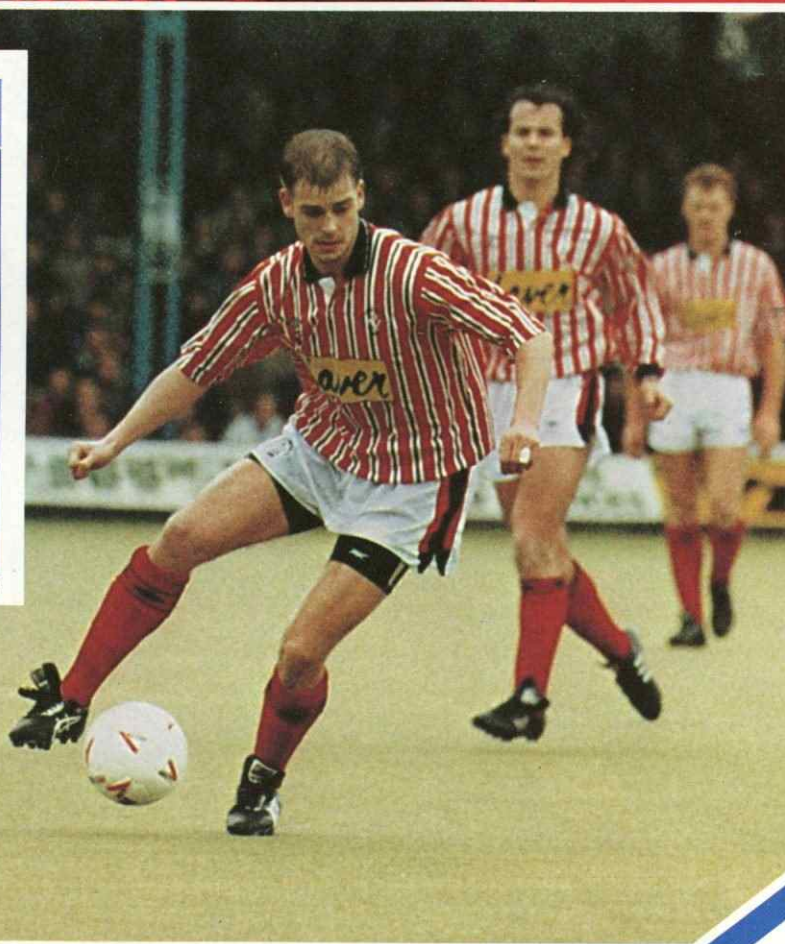


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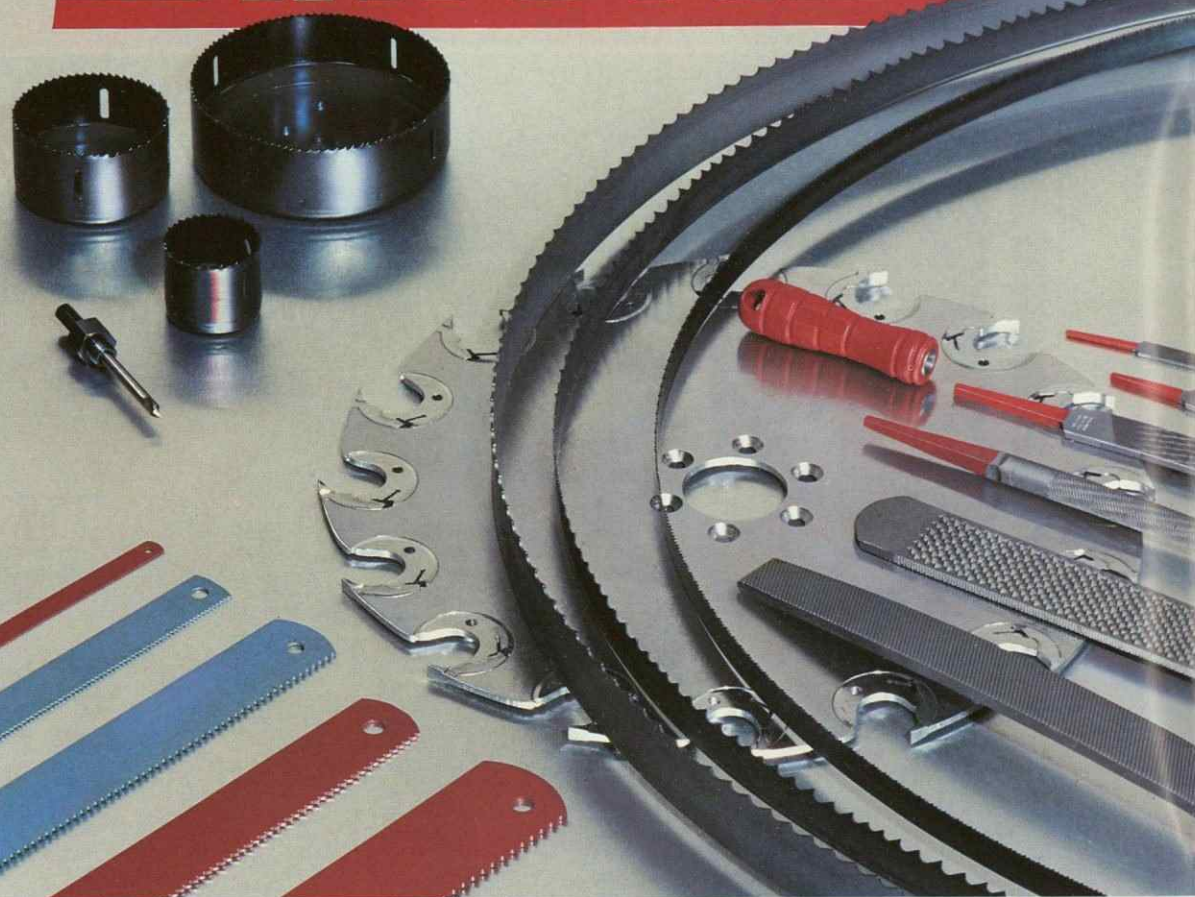
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## DAVE BASSETT

The events on Boxing Day should have no bearing on today's encounter. For a start it is the cup and then we are playing on grass at the Lane rather than on the man-made surface.

I have had my say on artificial surfaces; I do not like them and have never liked them and I am glad the League has ordered that the experiment with them shall be discontinued. And I am writing this article in advance of the Boxing Day match and so these opinions cannot be coloured by the events of that day.

### SUCCESS IS SPREAD AROUND

It goes without saying that it is important that we do well in the F.A. Cup again in 1991. The First Division has provided us all with disappointment but we are through to the last eight in the Northern Section of the Zenith Cup and have an opportunity here this afternoon to make progress in the greatest knockout competition of them all.

**"Yet I felt we played our best football in the only match we lost"**

Luton, after a few scares along the way — and I remember their last-day win at Derby County to stay up — are now an

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experienced First Division outfit and, bearing in mind their modest support, they have to be congratulated on continuing membership of the First Division.

People say that only the big clubs with big crowds can compete in the modern day Division One. Luton, Coventry, Forest, Southampton, Q.P.R. and Derby give the answer to that.

Indeed, in recent years Coventry and Southampton have won the F.A. Cup and Luton won the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley.

And so, the great prizes do not always go to the rich and famous.

### GOOD CHRISTMAS

We emerged from the holidays in good shape. Considering how a sickness bug affected us, nine points from 12 was a marvellous performance with victories against Forest, Luton and Q.P.R.

Yet I felt we played our best football in the only match we lost, at Arsenal where we led 1-0 at half-time but eventually went down 4-1. If we had taken our chances we would have put recovery beyond Arsenal and become the first team to beat them this season.

In contrast, even allowing for awful conditions, I felt we did not play well against Rangers on New Year's Day. But looking back, I wonder when United had as good a Christmas and New Year as this.

