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NEAT, NEAT, NEAT

After close on a month of Plough Lane less football, today's match against Luton Town begins a home treble to savour.

In weeks to come the Dons face a tough FA Cup quarter final and a visit from the TV Personalities of Tottenham. In the meantime the Hatters from Luton will provide a stern opening course.

Today's visitors are unquestionably riding on the crest of a Wembley wave. Their victory in last Sunday's televised match was totally comprehensive, and as usual their one touch football was a pleasure to watch. Plastic does not have to be drastic all the time. Like the Dons, Luton will also be involved in Cup action next Saturday, and also like the Dons will consider home advantage a useful aid in the quest for a semi-final spot.

Today's meeting need not therefore be the last time the teams will meet this season. Any victory



could be important in more ways than one.

The Dons of course would do well to win today's game. Cup success has been at the expense of

League victories recently, and whereas the team does seem to raise itself when it appears to matter, the habit of winning all the time is a good one to keep.

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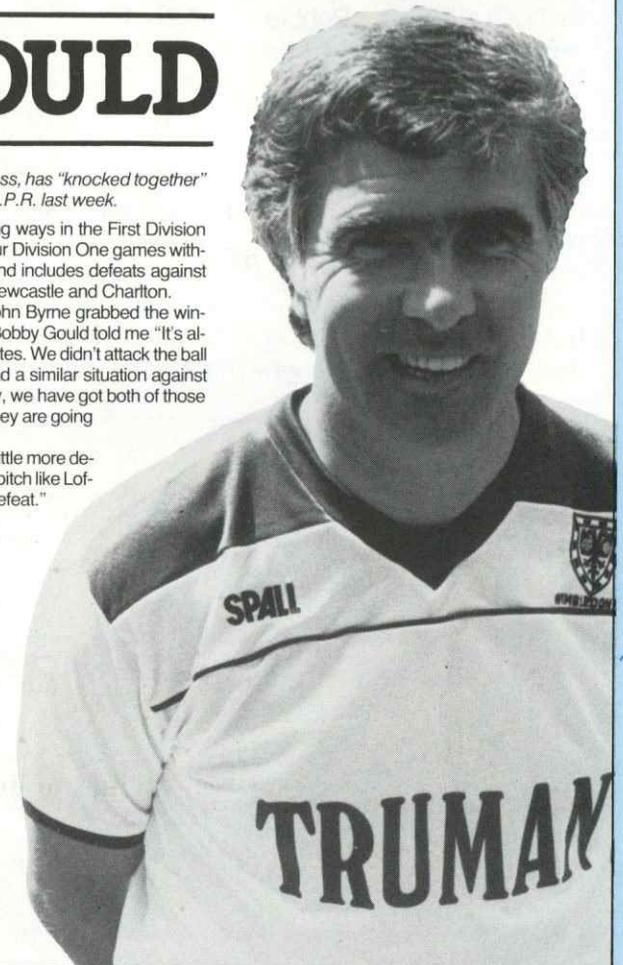
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MEET ROBBIE TURNER

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

ALTHOUGH Robbie Turner is just 21, he has had a very eventful footballing career already. He has moved from club to club, played in attack and defence, enjoyed good periods and suffered spells in the doldrums.

But the Geordie is hoping that his move to Plough

Lane will provide a more settled time after those frantic few years. "I've had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus and I'm still only 21," he said. "Wimbledon have given me a chance to settle down and prove to people that I can do the job, I haven't liked all the chopping and changing. It has disrupted my game and I'm now after a clear run, hope-

fully leading to a regular first team place".

Robbie followed his older brother John into professional football, John played for Reading, Torquay, Chesterfield and Peterborough, plus several other sides on loan, before his career was ended when he broke his leg in a cup tie against Leeds. But while John concentrated on keeping out goals in his roled as a keeper, Robbie has specialised in scoring goals.

He started as a schoolboy with the club he and his family supported, Sunderland, but manager Alan Durban decided against offering him apprenticeship. Instead, he went to Huddersfield where he eventually signed professional. However, they released him and Durban, the man who had earlier rejected him, saved his career.

"He didn't realise I was the same player," Robbie said, "but I started off well there with 14 goals in a season but we were relegated to Division Four and he was sacked."

FACTFILE

ROBBIE TURNER

Date of birth: 18th September 1966

Birthplace: Easington

Height: 6 feet 3 inches

Weight: 14 stones

Previous clubs: Sunderland, Huddersfield, Cardiff, Hartlepool on loan, Bristol Rovers.

Signed: December 1987 for £15,000 from Bristol Rovers.

Wimbledon debut: 19th December 1987 v Norwich (as substitute).

Nicknames: Yosser or Owen "because I'm always 'owen' people money."

That spelt the end of his time at Ninian Park. He returned to Hartlepool in his native north east on loan before being signed by Bobby Gould at Bristol Rovers just over a year ago. His time there included a spell at centre-half but Robbie was delighted to revert to the striking role when he switched to Plough Lane in a £15,000 transfer.

"When Bobby moved to Wimbledon last summer, I hoped that I might go with him. We had some talks pre-season but they didn't work out but he came back in December and I was pleased to sign," said Robbie.

"I was due to sign for Lincoln at the time but that didn't materialise, I'm glad now because I obviously prefer the First Division and I like the type of football Wimbledon play.

"In my first four games I came on as substitute late on and found it difficult to get into the game but I think I've settled now. My first goal against West Brom perked me up and I was pleased to get another at Coventry.

"We get a lot of crosses in at this club and it's ideal for me. I'm over the moon at the moment. It's a dream come true, playing in the First Division."



Dons' Diary

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The arrival of Terry Gibson squeezed Andy out of the first team earlier in the season but he has signed a new contract and is still part of the club's long term plans.



ANDY SAYER
on loan to Cambridge

ABERDEEN ANDY

CENTRAL defender Andy Thorn was on duty for the England Under-21 squad again on February 16 when the side met Scotland in Aberdeen in the quarter final first leg of the European Championship. But sadly there was no international call-up for striker John Fashanu who had hoped to be in the England line-up for their game against Israel or Lawrie Sanchez who had been looking for a place in Northern Ireland's team for their match with Greece. Lawrie's chances faded a bit when he aggravated a groin injury when he attended a Northern Ireland get-together in January but he still hopes to be part of Billy Bingham's World Cup plans.

TOMMY'S TIPPING DAVE

FORMER Liverpool star Tommy Smith, giving his views recently on

who should be in the England squad, cast a vote for Wimbledon goalkeeper Dave Beasant as an ideal member of Bobby Robson's squad. "His self belief is sky high as Wimbledon continue to do well and keepers who are big as well as sound generate extra confidence among the defenders and they don't come much bigger than this fella," he told the Sun.

MURPHY'S MEMORIES

LINCOLN manager Colin Murphy was featured in the News of the World talking about the players who used to be at Sincil Bank in its Football League days and have gone on to great things.

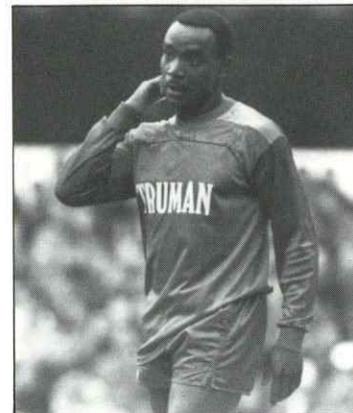
That list included Wimbledon striker John Fashanu along with other stars like Luton's Mick Harford, Southampton pair Glenn Cockerill and Gordon Hobson, Coventry's Trevor Peake, Charlton defender Steve Thompson and West Ham's Gary Strodger.

Murphy paid just £15,000 to bring John out of the Norwich reserve team into the Lincoln side who were then in the Third Division before their slide out of the League into the GM Vauxhall Conference. John spent a year at the club before moving to Millwall for £60,000.

"I always knew John had the talent," Murphy told the News of the World. "When I signed him, his brother Justin had just joined Forest for a million. "But you'd have thought John was the million pound man. He liked to wear white suits and drive fast cars. I think he learned a lot from his stay but he gave Lincoln plenty. He's so powerful and never allows defenders a moment's peace because he doesn't stop running.

"John is deceptively quick and, if an opponent makes the error of relaxing, he's in trouble the next time the ball comes in the box. Fashanu can always get you a goal or create one for a team-mate."

