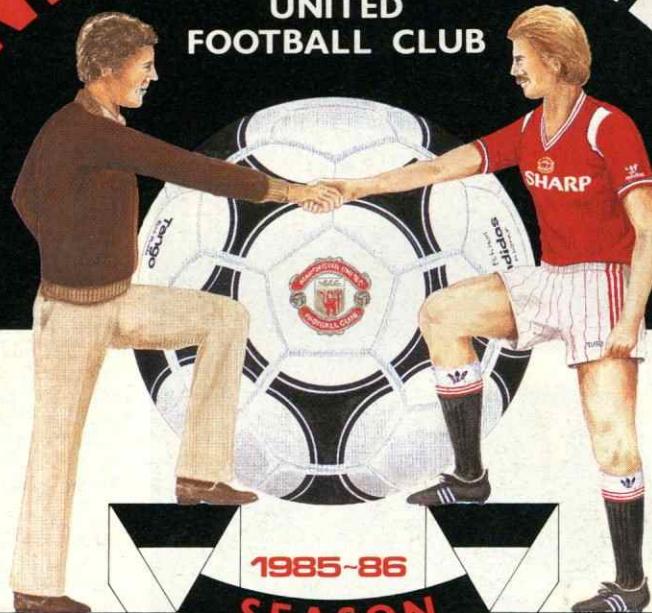


# UNITED REVIEW

MANCHESTER  
UNITED  
FOOTBALL CLUB



CANON LEAGUE  
DIVISION ONE

United  
v  
Luton Town

Kick-off 7.30 pm

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SOUTHAMPTON v UNITED, Saturday 1st March. Kevin Moran sends this effort goalwards, despite the attention of the Southampton defence.

# OLD TRAFFORD SCENE

People and events  
in the news at United



## 'ROBBO' IN THE DRIVING SEAT

Before his latest injury, United skipper Bryan Robson handed over the keys for a General Motors Midi-Van to Lynne Hughes of Brookvale, the Prestwich home for the mentally handicapped. Out of the proceeds of the General Motors — FA Charity Shield match, back in August last year, money was put aside for the purchase of four Midi-Vans, a recipient each being nominated by Manchester United, Everton, The Football Association and General Motors, with United naming Brookvale. £187,700 was made available for distribution following the fixture between Manchester United and Everton at Wembley Stadium.

Since the Charity Shield was moved to

Wembley in 1974 well over £1.5m has been raised for a variety of charitable organisations. This year the competing clubs distributed £30,000 themselves, mainly to local charities, whilst among the distribution made by the Football Association was a cheque for £20,000 to the Mexican Earthquake Appeal Fund.

## ANSAFONE

We are delighted to say that our new 30 line Ansafone has now been connected. The number remains unchanged on (061) 872 0199 but hopefully supporters will have less difficulty in getting hold of vital information.

## TICKET NEWS

This coming Saturday, 22nd March,

United are at home to Manchester City and admission to the 108th Manchester derby will be strictly by TICKET ONLY. Standing tickets are available to United fans presenting not less than six tokens properly affixed to the official token sheet but all seats have been sold. Admission to the following home match, versus Everton on Easter Monday (3 pm) is also by TICKET ONLY. Again, standing tickets are available to fans with six tokens and the latest information regarding seat tickets will be announced tonight.

The outstanding home fixture against Chelsea has now been provisionally rearranged for Wednesday 9th April (7.30 pm). Tickets already issued will, of course, be valid for whenever this game is played. On Sunday 13th April United take on Sheffield Wednesday here at Old Trafford and to accommodate 'live' television coverage, the match will kick-off at 2.35 pm. Reserved seats are now available to postal applicants and are priced £4.80 in Stands A, B, C & D and in the Family Stand, £2 for children and £4 for accompanying adults.

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Because of the recent bad weather and the number of postponed games, we have all been going around in circles wondering who we will play and when! Spare a thought then, for Hemmings & Capey who print the *United Review*. With the massive print run required at Old Trafford and our demand for colour throughout H&C have really been under pressure to produce the goods. They have done remarkably well and our thanks to their staff from everyone at Old Trafford.



## FAMILY STAND

May we remind all supporters that admission to Stand L is limited to adults and children TOGETHER. Unaccompanied children or adults will NOT be admitted.

## NEWCASTLE UNITED

Our fixture at St James' Park, which was postponed on the 28th December, has now been re-arranged for Wednesday 16th April. Tickets already purchased will be valid but anyone unable to attend can obtain a refund provided their ticket(s) are received here at least 48 hours before the match.

## PAT ON THE BACK

We were delighted to receive the news that the recent collection taken outside Old Trafford on behalf of St Ann's Hospice raised an all time record sum of £1,417.05. The Appeals Director, Mr P. Cronan, also said in his letter to us, how grateful they were for the co-operation from the Police and everyone at Old Trafford, who were most friendly and courteous to their nurses and volunteer helpers.

## DIARY NOTE

Two Central League home matches have been re-arranged as follows: HULL CITY, Monday 24th March; LEICESTER CITY, Wednesday 26th March. Both games will kick-off at 7.30 pm.

## SCHOOLBOY SPECTACULAR

Schoolboy soccer fans might like to know that a Schoolboy International match takes place at Maine Road on Friday 21st March at 7.30 pm when England face the Republic of Ireland. The action in these games is always fast and furious and full of entertainment. Can you spot the stars of tomorrow? Get along to Maine Road on Friday and test your judgement.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

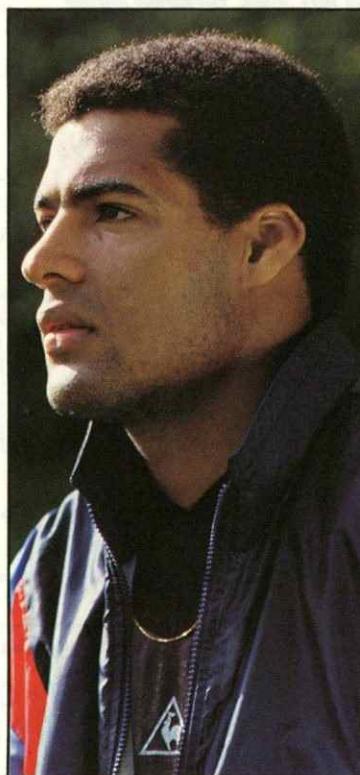
### CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

**UNITED**  
v  
**MANCHESTER CITY**  
Saturday 22nd March — KO 3.00 pm

### CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

**UNITED RESERVES**  
v  
**HULL CITY RESERVES**  
Monday 24th March — KO 7.30 pm

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## Honours

### European Champions Cup

Winners: 1968  
Semi-Finals: 1957 1958 1966 1969

### World Club Championship

Finalists: 1968

### Football League Division One

Champions: 1908 1911 1952 1956  
1957 1965 1967  
Runners-up: 1947 1948 1949 1951  
1959 1964 1968 1980

### Football League Division Two

Champions: 1936 1975  
Runners-up: 1897 1906 1925 1938

### FA Challenge Cup

Winners: 1909 1948 1963 1977  
1983 1985  
Finalists: 1957 1958 1976 1979  
1926 1949 1962 1964  
1965 1966 1970

### Football League (Milk) Cup

Finalists: 1983  
Semi-Finals: 1970 1971 1975

### European Cup-Winners' Cup

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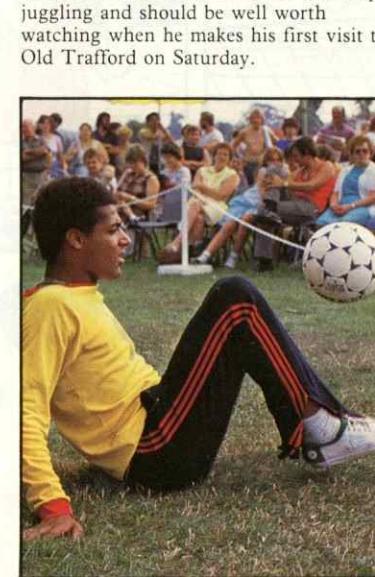
Semi-Finals: 1965

