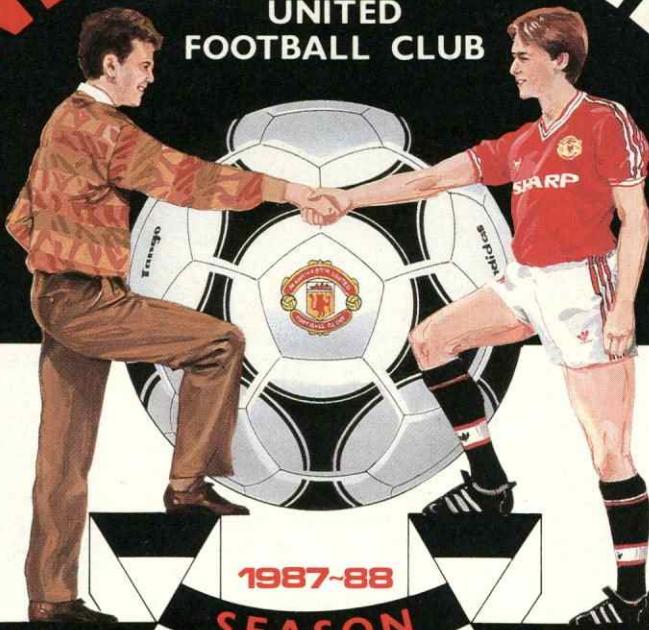


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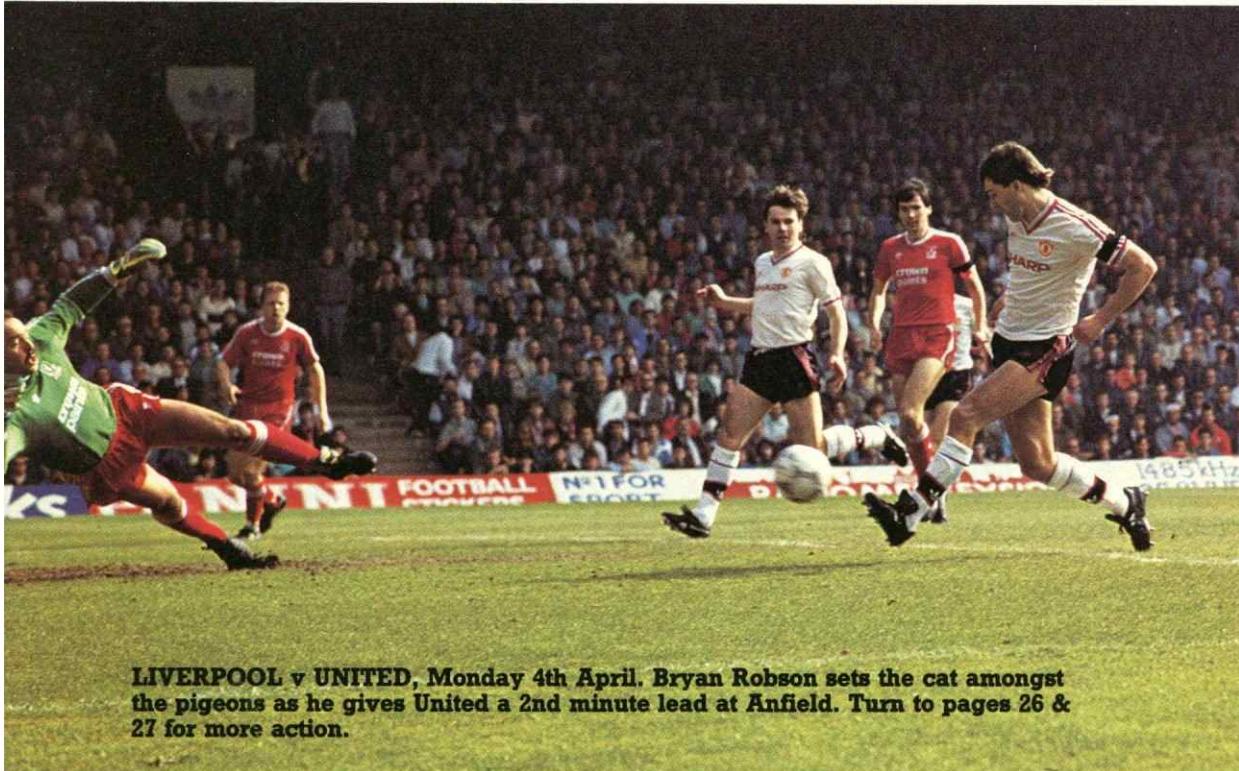
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People and events in the news at United

TICKET NEWS

Latest ticket and match news will be announced at half-time tonight. United fans can also keep up-to-date with information by telephoning our Ticket & Match Information Service on (061) 872 0199. This facility operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Applications are still being accepted from supporters who wish to be considered for League Match Ticket Books in the seating sections for next season. Anyone interested should write to the Ticket Office advising of the number of books required. A stamped addressed envelope would also be appreciated.

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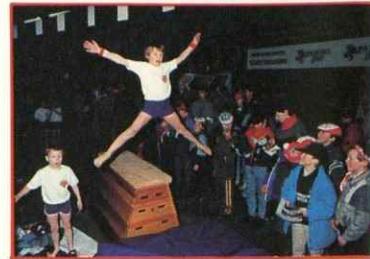
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Applications should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Manchester United Football Club, Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RA.

FAMILY STAND FUN

It has become customary around Easter time, for Little Devils' entering the Family Stand to receive some chocolate. That is what happened when we played Derby County. It was at the previous match though, when we played West Ham, that we celebrated a couple of 'firsts' for the Family Stand. To begin with we arranged a Punch & Judy show which went down really well. Added to that, we enjoyed a

gymnastics demonstration, kindly put on for us by coaches and youngsters from the Salford triple-S scheme.



All-in-all, marvellous pre-match entertainment, we are only disappointed that we can't do something similar on a larger scale.

MEMBER'S QUIZ NIGHT

From fun for the youngsters to fun for the grown-ups who met in the Sir Matt Busby Suite recently for a quiz competition.

Thirty teams took part in what is certain to become a regular feature for United members. It was a night not without incident. Commercial manager, Danny McGregor, entered a team under the banner of 'The Desperate Dans' — what an appropriate choice of name that turned out to be! First of all, vice-captain, Archie Knox, was pulled out by Alex Ferguson who couldn't raise a team and then, with just hours to go, programme editor,



Ken Ramsden, withdrew with a badly sprained pencil. Replacements were quickly sought and Danny was hindered by the signing of Diane from the Ticket Office, seen here warming up before the contest began, and ace reporter, David Meek. What a disaster! Diane thought that Rocky Marciano was an Italian mountain although Mr Meek quickly corrected her — he said it was in Spain. Club director Maurice Watkins was the fourth member of Danny's team but being a solicitor, he refused to answer any questions without taking a second opinion!

