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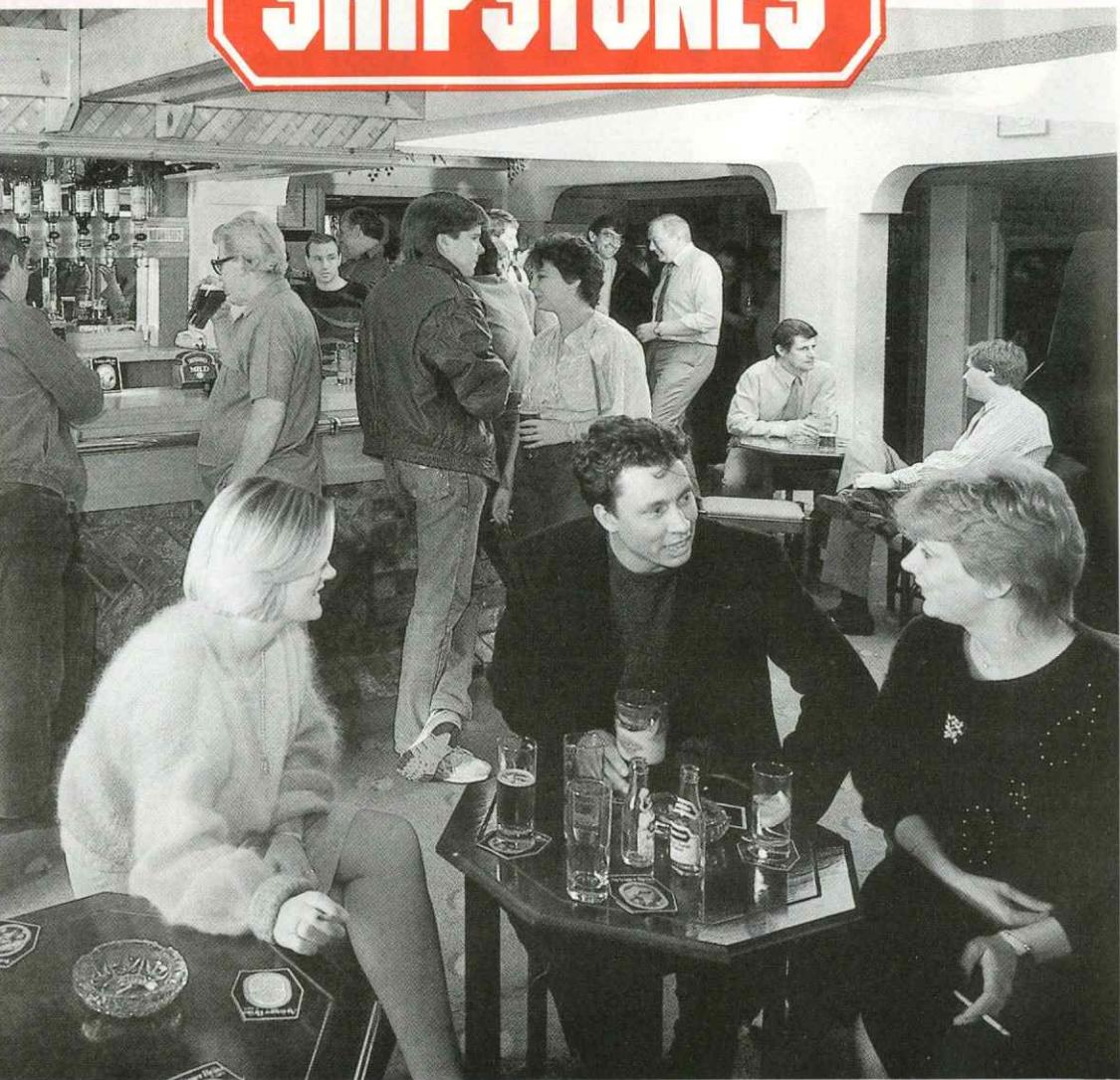


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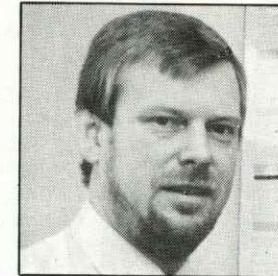
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by Secretary
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Well here we are at the end of a long, hard but rewarding season and I'm delighted to say that I'm still in one piece and on speaking terms with both the chairman and manager.

Seriously though, it's been a memorable season for me in my first year as club secretary and although it's been non-stop all the way through the last nine months, it's been enjoyable all the same.

Whether I had been secretary or not, I would still have been privileged to witness what has been an exceptional season from a playing point of view.

To finish third in the First Division and reach the semi-final of the F.A. Cup is a tremendous achievement and with a fraction of good fortune, the manager and players could have been celebrating the winning of a major piece of silverware.

As it is our trophy cabinet has some new residents — the Guinness Six-a-Side Trophy and the Mercantile Credit Trophy — and I don't want people suggesting they are minor awards.

There was a lot of prize money at stake in both competitions and we treated them seriously (as we always do at this club) and reaped the rewards.

