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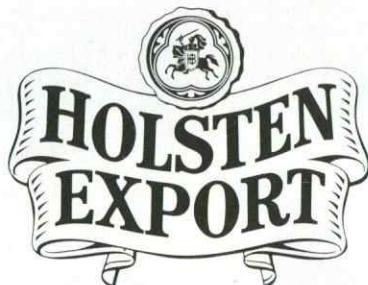
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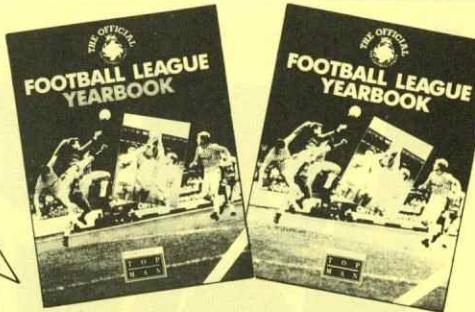


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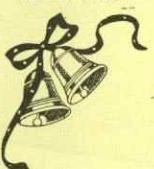
As we come to the end of what has been a memorable year for the Dons, it's important to thank you, the supporters, for your support over the past year. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and noted.

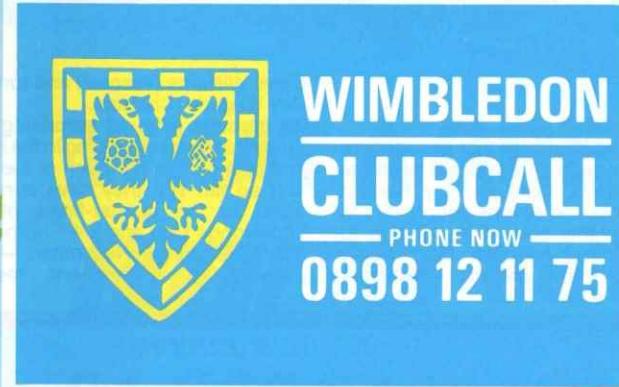
Our Boxing Day game with Millwall was a typical blood and thunder local derby with the Dons coming out on top 1-0. That result makes today's game a real six pointer as we continue our climb up the division.

A busy 10 days in prospect after today's match. Monday at Upton Park one could say yet another six pointer then on Saturday the 7th our defence of the FA Cup starts at St Andrews. Wednesday the 11th (FA Cup replays allowing) sees a 4th round Simod Cup tie here at Plough Lane v Everton.

Welcome to Luton Town with pen pics can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Phil Smith's brilliant asides are there to be soaked up on pages 12 and 13.

 *Happy New Year To All
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LUTON TOWN



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by Tony Pullein

LUTON TOWN, who won their first major trophy when lifting the Littlewoods Cup in such dramatic

fashion at Wembley last season, are going through a transitional period at the moment. Manager Ray Harford has introduced several youngsters to the team this season in addition to new signings left-back John Dreyer (signed from Oxford), midfielder

Steve Williams (Arsenal) and forward Roy Wegerle (Chelsea).

So perhaps it is not surprising that Luton have been hovering in the lower part of the table for much of the season so far. But they have survived again to the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup and a 4-1 home win over West Ham in November, — plus encouraging subsequent results,

suggests that the new-look team is beginning to find its feet.

Away form has not been good so it was surprising that their only away wins in the First Division leading up to the holiday games should have come at Everton (2-0) in September and at Derby (1-0) earlier this month. The Hatters drew at Nottingham Forest (0-0) and Norwich (2-2) but were beaten at Sheffield Wednesday (0-1), Southampton (1-2), Middlesbrough (1-2), Millwall (1-3) and Coventry (0-1).

The Hatters survived a few early scares in defence of their Littlewoods Cup trophy. They were held at home by Fourth Division Burnley (1-1) in the second round but won the second leg by 1-0. They had to visit Second Division Leeds United and came out 2-0 winners.

In round four they achieved a 3-1 home win over another Second Division side, Manchester City, and they are now at home to Southampton in the quarter-finals.

The Luton side is expected to be selected from:

LES SEALEY (Goalkeeper). Les had the misfortune to miss last season's Littlewoods Cup final through injury. He spent many years as a Coventry first-teamer before signing for Luton in 1983. He later spent a short spell on loan to Plymouth.

ROB JOHNSON (Defender). Rob is a Luton discovery, first introduced to their League eleven during 1983/84 when he also played on loan with Lincoln.

STEVE FOSTER (Defender). Steve, capped three times by England, joined Luton from Aston Villa in 1984. He started as a striker with Portsmouth but switched to defence

before joining Brighton in 1979. He played for the Seagulls in the 1983 F.A. Cup final replay and joined Villa almost a year later.

MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender). Marvin took over the role filled for so many years by N. Ireland cap Mel Donaghy when he moved on to Manchester United in October. A former apprentice, Marvin was blooded in the First Division for a few games last season.

RICHARD HARVEY (Defender). Richard developed in the youth team and made his League debut against Q.P.R. in November 1986. He played a few more games that season but then had to wait until last month for a further recall.

STEVE WILLIAMS (Midfield). Steve was a member of the Arsenal side which won the League Cup two seasons ago though he did not appear in last season's final. Luton signed him for £300,000 this summer. Steve spent nine successful years as a Southampton first-teamer, winning the first of his six England caps as a Saints' player. He was transferred to Arsenal in 1985.

DANNY WILSON (Midfield). Danny, who won his 11th N. Ireland cap in this season's World Cup clash with Hungary, was signed from Brighton during the 1987 close-season. He played his early football with Bury and Chesterfield, joining Nottingham Forest in 1983. But he played only a handful of games for Forest before moving to Brighton in 1983.

RICKY HILL (Midfield). Ricky is a

one-club man who first played in Luton's senior team in 1976. He now looks back on more than 400 games and he has played for England on three occasions.

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). David emerged as a League player with Walsall in 1981 and it was after he had held a first-team place for just over two years when Luton signed him in 1984 for £150,000.

KINGSLEY BLACK (Midfield). Kingsley burst onto the scene last season when he was one of the stars of the Wembley Littlewoods Cup final. He also played twice for N. Ireland.

ROY WEGERLE (Forward). Roy was playing indoor football with Tampa Bay Rowdies when their coach Rodney Marsh recommended him to Chelsea, who paid £100,000 for him in 1986. But he was given few opportunities at Stamford Bridge and Luton were able to sign him for £75,000 this summer. Roy scored five times in three games at the end of November.

