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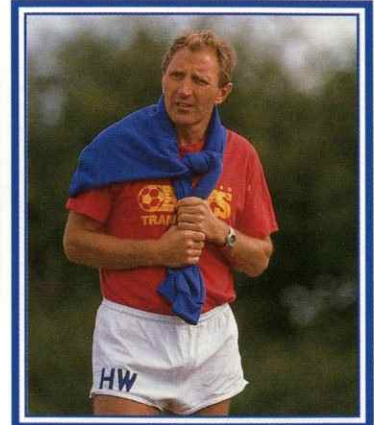
TO REACH a semi-final in one of our country's major football competitions in our first season in the top flight is a terrific achievement. Great credit must go to all concerned at the football club, who during the past two and a half years have contributed towards the push for success.

Both the manner of our performance and the scoreline on Wednesday evening were tremendous and it has to go down as one of the very best displays we've produced in my time here.

At the time I confess I was a very happy person. Unfortunately I returned home to find war had started in the Gulf and in a flash the match and football in general was put into perspective.

I know that many of the troops out there are devoted Leeds United supporters, in fact a group of them came to our game at Norwich before leaving for active duties. For their sakes and for the sake of all those involved, it is to be hoped an end comes quickly.

At the moment we are experiencing a more usual British winter. We've had snow, frost, floods and wind all of which have combined to make any worthwhile training during the past 4 or 5 weeks virtually impossible. Add to that the fact that we've had a two games per week schedule, which looks likely to continue into February and you might scratch your head at the planning of our fixtures over a season. During the early part of the season when the evenings were long and reasonably warm, I think we played just one mid week game against Manchester United here at Elland Road. In the spring we face the prospect of free weekends. Thankfully our new pitch, plus the undersoil heating have insured our fixture pile up did not get worse.



So, it's back to the bread and butter this afternoon for what is a very important game. Our last two League results have been disappointing and it's vital we lose no more ground to those teams around us.

Earlier this season, we battled hard but finished on the losing end down at Luton so we are well aware of the task we face today. We welcome Jim Ryan, his team and Luton's supporters to our ground today and trust the afternoon will be a credit to football.

Howard Wilkinson

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CENTRE CIRCLE



• STERLAND FOR ENGLAND? •

United full-back Mel Sterland believes he is producing the best form of his career - a view endorsed by manager Howard Wilkinson - and said: "I feel I deserve an England chance."

And 29-year-old Sterland feels that success with Leeds will can only aid him in his efforts to add to the one full cap he has secured to date - against Saudi Arabia in 1988.

Sterland said: "My all round game has improved. I feel a lot fitter than I have ever done before, my defensive game has got better - it's something I have worked on for the past couple of years - and I am choosing the right time to get forward and when to stay back."

"I feel confident and am a better player than Paul Parker of Queen's Park Rangers, Gary Stevens of Glasgow Rangers and Lee

Dixon of Arsenal. I am a better passer and crosser of the ball."

"If Leeds are doing well then it will help to improve my international chances. When a club is in the limelight people are more likely to take notice and come and watch you."

"It will also do no harm if I can do well in the televised game at Arsenal next weekend when the whole nation will be watching and I didn't let myself down in the previous live TV games with Manchester City and Everton this season."

Wilkinson said: "Club success is the best route back for Mel and international recognition. That is the way to be noticed and he is certainly playing better than at any other stage of his career."

Sterland has started to come up trumps in front of goal with a recent burst of five in the space of eight matches and he said: "I feel I can double that tally by the end of the season."

"It's always pleasing to find the net although before the goal at Manchester United went in I thought one was never going to come for me this season."

"I have reached double figures before in a season including all competitions with Sheffield Wednesday but it would be nice to reach that milestone purely in First Division games."

Sterland, in fact, needs just one more goal to reach the 50 mark in league matches - including his three in the Scottish Premier Division for Glasgow Rangers - and his effort against Barnsley at Oakwell was his first cup strike for Leeds.

Now he is hoping for a repeat in the FA Cup fourth round clash at Highbury next Sunday of a past wonder goal against Arsenal which he describes as "the best I have ever scored."

Sterland said: "It was for Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough when I went from our penalty area to their box and hammered a shot into the top corner of the net."

"John Lukic was between the posts for Arsenal that day and he still maintains that I miskicked the shot - but I most certainly did not!"

• KERR'S MIXED FEELINGS •

United midfielder Dylan Kerr had mixed feelings after seeing his newsagent from around the corner in Mexborough, namely Dennis Priestly, win the Embassy World Professional Darts Championship last weekend.

Kerr, who celebrated his 24th birthday last Monday, said: "It was great to see someone you know win a major trophy on television and United coach Mick Hennigan has been winding me up by saying there is another sporting star in Mexborough now!"

"But I regret not having a bet on him and my brother told me to back him at 80-1. I should have backed a local lad but you don't expect anyone from the Red



DYLAN KERR

Lion pub around the corner to become world darts champion and I didn't think he was that good a player."

"I know him quite well and normally see him every day when I collect the papers."

He knows I play for Leeds United but he is usually very quiet and I think he is a Barnsley fan."

"When we were staying in the hotel at Norwich last Friday I said he would win the title and I later won small bets with Mel Sterland on the semi-final and Mervyn Day on the final outcome."

• JOHN'S COMMON-SENSE PLEA •

United central defender John McClelland appealed for common-sense to prevail after inadvertently stirring up a hornet's nest regarding the professional foul debate over his challenge on Barnsley's Andy Rammell.

McClelland claims he never deliberately tried to foul Rammell - and yet was still counting his lucky stars that he was not shown the red card.

The Northern Ireland international, sent off just once in his 18-year career - with Glasgow Rangers - explained: "I am just glad it was someone with as strong a personality as George Courtney out in the middle."

"After all that had gone on I wouldn't have been surprised to have been sent off but experienced people like Courtney and Keith Hackett can detach themselves from the hype."

"They are big enough not to bother about the assessor in the stand - and what the crowd are baying for - and come up with the right decision."

"If you look at the video you will see that I never broke my stride or tried to catch his heel. He slowed down to change his stride and we just collided."

"I found it strange that managers have been saying the rule is a bit harsh except in the most blatant of cases and yet when a decision goes against Barnsley manager Mel Machin he is up in arms."

"If you look at the circumstances there was no point in deliberately tripping him. We were slaughtering them - and John Lukic normally comes out on top in one on one situations anyway!"

"All this stems back to the World Cup and I personally think the fouls that are intentional, when someone is bearing down on goal and cynically brought down, should be punished with a sending-off."

"The idea is to make the game more entertaining with more goals and if you deliberately stop someone in those circumstances then you are taking away from the spectacle."



• KAMARA AIMS TO REPAY GRAHAM •

Midfielder-defender Chris Kamara will gladly repay a 15 year debt to Arsenal manager George Graham - if Leeds win next Sunday's FA Cup clash!

Kamara recalled: "George Graham was in the same side as me when I made my Football League debut for Portsmouth in 1975-76 - and we operated as a forward partnership!"

"Myself and Steve Foster (later of Brighton and Luton) used to go out on Saturday nights but being apprentices we were only on £12 a week and had no money."

"However George used to come to the rescue and treat us every time. I still owe him a few quid and we mentioned it the last time we saw each other."

"I will certainly be delighted to repay him every penny if we come out on top next weekend at Highbury - out of the win bonus!"

Kamara, battling back to fitness from his ankle injury, said: "I was a bit in awe of him, having seen him play in the Arsenal double-winning side and for Scotland, but he was a big help to me."

"He came to Pompey from Manchester United in a swap deal with Ron Davies. He was still a good player and they put me upfront with him because I had scored a lot of goals for the youth team."

"George was a funny fellow who liked a laugh and a joke and having a good time. He was certainly not the highly disciplined person you read about now in the papers."

"At the time I thought he might become a coach but with his easy going attitude I wasn't sure about him being a manager. But once he crossed the manager's fence he became a different person altogether - and full credit to him."

Kamara, who started his comeback by playing the final 20 minutes of the reserve match with Leicester City, was full of praise for the way United overcame Barnsley in the third round.

"The attitude of the lads was absolutely spot on and after ten minutes the replay was no longer a cup-tie as such because we had killed them off."

"But the controversy is over what part of the pitch such incidents occur in. A player might be brought down on the wing or in his own half and the less experienced referees are not distinguishing between border-line cases."

"It is hard to get a blueprint, to say what is right or wrong, because at the end of the day it still comes down to the opinion of the referee."

"I don't think the press and media have helped in the way they have hyped things up. Some commentators have been literally baying for someone to be sent off after a challenge."

"You can imagine refs sitting in the armchair hearing this, then reading the same in the papers, and it probably becomes imprinted in their head that it must be right to send someone off."

