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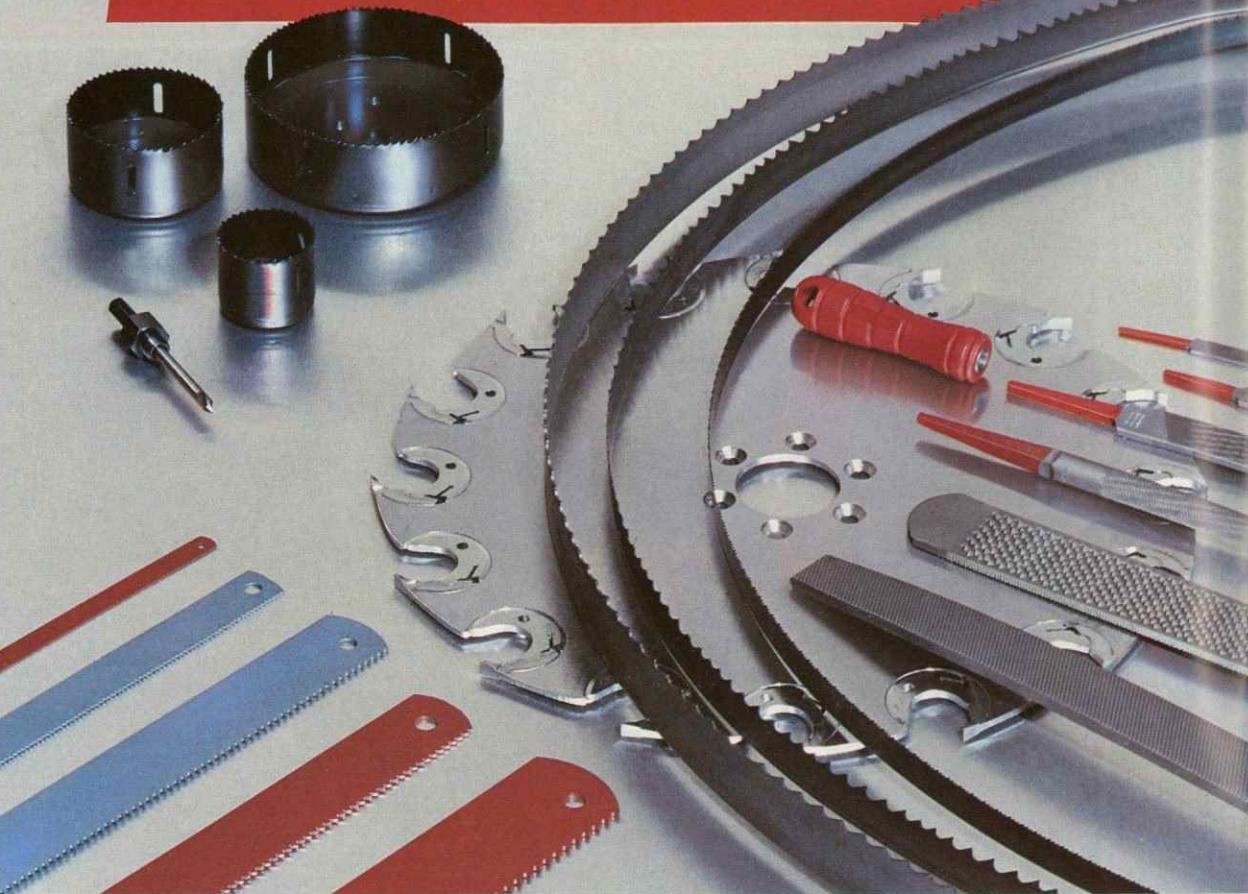
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DAVE BASSETT

We had to settle in the end for another point in the fight to stay up. I believe many people went to Wimbledon with pre-determined ideas about the game. It was not a feast of passing and it was never going to be like that. Wimbledon play offside, so do we a bit and it is up to teams to break opposition down.

I doubt if many teams will go to Wimbledon and make as many chances as we did.