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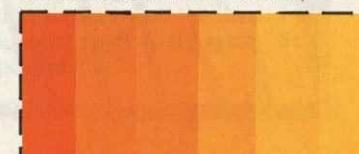
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Joint Holders: 1965 1967 1977  
Finalists: 1948 1963 1985

### FA Youth Cup

Winners: 1953 1954 1955 1956  
1957 1964  
Finalists: 1982

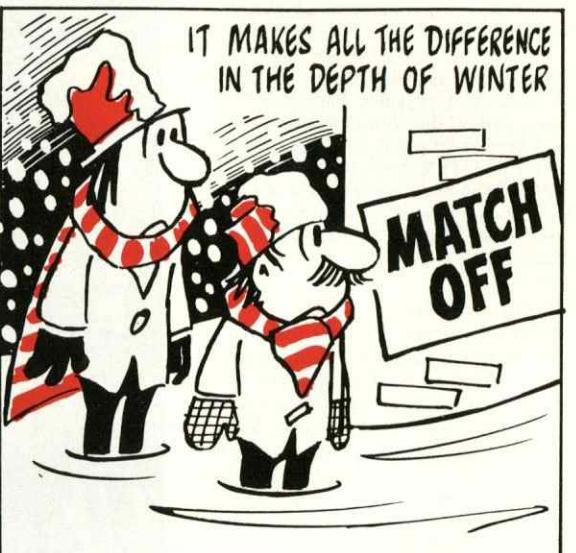


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# Thick and Thin

by David Rowe



## SCORE EVERY DAY IN THE

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**Mirror**

AND

**SUNDAY**  
**Mirror**

Bryan Robson is going to need all the qualities that made him captain of both Manchester United and England.

For his dislocated shoulder in the FA Cup-tie at West Ham must have seemed to him like the final blow in a distressing season.

The Reds' skipper could well be excused if he felt overwhelming despair after this latest set-back.

Every professional footballer expects injuries, and while frustrating at the time, are shrugged off as a hazard of the job.

But Robson has every right to feel that someone, somewhere just doesn't seem to like him any more. For his share of injuries is really over the top.

Dislocating his shoulder for the second time in 14 months is a particularly cruel twist full of irony. For since his return from the Amsterdam sports clinic where he went for specialist treatment after hamstring and calf muscle injuries he has been following a fitness regime designed to prevent injury.

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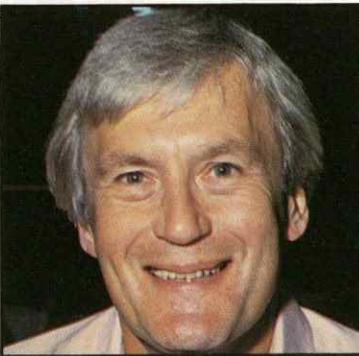
He explained: 'Since coming back from Holland I have been doing special exercises, mostly geared to help prevent muscle strains. But they also included a lot of press-ups aimed at strengthening the upper body and it seems ironic that I should now dislocate my shoulder. It's not as bad as the last time and I don't think I have done as much damage, so hopefully I will be back in four or six weeks time.'

'There is a certain position of your arm when you are most vulnerable to putting your shoulder out of joint, and I think I was just at this angle when I landed on my elbow.'

### TESTED

Certainly the Reds' skipper is going to have his spirit tested as well as his physical powers of recovery. Fortunately he has always had great strength of character. It was his determination mentally as well as physically that earned him the captaincy of both club and country. As I say, he is going to be tested as he battles to overcome his latest bitter experience, but manager Ron Atkinson and his teammates are confident that if anyone can do it,

## DAVID MEEK



Bryan Robson is the man. He has certainly had plenty of practice with this season really piling on the agony.

Everything seemed to be going so well as the Reds steamed into a 10-point lead at the top of the table under Robson's forceful command. Then a hamstring injury, a breakdown with the same problem followed by a calf strain, cost him three months. United fans and those interested in England doing well at the World Cup in Mexico this summer will wish him a quick and long-lasting recovery. It's the least he deserves.



JOHN SIVEBAEK

### TIME

We will soon hear more of John Sivebaek.

The manager is convinced that by next season his Danish defender will be an influential player for Manchester United.

'Circumstances with injuries meant that we threw John into first-team action much earlier than I intended, and in his first game, out of position as well.'

'I think foreign players need time to adjust to English football, especially defenders, because our system of play is quite different.'

'Sivebaek is really a signing for next season. We only moved when we did because other clubs were showing interest and if we had waited any longer we might have lost him.'

'He just needs a little time and then you will see a very fine player.'

The Dane faces fierce competition for the right-back position, but this season's experience with injuries suggests United are by no means over-staffed.

### GUEST

Manchester United old boy Wilf McGuinness will be starring at the Professional Footballers Association annual awards dinner at London's Hilton Hotel on Sunday after the Full Members' Wembley Cup Final. The former United player and manager is one of the guest speakers at the ceremony when the Player of the Year is announced.

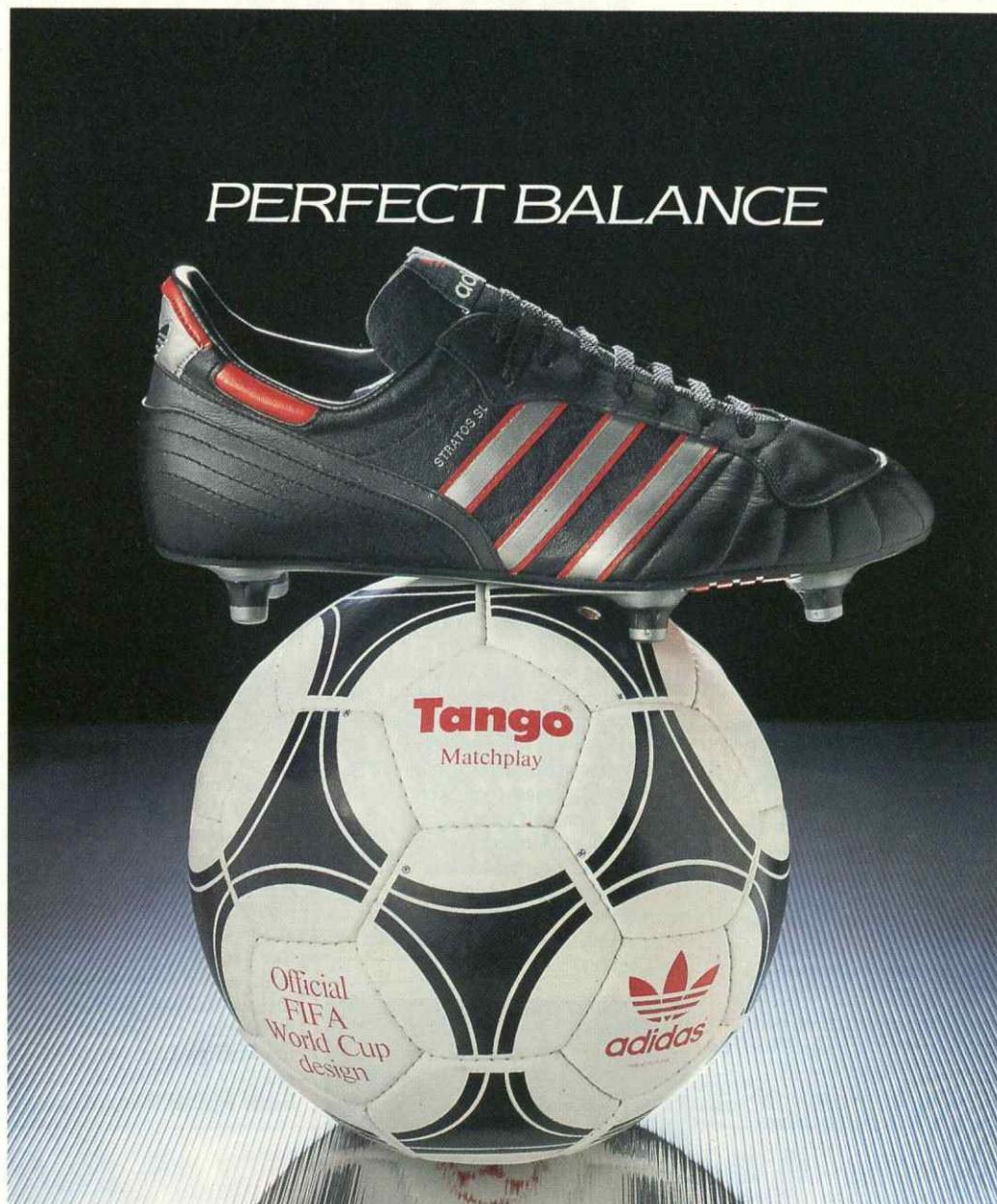
Wilf, a lively after-dinner speaker these days, has been coach at Bury for the last six years and is enjoying life at Gigg Lane, especially this season's FA Cup run, and replay battle against Watford.