"No-one is criticising refs for making mistakes and I appreciate the pressure they are under. They can have a blinder of a game but make just one error and be crucified if it is critical. But I would like to see more common-sense used over this issue."

Former PFA chairman Garth Crooks, who was analysing the Leeds-Barnsley action for BBC's Sportsnight, also came out in favour of McClelland.

Crooks said: "I felt McClelland was desperately trying to get around Rammell and in doing so caught him rather clumsily."

"But in that sort of situation you are not going to get a professional footballer not to challenge for the ball and I think McClelland did attempt to albeit maybe clumsily and dangerously, to get it - and so did the referee."

Manager Howard Wilkinson praised McClelland's two appearances against Barnsley - his first senior outings for nine months.

"He has done brilliantly especially in the game at Oakwell when we had our backs to the wall. He came in for two games that had so much resting on them and performed well - but it was no more than I expected of him when I bought him from Watford."

• FOR THE RECORD •

United's 28-year-old midfielder Andy Williams has been placed on the transfer list at his own request. Williams was signed by Howard Wilkinson from Rotherham United for £170,000 in November 1988.

He has made three appearances as substitute for the first team this season - in the First Division against Southampton, at Leicester City in the Rumbelows Cup and at Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Zenith Data Systems Cup.

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- 3 Who said, in 1986, "Nigel Davenport and Nigel Clough are the best two strikers in the country"?
- 4 Who said "Argentina were animals"?

2ND HALF

- 5 Rod, Ray and Danny all played for Southampton. What's their surname?
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JOE CORRIGAN knows better than most about the goalkeeping skills of Leeds United's John Lukic from putting him through his paces every Tuesday at Elland Road this season.

And this week Corrigan, himself an England 'keeper in the days of Ray Clemence and the young Peter Shilton, called upon Graham Taylor to give him his international chance.

Corrigan, who believes he has helped to improve Lukic's "mental awareness" said: "He deserves an opportunity and is one of the best goalkeepers in the country now.

"But it is in the next three or four years that John will come into his prime and he should command one of the spots in the England squad.

"The goalkeeping situation with England is wide open and it's not the recognised situation that Chris Woods will automatically take over.

"It might be at this moment in time but we don't actually know whether he is going to be good enough for a full England European Championship bid.

"Until we do know that we should give other people a chance. There are quite a few friendly internationals coming up and I hope the manager has got the foresight to try other people.

"Tony Coton at my old club Manchester City is another example of nobody knowing whether he is capable of doing it for England.

"The chance is there with friendlies and "B" games to give them an opportunity and there is nothing to lose and all to gain from doing it.

"Before it was different because Shilton was so dominant in the England squad and in the earlier days there was Clemence as well.

"But at least if they had to put me in I had the experience of nine or ten full internationals and a dozen "B" games under my belt."

Corrigan added: "John is a great worker. Gordon Banks was the best goalkeeper I ever saw and John emulates him in making things look easy.

"He's not a flash goalkeeper. A lot of 'keepers think that shot-stopping is the be all and end all. In fact that's the easiest part of goalkeeping. John's such a big lad who commands his box really well and learns very quickly.

"I think his mental awareness has improved - the mental confidence to go and do things on Saturday afternoons - because he's now talking to someone who is experienced, has been through the mill and knows what it's all about.

"For example I saw the goals from the Liverpool game and there were one or two things I pointed out to John and we had a chat about it.

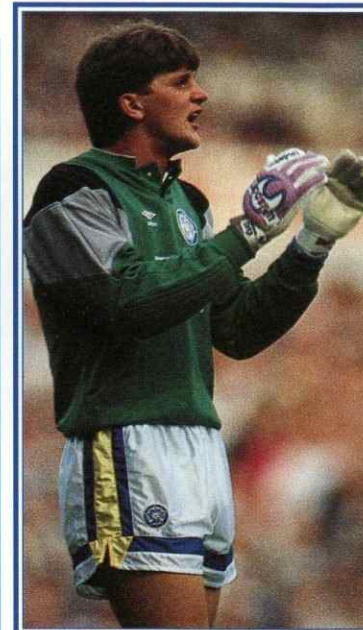
"You can go through things saying 'could you have done this or that' - the sort of things with the greatest respect it would be difficult for him to do with a coach who was an outfield player.

"I think that's why the boss brought me in at Leeds and I feel in the not too distant future that the majority of top clubs will have a full-time goalkeeping coach because it's such a specialist position.

"Leeds are fortunate in having two experienced 'keepers in John Lukic and Mervyn Day but the three young lads here are also a pleasure to work with and very hard-working.

"I hope they are learning a lot. It's not actually me who puts any mistakes right - that's up to them - but if they want to work on certain things I am here to do it."

Corrigan, who was forced to end his career prematurely through injury, admitted: "I feel even now that I am still learning.



JOHN LUKIC

"Some of the kids make saves and I think 'how the hell did he get to that' and situations occur which never happened when I was playing. You pick up little bits from other 'keepers which helps you and helps other people."

Corrigan, currently playing for the England Veterans in Miami, has a busy schedule as he also puts goalkeepers through their paces each week at Manchester City, Barnsley, Middlesbrough, Chester and Doncaster Rovers.

He initially became involved with Leeds via ex Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson who used to work in a similar fashion with Lukic during his Highbury days.

Macclesfield-based Corrigan said: "It is hard work and a lot of travelling is involved but I really enjoy what I am doing."

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The draw has been made for the second round of the Inter Branch quiz and is:

Holbeck v Chester or Wakefield
South West v South Kirkby
Heavy Woollen v University
Knaresborough v Gildersome or Griffin.

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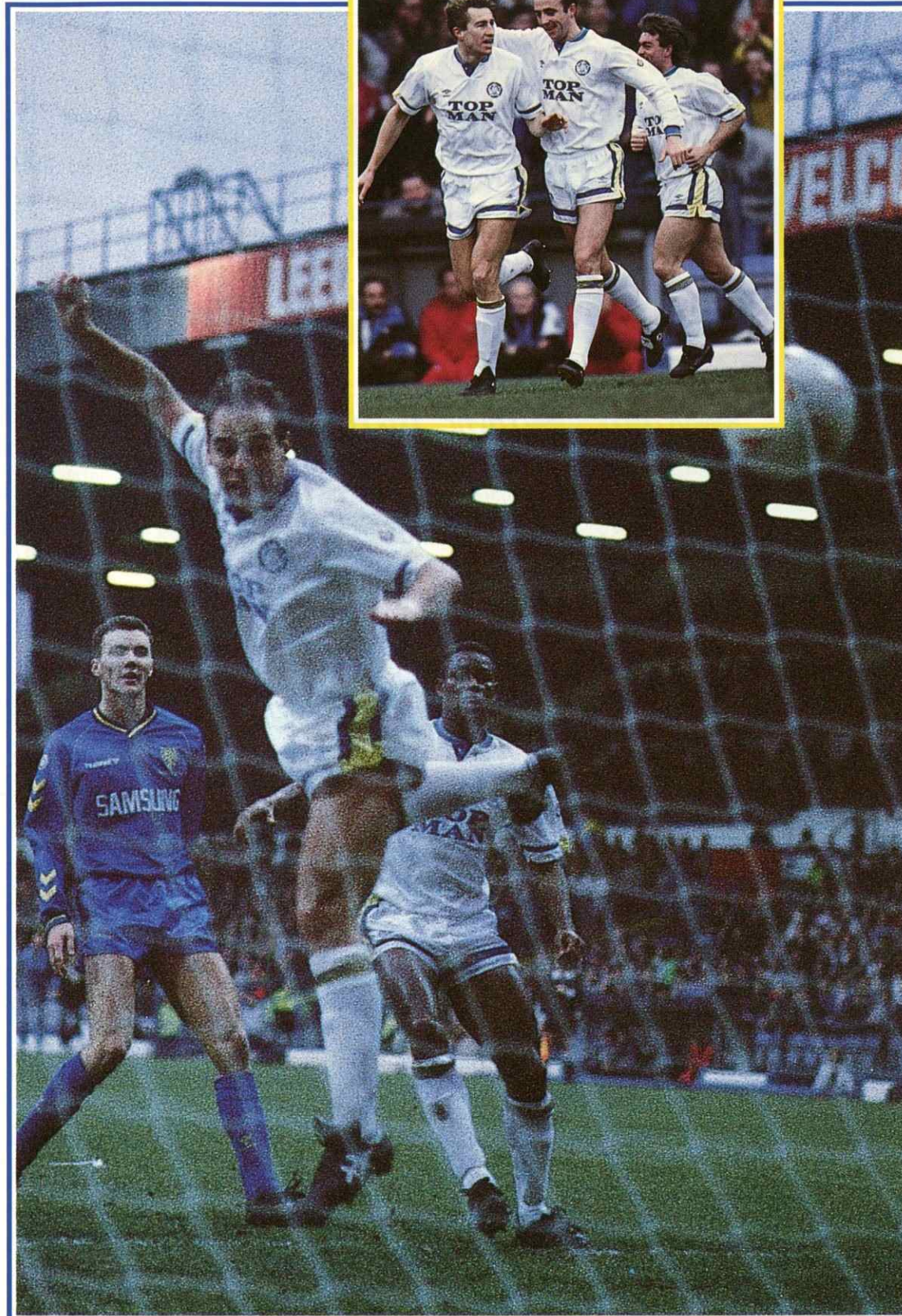
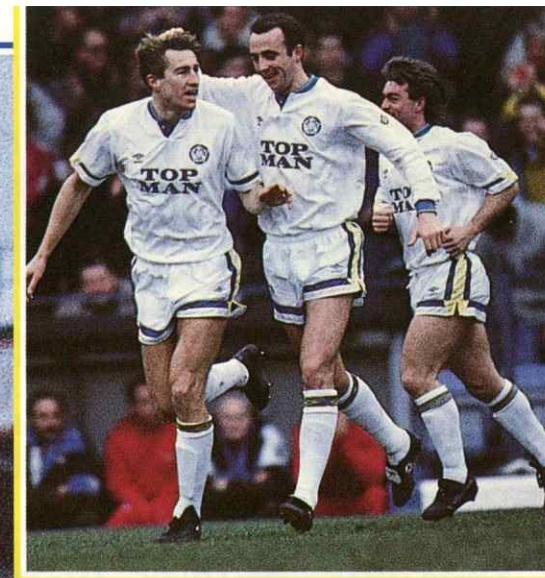
Our University branch played a match against Luton Town Supporters Club before the League match at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season and ran out 4-1 winners.