Our Reserves have had a marvellous season to win the Central League for the first time in the club's history and in addition to winning the Midland Intermediate League, the youngsters thrilled us with their football in reaching the semi-final of the F.A. Youth Cup.

At the time of writing they could still clinch another cup because they still have to meet Leicester in the final of the Midland Intermediate League Cup.

It's a long list of honours — and there have been individual ones

too . . . not least Nigel Clough being named yesterday as Young Eagle of the Year.

But it's not so much the fact that matches and trophies were won that was so impressive but the way it was achieved that will stick in the memory for some time.

The entertainment value has been superb at all levels and everyone concerned deserves our congratulations for that.

I'd also like to thank the staff at the City Ground — both in the general office and in Dave Pullan's commercial office — for helping me through my first season and a special word to Ken Smales who has always been on hand to give me the benefit of his many years of experience in the job.

I'm delighted to say that Mike Tinkley has been appointed assistant secretary. He's been with the club for 27 years and I don't know many people who are as committed to the Forest cause as he is.

Finally, my thanks go to the supporters who have followed us at home and in all parts of the country over the last nine months. We might not have the biggest following in the land but I can tell you that the hard core of support is really appreciated by everyone at the City Ground.

Thanks for everything and look forward to seeing you all again in August.

Another gala night!



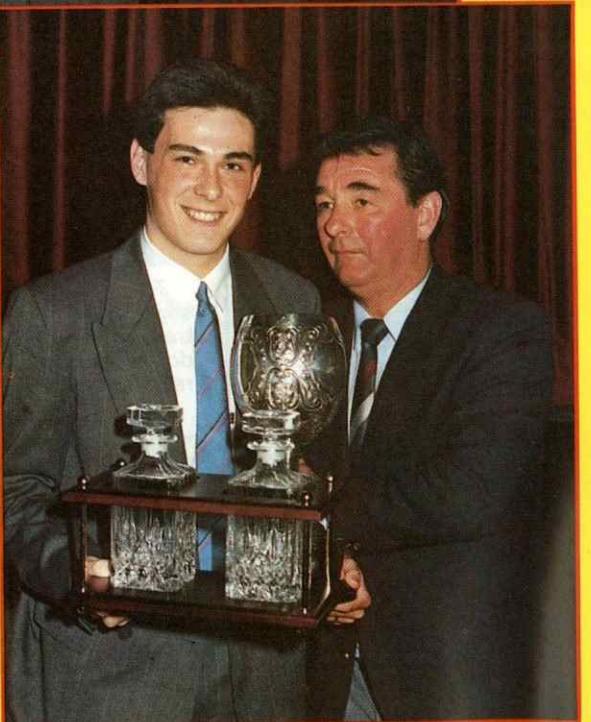
It was another gala night when we staged our third annual Player of the Year award presentation dinner at the Commodore International.

The Forest Review Player of the Year, sponsored by Temple Printing, was won by Steve Sutton and manager Brian Clough was on hand to make the presentation (above).

The Shipstones-Evening Post Player of the Year was won by Nigel Clough and presented (top right) by Mr. Colin Diment, managing Director of our major sponsors Shipstones.

And Steve Chettle was rewarded for a fine season by winning the Manager's Player of the Year award (right), sponsored by Devarro Building Company.

Photographs: JMS Photography.



Cup-happy Hatters

There has never been a season like it in the history of the new cup specialists Luton Town.

Wembley became a second home and the roll of honour Luton wrote for themselves could scarcely be more impressive — Littlewoods Cup winners, FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists, as well as qualifying for the Mercantile Credit Festival.

If there was such a thing as a prize for the team of the last nine months, then Luton would surely be prime contenders (even accepting what Liverpool have achieved).

For manager Ray Harford it has been a dream start — this is his first season in charge since taking over from John Moore, the original successor to David Pleat.

The way Luton so dramatically won the Littlewoods Cup in the final seconds against Arsenal last month — after Second Division Reading inflicted that damaging 4-1 defeat on them at Wembley in the Simod final — ensures a place in Football League folklore is theirs. The high drama of the occasion will not be forgotten.

After what Luton had put in, Harford admits: "It would have heart-breaking if we'd lost two Wembley finals, particularly as we lost in the FA Cup semi-final to Wimbledon.

"The lads put so much work into the season, we deserved something. And the way we fought back to beat Arsenal is really typical of the attitude we've adopted."

Luton had three outstandingly striking figures at Wembley — goalkeeper Andy Dibble, two goal striker Brian Stein and 19-year-old winger Kingsley Black.

Dibble, 22, was playing only his fifth game of the season in place of the injured Les Sealey. His penalty save, plus a series of other stretching efforts, won him the Man of the Match Award and the vast bulk of the headlines.

He was scheduled to sign a new contract this summer, irrespective of what happened. But when the deal is sorted out, Dibble is the first to admit that he must still establish himself ahead of Sealey. "I realise I've got to be consistent," he says. "One game — even though it was a Cup final — won't win me a permanent place."