Sadly, Alex Ferguson was unable to take part due to a family illness but the flag was flown by Arthur Albiston and Brian McClair who joined 'Tyrrell's Tigers'.

The competition was won by a group of season ticket holders, seen here with Brian McClair, who went under the name of St Johns, Chorlton. Our congratulations to Peter Kirrane and his men. The prize for the most unusual name was won by the United groundstaff team, led by Keith Kent. Their name? The Forgotten Heroes. What a name, who could forget Keith and his lads while the pitch is in such a state!

Our congratulations to the winners and to the staff of our membership office who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

EARLY VISITOR

No sooner had we announced the arrival of a replica of the European Cup in the Museum than Gary Walsh paid a visit. United's young keeper is still recovering from injury but he is making satisfactory

progress and the coaching staff hope to see him back in action before the end of the season.

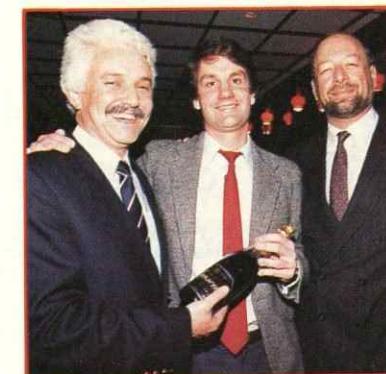


ARTHUR ALBISTON

It seems that we are about to stage Arthur's testimonial match — at long last. The date finally settled on is Sunday 8th May when United will take on Manchester City. The main match begins at 3.00pm but at 2.15pm a limited number of football fans will be paying for the privilege of playing on Keith Kent's famous Old Trafford mudflats. One place still remains, on both teams, and Piccadilly Radio are currently running a competition to find a Red and a Blue. Tom Tyrrell will have more details tonight.

Reserved seats for the game will be available soon and hopefully, precise details will also be announced tonight.

BASKETBALL



Picture by Chris Tofalos

McGREGOR STRIKES OUT

After four happy years with Delta, the club are now to bring match day hospitality and match sponsorship 'in-house'.

Commercial manager, Danny McGregor, tells us that almost 50% of next season's home games have already been sponsored and match day hospitality, in the form of a new Europa Club, is booked to 75% of capacity, and that is without any advertising.

Danny will be delighted to talk to anyone who requires further information and can be contacted here at Old Trafford.

FAREWELL

We extend our best wishes to young Janet Parkes who is leaving Old Trafford for pastures new. Janet, who worked in the general office, has been with us for just over two years and her many friends at United wish her every happiness for the future.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Warmest wishes are extended to Mr Arthur Sumner, from Sale, who celebrated his 80th birthday just a few days ago.

SAD LOSS

We were extremely sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Lilian Jeavons recently. Mrs Jeavons was 86 when she died and for the last 50 years was a fan in the true sense, rarely missing a game and almost daily visiting The Cliff to watch 'her boys' training. To her family and many friends, we extend our sincere condolences.

WILL IT BE A RECORD?

For the past few months, residents of Abbeyfield Houses throughout the region have been knitting away furiously to establish a new world record — the longest scarf ever created. The Granada TV segment was being measured at Old Trafford earlier today and will make a major contribution to the final product which should reach 20,000'. That should be enough to keep the entire Stretford End warm!

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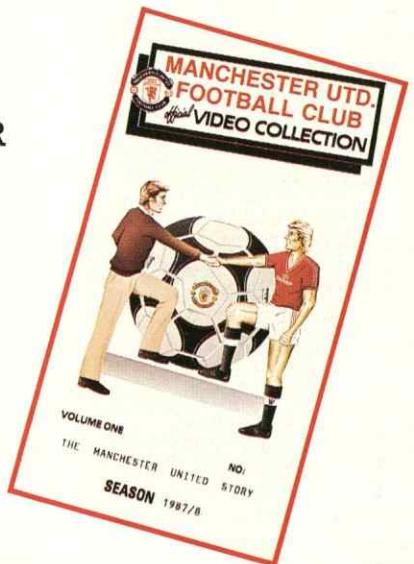
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"IN MY VIEW"

Alex Ferguson sets his stall out for next season

Alex Ferguson's own brand of 'Total Football' will be unveiled at Old Trafford next season.

The United boss has been hampered in his bid to introduce a more patient style of play in his Manchester reign because of the poor surface at the ground. So after intensive summer work on the pitch United fans will see the style Ferguson hopes will lead the club to glory.

Don't panic! The manager isn't planning to sacrifice United's tradition for entertainment and adventure but he appeals to supporters to give the new look a chance.

"It's very important that the crowd understand why we will adopt a slightly different approach next season. Because of the state of our pitch this year we have altered our style by getting the ball forward quickly and abandoning some of the close touch football we like to play.

"The crunch came after the defeat by Southampton. I felt we had to change and to give ourselves a better chance at home because we had been banging our heads against a wall.

"Since then the players have applied themselves well at Old Trafford and playing on the pitch hasn't been too bad.

"But when we get the pitch in a better state we will be able to play the sort of football I want. It's long been a belief of mine that top teams need patience.

"Soccer fans will have seen the way Holland kept possession against England at Wembley recently and scored a marvellous goal as a result. Real

Madrid and PSV Eindhoven also showed how to keep on to the ball in their European Cup semi-final recently.

"I know some United fans get frustrated because they want to see the ball in our opponents penalty box quickly. But I won't have players hoofing the ball upfield because some of the crowd are getting impatient. That's not my style and it never will be.

"I say to United fans ask yourselves how many teams come here to attack? Probably two or three come here fully committed in a season and most spend their time defending with ten men blocking our way to goal.

"To combat that we have to move the ball about to create space and angles. Even if it means playing the ball across the back line we must do it. There's nothing wrong with passing the ball amongst yourselves if you hold on to it.

"Someone like Paul McGrath, a footballing centre-half, likes to carry the ball out of defence like Gordon McQueen did in his time here. I've not encouraged that on our pitch because it's too bumpy but to have defenders who can play and pass the ball is my style.

"But I insist players don't resort to playing long hopeful balls even if things are not going our way. You must have patience and that goes for the crowd too.

"It's no good working hard with the players all week on certain things and then seeing the fans getting restless because we haven't made a breakthrough

in a match.

"At the end of the day we all want the same thing — success for this club. And the supporters can help by backing the players in what we are trying to achieve.

"Winning is important but often I've kept my teams locked in the dressing room after a win because they've not played well. It all boils down to what standards you're prepared to accept.