### PLEASED

No-one has been more pleased to see the pitches get a little softer than Remi Moses.

It's a year since Remi played regularly. Now after two operations on his ankle and a lot of hard work he is on the point of a come-back.

'Frozen grounds are not very helpful to start playing again after injury, so I am delighted with the thaw. I am just about ready to try again,' he explained.



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# FAN FARE

## CLUB MUSEUM (Part 2)

As Chairman of the Museum committee, United director Michael Edelson has been responsible for determining how best to exhibit the various trophies and items that will comprise the display in the unique showcase currently nearing completion here at Old Trafford. A great many ideas have been discussed at the various committee meetings and as he explains, 'Many of the original suggestions have had to be reconsidered in order to accommodate the vast number of exhibits now available and, also, to enable us to ensure that the museum concept is both

attractive and educational. 'One of the original design ideas included an audio theatre in which a 'talking head' soundtrack would welcome visitors and provide a brief commentary on the history of the club and list some of the major items on display.'

'This has now been shelved in order to accommodate the vast number of items submitted by supporters of Manchester United for display in the museum and these, together with our own exhibits will enable us to chance displays on a more regular basis than first thought.'

'In fact, visitors who come to the museum, perhaps twice in the same year, will find that up to half of the exhibits are different to those viewed first time around. This is felt to be important to the overall concept.'

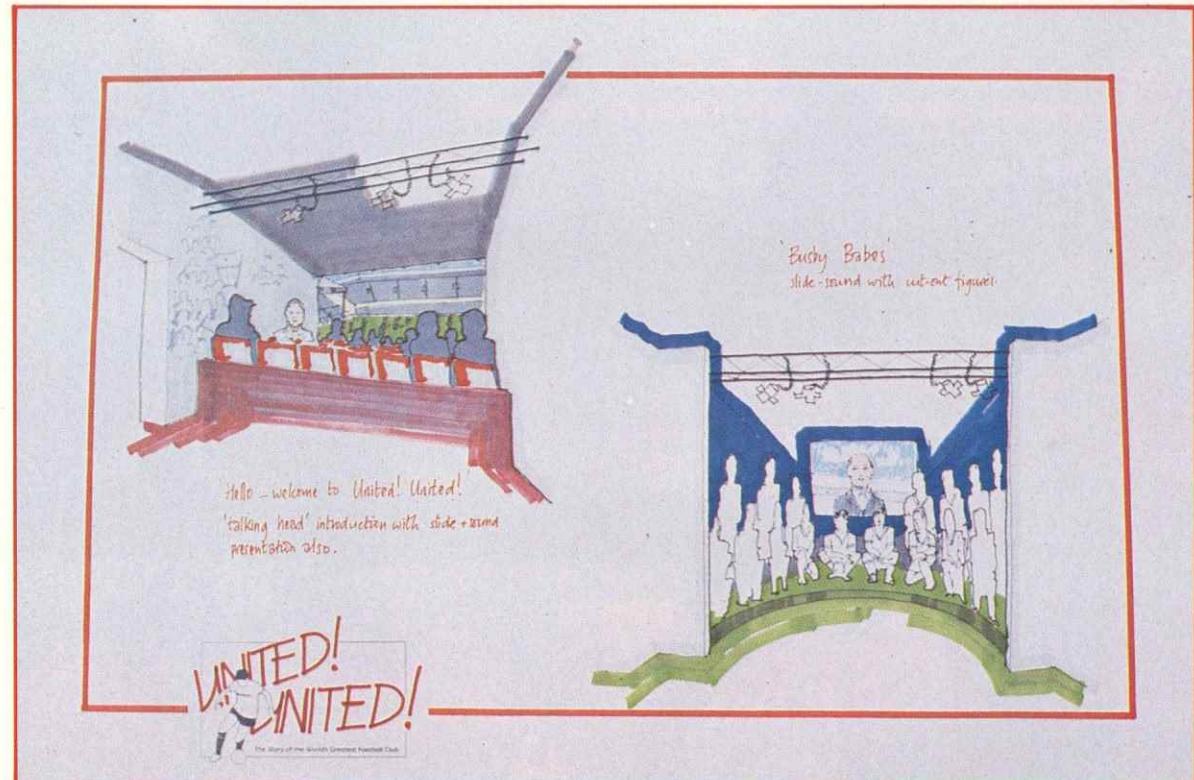
'At the same time, we have endeavoured to cater for the individuals and groups wishing to combine their visit by way of projects and, teachers or group leaders will be able to supply questionnaires; the answers to which will only be found by careful examination of the exhibits, as opposed to a cursory viewing of the general displays.'

'It has been and, I am sure will continue to be, an absorbing project and we are all now looking forward to the official opening towards the end of the current season.'

Our photograph (below) shows the original design of the 'talking head' idea and the bay housing Busby Babes items. In Saturday's *Review*, we talk with Cliff Butler, who is the museum archivist and club statistician.



MICHAEL EDELSON



## SUPPORTERS CLUB TRAVEL

Saturday 29th March

BIRMINGHAM

Coach: £4.50

Depart: 12 noon

Wednesday 16th April

NEWCASTLE UNITED

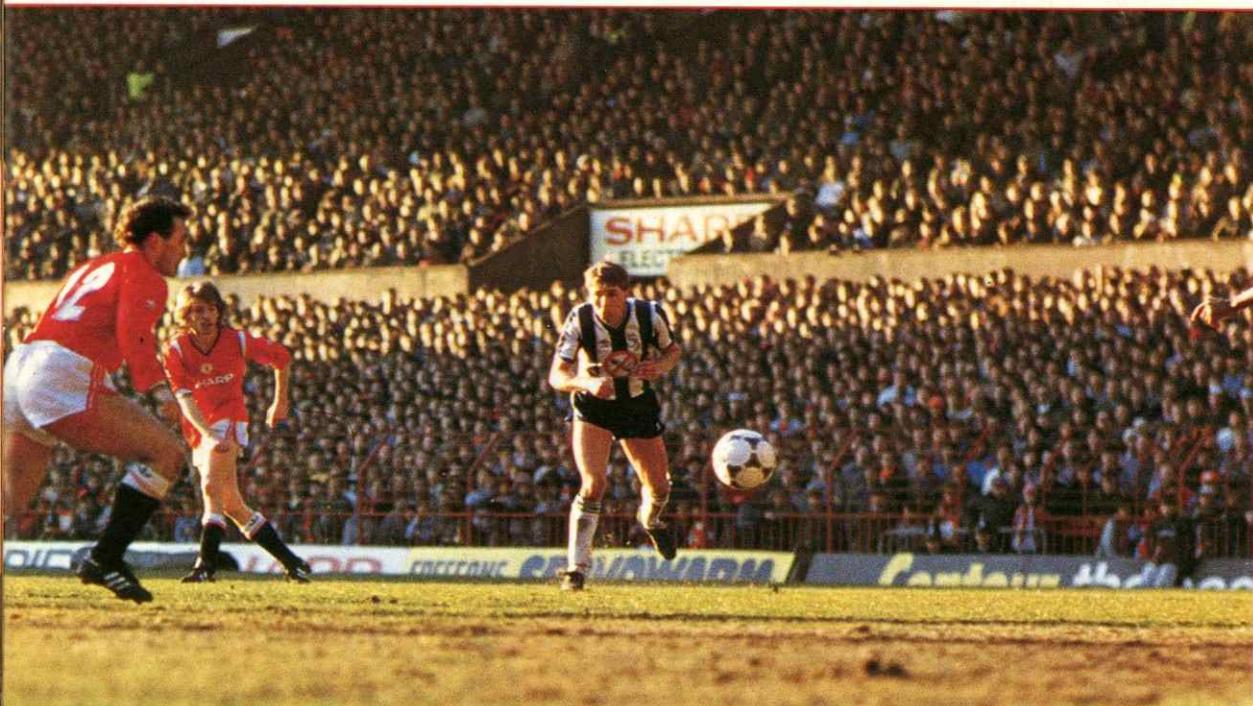
Supporters booked on the original trip must confirm for the new date.