Winger Black followed up his Wembley appearance by instantly getting a call into the Northern Ireland squad (the teenager can claim dual nationality). And the 30-year-old Stein, who with younger brother Mark is a con-



Danny Wilson

stant danger up front, was able to celebrate his testimonial season in style.

The other Luton goalscorer at Wembley was Danny Wilson, signed by Harford from Brighton (where he was captain) during the close season. The City Ground is a familiar place for him, even though he made only 10 League appearances for us after being bought from Chesterfield in a deal involving Calvin Plummer and Steve Kendal.

Since he left Nottingham, the midfield man has also found international recognition with the Republic of Ireland, as well as being the Luton penalty-taker.

Luton are also fortunate to have two commanding figures in striker Mick Harford and Steve Foster, who forms a formidable partnership alongside Mal Donaghy. With his central defensive duties, Foster assumes a triple role at Kenilworth Road — player-coach-captain.

Harford is rated as the most dangerous header of a ball in the First Division by his namesake manager.

In the creative department, Luton can rely on the skills of former England international Ricky Hill, who has recently returned from a lengthy spell on the sidelines through injury.

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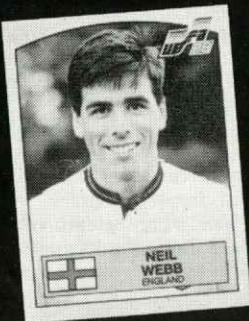
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Cloughie Calling

Here we are at the end of another season and considering I was being written off before a ball was kicked I don't think we've done too badly.

If we had listened to all the criticism that was flying in our direction last summer, we might as well have packed it all in and gone fishing or golfing, or even shopping with the missus, on a Saturday afternoon.

But we've battled on — finished third in the most demanding football competition in the world, reached an F.A. Cup semi-final and won a few trophies along the way.

What we've also done over the last nine months is put a smile on a few faces with the quality of our football.

And with 90 minutes to go of the season I can't think of many better opponents for us to have in our final home game than Luton.

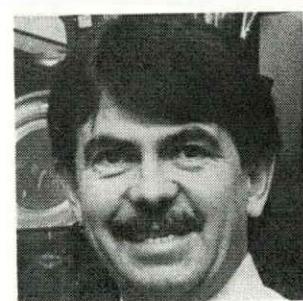
Like us, they are a "little" club trying to compete with the so-called Big Boys and between us we've upset one or two over the last nine months.

Luton went one better than us and won the Littlewoods Cup. That was a remarkable achievement for them and I don't think many — if any — people in the game would begrudge them their success at Wembley.

Let's hope in another season — perhaps next year — it will be our turn.

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MIKE'S NEW ROLE

Mike Tinkley (above) has been appointed assistant secretary of the club.

He started work at the City Ground 27 years ago as an office junior under Ken Smales and Dennis Marshall and after spells working for the Development Association and Commercial team, he has been club accountant for the last seven years.

OFF TO AUSSIE

Several members of our first team squad fly out to Australia next week to take part in a Six-a-Side Indoor Tournament in Brisbane.

Six teams are taking part and two other English clubs, Arsenal and Manchester City, will also be on the plane "down under."

Some regular readers—and collectors—of the Forest programme, might not realise that we produced programmes for the Under-21 international between England and Scotland, also the F.A. Youth Cup semi-final (Forest v. Arsenal).

We still have a supply of the programmes and they are available from Temple Printing (Nottm.) Ltd., Trent Works, Wilford Crescent East, Nottingham. The cost for each programme is 50p and please enclose a s.a.e.

A Marvellous Season

by Chairman Maurice Roworth

I would just like to sign off the season at the City Ground with our sincere congratulations to the manager, coaching staff and players for what has been another year of tremendous entertainment... and no little success.

It's no surprise that our players have figured so prominently in winning awards — our congratulations to Nigel Clough and Terry Wilson for becoming Midlands Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year respectively — but, once again, it has been a great team effort from the entire club.

Considering this time last year we were being written off as First Division no-hopers by certain sections of the Press, it is a great tribute to the remarkable ability of the manager and his staff to finish third in the First Division table and reach the semi-final of the F.A. Cup.

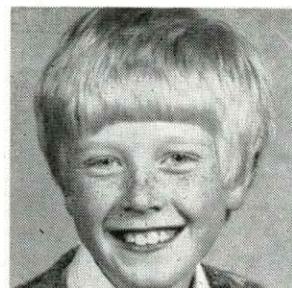
There have been many other successes at first team level, too, and we can look back with pride on winning the Mercantile Credit event at Wembley and the G-Mex Six-a-Side Tournament in Manchester.

What a great achievement it was for our Reserves to win the Central League title for the first time in the club's history and it was indeed a proud moment for me last weekend to present the trophy in my first year on the Central League Management Committee.

Our youngsters won the Midland Intermediate League once more and are hopeful of winning the League Cup and they also had that memorable run in the F.A. Youth Cup before losing to Arsenal in the semi-finals.

Thank you our supporters for sticking with us throughout the last nine months — as always, I only wish there were more of you — and with the kind of staff we have at the City Ground, we can't wait to see what is in store for us next season.