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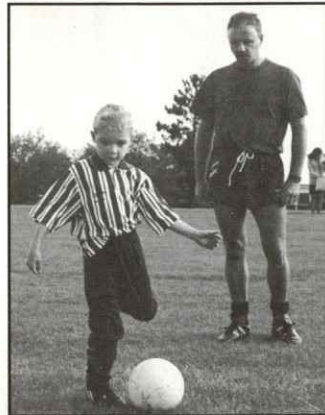
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#### BLADES UNDER-10's —WORKING FOR THE FUTURE

Neil Butler, Organising Coach for the JUNIOR BLADES U-10 COACHING SCHEME, has submitted these two pictures of taken last October when some of our youngsters were obviously enjoying themselves learning the skills to be Blades stars of the future. Keep up the good work, lads!



The happy half-dozen. Smiles from this group of Coaching Scheme kids before the hard work starts. Back row: Mark Stephenson, Edward Wilkinson, Chris Birkinshaw. Front: Danny Holloway, Scott Bates, Chris Hall.



Seven-years-old Christopher Hall shows good technique and balance under the not-too-critical gaze of coach Neil Butler.

#### TODAY'S MASCOTS

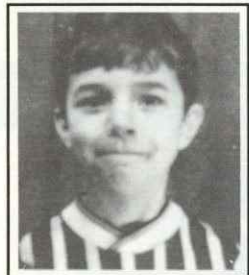
United's cup mascots include two from the Rotherham area, one with a surname rather rare in these parts and a young lady who enjoys playing the piano. What they do have in common, of course, is a love of Sheffield United — especially if they beat Luton Town today!

Timothy David Widdowson, aged 9. He attends Bramley/Sunny-side Junior School, Bramley, Rotherham. Timothy's hobbies include football, bike riding and snooker. His favourite players are Vinnie Jones, Tony Agana, Brian Deane and Brian Marwood.

Nathan Antoni Wilczynski, aged 7 years. A pupil of Anston School. His hobbies are football and more football! Nathan's favourite player is Ian Bryson.

Katie Globe, aged 10 years. A pupil of Gooseacre Middle School at Thurnscoe. Her hobbies are Sheffield United and playing the piano. Her favourite players are Simon Tracey, Vinnie Jones and Brian Deane.

Alexander David Jubb, aged 8. A pupil of Sir Harold Jackson Primary School. His hobbies are football, swimming and gymnastics and he is a Beaver. Alexander's favourite players are Tony Agana and Vinnie Jones.



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# DON'T SHOOT THE REF!

Wherever and whenever there are football matches referees, like managers and players, will be the butt of the crowd's anger and frustration — it's as much part of the game as a half-time meat pie and Bovril. There isn't a club in the land who doesn't feel that it has got the worst of the deal from officials who are biased, blind, too old or just not up to standard!

**But hold on. Have you ever met one? The chances are you would be surprised at the dedication, professionalism and sheer love of the game that this much criticised breed brings to our beloved game. Much of their work and involvement in the fixture as a whole goes unnoticed — it is much more than the 90 minutes in the middle. VIC CALLOW, who sent Paul Gascoigne off last Tuesday has been on the Referees list for eleven years and has refereed the Lane games this season against Liverpool and Oldham, the latter a mid-week fixture in the Rumbelows Cup which United won 7-2. Take a look at his timetable for that match on 11th December.**

- 12.45 Lunch
- 1.15 Rest in bed for 1 hour
- 2.45 Depart
- 4.45 Arrive at Bramall Lane (approximate time). (Required to arrive at least two hours before kick-off from November to February inclusive)
- 5.30 Linesmen arrive
- 6.00 Standby official arrive to complete team. Drink tea and relax
- 6.30 Pre-match team briefing to colleagues
- 6.40 Liaise with Police for their arrangements
- 6.45 Team captains and manager/coach present team sheets in referee's dressing room
- 6.50 To 7.25 Time to change into match kit and warm up exercises — check whistles, watches, book etc. Signal teams to leave dressing room by pressing bell button.
- 7.27 Leave dressing room
- 7.30 Kick-off
- 8.15 Cup of tea and half-time discussion with linesmen on how the game is going — check our co-operation and awareness of each other

- 9.15 approx. Game over (unless there is extra-time/penalties)
- 9.20 Back in dressing room Administration — A form to complete for club's Secretary of any cautions/sendings off to inform press
- 9.25 onwards Receive expenses. After match debrief with colleagues about officials' performance in the game Shower/bath, change, and enjoy a soft drink and sandwich whilst unwinding.
- 9.55 approx. Farewells and depart
- 12.15 approx. Arrive home in Solihull, unpack kit. Cup of tea to unwind before retiring to bed at approximately 1.00 a.m.

## DON'T FORGET — THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXTRA-TIME!

### LIGHT RELIEF

That turned out to be a relatively easy game (save for an early sharp word with Paul Beesley!) and Vic confessed that the most difficult part of refereeing a high scoring game is maintaining concentration. He says "When things appear to be going smoothly and everything is flowing it is very easy to be suddenly caught out and miss something."

He couldn't remember taking charge of a nine-goal affair before but remembers Jimmy Nicholl's reaction to being on the Sunderland side that lost 8-0 at Watford — the full-back groaned when the eighth went in "I'm fed up with seeing that stupid little computer figure jumping up and down on the electronic scoreboard!"



Goal-kick! says Mr. Callow as Jock trudges back.



"I said over there!" Gannon and Beesley get a close up view.

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

How does Mr. Callow regard the apparent difference of style apparent in our officials? "I realise that the problem is one of our different interpretations of incidents and that can go hand in hand with the relationships we have with the players. I simply will not tolerate sheer dissent but I enjoy banter with them and like to think I can be party to good humour — a clever line can often win some players over but they are all very different, very human. Some get on with it, some sulk and others conduct a dialogue with the ref. all the way through. There's a lot of psychology involved. Usually, though, younger players cause most problems — they think you've never played the game whereas many of the experienced ones know the score and will try it on whilst knowing just how far they can take you."

### ALL FOR THE LOVE OF IT

Don't forget, most referees are football lovers first, referees second. Men like Vic Callow have an enviable passage through the games inner sanctums and finest stages — opportunities denied most of us — but they pay a price. Developing a thick skin is a pre-requisite of the job but consider the inconvenience, social disharmony and personal discomfort involved in the following.

Three days before the Oldham game Mr. Callow was due to take Watford's game against Plymouth — the weekend that brought the dreadful weather. Watford cautiously asked for a 7.30 a.m. inspection so Vic travelled down from Solihull and stayed in a hotel overnight. The morning brought no sign of snow, but a telephone call home revealed the fact that 7" had fallen there overnight.

The game went ahead with no problems and he set off and made 80 miles towards Coventry, then trouble. A five mile traffic jam restricted progress, in appalling conditions, to 8 miles and at 12.15 a.m. the car was abandoned in favour of a local hotel. That turned out to be overcrowded and after a phone call home he settled down in the bar with 30 others with just a sheet provided by the staff.



Vic Callow ideally positioned to see Roger Palmer put Oldham ahead.

In the morning Vic abandoned the car and set off to walk the remaining 15 miles home but was eventually collected by his wife after 11 of them and his destination was finally reached at 1.30 p.m.

His own car was eventually retrieved on the Monday but as our man says "NOT BAD FOR 90 MINUTES OF FOOTBALL AS A SO-CALLED AMATEUR!"

# THE STORY SO FAR

## ■ Saturday 15th December

Barclays League Division One  
**LIVERPOOL 2 UNITED 0**

**Scorers:** Liverpool — Barnes (61), Rush (75).

**Liverpool:** Grobbelaar, Hysen, Burrows, Nicol, Whelan, Gillespie, Beardsley (McManaman 79), Houghton, Rush, Barnes, McMahon. Sub: Ablett.

**United:** Tracey, Wilder (Hoyland 79), Rostron, Jones, Beesley, Hill, Bryson, Gannon, Bradshaw (Duffield 79) Deane, Lucas.

**Referee:** J. Lloyd (Wrexham).

**Attendance:** 33,516.

Brave resistance from the whole side keeps Liverpool at bay for an hour but a Barnes special and a doubtful Rush header rubs out the anticipation following Bryson's long range effort against the bar.

*A goal in each half at Hull sees the Juniors go down 2-0 in the Northern Intermediate League but Steve Circuit makes a successful comeback.*

## ■ Monday, 17th December

Billy Whitehurst's proposed transfer to Stoke City called off after a disagreement over terms between the player and Alan Ball's club.