The photograph shows the University branch lining up before the game. A return match was planned for today but our branch were still awaiting to hear from the Luton team.

ERIC CARLILE,
Secretary, Leeds United
Supporters Club

REPLAY

A 3-0 victory for United against Wimbledon in the last home game in 1990 - below Gary Speed scores and it's celebration time with Lee Chapman (inset). The opposite page - our main picture shows a fine headed goal by Mel Sterland - Lee Chapman and Gary McAllister (inset) celebrate after Lee's 10th goal of the season.



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It's great to be in the position in mid-January where we are still involved in so many different competitions and although it's a hectic month we are all relishing the situation.

Now is the time you find out just how good you are and by the end of the month we will know where we stand on the various honours fronts.

I think if someone had said at the start of the season that we would be in the top four at this stage and still competing for so much cup glory then we would have been reasonably happy!

But although we know now what we are capable of we can't say 'we've done this and that and now we'll rest on our laurels'.

We've got to go on and attempt to achieve even more and we are trying to establish a platform here from which we can go further ahead.

Today's opponents Luton Town handed us one of only three defeats we have suffered on our travels in the league this season and yet we turned in one of our better away performances at Kenilworth Road.

They scored early in the game which happens quite often at Luton. They are a gear ahead of you then because teams are getting used to the surface.

We had one of those days when we just could not score. But we are a better team now and likewise Luton impressed us when the whole Leeds team saw them win at Sheffield United in the FA Cup.

They are well coached and have good ideas about the game. People mention about their plastic pitch - but they played on grass that day and still did alright.

I believe people sometimes underestimate them. They think 'they're not on plastic, they're coming onto grass so we should win' but I don't think that's the case.

They're a good team ON and OFF the plastic.

A lot of games have flown by in recent weeks starting with the game at Sunderland which sparked off plenty of controversy.

We turned in a good professional performance but the star of the show was their chairman. It must be wonderful that nobody knows you and the only way to get into the papers is by coming out with outrageous statements.

I was not happy with the speed of the help forthcoming for the injured Peter Haddock and would be disappointed if our medical staff had reacted in the same way.

My reaction was nothing to do with the referee or anything else. It was to do with the speed and attention that 'Fish' was receiving.

Against Chelsea we knew it was going to be a horrible day - and it got worse as the game went on - but we did well and adapted to the conditions and it was good to end their run of seven straight wins.

We took a bit of a rest in the second half against Wimbledon but sometimes when you do well in the opening 45 minutes you can take your foot off the gas.

You don't intend to do that but it happens sub-consciously. Usually against Wimbledon it is a case of scrapping and fighting for 90 minutes and you are happy with a 1-0 result. I don't think we expected to be 3-0 up at half-time and it was quite a relief.

This season we have not surrendered a comfortable lead with the exception of the QPR game. Touchwood that means the



concentration is hopefully getting better which is what it's all about in this division.

There is more ability in this section so you have to concentrate even more. If you lose that for even five minutes you can find yourself 2-0 down.

Against Liverpool we started so well and for the first few minutes you would have thought we were the home side but once they had scored they were a relieved team who could relax and play their normal football.

They really gave us the utmost respect. It was them at their best which says a lot for Leeds United and the progress we have made.

You have to hold your hand up sometimes and admit a team is better than you. We could have been a bit more cautious and we were maybe misled by Liverpool's performance on the previous Sunday against Crystal Palace.

It make us think we could have a right go at them. In the second half we got sorted out a bit better and had a couple of chances but they broke away and scored again. I think 2-0 would have been a fairer result but they are the team you set your standards by.

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"The outsiders might say 'Oh, John McClelland is still playing football then.'" says John McClelland

VETERAN central defender John McClelland certainly seems to reserve his call-ups into Leeds United's senior colours for the pressure situation.

And the 35-year-old Northern Ireland international admitted this week: "I was scared of costing the club a small fortune."

McClelland was thrust back into the limelight for the two FA Cup third round battles with Barnsley - his first outings for nine months - and let no-one down.

McClelland said: "I came in at the end of last season against our main title rivals Sheffield United and there was the pressure then of going for the championship.

"And I felt under pressure when I was called up against Barnsley. I knew that if I made a mistake it could lose the club a lot of money from a potential cup run.

"That certainly wouldn't have made me the most popular person here and I wondered whether people would ever have forgiven me!

"A club the size of Leeds needs to do well and equally whereas you can pull the points back in the league if you make a blunder, in the cup the outcome is final.

"But I was pleased enough with my performances and the conditions probably suited me, the fact it was heavy. You had to concentrate on not making a mistake but if a forward did get away there was always a chance the ball would get stuck in the mud anyway."

McClelland, whose views on the 'professional' foul incident in the replay are voiced in Centre Circle (see pages 4 and 5) added: "It was nice to get back in the limelight and some of the press said afterwards I had proved something - but I didn't see it that way.

"I felt I had nothing to prove to the fellows at the club who all know how I have been conducting myself with the reserves this season.

"The outsiders might say 'Oh, John McClelland is still playing football then' but people should know I can play to a certain standard."

McClelland saw the funny side of TV commentator Tony Gubba's remarks that 'the sight of McClelland's 40th birthday may be looming on the horizon' but he insisted: "One thing I'll never do is pretend to be younger than I really am.

"You find some players suddenly decide to 'stick' when they get to 31 or 32 but I think playing at 35 or 36 in the First Division is an achievement to be proud of.

"It was easier for me coming into a side which is buzzing and playing well and you can slot into your position and get carried along with it.

"I accept there is a big squad at Leeds and that the manager would probably bring Chris Whyte back in for me at Norwich last Saturday after he had completed his suspension.

"I had to wait seven months to play last season and nine this time but what I have to do is try and prevent the manager having any sleepless nights.

"By that I mean I am aiming to make sure he feels he can rely on me if there are injuries and when he has to bring me into the team.

"This is the best team I have been involved with. At Watford Graham Taylor got there with one or two exceptional players and hard work and organisation.

"I think it was the same with Howard Wilkinson at Sheffield Wednesday but here the manager has around him not two or three quality players but seven or eight."

McClelland added: "I didn't find the step up too much of a problem and, although playing against the reserve team of Third Division clubs might slow me down, I am training day in and day out with First Division players - and that helps keeps you alert and sharp.

"I am not one of those who finds it hard to motivate myself playing in the reserves. You do your best and if the manager says 'go and play in the youth team' then you have to do it.

"But the biggest opponent in life is yourself - and that's who you have to battle against. You know if you make a mistake in the reserves no-one is going to crucify you because it's all about how the first team do.



"You might also have an off-day and sometimes think 'I don't feel like doing it tonight' in the reserves but you have to conquer those thoughts and do the business and it was nice to be made captain for this season."

McClelland admits that his spell back in the limelight will "have done me no harm" as regards earning a swansong to his international career.