LAURIE RETURNS TO ENGLAND



FORMER England winger Laurie Cunningham joined Wimbledon on a non-contract basis on February 18. The 31-year-old has played for Orient, West Bromwich Albion, Manchester United, Real Madrid, Leicester City and Belgian side Charleroi, as well as picking up six England caps. He was given permission to return to England by Charleroi and, after training with the club, was signed up by Bobby Gould. Laurie made his debut in the FA Cup win at Newcastle with his league debut coming last week in the 1-0 defeat at QPR.

CARLTON'S BIG DATE

WINGER Carlton Fairweather who suffered a broken leg in January is hoping for some much needed good news on March 14. That's when he goes back to hospital to see whether the plaster on his left leg can be removed. If the doctor gives him the go ahead, Carlton may be back before the end of the season.

There is a slim chance that I may play again this season, "he said, "In the meantime, I'm trying not to let it get me down but I have been cheesed off since I got the injury and I hate watching the games."

GOODBYE, WALLY

IN THE last programme, we were welcoming back midfielder Wally Downes to the first team after eight months out with a broken ankle. But now it's time to say farewell to the club's longest serving player. Wally has joined up with former Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett at Sheffield United and made his debut as a substitute in the side's 1-0 defeat against Stoke on February 6. In his time at Plough Lane, Wally made 245 League and Cup appearances, despite suffering from three broken ankles, and scored 19 goals. He signed as a professional in 1979 after being the club's first apprentice. His final game for the Dons came in the Simod Cup tie at Coventry on January 19, his only appearance this season for Wimbledon.

RESERVES TRIUMPH

THE Wimbledon reserve team beat Gillingham 1-0 on February 15, thanks to a spectacular diving header from Andy Clement.

"It was a good performance," said reserve team manager David Kemp. "We were nice and tight at the back and showed some nice touches pushing forward."

Former Orient, West Brom, Manchester United and Real Madrid star Laurie Cunningham turned out for the Dons. The 31-year-old, who is available for transfer after a spell in Belgium with Charleroi, has been training with Wimbledon over the past few weeks.

Team: Tracey, Scales, Young, Cawley, Bedford, Ryan, Gannon, Clement, Miller, Turner, Cunningham.

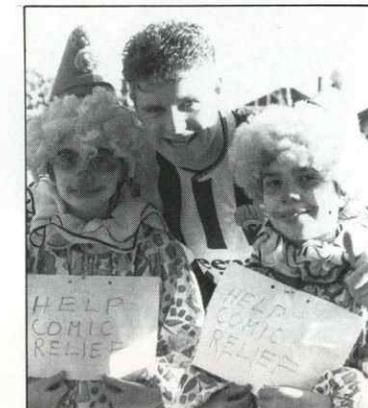
COMING UP

NEXT WEEK, Watford are the vis-

itors in the quarter final of the FA Cup the third meeting between the sides this season.

On the opening day, Watford beat the Dons 1-0 at Vicarage Road with Luther Blissett getting the winner and they followed that with a 2-1 victory at Plough Lane in January. The cup tie means that former Wimbledon players Glyn Hodges and Mark Morris are set to return to the ground with their Hornets team-mates.

Another big game follows with the visit of Spurs on March 19. The Dons will be looking to do the double against the White Hart Lane outfit after recording a magnificent 3-0 win against them in October.



Spot which one of these isn't a clown! But seriously, thanks to cuddly Paul Gascoigne for posing with a couple of Comic Reliefers, Robin Gwynthopes (left) and Joseph Wolf.

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WIMBLEDON V PORTSMOUTH

The above outstanding fixture has been re-arranged for Tuesday April 19th. Kick Off 7.45pm.

Welcome LUTON TOWN



Top Row (left to right): David Preece, Rob Johnson, Richard Harvey, Stacey North, Darren McDonough, Robert Wilson, Mark Stein.
Middle Row (left to right): Jim Ryan (Coach), John Faulkner (Coach), Emeka Nwajobi, Ashley Grimes, Les Sealey, Mick Harford, Andy Dibble, Mike Newell, Danny Wilson, Dave Kirby (Physio).
Front Row (left to right): Peter Nicholas, Brian Stein, Steve Foster (Capt), Ray Harford (Manager), Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, Tim Breacker.

by Tony Pullein

Luton have never known a season quite like this one. The Hatters have a chance of smashing the club record by improving upon the seventh place they achieved last season. And they have the chance of making FOUR trips to Wembley!

Luton qualified for the Festival of Football at Wembley next month for part of the League's Centenary celebrations.

They are through to the sixth round of the F.A. Cup and the quarter-finals of the Simod Cup to keep two more doors open to Wembley.

Last Sunday they met Oxford in the second-leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final and by winning guaranteed a further appearance at Wembley.

Luton's away form in the First Division has not been too impressive. Their only away wins in the League came at Oxford (5-2), Sheffield Wednesday (2-0) and Watford (1-0). Their only other away point came from a draw at West Ham (1-1).

Luton were beaten at Derby (0-1), Chelsea (0-3), Charlton (0-1), Q.P.R. (0-2), Portsmouth (1-3), Everton (0-2) and Arsenal (1-2).

VISITING STARS!

STAR GAZING

STEVE FOSTER (Player/Coach) Harford's first move as Manager was to appoint Club Captain Foster as Player/Coach — a recognition of his exceptional qualities of leadership.

Portsmouth born Foster joined his local club as an apprentice breaking into the first team as a forward in 1975/76 — his home debut was actually against Luton. He moved to centre-back during the following season and after 135 League and Cup appearances was transferred to Brighton for £150,000 in 1979 following the Seagulls promotion to Division One.

During his spell at the Goldstone Ground he earned three England caps, played in the 1982 World Cup as well as appearing in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final.

He moved to Aston Villa for £200,000 after Brighton's relegation and from there joined Luton in December 1984 for a bargain £70,000.

MAL DONAGHY Luton's most capped International, with over 50 to his credit, he has now played in two World Cup campaigns for Northern Ireland.

Within months of making his debut for Larne he was being chased by many English First Division sides and it was regarded as an astute piece of business by former Manager David Pleat when Donaghy was "Stolen" for £20,000 in June 1978.

Solid and dependable he forms, with Steve Foster, arguably the best central defensive partnership in the country. Ever present last season as he has been for six out of the last nine.

ASHLEY GRIMES Now 30, Dublin born Grimes enjoyed his longest spell in the Luton first team in 1986/87 after almost being transferred to Swindon during the previous close season.

He played the early part of his career with Manchester United where he had 90 League games and appeared regularly for Eire.

Transferred to Coventry in August 1983 he joined Luton a year later in a straight swap for Kirk Stephens but was then plagued with injuries during his first two seasons at Kenilworth Road.

TIM BREACKER Bicester born Breacker has been a regular member of the first team since his debut at Ipswich in 1984.

This England Under-21 International can perform in midfield but his normal position is right back where his surging runs on the overlap have become a strong feature of his play.

MICK HARFORD Luton Town's record cash signing, at £250,000, from Birmingham in December 1984.

Sunderland born, Harford commenced his League career with Lincoln where 46 goals in 126 appearances encouraged Newcastle to pay £180,000 for his services in December 1980.

He never really settled at St. James Park and the following close season Bristol City took him to Ashton Gate. City were in a parlous financial state and were unable to fully pay the fee so six months later he was re-signed by Newcastle and promptly transferred to Birmingham.

He was therefore on the books of three clubs on the same day!

He enjoyed some success with Birmingham in a struggling side but was prised away by Luton where he has played the best football of his career and can count himself unlucky not to have won England recognition.

He missed the first half of last season following knee operations.

RICKY HILL He joined Luton straight from school and is currently enjoying his 12th full season.

He made his League debut at home to Bristol Rovers over Easter 1976 coming on as substitute for current Town coach John Faulkner. Layed on a goal with his first touch and scored with his second.

Was included in Bobby Robson's first squad in 1982 and made his England debut against Denmark. Still in Robson's thoughts as proved by his call-up against Egypt last season.

DARREN McDONOUGH Belgium born McDonough scored on his League debut for Oldham against Notts County in December 1980 thereby joining an exclusive club. He signed for Luton early last season in exchange for

£87,000 to become a versatile and valuable member of the squad.

LES SEALEY Although born and raised in the East End of London Sealey made his League bow with Coventry for whom he signed in March 1976. Played 178 times for the "Sky Blues" before transferring to Luton in August 1983 for £100,000.

Has found himself out of favour on more than one occasion but has fought back with many superlative displays to become the acknowledged number one.

BRIAN STEIN South African born striker who was signed from Edgware in October 1977 and within weeks was appearing for Luton at Old Trafford in a twice replayed Football League Cup tie against Manchester City. He scored twice in his first full League home game and has not looked back since, netting freely in all subsequent seasons. Deceptively fast and difficult to knock off the ball Stein has been extremely unlucky not to have added to his solitary England cap won against France in 1983/84. Currently enjoying a deserved testimonial season.