"I get job satisfaction out of seeing us play well and win. I don't get that same feeling if we just win," says Ferguson.

United's away form this season has generally pleased Ferguson apart from games at Everton, Newcastle and Norwich. "Our away form tells me we are on the right lines. No-one has murdered us for a full 90 minutes although Everton for a half at Goodison and Liverpool for 20 minutes at Easter had us under the cosh.

"The game is played at such a pace and there's so much hurry scurry these days. That's why I love my players to slow it down, put their foot on the ball and think.

"Obviously players have to be flexible and if they see teams are nervous then you can be sure we will be bombing forward quickly.

"At other times we all have to show patience and the fans can help us so much by getting behind us next season when we try something different.

"All I ask is that they give our methods a fair chance and judge the results over a few games."

The United boss was talking to Steve Bates.



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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH...

LITTLE DEVILS' CORNER

THE PAGE IN THE PROGRAMME ESPECIALLY FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS

Hello kids, Who is the man you always see on the United bench alongside the boss, his assistant, the physio and the two subs? No, this isn't another competition, I just wonder how many of you would recognise Norman Davies our kit manager.

Norman first came to United's notice when he was working for a local taxi firm. One of his jobs was to collect training kit each day from Old Trafford and deliver to The Cliff. Tommy Docherty was manager at the time and the story is that he was so impressed by Norman's appetite for work that he promptly signed him on!

All in all, Norman has now worked for four United managers and he has outlasted three of them! In fact two of them wanted him to follow them to new clubs but Norman is a dyed-in-the-wool Red and nothing would

shift him. Over the years the role of kit manager has changed enormously, at one time all he had to do was deliver the dirty kit to the laundry and lay out the clean stuff on a match day. All that has changed, nowadays Norman arrives at Old Trafford before 8.00am to prepare for the day ahead and is often the last one away.

As well as looking after the needs of the players he has to make sure the kit is going in and out of the laundry at the right times, deal with the various suppliers, organise, and cook, the food for our away trips (more about that later) and generally make sure that everything is to hand when it is needed. In short, Norman's job is simple — he is responsible for everything.

In between all that, he makes sure that we autograph the million balls and photographs he shoves under

our noses each week, in fact we're going to rename him Norman sign this Davies!

Perhaps, from the players point of view, Norman's most important job is to make sure that our footwear is absolutely spot-on. We invariably take at least three pairs to each away game to cover every possible contingency and Norman carries an endless variety of studs. You should see him at a quarter-to-three on a Saturday afternoon when three or four of the lads all decide they want their studs changing — the only thing working faster than his hands is his mouth.

Norman also helps us out when we have car trouble, fortunately, for us, he used to be a car mechanic so he can curse an engine in three or four different languages, amazingly it always works.

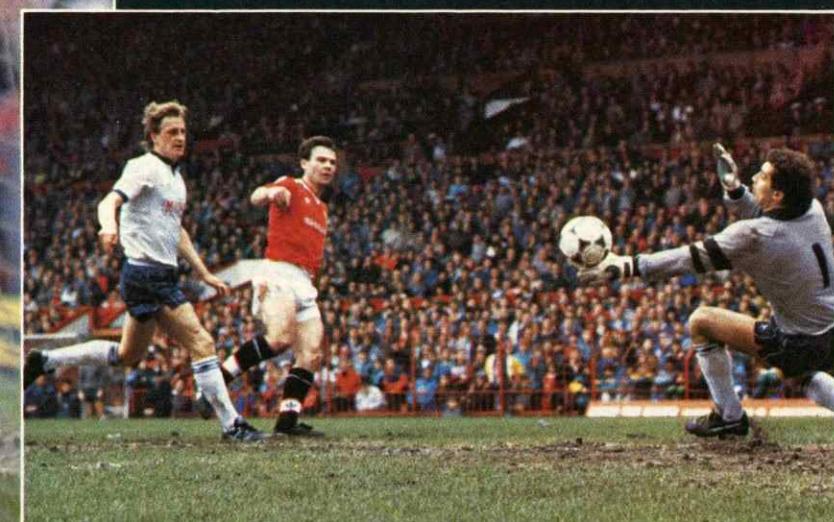
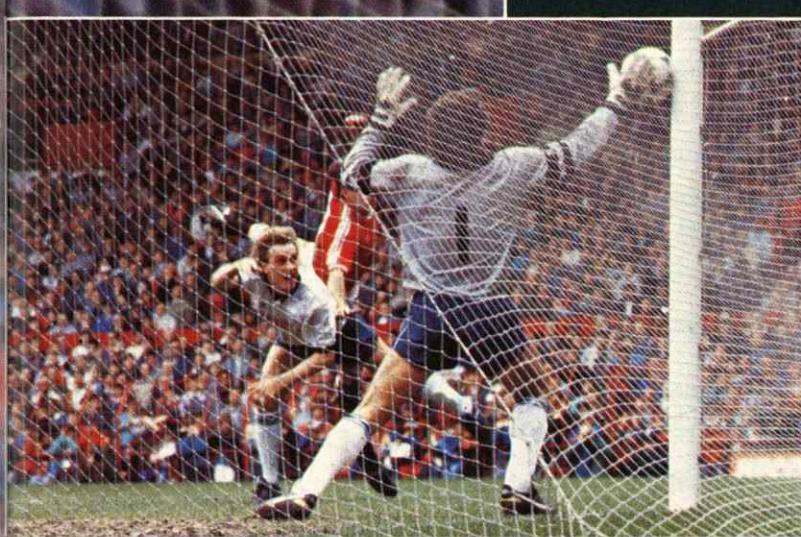
Norman really comes into his own when he puts on his chef's hat after an away match. The coach we travel on is equipped with a microwave oven so, instead of having just sandwiches, Norman provides us with a hot meal, usually something like steaks or sausages. He's versatile though, when we were coming back from London after Danny Thomas's recent testimonial match, Norman had the coach pull up at a chip shop just near White Hart Lane. While we were wondering what he was up to he dashed in for cod and chips — 19 times! Everyone was happy. The guy in the chip shop was delighted, we enjoyed the change and, most importantly, Norman enjoyed the rest. On a London trip it isn't uncommon for Norman to start cooking and serving as the coach pulls away from the ground and finally sit down himself when we are on the outskirts of Altrincham. If all this makes you think that we couldn't do without the big fellow — you wouldn't be wrong!