*A topsey-turvy Reserve game against Wednesday at the Lane ends 4-4 with United hitting back from 1-4 down after taking the lead through Duffield. Brian Marwood scored his first goal for United with the other two being added by Danish striker Sorin Anderson, a player on a three week trial.*

## ■ Wednesday, 19th December

Dave Bassett terminates the three week trial of Dane Sorin Anderson after one match deciding that he didn't have "any more to offer United than we already have."

## ■ Thursday, 20th December

The long standing transfer saga of Darren Carr and Third Division Crewe is eventually settled, the centre-half agreeing to a move at £35,000.

## ■ Saturday, 22nd December

Barclays League Division One

**UNITED 3 FOREST 2**

**Scorers:** United — Bryson (48, 59), Deane (66).

Forest — Keane (49), Pearce (57).

**United:** Tracey, Wilder, Rostron, Jones, (Hoyland 67), Beesley, Hill, Bryson, Gannon, Bradshaw, Deane, Lucas. Unused sub: Marwood.

**Forest:** Crossley, Laws, Pearce, Walker, Chettle, Keane, Carr, Parker, Clough, Jemson (Starbuck 68), Crosby. Sub: Wilson.

**Referee:** R. Lewis (Surrey)

**Attendance:** 20,394

The agony and the ecstasy! A dead locked first half gave way to a pulsating second that saw Bryson put United ahead, Keane and Pearce reply for Forest, but Bryson and Deane secure that elusive first win in time for Christmas. A final few minutes of Forest pressure cause palpitations as the fans will United to victory.

*A lone goal from Jamie Evans does little to cheer the Juniors who slipped back into a losing sequence, going down 3-1 at Barnsley in the Northern Intermediate League.*



Brian Deane in laid back form against Forest.





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## LANE NEWS

### OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

The Shareholders meeting on 27th December was closely followed by the expected announcement that Reg Brealey had sold his shareholdings and resigned as Chairman of the club. We are delighted to announce that MR. PAUL WOOLHOUSE, board member for five years and a life-long Unitedite, has obtained the shares in a private deal and succeeded Mr. Brealey as Chairman.

There are no plans to expand the Board so the team Mr. Brealey built during his ten year reign is expecting to steer United into calmer waters themselves now that Brealey has given precedence to his business interests in India.

Mr. Woolhouse has had an eventful few days. He arrived back from Barbados just in time to accept the position, suffered illness at the same time and then started his job with the 4-1 reverse at Arsenal.

We hope to published the Chairman's views, when applicable, but wish to place on record our gratitude and thanks to Reg Brealey who joined the club at its lowest ebb and almost single-handedly kept it afloat. THANKS REG.

### JUNIOR BLADES PANTOMINE **ALADDIN**

Sunday, 13th January, 1991  
3.00 p.m.  
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**Tickets £1.50  
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### BRYSON KOPS IT

Ian Bryson's recent return to form has been heartening and has coincided with him being given a more central role than he has been used to. He comments "Yes, I am enjoying been involved more now — the boss has asked Carl Bradshaw and me to play further forward in a 4-3-3 type formation as we are determined to attack teams and go for wins rather than play cautiously and get beaten 1-0."

Bryson and Bradshaw both seem to be playing with more determination recently and Ian concedes "Both Carl and me have been in and out of the side and with such a big squad we have realised that we have to give it everything if we are to be in the team — the whole team works hard and all three of us up front have to do our share."



*Ian Bryson — in determined mood at Luton.*

### UNITED PAYING THE PENALTY

How much longer can United's run without being awarded a penalty go on? Roy Wegerle's miss with his 8th of the season last Tuesday merely underlined the fact that we have not even been given one in 25 league and cup games so far.

It was 17th March last year when John Gannon converted our last penalty against Wolves at the Lane — that makes 38 games in all, almost a full season and quite remarkable when you consider United's style of play produces so much penalty area action.

If John Gannon is still earmarked to take the next one he at least has a good excuse for missing it — he just doesn't get the chance to practise!

### NO ADVANCED SEATS

Contrary to previous information there will be no advanced seats available for the match at Manchester City on 19th January. See tickets and travel for details.

Five goals in five games have restored the Scotsman's confidence after such a barren spell and he could have had hat-tricks against Oldham and Forest. Stangely enough, all four of his Lane goals have been at the Kop end although we have had uncanny difficulty in getting them photographed without there being bodies in the way. Better start making some solo runs, Ian!

Footnote: Jock's goal at Arsenal last week was his first on an away ground since 16th December, 1989 at Port Vale.

### SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Pressmen were astonished after United's first win against Forest when Dave Bassett declined to comment at the usual post match conference.

He has been praised up and down the country for facing the music week after week as the team's position grew steadily worse. When his chance of glory was spurned no-one could really believe it until Vinnie Jones appeared to verify Dave's wish to "have a drink in private and take a night off." Never thought the day would dawn when Dave was lost for words!

### DID YOU SEE?

Keith Edwards scored on his debut for Plymouth to whom he is on loan from Huddersfield, and our centre-half John Flower got one for Aldershot recently — his transfer is still not finalised.



# IN SUPPORT

by Beryl Whitney

Good afternoon, a very warm welcome to you all here today for the fifth round cup-tie, with all 'Blade' fans hoping for a repeat of the Boxing Day result after the disappointment of the results at Highbury when all hopes were dashed after the joy of going a goal ahead in the first half. Yet again despite being soaked by the constant rain, the travelling fans were superb.

## WELCOME TO PAUL

As all fans well know by now, S.U.F.C. now has a new Chairman in Paul Woolhouse. I am sure that as well as welcoming Mr. Woolhouse, fans would like me to pass on their good wishes and thanks to Mr. Reg. Brealey for his contribution to the club and especially for his association, consideration and understanding of the fans' point

of view. I know through speaking to many supporters that it means a lot to them to have someone who will listen to them at the 'top'.

## MISS SHEFFIELD UNITED ENTRIES

Time is now passing quickly and it is coming round again to the Miss Sheffield United Contest which this year will be held on 16th March, 1991 in the Executive Suite, with dancing to the Gary Sinclair Disco. Tickets will be on sale shortly priced at £3. Entrants must be members of a Supporters Club branch and an entry form will be published in a forthcoming programme as well as being available through the Pools Office. This is a very popular event but without contestants cannot take place so start thinging about entering now girls!

## ANYONE FOR MANCHESTER?

The Supporters Club football match against Manchester City Supporters Club will take place prior to the league game on 19th January, 1991.

A coach will leave at 8.30 a.m. Arrangements have been made to accommodate those travelling, between games. Anyone interested should contact John Calvert in the Pools Office, phone 727901 as soon as possible please.

As I am just getting my brain back in gear following the hustle and bustle of the festive season and these are my first notes in 1991, may I wish all supporters, Dave, the lads and all concerned a successful, trouble-free, happy and healthy year in 1991.

Cheers.

## TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR

# BACK TO SQUARE ONE

In the early years of BBC radio, sports commentators adopted an experimental system for soccer broadcasts. The field was divided into eight theoretical squares — and listeners were shown these on a diagram in newspapers or in the Radio Times. The commentator would indicate the position of the ball and players by the square that they happened to be in at any one time... "Currie dribbles the ball diagonally across from square 4 to square 5..." and so on.

The system lasted at least until the Second World War, but was eventually found to be too cumbersome, and abandoned. But the expression back to square one survived. It must have been so frequently heard in comments such as "The full-back taps the ball safely back to square one, where the goalkeeper Hodgkinson picks it up," and so became a widespread catchphrase. The idea of "back to the beginning" seems so clearly suggested by the words back to square one that the phrase quickly acquired this sense.



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# ALL YOUR YESTERDAYS

## DAVID BRADFORD'S FIRST GOAL

### SHEFFIELD UNITED 2 (Eddy, Bradford)

### LUTON TOWN 0

Football League Cup, Third Round  
8th October, 1974  
Attendance: 14,150

United: Brown, Badger, Hemsley, Eddy, Colquhoun, Franks, Woodward, Bradford, Dearden, Currie, Field. Substitute: Garbett for Badger, 16 minutes.

