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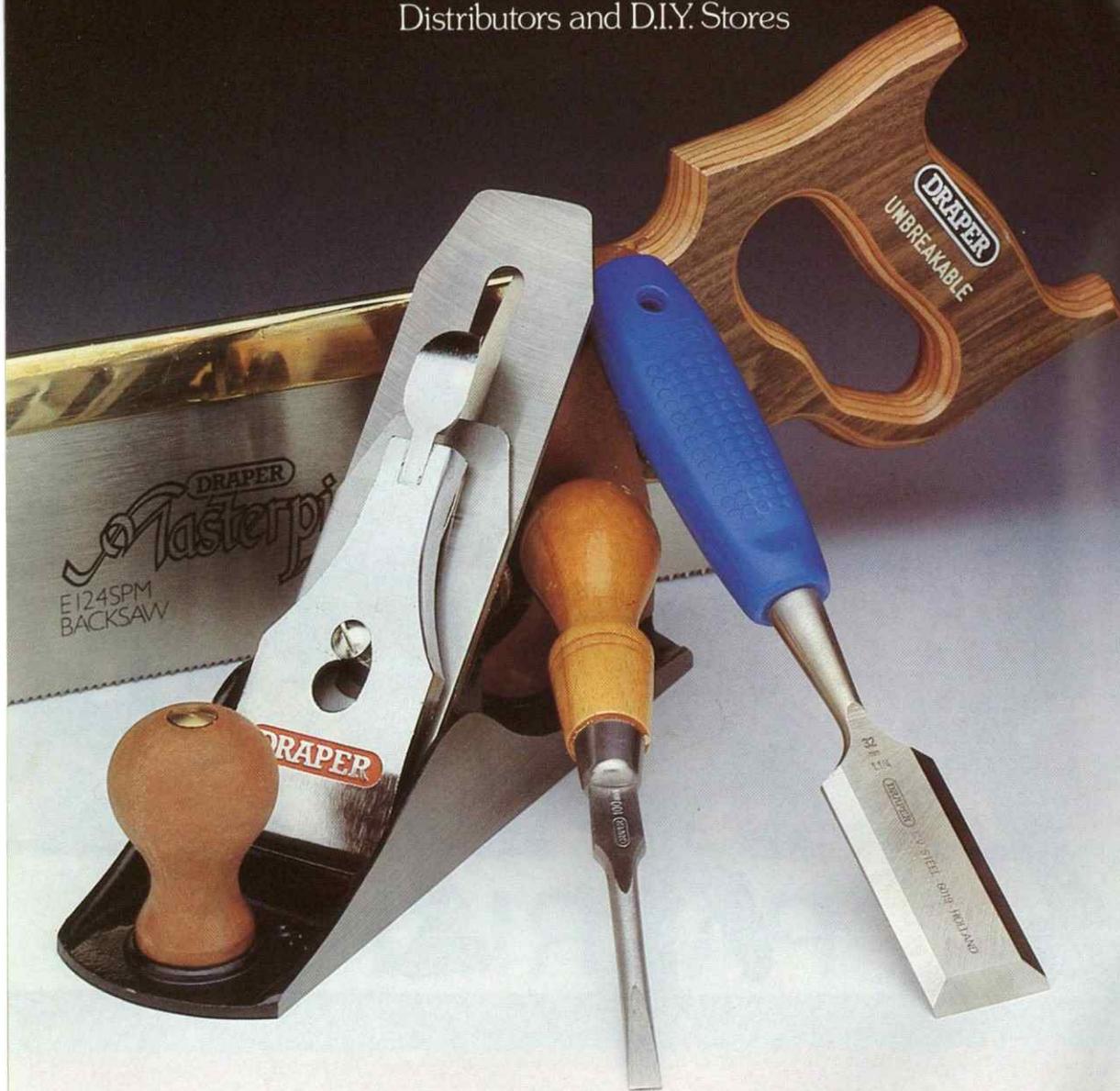
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CHRIS NICHOLL'S 'Team Talk'

Nobody needs reminding of the part Luton Town have played in our season so far! That result back in October was the worst defeat I've experienced both as a player and as a manager.

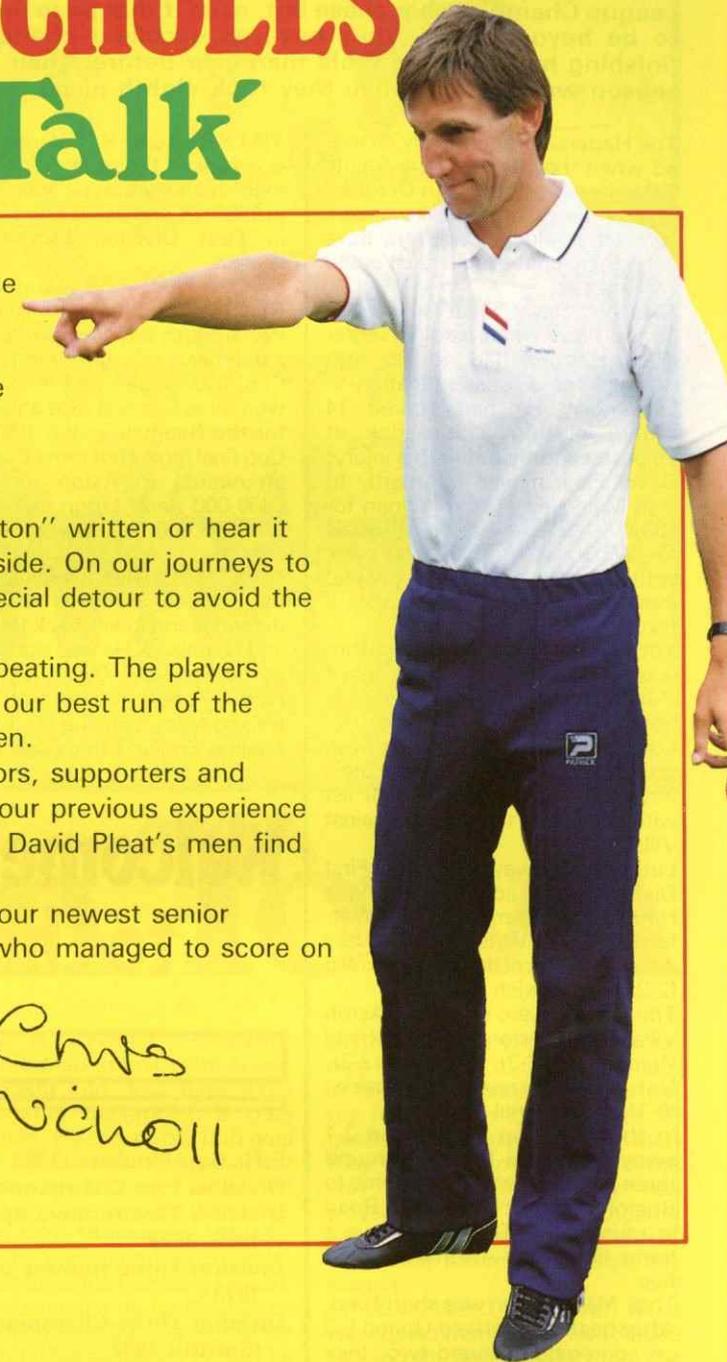
Whenever I see the name "Luton" written or hear it mentioned something hurts inside. On our journeys to the North we even make a special detour to avoid the place!

But some good came of that beating. The players reacted well and we then had our best run of the season, eight matches unbeaten.

Today we welcome the directors, supporters and players of Luton Town. After our previous experience on an artificial pitch, we hope David Pleat's men find our grass too long.

Finally, a pat on the back for our newest senior international Danny Wallace, who managed to score on his England debut.

Chris Nicholl



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sarily reflect the views of the club.

Luton's inspired run has taken them onto the fringe of the League Championship chase but, even if that prize proves to be beyond them, they have an excellent chance of finishing higher in the table than ever before. Their best season was 1957/58 when they took eighth place.

The Hatters' fortunes really changed when they crushed the Saints 7-0 at Kenilworth Road in October. That performance worked wonders for their confidence and they have been rising up the table most of the while since.

Manager David Pleat suffered a severe blow when leading scorer Mick Harford had to go into hospital for a knee operation in December. He had scored 14 times, netting a hat-trick at Leicester shortly before his injury. David Pleat moved in smartly to sign Mike Newell from Wigan for £85,000. Mike had scored 19 goals for Wigan and got off the mark with his new club in his second match, at home to Aston Villa a fortnight ago.

Yet, within three weeks, Harford was back in first-team action again! What's more, he has scored in both games since his return.

Luton also have another proven goalscorer, of course in Brian Stein who went to the top of their list with his 15th of the season against Villa.

Luton's four away wins in the First Division were achieved at West Ham (1-0), Tottenham (3-1), Watford (2-1) and W.B.A. (2-1). They drew at Newcastle (2-2), Oxford (2-2) and Ipswich (2-2).

The Hatters were beaten at Aston Villa (1-3), Everton (0-2), Sheffield Wednesday (2-3), Liverpool (2-3), Nottingham Forest (0-2), Chelsea (0-1) and Arsenal (1-2).

In the F.A. Cup Luton won 2-1 away to Crystal Palace in round three and then won 4-0 at home to Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road in round four. They now have a home tie against Arsenal in round five.

Their Milk Cup run was short-lived. After beating Sheffield United 5-2 on aggregate in round two, they were beaten at home by Norwich (0-2) at the next stage.

Manager David Pleat is expected to name his team from:

LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper). Les has played himself back into the Luton side this season. He began his League career with Coventry in 1976/77 and completed well over 150 First Division games before moving on to Luton in 1983 for £120,000.

TIM BREAKER (Defender). Tim is a former Luton apprentice. He made his early League appearances in 1983/84 and established himself in First Division football last season.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender). Steve started as a striker with Portsmouth but soon switched to a defensive role and Brighton paid £130,000 to sign him in 1979. He won three England caps and played for the Seagulls in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay but moved on soon afterwards to Aston Villa in a £300,000 deal. Luton signed him for £70,000 in November last season.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal has played both as a central defender and at left-back for Luton and N. Ireland. He was signed from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and is now a regular member of the N. Ireland team, winning his 39th cap against England this season.



Welcome to the Dell

F.A. Cup Finalists: 1959
Division Two Champions: 1982
Division Two runners-up: 1955, 1974
Division Three runners-up: 1970
Division Three Champions (South): 1937
Division Three runners-up (South): 1936
Division Four Champions: 1968

MITCHELL THOMAS (Defender). Mitchell served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road, made his League debut three seasons ago and has been a regular

for the past two seasons.

PETER NICHOLAS (Midfield). Peter won his 40th Wales cap against Hungary in October. He began his career with Crystal Palace as a full-back but later converted into a forceful midfielder player. He joined Arsenal in a £500,000 deal in 1981 but found himself eased out following the arrival of his namesake Charlie Nicholas in 1983. He returned to Palace in 1983 but Luton signed him for £150,000 last season.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky joined the Hatters as a schoolboy and has been a first-team regular for eight years. Three seasons ago his performances were rewarded by a call up to the England squad and he won full caps against Denmark and West Germany. He is still very much in contention for an England place and was included in the squad for the recent game in Egypt.