Have a happy summer — see you all in August.



TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot today is James Butler, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, who will be celebrating his tenth birthday tomorrow.

He attends Jeffries Primary and his hobbies are football, computers and cycling.

His favourite Forest players are Des Walker, Nigel Clough and Neil Webb.

The finals of the Forest Bowl and Forest Vase will be held at the City Ground tomorrow night.

The Vase final — for Under-14 teams — will be between Alderman Derbyshire and Farnborough and will kick-off at 6.00 p.m.

Derbyshire are appearing in their second final of the season, having lost 2-1 after extra time to Frank Wheldon in the Dunnett final.

The Bowl final — for Under-15 teams — will be between Trinity and Rushcliffe and kicks-off at 7.15 p.m.

TOM NICHOLSON

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Tom Nicholson, one of our chief stewards at the City Ground who died recently. He was a popular figure at the ground and will be sadly missed.

What's this... manager Brian Clough getting his own back on Manchester United for pipping us in the race for runners-up spot in the First Division?

It certainly looks as though he's up to his old goalscoring tricks (below) with this net bursting effort that leaves United manager Alex Ferguson helpless in goal.

He would like to point out that his thunderous shot came at the end of a run from the half way line in which he won the ball in the tackle from Norman Whiteside, nutmegged Bryan Robson and left Viv Anderson stranded for pace.

Seriously though, the Subbuteo game was part of the fun and games when 13 top managers (The Boss Squad) helped launch the Sport Aid fund-raising campaign in Manchester.



Neil Webb wasn't the only member of the family looking for the right "shot" during our game against Wimbledon.

Neil's wife Shelley, camera in hand (right), was looking for a piece of the action — but it wasn't just a case of "If you can't beat them, join them."

Shelley was taking photographs for a portfolio as part of a Degree Course in Humanities at Trent Poly.

She revealed: "To be honest I was taking photographs to show the human side of football... the smiling faces in the crowd; St. John Ambulance men and that sort of thing.

"I did take one or two pictures of the game and it was a fascinating experience. It was quite frightening, too, being so close to the action and I remember the ball whistling just past my ear on one occasion."



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WE'RE BACK ON SONG AGAINST CANARIES

After that five-goal blast at Liverpool and two goalless home draws with West Ham and Wimbledon, we were back on song in our recent home game against Norwich.

Neil Webb (left) gave us the lead and 18 year old Lee Glover popped up (bottom left) with the second goal that clinched it against the battling East Anglian side.

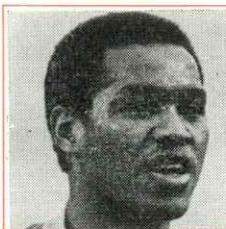
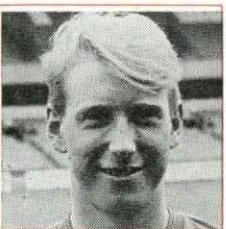
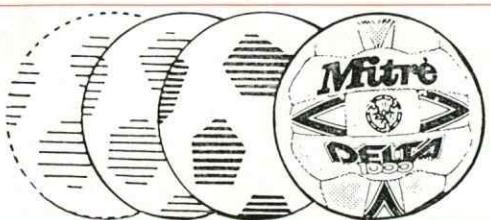
There were other occasions when we threatened to add more goals.

Terry Wilson (top left) drove a fierce right foot effort at Norwich keeper Bryan Gunn and Brian Rice (below) had this left foot effort touched onto the post.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



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Reserve official : J. Hammond

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Newly crowned as the Temple Printing/Forest Review Player of the Year and Junior Reds Player of the Year to add to his numerous Monthly awards this season.

As captain of the Reserve side, he was presented with the Central League trophy before last weekend's game against Oxford at the City Ground.

Stuart Pearce's knee injury has given the 20-year-old defender from Dudley the chance to remind everyone of his rich potential.

The young defender won the Devarro Cup, awarded to the Manager's Player of the Year, at the club's recent presentation dinner.

Coming to the end of what has been a remarkably successful first full season in the First Division following his £50,000 transfer from Leyton Orient.

(Pictured above). Voted the Young Player of the Year by the Midland Soccer Writers' Association. He received his award in Birmingham last Sunday.

Returned after a long injury spell in recent matches to create problems for defences and remind everyone of his match-winning capabilities.

His three goals against Norwich and Oxford in our last two home games took the acting captain's goal tally for the season up to an impressive 15.

Won the Midlands Player of the Year title last weekend to add to his Shipstones-Evening Post Player of the Year award here at the City Ground.

The Scottish Under-21 international has finally broken into the side in his more accustomed central striking role to show glimpses of his exciting talent.

The former Hibernian star is now reproducing the form that made him such a big favourite at Easter Road prior to his move south three years ago.

LUTON TOWN

Steve Sutton 1 Andy Dibble

After a spell on loan with Sunderland last season, the Welsh born keeper has now secured a regular first team place at Kenilworth Road.

Gary Fleming 2 Tim Breacker

The England Under-21 international made his debut for Luton in 1984. His normal position is right back but he's equally at home in midfield.