THE REAL WORLD

Football has moved on; we are not playing in the Fifties. Many observers don't seem to realise that. They watch the old films on the telly and live in the past. I don't get paid to live in the past; I get paid to live in the days where results matter.

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If it hadn't been for the local press no one would have known that our boys were 90 minutes away from football history at Wimbledon on Saturday.

Eight wins out of eight was the best and we could have equalled it but a penalty decision got away and so the media wanted to know if I was disappointed at getting a draw and not a win.

Of course I wanted to win, but not for the record. I wanted to win so that all of us could be nearer what we set out to do last August, keep Sheffield United in the First Division. I tell you I would rather take a point here and there and get safe than take the record and struggle.

With so many former Wimbledon people in our party it was natural that the match would be the focus of attention. I think maybe one or two of our lads were on edge but it did not affect me personally as much as was made out. After all I have been left for over three and a half years.

I thought we had the better of the play and the better of the chances, particularly in the second half. I thought we should have won. I thought there was a clear second penalty but it seems that everyone saw it but the important people.

People have their own idea of fairytale football but they don't always get it. I watched that European Cup match in the week before going to Wimbledon and AC Milan walked off and nothing happened. One tackle by Vinnie Jones gets more headlines than AC Milan walking off or Dresden having the game abandoned. And we are led to believe Europe is the place to play!

I know the fact that Brian Deane taking the penalty took you all by surprise but I

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have been on to him about it. I wound him up and pointed out that so many people, like John Fashanu, swell their goals total by taking penalty kicks and maybe he should do the same.

That is the way to increase his value by another million quid.

The Glyn Hodges situation will sort itself out in the next two weeks. By now you will know the result of the disciplinary hearing held by the F.A. in London but that will make no difference to us in the long term.

It looks as if we shall be able to do the deal. It is 90 per cent certain, I would say. Because he is on loan with us we do not have to consider the transfer deadline which came on Thursday.

No one doubts that Glyn has done well enough and he wants to come here. The sweepstake has done well and the directors of the club have backed the move and so unless there is something unforeseen it will go ahead.

SCORE TO SETTLE

This afternoon we meet Luton for the third time this season. We beat them at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day but lost out to them in the F.A. Cup match here in January, which disappointed me in view of our F.A. Cup exploits over the last two seasons. I am therefore looking for revenge today for that defeat.

Our objective for this season is to stay up and what we must not do and what I will not allow our players to do is to relax until the job is done. Many people in the game, and more amongst those who watch, seem satisfied that the fight is virtually over.

I know better than that. So give us your support today and at Nottingham Forest on Easter Monday. Easter is traditionally a sorting out time at both ends of the table and while it will not settle things mathematically, if we can have as good an Easter as we had at Christmas, things will look good for us all.

PRESTO

Engineers Cutting Tools

Family Page

A NEW MISS SHEFFIELD UNITED



Two weeks ago 19 year old Nanny Samantha Neale was elected Miss S.U.F.C. at the annual contest in the Executive Suite. It was a close thing with five lovely girls in contention and the winner held off Zoe Woodhead by just 1 point to succeed last year's winner Louise Bartles.

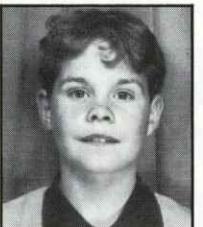
Samantha is a real Blade, stands on the Kop and numbers Bob Booker, John Pemberton and Tony Currie as her favourites (as a youngster it took her a long time to realise that the latter's name wasn't Tony-Tony Currie!)

The winner enjoys 10-pin bowling and dancing but will now have to decide what to do with her prizes which include a Rose Bowl, Woodcock Travel Voucher, Stand Tickets, a Bouquet and Chocolates. Previous winner Louise Bartles is pictured with her successor Samantha receiving the Rose Bowl from John Pemberton.

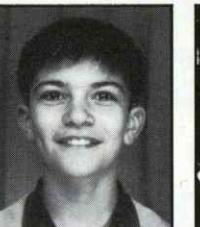
TODAY'S MASCOTS

OUT OF TOWNEIES ON PARADE!