Bryan Robson
President, Little Devils



COMPETITION SPOT

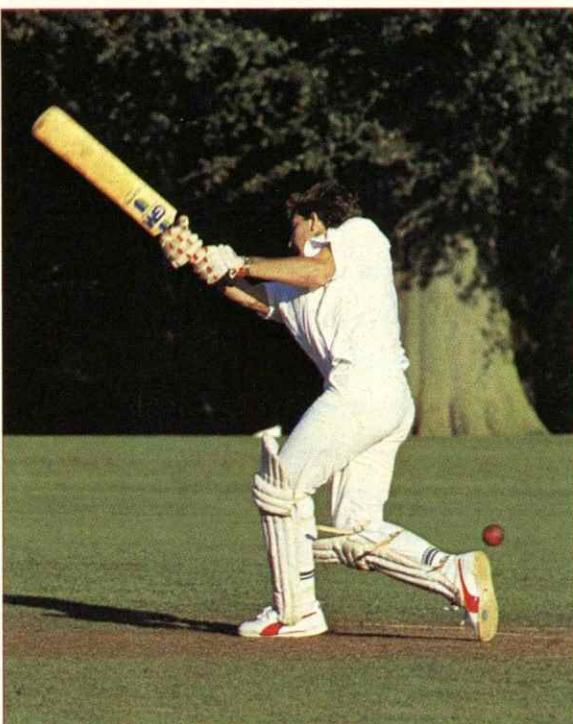
How are you faring with our competition to find a mascot to lead us out on the 7th May? The membership office tell me they are receiving a smashing response but if you're not sure of any of the questions just ring them on 872 5208. Barry, Anne or Mike will be pleased to help — not with the answers though!



McCLAIR HAT-TRICK

Leading scorer, Brian McClair, kept his fans waiting until Easter before registering his first hat-trick for United. Derby County were on the receiving end and our main picture shows Brian tapping in No.1. His second goal is shown above. Colin Gibson chipped in with a header to make it 3-0 and Brian rounded off a fine afternoon when he planted his third, and our fourth, past the England goalkeeper, see picture below.

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All the best teams have players who are prepared to roll up their sleeves and fight.

It's a natural instinct and deserves to be an element in the game of football.

It's perhaps not the quality most associated with Manchester United, a club which in the eyes of many people stands more for flowing, entertaining football with the emphasis on skill and tricks with the ball.

That's important, too, of course, and is one of the reasons why United have been the best supported team in the country for many years.

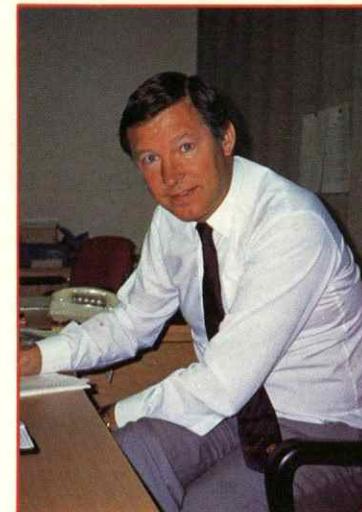
But even their great teams had players with a cutting edge. Nobby Stiles was a real battler, which is why he also played for England and shared the World Cup triumph in 1966.

Denis Law had great talent, but it was mixed with a raw aggression which marked him out as one of the greatest goalscorers I have ever seen.

So while I am always looking for talented thoroughbreds for Old Trafford, players with exceptional skill, I am always conscious that I must balance it with a dash of old fashioned fighting spirit.

And I am happy to say that I saw plenty of that when we played Liverpool at Anfield and came back from 3-1 down to draw the match.

I rate that result as one of our best of the season and I was much encouraged by the attitude of the team when they



in this department as well as everything else.

My only regret is that my few thoughts about the intimidating atmosphere at Anfield seem to have attracted more attention than our marvellous performance.

The players rose to the challenge with an ideal combination of skill and willingness to battle all the way. They imposed their football on Liverpool with a vigour that left me feeling at the end that with a little more time, we could have gone on to win the match.

Meanwhile you might find it odd that at a time when I am talking about the ability to roll up sleeves that we have put Norman Whiteside on the transfer list.

I must point out that the listing of Norman is nothing to do with his ability as a player. I admire tremendously what he has achieved and I would be sorry to lose him.

At the same time it has long been the policy of Manchester United to release any player who doesn't want to play for us. Often it's with the greatest of reluctance, but as a matter of principle it is an attitude I endorse and one which will also apply to Paul McGrath.

found themselves trailing by a couple of goals.

It must have been very disheartening for the lads to have taken an early lead only to find themselves put in a seemingly impossible position.

And then to draw level with just 10 men after Colin Gibson had been sent off was a marvellous effort. That's plain fighting spirit and just showed what it can achieve.

I think it will serve us well in the future. I like character in a team and we have shown we have it. There was a cutting edge to that performance all right . . . and by Liverpool as well of course.

Liverpool haven't enjoyed all their success without having and in-built aggression. I admire them for it and was just proud that we matched them

Alex Ferguson

Tuesday 12th April 1988

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Bryan Robson	7	Danny Wilson	
Gordon Strachan	8	Brian Stein	
Brian McClair	9	Mick Harford	
Peter Davenport	10	Mark Stein	
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Welcome to Old Trafford

Cliff Butler previews tonight's game

Welcome to this evening's rearranged Barclays League Division One match with Luton Town. The Kenilworth Road club have enjoyed a remarkable season in all the cup competitions in which they have taken part.

This 'United Review' was completed before they confronted Wimbledon at White Hart Lane last Saturday in the FA Cup semi final, but whatever the outcome was this season will be remembered for Luton's regular visits to Wembley, (Simod Cup, Littlewoods Cup and Football League Centenary Festival).

Their League campaign has seen them settle into a mid-table position; well away from the top places but too close to the 'play-off' zone for comfort.

Our home record against 'The Hatters' is quite remarkable, in so much as we have won each and every time Luton have come to town with one exception; their first trip in season 1897-98.

That's a run of thirteen straight

victories, in which we have scored 39 goals and Luton have replied with just six.

In fact, it's more than twenty-eight years since a Luton player scored a goal against United at Old Trafford.

That was on 21st November 1959, and the Luton Town player was John Kilgannon.

Unfortunately for John and the rest of his teammates, United grabbed four goals through Dennis Viollet (2), Albert Quixall and Freddie Goodwin to win the match, 4-1.

Earlier this season United and Town shared the points in a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. Mick Harford scored for Luton, with Brian McClair replying for United.

Last season's visit of 'The Hatters' to Old Trafford ended in a 1-0 win thanks to a 9th minute goal from Frank Stapleton.

Teams on that day (18th October 1986) were:

MANCHESTER UNITED: Turner, Sivebaek, Albiston, Whiteside, McGrath, Hogg, Robson, Strachan, Stapleton, Davenport, Barnes.

Substitute: Gibson T. for Strachan.

LUTON TOWN: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein B., Newell, Stein M. Preece.

Substitute: McDonough for Stein M.
 Attendance: 39,927.

OUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST LUTON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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HALF-TIME SCORES

Half-time and full-time scores from games played this evening will be announced over the public address system and displayed on the electronic scoreboard.

Previous League Meetings Manchester United v Luton Town

Season	Home	Away	Season	Home	Away
1897-98	1-2	2-2	1989-90	4-1	3-2
1898-99	5-0	1-0	1982-83	3-0	1-1
1899-1900	5-0	1-0	1983-84	2-0	5-0
1937-38	4-2	0-1	1994-95	2-0	1-2
1955-56	3-1	2-0	1985-86	2-0	1-1
1956-57	3-1	2-0	1986-87	1-0	1-2
1957-58	3-0	2-2	1987-88	0-0	1-1
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Tonight's Visitors

LUTON TOWN

by Tony Pullein

Luton have never known a season quite like this one. The Hatters at one point had the chance of smashing the club record by improving upon the seventh place they achieved last season.

And they had the chance of making FOUR trips to Wembley!

The Hatters suffered a major disaster on their first visit to Wembley — they were thrashed 1-4 by lowly Second Division Reading in the Simod Cup Final.

But they qualified for the Festival of Football at the national stadium and they are also through to the final of the Littlewoods Cup.

Last Saturday they met Wimbledon in the semi-final of the FA Cup so, if they won, they will have achieved a unique fourth Wembley trip.

There is some irony in the fact that, having played only once at Wembley during their first 100 years, the Hatters could go there four times within a couple of months this year!

Luton's away form in the First Division has not been too impressive. Their only 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), QPR (0-2), Portsmouth (1-3), Everton (0-2), Arsenal (1-2), Wimbledon (0-2), Coventry (0-4) and Newcastle (0-4).

Last season Luton broke all club records by finishing seventh in the First Division — even though they lost manager David Pleat, the man who had lifted the club from the depths of Division Two, who moved on to Tottenham during the summer of 1986.

John Moore took over but, in spite of the Hatter's unprecedented success, he stood down in the summer because he was never really happy in the job. Coach Ray Harford has now taken over as manager.

Luton, founded in 1885, have yet to win any of the game's major honours. Last season was their best in the League and they were beaten by Nottingham Forest when they appeared in their only FA Cup final in 1959.

Until this season they had never survived beyond the fifth round of the Littlewoods Cup.

Luton were elected to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897 but failed to gain re-election three years later. They returned to the Southern League and became one of the

founder members of the League's Third Division (South) in 1920.

They moved up to Division Two in 1937 and in 1955 tasted First Division football for the first time. But disaster struck following relegation five years later. By 1965 they were in Division Four.

Slowly their recovery began. They rose back to Division Three in 1968 and to the Second Division two years later. In 1974 they became the first club ever to drop from Division One to Four and then regain its place at the top.

That spell of First Division football lasted for only one season. But in 1982 they won the Second Division Championship and they have since remained at the top.

LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper). Les developed with Coventry City and held his first team place for five years before joining Luton in 1983. In a brief period when he was out of the side, in 1984-85, he was loaned to Plymouth.

TIM BREACKER. (Defender) Tim is a Luton discovery. He got his senior chance in 1984 and has been a regular member for the past three seasons.

STEVE FOSTER. (Defender) Steve started as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence and joined Brighton in 1979. Whilst with the Seagulls, he won three England caps and also played in the 1983 FA Cup final replay. Aston Villa signed him in 1984 and he moved on to Luton about a year later.

MAL DONAGHY (Defender). Mal was signed from Larne Town in 1978 and has built a tremendous record of consistency, missing only seven League games in nine years. He also established himself in the N. Ireland team winning his 54th cap against Poland last month.

ASHLEY GRIMES. (Defender/Midfield) Former United player Ashley used to be a midfield player but he seems to have settled again at left-back, a position he has filled in the past. He came into English football when United signed him from Bohemians and he completed some 100 games for the Reds before signing for Coventry in 1983. He moved on to Luton a year later and has 15 Republic of Ireland caps.

ROB JOHNSON (Defender). A Luton discovery, Rob was first introduced to League soccer in 1983-84 when he also played for Lincoln on loan.

DANNY WILSON (Midfield). Danny was signed from Brighton for £150,000 last summer. He began his League career with Bury, moving on to Chesterfield in 1980. Nottingham Forest paid £100,000 for him in 1983 but he didn't settle at the City Ground so he joined Brighton a few weeks later. Danny has been capped by N. Ireland on seven occasions, scoring his first international goal against Poland last month.

DARREN McDONOUGH (Midfield). Darren, signed from Oldham for £85,000 last season, is a versatile player who can also play in defence. Introduced to Oldham's League eleven in 1980-81, he made more than 200 first team appearances for the Latics.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky, who joined the club from school, made his debut in 1976 and has now played well over 400 games. He has also been capped by the full England team on three occasions.

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.

MARK STEIN (Forward). Brian's younger brother, Mark made his League debut in 1983-84. Further opportunities were rare and, after a loan spell at Aldershot two seasons ago, Mark was anxious to establish himself. He went on the transfer list last season but later got his long awaited chance to play in the Luton first team.

MARK HARFORD (Forward). Mick was once top scorer with Lincoln City and commanded a then record fee of £200,000 for a Fourth Division player when he signed for Newcastle in 1981. A few months later he moved on to Bristol City but, when they could not afford to maintain payments on his transfer, he was sold to Birmingham. Luton signed him for £250,000 three seasons ago. He is currently top scorer with 21 goals. Mick won his first England cap in Israel in February.

IAN ALLINSON (Forward). Ian was signed from Stoke City in October. He began his League career with Colchester in 1975 and, after leading their scorers for two successive seasons, he was signed by Arsenal in 1983. He made some 100 senior appearances for the Gunners before joining Stoke last summer.

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BIG GUNS

The Reserves have suffered badly on their own patch in recent weeks.

A defeat by Manchester City last month was followed by a draw with Sheffield Wednesday and another reverse, by Liverpool.

Wednesday arrived at Old Trafford stocked with a number of big guns to face a United side also boasting several men of experience.

A good match looked in prospect and so it turned out. Carl Bradshaw put 'The Owls' in front after twenty-one minutes following some smart work from striking partner Colin West.

The play was end-to-end, but United couldn't find a route through and were limited to near misses from Mark Robins and Russell Beardmore.

It was only a matter of time before another goal was scored and happily it was United who felt the benefit. Liam O'Brien hitting home a hard low shot, the type of which is fast becoming his trade mark.

On Easter Monday Liverpool came to Old Trafford to help provide a mini version of the events taking place thirty miles away at Anfield.

Sadly, for the regulars there wasn't quite the excitement of the main match and to make matters worse, Liverpool stole the show with a 2-0 win.