Luton Town

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). David, who joined Luton from Walsall in a £150,000 deal last season, developed in the Saddlers' junior teams and made his League debut in 1981. David won a regular place in the Walsall side three seasons ago.

ASHLEY GRIMES (Midfield). Ashley was twice transferred from Irish club Bohemians to Manchester United. He made his League debut for the Reds in 1978 and was capped on 16 occasions by the Republic of Ireland. He was valued at £200,000 when Coventry signed him in 1983. Luton signed him a year later.

MARK NORTH (Midfield). Mark developed in the Hatters' junior teams and has been blooded in the first-team this season. He has been holding a place in midfield since December. He did enjoy a brief run in League football last season whilst on loan to Lincoln.

MICK HARFORD (Forward). Mick returned to first-team action a fortnight ago, less than three weeks after undergoing a knee operation. He scored his 16th goal of the season against Arsenal last Saturday. He first came to the fore at Lincoln City, topping their scoring list with 16 goals in 1979/80. When he had scored 15 times for the Red Imps the following season, he was snapped up by Newcastle who paid £200,000 — a record for a Fourth Division player. In 1981 he moved to Bristol City for £150,000 but when the Ashton Gate club was devastated by financial problems, and failed to maintain payments due, it was arranged to sell him to Birmingham for £100,000. But, to enable Newcastle to recoup the money due to them, he was transferred back to them on a free transfer, then moments later sold to Birmingham. Luton signed him for £200,000 last November.

BRIAN STEIN (Forward). Brian was blooded in Luton's first-team in 1977 and led their scoring list for the first time in 1980/81 with 19 goals. The following term, when they won promotion, he led the way again with 21. Brian has played once for the full England team and also has three under-21 caps. Brian has scored 15 times this season.

MIKE NEWELL (Forward). Mike was signed from Wigan for £85,000 last month and initially took the place of injured striker Mick Harford. Mike began his League career with Crewe two seasons ago but, after only three games, he was transferred to Wigan. Last season he scored 13 times and he had netted 19 times this season before his transfer. He scored his first goal for Luton against Aston Villa a fortnight ago.

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SAINTS WILL NOT GO TO ANOTHER MAD HATTER'S PARTY!

Luton's visit to The Dell this afternoon gives us the opportunity to try and atone for the huge defeat we suffered when we went to Kenilworth Road in October. The Hatters enjoyed one of those days when just about everything they hit from within sight of goal went in.

Chuck Nwajobi started the ball rolling with a goal after only five minutes. Brian Stein completed a hat-trick with a last minute penalty, while Ricky Hill, David Preece and Ray Daniel all scored singles as Luton ran up a 7-0 victory. Though Luton haven't won too often at The Dell in recent times, we have yet to score more than three against them in a League

game here. Last season a 75th minute effort from Danny Wallace was sufficient to give us the three points.

The Saints' biggest wins of the series were all by a three-goal margin — two of them in the same season. In September 1961 George O'Brien scored a hat-trick at Kenilworth Road with Harry Penk adding another before Gordon

Turner scored a consolation for Luton close to the end. When Luton came to The Dell in the February, O'Brien scored again and efforts from Derek Reeves and Tommy Mulgrew made it 3-0 to The Saints.

We equalled those victories when we went to Kenilworth Road in October 1976. A penalty from David Peach set us up for a win and the same player scored again to make it 2-0 by the interval. Brian Chambers pulled one back for Luton but Ted MacDougall and Nick Holmes both scored in the later stages of the game to make it 4-1.

We've Met Before



Our last League meeting at The Dell: Tuesday April 2, 1985.

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SAINTS: Shilton, Mills (Whitlock), Dennis, Case, Wright, Bond, Holmes, Lawrence, Jordan, Armstrong, Wallace.
LUTON: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Daniel.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS

	Home	Away
1920/21	1-1	1-1
1921/22	2-1	0-0
1937/38	3-6	3-1
1938/39	0-4	2-6
1946/47	1-3	2-2
1947/48	3-1	2-0
1948/49	1-1	1-1
1949/50	2-1	1-1
1950/51	1-1	1-0
1951/52	2-3	1-2
1952/53	1-3	2-1
1960/61	3-2	1-4
1961/62	3-0	4-1
1962/63	2-2	2-3
1975/76	3-1	0-1
1976/77	1-0	4-1
1977/78	0-1	2-1
1982/83	2-2	3-3
1983/84	2-1	1-3
1984/85	1-0	1-1
1985/86		0-7

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Home	20	9	5	6	34	34	25*
Away	21	7	7	7	34	40	21*

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MATCHDAY MASCOT

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Lightning has struck twice for our mascot today as 13 year old Mark Terry in taking to the field with the players for the second time as a mascot. As a member of the old Junior Saints Club, Mark's number had previously been drawn out of the hat. Living in nearby Holbury,

he attends the Gregg School in Southampton where he takes part in most activities such as football, squash, cricket and basketball. He plays football for Totton Rangers U14 who are currently top of the Tyro League 2nd division. His brother David also plays for the same club in the U10 section and are trained by our own Mark Wright. Mark also enjoys a game of snooker and boasts a highest break of 38 on a full sized table and says he wouldn't mind challenging one of "The Saints" to a game. — Any offers lads? Unlike the previous occasion when Mark was somewhat overawed, he is very much looking forward to today and hopes he can take it all in.



TRAVEL THE AA WAY

For those supporters who intend to journey independently to West Ham the AA recommend the following route.

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Southampton: Leave by A33 (signs London). In 22.8 miles forward to join Motorway M3 to junction 1. Forward A316 leaving Motorway (signs Central London).

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East Sheen

At traffic signals forward. In 2.9 miles A3 into

Wandsworth

Follow signs South Circular Road, Clapham A3. In 0.8 mile turn right then left 1 mile farther forward (signs City).

Clapham

At traffic signals turn left.

Stockwell

Turn left (one way) and pass clock tower then turn right then left.

Elephant and Castle

At roundabout take 1st exit then at ensuing roundabout take 3rd exit A201 (signs Tower Bridge). In 0.7 mile keep left and at roundabout take 2nd exit A100 (signs Ring Road, The North).

Tower Bridge

In 0.3 mile bear left then keep forward with one-way traffic. In 0.1 mile under railway bridge and turn right 0.1 mile farther turn left. In 0.2 mile at traffic signals forward then turn right.

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MASCOT

Eleven year-old Steven Merritt of Whitt Road, Fair Oak has been selected as 'Matchday Mascot' for the F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie against Millwall here next Saturday. Congratulations Steven! That cup tie means that the scheduled League match against Q.P.R. at Loftus Road has been postponed, along with the game against the Junior R's beforehand. Look out for the date of the re-arranged fixture.

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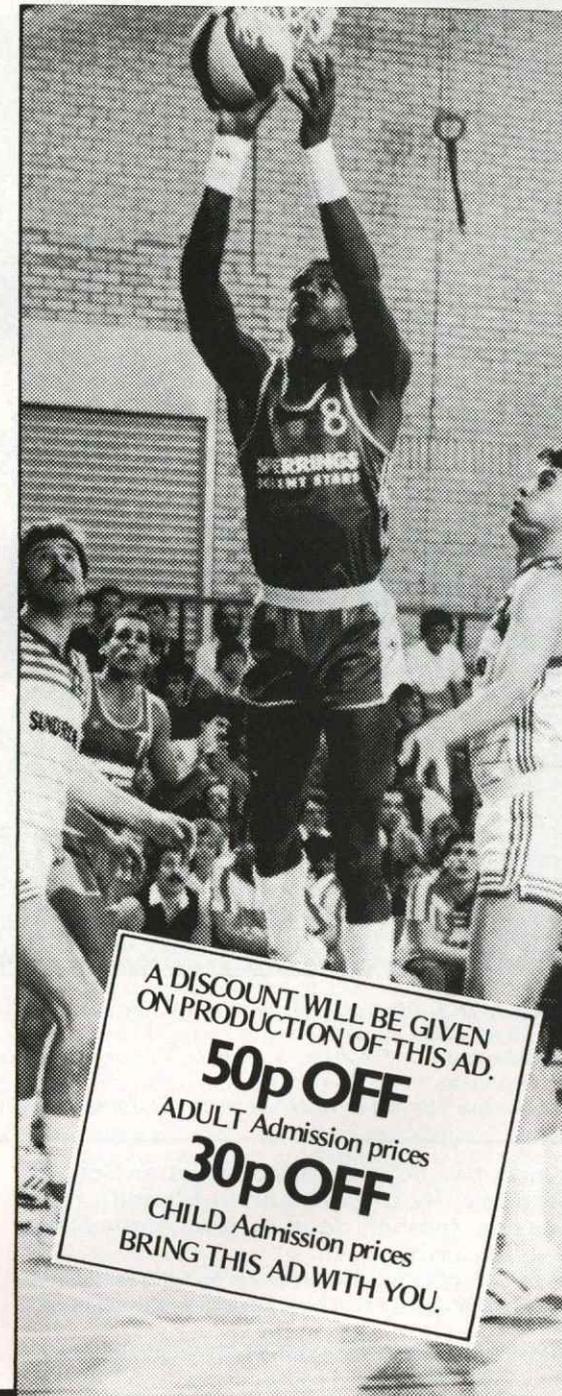
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Front row: S. Weston, D. Roberts, S. Johns, D. Smith, S. Noble, G. Warry, G. Robson.

Thirty-two boys from Mountbatten School, Romsey, fly to Portugal on Monday for a week's football tour in and around the capital, Lisbon.

They will wear Saints-style shirts and shorts donated by Southampton FC. The shirts will carry the logo of Saints' sponsors, Draper Tools.

David Roberts, who has signed Associate Schoolboy forms at The Dell, will captain the party. A 15-year-old midfielder player, he is looking forward to the

challenge.

The Under-15 team's attack will include the pacy Guy Jackson. With a time of 11.5 seconds, he is the United Kingdom's fastest 100 metres sprinter at his age level. "We're expecting a really hard match against Benfica Juniors on Tuesday," says Guy. "It'll be important to make the most of any chances which come our way because there probably won't be many."

Another youngster expecting a tough time is the sweeper, 14-year-old Stephen Johns. "I reckon I'll

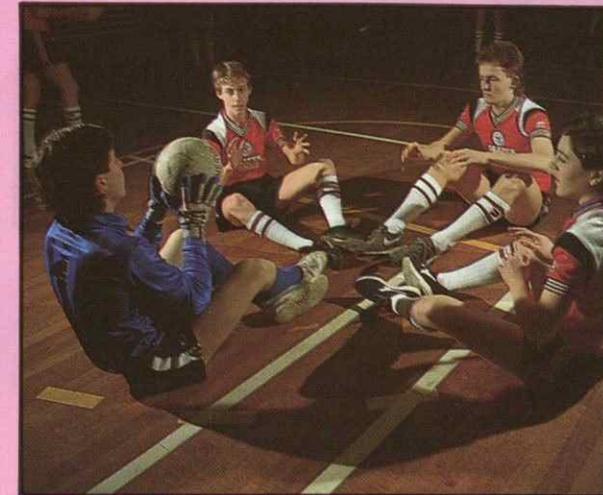
have my work cut out," he smiles. "Benfica will really try to pressurise us."