MARK STEIN Brian's younger brother who signed professional forms for Luton in January 1984 making his debut three months later in a 3-0 home defeat by Everton. He had to wait nearly 18 months for his next League game but has gradually forced his way into the side with last season being his most successful to date as 8 goals in 21 League appearances proved.

STACEY NORTH Luton born North is regarded as Steve Foster's deputy and since making his debut against West Bromwich Albion in the final game of 1983/84 has performed well when called upon. A dislocated hip sustained during a reserve game threatened his career but 14 League games last term proved he was back to full fitness.

RICHARD HARVEY Born at Letchworth in April 1969 Harvey, following a number of fine performances for the Combination side as well as captaining the successful Youth Team, made his deserved full League debut at home to Queens Park Rangers in November 1986.

Made four further appearances towards the end of last season, showing maturity beyond his years and is now recognised as a First team squad member. He toured South America with the England Under-19 squad.

ANDY DIBBLE Made 71 League and Cup appearances for Cardiff before signing for Luton in the summer of 1984. Born in Cwymbrian in 1965 Dibble started each of his first two seasons with Luton as first choice goalkeeper but injury on both occasions cut short his appearances. Due to exceptional performances by Les Sealey he was unable to win his place back last season and instead spent time on loan to Sunderland where he was hoping to impress the Welsh International selectors in order to add to his two full caps.

MIKE NEWELL Born at Liverpool in January 1965 Newell signed on for Crewe in 1983 but after three games was transferred to Wigan where he enjoyed considerable success including scoring in the 1985 Freight Rover Final at Wembley. After signing for Luton in 1985/86 he managed to score on his home debut against Aston Villa and has retained his place ever since. An ever present last season, scoring 12 goals including a hat-trick against Liverpool.

NEW STADIUM MOVES A STAGE CLOSER

The building of a multi-million pound, architecturally-designed stadium, providing a new home for the Dons as well as recreational facilities for the whole community, has moved a stage closer in recent weeks.

Merton Council has begun a process of consultation with local people to assess their reactions to the plans. A public exhibition at Wimbledon Library, the house-to-house distribution of 12,000 leaflets and a public meeting at the town hall last Thursday evening form part of the council's moves to gauge public opinion.

The new stadium, which already has outline planning consent, is proposed for a derelict 15-acre site just a few hundred yards from Plough Lane, at Wandle Valley South, near the junction of Haydens Road and North Road, by the Wimbledon-Streatham railway line.

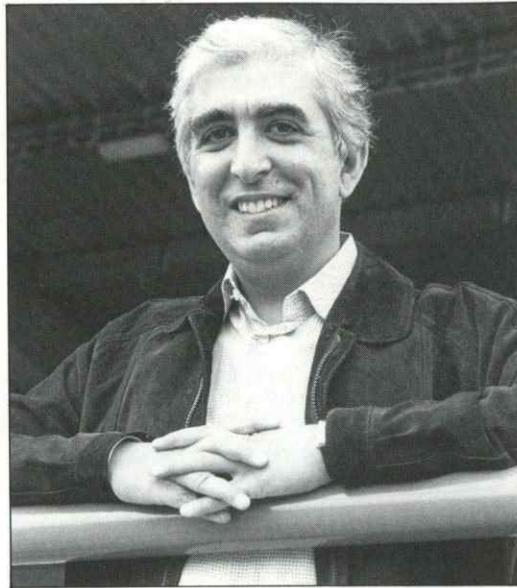
Apart from providing superior facilities for the ambitious Dons, the stadium would accommodate a wide range of other spectator sports and community facilities, including a swimming pool, meeting and conference rooms and restaurants. Land around the stadium would be developed to enhance the overall environment, creating a landscaped public park, walking areas and a cycle track along the banks of the River Wandle.

It is hoped that the new stadium would be partly financed by the development of Plough Lane for private housing, and by City institutions, other sporting clubs based at the stadium and through sponsorship.

Sam Hammam, managing director of the Dons, is pleased with the way the plans are progressing. "We are working on a very ambitious scheme and expect a decision on its future in the next two months or so. Merton Council have so far been very helpful but support among councillors is not unanimous, though."

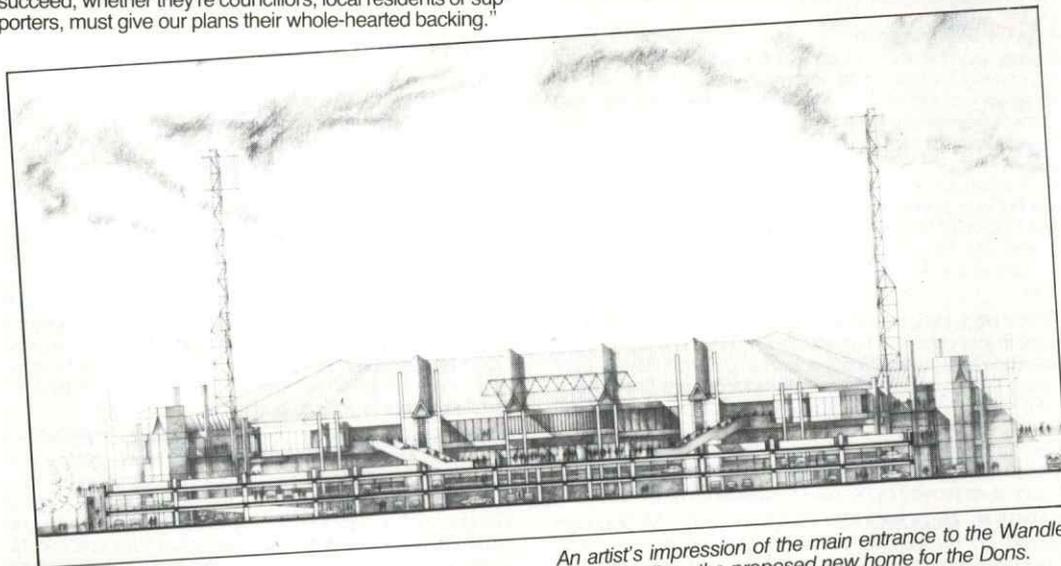
"What everyone must understand is that our scheme would be an asset to the community as a whole, as well as the Dons, because of the quality and range of facilities it would provide."

"The new stadium is essential if the Dons are to continue to progress in the top flight. Everyone who wants this club to succeed, whether they're councillors, local residents or supporters, must give our plans their whole-hearted backing."



Sam Hammam: "Everyone who wants this club to succeed...must give our plans their whole-hearted backing."

An Exhibition of the new Stadium plans are on display in the Sydney Black Hall before and after today's match and the home games on the 12th and 19th March. Should you wish to see the Exhibition during the week, please contact Main Office.



An artist's impression of the main entrance to the Wandle Valley Stadium, the proposed new home for the Dons.

YESTERDAY

TODAY



This afternoon's match with Luton takes place on the 5th March, a date on which no less than eighteen other Dons fixtures have been played in their history, giving eleven victories and six defeats as well as a solitary draw. In today's issue, we recall an epic cup-tie which has parallels with next Saturday's fixture against Watford and an away League fixture in our last ever season as a non-league club.

The first of these two matches took place at Highbury Stadium on a Wednesday afternoon in 1952, exactly thirty-six years ago today. The occasion was a quarter-final tie against rivals from north of the Thames Walthamstow Avenue with the objective a place in the final at Wembley, hence the comparisons with our cup match next Saturday against Watford. The competition was the Amateur Cup rather than the F.A. Cup but that did not prevent a crowd of 13,715 attending, an excellent figure considering that many people would have been at work that afternoon. Two previous draws had necessitated this neutral venue and the Dons had wasted several glorious chances in the last two games which they must have regretted as Walthamstow won the third game comfortably by three goals to nil. Rossiter opened the scoring for the Avenue in the 18th minute and when Trevor Bailey, the Essex and England cricketer, made it 2-0 in the 46th minute the Dons looked a beaten outfit. With four minutes to go Rossiter's shot was deflected past Hooper, the Wimbledon keeper, by Harry Wallis to make the final score 3-0. Walthamstow went on to lift the Trophy at Wembley.