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday 29th March

UNITED RESERVES 1

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

RESERVES 1

O'Donnell, Martin, Albiston, Garton, Moran, Hogg, Hutchinson, O'Brien, Graham, Robins, Beardmore.

Substitutes: Wilson for Graham, McBride (not used).

Scorer: O'Brien.

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

1987			
Aug. 22	Everton	A	3-1
26	Leicester City	A	2-2
Sept. 5	Huddersfield Town	A	0-1
23	Hull City	A	5-2
Oct. 3	Nottingham Forest	A	2-2
13	Sheffield United	H	3-0
Nov. 3	Coventry City	H	0-0
21	Sheffield Wednesday	A	1-1
28	Liverpool	A	0-2
Dec. 1	Aston Villa	H	3-0
17	Derby County	H	1-0
19	Sunderland	H	2-0
22	Bradford City	H	1-2
1988			
Jan. 5	Blackpool	A	1-1
12	Leicester City	H	3-0
23	Everton	H	0-3
Feb. 2	Coventry City	A	1-3
9	Hull City	H	0-1
11	Grimsby Town	H	1-0
16	Bradford City	A	4-3
20	Huddersfield Town	H	2-4
24	Sheffield United	A	1-2
Mar. 2	Nottingham Forest	H	2-1
5	Manchester City	H	0-1
22	Derby County	A	1-0
29	Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-1
Apr. 4	Liverpool	H	0-2
7	Grimsby Town	A	1-1
12	Blackpool	H	
16	Manchester City	A	
19	Leeds United	H	
27	Sunderland	A	
May 4	Aston Villa	A	
9	Leeds United	A	

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CLIFF BUTLER reports on the

RESERVES & JUNIORS

Saturday 4th April

UNITED RESERVES 0
LIVERPOOL RESERVES 2
O'Donnell, Martin, Albiston, Garton, Moran, Hogg, Hutchinson, O'Brien, Wilson, Robins, Beardmore.
Substitutes: McBride for Hutchinson, Graham for Garton.

STOOD UP

It's been a strange fortnight for the Lancashire League Division One Champions elect — our 'A' team. First of all they were stood up by Alsager College, when all set for an afternoon fixture at The Cliff.

The lads were changed and nicely warming up, but the students didn't appear and what's more, at time of writing, we still didn't know where they got to.

That was followed by the short journey to rural Gawthorpe Hall to meet Burnley, and the first defeat since November.

Plenty of chances were made, but Burnley took the one which mattered. Any thoughts about asking Eric Harrison for his summary of that game would have been a total waste of time and definitely unprintable. Nevertheless, I think he must have had a quiet word with the lads after that shock defeat, for they were a completely different proposition last Wednesday when they thrashed neighbours Manchester City 5-1 at The Cliff.

What a pleasant afternoon that

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1987-88

1987			
Aug. 8	Morecambe Reserves	H	3-0
15	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	A	0-2
29	Everton 'A'	A	2-2
Sept. 12	Accrington Stanley Res	A	4-1
19	Chester City Reserves	H	4-1
26	Preston North End 'A'	A	1-1
Oct. 10	UMIST	A	3-0
17	Bury Reserves	A	5-0
24	Liverpool 'A'	H	2-1
31	Marine Reserves	A	5-0
Nov. 7	Stockport County Res	H	1-2
14	Burnley Reserves	H	2-0
21	Rochdale Reserves	H	2-0
Dec. 5	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	H	2-1
1988			
Jan. 2	Crewe Alexandra 'A'	H	6-1
9	Bolton Wanderers 'A'	A	3-0
16	Everton 'A'	H	3-0
30	Accrington Stanley Res	H	8-0
Feb. 5	Chester City Res	A	3-0
27	UMIST	H	3-2
Mar. 5	Bury Reserves	H	2-0
9	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	H	5-4
12	Liverpool 'A'	A	1-0
19	Marine Reserves	H	5-1
25	Stockport County Res	A	2-1
30	Alsager College	H	P
Apr. 2	Burnley Reserves	A	0-1
6	Manchester City 'A'	A	5-1
9	Rochdale Reserves	A	
13	Morecambe Reserves	A	
16	Tranmere Rovers 'A'	A	
20	Manchester City 'A'	H	
28	Carlisle United Reserves	H	
30	Alsager College	A	
May 2	Preston North End 'A'	H	
7	Carlisle United Reserves	A	

was with the sun beating down and Mark Robins hitting home another four goal blast as the Reds routed the Blues. Who said football's a funny old game!

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 2nd April

BURNLEY RESERVES 1
United 'A' 0
O'Donnell, Beardmore, Jackson, Mortimer, Martin, Hutchinson, Wilson, Wratten, Graham, Robins, McBride.
Substitutes: Hanson for Robins, Bullimore for Wratten.

Wednesday 6th April

UNITED 'A' 5
MANCHESTER CITY 'A' 1
O'Donnell, Beardmore, Jackson, Mortimer, Martin, Hutchinson, Wilson, Wratten, Graham, Robins, McBride.
Substitutes: Hanson (not used), Andrews for Graham.
Scorers: Robins 4, Wilson.

FOREIGN VISITORS

There has been a distinct international flavour about the Ayrshire Road/Littleton Road training ground recently. Twice Peter Aikenhead ('mine host' at our No. 2 training complex) has had to draw on his multi-lingual talents to welcome foreign visitors. Firstly, it

was the Danes from Copenhagen who trod Salford's rolling acres, and they were quickly followed by the boys from the Orient. No, not Leyton Orient, but the Chinese National Youth XI.

We were unsuccessful in both games with a 1-1 draw resulting from the clash with Kjobenhavns Boldklub and 1-0 defeat from the other match to leave the Chinese to 'take away' the honours, and maintain their 100% record on tour.

JUNIOR FRIENDLIES

Tuesday 29th March

UNITED JUNIORS 1

KJOBENHAVNS BOLDKLUB

(Denmark) 1
Bosnich, Sallis, McAuley, Clayton, Lydiate, Sixsmith, Toal, Ferguson D., Ferguson J., Lawton, Taylor.
Substitutes: Brameld for Taylor, Brown for Clayton.
Scorer Taylor pen.

Wednesday 30th March

UNITED JUNIORS 0
CHINA NATIONAL YOUTH XI 1
Pollitt, Sallis, Sixsmith, Lydiate, McAuley, Toal, Ferguson D., Bullimore, Ferguson J., Shotton, Lawton.
Substitutes: Potts for Sallis, Sharples for Ferguson J., Brameld for Ferguson D., Taylor for Lawton, Hall, Gordon, Shiels & Lomas (not used).