Brett Williams 3 Rob Johnson

A Luton player since 1979, he suffered two serious knee injuries early on in his career, but has fought his way back to full fitness.

Steve Chettle 4 Ricky Hill

In his 12th season with Luton, Hill made a welcome return to the first team action in April and appeared in the Littlewoods final after being dogged by injury.

Colin Foster 5 Steve Foster

Signed from Aston Villa for just £70,000 three years ago, the Luton captain was appointed player-coach at the start of this season.

Terry Wilson 6 Mal Donaghy

With over 50 appearances for Northern Ireland to his credit he is Luton's most capped player. Fast approaching his tenth anniversary with the club.

Franz Carr 7 Danny Wilson

Spent ten months at the City Ground before signing for Brighton in 1983. Ray Harford's first major signing in the close season.

Neil Webb 8 Brian Stein

(Pictured above). The South African born striker helped Luton to their first major honour with his two goals in the recent Littlewoods Cup Final against Arsenal.

Nigel Clough 9 Mick Harford

Luton's record signing, at £250,000, from Birmingham City in 1984. After missing the first half of last season with a knee injury, now enjoying the best form of his career.

Lee Glover 10 David Preece

Signed from Walsall in December 1984 for a fee of £150,000. He scored on his home debut against Aston Villa and quickly became a favourite with the Luton crowd.

Brian Rice 11 Kingsley Black

The 19-year-old left sided player has shot to prominence in his first full season. He recently made his international debut for Northern Ireland.

Substitutes to be announced

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Match Facts

A last minute goal by Ian Bowyer — his 100th League goal — earned us a point in a 2-2 draw with Luton here last December. Nigel Clough had scored our first goal and Brian Stein and Mike Newell scored for Luton.

In the match at Kenilworth Road we had to pull ourselves together after conceding three goals in 15 minutes and although we fought our way back from that dreadful position, we still lost the match 4-2.

Bowyer and Garry Birtles got our goals on that occasion while Mark Stein (2), Steve Foster and Brian Stein scored for Luton.

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Manager

Ray Harford who steered Luton to their Littlewoods Cup glory stepped up to become team manager during the summer when John Moore vacated the position.

He had previously managed Fulham and moved to Kenilworth Road as first team coach in the summer of 1986. As a player, Harford spent most of his career in the lower divisions.



COMMERCIAL SCENE

NO STOPPING NIGEL

You just can't stop Nigel Clough winning awards. Yesterday he was named Young Eagle of the Year and over the last ten days he's become the Shipstones-Evening Post Player of the Year and Midland Player of the Year.

And just for good measure he received the Forest Man of the Match award here last Saturday for his two-goal performance against Oxford United.

The match sponsors Wang (UK) Ltd. made the presentation and Nigel is pictured (right) along with Oxford Man of the Match Dean Saunders.

It's the time of year to say thank you to a lot of people for the help and support they have given us over the last nine months.

From a commercial point of view, by far the most significant thing that has happened this season is the forming of a superb relationship with our major sponsors Shipstones.

We have not yet completed the first year of our three-year deal but what a pleasure it has been working with the company and their representatives.

I am sure that the relationship has been as good for Shipstones as it has ourselves and I can only see it going from strength to strength in future years.

Right from the start Shipstones have wanted to be involved in the sponsorship and make it work for them and ourselves and I would like to think everyone at the club has played their part in the successful links that have been established.

I must also thank the manager Brian Clough, coaching staff and players for not only providing us with excellent entertainment on the field but for making my job easier in attending so many functions and events over the last nine months.

We have enjoyed support from so many other areas and I would like to thank everyone who has

backed the club — i.e. box holders, match sponsors, advertisers, agents and supporters. Hope I haven't missed anyone out.

The summer is going to be a busy time for us in the Commercial Office — as it always is — and one of our major ventures in the coming month is to provide executive facilities for the First Test Match between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge, starting on Thursday, 2nd June.

We have had a good response so far to our package deal but we can still accommodate more parties.

The inclusive cost of a package, including tickets, morning coffee, lunch and car parking facilities, is £395 for eight people.

If we don't have the pleasure of entertaining you at the Test Match, have a nice summer and I look forward to renewing acquaintances in August.

PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB

We are again running our successful Private Members' Club next season, starting with a cabaret and prize draw night in the Jubilee Club in August.

There will be other similar events in October, December and February and with numbers limited to 110, it is advisable to join early if you want to join the fun.

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What a great season our reserve and youth team have had, winning the Central League and Midland Intermediate League titles.

Forest chairman Maurice Roworth (above) is pictured, in his role as a Central League Management Committee member, presenting the Central League trophy to Gary Fleming before last Saturday's game against Oxford.

And young Gary Charles (left), who has figure prominently in both sides this season, is seen receiving his Young Player of the Year award, sponsored by Geoffrey E. Macpherson, from manager Brian Clough.