MICK HARFORD (Forward). Mick, who won his second full England cap in the friendly against Denmark in September, scored 21 times last season in spite of a long absence through injury. He began his career with Lincoln and commanded a then record £200,000 fee for a Fourth Division player when he moved on to Newcastle in 1981. He was soon on the move again, to Bristol City, and he spent just over three years with Birmingham before signing for Luton in 1985.



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Old Pals Act

The Dons recent fine win at Nottingham Forest gave Lawrie Sanchez a chance to meet up with an old pal from his Reading days, Neil Webb. But if the England midfield man was expecting any favours off his old Elm Park mentor, he was in for something of a shock. Lawrie started off the proceedings with a friendly back header into Webb's nose, followed it up with a rather ungainly kick in the face and finished off the act with the goal that sunk Brian Clough's men. The only words of consolation Sanchez could find afterwards were, "Neil never did track people down very well."

Those were the Days

Today's match is bound to stir memories of the last season's glory days. April 9, White Hart Lane, it all comes flooding back. The FA Cup semi-final was one of the greatest days in Wimbledon's short life as John Fashanu and Dennis Wise guided the Dons to Wembley. And the Dons maintained their record against the Hatters earlier in the season when Carlton Fairweather's late effort earned them a draw on the plastic at Kenilworth Road.

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ner in their clash with Preston on his debut at the Cottage. Unfortunately that was the last action Fulham fans saw from Cawley as he started a suspension the following week after being sent off in a Dons reserve team clash at Crystal Palace.

Footnote. Andy Sayer is rumoured to be the target for Middlesbrough. Amazingly his transfer fee has trebled in just three months. Fulham bought him for £70,000 and are likely to sell him for around £250,000.

Very Sporting

That illustrious publication, the Sunday Times magazine, has honoured Vinny Jones. In its list of 'Follies of

1988' it made Vinny Jones 'Sportsman of the Year'. Unfortunately this honour is perhaps a little more dubious than it first appears, because it stands side-by-side with the picture of Vinny doing the business on Gazza at Newcastle last season with the caption 'Vinny Jones, first for every ball.'

Early congratulations to Vinny for his birthday on January 6 when he will be 24.

TODAY'S MATCH BALL has been donated by Margaret and John Whisker — with this message:-
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"I HAD TO DRIVE, THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY OF GETTING HOME!" Drivel. If you can't arrange a lift home before you go out, what about buses and trains? If there aren't any, you can call a cab. It might cost a few quid, but it won't kill you.

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Dennis Wise menaces Q.P.R.



DAILY EXPRESS Tuesday December 27 1988

Docherty gets a sickener

MILLWALL manager John Docherty suffered from flu over Christmas and his team did nothing to help his recovery.

Docherty dragged himself off his sickbed yesterday only to see Millwall lose for the third time in four games and he must now time in back to September 10 for that last away League win.

promised

"I've been struggling and I don't feel any better after that," said his defenders for Carlton Fairweather's 53rd-minute winner.

Mimicking a well-known TV commercial, Docherty puffed on a cigar and added: "You're got to be philosophical about results like this. Philosophical is a wonderful word—it means you're really brassed off."

By BARRY FLATMAN
Wimbledon 1 Millwall 0

The cynics who despise Wimbledon and Millwall's style would not be surprised to learn flowing football was almost non-existent.

Wimbledon's match programme promised a festive football feast... but there was no festivity and very little football.

The expected midfield battle between hard men Vinny Jones of Wimbledon and Millwall's Terry Hurlock failed to materialise. Terry was Lawrie Sanchez who drew blood in that department. Hurlock suffered a bleeding nose.

and mouth in an early brush with Sanchez and drifted out of the game to become almost as anonymous as Millwall and strikers Tony Cascarino and Teddy Sheringham.

Blocked

Wimbledon's winner came after long throw from Jones.

Terry Gibson hit a shot on the turn which was blocked but Fairweather slid in the rebound.

"It was not a great game but it was our third home victory but it pleased me," said Wimbledon manager Bobby Gould.

EV: Wimbledon 2 Millwall 1

Daily Mail, Tuesday, December 27, 1988
**DONS ARE HEADING
RIGHT WAY — BUT
WHAT POOR FARE**

Wimbledon 1 Millwall 0
MILLWALL'S poor away form continues to hinder their prospects at the top of Division One, while Wimbledon are gradually easing their plight at the other end of the table.

The Lions haven't won a League match outside the Den since their 3-0 success over Charlton on September 10 and struggling Wimbledon gave them no respite, battling their way to three valuable points.

The FA Cup-holders broke the deadlock eight minutes after the interval. A long throw by Vinny Jones was headed on at the near post by Eric Young.

Terry Gibson's shot was blocked by Brian Horne, but Fairweather was on hand to fire home the rebound.

The Dons could have wrapped it up in the 71st minute but Fairweather's shot was kicked away by Keith Stevens after Gibson had been put through by Dennis Wise.

Despite a fast and furious second 45 minutes, the first half's fast rate as one of the poorest played at a First Division ground this season.

Only Millwall's O'Callaghan was cautioned in this bruising battle, in the 38th minute for a foul on Keith Curle.



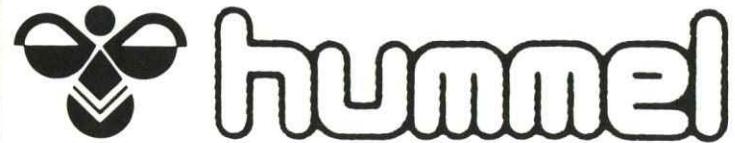
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This afternoon's visitors Luton Town come to Plough Lane boasting a fairly good record against Wimbledon in past encounters, indeed until last March the Dons had never beaten the Bedfordshire side in first team competition and were fast becoming a bogey side until two defeats in succession rectified that state of affairs.