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Saturday 2nd April

OLDHAM ATHLETIC 'B' 4
UNITED 'B' 1
Martin, Tonge, McAuley, Lydiate, Sixsmith, Toal, Noble, Bradley, Andrews, Shotton, Lawton.
Substitutes: Ferguson D. for Bradley, Taylor for Toal.
Scorer: Andrews.

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DANNY BLANCHFLOWER,

on being put into the reserves.

"There is a rat in the camp trying to throw a spanner in the works."

CHRIS CATTLIN,

Brighton manager, 1983.

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BARCLAYS

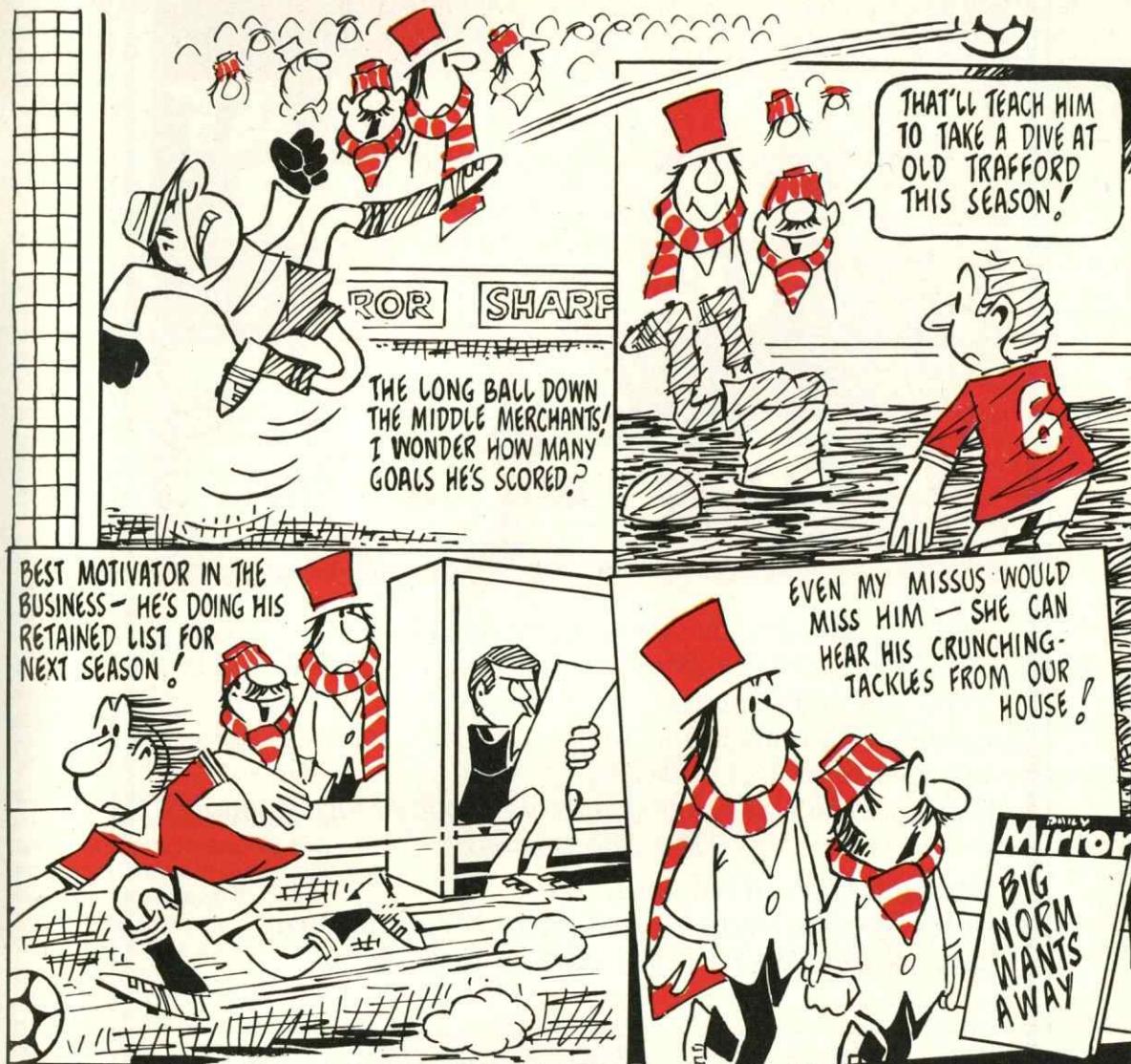
"The best team always wins. The rest is only gossip."

JIMMY SIRREL,
Notts County manager, 1985.

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by David Rowe



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For some it is a blow from which they never really recover . . . but there can be life after being thrown out of football.

Indeed there can be a successful and satisfying career if the right attitude is adopted, as the story of Alan Wardle reveals.

Alan came from a modest background in Hulme playing amateur football as a teenager for Bury. He was spotted by Manchester United at the age of 17 and taken on as an amateur at Old Trafford.

A couple of seasons later he was made a professional and he played through the youth and junior teams all the way into the reserves.

But then at the age of 24 came the dreaded letter . . . he was not to be retained. From then on it was downhill playing in the Cheshire League part-time with Altringham, Northwich and Winsford.

But off the field Alan Wardle has prospered to the stage where he is now managing director of Caldwells who rank in the top three stationery suppliers in the Manchester area with an annual turnover of some £2.5m and employing 59 people.

Some say he should have paid Sir Matt Busby for his free

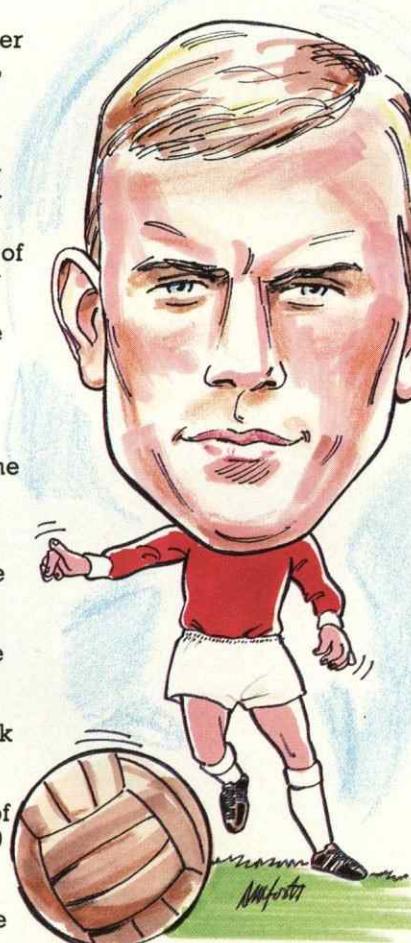
PROFILE

ALAN WARDLE

By David Meek

transfer, certainly he has no cause to regret his move into a commercial life.