Our second match took place in more recent times in 1977, our last season as a non-League team. Sandwiched in between two epic F.A. Trophy battles with Chorley was our last visit to Eton Park, home of Burton Albion. Although it was March only just over half of Wimbledon's League programme had been completed due to cup commitments, yet the team were still second in the table behind Bath City with several games in hand. The replay the previous Tuesday at Chorley which went to extra time in front of more than six thousand fans had obviously had its effect on the players at Burton. The home team were struggling in the relegation zone and despite their largest league crowd of the season thus far behind them, mediocrity abounded and a goalless draw looked certain until a Billy Edwards through ball put Roger Connell through and his perfect lob gave the Dons both points — attendance — 891.

OTHER GAMES ON 5TH MARCH

- 1898 A v Eagle Wanderers (Friendly) won 4-2
- 1904 H v Summers Town (S. Surburban Lge) won 5-1
- 1910 H v Redhill (Spartan Lge) lost 1-3
- 1921 N v Guildford (Surrey Senior Cup) won 1-0
- 1927 A v Leytonstone (Isthmian Lge) lost 0-1
- 1932 H v Woking (Isthmian Lge) lost 3-1
- 1938 A v Ilford (Isthmian Lge) won 2-0
- 1955 A v Met. Police (Surrey Senior Cup) won 3-1
- 1960 A v Barking (Isthmian Lge) won 4-0
- 1966 H v Poole (Southern Lge) won 2-0
- 1968 A v St. Albans (Premier midweek floodlit Lge) drew 2-2
- 1969 A v Tooting (Premier midweek floodlit Lge) lost 0-1
- 1973 A v Guildford (Mid-Surrey floodlit Lge) lost 2-4
- 1980 A v Reading (Div. 3) lost 0-3
- 1983 H v Bristol City (Div. 4) won 2-1

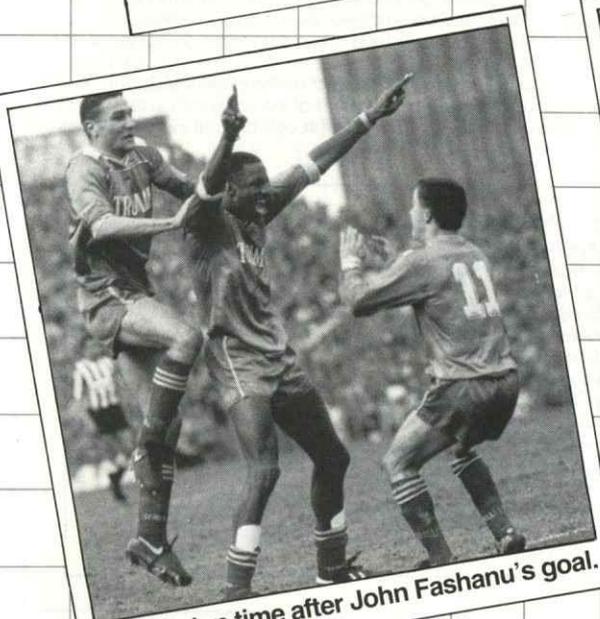
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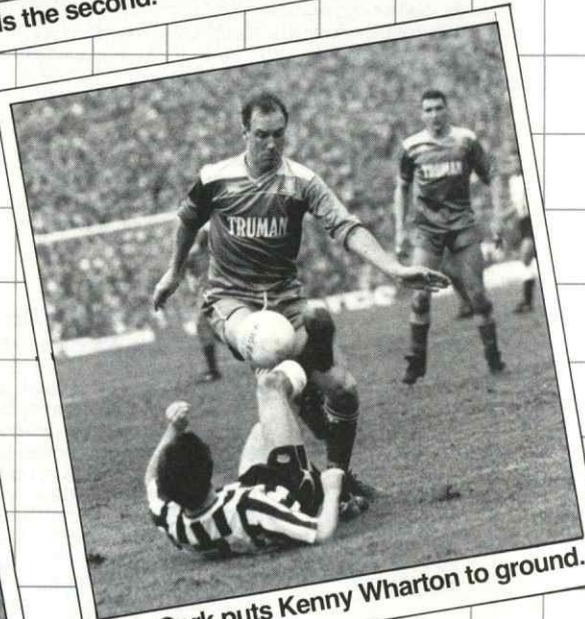
Brian Gayle heads the second.



Terry Gibson heads in the opener.



Celebration time after John Fashanu's goal.



Alan Cork puts Kenny Wharton to ground.



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MATTHEW WAKEFIELD
 Celebrated his 9th birthday recently. No particular favourite player, Matthew likes them all 1-11. He attends the Forge Lane Junior School, Hanworth, and apart from football likes swimming, and films.



JOHN MARSHALL
 John, 10 on 27th February, plays in the Mitcham Little League for the Kendall Lions. His favourite player is Dennis Wise. He has followed Wimbledon since he was 7 with his brother now nearly 13.



RUSSELL GOWER
 Aged 11 on 2nd March 1988. His favourite players are Terry Gibson and Alan Cork. He plays for Telferscot School team. Loves football and drawing but hates cabbage.

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**IT'S NOT ALL
ONE-WAY
TRAFFIC**

by Tony Pullein

Those who bemoan the fact that some of Britain's most talented footballers are lured abroad to make their fortunes tend to forget that a large number of the world's great stars have come over here to brighten our game.

Newcastle United broke new ground when they signed striker Mirandinha from Palmeiras this season. He is the first Brazilian to play in the Football League and he has coped admirably with the vastly different conditions over here.

Mirandinha's deft touches and breathtaking speed have opened up many an English defence and he is now the Magpie's leading scorer.

It's certainly not one-way traffic as far as the movement of soccer talent is concerned. Brazilian international full-back Josimar long ago made it known that he would like to play in this country and he was recently over here for discussions with Dundee United.

Newcastle United were among the first clubs to sign foreigners. Back in 1949 they signed the Chilean brothers George and Ted Robledo. They were playing for Barnsley at the time. George was on three occasions their leading scorer and in 1951/52 he was the First Division's top scorer with 33 goals. He played in their Cup winning sides of 1951 and 1952, scoring the winning goal against Arsenal on the latter occasion.

George became a Chilean international but Ted, a wing-half, did not aspire to those heights. Indeed, he played less than 50 games for Newcastle but one of those was at Wembley in the 1952 F.A. Cup final.

More recently we have enjoyed the great talents of the Argentinian internationals Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa. It doesn't seem possible but it will be ten years this summer since that pair was signed by Spurs.

None who saw it will ever forget that exhilarating goal scored by Villa against Manchester City in the 1981 F.A. Cup final replay. It was his second of the game and the match-winner.

Not all foreign players have taken to the English game, though. Allen Simonsen, a great Danish goalscorer, never really settled after joining Charlton in 1982 and it was not many months before he was off home again.



Similarly, the Belgian international Francois van der Elst did not really make much impression at West Ham, though he did stick it out for a couple of seasons.

Alex Sabella, another Argentinian, tried his luck with Sheffield United and Leeds but cannot be said to have been a success with either.

In some Eastern European countries they permit their players to work abroad only after they have reached the age of 30 and if they are internationals. Not so long ago we had a host of Yugoslav international goalkeepers invading our game. Many had won only one cap and we have been tempted to suggest that some may have achieved their honour by dubious means. None of them made a lasting impression here.

On the other hand, we can recall the great contribution made by that pair of Dutch internationals Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren who were signed by Ipswich Town in 1979. Thijssen later played for Nottingham Forest and Muhren went to Manchester United.

Nico Claesen, the Belgian international striker, has scored a few goals for Tottenham though there has been a suggestion that he might be returning home at the end of this season.

Players of many nationalities have played in the Football League over the years. Blackpool even fielded a Chinaman during the early sixties. Cheung Chi-Doy made a couple of appearances in their first-team.

Few Germans have been seen in the English game, though.

One who did make a fine career for himself over here was goalkeeper Bert Trautmann. He was a prisoner of war but stayed on in England after it was all over. He played more than 500 League games for Manchester City and will be remembered for playing on in the 1956 F.A. Cup final after breaking his neck.

With new EEC regulations shortly to come into force, we shall be seeing far more foreigners over here. They will all play their part in adding variety and spice to the Football League.