But he admitted: "On Billy Bingham's past record I don't think I will never play again and he has left people out before too early like Jimmy Nicholl.

"If someone is recalled then people will say 'Bingham should have played him for the previous four or five games.' But if he doesn't play them he can't be proved wrong."

McClelland, who is under contract to United until the end of next season, would like to stay in the game but said: "It all depends on circumstances and timing.

"Someone might come in now and offer the player-manager role at a Third Division side and you think there is more than that left in you.

"Twelve months later your contract has run out and you are given a free transfer - but that vacancy is not there. Those kind of things take care of themselves."

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TOPIC

TRANSFER FEES CRASH

Dealings by Football League clubs in the transfer market during 1990 were down by 16 per cent with £60 million changing hands compared to the record £72 million for the previous 12 months.

But the number of million pound signings was only one down on 1989 with the 13 seven figure transactions including Leeds United's John Lukic and Gary McAllister.

The most expensive signing of the year between league clubs saw Chelsea invest £1.6 million for Wimbledon's Dennis Wise while Aston Villa paid Millwall £1.5 million for Tony Cascarino.

Arsenal broke their previous transfer record on three occasions in snapping up David Seaman, Anders Limpar and Andy Linighan.

But only one player moved for £1 million after the hectic summer spree when £31 million changed hands. That was Alan McLoughlin who became Southampton's first seven figure signing - from Swindon.

The downward spiral in the market continued in December with only £2,687,000 changing hands compared to £5,336,000 12 months previously.

The million pound signings in 1990 were: Dalian Atkinson (Sheffield Wednesday to Real Sociedad), £1.7m; Dennis Wise (Wimbledon to Chelsea), £1.6m; Tony Cascarino (Millwall to Aston Villa) 31.5m; David Seaman (QPR to Arsenal), £1.3m.

Andy Linighan (Norwich to Arsenal), £1.25m; Andy Townsend (Norwich to Chelsea), £1.2m; Tony Coton (Watford to Man City) £1m; Anders Limpar (Cremonese to Arsenal) £1m.

John Lukic (Arsenal to Leeds), £1m; Gary McAllister (Leicester to Leeds), £1m; Alan McLoughlin (Swindon to Southampton), £1m; Mike Milligan (Oldham to Everton), £1m; Rohny Rosenthal (Standard :Liege to Liverpool),

£1m. Players sold for six figure fees in December were: Alan McLoughlin (Swindon to Southampton), £1m; Andy Tillson (Grimsby to QPR), £400,000; Bobby Mimms (Tottenham to Blackburn), 3250,000; Darren Peacock (Hereford to QPR), £200,000.

Martin Scott (Rotherham to Bristol City), £200,000; Ari Keikinnen (Turku to Brighton), £150,000; Steve Cooper (Barnsley to Tranmere), £100,000; Stan Collymore (Stafford to Crystal Palace), £100,000; Colin Gibson (Man Utd to Leicester), £100,000.

"HATED" MARADONA
Argentinian skipper Diego Maradona was voted Italy's most hated man in a poll carried out by the La Repubblica newspaper.

The Napoli captain headed a list which also included Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, United States president George Bush and pop singer Madonna!

In contrast Roger Milla, the Cameroon World Cup star, has been made a prince by traditional chiefs of the Kumba Province for "services rendered in Italy." Milla, 38, was voted African Footballer Of The Year in a soccer writers poll.

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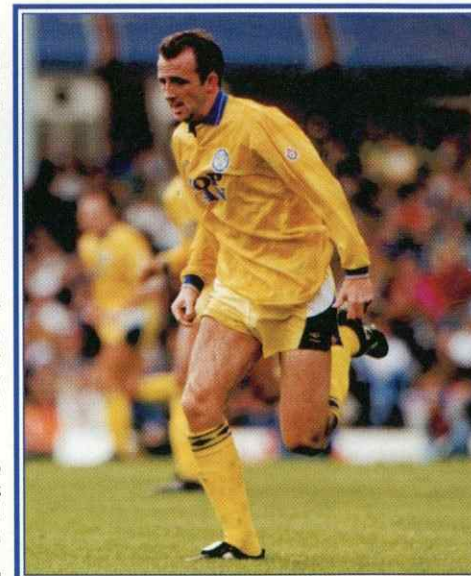
Former Leeds midfielder Vinnie Jones got it wrong when trying to predict the result of United's recent home encounter with Wimbledon.

Jones said: "I'd give Leeds the edge against virtually anybody at home with the crowd behind them but that's not the case with the Wimbledon lads and I can see a 2-2 draw looming." (Oh well, never mind Vinnie, better luck next time).

REFS WORLD CUP CHANGE

Some of the best Football League referees could be denied the chance to officiate in further World Cups with FIFA considering a younger age limit for officials in the competition.

FIFA secretary general Sepp Blatter has criticised the standard of officials at Italia '90 and claimed many referees "were too



GARY McALLISTER

old to stand up to the strain of judging one match after another."

He added: "For the World Cup we will choose younger referees. When they are well trained they can be internationals until they are about 42 or 43.

"Those referees who are older than 45 are good for one match but they definitely cannot handle the strain of a long tournament."

The age limit in the Football League is 48 but referees can stay on longer if they maintain their fitness - and John Martin (51), Brian Stevens (50), Roger Milford (49) and George Courtney (49) rank with the best.

OFFSIDE CHANGE?

The Football Association of Wales are to propose a change in the offside law to FIFA after successful experiments in the Welsh Abacus League this season.

The Welsh FA have altered the rule so that a player cannot be given offside if the pass to him was made from his own half. The experiment has brought an increase of on average half a goal a game.

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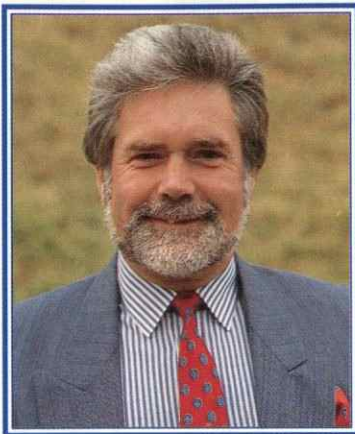
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ALAN ROBERTS**

CUP REPLAY TICKETS

United are launching an experimental scheme with tickets for any potential FA Cup replay with Arsenal on Wednesday, January 30 (7.45pm kick off) going on sale **BEFORE** the first clash at Highbury next Sunday.

Season ticket holders will have the opportunity to purchase replay tickets from 9.30am on Monday, January 21 through to 8pm on Monday, January 28.

Postal and personal applications only will be accepted and season ticket voucher "F" must be produced. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to the



general public on Tuesday, January 30 at 9.30am.

If a replay does not take place season ticket holders can claim a refund on tickets from 9.30am on Monday, January 28 until 12 noon on Saturday, February 2 - again by postal or personal applications.

United administration manager Alan Roberts said: If there was a replay we would have only 72 hours to get rid of 32,000 tickets.

"We realise the difficulty distributing replay tickets particularly for supporters who live some distance from Leeds.

"In cup matches this season season ticket holders have taken up less than 50 per cent of their seats. We hope this scheme will benefit them."

Tickets for the away clash with Arsenal next Sunday went on sale at 9.30am this morning (January 19) and United have been allocated 7,500 tickets.

Tickets also went on sale this morning at the reduced prices previously advertised for Tuesday's home Zenith Cup clash with Derby County which has a slightly amended kick-off time of 7.35pm.

Tickets for the away clash with Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday, February 2 will go on sale at 9.30am on Tuesday, January 22.

Tickets for the home clash with local rivals Sheffield United on Saturday, February 9 will go on sale at 9.30am on Wednesday, January 23.

SOCCER IN THE CITY

The Leeds City Council Football Development Scheme are holding a series of four-day holiday indoor fun courses during half-term from February 11-14.

And United manager Howard Wilkinson and skipper Gordon Strachan have again given their support to the courses which will be held at 12 sports and leisure centres - 11 in Leeds and one in Guiseley.

Wilkinson said: "Not only will it give you the chance to practice and play the game you love but will offer you the opportunity to meet new friends."

Strachan said: "It is important to practice on a regular basis if you want to become a better player and I can think of no better way than spending your holiday enrolling on one of the coaching courses available to you and your pals."

The course which costs £8.50 is for seven to 14 year-olds - boys and girls - and the coaching programme includes control, passing, dribbling, running with the ball, shooting and heading plus small sided games and competitions.

The entrants will receive a course certificate and autographs of Leeds United players. And 12 footballs donated

by NatWest and autographed by United - one at each venue - can be won.

Entry forms and further details are available from football development officer and FA coach Colin Morris who is based at the Elland Road ground (Tel 0532 717609).