Ominously, the Benfica Under-15s are coached by Eusebio, Portugal's finest footballer of all time and now the club's Director of Youth Coaching. Eusebio was the rapier-like striker in the Benfica team which dominated Europe in the '60s.

The cost per head for the trip is £175. And the lads have already staged a 24-hour football marathon to raise £400 pounds towards tour expenses.

"A trip like this adds real spice to the end of our season," says tour organiser Mike Hughes, a Head of House at 1470-pupil Mountbatten School. "Normally, we would go at Easter, but the cost in this instance would be too much."

"The football should be very good and the educational bit is important, too. They'll be representing their



school and as a group will learn so much from being in a different situation."

This will be Mountbatten School's seventh overseas tour — and second to Portugal — since Welshman Mike Hughes joined the school seven years ago. The 1984 and '85 tours were to Osnabruck in West Germany and other ventures were to Belgium (Ostend), Holland (Valkenburg) and Cherbourg (France).

The previous trip to Lisbon was in 1983 with Under-14 and Under-16 teams. This time they travel with three sides, Under-13, Under-14 and Under-15.

Benfica manager John Mortimore, who rejoined the Portuguese giants this season after his second spell as Southampton's No.2, has been involved in the tour arrangements.

And on Wednesday, Mortimore will take time off from plotting his championship challenge to welcome the boys to his club's magnificent 130,000-capacity "Stadium of Light." They will be guests at Benfica's Cup-tie.

The Mountbatten School party fly out from Luton on Monday afternoon and will stay at an hotel at Cascais, a picturesque resort ten miles from Lisbon.

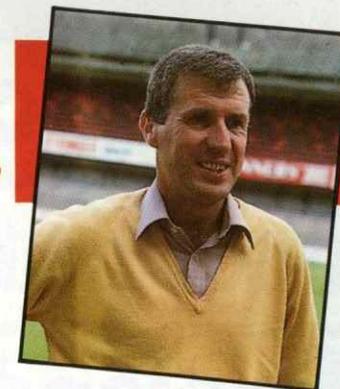
On Tuesday, the Under-15s and Under-13s play Benfica under floodlights on the training ground and those matches are followed by fixtures against nearby Carcavelos on Thursday.

Next day matches are scheduled against the International School at Estoril and Lisbon Casuals, a men's team who lost 2-0 to Mountbatten's Under-16 team three years ago.

More matches are arranged for Saturday and 24 hours later, a day before flying home, they will watch the Lisbon derby between Sporting and Belenenses.

the 'D'MEN at the

Dell with Ian Henderson



Dave Merrington
Saints Youth Team
Manager

Saints Youth face two vitally important matches in the space of three days as they continue their bid to win a trophy or two this season.

This morning they were scheduled to meet Swindon in the South East Counties League at the Wellington Sports Ground. Saints lead the division by four points from the Wiltshire club and a win in this match would take them a giant step nearer the championship.

Then on Monday night they're due to play at Millwall in the fourth round of the F.A. Youth Cup — a fixture which was postponed last Monday because of the wet conditions.

A win in that game would take them into the quarter-finals of the competition.

Whatever the outcome, manager Dave Merrington is delighted with the form shown by his team this season.

"They've done exceptionally well and I'd like to see them win something now" he says. "It really would put the icing on the cake".

Dave was particularly impressed with the performance last Saturday in beating Bristol Rovers 5-nil in a league figure.

"Rovers are a strong, physical side and although we beat them comfortably earlier in the season we had to be prepared to scrap a bit. I thought the lads were mentally very well prepared for it and all credit to them. The superior skill factor really came into play at the end".

Once again it was the lethal striking partnership of Matthew Le Tissier and Craig Maskell that did the damage. Le Tissier scored a hat trick to take his total for the season to 33 and Maskell's two nudged his tally in all competitions to 26.

Says Merrington "They both have that special something about the penalty box. Even if they're not playing well they're always likely to score a goal". Their joint total of 59 underlines the point for everyone to see.

A group of first-year apprentices will be going to Llanberis in North Wales later this month to take part in an Outward Bound course. Among them the activities there are canoeing, hiking and climbing.

Mr. Merrington will be in charge of the party and considers the trip to be of great value.

"It creates team spirit, helps self-discipline and character building" he says.

KEITH GRANGER

Keith Granger is facing the stiffest challenge any player can come up against.

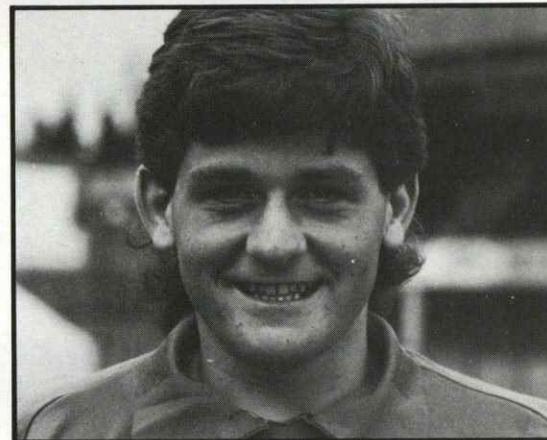
Saints Youth team goalkeeper is making the lonely fight back to fitness after three months out of the game with a knee injury.

It happened in the home match against Brighton in early November — and to make things worse Keith was sent off following the incident which caused the injury.

"I ran out of the penalty area for a 50-50 ball with one of their forwards and we collided as the ball ran loose" he recalls.

"The referee decided that I had deliberately fouled their lad to stop him from scoring and sent me off. It was probably just as well that he did — I would have done a lot more damage to my knee if I had stayed on the field for the rest of the match" says Keith.

As it was, the left knee swelled up like a balloon and there followed several weeks of seeing specialists without any of them being able to say for certain what the problem was.



Eventually an exploratory operation revealed a torn cartilage and just before Christmas Keith went to the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital at Alton to have the necessary 'repairs'.

The leg was then put in plaster for a month until this was removed about three weeks ago.

"I was able to do some exercises like press-ups and stomach exercises — in fact anything that didn't require me to bend the leg" says Keith.

"The other lads were a great help to me, although most of the time I wasn't actually able to train with them. But since the plaster was removed I've been doing some quod and hamstring exercises to build up the left muscles".

By chance, Joe Jordan had undergone the same operation at just about the same time and he and Keith have spent many long, lonely hours together in the treatment room at The Dell or in the gymnasium.

Says Keith "Having someone like Joe to encourage me has been a great help and we've been trying to see who could win the battle to get fit first".

"I'm hoping to be back in full training in March but you just have to take each day as it comes. Its very frustrating being out of action like this — especially when I want to impress with the chance of turning professional coming along in October when I'm eighteen".

Keith is a genuine 'local boy'. He lives with his family at Lordshill and represented the city's under-14 and under-15 while a pupil at Millbrook School.

Bob Higgins enticed him to sign forms for Saints as an Associate Schoolboy at the age of fourteen and he made two appearances in the 'A' team in the Hampshire League before leaving school and signing as an apprentice last July.

Curiously, he considers his best performance so far this season to be the game in which the Youth Team lost 5-0 to West Ham in the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup.

"The team had a real off-night, but I managed to produce some good saves to prevent us suffering an even bigger hiding", he says. "Now I just want to get back into action as quickly as I can to show that I'm worth giving a professional contract to."

Youth Team Manager Dave Merrington comments "Its been very tough on Keith, but he's showing a lot of character and discipline and I'm sure he'll be back before the end of the season. After that it's up to him."



Dennis Rofe
Saints Reserve
Team Manager

While the respective first teams do battle here at The Dell this afternoon, Saints Reserves and Luton are doing battle on the artificial surface at Kenilworth Road. They'll be hoping for a better scoreline than that suffered in the First Division match last October.

It gives the Reserves another chance to build on the improvement shown last Saturday in the 1-nil win over Ipswich.

The only blemish on that performance, as far as manager Dennis Rofe was concerned, was the inability

to score more than the one goal in a game which they won comfortably.

"We played in fits and starts and should have had more to show than the goal by Eamonn Collins" he said.

"But considering we'd had to wait a fortnight for a game it wasn't at all a bad performance. Now we want to put some consistency to our game" he added.

Goalkeeper Phil Kite kept a "clean sheet" and celebrated by getting married the following day in his native Bristol. He stayed on there and was keen enough to interrupt his honeymoon on Tuesday for the scheduled Combination match against his former club, Bristol Rovers!

Rofe had words of praise too for midfielder Alan Curtis, who impressed against Ipswich.

"Its been a very difficult time for Alan, being out of the first team for so long has been frustrating for him. But he's hoping to keep his place in the Welsh squad which goes to Saudi Arabia at the end of the month and knows he needs to keep turning in good performances" he said.

Mr. Rofe considers that his squad redeemed themselves in part for previous shortcomings but warns that the senior men must be on their mettle.

"We've a lot of promising youngsters knocking on the door for a chance at reserve level before the end of the season" he says.

THE FOOTBALL COMBINATION — 1985-86

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Arsenal	25	19	5	1	90	19	43
Chelsea	25	18	2	5	78	19	38
West Ham United	22	16	3	3	81	37	35
Watford	25	15	4	6	62	31	34
Tottenham Hotspur	24	14	2	8	54	36	30
Ipswich	25	13	4	8	46	38	30
Norwich City	26	12	5	9	48	28	29
QPR	23	13	3	7	48	33	29
Luton	24	12	4	8	32	33	28
Oxford United	27	11	5	11	52	45	27
Millwall	23	11	2	10	38	43	24
Crystal Palace	26	9	5	12	41	60	23
Birmingham	24	9	4	11	35	46	22
Bristol	20	9	2	9	36	40	20
Southampton	22	6	7	9	39	52	19
Charlton Athletic	23	8	2	13	43	55	18
Reading	21	5	4	12	26	56	14
Fulham	24	6	2	16	32	63	14
Brighton	24	5	3	16	21	55	13
Portsmouth	22	5	4	13	21	35	12
Swindon Town	22	3	4	15	36	70	10
Swansea City	21	2	0	19	14	79	4