Luton Town: Barber, Shanks, Buckley, Anderson, Litt, John Ryan, Hindson, Jimmy Ryan, Husband, West, Alston. Substitute: Garner for Anderson, 71 minutes.

United's home tie in Round 3 of the Football League Cup against Luton Town gave both sides a chance of reaching the last 16. This was a repeat of the situation in 1969 when the two clubs were paired together at the same stage of the competition at Bramall Lane. United then in the Second Division beat Luton then in the Third Division 3-0. Now both teams were in the First Division, with Luton having won promotion at the end of the 1973/74 season as runners up to Middlesbrough.

For United, Len Badger, Eddie Colquhoun and Alan Woodward were survivors from the 1969 game but no current Luton player had played in that previous game. The Blades were making comfortable progress in the league and had beaten Liverpool 1-0 in their previous home game. Luton were finding life at the top difficult. They did not win a league game until their tenth fixture.

### GARBETT PROFITS

United started the game well with Keith Barber making an excellent save from Woodward in the 9th minute. Colin Franks headed narrowly wide from the resulting corner. In the 16th minute United suffered a blow when Badger had to go off with damaged ankle ligaments. This completed an unhappy few days for him as he had been sent off in the previous game against Stoke City following a clash with Mike Pejic. His replacement was Terry Garbett who was having his first taste of senior soccer since his cartilage operation at the end of the 1973/74 season. Full-back was another role for the versatile Garbett who had also played in midfield and at centre-forward for United.

United took the lead in the 23rd minute through KEITH EDDY whose ground shot appeared to deviate in

front of Barber and crept in by the post. Barber's expression of disgust summed up his feelings about the goal. Both goalkeepers made fine saves to prevent further scoring. Barber thwarted Franks, Woodward and Currie. His save from Currie was particularly thrilling. Jim Brown in the United goal kept out two fine headers from Luton centre-back Steve Litt.

### BRADFORD JOY

United sealed their victory in the second half with a DAVID BRADFORD goal, his first for the club. Bradford, a close season signing from Blackburn Rovers, was only playing because Mick Speight was unavailable owing to an ankle injury. The goal began with a piece of Currie magic in his own half. Dearden then found Woodward who lost the ball but Eddy following up knocked the ball across the goal where Bradford wrong footed a

defender before tucking a shot beyond Barber. Bradford celebrated his goal Currie-style blowing kisses to the crowd. This was after an hour's play.

United were knocked out of the League Cup in the next round by Norwich City after a replay. United did not progress as far again in this competition until this season when they played Tottenham at the Lane.

Luton ended the 1974/75 season by being relegated. Their manager Harry Haslam was to become United's boss in 1978 and team members from the 1974 cup team Peter Anderson and John Ryan were to play for United under Haslam. Jimmy Ryan, another team member is now the manager of the club and he helped to mastermind Luton's remarkable escape from relegation last season (1989/90).



Terry Garbett. Inset: David Bradford.

Photo: Courtesy of Sheffield Newspapers



## LUTON TOWN - 1990/91

Back row: Richard Cooke, Paul Gray, Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nogan, Richard Harvey, Jason Rees.  
Middle row: George Ley (Coach), John Moore (Coach), Julian James, Ceri Hughes, Iain Dowie, Andy Petterson, Alec Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Darron McDonough, John Faulkner (Assistant Manager), Dave Galley (Physio).  
Front: David Baumont, Tim Breaker, John Dreyer (Captain), Jim Ryan (Manager), David Preece, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

Photo: Courtesy of Apex Photography

### LUTON REVEL IN CUP FOOTBALL

Luton Town, who have been building quite a reputation as cup fighters in recent years, have appeared in three Wembley finals over the past three seasons.

In 1988 they created a sensation when defeating Arsenal 3-2 in the Littlewoods Cup (now the Rumbelows Cup) Final. They also went to Wembley for the Simod Cup (now the Zenith Data Systems Cup) Final that same year but, on that occasion, they were beaten by Reading.

The Hatters returned to Wembley in the following year's Littlewoods Cup Final but lost 1-3 to Nottingham Forest.

Manager Jim Ryan will be hoping his side will make something of a showing in the F.A. Cup after failing earlier this season at the first hurdle of the Rumbelows League Cup. They were held to 2-2 on aggregate by Third Division Bradford City and then lost 4-5 in the penalty shoot-out.

But Luton have taken one step towards Wembley in the Zenith Data Systems Cup, having ousted West Ham by 5-1 at Kenilworth Road in the second round. They now face a tough third round tie at Chelsea.

Luton have been holding their own in the First Division this season and, apart from two very heavy defeats, at Q.P.R. and Liverpool, they have looked quite comfortable this season.

Lars Elstrup, their Danish international striker, has now settled into league football and included a hat-trick among his first 11 goals of the season.

Fellow striker Iain Dowie, now a regular member of the N. Ireland squad, has also been on the mark quite consistently.

Mr. Ryan has been keeping a settled team though he was forced to make a change in midfield when Ceri Hughes was injured in early December, since then his midfield had lined up with Kingsley Black, Steve Williams, Jason Rees and David Preece.

John Dreyer has filled one of the central defensive positions all season. At first he was alongside Dave Beaumont but, in recent weeks, Darren McDonough has been playing here. Marvin Johnson and Richard Harvey have been filling the full-back positions.

Alex Chamberlain is now firmly established in goal.

Luton's away form in the First Division has not been too impressive. Prior to the holiday games, they had won only twice away from home in the First Division — at Southampton (2-1) and Norwich (3-1). They drew at Nottingham Forest (2-2) but they were beaten in all their other away league matches at Arsenal (1-2), Q.P.R. (1-6), Sunderland (0-2), Derby (1-2), and Liverpool (0-4).

### PREVIOUS CUP MEETINGS

Today's game is the first time the clubs have met in the F.A. Cup. However, there have been four games in the League Cup, including those in the two-legged tie in 1985-6. The details of those games are:

Season	Round	Venue	Score	Attendance	Scorers
1969-70	3	H	3-0	16,884	Woodward (2), Tudor
1974-75	3	H	2-0	14,150	Eddy, Bradford
1985-86	2	H	1-2	8,948	Foley
	2	A	1-3	5,660	Edwards

The teams for the last of these games at the Lane, on 24th September 1985 were:

United — Burridge, Eckhardt, Bolton, Thompson, Foley, McNaught, Morris, Cockerill, Withe, Lewington, Edwards. Sub not used: Stancliffe. Manager: Ian Porterfield.

Luton — Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, B. Stein, Harford, Nwajobi, Preece. Manager: David Pleat. Scorers: Stein, Nwajobi.

The referee was Mr. J. Lovatt (Crewe).

United were in Division 2, Luton in Division 1.

### UNITED'S F.A. CUP RECORD

Up to and including last season's F.A. Cup games, United's F.A. Cup record since 1889-90 is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	125	74	27	24	235	129
Away	134	47	30	57	170	194
Neutral	33	13	13	7	43	31
Total	292	134	70	88	448	354

## LUTON TOWN

### LUTON TOWN'S 10 YEAR F.A. CUP RECORD

Season	Round Reached	P	W	D	L	F	A
1980-81	4	2	1	—	1	4	3
1981-82	4	2	1	—	1	2	4
1982-83	4	2	1	—	1	3	2
1983-84	3	2	—	1	1	5	6
1984-85	SF	8	4	3	1	11	7
1985-86	6	7	3	3	1	13	6
1986-87	4	5	1	3	1	5	3
1987-88	SF	6	4	1	1	10	6
1988-89	3	1	—	—	1	2	3
1989-90	3	1	—	—	1	1	4

For comparison, United's 10 year F.A. Cup record is:

P	W	D	L	F	A
39	15	14	10	53	44

#### ALEC CHAMBERLAIN (Goalkeeper)

Tall and agile keeper who left Colchester for Everton in 1983 for £80,000. Joined Luton in 1988.

#### DARREN McDONOUGH (Defender)

Scored on debut for Oldham and signed for Luton in 1986 for £87,000. Injuries have hampered his progress as successor to Steve Foster.

#### RICHARD HARVEY (Defender)

Ex youth-team skipper and England U-19 player who made his league debut, aged just 17.