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Luton Town have had slightly the better of previous league meetings with Leeds United and their 1-0 home win in September was their 11th success.

United's record against the Hatters is Played 33, Won 9, Drawn 13, Lost 11, Goals For 42, Goals Against 45 but today will be the first meeting at Elland Road for 17 years.

On the previous occasion United earned a 1-1 draw in front of 26,450 fans thanks to a goal from Allan Clarke. They went down 2-1 in the return despite Joe Jordan being on target.

United's last league success over the Hatters was way back in May 1963 when "From Me To You" by The Beatles topped the pop charts. Goals from Jim Storie (2) and Don Weston ensured a 3-0 home win.

EARLY WILKO PICS?

Oyvind H Aasbo of the Scandinavian branch of the United Supporters Club is compiling an article on the career of Howard Wilkinson as a player, coach and manager for their five times yearly magazine "The Peacock News."

The problem is he has no pictures of Mr Wilkinson in action from his days with Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton and Hove Albion and Boston United.

Anyone who can help out Oyvind by loaning him any photographs should send them to Hemmingstad, 5500 Haugesund, Norway.

DERBY COUNTY CLASH

Derbyshire Constabulary have asked us to point out the advantages of travelling by special or charter trains which call at Derby County's Ramsline Halt Station for the match at the Baseball Ground on February 16.

A police spokesman said: "The station has advantages for the police regarding strategy and manpower commitments but also had distinct advantages for fans."

"The trains using the Ramsline Halt are scheduled to arrive approximately 45 minutes to one hour prior to the kick-off and depart approximately 25 minutes after the final whistle."

"It is in close proximity - 200 metres - to the Baseball Ground and completely isolated from home supporters. People can walk at their own pace rather than being herded under a police escort."

"The fare on a special or charter train is

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United Junior Russell Wigley is presented with his Welsh youth cap by Chairman Leslie Silver. Russell won the cap playing against Belgium last season.

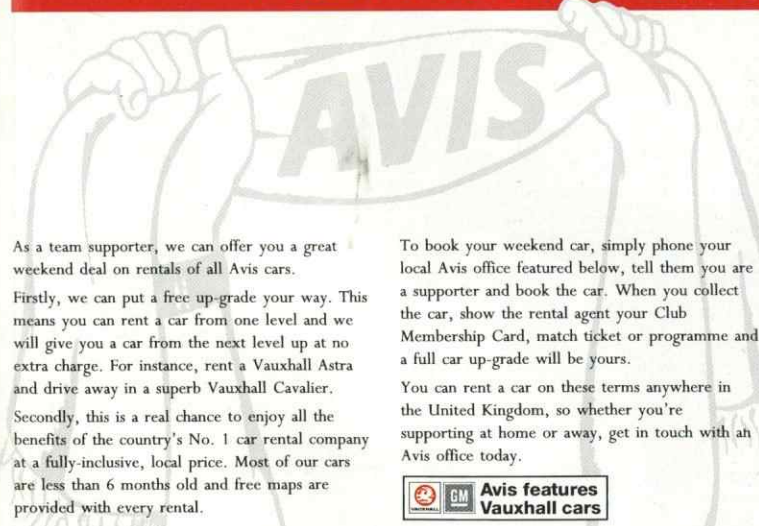
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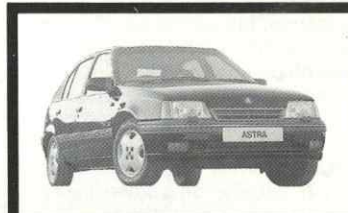
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The Liverpool authorities commended the Leeds fans on their good behaviour and sportsmanship.

This Saturday also sees pre-match entertainment from the Leeds schools FA versus Luton Schools FA for a penalty shoot out on the pitch (weather permitting).

Good luck for the FA Cup match against Arsenal next Sunday when once again Leeds United receives television coverage.

The Hatters

FORM GUIDE

Luton Town's last trip to Yorkshire put another notch on their record as one of the most successful cup teams of recent years.

The Hatters opened their FA Cup campaign by defeating Sheffield United to register their 38th win in 66 games (only 13 defeats) in the three domestic competitions from 1984-85.

In that period, they reached two FA Cup semi-finals, went to Wembley twice in the Littlewoods Cup (taking the trophy against Arsenal in 1988), and finished runners-up in the Simod Cup after a surprise defeat by Reading.

Luton are now in their ninth successive season in Division One - the longest of their three spells at the top level - but League form has dipped since they achieved a highest-ever placing on finishing seventh in 1987.

It was something of a sweat to avoid relegation in the last two years. They had only two points to spare in 1989 over Middlesbrough and last term the survival margin was goal-difference over Sheffield Wednesday.

This season, they got off to a better start, reaching sixth place after a hat-trick by Danish international striker Lars Elstrup at Norwich at the end of September. The Hatters have since faltered, with only two victories in 14 League games, but picked up £52,500 for winning the Guinness Soccer 6 Championship.

The indoor event in Manchester brought a welcome spin-off after four goals on finals night by 21-year-old forward Sean Farrell, who missed all of last season because of a knee injury which required four operations.

Farrell broke into the first team a fortnight later with two goals in a 5-1 trouncing of Second Division leaders West Ham in the Zenith Cup. He made his full First Division debut against Chelsea on the last week-end of 1990 and opened the scoring in the Cup win at Bramall Lane.

Elstrup was then comfortably the leading scorer and the main support had come from the Northern Ireland internationals, winger Kingsley Black and striker Iain Dowie.

Black, who won a Littlewoods Cup

medal at 19, is the flag-bearer for a group of young players in a squad with an average age of only 24. Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees and Kurt Nogan were all included in the Welsh Under-21 squad last month, but Hughes could be out for the season after damaging knee ligaments on Boxing Day.

Defenders Marvin Johnson, Richard Harvey and Julian James are in their early 20s and Welsh newcomer Mark Pembridge was only five weeks out of his teens when he made his League debut on New Year's Day.

MANAGEMENT

Jim Ryan guided Luton to First Division safety in his first four months in charge at Kenilworth Road.

The 45-year-old Scot took over a side that was second from bottom and severely depleted by injuries and suspensions.

The outlook brightened in February with the first away win in 23 attempts, but there was one match in March when Luton took on League leaders Aston Villa with half-a-dozen players aged 20 and under.

In the end, it came down to a last-day

battle of nerves with Sheffield Wednesday. Luton won at Derby and the Owls went down after losing at home to Nottingham Forest.

Mr Ryan began his career with Manchester United, where he was a member of a European Cup-winning squad. After joining Luton in 1970, he made 184 League appearances and was a regular in their 1974 promotion team.

His appointment as manager last January continued the club's policy of promotion from the coaching staff. Previous managers John Moore and Ray Harford were also elevated from the backroom team.

TRANSFERS

Luton raised more than £2.3m from the sale of five players in the last 13 months.

Roy Wegerle brought in a club record fee of £1m on moving to QPR in December 1989 and a further £1m came in for Mick Harford (£400,000 to Derby) and Tim Breacker (£600,000 to West Ham).

Danny Wilson (£200,000 to Sheffield Wednesday) and Mick Kennedy (£180,000 to Stoke) departed last summer, and goalkeeper Les Sealey, who



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FOR THE RECORD

Our complete record against Luton Town is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Division One	11	1	6	4	10	14
Division Two	22	8	7	7	32	31
FA Cup	1	0	0	1	1	5
League Cup	3	2	0	1	7	4
TOTAL	37	11	13	13	50	54

LEAGUE LANDMARKS

Biggest victory: 4-0, home, 1954-55.
Heaviest defeat: 1-6, away, 1947-48.
Last home win: 3-0, 1962-63.
Last away win: 1-0, 1959-60.
Last home draw: 1-1, 1974-75.
Last away draw: 2-2, 1962-63.
Last home defeat: 1-2, 1960-61.
Last away defeat: 0-1, 1990-91.