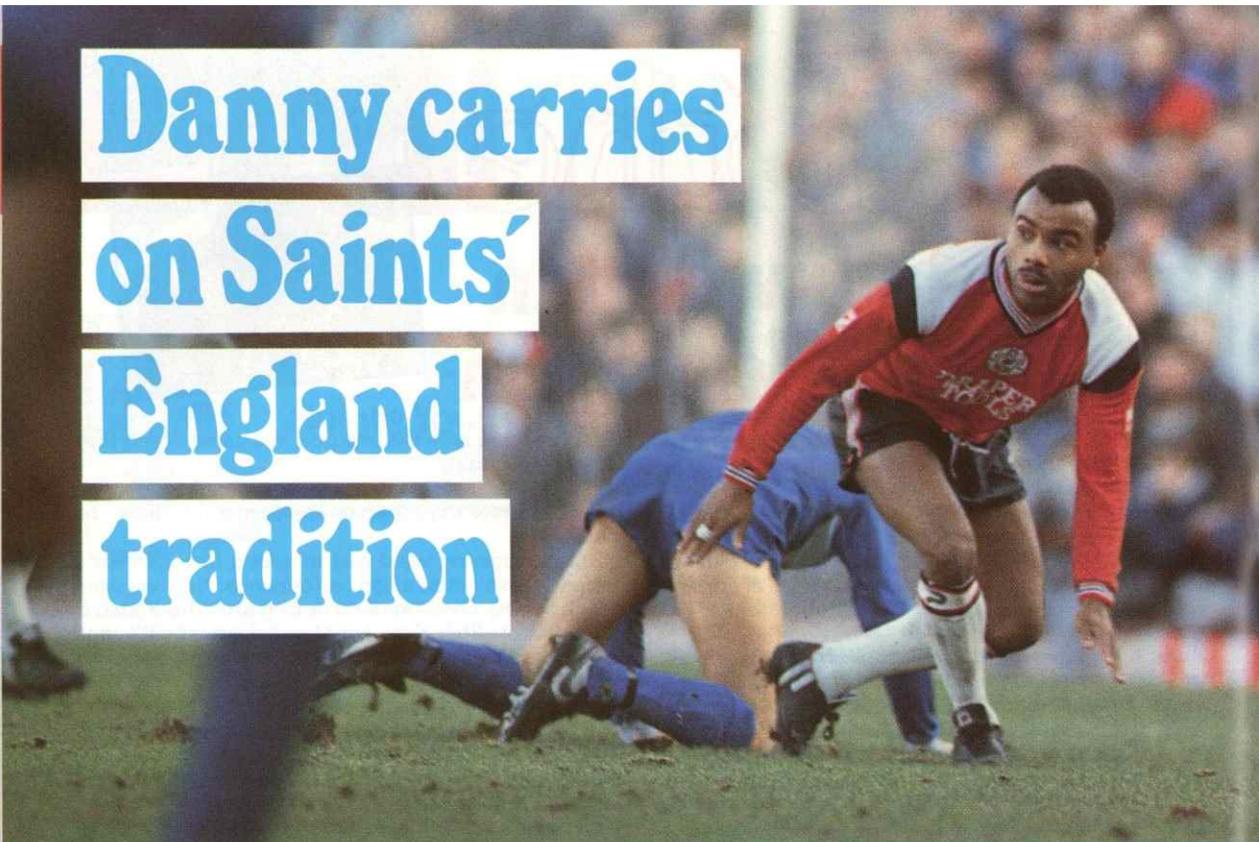
Portsmouth — two points deducted — ineligible player v Crystal Palace

Danny carries

on Saints'

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tradition



Three Saints' players helped to get England's World Cup warm-up under way in Egypt last week. Goalkeeper Peter Shilton and defender Mark Wright were instrumental in keeping an unexpectedly lively Egyptian attack under control whilst winger Danny Wallace celebrated his England debut with a goal in our 4-0 victory.

Danny became the twentieth player to represent England while playing with the Saints and, what must be most gratifying to the men who have developed our youth scheme over the years, a growing number of England players have come from this source.

In recent times we have watched Mick Channon and Steve Williams rise from our junior ranks to become England stars. A little earlier we saw Terry Paine take the same road to international fame, following the likes of Alf Ramsey and Bill Ellerington of the immediate post world war two days.

Earlier still, between the wars, Tom Parker and Bill Rawlings both became England internationals after establishing themselves in the Saints' League eleven. It's good to see Danny following this proud club tradition and we hope that he, together with Peter and Mark, will be included in the World Cup squad for Mexico.

If we cared to go deeper into the Saints' contribution to England's international progress, we could point to great centre-forwards like Ted Drake and Martin Chivers who both learned their game here at The Dell and then went on to become England players with other clubs, in their cases Arsenal and Tottenham respectively.

The first Southampton player to play for England was Jack Robinson, reckoned by observers of the time to

have been the finest goalkeeper ever to grace the game. Jack had made his name with Derby County and New Brighton Tower, and was already an England international when he came to The Dell in 1898.

Jack, who later played for us in the 1900 and 1902 F.A. Cup finals, played his first England game as a Southampton player against Wales in Bristol in March 1899. He didn't have a lot to do as England won 4-0, Steve Bloomer scoring two of the goals.

Since then many Southampton players have turned out for England, with the supply increasing in modern times.

During the first decade of the century, Arthur Chadwick, a centre-half, won two England caps, while winger Arthur Turner, wing-halves Houlker and Lee plus left-back Molineux all won full international caps. After the club gained League status in 1920, a few more potential internationals were on the way up. Bill Rawlings, a prolific goalscorer signed from Andover, had the unusual distinction of playing for England as a Third Division player when he turned out against Wales and Scotland in 1922.

Indeed, two Saints' players made their international debuts in that Wales' game, played at Liverpool — left-back F. Titmuss gained the first of his two caps. The club was well served in defence in those days. Tom Parker was drafted into the England side at right-back against France, in Paris, in May 1925. Tom later moved on to Arsenal, playing for them in three F.A. Cup finals and skippering them in two of them. He also won a League Championship medal with the Gunners though, for some strange reason, he was never given another run in the England side.

At the end of the 'twenties, F. Shelley was included in the Football Association tour party to South Africa, and played in three games against the host country.

IN FOCUS

By Tony Pullein

But full international caps were not awarded for those matches.

Two of the finest full-backs of the time emerged with the Saints towards the end of the second world war. Alf Ramsey had so impressed when playing against the Saints for an Army team that he was signed as a professional. Locally-born Bill Ellerington was also approaching his peak as hostilities ended.

The big irony was that they both happened to be right-backs!

As we also possessed another fine full-back in Bill Rochford, who was not an international, manager Bill Dodgin overcame the problems for a while by rotating his full-backs so that they could all get a game.

But it was not a situation that could continue for too long. So, after Ramsey had made his international bow against Switzerland at Highbury in December 1948, he was soon on the move to Tottenham. For several years he graced the England side with his stylish performances at right-back and, of course, he later became England's manager, masterminding our World Cup triumph of 1966.

Bill Ellerington went on tour with England during the summer of 1949, playing in Norway and France. Illness later interrupted his career but he remained with the club on the coaching staff and he has every right to feel very proud of the many fine players he has helped to produce for the club — some, like Danny Wallace, who have become internationals — in this capacity.

Terry Paine and Mick Channon were just two players who benefitted from Bill's patience and advice. Terry didn't develop in the youth team. He was one of those rare, natural footballers who stepped straight out of Winchester City's Hampshire League side into the Saints' first-team.

Terry played for England on 19 occasions and took part in the early stages of the 1966 World Cup finals. Mick Channon was another natural. He came under Bill Ellerington's watchful eye as he served his apprenticeship here. Mick had an intense dislike of training

but, over the years, he came to appreciate the need to keep up his fitness as well as his natural ball skills. It was only a matter of time before Mick made the England team and he went on to pick up more international caps than any other player in Southampton's history. He won 45 of his 46 caps as a Saints' player, collecting his final one during his stay with Manchester City.

In recent years we have signed players who were already international stars. England skipper Kevin Keegan came to The Dell towards the end of a very distinguished career. He won his final nine caps whilst with the club, collecting his 63rd cap in Spain during the 1982 World Cup finals. Sadly, injury restricted him to just one short outing as substitute.

Peter Shilton's feats scarcely need repeating here. He has now smashed Gordon Banks' record for a goalkeeper, playing his 76th international in Egypt. On 34 occasions Peter has represented England as a Southampton player.

Centre-back Dave Watson, like Keegan, brought his wealth of experience to the club towards the end of his career. Dave picked up 18 of his 65 England caps as a Saint and holds the off-beat record as being the only player ever to represent England with five different clubs — Sunderland, Manchester City, Werder Bremen, the Saints and Stoke City.

David Armstrong had played once for England before coming to the club from Middlesbrough and he has since added two more caps to his collection of soccer mementoes.

Mark Wright had only just started his League career with Oxford United when he was transferred to the Saints and he has now established a very strong claim to one of the centre-back positions, earning his 12th cap in Egypt.

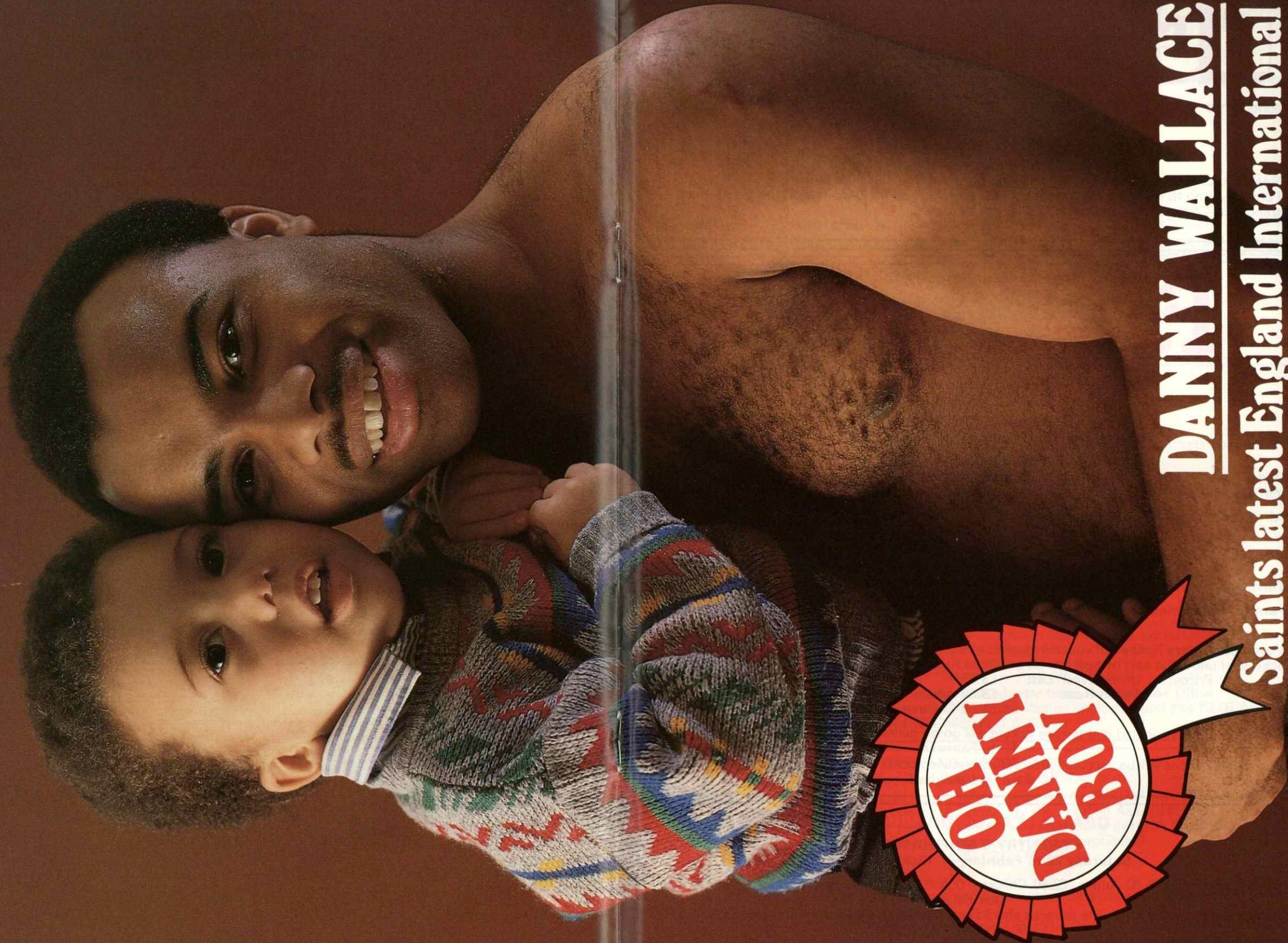
And so to Danny Wallace. His inclusion in the England team brought the number of England caps won by players, whilst with the Saints, to just over 170.