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WIMBLEDON

- 1 Dave Beasant
 - 2 Clive Goodyear
 - 3 Terry Phelan
 - 4 Vince Jones
 - 5 Brian Gayle
 - 6 Andy Thorn
 - 7 Alan Cork
 - 8 Terry Gibson
 - 9 John Fashanu
 - 10 Lawrie Sanchez
 - 11 Laurie Cunningham
- Sub.
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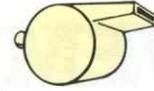
LUTON TOWN

- 1 Les Sealey
 - 2 Tim Breacker
 - 3 Ashley Grimes
 - 4 Darren McDonough
 - 5 Steve Foster
 - 6 Mal Donaghy
 - 7 Danny Wilson
 - 8 Brian Stein
 - 9 Mick Harford
 - 10 Mark Stein
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Wembley Wembley Here we Come

The Dons have qualified for the Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary Festival to be held at Wembley Stadium on the weekend of April 16th and 17th. Wembley's last appearance at the famous stadium was 25 years ago when they won the FA Amateur Cup. For further details keep your eye on the local press and of course information will be given from time to time on —

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A LETTER FROM THE MIDLANDS

Dear Sir,
 I am just writing to voice a few words of praise as to the treatment Albion fans received at your ground for the recent FA Cup match. It makes a nice change not to be jostled and man handled by the local constabulary for no reason at all as has happened at several of your neighbouring clubs. It was a great day and I think it was made all the more enjoyable through their friendliness. As your fans probably gathered we certainly like to sing a bit and verses such as "what a dump" and "where's the roof gone" are common place for Albion faithful. Admittedly the chorus of "we're going to Wembley" were a little optimistic especially as we were 3-0 down at the time! But you see some bright spark shouted "Lets pretend we've scored a goal" and of course that is an invitation for us to launch into a choral tribute to our team!
 As for the match I felt we were unlucky to lose 4-1 but we battled hard for only half the match before succumbing to the wind. I've recommended Andy Thorn for a trial with Rosslyn Park due to his attempt to behead our "Donald". Dave Beasant should join the 49ers as place-kicker. Anyway thanks again and good luck in the cup.
 Robert Wilkinson.

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WIMBLEDON OFF TO WEMBLEY

Wimbledon's first appearance at Wembley for 25 years will come on April 16 and 17 when they take part in the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival tournament.

The Dons last played beneath the famous twin towers in 1963 when they won the FA Amateur Cup and hopefully the visit in April will be a prelude for another visit — for the FA Cup final — on May 14.

In the Festival event, 16 teams will be represented. From Division One, the Dons will be up against Everton, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Luton, Nottingham Forest and Liverpool. Aston Villa, Blackburn, Leeds and Crystal Palace have qualified from the Second Division, Sunderland and Wigan represent Division Three and Wolves and Tranmere are the Fourth Division qualifiers.

The format of the event has been designed to provide fans at Wembley with a thrilling, action-packed weekend.

On Saturday, April 16, all of the qualifying clubs will compete in a knock-out competition in games of 20 minutes each way. Four sides will go through to play on Sunday, April 17 when the semi-finals and final will be staged. They will last 30 minutes each way. All draws will be decided by penalties.

The event to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Football League will be fiercely competitive with the clubs sending first team squads to aim for the £385,000 prize money. There will be no other League games that weekend.

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THE OTHER VIEW

BIASED NEVER!

by PHIL SMITH

appeared on the pitch, and it didn't take a doctor to figure out what specimens they contained.

The second half was happily spent at the Dons supporters end. Mirandinha obviously didn't like losing, and somebody later remarked that it was a pity he didn't start kicking until after the game. His actions were those of a lily-livered latin. The Newcastle Saturday Sports paper reported the incident as follows:-

Late news — After match incident at Newcastle when Terry Gibson ran 30 yards to chase Mirandinha and had to be dragged away by colleagues. Exactly!

The journey back was indeed very pleasant. There were no Newcastle fans in sight and Uncle Paul spent a good time with a charming three year old called Victoria. For once the absence of my reserved seat fantasy didn't seem to matter.

Despite my obvious anti-northern bias, I have to begrudgingly admire the way the Geordies like their football. The number of Newcastle fans at Plough Lane a month ago was astonishing and how I wish the Dons supporters would show the same fervour. And the same numbers.

How Queens Park Rangers get any supporters at all amazes me. They say that if you put a monkey in front of a typewriter then sooner or later it will type the entire works of Shakespeare. And I suppose if Rangers supporters turn up often enough they might one day see a decent game on the plastic paradise.

But I somehow doubt it, and it will be at least a trip to look forward to next season when they get a proper surface. Not that I am totally against plastic. I'm just totally biased and could never even contemplate the Dons style of football being a winner on artificial.

Plastic seems to suit Luton however, and some of their football last Sunday was a joy to behold. Mind you, they were playing a team that would at present struggle in the Second Division. The Dons must have been raving pathetic to have been knocked out by Oxford. It makes me so mad, I could throw my pen down.

It seems like an eternity since I last put this particular quill to this particular parchment. Time sure does fly when you're enjoying the finer things in life.

Like knocking Newcastle United out of the F.A. Cup. This was indeed a day to savour, and I'm sure that in days to come many will talk much about the day the Geordies had the wind blown out of their sails.

Thanks to some administrative error I was unable to travel up with the train booked by the supporters, and as my chauffeur didn't fancy the drive up, we were left at the mercy of the British Rail scheduled services. Reserved seats were the order of the day, as I didn't fancy shelling out plenty of sovs for the pleasure of standing all the way to Newcastle.

Being a supreme optimist by nature, I always hope that when I arrive at my reserved seat there is going to be an attractive young lady in the seat next to mine. The reality was that we were hemmed in by strapping six footers wearing Newcastle United jumpers and already well into their gross packs of lager.

Never have ace reporter Paul Vaughan and myself said so little on a journey north. Not only were these big geezers, they were servicemen to boot. Without tickets as well and certainly without much admiration for the delicate skills of Wimbledon F.C. They told us to avoid them and any other Newcastle supporters if the Dons won and I didn't need to be told that. I hoped for better luck with our reserved seats on the way back.

Fortunately the ground was reached in one piece and on entering it was clear there was a seething mass of black and white determined to give the Dons a hard time. I had the dubious pleasure to be in front of this in the first half, and take my word, when Wisey took the first corner it was as if the sum total of the weekly giros was being chucked at him.

The St. John's men were fighting to see who could pick up the most. I am told the T.V. highlights neatly edited out this piece of Geordie generosity.

And then towards the end of the half, a few bottles

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Match: v NEWCASTLE UNITED
Result: Drew 0-0
Crowd: 10,505

Playing Conditions: Cold and Sunny

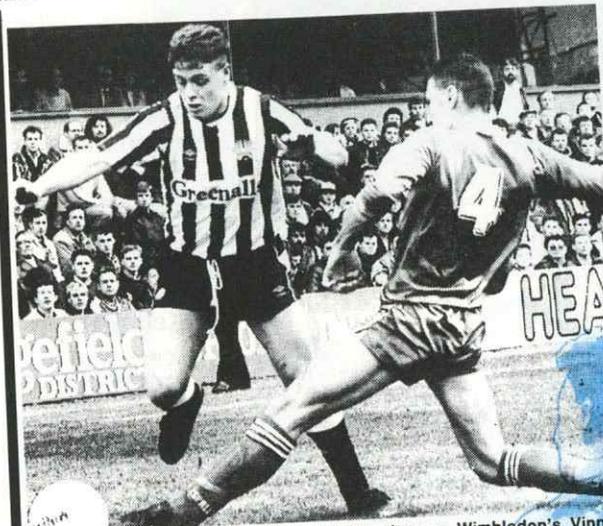
With the cup draw the previous Monday having paired these two sides together, it was perhaps inevitable that this match would end in stalemate with neither side prepared to reveal their hand to the other. What was less predictable, however, was the hysterical press reaction to the midfield tussle between Gascoigne and Jones. Whilst in no way condoning Jones' behaviour, it is a mite depressing to hear respected journalists clearly ill at ease away from the Ivory Towers of White Hart Lane and Highbury, venting their frustration at not being able to sing the praises of the latest "New George Best" on one particular individual. The game itself needed a goal to bring it to the boil and both sides had good chances. Newcastle, backed by a large number of supporters, had territorial advantage in the first half whilst Wimbledon did in the second period. Jackson blasted over an early Newcastle chance while Sanchez could have done better with a loose ball in the area shortly before the break. Gayle had a header well saved by Kelly and another cleared off the line, Cork and Fashanu went agonizingly close to breaking the deadlock. Beasant saved well from Goddard, and the game petered out, both sides settling for a point.