# FLYING DANE BAGS HIS FIRST HAT- TRICK

Jesper Olsen dispatched the 'Baggies' with three goals to take his goal tally this season to 12.



- ▲ 1. Following a foul on Colin Gibson, Jesper sends the Albion keeper the wrong way.
- ◀ 2. Same player fouled, same player sends keeper wrong way — again!
- ▼ 3. Jesper again, with United's, and his, third goal. This time from the edge of the box.



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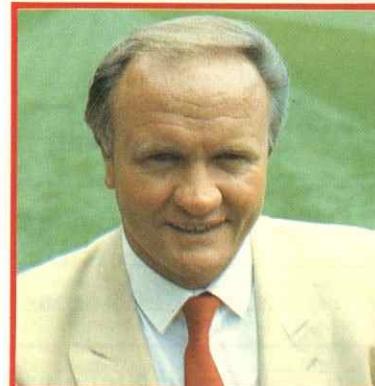


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# RON ATKINSON

## IT'S TIGHT AT THE TOP



Our first problem this evening will be to overcome the disappointment of going out of the FA Cup.

It's particularly painful to bow out as holders after all the excitement of last season's successful trip to Wembley. No doubt Luton will be feeling similarly dejected after losing to Everton.

But that's Cup football for you, and the last thing we can afford is to let it deflate us; and in our case especially there is no reason for us to be despondent because we still have an awful lot at stake this season.

In fact I am hoping that the Cup knock-out will serve as a spur to rekindle our championship ambitions.

We won our last League game at Old Trafford, accounting for West Bromwich quite comfortably. But then came the set-back at Southampton. I am not going to make excuses about the difficult playing conditions. Over the course of an English winter you have to expect to play two or three times on snow or a frozen pitch. It's all part of the long haul of a League championship and it's the same for everyone.

At the same time I have got to

### NOT LONG

Certainly on our ground we need a string of wins, and with Everton still to play here as well as holding a game in hand on the leaders, all is far from lost.

It's a tight pack at the top and we may well see a good deal of jockeying before the issue is finally settled. I can certainly tell you that after the Cup blow our lads are determined that we will be one of the clubs involved in that last sprint for the line. Everton have taken over as front-running favourites, but that could change with Liverpool, Chelsea, West Ham and ourselves all hard on their heels.

I must also include tonight's visitors in that group after beating Sheffield Wednesday recently. Luton have come strongly of late and we will have to be on guard if we are going to go up a gear in our championship bid.

*Ron Atkinson*

Wednesday 19th March 1986

# TONIGHT'S TEAMS

## UNITED

Red Shirts, White Shorts

Chris Turner	1	Les Sealey
Mike Duxbury	2	Tim Breacker
Arthur Albiston	3	Mitchell Thomas
Clayton Blackmore	4	Peter Nicholas
Paul McGrath	5	Stacey North
Kevin Moran	6	Mal Donaghay
Jesper Olsen	7	Ricky Hill
Gordon Strachan	8	Mark Stein
Frank Stapleton	9	Mike Newell
Peter Davenport	10	Marc North
Colin Gibson	11	David Preece
	12	

## TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee:

Mr G. Napthine (Loughborough)

Linesmen:

Mr J. Rushton (Stoke-on-Trent)

Red Flag

Mr F. Taylor (Preston)

Yellow Flag

### The Man in the Middle

GILBERT NAPTHINE, Assistant Engineer (Network Analysis) Emgas. Married with three children. Commenced refereeing in 1959 in local Leicestershire leagues and progressed via the Football Combination. Enjoys cricket, gardening and tennis. He is a referee instructor and a member of the FA panel of speakers. Lined European Cup quarter-finals in 1979 and 1984, FA Cup semi-final in 1980. Refereed FA Vase semi-final and FA Trophy semi-final in 1980.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

HALF TIME SCORES FROM OTHER MATCHES PLAYED TONIGHT WILL BE ANNOUNCED OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND DISPLAYED ON THE SCOREBOARD

# David Pleat brings high-flying Luton Town to Old Trafford

Cliff Butler takes a look into the past

• Luton Town visit Old Trafford tonight in the midst of one of their best ever seasons of League football. We were, you remember, given an indication of what could be expected from 'The Hatters' back in early October when they brought to an end our 100 per cent record.

Victory for United at Kenilworth Road would have equalled Spurs' record of 11 straight wins at the start of season 1960-61. **Mark Hughes'** goal after 61 minutes raised hopes that we were about to re-write the history books, but a Luton equalised by **Brian Stein**, eight minutes later, shattered that dream.

• It is ironic that it fell to Luton Town to bring down the curtain on our blazing start to the campaign, for their record against us could only be described as poor.

• Just three times they have tasted victory in League confrontations against United and one of those was the inaugural meeting of the clubs in Manchester on 18th September 1897 when they took the points with a 2-1 win at Bank Street, Clayton.

• **Mick Harford**'s brace last term at Kenilworth Road was sufficient to grab the points in a 2-1 win. The Luton striker opened the scoring in the 69th minute, but within three minutes United were level with **Norman Whiteside** the scorer. There was a lapse in the goalscoring activity following Whiteside's equaliser and a draw looked the most likely outcome until Harford struck again, with a couple of minutes to go, after reacting swiftly to a Steve Foster free-kick that had rebounded off the United bar.

• Their only other win in the series was also on their own territory, when they won 1-0 in season 1937-38.

• United have heaped the goals up in pursuance of their 17 wins against 'The Hatters'. Three times a nap-hand has been recorded, but we shall not dwell on the 5-0 wins of 12th April 1899, 31st March 1900 and 12th February 1984.

• Each and every one of our home clashes against this afternoon's visitors (since that defeat of 1897) has ended with us collecting the points after scoring at least two goals. Since the Second World War we have inflicted a trio of defeats at Old Trafford by a margin of three goals.

• On Christmas Day 1957 we extended festive greetings to 'The Hatters', but that was about all for goals from **Tommy Taylor**, **Dennis Viollet** and **Bobby Charlton** registered a 3-0 win in our favour. Incidentally, the teams met again the very next day at Kenilworth Road, with a 2-2 draw being the result.

• Two years later, on 21st November 1959, United were again the successful side with **Dennis Viollet** (2), **Albert Quixall** and **Freddie Goodwin** our scorers in a 4-1 triumph. John Kilgannon notched the Luton Town goal on the day the teams lined up as follows:

Manchester United — Gregg, Foulkes, Carolan, Goodwin, Cope, McGuinness, Bradley, Quixall, Viollet, Charlton, Scanlon. Luton Town — Bayham, Dunne, Daniel, Groves, Kelly, Brown, Bingham, Kilgannon, Pacey, Cummins, Gregory.

• The other occasion when we won by three clear goals was almost three years ago (9th May 1983) and our last home fixture of the 1982-83 season. It was also the day that **Paul McGrath** scored his first senior goals. He scored two in our 3-0 win with **Frank Stapleton** getting the other.

## WHEN WE LAST MET AT OLD TRAFFORD . . .

The game was overshadowed by an injury to Luton keeper Andy Dibble, who fell awkwardly and damaged a knee in the 64th minute. He was replaced in goal by Northern Ireland international Mal Donaghy, who did remarkably well in his 'new' position until Norman Whiteside scored his and United's second goal with five minutes left on the clock.

**Football League Division One**  
**Saturday 17th November 1984**  
**MANCHESTER UNITED 2**  
**(Whiteside 2)**  
**LUTON TOWN 0**

**Manchester United:** Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Moses, McQueen, Duxbury, Robson, Strachan, Hughes, Whiteside, Olsen.