In wishing him a successful international career ahead, we wonder, now, who will be next . . .



PATRICK

L'avance technique



DANNY WALLACE

Saints latest England International

**OH MY
DANNY
BOY**

TICKETS TICKETS

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

WEST HAM v SOUTHAMPTON
Tuesday 11th February — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Seat tickets price £6.00 will be available shortly from The Dell Box Office.
 Fans travelling to stand on the terraces should use the Visitors Enclosure on the South Bank entrances in Castle Street and pay £3.00 at the turnstiles.

F.A. Cup



F.A. CUP 5TH ROUND
SOUTHAMPTON v MILLWALL
Saturday 15th February — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

This match IS all ticket

Under F.A. regulations there will be NO tickets sold on the day and no cash admission so advance purchase is essential.

All seated season ticket holders can purchase their seat up to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday, 8th February.

Prices: Stands — Wing £6.00, Centre £6.50
 Bench Seats £4.50

Terrace season ticket holders must produce voucher F at the relative turnstile and pay £3.00

Family centre members must produce voucher F at the turnstile and pay £3.00 adults, £1.50 children

Voucher holders Holders of vouchers issued at the end of 1984-85 season may purchase terrace tickets for under the east or west stands or Milton Road until 5.00 p.m. on Saturday, 8th February

Prices: Under West/East £3.00
 Milton Road £3.00 Adults
 £1.50 Children/O.A.P.'s

General sale Any unsold end terrace tickets will go on general sale from 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 10th February

Postal applications will be accepted providing the season ticket or voucher, correct remittance and s.a.e. are enclosed.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

COVENTRY v SOUTHAMPTON
Saturday 22nd February — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Seat tickets price £5.00 Adults, £2.50 Children/O.A.P.'s will be available shortly from The Dell Box Office.

Fans travelling to stand on the terraces should use the Visitors Enclosure and pay £3.00 Adults, £1.50 Children/O.A.P.'s

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SOUTHAMPTON v MANCHESTER UNITED
Saturday 1st March — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

This match will be ALL TICKET with no cash admission on the day and no tickets sold, so advance purchase is essential.

Voucher holders can purchase seat or terrace tickets for this match from 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th February until 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th February.

Prices: Stands Wing £6.00, Centre £6.50
 Bench Seats £4.50
 Under/West/East £3.00
 Milton Road £3.00 — Adults, £1.50
 Children & O.A.P.'s

General Sale Any unsold tickets will go on general sale from 9.00 a.m. on Thursday, 20th February. Postal applications will be accepted provided the voucher, correct remittance and s.a.e. are enclosed.

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SOUTHAMPTON v LIVERPOOL
Saturday 15th March — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Full details of arrangements for this match will appear in the Millwall Programme

CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SOUTHAMPTON v CHELSEA
Saturday 22nd March — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

This match will be ALL TICKET with no cash admission on the day and no tickets sold on the day, so advance purchase is essential

Chelsea WILL NOT receive an allocation of tickets for this match
 Only season ticket and voucher holders will be eligible to purchase tickets for this match and they will go on sale from 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th March.

There will be NO GENERAL SALE of tickets
 Prices: Stands — Wing £6.00, Centre £6.50
 Bench Seats £4.50
 Under West/East £3.00
 Milton Road £3.00 Adults,
 Archers Road £3.00 Children/O.A.P.'s £1.50

Postal applications will be accepted providing the voucher or season ticket, correct remittance and s.a.e. are enclosed.

Away Tickets: Q.P.R. — Tuesday 18th February — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Seat tickets price £5.00 will be available shortly from The Dell Box Office.
 Fans travelling to stand on the terraces should use the visitors enclosure and pay £3.00 Adults, £1.50 Children/O.A.P.'s

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND

Wednesday 23rd April — Kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Applications for tickets for the above match will be accepted by The Dell Box Office subject to the following conditions as laid down by the Football Association.

1. Tickets issued are for personal use only by individuals living in England
2. The sending of tickets to Scotland is prohibited

Prices: Seats £25, £20, £15, £9
 Standing £6

Applications enclosing the correct remittance and a s.a.e. must be received by Monday 24th March to:
 International Match, The Box Office, Southampton F.C., The Dell, Milton Road, Southampton.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	Result	Attend.	Pos.
Aug. 17	Newcastle United	H 1-1	16401	-
Aug. 20	Arsenal	A 2-3	21623	-
Aug. 24	Nottingham Forest	A 1-2	12643	20
Aug. 27	Aston Villa	H 0-0	14220	19
Aug. 31	Ipswich Town	A 1-1	11588	20
Sept. 3	West Ham United	H 1-1	14477	19
Sept. 7	Manchester City	H 3-0	14308	14
Sept. 14	Chelsea	A 0-2	16711	15
Sept. 17	Liverpool (Super Cup)	A 1-2	16408	-
Sept. 21	Coventry City	H 1-1	12674	16
Sept. 25	Millwall (Milk Cup) 2nd Rd 1st Leg	A 0-0	7940	-
Sept. 28	Manchester United	A 1-1	52449	20
Oct. 2	Spurs (Super Cup)	A 1-2	11549	-
Oct. 5	Watford	H 3-1	14172	16
Oct. 8	Millwall (Milk Cup) 2nd Rd 2nd Leg	H 0-0	9480	-
Oct. 12	Liverpool	A 0-1	32113	19
Oct. 19	Luton Town	A 0-7	8896	19
Oct. 22	Liverpool (Super Cup)	H 1-1	10503	-
Oct. 26	Queens Park Rangers	H 3-0	15615	18
Oct. 29	Nottingham Forest	H 1-1	4832	-
Nov. 2	Tottenham Hotspur	H 1-0	17740	16
Nov. 6	Birmingham (Milk Cup) 3rd Rd Replay	H 3-0	9058	-
Nov. 9	Leicester City	A 2-2	8890	15
Nov. 16	Birmingham City (FA Cup 1)	H 1-0	13167	14
Nov. 19	Arsenal (Milk Cup) 4th Rd	A 0-0	18462	-
Nov. 23	Sheffield Wednesday	A 1-2	18955	14
Nov. 26	Arsenal (Milk Cup) 4th Rd Replay	H 1-3	14010	-
Nov. 30	Everton	H 2-3	16917	15
Dec. 7	Arsenal (FA Cup 2)	H 3-0	19552	15
Dec. 14	Newcastle United	A 1-2	19229	14
Dec. 17	Spurs (Super Cup)	H 1-3	4680	-
Dec. 20	Nottingham Forest	H 3-1	12500	13
Dec. 26	Oxford United (Boxing Day)	A 0-3	11266	13
Jan. 1	W.B.A. (New Year's Day)	H 3-1	13154	13
Jan. 11	Manchester City	A 0-1	21674	14
Jan. 13	Middlesbrough (FA Cup 3)	A 3-1	12102	-
Jan. 18	Ipswich Town	H 1-0	13164	14
Jan. 25	Wigan (FA Cup 4)	H 3-0	14462	-
Feb. 1	Aston Villa	A 0-0	8456	14
Feb. 8	Luton Town	H		
Feb. 11	West Ham	A		
Feb. 15	Millwall (FA Cup 5)	H		
Feb. 18	QPR	A		
Feb. 22	Coventry City	A		
Mar. 1	Manchester United	H		
Mar. 8	Watford	A		
Mar. 15	Liverpool	H		
Mar. 22	Chelsea	H		
Mar. 29	W.B.A.	A		
Apr. 1	Oxford United	H		

Southampton Football Club

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LEAGUE DIVISION 1 1985/86

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28	10	2	2	36	15	7	3	4	27	20	56	
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27	4	1	9	9	16	2	2	9	6	21	21	
28	2	4	8	13	27	0	3	11	11	38	13	

Next at the Dell

F.A. CUP FIFTH ROUND
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15th 1986 K.O. 3 pm.

SAINTS v MILLWALL

This game is ALL TICKET. See Ticket Details page.

CHART TOPPERS FOR 1985/86 (League goalscorers)

Goals Scored	+ Games Played	Av. gls per game	No. of pens. (without pens)	Average	Best score in game
19	25	0.75	-	0.75	2(5)
19	28	0.68	-	0.68	3
15	24	0.63	2	0.54	2(3)
11	18	0.61	-	0.61	2(2)
15	25	0.60	1	0.56	3
12	21	0.57	-	0.57	2
13	25	0.52	3	0.40	3
13	26	0.50	-	0.50	2
14	28	0.50	-	0.50	2(2)
12	25	0.48	-	0.48	2
8	17	0.47	-	0.47	3
12	26	0.46	1	0.42	3
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11	24	0.46	-	0.46	1(11)
12	26	0.46	-	0.46	2
13	28	0.46	1	0.43	3
11	27	0.44	1	0.41	1(11)
11	25	0.44	3	0.32	2(2)
11	25	0.44	-	0.44	3
12	28	0.43	-	0.43	3
11	26	0.42	3	0.30	1(11)

(Minimum qualification 8 goals)

A QUESTION OF JUDGMENT

Wallace for England? Williams for the South Coast? These have been recent talking points on our barrier, where we've also debated the Popplewell Report on Sports Grounds and the prospect of a 21-team First Division.

Our initial question was soon answered in the affirmative when Danny, lining up in Cairo with Peter Shilton and Mark Wright, joined a soccer elite: players who've scored on their international debut. Congratulations, Danny, and many more of 'em!

Let's not forget, though, that Danny's debut was an outcome of the crazy clash between an international and cup replays — a reminder of the case for a smaller First Division with few midweek games.

But could this ever justify the mooted transitional season, with a First Division of *twenty-one* teams? How will one team having a day off ease the general fixture jam — especially if that team is tempted to find an alternative match somewhere? Perhaps we'll get cricket-style fixtures with the Combined Universities. On the other hand, our Matchday Magazine for the Ipswich game revealed that Le Havre play in Oxford and Cambridge colours: are Saints' proposed games with this French side a dummy run for a second Normandy invasion, with Le Havre coming for a whole season, as cricket-like tourists?