Match: v CHARLTON ATHLETIC
Result: Drew 1-1
Crowd: 5,500

Playing Conditions: Wet and Windy, Pitch Excellent

Considering the unfavourable weather conditions and the number of games played on it already this season, the Selhurst pitch was in very good condition before this match. The Dons quickly had two players booked for fouls which, had they been committed by another team, would have probably led to a warning, but in this respect the team have made a rod for their own back. This set the tone for a match in which ill-feeling was always present and liable to boil over. Wise, almost hand in the early stages. Charlton gradually hauled themselves back into the game and earned a penalty when Phelan tripped Lee, with Reid scoring from the spot. A couple of minutes later Gayle was tripped in the area but play was waved on. (This season's penalty tally: for-two, against-fourteen). In the second half, with rain sweeping across the ground, Wimbledon poured forward and, after Jones had hit a post, Gibson stole in with twenty minutes left to stab home a deserved equalizer. Play became more frantic as both teams strove for the winner, with the Dons looking more likely to get it, but ultimately a draw was a fair result.

DONS... DATA... DON
DONS... DATA... DON



OLD ENEMIES — but it's peaceful this time as Wimbledon's Vinny Jones stretches a point to foil Newcastle star Paul Gascoigne

Bad boy Jones good as Gould

JUST WHEN peace had broken out between Vinny Jones and Paul Gascoigne... that man Mirandinha went and spoiled it.

Newcastle's Brazilian ace had a bust-up with Wimbledon keeper Dave Beasant and striker Terry Gibson as the players left the field. But even the Samba star's wobbly couldn't take the shine off another marvellous day for Bobby Gould and his Wimbledon warriors.

The eagerly-awaited clash between Jones and Gascoigne, after their running battle at Plough Lane two weeks ago, hardly got off the floor.

Spoilers

All the way Jones played it fair and square and, with a bit of luck, he could even have scored a couple of goals. Boss Gould was beaming after the Dons reached the FA Cup quarter-finals for the second successive year. He said: "I know I have a side which can go

By JACKIE MILBURN
Newcastle 1 Wimbledon 3

anywhere and give any team a good game. "They have a tremendous inner-strength and are a wonderful set of individuals who play well together. In fact, looking back over the last 10 years, I would say Wimbledon are the biggest party spoilers football has known."

The man who spoiled it for the Geordies was tiny striker Gibson, who blasted a big hole through the Newcastle defence in the seventh minute.

It came after Glenn Roeder fouled John Fashanu. Denis Wise sent over a clever free kick, and there was Gibson to glide his header past keeper Gary Kelly.

Fire

Wise set up the second in the 56th minute with another perfect free-kick that dropped spot on for Brian Gayle to head home.

Neil McDonald pulled one back three minutes later.

Fashanu, who had his name taken for up-end 1987 ex-Hammer Paul Goddard, wrapped it all up in the 84th minute.

Peter Jackson mis-headed the ball and Fash pounced to neatly lob the ball over Kelly.

SUNDAY BEST: Gayle
NEWCASTLE: Kelly, Anderson, Wharton, McCreery, P. Jackson, Roeder, McDonald, Gascoigne, Goddard, Mirandinha, D. Jackson, Subb, O'Neill, Cornwell.
WIMBLEDON: Beasant, Goddard, Phelan, Jones, Gayle, Thern, Gibson, Cunningham, Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise, Subb, Cork, Ryan.

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Cracks appear in Mira image

By John Dougray

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Gibson: Early goal

NEWCASTLE'S unhappiness and frustration at being knocked out of the FA Cup at home to Wimbledon were reflected in Mirandinha's foolish, if somewhat comical, action in aiming a kick at Wimbledon's 6ft 4in 'keeper and captain, Dave Beasant, at the final whistle.

For a moment, it looked as though there might be a riot as Wimbledon's Terry Gibson raced across to avenge his skipper, but fortunately other players and officials intervened, and Mirandinha was shepherded from the pitch. Later, he went into the Wimbledon dressing-room, where the singing had temporarily stopped, to apologise. "It was nothing — a spur-of-the-moment thing," he shrugged as he left the ground, his face a picture of misery.

Wimbledon, who know a thing or two about controversy, were happy to let the matter drop. So, apparently, were Northumbria Police, who visited the home dressing-room. But Newcastle's manager, Willie McFaul, will have a chat with Mirandinha today. There seems to be a strong case for dropping the Brazilian international. After a long season at home before joining United, and after suffering a hamstring injury,

"Mira" has lost much of his sparkle. He looked lost and dispirited, as did Newcastle, who were tactically outwitted by Wimbledon, something of a bogey team for the Tynesiders. They beat Newcastle at St James's Park in the League last September, and put them out of the Littlewoods Cup the following month.

In Saturday's fifth-round tie, Wimbledon took the lead in the sixth minute, when Gibson headed home Dennis Wise's free-kick at the near post. United had chances to equalise through Paul Gascoigne, Paul Goddard and Darren Jackson, but they failed to take them. Early in the second half, Wimbledon went two up when Brian Gayle converted another Wise free-kick.

Although Newcastle pulled one back through Neil McDonald, the Dons survived their incoherent attempts to draw level before John Fashanu settled the issue with a speculative lob that caught Gary Kelly off his line. Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon

manager, thought, rightly, that Vinny Jones had kept Gascoigne in check without resorting to the dubious tactics he had employed a fortnight previously in the drawn League match at Plough Lane. Jones had also shown that he could play a bit.

Gould was bursting with pride about his team's performance. "A wonderful bunch of lads. We are the biggest party-spoilers that football has seen in the past 10 years."

Certainly Wimbledon's success over a bemused Newcastle led to a massive drowning of sorrows on Tyneside over the weekend.

Goals: Gibson (8 min) 0-1; Gayle (56) 0-2; McDonald (59) 1-2; Fashanu (85) 1-3.
Newcastle United: Kelly, Anderson, Wharton, McCreery, P. Jackson, Roeder, McDonald, Gascoigne, Goddard, Mirandinha, D. Jackson, O'Neill, S. Subb, O'Neill, Cornwell.
Wimbledon: Beasant, Goddard, Phelan, Jones, Gayle, Thern, Gibson, Cunningham, Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise. Substitute (not used): Ryan.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington).



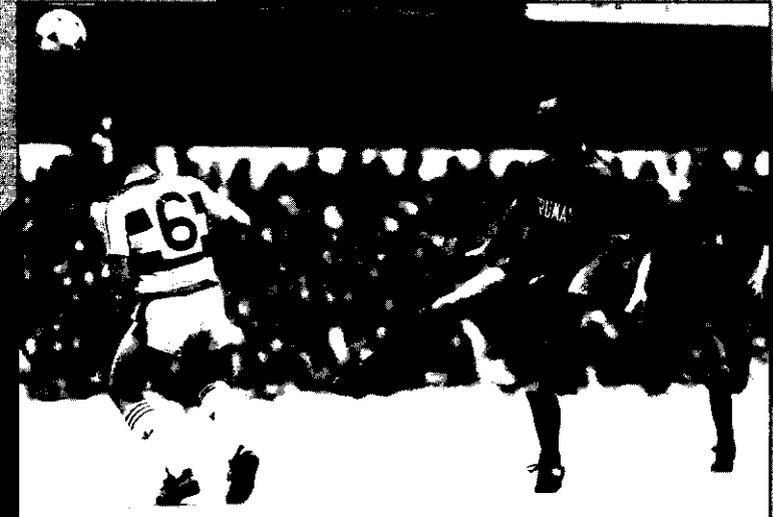
1 Dennis Wise fires over against Newcastle.

2 Terry Gibson and Charlton's Peter Shirliff.

3 Alan Cork shakes a leg at Q.P.R.

4 John Fashanu tackles Kenny Wharton.

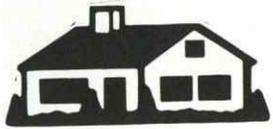
5 Laurie Cunningham glides past David Kerslake.



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TERRY'S BACK WITH A VENGEANCE

RECORD signing Terry Gibson made a long awaited comeback to the Wimbledon team in the goalless draw with Newcastle on February 6.

The £200,000 buy from Manchester United recovered remarkably quickly from a December hernia operation and he managed to find his scoring touch in his second games back, getting the equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Charlton.

"I was very pleased to get that goal. It ended a nightmare for me because I came to the club to play first team football and found myself out for 14 weeks. During that time, I felt I had let the club down and I'm now determined to make up for lost time. The directors found a lot of money for my fee and the manager showed a lot of faith when he signed me.

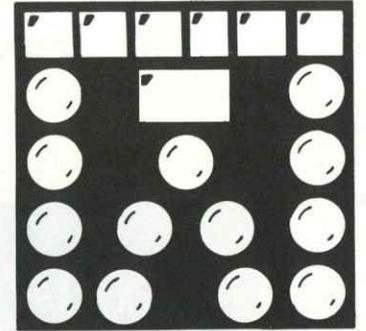
"While I was out, I thought I might not get back into the team because they were doing so well

but I got the chance and I've been pleased with my form.