**Substitute:** Stapleton for Robson.

**Luton Town:** Dibble, Breacker, Turner, North, Droy, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Elliott S., Bunn, Hilaire.

**Substitute:** Parker for Dibble. (Donaghy took over in goal with Parker playing outfield).

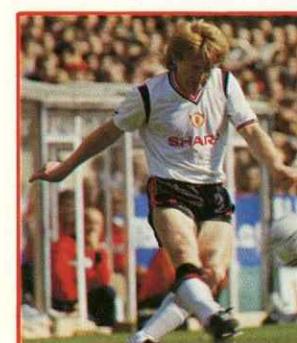
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## PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS MANCHESTER UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1987-98	1-2	2-2	1982-83	3-0	1-1
1988-99	5-0	1-0	1983-84	2-0	5-0
1989-1900	5-0	1-0	1984-85		2-0
1937-38	4-2	0-1	1985-86		1-1
1955-56	3-1	2-0			
1956-57	3-1	2-0			
1957-58	3-0	2-2			
1958-59	2-1	0-0			
1959-60	4-1	3-2			

**OUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	12	11	0	1	37	8	26
Away	13	6	5	2	21	11	19
Total	25	17	5	3	58	19	45



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## Tonight's Visitors

# LUTON TOWN

**Tony Pullein introduces  
the men from  
Kenilworth Road**

Luton's inspired run of success has given them an outside chance of winning the League Championship. But, even if that prize proves beyond them in the end, Luton seem almost certain to finish higher in the table than they have ever done previously. Their best season was 1957-58 when they took eighth place. Luton could be in with a chance of winning the Cup and League double! Victories over Crystal Palace (2-1

away) and Bristol Rovers (4-0) took them into the fifth round of the FA Cup and, though they were held at home to 2-2 by Arsenal, Luton went into the Highbury replay still confident of making further progress. The Hatters have won five away games in the First Division — at West Ham (1-0), Tottenham (3-1), Watford (2-1), WBA (2-1) and Southampton (2-1). They drew at Newcastle (2-2), Oxford (1-1),

Ipswich (1-1) and QPR (1-1) but 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). Luton appeared to have received a major blow to their ambitions when leading scorer Mick Harford was forced to undergo a knee operation in December. Manager David Pleat moved smartly to sign striker Mike Newell from Wigan for £85,000 as a replacement. Yet, within three weeks, Harford was back in action and adding to his goals tally. Mr Pleat confirmed his determination to continue his attacking policy by playing both Newell and Harford in attack, with Brian Stein dropping a little deeper.

In the Milk Cup, Luton won 2-1 away to Sheffield United, later winning their home leg by 2-1 to win 5-2 on aggregate. The Hatters were then rather surprisingly beaten 0-2 at home by the holders Norwich City in the next round.

There were few early signs that Luton would enjoy such a fine season. The Hatters looked to be book for yet another relegation battle by mid-October. Then they scored an extraordinary 7-0 victory over Southampton at Kenilworth Road

and that seemed to transform their confidence. Though they lost their next game at Liverpool 2-3, they twice pulled back from behind with another morale-boosting display. And they really haven't looked back since then.

Should Luton pull off that extra something needed to win the League Championship this season they would become the first club ever to win the Championships of all four Divisions in the Football League. When Luton's plans to move into a new stadium were blocked last year, the club decided to give their own Kenilworth Road ground a facelift. And they opened this season with a new artificial pitch — one of only two in the Football League.

The Hatters have often had to battle against the odds but they are now establishing themselves as a good First Division club. And that's something most fans felt was an impossibility during the sixties and seventies.

Luton are the only club in Football League history ever to drop from the First to the Fourth Division and later reclaim their place at the top. In five years between 1960 and 1965 they sank right through all the Divisions. Their recovery started with the Fourth Division Championship in 1968. By 1970 they were back in Division Two and in 1974 they stepped proudly back into the First Division once again.

Sadly, they survived for only one season on that occasion, but they rebuilt in the lower Division and, after showing steady improvement, won the Second Division Championship in 1982.

Apart from difficulties on the playing side, Luton also faced severe financial problems following relegation in 1975. At one point it seemed the club would fold but they pulled through that crisis.

Now Luton can look back with pride upon past achievements — and anticipate the future with optimism. Though the Hatters have yet to win any of the game's top honours, they did reach the FA Cup Final in 1959 when they lost to Nottingham Forest. They seemed booked for Wembley again last season when they led Everton 1-0 with only a few minutes remaining in the semi-final. But Everton snatched a rather fortunate equaliser and then won in extra-time.



## Luton's Team Choice

### 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 BREACKER (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.

### ROB JOHNSON (Defender)

Rob served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road but actually made his League debut whilst on loan to Lincoln City two seasons ago. He returned to make a couple of appearances in the Hatters' First Division side but then went back into the Reserves for more than a year before being recalled this 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 FA Cup Final replay against United 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 Northern Ireland. He was signed from Larne for £20,000 in 1978 and is now a regular member of the Northern Ireland team, winning his 40th cap against France last month.

### 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 41st Welsh cap against Saudi Arabia last month. He began his career with Crystal Palace as a full-back but later converted into a forceful midfield 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. 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 also played against Egypt this season.

### 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.

### 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.

### GARRY PARKER (Midfield)

Garry is a former England Youth international and made his first appearance in Luton's senior side in 1982-83. He has now made more than 40 League appearances.

### MICK HARFORD (Forward)

Mick scored his 17th goal of the season in Luton's FA Cup draw with Arsenal. 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 16 times this season.

### MIKE NEWELL (Forward)

Mike was signed from Wigan for £85,000 a few weeks ago. He 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 for Wigan this season before his transfer.

CLIFF BUTLER reports on the

# RESERVES & JUNIORS

**Saturday 1st March**  
**UNITED RESERVES 1**  
**LEEDS UNITED RESERVES 2**

United Reserves slumped to their second successive home defeat when they were beaten 2-1 by Leeds United. It also extended their run of games, without a win, to four which seriously dented their hopes of taking the Central League title. It all started to go wrong 10 minutes after the break when Leeds' striker George McCluskey hit a fierce shot past keeper Gary Bailey to give his side the lead. The Reds had barely recovered when tragedy struck for John Sivebaek, when he sliced the ball into his own goal whilst trying to clear his line. Tony Gill put United back in the picture, two minutes later, but the damage suffered couldn't be fully repaired and Leeds ran out 2-1 winners.

**UNITED RESERVES:** Bailey, Sivebaek, Martin, Murphy, Gill, Higgins, Dempsey, Wood, Hanrahan, Russell, Barnes.

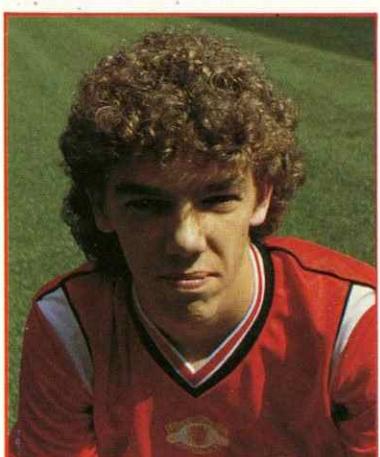
**Substitute:** Wilson for Wood.  
**Scorer:** Gill.

**Saturday 1st March**  
**BOLTON WANDERERS 'A' 0**  
**UNITED 'A' 2**

(Played at Ayrshire Road) Having surrendered their unbeaten record at Tranmere, the previous week, the 'A' team were keen to return to winning ways as quickly as possible, and happily that is just what they achieved in this Ayrshire Road meeting with Bolton. It's listed as an away fixture, but with Wanderers' Bromwich Street ground out of commission the switch to Salford was made. A goal in each half comfortably gave United the points and returned them to the right track. Mark Todd scoring in the 65th minute to add to an own-goal 50 minutes earlier.