That's a good enough cue to mention again the Australian visitor whom I brought to see Nottingham Forest. That evening, he raved about the speed of the modern game. Having since seen the Bristol Rovers v Leicester City cup-tie, he now has another, sadder, concern: the professional foul as an *accepted* part of this British sport.

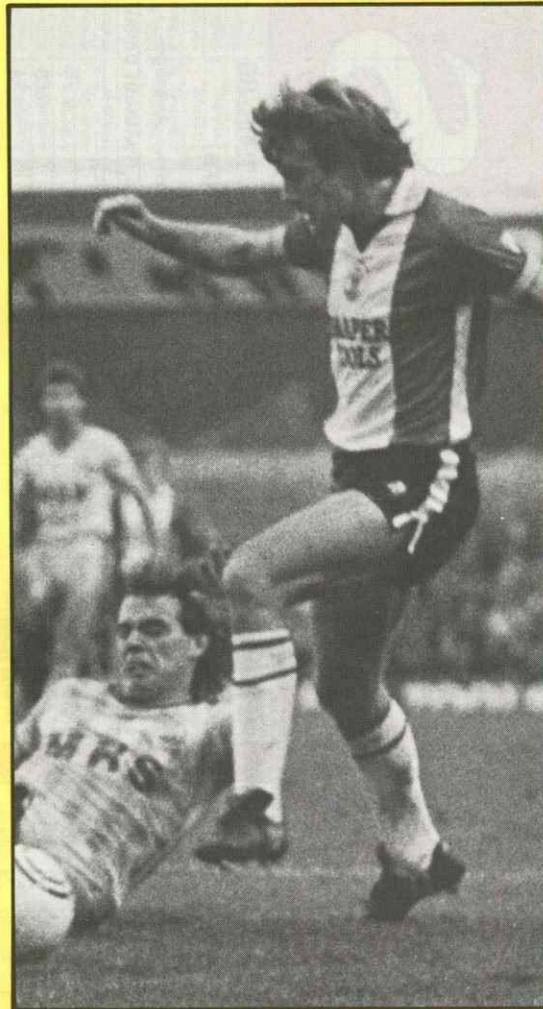
I confess that I'd been wondering whether my matchday thoughts from the terraces might not contain too many references to the professional foulers whom I'd been calling 'cheats' and 'spoilsports'. But now I have not only overseas support for my obsession; I also have the legal backing of Mr Justice Popplewell, who objects to:

"... the childish kicking away of the ball when a free-kick is awarded to the opposition, which causes upset on the terraces and contributes to disorder. Worse still is the so-called professional foul which in ordinary language is plain cheating."

As if to justify the judge's concern, we heard the Stamford Bridge crowd vigorously voice its 'upset' at Dawes's diabolical professional foul on Speedie in the Milk Cup replay. And, like me, the Chelsea striker certainly did *not* accept that a mere booking fitted the crime.

Whether anybody — even a learned judge — can really prove that 'upset' crowds are driven to 'disorder' by such 'cheating' is not really an issue: my beef concerns another effect on us spectators: the denial of the entertainment we've paid to see.

Mind you, the professional foul has been thankfully absent from our last three home games — unless you count the way in which Nick Holmes scythed down Stockwell, the Ipswich substitute, as he was about to break clear into the Saints' box.



**A view from under the East Stand
by David Bull**

It's an oddity, isn't it, that the 'last resort' of halting an *oncoming* opponent by putting a leg across him is not normally categorised as a professional foul — even if the effect is the same as stopping an opponent who has *already gone by*. I suppose there's a good reason for this: it must be much harder, in the first type of challenge, for referees to distinguish intent from clumsiness.

Take Nick Holmes, whose tackle looked more clumsy than evil — the inevitable outcome of his being caught on his 'wrong' foot. We'd already witnessed this problem when he brought down Peter Beardsley on the opening day of the season. Beardsley was *in* the box; but he was *not* clear and there was no need to foul him intentionally. Yet Newcastle would have felt very hard done by if the referee had ruled 'clumsy tackle; not intentional; play on'.

And so might we have felt likewise if Mr Dimplebee had decided that Wigan's John Butler was *trying* to tackle Danny Wallace, but misjudged the incredible speed of his opponent. That was certainly how I interpreted the anguished face of Wigan's excellent No. 2 and I'd have been prepared to believe such a defence.

The issue is that there comes a point at which the attacker must get the *benefit of the doubt*: if a tackle

is so inept that it *could* have been intentional, then referees invariably deem it a foul.

Since that logic seems to be accepted by players, referees and fans alike, is there then a case for introducing a common punishment for tackles like those on Stockwell and Beardsley: should *both* have been penalties?

I'm inclined to say 'yes'. In other words, I'm supporting Jimmy Hill's campaign to have penalties awardable from outside the box — an arbitrarily defined area, after all. Readers of my New Years Day thoughts on Mr Hill will know that I'm not his greatest fan, but I also endorsed his views on Brian Robson's antics at Roker Park: by the same token, he'd doubtless have agreed with our barrier that Mark Dennis was lucky not to be dismissed for retaliation on Wigan's David Lowe.

It was, in many ways, an exciting, above-average cup tie; and when did we last see Saints head *two* goals from corners? Our barrier was baffled, therefore, by the unsporting contribution of some of our favourites. Thank goodness, then, that Jimmy Case was impeccably clean — and had one of his better games for it. Even so, neither he nor Glenn Cockerill, two very good midfield signings, has ever filled — for some of us — the gap left by Steve Williams (who would surely have been in Cairo, too, had he stayed at The Dell). Hence our horror at the rumour that he might be re-joining Alan Ball at Portsmouth. If Steve is going to return to the South Coast, our barrier is in no doubt: he *must* come back to The Dell, where he *belongs*.



Part 15

Centenary SAINTS Into Europe



Having completed our first season as a First Division club, the aim now was to consolidate our position and, looking to the future, aim for a place in European football.

We made a useful start to our second season at the top in 1967/68, winning three of our opening five matches. Ron Davies was again in sparkling form, scoring nine times in an early four-goal spell — including four in a splendid 6-2 victory at Chelsea.

Sadly, we were unable to maintain the pace and by November we were again in danger of relegation. One man who contributed to our downfall was — Peter Shilton. He came to The Dell in the Leicester goal in the October and, with his team 4-1 up in the last minute, actually *scored* a goal to make it 5-1. His long clearance bounced over Campbell Forsyth at the other end and nestled into the net. This was one of only a handful of instances where a goalkeeper has scored in League football.

When the situation remained grim, manager Ted Bates bolstered his defence by signing centre-back John McGrath from Newcastle for £30,000 and he took over from David Webb in the middle of the defence. Webb, whose family had not settled in the town, was transferred to Chelsea for £60,000. Another departure was centre-forward Martin Chivers who moved on to Tottenham for a new British record transfer fee of £125,000. This gave Mick Channon his chance to establish himself in the Saints' attack.

In spite of the changes, danger loomed until the final day of the season. With most clubs completing their fixtures that day, Stoke still had two games left.

They were four points behind us and still, technically, could overtake us. Though we got the point we needed, by drawing 0-0 with Coventry at The Dell, it would not have mattered as Stoke only managed to draw at Leicester.

Ron Davies became only the second player since the second world war to finish top scorer in the First Division in successive seasons, Jimmy Greaves being the other. Ron had been outright leader the previous season, but this time he was joint-top with George Best on 28.

Though 1968/69 ultimately turned out to be our most successful season up to that point, there was scant sign of success as we struggled through the early weeks. A run of eight games without a win, culminating in a 2-5 home defeat by Everton, left us in grave danger.

After that, the situation began to improve and, after an unbeaten run of seven games, we moved into fifth place by mid-February. Though the League Championship was then beyond our grasp we did see the chance of qualifying for Europe for the first time.

Full points from our two Easter games kept us very much in contention. Though we conceded an early goal in the Saturday game, at home to Q.P.R., two goals from Ron Davies and an own-goal turned the game 3-2 in our favour. On the Monday we entertained Burnley, coasting to a 5-1 win.

Following another unbeaten run of

seven games, we lost our final game at Tottenham (1-2) and, when the final tables were drawn up, we took seventh place.

In those days the League Cup winners did not get automatic entry into the European Fairs Cup (the fore-runner of the UEFA Cup) and another rule decreed that only one club could represent any city in the tournament. Fourth-placed Arsenal represented London and, though both Chelsea and Spurs finished fifth and sixth above us, they were denied entry.

So the fourth vacancy went to the Saints.

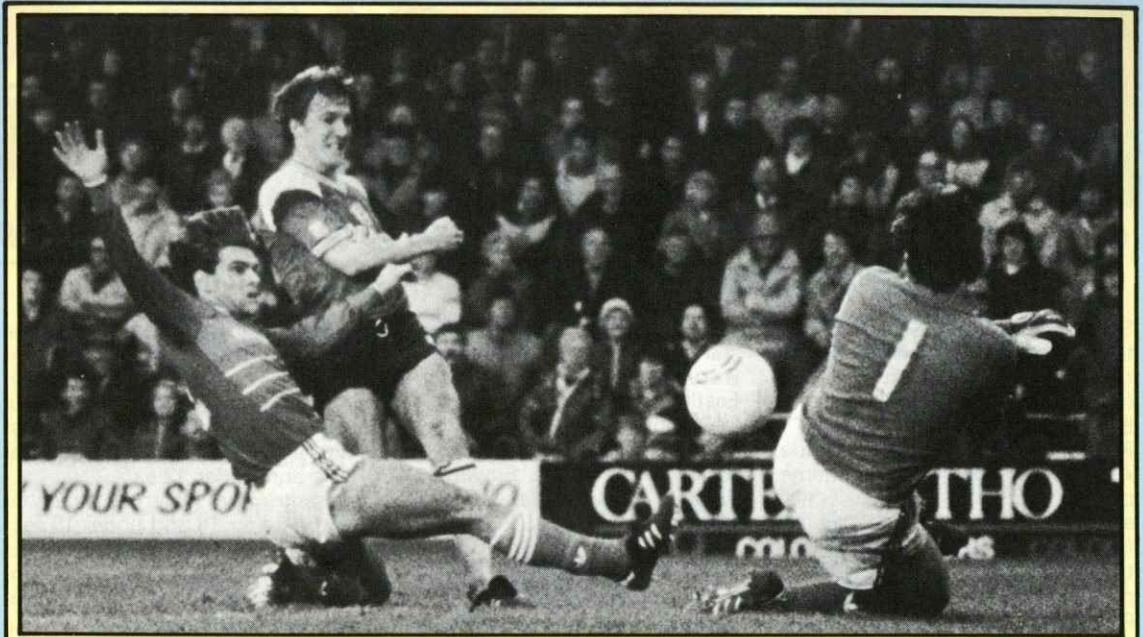
We equalled a club record by progressing to the fifth round of the League Cup, defeating Crewe, Newcastle and Norwich. Our 4-0 triumph at Norwich — where Fred Kemp, Frank Saul (2) and Ron Davies were our scorers — was one of our best performances of the season.

Our Wembley dreams ended at White Hart Lane, where we lost 0-1 to Tottenham.

