supporter, reckons it's a goal. Is he right?



No, a goal can't be scored from a goalkick and the ref. correctly awards the Blues a corner.

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FULL MEMBERS CUP 1985-86 MINI-LEAGUE GROUP 1

We have been drawn in the group with Manchester City and Leeds United. The Matches are as follows:

Wednesday 2nd October: Manchester City v Leeds United
Wednesday 16th October: Leeds United v Sheffield United (7.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd October: Sheffield United v Manchester City (7.30pm)

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1985-86

		F	A			F	A
Aug. 21	Leeds United	2-0	1986	Jan. 14	Leeds United		
28	Manchester United	0-5		22	West Bromwich Albion		
Sept. 4	Liverpool	0-4		28	Manchester United		
11	West Bromwich Albion	3-3		Feb. 5	Manchester City		
18	Barnsley	0-4		12	Aston Villa		
26	Nottingham Forest			19	Barnsley		
Oct. 2	Newcastle United			26	Nottingham Forest		
9	Blackburn Rovers			Mar. 5	Newcastle United		
15	Manchester City			12	Blackburn Rovers		
23	Aston Villa			19	Huddersfield Town		
29	Sheffield Wednesday			26	Sheffield Wednesday		
Nov. 6	Huddersfield Town			Apr. 2	Wigan Athletic		
12	Wigan Athletic			8	Everton		
20	Everton			16	Derby County		
26	Derby County			23	Hull City		
Dec. 4	Hull City			28	Leicester City		
11	Leicester City						
17	Liverpool						

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE FIXTURES 1985-86

		F	A
Aug. 10	Halifax Town	3-0	
17	Hartlepool United	4-3	
24	Huddersfield Town	5-1	
31	Hull City	2-1	
Sept. 7	Leeds United	1-0	
14	Hull City (LC1)	5-2	
21	Lincoln City	2-0	
28	Middlesbrough		
Oct. 5	Newcastle United		
12	Rotherham United		
19	Scunthorpe United		
26	York City		
Nov. 2	Sheffield Wednesday		
9	Sunderland		
16	League K.O. Cup		
23	Barnsley		
30	Bradford City		
Dec. 7	Doncaster Rovers		
14	Grimsby Town		
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28	Halifax Town		
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Jan. 4	Hartlepool United		
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18	Hull City		
25	Leeds United		
Feb. 1	Lincoln City		
8	Middlesbrough		
15	Newcastle United		
22	Rotherham United		
Mar. 1	Scunthorpe United		
8	York City		
15	Sheffield Wednesday		
22	Sunderland		
29	Barnsley		
Apr. 5	Bradford City		
12	Doncaster Rovers		

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday 7th September)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield United	5	5	0	0	15	5	10
Rotherham United	6	4	2	0	16	6	10
Newcastle United	7	4	1	2	19	8	9
Sunderland	5	3	2	0	14	5	8
Bradford City	5	4	0	1	13	4	8
Scunthorpe United	5	3	1	1	11	5	7
Middlesbrough	5	3	0	2	15	8	6
Sheffield Wednesday	5	3	0	2	10	6	6
Hartlepool United	6	2	2	2	16	13	6
Doncaster Rovers	5	3	0	2	11	11	6
Barnsley	6	2	2	2	11	14	6
Leeds United	5	1	1	3	8	8	3
Hull City	5	1	1	3	5	9	3
York City	5	1	0	4	2	10	2
Huddersfield Town	5	0	2	3	3	12	2
Lincoln City	6	1	0	5	5	25	2
Grimsby Town	5	0	1	4	6	17	1
Halifax Town	5	0	1	4	1	15	1