One of those matches of course was the semi-final of the F.A. Cup at Tottenham in April, a game that somewhat unsurprisingly the Luton programme for our visit this season managed to gloss over in a couple of sentences of the seven matches played between the two clubs to date. It was clearly the most important of the lot and White Hart Lane was the obvious

choice of venue. The Dons had not played a game on a neutral ground for eleven years since seeing off Staines Town in the 1977 London Senior Cup Final replay at Dulwich, but the relative importance of the two games bore no comparison. Wimbledon's fans were slightly more numerous than Luton's in the 25,000 crowd, but when half-time came with a goalless scoresheet fate seemed to have turned its back on the Dons. Four times their attackers had been clean through against a square Luton defence only to be stopped by Luton keeper Dibble, whilst the Hatters had one similar chance. At the other end half-time gloom turned to outright despair when Mick Hartford's well-taken goal gave Luton the lead early in the second half. After strong penalty appeals had been turned down, referee Hackett appeased Wimbledon's anger by giving a penalty for a foul on Gibson. Fashanu seemed to take an age to equalise from the spot, and thereafter it always seemed that there would be only one winner, but fortunately nerve ends were not stretched into extra time as Dennis Wise scored the winner in what must have been the tensest Wimbledon game of all time.

In comparison with that, mere League games against Luton do not evoke the same passion and intensity of action. It appears that Wimbledon's style is not suited to plastic pitches, and two draws are the best results gleaned from Kenilworth Road, while a win and a defeat apiece have occurred at Plough Lane, balanced out by a 1-1 draw in a friendly at Wimbledon in 1985. It seems unlikely that the drama of White Hart Lane will be repeated this afternoon since both teams are near the wrong end of the table and need the points urgently but we live in hope.

Dennis Wise scores the Cup Semi-Final winner.



THE VIEW



So we come to New Year's Eve 1988, and in view of the fact that Christmas printing deadlines mean that this is being written not far off New Year's Day 1988, it seems an appropriate option to look back at the only year this century that has got two eights in it.

Earlier in the Spring Ladbrokes opened the first non-smoking betting shop and Junior Health Minister Edwina Currie went along to lend her imitable support. It was my first, and in all probability last, encounter with

her. She was very helpful for the photo opportunity and certainly knew the meaning of the word 'publicity'. She had a charity bet on a horse called Warning, which lost that race but won most of the others it contested last summer. There was no horse running that day called 'I've got a great big mouth and one day it will get me in trouble.'

I didn't enjoy the Cup Final very much. Foolishly I had agreed beforehand to supply a newspaper with exclusive colour photos. Not for one moment did I think the Dons would actually win and my services would be called upon. So whilst everyone else was deliriously happy when the final whistle blew, I was piling up nine lumps of bricks at the thought of what I'd let myself in for. And then when it was all over it was too late.

I actually gained a lot more enjoyment when I saw the lovable canine win for the first time. This was of course a direct consequence of the FA Cup win because the bricks built me a nice few bob. But I don't particularly get much enjoyment when the phone bill arrives. Calling Newcastle is very expensive, especially

when the co-owner insists on giving me a stride by stride account of each race. And as fate would have it, the magnificent mutt was due to run at Wembley just before Christmas. On the same track our heroes paraded around some seven months earlier.

The year has not been without the odd hiccup or three. Back in July I stepped out of a cab at Newmarket and straight into a car being driven by a journalist who happens to work for the same paper as I do. Later that same month I was doing some studio photos of a very nice young lady when the whole neighbourhood had a power failure. She waited, then cleared off and I've never heard from her since. Hardly my fault, but when I did a job a couple of months ago without any film in the camera, then that was a night of sheer grovelling I won't forget in a hurry.

1988 has not been a vintage year for our national pastime. Fear of AIDS, I think. As for football, I'm not a fan of Luton Town, but they did well to pick up the consolation prize of the Littlewoods Cup. I'm still a fan of the England team, and as soon as Gary Lineker starts scoring again everything will be alright. Hopefully that will

be before the year 2000. As for the First Division, it seems a pretty naff event, and though I hate to admit it, players of skill and vision like Beardsley and Gazza are desperately needed. Norwich are a good, hard-working team. But honestly, are Championships made of that?

And as for Wimbledon Football Club, 1988 has been a headline year. Nobody can be happy with the last six months, and indeed quite a few people have said to me that winning the Cup was the worst thing that's happened to this club. That's rubbish. Other clubs have won the Cup and gone on to thrive, Coventry City are an excellent example of that. There's no reason why the Dons can't do the same. Given a few modifications here and there. And I am unanimous on that.

Finally, for 1989 I hope that all fans of Riada Bob will have a wallet-filling year, I hope that Wimbledon avoid relegation, and I hope that the Programme Editor finally finds something interesting to write about. The first two are possible, there's fat chance of the third.