By contrast, we struggled in the F.A. Cup. We seemed destined for defeat at Oxford where we trailed 0-1 in the last minute. Then Ron Davies came to our rescue with a timely equaliser. We won the replay 2-0 but then found ourselves trailing 0-2 at home to Aston Villa, with 30 minutes to play. Goals from John McGrath and Ron Davies earned us another replay, but this time we lost 1-2.

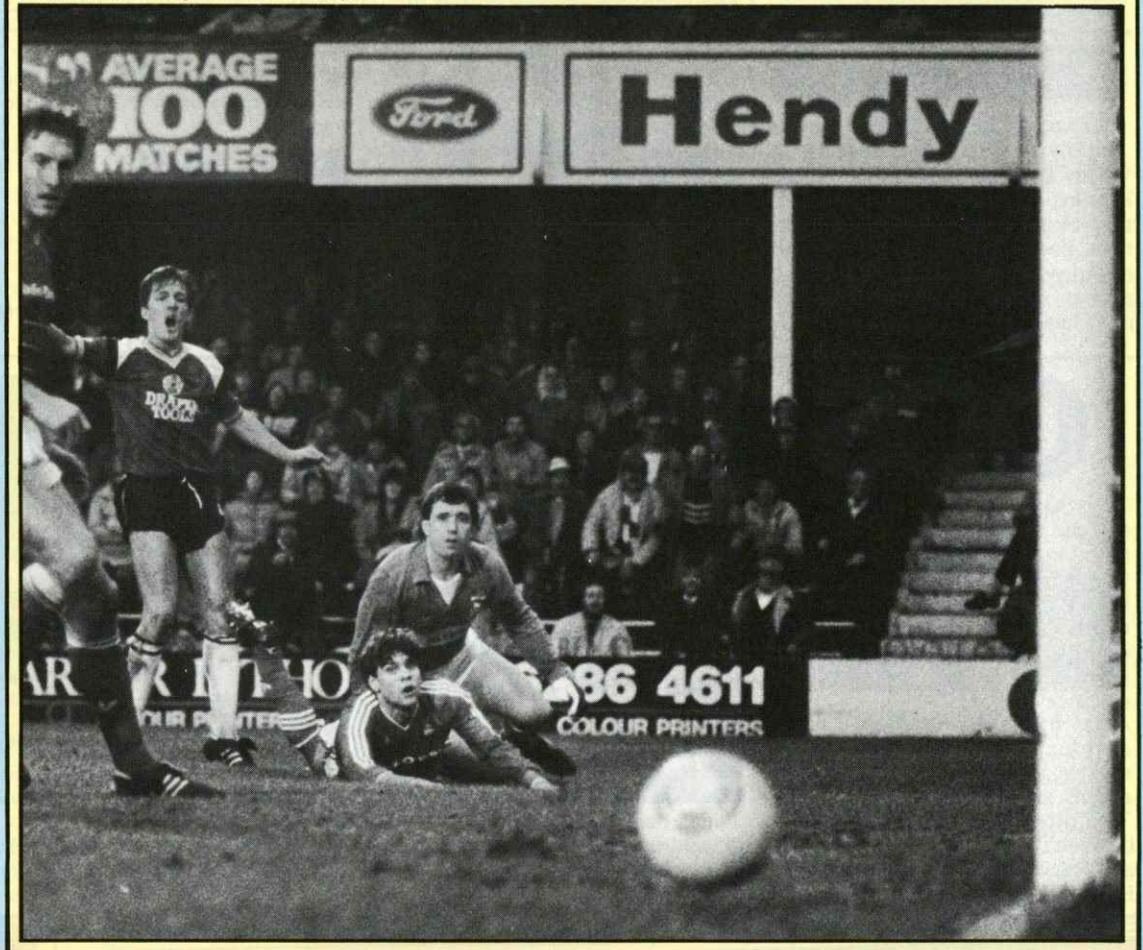
One familiar face left The Dell during the course of the season. Jimmy Melia, such a skilful and thoughtful inside-forward, had entertained us for four years but, with his future in mind, he accepted the player-manager's job at Aldershot.

In part 16 we shall be recalling, among other things, our first expedition into the unknown world of European football.



SAINTS 1 IPSWICH 0

Mark Dennis, who made his 100th appearance for Saints at Middlesbrough, goes as close as he's ever gone to open his goalscoring account for the club, his second-half shot beats Paul Cooper, but Dennis's expression says it all as the ball rolls just the wrong side of the far post.



AROUND

COMPETITION WINNER

Seven year-old Paul Saunders was the winner of the recent competition to win a day out at Old Trafford with Manchester United and England captain Brian Robson. Paul, who lives at Downside Avenue, Bitterne, had his name picked from the hat by 'Echo' sports writer Bob Brunskell as the first correct entry in the competition to find eleven words in a puzzle.

Paul will be going to Manchester along with other regional winners in the competition sponsored by Eeasy Garments.

There were ten runners-up, each of

whom will receive an Eeasy sweat-shirt. They were — Luke Higgs of Bursledon, Gary Sharples of Eastleigh, Glenn Murphy of Alton, Lee Youren of Shirley, Colin Durnall of Shipton Bellinger near Salisbury, Michael Edwards of Fawley, David Manzalaovi of Millbrook, Gareth Webber of Chandler's Ford, Stuart Philps of Calmore and Kathy Wood of Butts Ash, Hythe.

SAVE POSTAGE

A reminder to club members to save postage and send ALL your enquiries/competition entries etc. in ONE envelope to The Dell.

SCHOOLS VISITS

Youth Development Officer Bob Higgins has been continuing his tour of the city's schools in which he's been 'spreading the word' about what goes on in the professional game at The Dell in particular.

There've been coaching sessions and lectures for as many as 200 boys at each venue and the response, he says, has been very encouraging.

"So many schools have welcomed our visits and we feel that its helped to foster interest among possible future players and supporters" he comments.

"The next stage is to get some of

SOTONIA INTERNATIONAL CUP 1986

Our annual Sotonia International Youth Cup competition will be taking place again this year between August 4th-9th. The Cup, now in its fourth year, includes for the first time age groups for teams of under 11's and under 12's.

An entry from Nigeria is expected in the under 16 and under 18 sections while teams from Minnesota in America have already been included in the under 12 and under 13 categories.

The cost of entering a local team is £50 — more information from Bob Higgins at The Dell (Tel. Soton 31728).

our senior players to visit the schools and take some coaching sessions".



BOB HIGGINS
Youth Development Officer

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O.C.S. COACHING

On the subject of coaching, the club, in conjunction with Office Cleaning Services Ltd., are offering 20 youngsters the chance to come along to The Dell one Monday evening and have a session with one of the Centre of Excellence staff.

After the coaching there'll be a conducted tour 'behind the scenes', including the dressing rooms and trophy room.

The offer is open to youngsters between the ages of 7 and 9 and anyone interested should apply to Bob Higgins, O.C.S./Saints



Boys of Alton Utd after a coaching session at The Dell.

Coaching Evening, Southampton F.C., The Dell, Milton Road, Southampton.

The club would like to thank Mr Len Rogers and his fellow directors at O.C.S. for offering these places.

THE DELL

Saints Associated Schoolboys

The club has a constant stream of youngsters who join at the age of fourteen as 'Associated Schoolboys'.

For the next two years they attend one of our Centres of Excellence — either here at The Dell, Slough, Harlow or at Newcastle.

Last season alone, a total of 69 thousand boys were looked at and the lucky ones were signed on and given a chance to make the grade with the Saints.

The 2-year contract is binding, although the club can release them within that period if deemed appropriate. The boys get their coaching free and are paid their travelling expenses to and from the appropriate centre.

They also get passes to watch home games free and receive the club's Associate Schoolboy tie.

The pick of the bunch will be offered apprenticeships at the age of sixteen.

The Dell Centre is staffed by Bob Higgins, Geoff Brougham, a P.E. teacher from Lymington, and John Bailey from Basingstoke.

It has in the past produced players like Nick Holmes, Mark Whitlock and David Puckett.

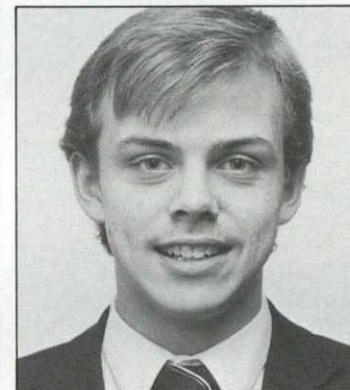
The Newcastle Centre is run by the former Portsmouth wing-half George Smith and has produced the likes of Steve Baker, Tony Sealy and now Phil Parkinson.

The Centre at Slough is long-established and a string of top players have progressed through it to Saints first-team ranks. Men like Steve Williams, Reuben Agboola, George Lawrence and many more.

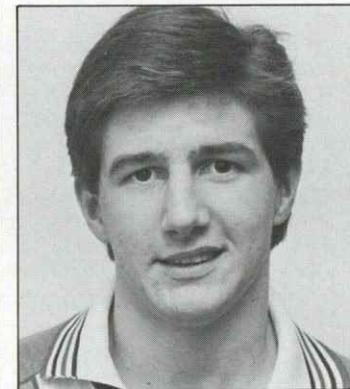
Meanwhile the Harlow Centre is the newest of the bunch with Gwyn Waters being assisted by Doug Dennis, who's been with the club for many years. Bob Higgins hopes that it will soon produce

some youngsters who'll progress to Associate Schoolboy status.

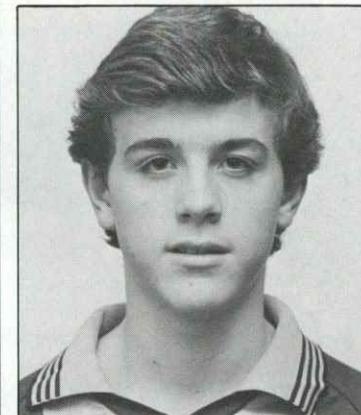
Here are pen pictures of some of the promising youngsters attending the Centres at the present time . . .



Paul Smith — Aged 15 and lives at Basingstoke. A centre forward who has played for both Basingstoke and Hampshire Schools.



Andrew Long — Aged 16 and attends Millbrook School. Plays at left back and was a member of both Southampton and Hampshire under-15 teams. Has often played for Saints Youth.



Jamie Webb — Aged 16 and lives in Portsmouth. Plays in midfield and has appeared in Saints Youth often this season. Played for Portsmouth and Hampshire Schools at under-15 level.



Paul Masters — Aged 15, lives at Hedge End and attends The Dell. Plays for Wildern School, Southampton Schools and Hampshire Under-15 team. Now in the final 20 of the England schoolboys selection.

BEHIND THE SCENE

With Bernard Bennett

Bernard Bennett, whose business life is centred solely on the game of snooker, likes nothing better than to relax by watching football at The Dell.

"I've always loved football and I see Saints as often as possible," says the 49-year-old snooker professional who owns two thriving snooker clubs in Southampton.

"Over the years I've got to know a good many Saints players. They like to switch off from their pressures at one of my places, just as I like to get away and watch them in action."

David Armstrong, Kevin Bond and Mark Wright are just three regulars on the green baize. Among ex-Saints who used to visit were Mick Mills, Reuben Agboola, Graham Baker and goalkeepers Terry Gennoe and Peter Wells.