The list of appearances and goalscorers in the two competitions are listed here.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	App. Gls.		App. Gls.		
Starbuck, P.	26	9	Wilson, T.	7	2
Wassall, D.	25	—	Wilkinson, P.	6	3
Campbell, R.	24	1	Andrews, G.	5	—
Osvold, K.	21	6	Parker, G.	5	—
Charles, G.	20	1	Fletcher, J.	4	—
Williams, B.	20	—	Foster, C.	4	—
Gaynor, T.	20	13	Lamb, A.	3	3
Glover, L.	19	12	Campbell, D.	3	—
Fleming, G.	17	—	Kristevski, P.	3	1
Crossley, M.	13	—	Scott, M.	3	—
Segers, H.	12	—	Pearce, S.	3	2
Plummer, C.	11	4	Puernat, A.	2	—
Clough, N.	10	1	Boardman, C.	1	1
Chettle, S.	10	—	Dipple, M.	1	—
Stubbs, W.	10	4	Bradley, R.	1	—
Abrahams, A.	9	3	Ashby, N.	1	—
Rice, B.	9	2	Sutton, S.	1	—
Carr, F.	9	3	Webb, N.	1	—
Crichton, P.	8	—	Dyche, S.	1	1
Crosby, G.	8	3	Stone, S.	1	—
Jemson, N.	8	4	Quinn, A.	1	—
McLoughlin, S.	7	—	Hannah, I.	1	—

	App. Gls.		App. Gls.		
Ashby, N.	25	2	Danze, M.	11	1
Lamb, A.	24	29	Glover, L.	6	—
Mountford, K.	24	—	Sharp, K.	11	—
Fletcher, J.	23	—	Dyche, S.	4	—
McLoughlin, S.	23	8	Locke, S.	4	—
Abrahams, A.	22	10	Doherty, E.	2	—
Charles, G.	22	1	Jemson, N.	2	—
Hurst, M.	20	6	Adishen, T.	1	—
Stone, S.	17	5	Browne, S.	1	—
Boardman, C.	16	—	Elliott, P.	1	—
Simpson, A.	13	2	Kristevski, P.	1	—
Brown, G.	11	6	Yates, L.	1	—

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STAR PLAYER

WHICH player made his debut for a new club at Wembley — and scored with his first kick of the game? The answer, of course, is our new £250,000 signing from Hull City.

England Under-21 international Gary Parker could not have chosen more opulent surroundings to announce his arrival from the Second Division side when he played a part in our recent trophy success in the Mercantile Credit Festival.

The midfield man came on as substitute in the opening round of the tournament against Leeds and promptly put his first touch into the back of the net. Twenty-four hours later he picked up a winners' medal.

Now Gary is hoping his "perfect" start will lead to a permanent place in Division One, where he played 42 games for this afternoon's opposition, Luton, before his transfer to Hull.

Gary also knows how the rest of our squad felt after losing to Liverpool in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. He suffered the same frustration three years ago when Luton were beaten by the other half of Merseyside, Everton.

"The semi-final was obviously the highlight of my time at Kenilworth Road," he says. "I was 19 and suddenly found myself one step from Wembley. But Everton pulled out an equaliser in the last minute and then beat us in extra time.

"I enjoyed my spell at Luton — I joined them after being at Queen's Park Rangers on schoolboy forms — but like anyone else, I felt I needed regular League games, so I thought a move was in my best interests, even though it meant dropping into the Second Division.

"I thought I could play well enough for someone to come in for me and take me back into the top flight. I just couldn't believe it shortly before the transfer deadline when the former manager Brian Horton called to say Forest wanted to buy me.

"He told me a First Division side was interested and I automatically assumed it was a side in relegation trouble. I didn't have the slightest hesitation about signing for the club.

"I realise there is a lot of competition for places, particularly in midfield. But it's something you have to accept when you come to a new club. I also appreciated the fact that I'd have to go back into the Central League to earn a place. I'm just glad I was able to share in the reserves' winning the title.

"I'm looking forward to the new season and the opportunity to challenge for a place.

"After the last nine months, when the club has been right at the forefront of things, there's obviously a great atmosphere and I'm delighted to be part of it.

"How well I do here depends entirely on me. The First Division is completely different to the Second, but I've had experience in it with Luton and I'd like to think it won't be too long before I settle down and find my feet.

"I've been grateful to squeeze in a couple of matches before the summer to get me going."

GARY PARKER

Profile

Full name : Gary Stuart Parker

Birthplace/birthdate : Oxford, 7/9/65

Married Status : Girlfriend, Petra

Previous clubs : Luton, Hull City

Debut for Forest : v. Wimbledon this season

Most memorable moment : F.A. Cup semi-final Luton v. Everton at Villa Park.

Favourite ground : Villa Park

Biggest influence on career : My brother Roger and John Moore, former manager and coach at Luton.

Best friend in football : Ray Daniel at Hull

Favourite player : John Barnes

Favourite other sportsman : Daley Thompson

Likes : Relaxing

Dislikes : Bad manners

Favourite food : Steak

Favourite Drink : Tea

Hobbies : Golf, Snooker

Superstitions : None

Favourite newspaper : Daily Mirror, Sun

Favourite TV shows : Neighbours, Cheers

What would you like to do when you stop playing football : I'd like to stay in the game as a coach.