#### JOHN DREYER (Defender)

Cost £140,000 from Oxford United in 1988. Normally a left-back but drafted into Central Defence last season with outstanding success.

#### JULIAN JAMES (Defender)

Local youngster from Town's youth scheme who gradually forced his way in to play 19 games last season.

#### MARVIN JOHNSON (Defender)

Another former member of the talented youth side. Wembley-born Johnson has appeared regularly in central defence where his exceptional pace marks him out as a man for the future. A popular player with the fans for all over style.

#### DAVE BEAUMONT (Defender)

Another 1989 signing, from Dundee United, where he had been understudy to Internationals David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Made his Luton debut in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Upton Park where his calm performance ensured that he remained ever present for the rest of the season.

#### STEVE WILLIAMS (Midfield)

Former record signing Williams brings a wealth of experience gained playing for Southampton, Arsenal and England. Joined Luton in summer 1985.

#### KINGSLEY BLACK (Midfield)

Northern Ireland International who hit the headlines with his performance in the Littlewoods Cup Final of 1988 which was also his first full term in the Luton first team.

#### DAVID PREECE (Midfield)

Signed by Luton Town from Walsall for £150,000 in December 1984. Scored in his debut against Aston Villa.

A busy left sided midfielder player known for his accurate and imaginative passing. England 'B' selection.

#### JASON REES (Midfield)

A Welsh U-21 squad member who graduated from the apprentice ranks and to make his first team debut against Manchester United in March 1990.

#### LARS ELSTRUP (Forward)

Danish International striker and Luton's record signing in August 1989 from Odense at a fee of £650,000, but two cartilage operations last season held up his progress.

#### SEAN FARRELL (Forward)

Born in Watford, Sean is a tall strapping old style centre-forward with touch and potential, but his career to date has been hampered by injuries. Returned from a year's absence with a knee ligament problem and forced his way into the first team squad. He starred in the recent Guinness Soccer 6 which Luton won and shared the title of top goal scorer.



# SOCCER'S CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Father Christmas — heavily disguised as Mick Rooker — helped Dave Kilner out with the Revival draw.



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Time stood still on United's new scoreboard to announce a First Division victory at the 17th time of asking. With goals going in thick and fast in the second half it was kept ticking over and even Brian Clough looked bemused as Forest, Walker and Pearce and all, submitted to the battering. With Forest equalising so quickly and taking the lead our luck seemed out as chance after chance came and went. Here are the best of them.

Photo: Mark Rodgers.



## THE HITS...

**No. 1** Ian Bryson slides in to penetrate a crowded penalty area.



**No. 2** A twisting header from Bradshaw's cross levels it — Jock again on target, behind Deano.



**No. 3** Brian Deane, also hidden, gets in on the act to head home the winner from another Bradshaw cross.

## ...AND THE MISSES!



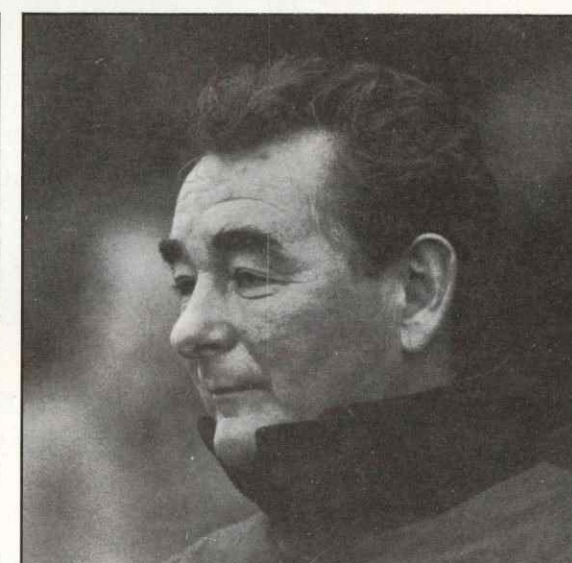
Brian Deane powers in a point blank header, brilliantly parried by Crossley.



Unlucky! Ian Bryson slams in a shot that cannons off both posts and stays out.



Referee! Brian Deane is denied a penalty after being sent tumbling.



Brian Clough — unbelieving?

Photo: Mark Rodgers.



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## LOOKING BACK



by Denis  
Clarebrough

### BLADES ON TOUR

United played a couple of friendly matches at Luton in 1895 and 1897 and were probably guaranteed £50 for each match with a share of the gate if it exceeded an agreed figure. United would have had to pay their hotel and travelling expenses but no doubt there was something left over to cheer the directors and club secretary and to help pay our new goalkeeper, Billy Foulke, his £2 per week wages.

An account in the 'Luton News' of the 1895 fixture began "Monday was one of the big days in the Luton football calendar, it being the occasion of the visit to Strawopolis of the far-famed Sheffield United team."

I remind Unitedites that our welcome visitors are known as the 'Hatters', and 'Strawopolis' is therefore, a reference to a favoured headgear of the time. In the match report, Luton are referred to as the 'Reds', though their colours are more fetchingly described as 'cochineal' in one reference book.

#### TEAM BREAK

The reporter was pleased with the fact that the teams did not leave the field at the interval. "I firmly believe", he wrote, "that a lemon outside the pavilion or nothing at all for the matter of that, would do the players infinitely more good than the decoction applied (internally) inside the building." Did he mean tea?

Luton eventually went down by two goals to one, though not before Foulke — then a mere fourteen stone and twelve pounds — had, and not for the last time, broken a cross-bar. He always had the good sense incidentally, to do it in away matches.

Two years later, United returned to Luton, winning by a single goal and beginning a six match tour in the south east of England.

#### FOULKE IN THE CHAIR

Ernest Needham apart, and he in any case was absent on international duty, Foulke, now paid £3 per week and weighing fifteen stones, was well aware that he was the man who drew the crowds when United played. The Luton reporter noted him clearing a shot "with quite an irritating show of ease", and that he "did the little that was required of him in the most contemptuous way." At least he didn't procure a chair in this match as he did in another friendly and was defeated by a no doubt deliberate sharply driven pass back from Needham.



Bill Foulke.

United moved on from Luton playing Arsenal and matches against district elevens in Sheerness, Kings Lynn, Colchester and Ipswich.

The levels of skill and stamina displayed by the United professionals were far

ahead of the amateur district elevens. Foulke punched and kicked the ball vast distances and drew gasps of astonishment from the spectators. At Colchester, United paraded a skill which is new to me, or at least in the way it was described, for it was reported that they were "apparently hugging the ball with their knees for a moment and so clearing even from a crowd."

#### LADS AND LASSES!

The Colchester team included two soldiers from the Yorks and Lincs regiment and there were many others in the crowd for they were based there. I was delighted to learn that they were known by the local girls as the 'Young and Lovelies.'

This mention of the fair sex — I hope my youngest daughter doesn't read this for I will get it in the neck for using such a phrase in these enlightened days — reminds me that a British Ladies Football Club had been formed and the first match of any significance had been played just a few days before that first Luton game and had attracted a crowd of between ten and twelve thousand.

The newspaper writers were appalled. The game is altogether unsuitable" was a typical comment. The ladies had played in divided skirts, a variety of blue serge knickerbockers, with one team in cardinal and the other in pale blue blouses. Three or four of the players were known to be married, but the opinion of their husbands and no doubt their mothers was not known.

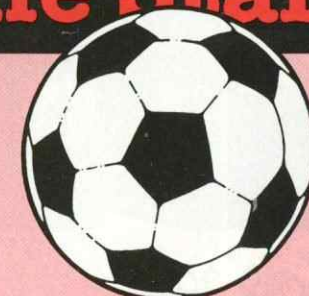
Women had played football before. An annual game was played in some Scottish villages between the married women and the unmarried. The married always won.

I suspect I am in trouble.

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## SUCCESS AT LAST!

Before mentioning anything else I must talk about our magnificent first league away win at Luton. After our wonderfully exciting home victory over Forest hopes were high that we could continue with another win and thus make the mountain we have to climb appear not quite as high.

Well we did it, and in style, never allowing Luton to settle and were worthy winners with a magnificent Brian Deane goal in the 71st minute. With other efforts going close — a shot being kicked off the line by Dreyer and a Vinnie Jones shot being well covered by the keeper — there could be no doubting the justice of the result. We mastered the awful conditions of high winds and pouring rain, superbly and for the celebrating fans it was truly the Christmas present they'd dreamt of and travelled for.