"The game against Charlton was pretty stormy. It was fortunate that no-one got sent off but the conditions were awkward and that was the cause of some of the problems. Both sides were desperate for points. We want to get as high as possible in the First Division while Charlton are fighting for everything in their attempt to stay up. It was a very hard game but I was pleased to get the important goal."

And Terry was on target again the following week, getting the opening goal in the 3-1 FA Cup fifth round victory at Newcastle.

"It was a difficult tie on paper but we took our chances well," he said. "A lot of defenders find it hard to cope with a shorter player because they have to stoop down when they make a challenge. It paid off at Newcastle because I got enough space to



FLOOD LIGHT

head home the goal.

"We had hoped to keep it at 0-0 for a while to quieten the Newcastle fans down so going ahead after just six minutes was important. It's great for me to be back in the big time and I hope now we can go all the way to Wembley. I've never got into the quarter finals of the FA Cup before."



Terry Gibson scores at Charlton.

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LEN SHACKLETON,
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On the receiving end at Newcastle John Fashanu (top) and Peter Jackson (below).



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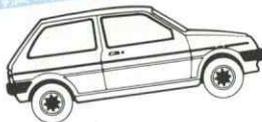
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DOUBLE DEFEAT FOR DONS

THE WIMBLEDON youth team were rocked by two home defeats in early February.

On February 6, they were beaten 3-1 by Bournemouth and that was followed by a 4-2 reverse at the hands of Oxford.

Injuries and illness robbed the team of some regulars including goalkeeper Neil Sullivan and central defender Dean Blackwell but youth team manager David Kemp was still disappointed by the dramatic loss of form.

"We should have won the two games," he claimed. "I am very disappointed because we have played so well this season. To drop four points at home in a week is annoying especially as we conceded

seven goals in two games after letting in just 19 in all our previous League games."

"The only consolation is that I have been able to have a look at some of the schoolboys. We've been able to assess the boys for next year and put some thought to our new intake of trainees."

Matthew Pearson and Anthony Duggan, who have been regular members of the youth team squad, have been given the chance to impress and David has also called on goalkeeper Fabio Rasterlini, Scottish winger Paul Cunningham and local lad Dean Layton.

In both defeats, David Cooper was the player on target. He got the consolation goal against Bournemouth and a

DONS' YOUTH



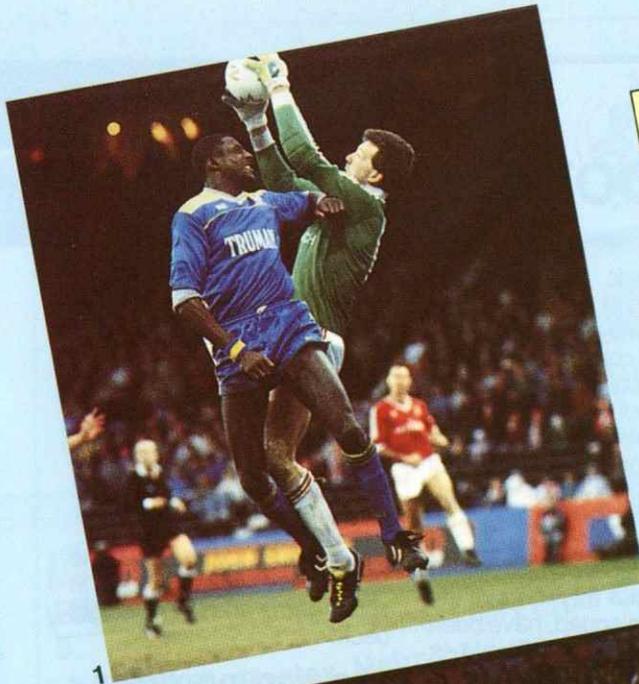
pair against Oxford, but the Dons were never ahead in either game and failed to fight back.

DONS' YOUTH FIXTURES RESULTS

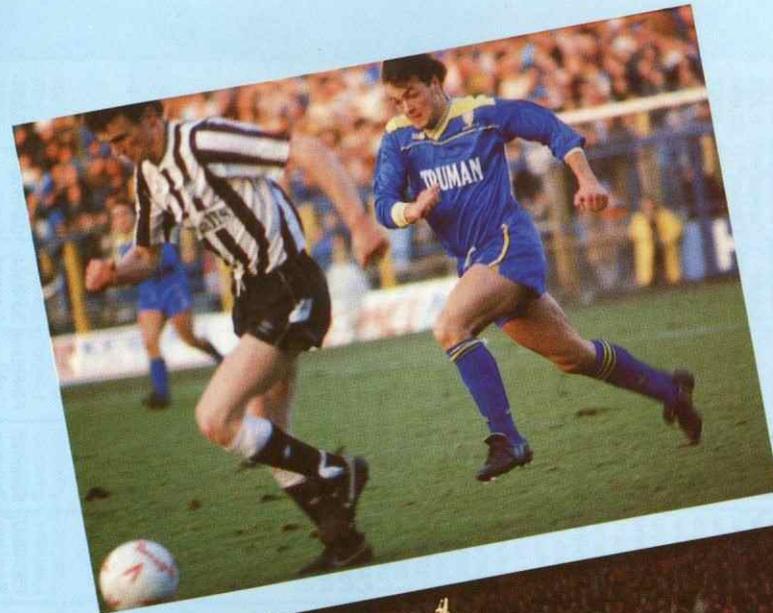
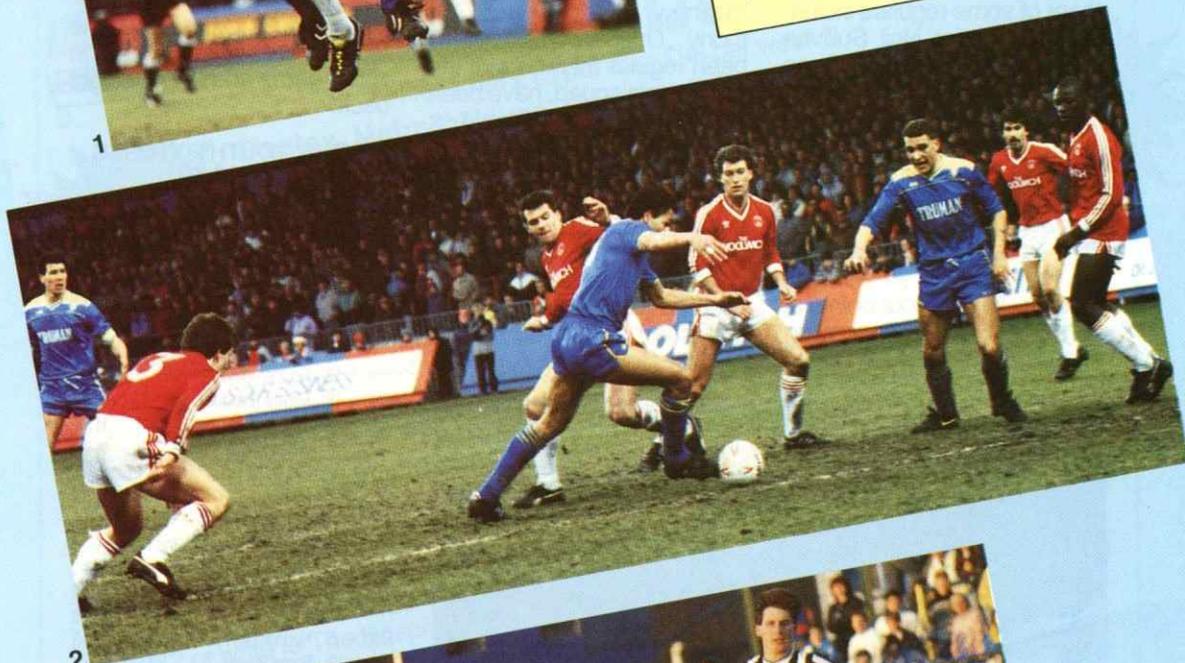
Aug.	18	Swindon Town	A 1-3
	22	Northampton Town	H 1-0
	25	Bristol Rovers	H 4-1
	29	Bristol City	A 1-2
Sept.	2	Brentford	H 3-0
	5	Tottenham Hotspur	H 2-1
	8	Chelsea (S.J. Flood. Cup)	A 1-2
	12	Southampton	A 3-3
	19	Millwall (League Cup)	A 2-1
	26	Brighton	H 5-0
Oct.	3	Bournemouth	A 5-0
	10	Oxford United	Postponed
	17	Reading	H 2-1
	24	Colchester	A 1-2
	31	Chelsea (Lge. Cup) 2nd R	A 1-1
Nov.	7	Chelsea (LC2RR)	H 3-1
	28	Swindon Town	H 4-0
	30	C. Pal. FAY Cup 2nd Rd.	H 1-0
Dec.	5	Northampton Town	A 3-3
	12	Bristol Rovers	A 0-0
	19	Norwich (LCQ-Final)	H 2-0
Jan.	2	Bristol City	H 1-1
	9	Brentford	A 2-2
	12	Arsenal FAY Cup 3rd Rnd.	H 1-2
	16	Tottenham Hotspur	A 2-0
	23	Southampton	H 2-0
	30	Crystal Palace	A Post.
Feb.	6	Bournemouth	H 1-3
	13	Oxford United	H 2-4
	20	Reading	A 2-0
	23	Southampton (LCS-Final)	A 1-3
	27	Colchester United	H 2-1
Mar.	5	Luton Town	A
	12	Crystal Palace	H
	19	Brighton	A
	26	Oxford	A
Apr.	2	Luton	H



Don Howe pictured with our two new Associate Schoolboy signings Giles Marchant (left) and Grant Payne (right).