**UNITED 'A':** Digby, McGuinness, McLoughlin, Gardner, Ratcliffe, Harvey, Todd, McBride, Worthington, Cronin, Goddard.

**Substitutes:** Wilson, Hopley.  
**Scorer:** Todd, Own-goal.



**TONY GILL**  
Scored Reserve's goal against Leeds United.

**Saturday 8th March**  
**LIVERPOOL 'A' 1**  
**UNITED 'A' 1**

United could consider themselves unlucky, in the extreme, not to have left Liverpool's Melwood training ground with all three points. During the second-half of this 'muck and bullets' clash they put the Liverpool goal under siege but couldn't find a way through for the winner. The teams had gone in at half-time with Liverpool holding the advantage after an evenly balanced tussle. United must have had visions of their title slipping away and in the second-half they tore into Liverpool with renewed vigour, and eventually drew level. Paul McGuinness launching one of his gigantic throws for Denis Cronin to score in-off a defender. It was a spirited display that passed without just reward.

**UNITED 'A':** Walsh, Gill, McLoughlin, Ratcliffe, Gardner, Todd, McGuinness, McBride, Worthington, Cronin, Goddard.

**Substitutes:** Hopley, Wilson.  
**Scorer:** Cronin.

**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**
**Saturday 1st March**
**UNITED 'B' 1**
**BLACKBURN ROVERS 'A' 3**

**UNITED 'B':** O'Donnell, Rankin, Wynn, Williams, Comyn, Bottomley, Brown, Heseltine, Graham, Betts, Steer.

**Substitute:** Monnan.  
**Scorer:** Bottomley.

**TRANSFERS**

Salford-born Billy Garton, who has made eight first-team appearances this season, has joined Birmingham City on a month's loan, and we have recently signed another defender, Derek Brazil from Dublin based, Rivermount Boys Club.

**OMISSION**

Our goalscorer in the Lancashire League Division Two fixture against Preston on 22nd February was Simon Hutchinson. This information was missing from our last *United Review* against West Ham United.

Pos	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Manchester City 'A'	20	19	0	1	76	19	57
2	<b>Manchester Utd 'A'</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>
3	Everton 'A'	25	14	5	6	47	31	47
4	Liverpool 'A'	23	13	7	3	55	28	46
5	South Liverpool Res	21	10	6	5	43	27	36
6	Marine Reserves	24	10	6	8	44	42	36
7	Morecambe Reserves	22	11	2	9	41	40	35
8	Crewe Alexandra Res	21	8	5	8	46	34	29
9	Stockport County Res	17	9	2	6	33	24	29
10	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	24	7	5	12	43	51	26
11	Tranmere Rovers Res	20	7	4	9	34	43	25
12	Burnley 'A'	23	7	4	12	41	59	25
13	Alsager College	20	7	3	10	24	41	24
14	Barrow Reserves	20	6	3	11	33	31	21
15	Bury Reserves	21	5	4	12	38	61	19
16	Rochdale Reserves	19	4	5	10	18	28	17
17	Southport Reserves	23	3	8	12	28	40	17
18	UMIST	20	4	5	11	20	52	17
19	Chester City Reserves	20	2	0	18	16	70	6

**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 1985-86**

1985			F	A
Aug.	17	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	H 2 - 0	
	24	Rochdale Reserves	A 2 - 0	
	31	Tranmere Rovers	H 5 - 0	
Sept.	7	<b>Stockport County Reserves</b>	<b>H 2 - 0</b>	
	14	Barrow Reserves	A 2 - 0	
	21	South Liverpool Reserves	H 2 - 2	
	28	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H 5 - 2	
Oct.	12	Morecambe Reserves	H 3 - 0	
	19	Chester City Reserves	H 4 - 2	
	25	Stockport County Reserves	A 1 - 0	
Nov.	2	<b>Marine Reserves</b>	<b>H 1 - 0</b>	
	9	Alsager College	A 2 - 1	
	16	Everton 'A'	H 1 - 0	
	23	Southport Reserves	H 1 - 0	
	30	UMIST	A 6 - 1	
Dec.	21	<b>Barrow Reserves</b>	<b>H 3 - 1</b>	

1986			F	A
Jan.	25	Rochdale Reserves	H 2 - 1	
Feb.	15	<b>Bury Reserves</b>	<b>H 5 - 1</b>	
	22	Tranmere Rovers Reserves	A 1 - 2	
Mar.	1	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A 2 - 0	
	8	Liverpool	A 1 - 1	
	22	<b>Burnley 'A'</b>	<b>H</b>	
	29	Chester City Reserves	A	
Apr.	2	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	A	
	5	Liverpool 'A'	H	
	9	Everton 'A'	A	
	12	Marine Reserves	A	
	18	Alsager College	H	
May	3	South Liverpool Reserves	A	
	7	<b>UMIST</b>	<b>H</b>	
TBA		Manchester City 'A'	A	
		Burnley 'A'	A	
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**FORTHCOMING RESERVE AND JUNIOR FIXTURES**
**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**

**Saturday 22nd March**

**BURNLEY 'A' (H)**

Kick-off 11.00 am

**LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO**

**Saturday 22nd March**

**OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'B' (A)**

Kick-off 11.00 am

# BELOW THE SURFACE

**STEVE BATES talks to United's Mick Brown**

The attacking style for which United are universally famed is the one image immediately conjured up whenever the club is mentioned. But at the foundation of United's success over the past few seasons is a defence feared and respected by managers and coaches through the First Division. The credit for that rests almost entirely with assistant boss Mick Brown who has taken enormous pride from a defensive record which since 1980 has consistently bettered all their major rivals.

As Ron Atkinson's number two Mick rarely has the spotlight of attention focused on him but his dedicated graft in shaping the defensive rock on which strikers like Ian Rush always seem to flounder is recognised by most of football's 'insiders'.

Luton boss David Pleat recently gave a glimpse of the respect Brown commands during the televised League game at West Ham. Praising United's back four stability during his summary Pleat singled out

Brown quite rightly points out that Liverpool's Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson have formed a long and successful partnership at Anfield but it is their ability to carry the ball which has added an extra dimension to their stature as supreme defenders. 'We insist that our defenders have to be confident and comfortable on the

ball. We like them to play from the back and although there is always an element of risk involved, if you have the right players there shouldn't be a problem.

'Paul McGrath is in that category and his ability to play football, even at the back, is an asset we don't intend to stifle. Paul has done

exceptionally well in a short time considering he had a couple of bad injuries some time ago. He's come on leaps and bounds and I believe there is room for him to get even better. 'He is becoming more dominant in the air which has pleased me but his single biggest gift is his pace. Paul's touch on the ball is as good as any player at the club which isn't bad for a defender he can go in midfield and hold his own against the best. I suppose he is my idea of the type of centre-back we want at Old Trafford.'

Like every great double act, Brown is the perfect foil for Atkinson and although he has tasted life as a manager at Oxford he is content to be number two at the club he calls 'the greatest in football'. We are two very different people but that is probably why we have a successful working relationship. The art of being a number two is being just that and if Ron is away from the club the show goes on as if he were here.

'I probably do more at Old Trafford as assistant than I would as manager at another club but I'm quite happy doing that. I love working with the players in training and so does Ron because we have a duty to make sure the fans see the type of football expected at Old Trafford.'