## THE LUCKY FEW

As I've mentioned before the only sadness was that Luton's miserable membership policy meant that most of our travelling fans had to miss this

of all matches. Without such a policy I imagine that between one and two thousand Blades fans would have seen the match instead of the two hundred or so that did. Luton lost a lot of money and the poor crowd of just over 10,000 shows what the public thinks of such a scheme.

## A REVIEW OF THE 1990 TRAVELS

Including the Arsenal match United played 23 league games away from home during 1990, 12 in the Second Division, 11 in the First. United won six times on their travels, drew six and lost 11.

The year started with a pretty awful performance at Oxford which resulted in a 3-0 defeat and in fact we had to wait two months for our first away success, a 4-1 victory at Bradford.

## BEST AND WORST?

A low point for travelling Blades was a 5-0 hammering by West Ham but this was soon forgotten when our next trip resulted in one of our very best performances, a 2-0 win on our close rival Oldham's plastic pitch. Another victory three days later at Stoke seemed to confirm that we were on our way up only for us to come down to earth with a bump with defeats at Portsmouth and Leeds.

As Shakespear said "All's well that ends well" and could a season have possibly finished better than with our unforgettable 5-2 triumph at Leicester, a match which our fans made seem more like a home match than an away match. There in thousands they appeared to well outnumber the home fans as well as to shout them. What a day to remember.

## TOUGH TRAVELS

Unfortunately the months that followed did not give us memories to rival that. Draws at Derby and Chelsea gave us something to cheer and a fine, courageous performance at Villa Park gave us heart but no points. It wasn't until Luton on Boxing Day that we could once again drive home from an away match celebrating with three points.

## CLOCKING UP THE MILES

For the fans who followed the Blades in every league away match, and many did, I estimate they covered some 5,500 miles in 1990. When we add the cup matches at Watford, Barnsley and Northampton then it's over 6,000 miles.

Well done everyone. We had our ups and downs, now let's hope that 1991 brings us some happy travelling and sufficient points to stay in Division One.

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## DERBY DEADLOCK

A tight game was in prospect for Derby County's visit as United strove to banish the memory of the previous game's mauling by Forest. The visitors, though lying 5th in the Central League had a goals for/against tally of only 14-13 so a low-scoring game was always in prospect — an unusual occurrence in United's Reserve games at the Lane! However, a 1-1 draw ensued, thus confirming pre-match suspicions but disappointing United who ought to have sewn up the game before Derby's late flurry.

With such a strong side United might have been over-confident and they were rocked on their heels by Derby's third minute opener, GEE heading neatly down past Kite from a left wing cross.

John Reed volleyed a 10 yard swerve narrowly wide before MARK TODD manufactured a welcome equaliser after 16 minutes although there was a strong element of good fortune about it. The run and shot were promising and forceful but a sharp deflection off Derby's Williams certainly changed the angle sufficiently to wrong foot Taylor.

United predictably stepped up the pressure to subdue Derby's lively start and came close to grabbing the lead on several occasions. Reed looked a certain scorer until blocked, Wood was also denied by the keeper after Todd's super pass, and when Wood slipped the ball to Ward, his strong shot was again parried for a fruitless corner.

United had retaliated well to finish the half strongly and they set about the second period in the same fashion but created few real chances and were foiled by one or two unlucky deflections in vital areas.

Duffield replaced Lucas in an effort to produce a winner but Marwood's

## THE RESERVE SCENE

free-kick went straight at Taylor and Wood curled one over from the left of the box. Hoyland, though, looked to have done the trick powering in a header that was instinctively saved following brilliant work by Mitch Ward, back from his loan spell at Crewe.

Although Mark Morris headed over from a corner it was Derby who finished strongly with the giant substitute Francis crashing one shot against the bar and having another low effort saved. A point is better than none but given the relative playing strengths of the two sides United will feel less happy about that than Derby.

### Thursday, 13th December

Pontins League Division One

UNITED 1 DERBY COUNTY 1

Scorers: United — Todd (16).

Derby — Gee (3).

United: Kite, Booker, Barnes, Todd, Morris, M., Lucas (Duffield 61), Ward, Hoyland, Reed, Wood, Marwood. Unused sub: Fickling. Derby: Taylor, Sage (Taylor 66), Williams, Round, Davidson, Kavanagh, Chalk, Hayward, Gee, Straw, Callaghan (Francis 64).



Paul Wood — denied by keeper.

Photo: Mark Rodgers.

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 1990/91

August			
27 M	Manchester City	1-3	
September			
4 Tu	Sheffield Wednesday	0-3	
12 W	Rotherham United	1-3	
19 W	Sunderland	0-2	
27 Th	Coventry City	1-1	
October			
3 W	Leeds United	3-2	
13 S	Manchester United	2-1	
17 W	Blackburn Rovers	2-0	
24 W	Huddersfield Town	1-2	
November			
1 Th	Leeds United	2-3	
5 M	Leicester City	3-1	
14 W	Newcastle United	2-1	
19 M	Aston Villa	3-1	
29 Th	Nottingham Forest	2-5	
December			
13 Th	Derby County	1-1	
17 M	Sheff. Wednesday	4-4	
January			
2 W	Liverpool	0-2	
8 Tu	Manchester City		
16 W	Sunderland		
22 Tu	Rotherham United		
29 Tu	Derby County		
February			
6 W	Liverpool		
20 W	Leicester City		
27 W	Nottingham Forest		
March			
6 W	Aston Villa		
13 W	Newcastle United		
20 W	Wolverhampton W.		
26 Tu	Everton		
April			
4 Th	Wolverhampton W.		
10 W	Everton		
16 Tu	Coventry City		
24 W	Huddersfield Town		
May			
1 W	Manchester United		
8 W	Blackburn Rovers		

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## TYKES TAKE THE CHANCES

It was the old, old story for the Juniors who entertained Barnsley just before Christmas and made a present of the game to enable the visitors to complete a double over us with a 3-1 victory.

United had at least 50% possession in the first half but the poor quality of their attacking play was largely responsible for the lack of early success. This was in sharp contrast to Barnsley who seemed to create an opportunity on goal from every slip that we made.

A goalkeeping error by Jon Godwin led to the first goal — his pass out of the box was intercepted — and the second was even more galling resulting as it did from our own corner. We failed to get in a cross and Barnsley made us pay from the counter attack.

The half-time inquest sorted things out and United virtually camped in Barnsley territory, but another defensive error was capitalised on and the game was out of reach by the time JAMIE EVANS pulled one back with an excellent and powerful drive from 16 yards.

That was again scant reward for all our industry and pressure but our technical quality must be improved if results are to turn. At least there were encouraging performances from Andrew Reaney and schoolboy Tim Butterfield.

### Saturday, 22nd December

Northern Intermediate League  
UNITED 1 BARNSELY 3

Scorer: Evans.

United: Godwin, Kent, Reaney, Circuit, Morris, Fickling, Evans, Butterfield (Myhill), Heywood (Dickerson), Reed, Cherrill.

## LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including 22nd December)

	Ap	Gls		Ap	Gls
Atkinson	10	—	Ingram	7	—
Batten	(1)	—	Kent	15	—
Battersby	2	—	Lawless, C	1	—
Brocklehurst	9	3	Lawless, T	1	—
Butterfield	5+1	—	Lumsden	1+1	—
Cherrill	14	1	Morris	16	2
Circuit	2	—	Myhill	4+1	—
Cope	2	—	Pearce	1	—
Dickerson	4	—	Reaney	13	—
Evans	14	2	Reed	14	3
Fickling	8	—	Ritchie	1	—
Foreman	3	—	Roberts	11	1
Godwin	9+1	—	Stammers	9	2
Heywood	13	3	Thomson	3	—
Harrison	7	—	Wainwright	3	—
Humphries	1	—			



Tim Butterfield — promising performance from schoolboy.