PHIL SMITH

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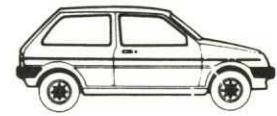
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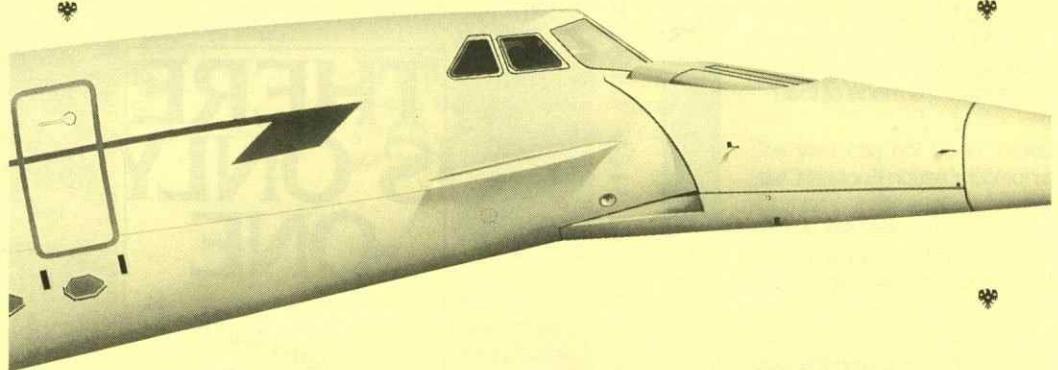
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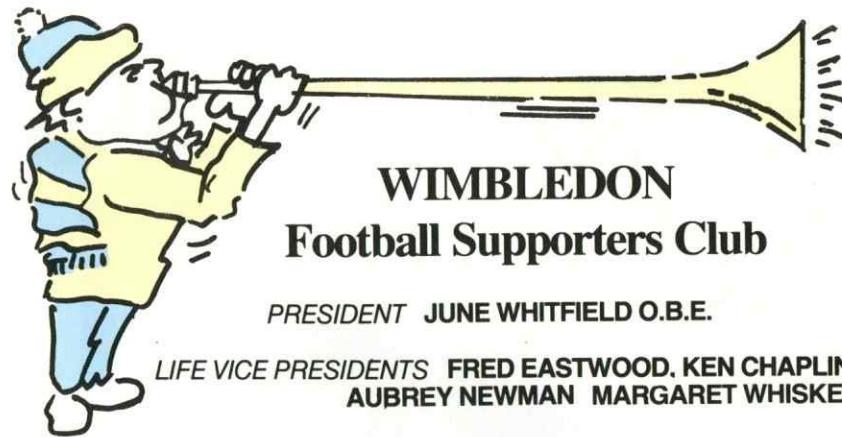
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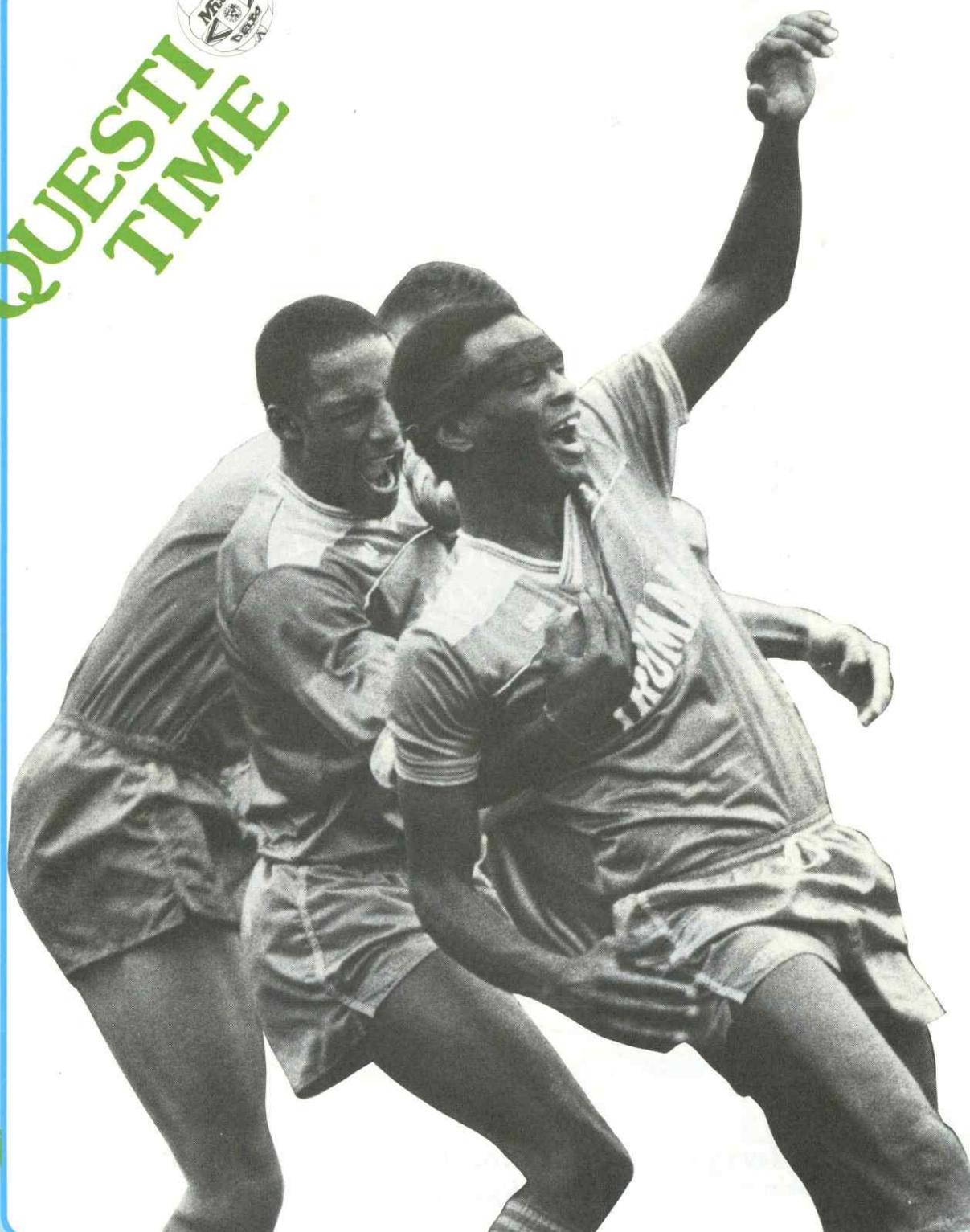
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RESOLUTIONS



New Year's Eve, the time when traditionally everybody makes their resolutions — and break them by January 1. Still, here's a few resolutions that some of the Wimbledon players might have made.



TERRY GIBSON — To go on loan to every club in the First Division. Then at least he would be able to score regularly against all his old clubs, not just Spurs and Manchester United. Or at least score one from more than three yards out.



ERIC YOUNG — To study the excellent Marcel Marceau videos, then perhaps he won't talk himself into so many bookings.



ALAN CORK — To finally score with that elusive Yankee.



BOBBY GOULD — To set up a hot-line with Fulham manager Ray Lewington. At least then if he wants to sell a player he can get straight on to Craven Cottage and get the deal sewn up in less time than it takes to say 'Andy Sayer, what a bargain'.



VINNY JONES — To buy into an ice cream business, then serving up crushed nuts won't be such a crime.



VAUGHAN RYAN — To lose another stone in weight and live up to his nickname of Twiggy.



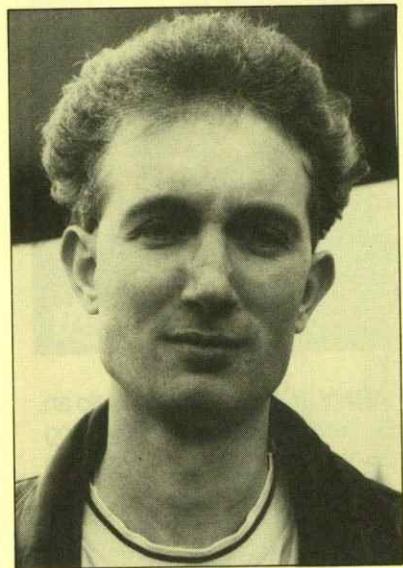
JOHN SCALES — Although it affords him great ridicule at a club like Wimbledon, to keep up his Mr. Clean image and get through the season without a booking — again.