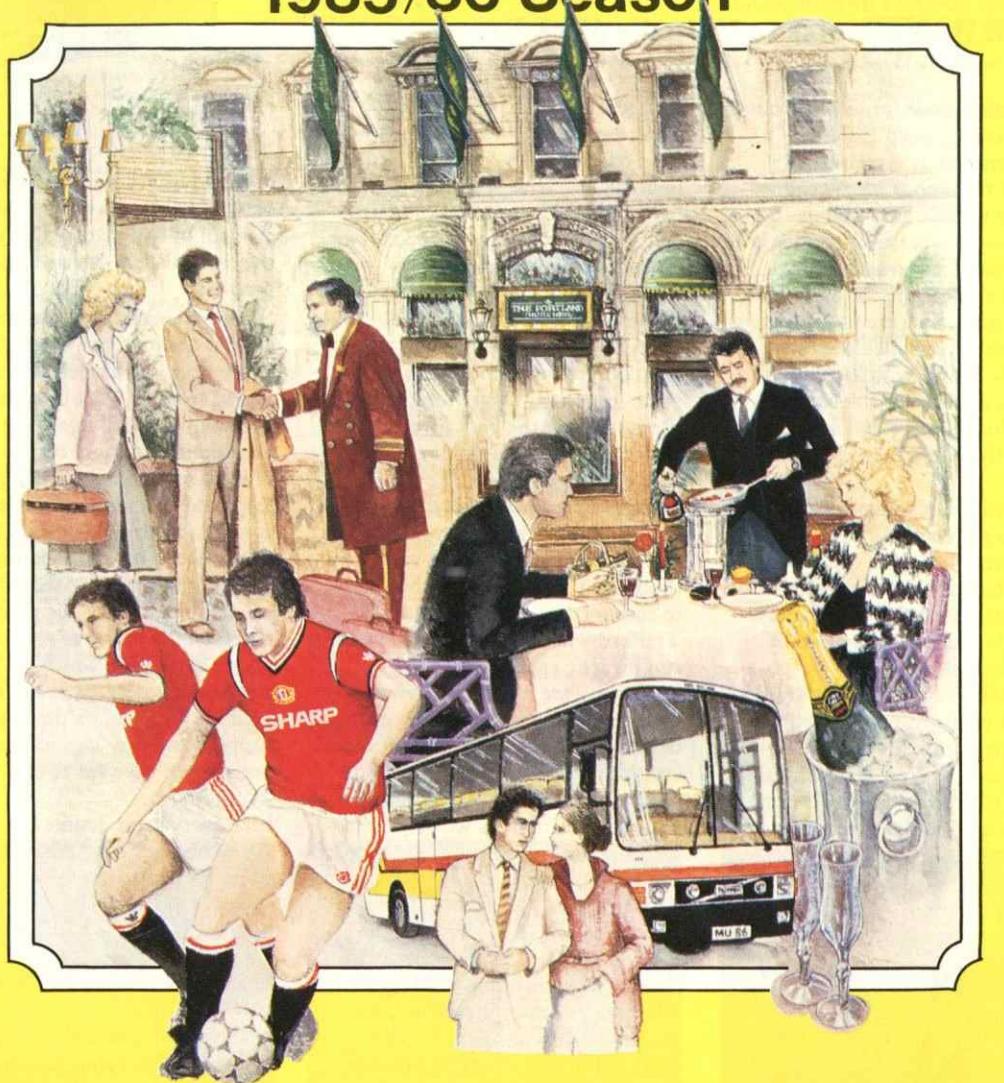
**MICK BROWN**





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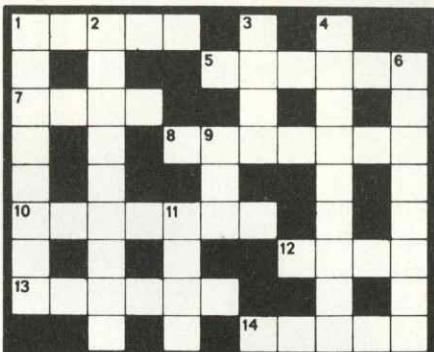
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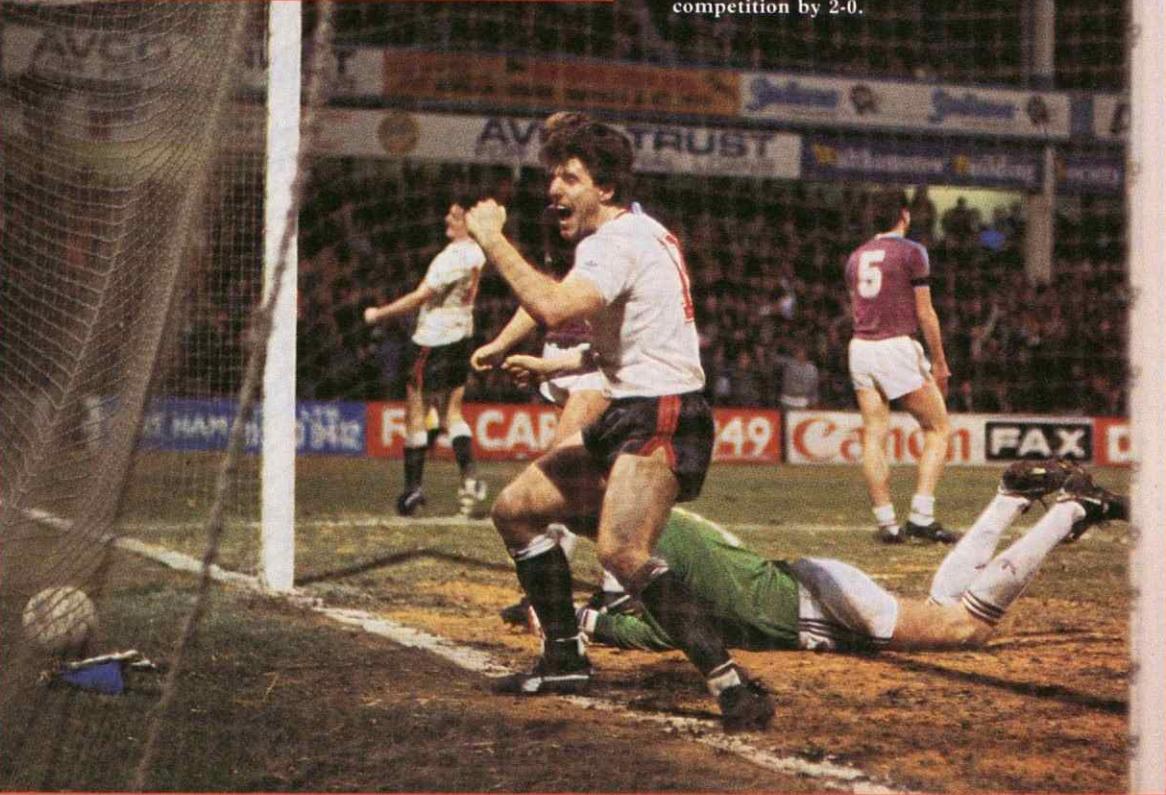
- One of the Campbell clan (5)
- Usual term for a soccer stadium (6)
- & 8. Wales-capped defender who was an Oxford close-season capture from Bristol Rovers (4, 7)
- He topped 50 caps for Wales in his 1960s to 1980s career with Crewe, Stoke, Middlesbrough and Swansea (7)
- Score by placing the ball (4)
- Though his name is an anagram of 'Slemen', soccer — not rugby — was his game . . . in fact, 300 games for Brentford (6)
- Take steps to identify \_\_\_\_\_ Park as the home of Stranraer (5)

**Down:**

- Northampton newcomer in 1984/85 who finished top scorer by netting more than his aggregate for his previous four clubs! (8)
- A Liverpool contemporary of, say, Larry Lloyd, this frontish midfielder later played for Plymouth and Burnley (5, 4)
- Keeper's patch (4)
- Country which has capped sometime League men Adrian Alston and John Kosmina (9)
- One of the men 'behind' a club (8)
- His managerial career includes the sequence Blackburn, Newcastle and Everton (3)
- Luke's first name (4)

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### REDS HIT BACK

With West Ham seemingly on the way to victory in the much delayed FA Cup fifth round tie at Upton Park, Old Trafford Cup favourite, Frank Stapleton stopped them in their tracks with a superb second-half equaliser (see picture left).

The main picture shows Colin Gibson as he orchestrates the celebrations. Unfortunately, those celebrations came to an abrupt end on the Sunday at Old Trafford as the Cup holders were bundled out of this year's competition by 2-0.