But he doesn't see his early years in football as a waste. On the contrary, he firmly believes that Manchester United gave



him a start in life which has been the foundation for his success.

"Obviously I would have liked to have gone all the way in football, but I wasn't bitter when I was politely shown the door because those years with United were the making of me.

"When I came out of Hulme a humble lad I didn't know what a Steak Diane was until I had ordered one. Manchester United gave me my values in life, and I figured that if I had the confidence to play football then I could show the same confidence in another job.

"When I was a young player I went to night school and took salesmanship courses and marketing. Then in the afternoons I started as a representative working for Chris Muir at Caldwells stationery shop.

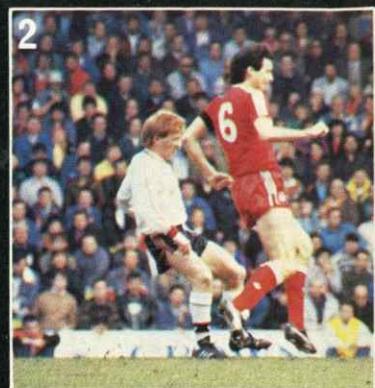
"A year later I joined Manchester Stationery Company and formed a company with Doug Story who bought them out. He is chairman and I am managing director. When we started we had a £28,000 turnover and five staff.

"The wheel turned full circle in 1970 when we bought out Caldwells, but kept their name. We don't have shops now, but deliver in bulk to other people, and I have built a good stake in the company for the future.

"I would have played for Manchester United for nothing when I was young, but that's not as daft as it sounds because they made me more of a man, even though I never played in the first team.

"Now I am involved with the Association of former United players, people like me who still love the club. Playing for them was a hell of an experience."

For one player at least life certainly did not end when he landed on the scrapheap!



FRIGHT FOR LIVERPOOL

Our record at Anfield is better than anybody's, but even allowing for that fact, the final result on Easter Monday represented a remarkable achievement. United had a dream start — thanks to a Bryan Robson goal after two minutes, that seemed to count for little though as Liverpool established a 3-1 lead very early in the second half. That was when the fun really started. Colin Gibson's dismissal and the introduction of substitutes Norman Whiteside and Jesper Olsen only served to liven up a remarkable match, even by our standards!

Bryan Robson put us back in contention with his, and our, second goal of the afternoon. Finally, it was left to Peter Davenport with as perceptive a through ball as you could wish to see, and Gordon Strachan with the coolest of finishes to give us the point we more than deserved.

Match of the Day? More like Match of the Season!

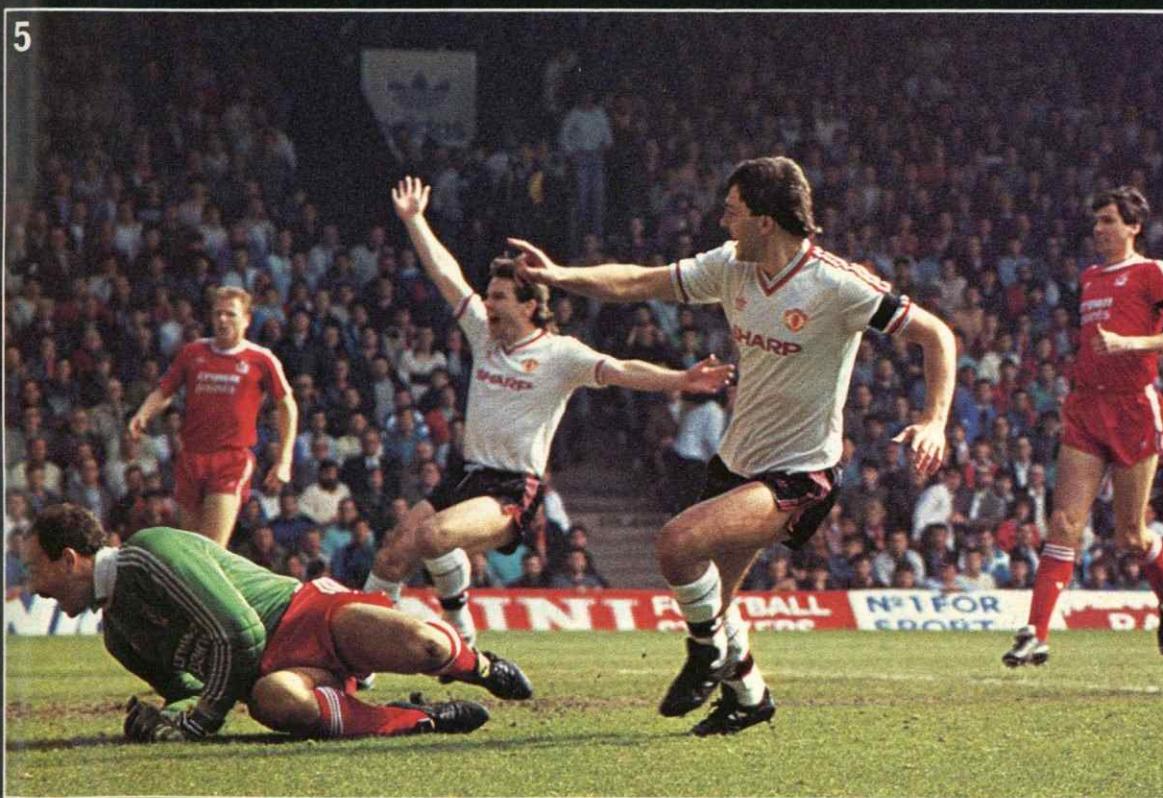
1. Peter Davenport sets up United's equaliser.

2. Gordon (Mr. Cool) Strachan does justice to a fine through ball.

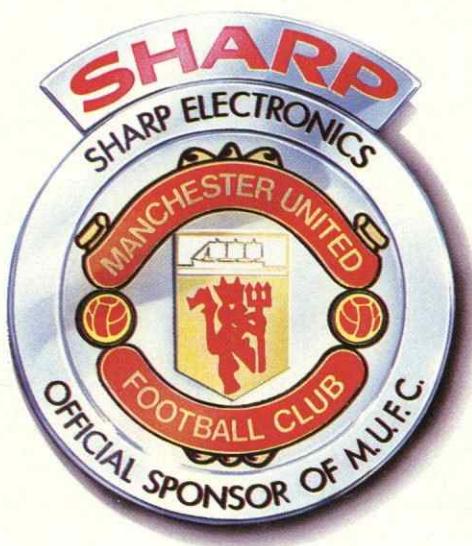
3. Acrobatics from Gordon Strachan.

4. England colleagues, Viv Anderson and John Barnes fight for possession.

5. What a start! United take a very early lead.



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