KEITH CURLE — To take lessons in delegation, if he's going to remain as captain that's one skill he will have to master.

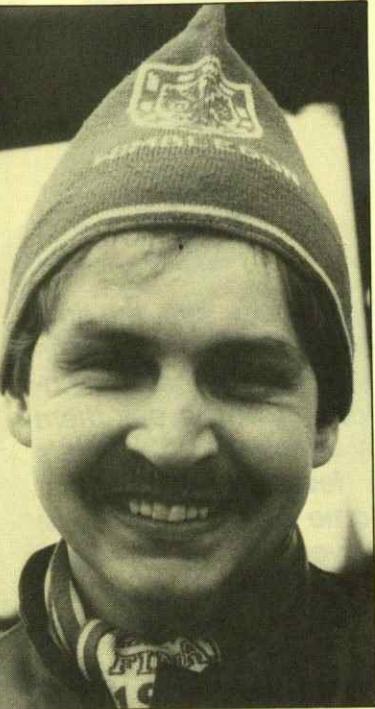


Halfway stage — the fans at Forest have their say on what they think of it so far.



Steven Dale ►

The team's performance in the first half of the season has been pretty diabolical; there are certainly a few games we shouldn't have lost. I do think we'll improve after Christmas though. I don't think we'll go down and I reckon the Dons will finish about fifth from bottom.



◀ Paul Grigson

Putting the ball in the back of the net has been the problem so far. The defence and midfield have played well, but we've just been lacking the final touch. There are a lot of games we could have won. But I'm confident of a revival, and I'm sure it will begin with a win against Forest.



◀ Keith Wilson

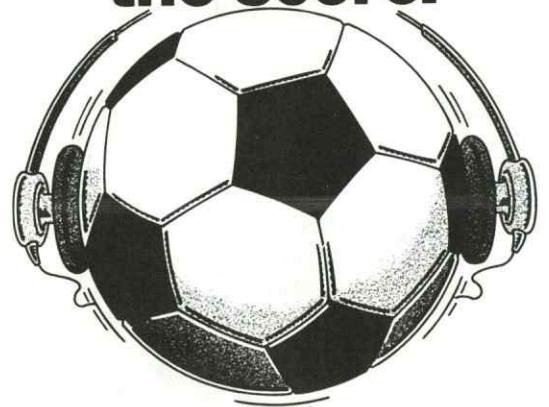
In the last two seasons Wimbledon's second half of the season has been better than the first. I can't see any reason why that shouldn't continue. So much so I haven't even thought of relegation.



Matthew Lowndes ►

There are a lot of games we should have won but haven't. I think a few of the players haven't been trying. They think they are big stars and they are not. They are not pulling their weight as a team. The manager has got to put his foot down and make sure they play as a team and not as individuals. Once we start putting the chances away things will be different.

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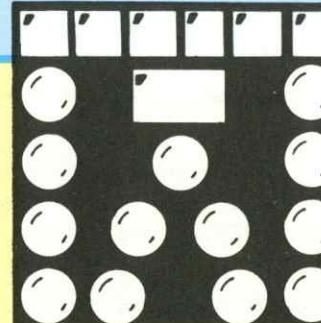
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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Continued

In this end of year programme, we bring our review of 1988 bang up to date.

JULY: Brian Gayle completed his move to Manchester City after turning down an offer from Steve Coppell at Crystal Palace. There was terrible news for Wimbledon as Don Howe was rushed into hospital for an emergency heart bypass operation after returning from the European Championships in West Germany. Bobby Gould's transfer troubles continued with Dennis Wise reported to be unhappy at the club while Andy Thorn, made skipper only two weeks before, left to join Beasant at Newcastle for £900,000.

AUGUST: Transfer rumours abounded as the season approached. Wimbledon were linked with every player who

seemed to come onto the market while Bobby Gould was busy turning down offers for the likes of Wise, John Fashanu and Lawrie Sanchez. The Vinny Jones saga continued when the midfielder was sent off for elbowing a part-timer in a pre-season friendly on the Isle of Wight. Gould immediately slapped an indefinite ban on Jones which meant he missed the Charity Shield defeat by Liverpool at Wembley. Roger Joseph completed a £150,000 move to Plough Lane from Brentford just in time to witness the opening day massacre.

SEPTEMBER: The Plough Lane blues were lifted a little when Don Howe returned to the club after his operation and on the pitch things were looking up a little with a 2-2 draw at Luton. Lawrie Sanchez demanded a move after failing to agree a new contract and was involved in a bust-up with Gould. Two defeats against West Ham and Middlesbrough did not help morale and even Vinny Jones return against Coventry could not stop the Dons slipping to a third straight 1-0 defeat, although two goals from John Fashanu gave them a good Littlewoods Cup start at Barnsley.

OCTOBER: Hans Segers arrival in the Wimbledon net seemed to inspire the Dons and they scored a superb 2-1 victory over Everton to start the month in style. And they followed that with a late, late win at Aston Villa thanks to John Scales winner. Dons slipped to a 1-0 defeat in the

second leg of the Littlewoods Cup but still made it through to the next round. Gould splashed out a record £500,000 for Reading's Keith Curle. Dennis Wise grabbed the glory with his headed equaliser against Manchester United to earn a point. But their inconsistency showed with a diabolical 4-1 defeat by Derby County.

NOVEMBER: November was dominated by yet another in the long line of crises to hit Plough Lane, namely the infamous 'tunnel incident' involving John Fashanu and Viv Anderson. Whatever the rights and wrongs of the situation, the sad fact was that the off-field hysteria made people forget that Wimbledon had scored a superb win over Manchester United. The incident cast a shadow over the following games and wasn't helped by Vinny Jones' reckless tackle on Gary Stevens which put the Spurs man in hospital and out of the game. A 1-1 draw with Charlton helped and a similar result at Liverpool eased the pain of a tragic month.

DECEMBER: The Dons went into the month with at least something to smile about — a clean bill of health from the FA disciplinary committee. A draw at QPR and a win against Southampton might have been the turning point but a defeat at Newcastle cast a familiar shadow. Then the Dons upset the form book clear of the relegation zone at Christmas after beating Forest at the City Ground.