1. John Fashanu challenges Bob Bolder.
2. Brian Gayle breaks through at Charlton.
3. Terry Gibson returns to action.
4. Andy Clement gives chase.
5. Vinny Jones appeals at Charlton.
6. Clive Goodyear tackles Paul Goddard.



DIVISION ONE



DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	ATTENDANCE
Aug.	15 Watford	0-1	Phelan	Cork	Thorn	Galliers	Sayer	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Ryan(7)	Miller(8)	15,344				
	18 Everton	1-1	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Cork ¹	Sayer	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Gannon(11)	Goodyear	7,763				
	29 Oxford United	1-0	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Wise	Sayer	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Gannon(7)	Goodyear	4,223				
Sept.	29 Derby County	1-0	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Wise	Gibson	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Cork	Goodyear(2)	Fairweather(8)	15,165				
	1 Charlton Athletic	4-1	Phelan	Ryan ¹	Thorn	Wise	Gibson	Fashanu ²	Sanchez	Cork ¹	Gayle	Fairweather(8)	5,220				
	5 Newcastle	2-1	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Wise	Sayer	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Cork ¹	Gayle(3)	Clement(11)	22,684				
	12 West Ham United	1-1	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Wise	Sayer	Fashanu	Sanchez	Cork	Gayle(5)	Gibson(8)	8,007				
	19 Arsenal	0-3	Phelan	Ryan	Thorn	Wise	Sayer	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Clement(11)	Scaltes	27,725				
	26 Portsmouth	1-2	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Wise	Gibson	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Ryan(4)	Cork	13,088				
	3 Q.P.R.	1-2	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Cork	Gibson	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Ryan(11)	Miller(10)	8,552				
	17 Luton	0-2	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Gannon ¹	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Fairweather	Clement(11)	Scaltes	7,018				
	31 Tottenham Hotspur	3-0	Bedford	Ryan	Thorn	Gannon ¹	Gibson ¹	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Fairweather	Cork(8)	Hazel	22,282				
Nov.	4 Liverpool	1-1	Bedford	Goodyear	Thorn	Fairweather	Gibson	Fashanu	Sanchez	Gannon	Cork(11)	Hazel(8)	13,454				
	7 Southampton	2-0	Bedford	Ryan	Thorn	Fairweather	Wise	Fashanu ²	Sanchez	Gannon	Cork(8)	Hazel(7)	5,014				
	14 Coventry	3-3	Bedford	Hazel	Thorn	Fairweather	Wise	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Gannon	Cork(11)	Scaltes(3)	14,966				
	21 Manchester Utd.	2-1	Scaltes ¹	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Bedford	Hazel	11,582				
	28 Chelsea	1-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Bedford	Sayer	15,608				
Dec.	5 Nottingham Forest	1-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Bedford	Sayer	15,608				
	12 Sheffield Wed.	0-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Gannon	Hazel	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Cork(8)	Phelan(7)	14,289				
	18 Norwich City	1-0	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Turner(9)	Phelan	4,026				
	26 West Ham Utd.	2-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Gayle	Turner(8)	18,605				
	28 Arsenal	3-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Gayle	Turner(8)	12,473				
Jan.	1 Derby County	2-1	Scaltes	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork ¹	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Turner	Phelan(6)	5,479				
	2 Oxford United	5-2	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork ²	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Turner	Ryan(3)	6,926				
	16 Watford	1-2	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Gannon	Ryan	Turner(11)	6,848				
Feb.	6 Newcastle	0-0	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Gibson	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Ryan	Clement(8)	10,505				
	13 Charlton	1-1	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Gibson ¹	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Clement(11)	Ryan	5,520				
	27 Q.P.R.	0-1	Phelan	Jones	Thorn	Gibson	Clement	Fashanu	Sanchez	Cunningham	Cork(8)	Scaltes	9,080				
Mar.	5 Luton Town																
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LITTLEWOODS CHALL. CUP
 Sept. 22 Rochdale (R2 1L.)
 Oct. 6 Rochdale (R2 2L.)
 Oct. 28 Newcastle (R3)
 Nov. 18 Oxford United

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	ATTENDANCE
Jan.	19 Coventry	1-2	Phelan	Jones	Gayle	Downes	Turner ¹	Fashanu	Ryan	Gannon	Cork(9)	Scaltes(2)	5,549				
FA CUP																	
Jan.	9 W.B.A. (R3)	4-1	Phelan	Jones	Gayle	Fairweather ¹	Cork	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise ¹	Young	Turner ¹ (11)	7,262				
Feb.	30 Mansfield Tr. (R4)	2-1	Scaltes	Jones	Gayle	Wise	Cork ¹	Fashanu	Sanchez	Phelan ¹	Ryan	Turner	10,462				
Mar.	20 Newcastle (R5)	3-1	Phelan	Jones	Gayle	Gibson ¹	Cunningham	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Cork(8)	Ryan	28,769				
	12 Watford (R6)																

Superior figure indicates Goals scored () indicates Substitute x Own goal

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 (Up to and including Tuesday, 1st March 1988)

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Liverpool	27	12	2	0	36	3	9	4	0	29	9	69
Man. Utd.	29	7	5	1	19	11	8	5	3	25	17	55
Nottm. Forest	26	7	3	2	28	11	7	4	3	22	13	49
Everton	27	11	2	1	25	5	3	5	5	13	11	49
Arsenal	28	9	3	4	29	12	5	4	4	14	14	48
Q.P.R.	28	9	3	3	22	11	4	4	5	11	19	46
Wimbledon	28	6	2	21	13	5	3	6	19	19	42	
Tottenham H.	30	7	4	4	20	16	3	5	7	10	16	39
Luton	26	8	4	3	29	15	3	1	7	11	17	38
Newcastle	28	5	4	5	17	18	4	6	4	18	22	37
Sheffield Wed.	29	8	1	6	20	3	3	8	14	28	37	
Southampton	29	4	6	4	17	17	4	4	7	19	24	34
West Ham	28	4	6	4	16	17	3	5	6	13	19	32
Coventry	27	3	5	4	13	17	5	3	7	15	22	32
Chelsea	29	6	6	1	19	12	2	1	13	16	38	31
Norwich	28	4	3	6	17	18	4	3	8	9	16	30
Portsmouth	29	4	7	5	18	21	2	5	6	9	25	30
Derby	28	4	3	6	12	12	3	5	7	11	20	29
Oxford	27	5	3	6	19	24	1	4	8	13	29	25
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Watford	28	3	3	8	9	18	2	5	7	9	19	23

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AND GOAL SCORERS 1987/8
 (up to and including 27th February, 1988)

Player	Appearances	Goals
	Lge.	Cup
Beasant	28	8
Bedford	4(1)	1
Clement	(5)	1
Cork	20(7)	4(3)
Cunningham	1	1
Downes	19(2)	5
Fairweather	28	8
Fashanu	7(2)	2(3)
Gannon	16(3)	7(1)
Gayle	10(1)	4
Gibson	16(2)	6
Goodyear	2(2)	1
Hazel	16	5(2)
Jones	(2)	1
Miller	16(2)	6
Phelan	11(4)	4
Ryan	28	8
Sanchez	5(2)	(1)
Sayer	16(3)	2(1)
Scaltes	25	7
Thorn	(3)	1(1)
Turner	20	5
Wise	18(1)	3
Young	1	1
Galliers	(now Bristol City)	1

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