LAST HOME LEAGUE MEETING

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LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL

(Including Barclays League, Rumbelows League Cup, Zenith Data Systems Cup and FA Cup)

Player	Birthplace	Birthdate	Signed From	Apps	Goals
Tim Allpress	Hitchin	27.1.71	Trainee	-	-
Dave Beaumont	Edinburgh	10.12.63	Dundee United	18(4)	-
Kingsley Black	Luton	22.6.68	School	25	6
Alec Chamberlain	March	20.6.64	Everton	26	-
Richard Cooke	Islington	4.9.65	Bournemouth	-	-
Iain Dowie	Hatfield	9.1.65	Hendon	21(2)	4
John Dreyer	Alnwick	11.6.63	Oxford United	26	3
Lars Elstrup	Raaby	24.3.63	Odense	25	14
Sean Farrell	Watford	28.2.69	Apprentice	5(6)	3
Paul Gray	Belfast	28.1.70	Trainee	-	-
Richard Harvey	Letchworth	17.4.69	Apprentice	21(2)	1
Paul Holsgrove	Wellington	26.8.69	Wokingham Town	-	-
Ceri Hughes	Pontypridd	26.2.71	Trainee	19	1
Julian James	Tring	22.3.70	Trainee	10(4)	1
Marvin Johnson	Wembley	29.10.68	Apprentice	13(3)	-
Darron McDonough	Antwerp	7.11.62	Oldham Athletic	14(4)	-
Kurt Nogan	Cardiff	9.9.70	Trainee	1(6)	-
Mark Pembridge	Merthyr	29.11.70	Trainee	4	-
Andy Petterson	Freemantle	26.9.69	Non-contract	-	-
David Preece	Bridgnorth	28.5.63	Walsall	25	-
Jason Rees	Pontypridd	22.12.69	Trainee	9(7)	1
Graham Rodger	Glasgow	1.4.67	Coventry City	-	-
Aaron Tighe	Banbury	11.7.69	Apprentice	-	-
Steve Williams	Hammersmith	12.7.58	Arsenal	15(1)	-

ALSO PLAYED: Tim Breacker (to West Ham United) 9 apps. (Up to and including Saturday 12th January)

RESULTS SO FAR

Barclays League

C.Palace	H 1-1
Arsenal	A 1-2
Southampton	A 2-1
Manchester U.	H 0-1
Leeds United	H 1-0
QPR	A 1-6
Coventry	H 1-0
Norwich	A 3-1
Sunderland	A 0-2
Everton	H 1-1
Derby	A 1-2
Liverpool	A 0-4
Manchester C.	H 2-2
Aston Villa	H 2-0
Nottm Forest	A 2-2
Arsenal	H 1-1
C.Palace	A 0-1
Tottenham	A 1-2
Sheffield Utd	H 0-1
Chelsea	H 2-0
Wimbledon	A 0-2
Southampton	H 3-4

Rumbelows League Cup

Bradford	H 1-1
Bradford	A 1-1

(Lost 4-5 on pens)

Zenith Cup

West Ham	H 5-1
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FA Cup

Sheffield Utd	A 3-1
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FORMER England midfielder Steve Williams will bring a vast quantity of experience to Elland Road today with Luton Town from a career stretching back 16 seasons.

Williams made his debut for Southampton as a 17-year-old and made nearly 300 league appearances for the Saints before joining Arsenal for £500,000 in 1984-85 - and linking up with current Leeds men John Lukic and Chris Whyte.

He won a League Cup winners medal in 1987 against Liverpool before moving to Luton Town during the 1988-89 campaign in a £300,000 deal. Williams made only 24 league appearances in his first two seasons with the Hatters but was a regular from September up until the end of last year during the current campaign.

Along the way he picked up six full England caps under Bobby Robson and in addition has four England "B" and 14 Under-21 appearances under his belt. United central defender John McClelland said: "I remember him initially from the days of Alan Ball and Kevin Keegan at Southampton when he seemed to control things from midfield."

"The way Southampton used to keep the ball moving perhaps suited him more than the Arsenal style of a few years back when they were more organised but less free-flowing. "The thing I remember most is his passing ability but he had all the attributes and has had a good, long career in the First Division."

"He looked, when at Southampton on his way to becoming an England regular but it never materialised. I think that with his ability he might have gone on to have collected more full caps."

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BOB BALDWIN
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We are in a busy run of matches at the moment and it seems slightly unusual this afternoon to have League points at stake rather than progress in one of the Cup competitions!

A reminder here about the Zenith Data Systems tie with Derby County at Elland Road on Tuesday and the slightly different kick off time to normal, 7.35 p.m. due to the requirements of satellite TV who are showing the match live.

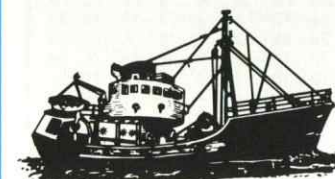
The TV cameras are here again today although unless you happen to live in Stockholm, Copenhagen or Oslo you will struggle to get your set tuned in to the match, no matter which satellite system you use.

Today's game is going out live to Scandinavia, the first time we have had a match put out live in this part of Northern Europe and we welcome the broadcasters and technicians involved today. Being shown in five countries this afternoon is the reason why one or two of the advertising boards around the ground this afternoon may have an unusual look.

Our match sponsors against Luton are WASS, the Vauxhall specialists of Hunslet Road, Leeds, who are welcoming some special guests from Luton this afternoon in their Executive Box. There's a close tie between our visitors today and Vauxhall and we hope all WASS' guests enjoy the match.

Today's match ball sponsors are Horsforth Interior Designs and we

thank them for their support this afternoon and throughout the season.



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Today's programme includes the latest souvenir shop mail order list, detailing all the items available from the shop posted out to you. It's an ideal way of shopping particularly for supporters who live outside the area and don't have a chance to call in at the Souvenir Shop either on match days or during the week. There's a wide range of leisure wear, replica kit and general souvenirs including videos and prices quoted in the list include post and packing.

The Travel Club are running coaches to London over the next two weekends for the fourth round F.A. Cup Tie at Highbury tomorrow week, January 27th, and for the League match at Tottenham on Saturday February 2nd.

Coaches to both games will be leaving Elland Road at 9 a.m. and the fare for both trips is £12. Travel club membership is free to all Premier Card holders and booking can be made in the Elland Road Pools Office.

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CLAIRE VICKERS - Happy 13th birthday. Love Mum, Dad and Simon. Hope Leeds beat the Hatters.

CRAIG - Happy 21st birthday (better late than never!) Lots of love from Tracey, Andrew and Leanne. XXX

RICHARD - enjoy the match, lots of love, Joanne. PS When are you going on a diet?

SIAN DONOHUE - born December 28th 1990, another Barnsley White. We are Leeds. Love from Big Brother Neil.

KIRBY - belated birthday wishes 'Big' Claire for January 12th. Love Big Kaz. XXX

TAYLOR AND VAL - Congrats. on your engagement. Thanks for the salmon samies! West Midland Whites - Waka, Scott, Jae and Giggles.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Andy Kealey, love Kathryn. XXX

LUKE TALLANT - Lots of love on your 3rd birthday on the 30th. From Mum and Dad.

CRAIG ELLIS - Happy 18th birthday. Best wishes from Steven, Julie, Peter, David and Sarah.

TO OUR dearest mole, happy birthday on the 28th. We are thinking of you love Dad, Mum and all the family. Special love from Jackie.

THE TWINS - Happy 18th birthday to Thanh and Binh Lee in the West Stand. That which we call sisters by any other name would sound as sweet. Let's hope David Batty scores today. Love and best wishes from Dau, all your families and friends.

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DYLAN KERR - Happy birthday to my one and only. It's been such a long time, I can't wait to see you again. Even though we are miles apart, I still love you and miss you always. Good luck, love Debbie. XXX. Well done Leeds United.

WILSDON Richard - Happy 7th birthday young Batty (January 12th). Marching on together. Love Daddy, Mummy, Rebecca and Gregory.

RICHARD WILSDON - Happy 7th birthday to one of our best young supporters. From Howard and the Leeds team.

CONGRATULATIONS Glynis on the birth of Steven Nicholas Waite (a Colton White). All our love Simon and Samantha.

JOANNE BURWELL - Happy 21st birthday on Monday. Love Mum, Dad and Michelle.

JOHN - Southend Whites - Happy birthday for January 21st. Hope Leeds win today. Enjoy the game. Love Rippy.

DARREN THWAITES - Happy 21st birthday for tomorrow. Love Dad and Mum.

DAVIS - Happy 8th birthday Anthony. Love from Mam, Dad and Cheryl.

CHRIS HARMAN - 29 years today. Happy birthday Daddy. Enjoy the game at Leeds. Hope they win for you. Lots of love Lauren and Luke.

DARREN - Hope they win, do not be late home, love you always, Mel.

FERRYBRIDGE WHITE - Peter Baker, happy birthday. Sorry it's late. Love Mum, Dad, Layla, Adam.

COLIN SIMPSON in the Kop, Happy Birthday. Love you loads. Jayne.



Evening Post

Family Stand

Breakfast at the Farmhouse Cafe on the A17 was an excellent start to the YEP Family Club's first visit to Carrow Road for the Norwich match last week. Fifty members set off at 6.30 a.m. to arrive in good time for matches with the Junior Canaries at Under 15 and Under 12 levels.

Our Under 15s won 4-3 with goals from Philip Jones, Richard Howard and Martin Astley plus an own goal. The Under 12s went down 2-6, goalscorers Andrew Murray and Craig Penny.