IN
RESERVE

RIDING HIGH

Southampton have turned out to be Terry Burton's lucky side in the Combination this season. The reserves have played them twice in two weeks and come away with a double win, scoring six goals in the process.

Burton's side followed up their 5-0 drubbing of the Saints with a 1-0 in their final game of the year thanks to a delightful John Gannon goal, floating the ball over the Southampton wall direct from a free-kick.

That rounded off a successful year for the reserves. They finish 1988 well up the Combination and playing some attractive football.

Burton said, "This was another excellent Combination game. We played some good stuff and thoroughly deserved to win. It was nice to get two wins over Southampton because they're

recognised as a good side and just proves how well we've come on this year."

"We started off well against them and created several good chances. John put his free-kick away well and we could have had a few more before half-time. "The second half began well for us but they gradually came back into the game a bit more. But we defended tightly and didn't give them anything."

With Peter Cawley now playing — or rather suspended — at Fulham, youth team centre-half Brian McAllister has won a chance to prove himself in the reserves. The youngster acquitted himself well and looks set for a fair run in the reserves.

OVENDEN FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Table of results to Monday, 12th December 1988
(not inclusive)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	16	13	3	0	47	18	29
Tottenham H.	16	13	2	1	46	13	28
Luton Town	20	10	6	4	48	28	26
Wimbledon	19	12	2	5	37	18	26
Chelsea	15	10	2	3	30	17	22
Watford	16	8	5	3	39	23	21
West Ham United	18	7	5	6	28	24	19
Oxford United	18	6	5	7	37	48	17
Crystal Palace	15	6	3	6	22	24	15
Brighton & Hove A.	16	5	5	6	23	27	15
Southampton	16	6	3	7	26	31	15
Fulham	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
Norwich City	15	6	1	8	28	27	13
Swindon Town	15	5	3	7	24	30	13
Charlton Athletic	15	4	3	8	25	29	11
Millwall	13	3	4	6	19	23	10
Ipswich Town	13	3	2	8	19	31	8
Q.P.R.	16	2	3	11	12	30	7
Portsmouth	16	3	1	12	17	44	7
Reading	16	1	2	13	12	51	4



OVENDEN PAPERS FOOTBALL COMBINATION Fixtures 1988/89 Season

Aug.	30	Watford (7.30)	.....	3-1
Sept.	3	West Ham Utd. (3.00)	.....	2-2
Sept.	10	Arsenal	.....	1-2
Sept.	20	Brighton & Hove (7.30)	.....	1-4
Oct.	4	Chelsea	.....	2-0
Oct.	11	Fulham	.....	0-1
Oct.	15	Ipswich Town (3.00)	.....	3-1
Oct.	18	Tottenham Hotspur (7.30)	.....	2-0
Oct.	22	Luton Town	.....	2-0
Oct.	29	Millwall (3.00)	.....	2-1
Nov.	9	Oxford United	.....	1-1
Nov.	12	Portsmouth (3.00)	.....	3-0
Nov.	19	Tottenham Hotspur	.....	0-2
Nov.	22	Charlton Athletic (2.00)	.....	2-0
Nov.	29	Q.P.R. (7.30)	.....	4-0
Dec.	7	Crystal Palace	.....	1-2
Dec.	10	Southampton (3.00)	.....	5-0
Dec.	13	Reading	.....	2-1
Dec.	17	Southampton	.....	1-0
Dec.	20	Luton Town (7.30)	.....	H
Jan.	7	Watford	.....	A
Jan.	10	Norwich City (7.30)	.....	H
Jan.	17	Swindon Town	.....	A
Jan.	24	Norwich City	.....	A
Jan.	28	Swindon Town (3.00)	.....	H
Feb.	4	West Ham United	.....	A
Feb.	14	Arsenal (7.30)	.....	H
Feb.	21	Crystal Palace (7.30)	.....	H
Feb.	22	Brighton & Hove Albion	.....	A
Feb.	28	Charlton Athletic	.....	H
Mar.	7	Chelsea	.....	A
Mar.	11	Fulham (3.00)	.....	H
Mar.	21	Ipswich Town	.....	A
Apr.	4	Millwall	A
Apr.	8	Oxford United (3.00)	H
Apr.	18	Portsmouth	A
May	2	Q.P.R.	A
May	13	Reading	A

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YOUTH PAGE

More Responsibility Required



DAVID KEMP

Youth Team Boss Dave Kemp goes into the New Year looking for a bit more responsibility from some of the youngsters at Plough Lane.

Working with such a small squad causes problems for Kemp, especially when the Youth side is plundered by Terry Burton to step up into the reserves. A situation like that means filling the side with schoolboys and Kemp had some strong words for the youth team after they lost 3-0 at Brighton.

He said, "I was very disappointed with some of the first year APs at the club. When you've got seven schoolboys in the team, as we did against Brighton, you look to the older lads to show the way.

"But they didn't seem to want to do that. Obviously you expect the schoolboys to try and fit in, but

they're not here every day and have to rely on the APs.

"Sadly it was the other way round. The APs seemed to want the schoolboys to take on that responsibility and it's just not possible.

"I'll be looking for the older lads to take on a bit more. They've got to realise they're looking to make it in a tough game where sometimes you have to set an example."

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE Fixtures 1988/89 Season

Aug.	31	Swindon Town (2.00)	.....	4-4
Sept.	3	Northampton Town	.....	5-1
Sept.	6	Bristol Rovers (6.00)	.....	4-0
Sept.	10	Bristol City	.....	0-3
Sept.	12	Crystal Palace SJF Cup	.....	1-1
Sept.	17	Arsenal League Cup	.....	3-2
Sept.	19	Crystal Palace replay	.....	0-1
Sept.	24	Brentford	.....	4-0
Oct.	1	Tottenham	.....	4-2
Oct.	8	Southampton	.....	1-4
Oct.	15	Crystal Palace	.....	0-4
Oct.	22	Bournemouth	.....	2-1
Oct.	29	Tottenham	.....	0-9
Nov.	5	Oxford United	.....	0-1
Nov.	12	Reading	.....	2-0
Nov.	19	Colchester United	.....	3-0
Nov.	26	Luton Town	.....	2-0
Dec.	3	Brighton & Hove	.....	4-0
Dec.	6	Chelsea FA Cup 2R	.....	0-4
Dec.	17	Brighton & Hove	.....	0-3
Dec.	31	Swindon Town	.....	H
Jan.	7	Northampton Town	.....	A
Jan.	14	Bristol Rovers	.....	A
Jan.	21	Bristol City	.....	H
Jan.	28	Brentford	.....	A
Feb.	4	Tottenham	.....	A
Feb.	11	Southampton	.....	H
Feb.	18	Crystal Palace	.....	A
Feb.	25	Bournemouth	.....	H
Mar.	4	Oxford United	H
Mar.	11	Reading	H
Mar.	18	Colchester United	H
Mar.	25	Luton Town	A

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Forest floored by Sanchez

By JOE LOVEJOY

THIS was a goal in need of a game. The Lord's Day Observance Society were in line for a rush on membership yesterday until Lawrie Sanchez struck 12 minutes from the end to relieve the tedium and lift Wimbledon out of the bottom three.