## N. INTER. LEAGUE FIXTURES 1990/91

August			
18 S	Huddersfield Town	1-7	
25 S	Scarborough	2-0	
28 Tu	Barnsley	0-2	
September			
1 S	Bradford City	0-0	
15 S	Sheff. Wednesday	0-0	
22 S	Newcastle United (Cup)	1-4	
29 S	Scunthorpe United	0-3	
October			
6 S	Middlesbrough	0-7	
20 S	Doncaster Rovers	2-3	
27 S	Leeds United	1-2	
November			
3 S	York City	2-8	
10 S	Halifax Town	2-3	
17 S	Darlington	1-1	
24 S	Sunderland	4-0	
26 M	Bradford C. (Y.Cup)	0-3	
December			
15 S	Hull City	0-2	
22 S	Barnsley	1-3	
January			
5 S	Scarborough		
12 S	Bradford City		
19 S	Sheffield Wednesday		
26 S	Newcastle United		
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March			
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9 S	Halifax Town		
16 S	Darlington		
23 S	Sunderland		
30 S	Hartlepool United		
April			
6 S	Rotherham United		
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It's been a long wait for an away-day bonus but it was beautifully timed. CHEERS, LADS!



### OOPS!

Bradshaw slides in but clears the bar.



△ Brian Deane strides away unopposed to stroke in the winner.



◁ THANK GOD THAT'S OVER!

Chris Wilder, Jamie Hoyland, Carl Bradshaw and Ian Bryson show their differing reactions to the victory.

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# STATISTICS... LEAGUE TABLE... ATTENDANCES... SCORERS... ETC...

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	20	15	3	2	41	16	48
Arsenal	21	14	7	0	41	10	47
Crystal Palace	21	12	6	3	31	20	42
Leeds United	21	11	6	4	36	21	39
Manchester United	21	10	6	5	32	23	35
Tottenham Hotspur	21	9	6	6	34	27	33
Manchester City	20	7	8	5	30	28	29
Chelsea	21	8	5	8	34	39	29
Wimbledon	21	7	7	7	31	31	28
Nottingham Forest	20	7	6	7	33	31	27
Norwich City	21	8	2	11	26	39	26
Everton	21	6	6	9	24	25	24
Aston Villa	20	5	8	7	20	20	23
Luton Town	21	6	5	10	22	32	23
Southampton	21	6	4	11	29	37	22
Coventry City	21	5	6	10	21	25	21
Sunderland	21	4	6	11	24	32	18
Derby County	20	4	6	10	18	35	18
Q.P.R.	21	4	5	12	26	39	17
SHEFF. UNITED	20	3	4	13	13	36	13

## HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

<b>A</b> MANSFIELD TOWN v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	<b>H</b> COVENTRY CITY v WIGAN ATHLETIC
<b>B</b> ARSENAL v SUNDERLAND	<b>J</b> HULL CITY v NOTTS COUNTY
<b>C</b> ASTON VILLA v WIMBLEDON	<b>K</b> MIDDLESBROUGH v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
<b>D</b> BARNESLEY v LEEDS UNITED	<b>L</b> MILLWALL v LEICESTER CITY
<b>E</b> BLACKBURN ROVERS v LIVERPOOL	<b>M</b> NEWCASTLE UNITED v DERBY COUNTY
<b>F</b> BRIGHTON & H.A. v SCUNTHORPE UNITED	<b>N</b> NORWICH CITY v BRISTOL CITY
<b>G</b> CHARLTON ATHLETIC v EVERTON	<b>P</b> SOUTHAMPTON v IPSWICH TOWN

## 1990/91 APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	Lge	Goals	R.C.	Goals	Zen.	Goals
Agana, Tony	9	—	2	1	—	—
Barnes, David	11 + 1	1	2	—	1	—
Beesley, Paul	19	—	4	—	1	1
Booker, Bob	13	—	1 + 1	—	1	—
Bradshaw, Carl	13	—	4	1	1	—
Bryson, Ian	15	3	1	—	1	2
Deane, Brian	20	7	4	3	1	1
Duffield, Peter	1	—	3	—	1	2
Gannon, John	13	—	2	—	1	—
Hill, Colin	13	—	1	—	1	—
Hoyland, Jamie	12	—	1 + 1	—	1	1
Jones, Vinnie	16	2	4	—	—	—
Kite, Phil	7	—	2	—	—	—
Lake, Mike	2	—	2	—	—	—
Lucas, Richard	6	—	—	—	—	—
Marwood, Brian	9 + 1	—	3	—	—	—
Morris, Mark	14	—	3	—	—	—
Pemberton, John	13	—	2	—	—	—
Rostron, Wilf	10 + 1	—	3	—	—	—
Stancilffe, Paul	3	—	—	—	—	—
Todd, Mark	2 + 1	—	(1)	—	1	—
Tracey, Simon	13	—	2	—	1	—
Ward, Mitch	2	—	—	—	—	—
Whitehouse, Dane	1	—	1	—	—	—
Whitehurst, Billy	5	—	—	—	—	—
Wilder, C.	5	—	1	—	1	—
Wood, P.	7	—	1	—	—	—

Date	Opposition	F-A	Gate	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug. 25	Liverpool	1-3	27,009	—	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Stancilffe	Hill	Hoyland	Rostron <sup>B</sup>	Agana	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Bryson	Morris <sup>(1)</sup>	Wood <sup>(4)</sup>
Aug. 29	Derby County	1-1	18,011	—	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Stancilffe	Hill	Hoyland	Beesley	Agana	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Bryson	Wood <sup>(7)</sup>	Rostron <sup>(11)</sup>
Sep. 1	Crystal Palace	0-1	16,831	19	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Stancilffe	Hill	Wood	Beesley <sup>B</sup>	Agana	Deane	Rostron	Morris <sup>(9)</sup>	Bryson <sup>(5)</sup>
Sep. 8	Manchester City	1-1	21,895	18	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Morris	Hill	Ward	Beesley <sup>B</sup>	Rostron	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Bryson	Wood <sup>(9)</sup>	Gannon <sup>(11)</sup>
Sep. 15	Southampton	0-2	15,883	19	Kite	Pemberton <sup>B</sup>	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Hill	Ward	Beesley	Booker <sup>B</sup>	Deane	Gannon	Whitehurst <sup>(6)</sup>	Bryson <sup>(9)</sup>
Sep. 23	Leeds United	0-2	26,078	20	Kite	Pemberton	Rostron	Jones	Morris	Hill	Bradshaw	Beesley	Whitehurst	Deane	Marwood	Whitehurst <sup>(6)</sup>	Booker <sup>(9)</sup>
Sep. 25	Northampton (R.C. 1st Leg)	1-0	6,714	—	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes <sup>B</sup>	Jones	Beesley	Booker	Bradshaw	Hill	Duffield	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Marwood	Rostron <sup>(6)</sup>	Whitehouse <sup>(11)</sup>
Sep. 29	Chelsea	2-2	19,873	19	Kite	Pemberton	Rostron	Jones <sup>1</sup>	Morris	Hill	Bradshaw <sup>B</sup>	Beesley	Whitehurst	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Marwood <sup>B</sup>	Booker <sup>(7)</sup>	Agana <sup>(9)</sup>
Oct. 6	Wimbledon	1-2	17,650	19	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes <sup>1</sup>	Jones <sup>B</sup>	Morris	Booker	Hoyland	Beesley	Agana	Deane	Marwood	Wood <sup>(6)</sup>	Whitehurst <sup>(9)</sup>
Oct. 10	Northampton (R.C. 2nd Leg)	2-1	8,679	—	Kite	Hill	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Wood <sup>B</sup>	Hoyland	Agana	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Marwood	Duffield <sup>(7)</sup>	Bradshaw <sup>(9)</sup>
Oct. 20	Tottenham Hotspur	0-4	34,612	20	Tracey <sup>B</sup>	Pemberton	Barnes <sup>B</sup>	Jones <sup>B</sup>	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Hoyland	Agana	Deane	Bryson	Booker <sup>(11)</sup>	Bradshaw <sup>(7)</sup>
Oct. 27	Coventry City	0-1	17,978	20	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Jones	Morris <sup>B</sup>	Beesley <sup>B</sup>	Marwood	Todd	Agana	Deane	Bryson	Hoyland <sup>(8)</sup>	Bradshaw <sup>(9)</sup>
Oct. 30	Everton (R.C. 3)	2-1	15,042	—	Tracey	Pemberton <sup>B</sup>	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Agana	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Rostron	Bradshaw <sup>(9)</sup>	Booker
Nov. 3	Norwich City	0-3	14,806	20	Tracey	Pemberton <sup>B</sup>	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Bradshaw	Gannon	Agana	Deane	Rostron	Bryson <sup>(1)</sup>	Booker <sup>(5)</sup>
Nov. 10	Everton	0-0	21,447	20	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Lake	Bradshaw	Deane	Gannon	Agana <sup>(7)</sup>	Rostron
Nov. 17	Manchester United	0-2	45,903	20	Tracey	Pemberton <sup>B</sup>	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Hoyland	Booker <sup>(11)</sup>	Whitehouse <sup>(8)</sup>
Nov. 24	Sunderland	0-2	19,179	20	Tracey	Wilder	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Bradshaw <sup>B</sup>	Deane	Rostron	Booker <sup>(1)</sup>	Bryson <sup>(7)</sup>
Nov. 27	Tottenham H. (R.C. 4)	0-2	25,824	—	Tracey	Wilder	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Rostron	Duffield <sup>(11)</sup>	Hoyland
Dec. 1	Aston Villa	1-2	21,713	20	Tracey	Booker	Lucas	Jones <sup>1</sup>	Morris	Beesley	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Hoyland	Duffield <sup>(11)</sup>	Todd
Dec. 11	Oldham A. (Zenith Cup)	7-2	3,144	—	Tracey	Wilder	Barnes	Hill	Todd	Beesley <sup>1</sup>	Bryson <sup>2</sup>	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Hoyland <sup>1</sup>	Duffield <sup>(9)</sup>	Booker <sup>(10)</sup>
Dec. 15	Liverpool	0-2	33,516	20	Tracey	Wilder	Rostron	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Lucas	Duffield <sup>(9)</sup>	Hoyland <sup>(2)</sup>
Dec. 22	Nottingham Forest	3-2	20,394	20	Tracey	Wilder	Rostron	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson <sup>2</sup>	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Lucas	Marwood	Hoyland <sup>(4)</sup>
Dec. 26	Luton Town	1-0	10,004	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Hoyland	Wood <sup>(9)</sup>	Todd
Dec. 29	Arsenal	1-4	37,866	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson <sup>1</sup>	Gannon	Marwood	Deane	Hoyland	Wood <sup>(9)</sup>	Barnes
Jan. 1	Queens Park Rangers	1-0	21,158	20	Tracey	Wilder <sup>B</sup>	Lucas	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane <sup>1</sup>	Hoyland	Todd <sup>(9)</sup>	Whitehurst <sup>(5)</sup>
Jan. 5	Luton Town (F.A.C.3)																
Jan. 12	Crystal Palace																
Jan. 19	Manchester City																
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Apr. 1	Nottingham Forest																
Apr. 6	Arsenal																
Apr. 13	Queens Park Rangers																
Apr. 20	Tottenham Hotspur																
May 4	Coventry City																
May 11	Norwich City																
T.B.A.	Derby County																