As a youngster, Bernard himself was a goalkeeper of promise. He spent a season with Surbiton Town and, at 17, played against Chelsea Juniors.

Born at Kingston-on-Thames, he moved to Southampton 20 years ago. He and his wife, Irene, have three grown-up sons, Stephen, Graham and Antony, and his home at Chilworth contains a snooker room.

"I practise just about every day," says the man who turned professional in 1969. "Sometimes it's hard to motivate yourself, but with so many good young players about it's something that has to be done."

"I am a little surprised that snooker has become quite so popular. Mind you, I always thought it would get big because it's a fascinating game with no two frames alike."

In fact, he opened his first club, "The Castle Billiards and Snooker Club", in 1970 — before the boom which saw the game become compulsive viewing on television with players elevated to superstar status.

His other club, the plush "147 Executive Club" which is underneath "The Castle," followed 18 months ago. "The 147," which is fully air-conditioned, was the venue for the early rounds of the 1984 and '85 Coral UK Professional Championships. The nine tables — one is in a separate room with seating for 100 spectators — cost £30,000.

Bernard Bennett, a much-respected player has never achieved the ultimate aim of a 147 maximum break. But he has come very close with a 145.

As an amateur, he won the London-area championship and walked away with the Southampton title, losing only one frame in the process.

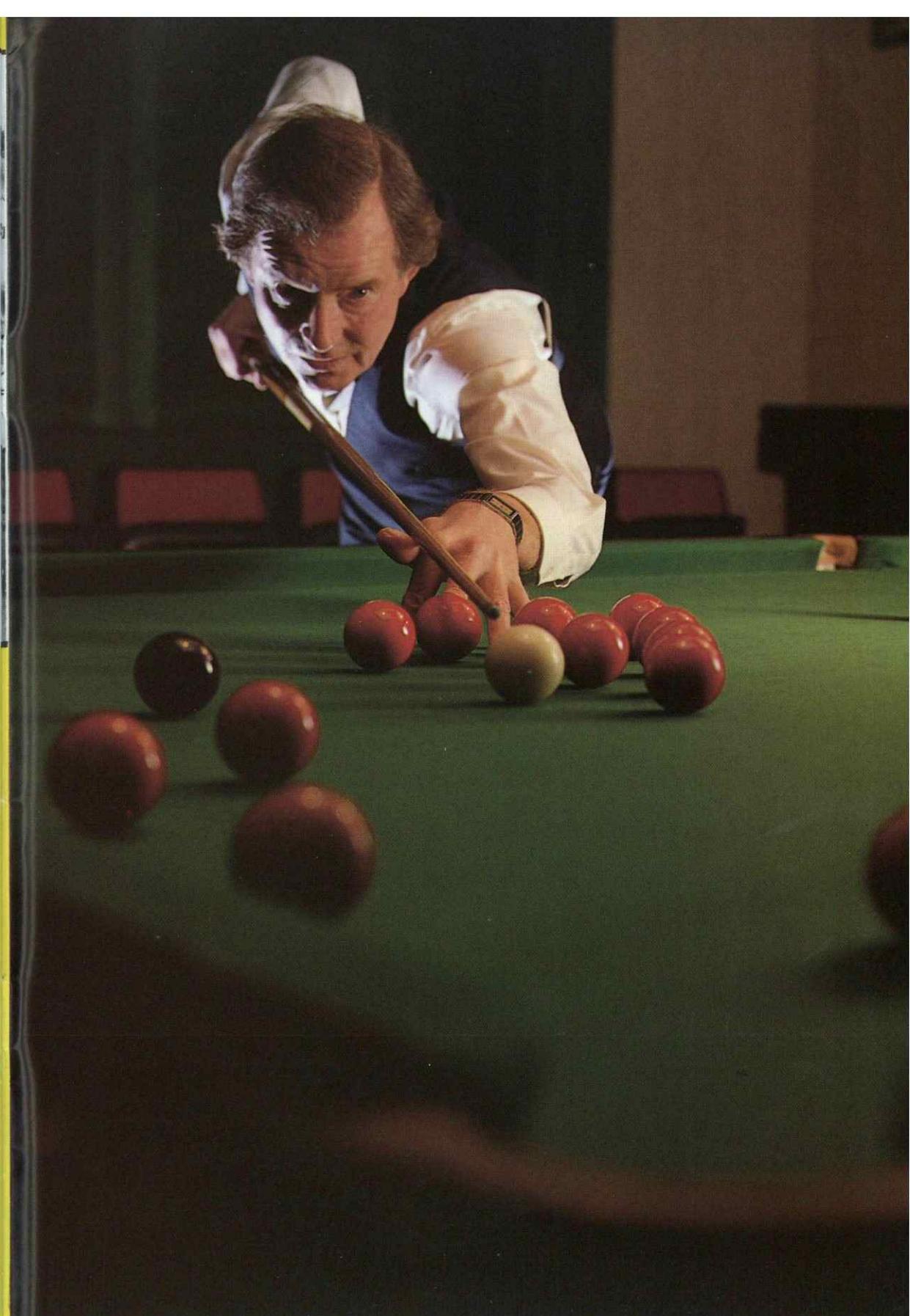
His best showing in the world professional championship, which he enters every year, came in 1974 when he reached the last 16. He went out to Alex Higgins. "One of the secrets of success in snooker is to go out and enjoy yourself," he says. "After all, you have to try to counter all the disappointment and tension in the game."

"Also, I think too many frames are packed into each session in top tournaments. It becomes a test of endurance, whereas it should be based purely on skill."

"Recently, I was absolutely drained after one particularly long match. I came out in the early hours and was so tired I could hardly put the keys in my car."

"The game's still growing. It's starting to get into Europe and is even catching on in the Far East. I've just had a letter from a chap in Hong Kong who's launching a snooker magazine out there." Indeed, a player from Thailand will be Bernard's opponent in the first round of the world championship in Preston next month. And, with a victory over Fred Davis to his credit Satchai Sim Ngam is not to be taken lightly.

But Bernard Bennett's immediate sporting thoughts are fixed on football. "It's good to see Saints having a run in the FA Cup and I fancy them to reach the sixth round," he says. "I'll be at The Dell to see their tie against Millwall next Saturday."



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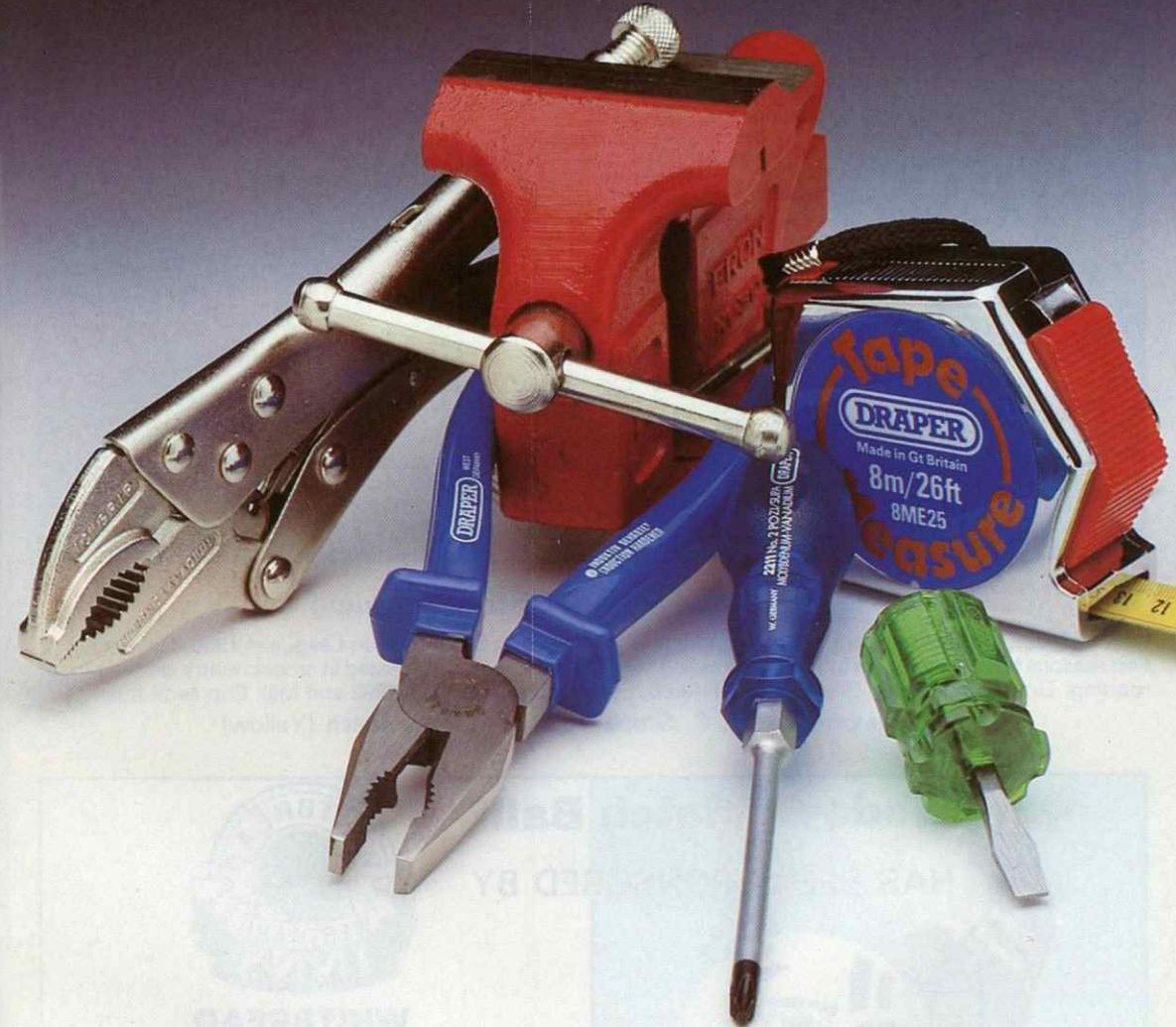
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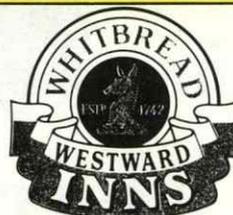
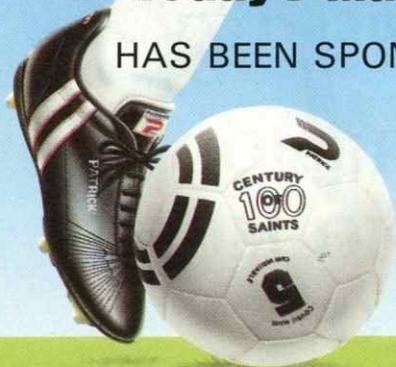
Referee: Lester C. Shapter (Torquay)

Police officer. Married with one child. Commenced refereeing in South Devon League in 1956. Gave up after two seasons but started again in 1964 progressing via Western League. Interested in cross country and marathon running. Linesman, Charity Shield 1981. Referee, League Cup semi-final 1982 and Milk Cup semi-final 1983.

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