Sanchez's first goal since his Cup final winner was a rare flash of illumination on an afternoon as grey and unwelcoming as the football.

Forest's first defeat in eight games exposed so many flaws and limitations that anyone who witnessed it will scoff at the suggestion that Brian Clough is about to win his first trophy for eight years.

Wimbledon, who arrived at the City Ground with one win in eight League matches, were the most positive side throughout, had the

Nottingham Forest 0

Wimbledon 1

lion's share of the few chances created, and fully deserved their unexpected success.

It was a performance entirely in character. Pretty, no. Effective, yes.

The First Division's newest manager may have been hoping for some pearls of wisdom from his old mentor, or just boning up on Queen's Park Rangers' opponents in the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup.

Whatever it was that drew Trevor Francis back to the ground where he enjoyed celebrity status as Britain's first Elm footballer,

he will have left happier than the 16,427 paying spectators, who filed out in stunned silence. Happy, that is, that QPR can make a nonsense of Forest's status as the bookies' Littlewoods favourites.

Threatened by crosses from both flanks in the first 90 seconds, Wimbledon must have feared the worst. They need not have worried. Franz Carr flattered to deceive, failing to use his match-winning pace on the wing to significant effect, and Lee Chapman's plodding performance brought to mind his days in purgatory with Arsenal.

Clough, infuriated with his £300,000 striker's anonymity in midfield, leapt from the dug-out to bellow: "Chapman, go and play centre-forward."

Nottingham Forest: Sutton, Chettle (Laws, 45), Williams, Walker, Foster, Parker (Hodge, 79), Carr, Webb, Clough, Chapman, Rice.

Wimbledon: Segers, Phelan, Scales, Jones, Young, Curle, Fairweather, Gibson (Cork, 79), Fashanu, Sanchez, Wise. Substitute not used: Kruszynski.

Referee: L. Dikes (Mossley).

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Daily Mail, Monday, December 19, 1988

THE FOREST CHALLENGE BEGINS TO FADE

Sanchez ends the famine

Nottingham Forest 0

Wimbledon 1

By RAY MATTIS

LAWRIE SANCHEZ'S first goal since he won the FA Cup for Wimbledon yesterday heaped more misery on Forest who are doomed to mid-table obscurity unless they overcome their crisis of confidence at home.

Sanchez ended a seven-month famine that began after his moment of glory at Wembley by scoring a spectacular 79th minute match-winner at Nottingham's City Ground on a day when the experiment of switching to a Sunday kick-off failed.

There were only 16,427 — 1,000 less than at West Brom's home Second Division fixture — to witness the Wimbledon striker deliver a flashing left foot shot from the edge of the penalty area after

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a headed clearance by Colin Foster, under pressure from John Fashanu, landed in his path.

The goal was sufficient to take his club out of the bottom three and Sanchez admitted: 'I have a habit of scoring at important times. It was my goal that took us out of the Second Division, then there was the Wembley match-winner and now this.'

Assault

Manager Bobby Gould agreed: 'It was a smashing result and a thoroughly professional job. I am sure everyone expected Forest to win but we got stronger the longer the game went on.'

The sad truth for Forest is



CELEBRATION: Lawrie Sanchez, left, and Terry Phelan



Eric Young climbs above Forest keeper Steve Sutton



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Vinny Jones salutes the fans at Nottingham