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MATCHDAY MAILBOX...

CREDIT TO THEIR CLUBS

I am just writing to say what a fantastic time my mate and I had at the Centenary weekend at Wembley, which Forest won.

However, we only wish more supporters could have gone to see our superb victory because we feel they missed out on a really great, trouble-free weekend.

Every supporter was a credit to their club.

MICHAEL ORAM
West Bridgford

WELL DONE BRETT

I would just like to say how good it has been to see Brett Williams back in the first team and doing well — even if it needed a sad injury to Stuart Pearce to give him another chance.

Brett made such a pleasing impression when he first came into the club — similar to that of Bryn Gunn many years ago — and it would have been disappointing to see him lose that potential.

G. MARSDEN, Eastwood

DUTY TO THE PUBLIC

I have only just moved into the area from near London, where I was a Spurs season ticket holder.

Being an admirer of how Forest approach the game, I was looking forward to viewing my first game against Wimbledon to which I took my two boys.

What a disappointment — two less than full strength teams. I cannot believe Wimbledon had so many key players injured. They have a duty to the paying public to field their full strength team — F.A. Cup final or not.

BARRY PEARSON, Southwell

SUTTY COULD BE TOPS

I would like to offer my personal congratulations to Steve Sutton for having such a splendid season.

I have been fortunate to see several away matches as well as all the home matches and I can't honestly recall him having a bad game.

It came as no surprise to me to hear that he had won several awards but I sincerely hope he goes on to win one that will mean more to him — an England cap.

With Peter Shilton at the veteran stage, it seems to me there is an opportunity for someone to claim the England No. 1 jersey and after having problems earlier in his career, I am sure that Steve is now up to the task.

His value to this young Forest side cannot be over-valued but I am sure Brian Clough does not need me to tell him that.

R. SAUNDERS, Burton Joyce

THE TRAVELLING FAN

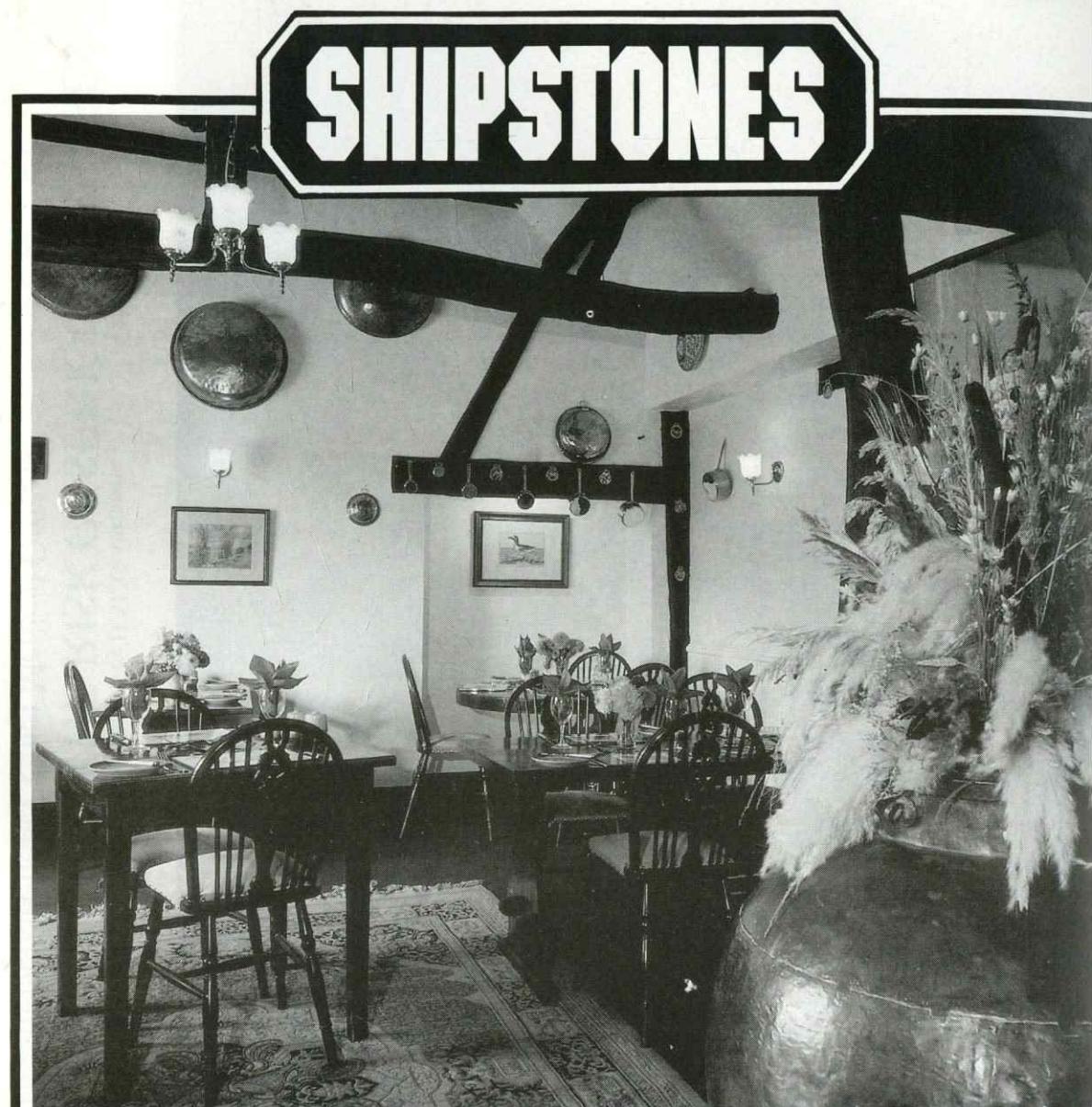
I am in the process of forming an exclusive club called The Travelling Fan.