GROUNDING! Brian Deane in pain in the Forest area.

Scorers in **Bold type** <sup>B</sup>Booked <sup>S</sup>Sent off The number in brackets in the substitutes' columns indicate the players substituted.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

Today's man in the middle should need no introduction as 44 year old Joe Worrall is in his 15th year on the list and refereed the 1989 Cup Final.

He is interested in all sports and keeping fit, hobbies which have stood him in good stead for he has been in charge of numerous big matches at Wembley and been linesman on the Continent.

Married, with two boys, this Accountant shouldn't have too much difficulty in keeping the score today!

## LUTON'S PEDIGREE

Luton have appeared in three F.A. Cup semi-finals. Their first was in 1958-59, when they beat Third Division Norwich City 1-0 after a 1-1 draw. As many here today will not need reminding, Norwich had beaten the Blades in Round 6, by 3-2 in a replay at Carrow Road. Luton went on to lose 1-2 to Notts Forest at Wembley.

## FANCY THAT!

Unusually, Luton had reached the final without a manager. Dally Duncan had resigned in the October

and the team were led out at Wembley by the club Chairman. Also, Luton had fielded the same eleven players in all their F.A. Cup matches that season.

## WINNERS AT LAST

Their two other semi-final appearances were more recent. Firstly, in 1984-5, they lost 1-2 to Everton and then, in 1987-8, they lost 1-2 to Wimbledon. In the last few seasons Luton have had success in other competitions, being League Cup winners in 1987-8 (beating Arsenal 3-2), and runners-up in 1988-9 (losing 1-3 to Notts Forest).

Also, in 1987-8, they were runners-up in the Simod Cup (now the Zenith Data Systems Cup), losing 1-4 to Reading who were relegated from Division Two that season.

## UNITED'S CUP DECADE

Between 1980-81 and 1989-90 United have been paired against 24 different clubs in F.A. Cup ties. They have been paired against Watford twice in this period. In 25 pairings in total United have been drawn at home 13 times and 12 times away. There have been 14 replays in this period.



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## COMMERCIAL PAGE

### PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Supporter Irene Bell was the lucky winner who nominated Carl Bradshaw as the GILDERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH for November. Irene was a guest at the Forest match when Tony Owen, Group Systems Manager of Gilders, made the award.

### VIDEO GOODIES

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Sheffield United will receive a limited allocation of terrace tickets only, price £5.50 each. These will be on sale to Season Ticket holders and Blades Revival members only on Sunday, 6th January from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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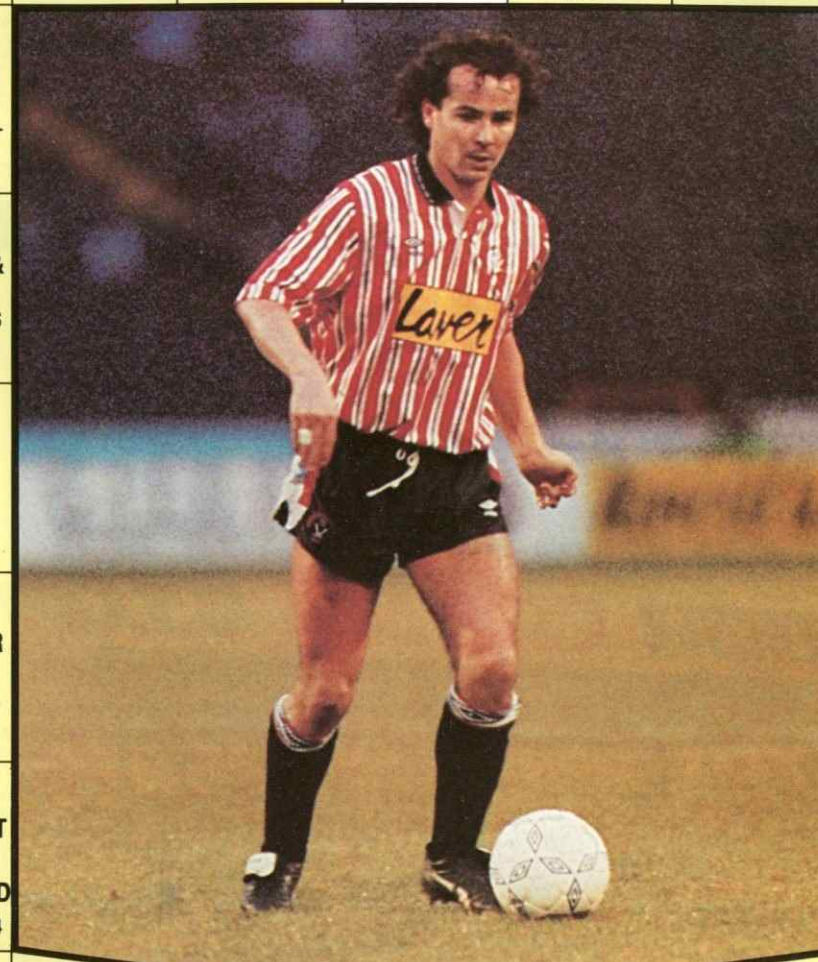
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