We were entertained for lunch in Norwich's Family Club and nine year old Gareth Wood from Bridlington was selected as United mascot. Despite the result it was a superb day out and we look forward to future visits to East Anglia.

We have two trips to London coming up, to the Cup tie at Arsenal and the League match at Tottenham and details are available this afternoon.

A regular feature of the Family Club's away trips are our Man of the Match voting. David Batty is well ahead at the moment.

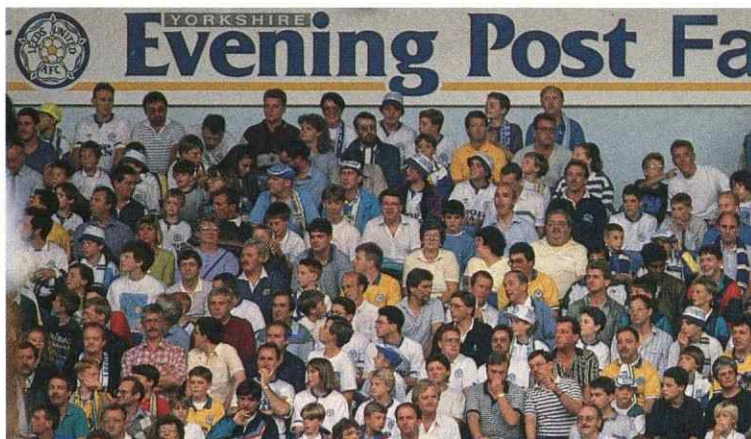
Today all members have the chance to vote for their player of 1990 (August - December). From now to the end of the season you may cast your votes for the Man of the Match on a match by match basis. All results will be integrated to decide who collects the Family Club award for the season.

FootyFax



Leeds Utd did not win one of their 13 FA Cup games between 1952 and 1963, but two years later reached their first Cup Final.

by POTTER



A newsletter is being distributed around the Family Club today with details of all activities.

This will be produced bi-monthly but members are reminded to check on-going events by keeping an eye on the notice boards in the Family Club.

A members open meeting has been arranged for Thursday February 7th starting at 7 p.m. which will be held in the Jones of Oakwood TV lounge.

Please come along to raise any point on Family Club matters.

QUIZ SPOT . . . The answer to the question posed on this page in the Aston Villa programme on Wednesday was

. . . Peter Withe.

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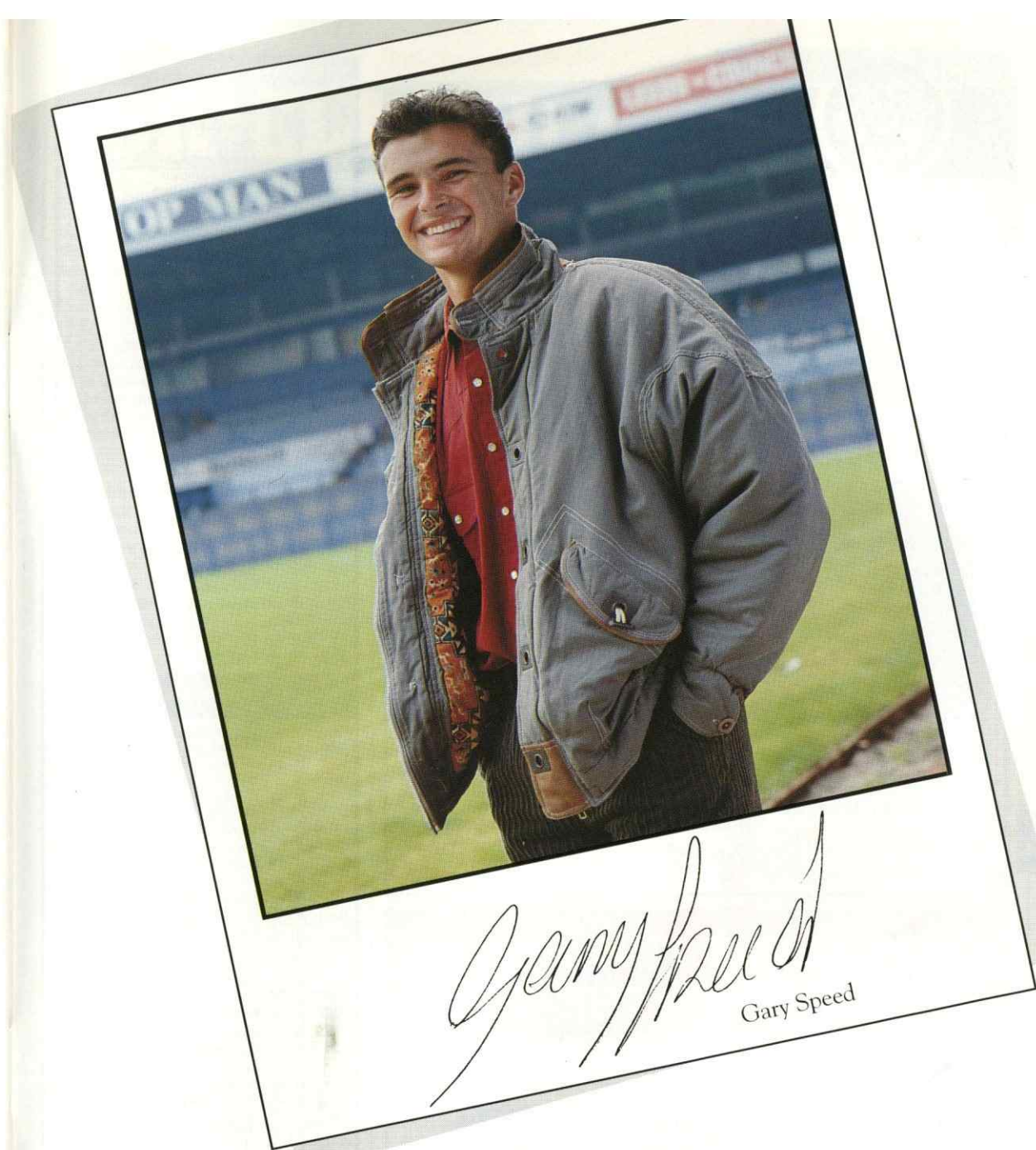
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Date	Opponents	F-A
Aug A 27	Leicester City	2-0
Sep H 5	Newcastle United	1-0
A 11	Everton	0-0
H 20	Manchester United	1-1
A 26	Wolverhampton W.	2-1
Oct H 3	Sheffield United	2-3
H 11	Sheffield Wednesday	0-3
A 16	Liverpool	0-3
H 23	Aston Villa	3-1
A 1	Sheffield United	3-2
H 7	Blackburn Rovers	0-0
A 14	Sunderland	1-3
H 21	Derby County	1-1
A 29	Coventry City	2-2
Dec H 5	Nottingham Forest	4-1
A 12	Huddersfield Town	4-0
A 19	Newcastle United	0-2
Jan H 10	Leicester City	2-3
A 15	Manchester United	0-1
H 23	Everton	
H 30	Huddersfield Town	
Feb A 6	Nottingham Forest	
H 13	Sunderland	
A 20	Blackburn Rovers	
H 27	Coventry City	
Mar A 5	Derby County	
A 19	Manchester City	
H 27	Rotherham United	
Apr H 3	Manchester City	
A 9	Rotherham United	
H 18	Wolverhampton W.	
A 22	Aston Villa	
A 30	Sheffield Wednesday	
May H 8	Liverpool	

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	F-A
Aug A 18	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0
H 25	Newcastle United	2-1
Sep A 1	Scunthorpe United	2-1
H 15	Middlesbrough	1-2
A 22	Doncaster Rovers	1-1
H 29	Darlington	1-0
Oct H 6	York City	3-0
H 13	Bradford City (cup)	1-1
A 20	Halifax Town	4-0
H 27	Sheffield United	2-1
Nov A 3	Sunderland	2-2
H 10	Hartlepool United	8-1
A 12	Bradford City (Cup Replay)	1-3
A 17	Rotherham United	2-0
H 24	Hull City	P
A 26	Blackburn Rovers (FAYC R2)	1-1
Dec A 1	Barnsley	1-2
H 3	Blackburn R. (FAYC R2R)	3-1
H 8	Huddersfield Town	P
A 15	Scarborough	0-1
H 22	Bradford City	1-2
H 29	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1
Jan A 5	Newcastle United	1-0
A 12	Doncaster Rovers (FAYC3)	3-0
A 19	Middlesbrough	
H 26	Doncaster Rovers	
Feb A 2	Darlington	
A 9	York City	
H 16	Halifax Town	
A 23	Sheffield United	
Mar H 2	Sunderland	
A 9	Hartlepool United	
H 18	Rotherham United	
A 23	Hull City	
H 30	Barnsley	
Apr A 6	Huddersfield Town	
H 13	Scarborough	
A 20	Bradford City	
H TBA	Scunthorpe United	

SIDELINES •

United Juniors suffered their third successive defeat when they lost 2-1 at home to Bradford City with the decisive goal coming from Bairstow's injury time penalty.