It will hopefully attract members of all ages who have visited 50 or more football grounds and who are genuine football fans.

It is hoped there will be a monthly magazine, competitions and much more besides.

I would like to enrol as many members as possible from your club and advise supporters that further details can be obtained from the address below. Please enclose a s.a.e.

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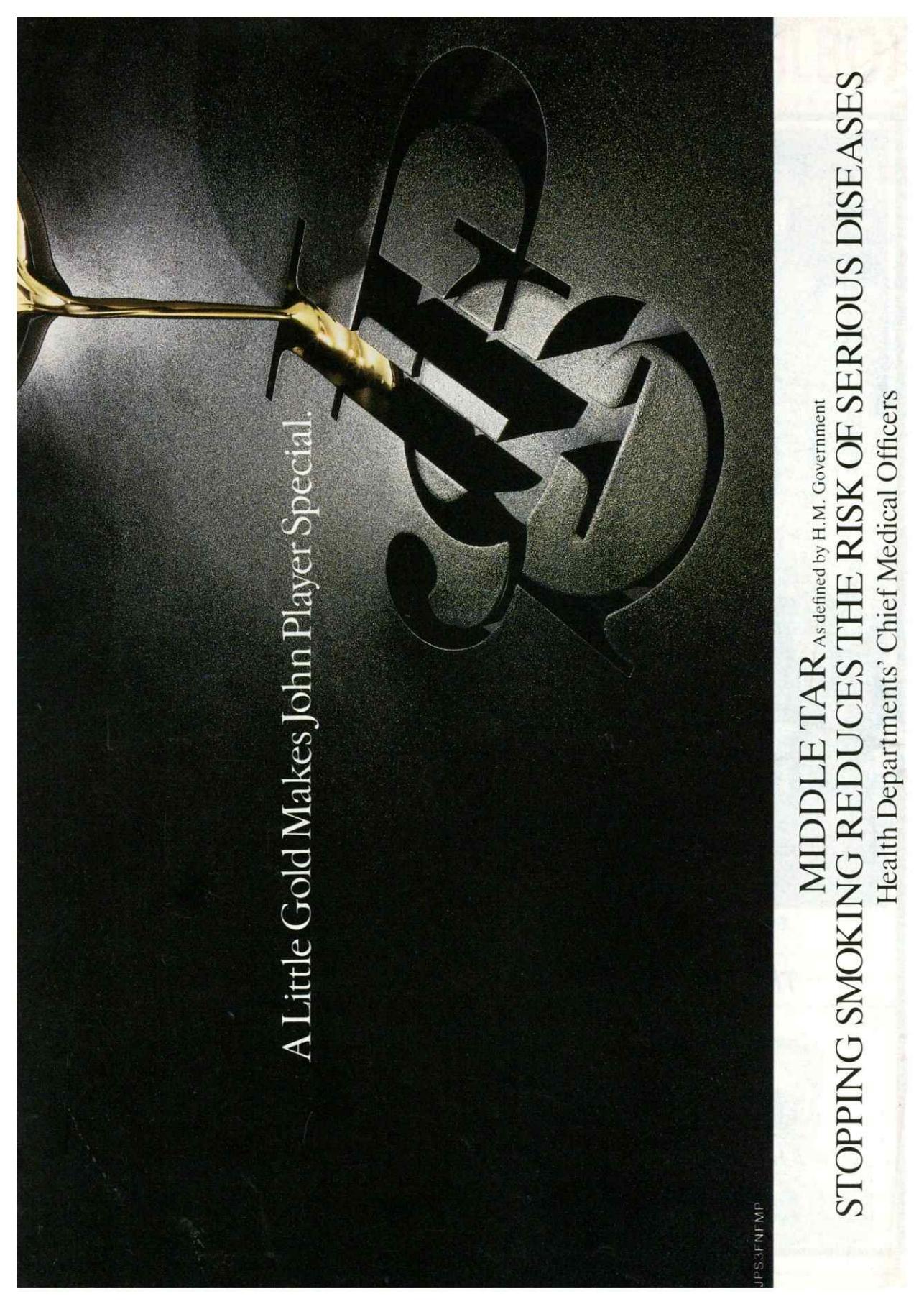
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