Lawrie Sanchez always knows the score



Terry Gibson puts Forest's defence under pressure

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DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	REFEREE	ATTENDANCE	WEATHER	
Aug. 27	Arsenal	1-5	Tracey	Joseph	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Cawley	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Scales(6)	Cork(9)	J. Martin	15,710	Sunny	
Sept. 3	Luton Town	2-2	Green	Joseph	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather ¹	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Turner	Brooke(4)	Brooke	8,067	Sunny	
10	West Ham United	0-1	Green	Joseph	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Cork(11)	Gannon	R. S. Lewis	7,730	Sunny	
17	Middlesbrough	0-1	Green	Joseph	Phelan	Hazel	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Turner(7)	Cork(8)	S. J. Lodge	17,709	Fine	
24	Coventry City	0-1	Green	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Turner	Fairweather	G. Ashby	4,474	Heavy Rain	
Oct. 1	Everton	2-1	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales ¹	Brooke	Cork ¹	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Turner(9)	Phelan	N. Midgley	6,367	Fine	
8	Aston Villa	1-0	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales	Brooke	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise ¹	Brooke(7)	Fairweather ⁹	A. Seville	15,416	Drizzle	
22	Manchester United	1-1	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones ¹	Young	Scales	Brooke	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Brooke(8)	Curle	L. Shapter	12,143	Fine	
29	Derby County	1-4	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones ¹	Young	Scales	Wise	Gibson ²	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Curle(7)	Cork(11)	J. Rushton	15,050	Sunny	
5	Norwich City	0-2	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Jones	Young	Scales	Curle	Fairweather	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Fairweather	Fairweather ¹¹	H. King	5,853	Fine	
12	Tottenham	2-3	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Jones	Young	Scales	Fairweather	Cork	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Scales(2)	Cork(9)	D. R. Elleray	23,599	Fine	
19	Charlton	1-1	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ²	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Clement(7)	Cork(8)	K. Key	5,631	Fine & Cold	
26	Liverpool	1-1x	Segers	Joseph	Scales	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ¹	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Phelan(2)	Cork(9)	D. Hedges	36,188	Overcast	
3	Southampton	2-1	Segers	Joseph	Scales	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ¹	Fashanu	Ryan	Wise	Ryan(4)	R. Nixon	R. Nixon	6,040	Cold & Dry	
10	Newcastle United	1-2	Segers	Phelan	Scales	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ¹	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Kruszynski	Cork(8)	L. Dilkes	20,146	Overcast	
18	Notts Forest	1-0	Segers	Phelan	Scales	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ¹	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Kruszynski	Cork	D. Vickers	16,427	Fair	
26	Millwall (11.30)	1-0	Segers	Phelan	Scales	Jones	Young	Curle	Fairweather	Gibson ¹	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Sanchez	Sanchez	Sanchez	11,650	Fair	
31	Luton Town																		
Jan.	2	West Ham United																	
14	Q.P.R.																		
21	Coventry City																		
4	Everton																		
11	Aston Villa																		
18	Manchester United																		
25	Sheffield Weds																		
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May	6	Charlton																	
13	Liverpool																		
LITTLEWOODS CHALL CUP																			
Sept. 27	Barnsley (R2.1)	2-0	Green	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales	Brooke	Cork	Fashanu ²	Sanchez	Wise	Turner(8)	Fairweather	I. A. Hendricks	5,174	Dry	
Oct. 12	Barnsley (R2.2)	0-1*	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales	Brooke	Cork	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Gibson	Phelan(7)	K. Cooper	2,259	Rain	
Nov. 30	Manchester United (R3)	2-1	Segers	Joseph	Phelan	Jones	Young	Scales	Wise	Gibson ²	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Clement	Cork(8)	B. Hill	10,684	Cold & Fine	
Dec. 14	Q.P.R. (R4)	0-0	Segers	Joseph	Clement	Jones	Young	Scales	Fairweather	Gibson	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Phelan	Cork(8)	J. C. Deakin	10,504	Overcast	
Dec. 21	Derby (3R)	0-1	Segers	Scales	Joseph	Jones	Young	Curle	Wise	Gibson	Turner	Kruszynski	Fairweather	Ryan	Cork(7)	A. Gunn	6,584	Cold & Dry	
SIMOD CUP																			
Dec. 21	Derby (3R)	0-0	Segers	Scales	Joseph	Jones	Young	Curle	Wise	Gibson	Turner	Kruszynski	Turner			M. Bodenham	1,386	Fair	
FA CUP																			
Jan. 7	3rd Round																		
28	4th Round																		
Feb. 18	5th Round																		
Mar. 18	6th Round																		
Apr. 15	Semi-Final																		
May 20	Final																		
CHARITY SHIELD																			
Aug. 20	Liverpool	1-2	Tracey	Scales	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Cawley	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Clement	Turner	J. Martin	54,887	Stormy	
Aug. 29	Newcastle	0-1	Green	Joseph	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Miller(8)	Hazel(11)	K. Hackett	17,141	Fair	
MERCANTILE CENTENARY CUP																			
Aug. 20	Liverpool	1-2	Tracey	Scales	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Cawley	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu ¹	Sanchez	Wise	Clement	Turner	J. Martin	54,887	Stormy	
Aug. 29	Newcastle	0-1	Green	Joseph	Phelan	Ryan	Young	Scales	Gibson	Fairweather	Fashanu	Sanchez	Wise	Miller(8)	Hazel(11)	K. Hackett	17,141	Fair	
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Norwich	17	4	5	1	15	12	6	1	1	13	7	36
Arsenal	17	4	2	1	14	8	6	2	2	13	12	34
Liverpool	18	2	5	2	9	7	5	2	2	13	6	28
Millwall	17	6	1	1	16	7	5	3	12	14	27	
Everton	17	4	3	1	14	7	3	3	8	9	27	
Coventry	18	4	2	3	11	9	3	4	2	10	8	27
Derby	17	4	2	4	11	8	3	1	9	5	26	
Southampton	18	4	4	2	18	12	2	4	2	13	15	26
Man Utd.	18	4	4	1	13	6	1	5	3	9	10	24
Aston Villa	18	4	3	2	14	10	1	5	3	14	17	23
Tottenham	18	3	4	3	17	17	2	3	3	11	11	22
Nottm Forest	18	1	5	2	7	10	3	5	2	13	13	22
Sheff. Wed.	17	3	2	3	8	9	2	4	3	7	9	21
Middlesbro	18	5	2	2	14	10	1	1	7	9	21	
Q.P.R.	18	4	1	3	10	6	4	5	8	12	20	
Luton	18	2	5	1	9	7	2	3	5	8	11	20
Wimbledon	17	3	2	4	8	13	2	2	4	9	13	19
Newcastle	18	2	3	4	10	13	2	5	6	19	17	
Charlton	18	1	4	5	12	20	2	3	3	7	11	16
West Ham	18	1	3	5	9	17	2	1	6	6	16	13

TEAM CHECK

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Colours: Blue

HANS SEGERS	1	LES SEALEY
TERRY PHELAN	2	ROB JOHNSON
JOHN SCALES	3	RICHARD HARVEY
VINNY JONES	4	DANNY WILSON
ERIC YOUNG	5	STEVE FOSTER
KEITH CURLE	6	MARVIN JOHNSON
CARLTON FAIRWEATHER	7	RICKY HILL
TERRY GIBSON	8	DAVID PREECE
JOHN FASHANU	9	ROY WEGERLE
LAWRIE SANCHEZ	10	MICK HARFORD
DENNIS WISE	11	KINGLEY BLACK
	12	
	14	

REFEREE: G. COURTNEY (County Durham)

LINESMEN:

D.J. ROWLEY (Red Trim)
G.S WILLARD (Yellow Trim)

Luton Town

Colours: White and Blue

Today's Referee

GEORGE COURTNEY (County Durham)

Began refereeing in 1962 in the Aukland League, Wearside League and the Northern League. In 1971 the F.L. Linesmen's list, 1973 the Referees list and in 1977 FIFA International Panel. Mr. Courtney has officiated in the World Cup 1986, European Nations 1984, Asian Championships 1984, UEFA Cup Finals of 1982 and 1986, FA Cup Final 1980, Milk Cup Final 1983, Charity Shield 1979.

George lists his interests as, matters concerning refereeing, fitness, road running, athletics and gardening when he can find time. His occupation is Head Teacher at a Primary School.

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