A 1-1 interval score was creditable given United had played into a strong wind, though the defending, when City went ahead after 11 minutes, left much to be desired. It followed a corner which should have been cleared before Sykes shot.

United drew level three minutes later. Andy Crosby's deep free kick into the box was flicked on and Damian Henderson's volley was rifled home.

With Nicholls (twice) and Henderson breaking clear, United had three outstanding chances to forge ahead in the second half. However, only once was Dickinson, whose positioning stood him in good stead, forced into a difficult save.

The last match of 1990 was against Sheffield Wednesday who, like Bradford a week earlier, arrived at Fullerton Park undefeated away. A 1-1 draw extended the visitors' unbeaten record to 8 games equalling the best in the League this season.

Barnsley, who started with such a run, had dashed United's hopes of overtaking that record at Queen's at the beginning of December.

The pitch was in remarkably good, though heavy condition, following frequent and prolonged rainfall. A biting wind was in United's favour in the first half when both goals were scored, after 15 and 33 minutes.

Russell Wigley's throw in was flicked on by Len Curtis and Nicholls darted in to head home from close range to put United ahead, while Jones equalised with a 30 yard free kick.

Wednesday created the more dangerous moments of the second period and timely interceptions by Paddy Little, Curtis and Crosby proved vital to United.

With a record of one point out of twelve in December United ended 1990 disappointingly. After starting the month as leaders, 2 points ahead of Middlesbrough and 8 in front of Sunderland, they finished it in second place a point behind Sunderland.

Besides the task to arrest a sequence of poor results, there was the not insignificant matter of restoring pride and regaining the confidence which had been evident previously.

The first game of the New Year went a long way to achieving those aims, while at the same time exorcising the memory of this season's nadir at Scarborough.

Conditions at Benwell, where Newcastle had not lost for 15 months, were extremely windy and became more so as the game progressed, though in

some respects it was much easier to attack against the wind.

The first real scoring opportunity came in the 18th minute and it resulted in United's quickest away goal of the season. It was sufficient for a 1-0 win and the double over Newcastle. It was in contrast to the earlier meeting when United had still to score 43 minutes into the second half.

Morton's goal kick was intercepted by Gary O'Hara with Nicholls applying a confident finish from the edge of the box with a low shot tucked neatly inside Morton's right post.

United almost made it 2-0 before Newcastle first sighted goal. Marlon Billy nipped in ahead of Morton when Andy Crosby played a low centre in from the right only to see the ball pass narrowly wide.

United 'keeper Chris Flear had spent a few years as a schoolboy with Newcastle who declined to engage him on YTS forms and he had the satisfaction of recording his 6th clean sheet of the season.

Flear produced saves to keep out shots from Ball and Armstrong, followed by an instinctive reaction stop to keep out a close range header from Pearson who then scooped the ball over the bar from the close in.

Shortly after the break Young fired in a low drive which Flear diving to his right pushed aside, while Makel was narrowly wide and that was the closest the home side came after the interval as United showed the necessary commitment and resolve to preserve their lead.

Saturday 22nd December v Bradford City Juniors (h) lost 1-2
Flear, Nicholson, Hayward, Morgan (Knop, 51m), Curtis, Crosby, Billy (Hepworth, 80m), Preston, Nicholls, Mulrain, Henderson.

Saturday 29th December v Sheffield Wednesday Juniors (h) drew 1-1

Flear, Little, Ball, Nicholson, Curtis, Crosby, O'Hara, Preston, Nicholls (Billy, 85m), Wigley, Henderson. Unused sub: Knop.

Saturday 5th January v Newcastle United Juniors (a) won 1-0

Flear, Little, Ball, Nicholson, Curtis (Stoker, 63m), Crosby, O'Hara, Morgan, Nicholls, Billy, Henderson. Unused sub: Preston.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	19	12	1	6	36	19	37
Sheffield Wed.	17	11	2	4	34	21	35
Nottingham F.	16	10	4	2	46	27	34
Manchester Utd.	17	9	4	4	31	16	31
Everton	19	9	3	7	36	28	30
Sunderland	17	8	6	3	35	28	30
Leeds United	18	7	5	6	28	26	26
Derby County	17	6	7	4	16	16	25
Rotherham Utd.	17	7	2	8	30	33	23
Aston Villa	15	6	4	5	24	29	22
Coventry City	17	5	6	6	23	24	21
Sheffield United	18	6	3	9	30	39	21
Wolverhampton W.	18	6	2	10	26	40	20
Newcastle United	16	6	1	9	24	23	19
Manchester City	16	4	4	8	27	36	16
Blackburn Rovers	17	3	5	9	26	37	14
Leicester City	18	4	2	12	24	38	14
Huddersfield T.	16	3	3	10	22	33	12

(Up to and including Thursday 10th January)

SPOTLIGHT



CHRIS FLEAR

Produced a number of fine saves in United's Break Time Juniors 1-0 victory at Newcastle. It was his 6th clean sheet of the season so far.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

(Up to and including Saturday 12th January 1991)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	18	11	4	3	45	31	37
Leeds United	17	10	3	4	34	15	33
Huddersfield Town	16	9	3	4	51	30	30
Hull City	16	9	3	4	29	17	30
Bradford City	15	8	5	2	34	15	29
Middlesbrough	16	8	4	4	44	28	28
Barnsley	17	8	4	5	32	22	28
Sheffield Wednesday	17	7	7	3	23	17	28
York City	16	7	6	3	27	19	27
Scunthorpe United	17	6	4	7	30	38	22
Rotherham United	17	5	5	7	27	28	20
Newcastle United	14	3	7	4	16	17	16
Doncaster Rovers	13	4	4	5	27	23	16
Scarborough	16	4	3	9	21	33	15
Halifax Town	15	3	3	9	20	47	12
Sheffield United	16	2	3	11	18	44	9
Darlington	17	2	2	13	19	46	8
Hartlepool United	15	2	2	11	16	43	8

TEAMCHECK

LEEDS UNITED WHITE SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS	v	LUTON TOWN BLUE SHIRTS, BLUE SHORTS
John LUKIC	1	Alec CHAMBERLAIN
Mel STERLAND	2	Julian JAMES
Glynn SNODIN	3	Richard HARVEY
David BATTY	4	Mark PEMBRIDGE
Chris FAIRCLOUGH	5	Darron McDONOUGH
Chris WHYTE	6	John DREYER
Gordon STRACHAN (Capt)	7	Lars ELSTRUP
Carl SHUTT	8	David PREECE
Lee CHAPMAN	9	Sean FARRELL
Gary McALLISTER	10	Dave BEAUMONT
Gary SPEED	11	Kingsley BLACK
	12	
	14	

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS Referee: COLIN TRUSSELL (Liverpool)
Linesmen: D.M. CHARNLEY, Failsforth (Yellow Flag)
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TODAY'S MASCOT



This afternoon's mascot **DANIEL JOHNSON** recently celebrated his seventh birthday and will be leading out the teams as part of his birthday treat.

Daniel of Wynthorpe Street, Mansfield, is a keen United supporter and his favourite player is Glynn Snodin. He goes to Intake Farm School, Mansfield, and when he is not watching United and playing football, Daniel's hobbies are swimming and music. Daniel's grandfather, Tony Cronian, is the contract cleaner at Elland Road and has promised to buy everyone a drink tonight for Daniel's birthday!

Our thanks to Umbro for supplying the mascot's kit today and throughout the season.



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TRAVEL CLUB . . . Coaches will be leaving Elland Road for the F.A. Cup fourth round tie at **Arsenal** on Sunday, January 27th at 9 a.m. The fare is £12. Similar arrangements apply for the League match at **Tottenham Hotspur** on Saturday, February 2nd . . . 9 a.m. departure, fare £12. Travel club membership is free to all Premier Card holders and details of trips and bookings are available from the Elland Road Pools Office, phone 771170.

READ ALL ABOUT IT . . . This month's issue of the Leeds United Newspaper will be on sale today from the Souvenir Shops, packed with news and features on United and previews of forthcoming matches.

MATCH VIDEOS . . . A full 90 minute copy of today's game with commentary will be available soon from the Souvenir Shop, price £13.50 direct or £14.50 posted out, within the UK.

REDUCED . . . Copies of this season's official club handbook and the club jigsaw have been reduced in price in the Souvenir Shops. Please note that we also have copies of the official 1991 Leeds United calendar and diary still available.

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