DATE	OPPONENTS	F A	GATE
Aug	17 Stoke City 20 Rotherham United (MC1 1L) 24 Wimbledon 27 Brighton & H.A.	3-1 4-0 0-0 1-1	11,697 9,087 11,914 10,128
Sept.	31 Shrewsbury Town 3 Shrewsbury United (MC1 2L) 7 Norwich City 14 Huddersfield Town 17 Fulham 21 Middlesbrough 24 Luton Town (MC2 1L)	1-1 0-4 0-4 0-1 3-2 0-1 0-1	11,246 7,486 12,899 13,854 4,259 10,535
Oct.	1 Charlton Athletic 5 Millwall 8 Luton Town (MC2 2L) 7.45pm 12 Grimsby Town 19 Barnsley 26 Bradford City		
Mid-week	2 Hull City		
Nov.	9 Oldham Athletic 16 Blackburn Rovers (1)		
Mid-week	23 Portsmouth 30 Crystal Palace		
Dec.	7 Charlton Athletic (2) 14 Stoke City 21 Wimbledon 28 Sunderland		
Jan.	4 Fulham 11 Huddersfield Town 18 Shrewsbury Town 25 F.A. Cup 4 8 Brighton & H.A.		
Mid-week	15 Millwall (1) 22 Grimsby Town 29 Carlisle United 31 Sunderland		
Feb.	5 Hull City (SF) 12 Oldham Athletic 19 Blackburn Rovers 20 Milk Cup Final		
Mar.	22 Middlesbrough 29 Carlisle United 5 Millwall (2) 12 Grimsby Town 19 Hull City 26 Portsmouth 30 Crystal Palace		
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May	10 F.A. Cup Final		

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*such as this one of Joe Bolton

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(Up to and including Saturday 21st September 1985)

	Goals					Goals					Top Goalscorers		Highest Gates	Average Gates
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts		Gates	Gates
Portsmouth	9	4	0	0	12	0	2	2	1	6	6	20	15,504	14,125
Blackburn Rovers	9	4	1	0	8	2	1	2	1	5	5	18	6,567	5,768
Oldham Athletic	9	4	1	0	12	6	1	1	2	4	4	17	6,024	4,882
Brighton & Hove A.	9	3	2	1	9	5	2	0	1	4	3	17	10,218	9,518
Charlton Athletic	7	4	0	0	9	2	1	1	1	5	5	16	8,858	5,929
Barnsley	9	4	1	0	8	2	0	2	2	3	5	15	6,598	5,345
Huddersfield Town	9	2	2	1	7	5	1	3	0	6	5	14	11,667	8,770
Wimbledon	9	3	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	3	1	8	3,205	2,787
Sheffield United	8	1	2	1	6	3	2	1	1	6	7	12	13,854	11,887
Norwich City	9	3	1	0	10	4	0	2	3	4	9	12	13,510	13,098
Leeds United	9	1	3	1	5	5	2	0	2	7	10	12	21,104	16,154
Crystal Palace	8	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	2	8	9	11	8,713	7,133
Hull City	8	2	3	0	11	4	0	1	2	4	8	10	8,221	7,071
Bradford City	7	2	0	0	7	3	1	0	4	4	8	9	6,999	5,964
Middlesbrough	8	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	5	9	5,543	5,159
Grimsby Town	9	1	2	1	4	4	0	3	2	7	9	8	6,180	4,503
Millwall	8	2	0	1	5	3	0	2	3	5	10	8	8,013	7,674
Fulham	8	2	0	2	7	6	0	1	3	0	4	7	9,331	6,058
Stoke City	9	1	2	1	8	6	0	2	3	2	9	7	11,679	8,318
Sunderland	8	0	1	2	3	8	1	1	3	3	7	5	21,202	17,542
Carlisle United	8	1	2	1	7	6	0	0	4	0	11	5	5,086	3,430
Shrewsbury Town	9	0	2	3	4	9	0	2	2	5	8	4	4,295	3,821

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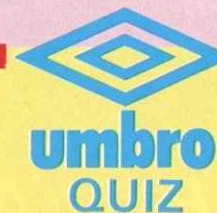
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6. Ken McNaught
7. Colin Morris
8. Glenn Cockerill
9. Peter Withe
10. Ray Lewington
11. Joe Bolton
- 12.



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3. Mitchell Thomas
4. Peter Nicholas
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