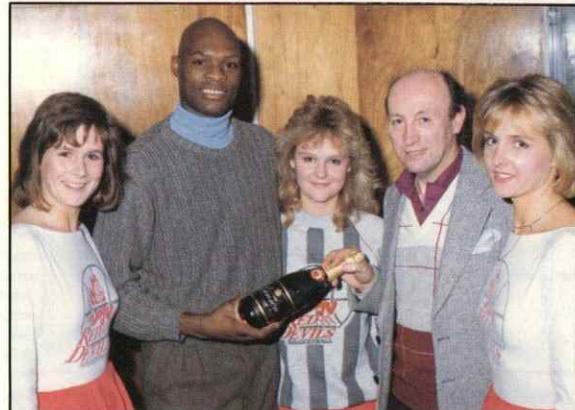
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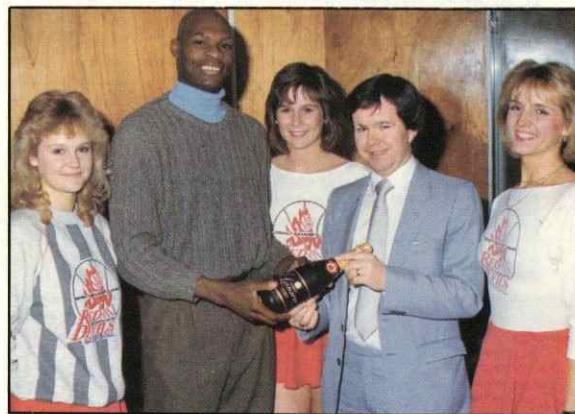
New League Champions, United, were soon brought down to earth after winning the Carlsberg National title recently. Those who thought that we would have an easy passage to the Finals of the 'Play-offs' hadn't bothered to tell eighth placed Leicester! United returned from the Granby Halls defeated, for the first time since early November, by 96 points to 92. In the second of the series of three games, this time at Stretford, United came out on top of a tightly-fought tussle by 92 points to 88 — thanks mainly to Tom Brown who scored 26 points.

It was all to play for then when the teams met for the deciding match at Stretford on the 8th March. As usual of late, Stretford was packed to capacity and the home fans optimism seemed well-founded as United quickly went into a six point lead. The Leicester bogey continued to haunt United though and the visitors fought back hard and in a low scoring game, the Red Devils finally went down by 76 points to 73.

Basketball players and fans alike never long to dwell on success or failure and the British Masters quickly saw us back in action, this time against Bolton. A full report on that match will appear in Saturday's *Review*.



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### CANON LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Up to and including 12th March 1986)

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1	Everton	31	20	5	6	71	35	65
2	Liverpool	32	17	9	6	63	35	60
<b>3</b>	<b>Manchester United</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>
4	Chelsea	28	17	6	5	46	29	57
5	Arsenal	29	15	7	7	38	32	52
6	West Ham United	26	15	6	5	42	24	51
7	Luton Town	31	14	9	8	48	33	51
8	Sheffield Wednesday	30	14	7	9	49	46	49
9	Nottingham Forest	30	14	4	12	52	43	46
10	Newcastle United	29	12	9	4	42	43	45
11	Tottenham Hotspur	31	12	5	14	47	38	41
12	Manchester City	32	11	8	13	36	42	41
13	Southampton	31	11	7	13	40	41	40
14	Watford	27	11	6	10	46	43	39
15	Coventry City	32	9	8	15	44	56	35
16	Queens Park Rangers	32	10	4	18	32	51	34
17	Leicester City	30	8	9	13	43	54	33
18	Oxford United	30	7	8	15	45	57	29
19	Ipswich Town	30	8	5	17	24	42	29
20	Aston Villa	30	5	10	15	32	49	25
21	Birmingham City	32	7	4	21	24	51	25
22	West Bromwich Albion	31	3	7	21	25	73	16

### APPEARANCES 1985-1986

	Canon League	Milk Cup	FA Cup	Screen Sport Super Cup	Total
Albiston	25	3	5	2	35
Bailey	25	4	2	2	33
Barnes	11(1)	3	0	2	16(1)
Blackmore	7	2	2(2)	3	14(2)
Brazil	1(10)	2(2)	0	1(1)	12(2)
Dempsey	1	0	0	1(1)	2(1)
Duxbury	13(2)	3	3	1	20(2)
Garton	6	0	1	1	8
Gibson C.	12	0	4	2	18
Gibson T.	1(3)	0	0	0	1(3)
Gridman	16	1	2	3	22
Higgins	0	0	2	0	2
Hogg	16	2	0	1	19
Hughes	29	2	3	3	37
McGrath	28	4	4	4	40
Moses	16(1)	4	3	3	24(1)
Olsen	4	0	0	0	4
Olsen	21	3	3(2)	2	29(2)
Robson	15	2	3	1	21
Siveback	1	0	0	0	1
Stapleton	29(1)	4	5	3	41(1)
Strachan	20(1)	1	5	3(1)	29(2)
Turner	5	0	3	2	10
Whiteside	28	4	5	4	41
Wood	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)

Substitute appearances in brackets

### GOALSCORERS 1985-86

	Canon League	Milk Cup	FA Cup	Screen Sport Super Cup	Total
Hughes	12	1	0	0	13
Olsen	10(3)	0	2(1)	0	12(4)
Stapleton	6	0	2	1	9
Whiteside	3	2	1	1(1)	7(1)
Robson	4(1)	0	0	1(1)	5(2)
Gibson C.	3	0	0	1	4
Barnes	2	0	1	0	3
Blackmore	3	0	0	0	3
McGrath	2	1	0	0	3
Strachan	3	0	0	0	3
Blackmore	2	0	0	0	2
Albiston	1	0	0	0	1
Duxbury	1	0	0	0	1
Total	52(4)	4	6(1)	4(2)	66(7)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1985												
Aug. 17	Aston Villa	H	49,743	4	0							
20	Ipswich Town	A	18,777	1	0							
24	Arsenal	A	37,145	2	1							
26	West Ham United	H	50,773	2	0							
31	Nottingham Forest	A	26,274	3	1							
Sept. 4	Newcastle United	H	51,102	3	0							
7	Oxford United	H	51,820	3	0							
14	Manchester City	A	48,723	3	0							
18	Everton (Super Cup)	H	33,859	2	4							
21	West Bromwich Albion	A	25,068	5	1							
24	Crystal Palace Milk Cup 2 (1L)	A	21,507	1	0							
28	Southampton	H	52,449	1	0							
Oct. 5	Luton Town	A	17,454	1	1							
9	Crystal Palace Milk Cup 2 (2L)	H	26,118	1	0							
12	Queens Park Rangers	H	48,845	2	0							
19	Liverpool	H	54,492	1	1							
26	Chelsea	A	42,485	2	1							
29	West Ham United (Milk Cup 3)	H	32,056	1	0							
Nov. 2	Coventry City	H	46,748	2	0							
6	Norwich City (Super Cup)	H	20,130	1	1							
9	Sheffield Wednesday	A	48,105	0	1							
16	Tottenham Hotspur	H	54,575	0	0							
23	Leicester City	A	22,008	0	3							
26	Liverpool (Milk Cup 4)	A	41,291	1	2							
30	Watford	H	42,181	1	1							
Dec. 4	Everton (Super Cup)	A	20,542	0	1							
7	Ipswich Town	H	37,981	1	0							
11	Norwich City (Super Cup)	A	15,449	1	1							
14	Aston Villa	A	27,626	3	1							
21	Arsenal	H	44,386	0	1							
26	Everton	A	42,551	1	3							
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Jan. 1	Birmingham City	H	43,095	1	0							
9	Rochdale (FA Cup 3)	H	40,223	2	0							
11	Oxford United	A	13,280	3	1							
18	Nottingham Forest	H	46,717	2	3							
25	Sunderland (FA Cup 4)	A	35,284	0	0							
29	Sunderland (FA Cup 4 Replay)	H	43,402	3	0							
Feb. 2	West Ham United	A <sup>o</sup>	22,642	1	2							
9	Liverpool	A <sup>o</sup>	35,064	1	1							
22	West Bromwich Albion	H	45,193*	3	0							
Mar. 1	Southampton	A	19,012*	0	1							
5	West Ham United (FA Cup 5)	A	26,441*	1	1							
9	West Ham United (FA Cup 5 Replay)	H	30,441*	0	2							
15	Queens Park Rangers	A										
19	Luton Town	H										
22	Manchester City	H										
29	Birmingham City	A										
31	Everton	H										
April	5	Coventry City	A									
9	Chelsea	H										
13	Sheffield Wednesday	H*										
16	Newcastle United	A										
19	Tottenham Hotspur	A										
26	Leicester City	H										
May	3	Watford	A									
10	FA Cup Final	A										

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