Better watch out today, fans, Bladesmen are on the march from far and wide. Two from Chesterfield who have 'Pembo' earmarked as a favourite, one who has just had a birthday and a much travelled young man who has already clocked up a great record watching United.



Shane Philip Wibberley, aged 12, a pupil of Manor School, Chesterfield. His hobbies are football, table tennis and Judo. Shane's favourite players are Glyn Hodges, Brian Deane, John Pemberton and Vinnie Jones.



Norberto Ramon Moreira, aged 11. A pupil of St. Mary's High, Chesterfield. His hobbies are football and athletics. Norberto's favourite players are John Pemberton, Brian Deane and Vinnie Jones.



Jamie Earp, aged 12, a pupil of Mexborough Comprehensive. His hobbies are computers and watching New Masons F.C. on Sunday mornings. Jamie's favourite players are Brian Deane and Vinnie Jones.



Richard Conroy. A pupil of Dronfield School. Plays football for Porter F.C. He has visited over 43 grounds following his beloved Blades. His favourite players are the whole team led by the best manager in the football league.



**The name
of the game.**

LANE NEWS

STANDS TO REASON?

The prestige United would have gained by staging some of the World Student Games soccer matches at Bramall Lane this summer has had to be shelved — in favour of ensuring that the ground has a new look by next season.

Development work on the new Kop will be at such a pitch that safety couldn't be guaranteed for spectators. The schedule worked out by Building Consultants Eastwood and Partners is so tight that a suspension of progress for even a day or two could be critical in avoiding a disruption of the 91-92 season.

The four Student matches were due to be played in mid-July and will now be re-allocated, as well those originally destined for Leeds and Notts County, both of whom have also pulled out for various reasons.

ORDER OF THINGS

The club had initially planned to re-develop the John Street side but the Kop plan is cheaper and will cater for 10,400 fans seated, plus 1,800 standing in the corner between the Kop and John Street — that is already more than the limit now.

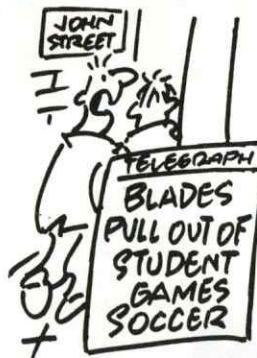
As all-seater stadia in the First and Second Division are required by 1994 the standing corner will eventually become a seated one, tying in with the new John Street Stand, whenever that is done (outline planning permission has been approved).

With a possible grant of up to £2 million available it made sense to go for the new Kop which could be done in one summer. When John Street is tackled it will be closed for approximately 18 months meaning a loss of revenue and spectators. More room on the Kop will ease that slightly.

CAPACITIES SLASHED

The maximum attendance has been slashed from 44,000 to 31,000 in two years because standing areas are decreased by one-fifth each year by safety regulations. As Secretary David Capper points out "That means the

INTWORTH



"Two months ago we thought they were pulling out of First Division soccer"

FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY

T.C.'s AMERICAN ADVENTURE

A few days after Alan Woodward was back at the Lane visiting with a few friends from adopted home America, his old mate Tony Currie entertained another group over from the States. Guided by Blades fan Gary Armstrong, who is based in London, the group from Maryland were delighted by their visit and the chance to meet a 'legend'.



EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL

T.C. would like to thank everyone who applied for the Soccer School at Easter. There was a fantastic response, all places filled within a week.

Any applications not returned by now have been accepted for the course. See you all at Gleddless on Tuesday, 2nd April.

For all those children who couldn't get a place for the above Soccer School, there will be another course held during the two weeks at Spring.

Details to follow shortly.

FAREWELL BILLY — HELLO ANDY

Kop figure would be down to about 8½-9 thousand next season. Potentially we could go on like that and eventually finish up with a farcical maximum gate amounting to 13,000 seats. Planning for the future has to be done NOW — it will be too late to wait and do the work when the ruling begins and standing areas are banned.

We could be a major club with not enough room to get our fans in."

"We understand the fears of our fans regarding tradition, cost of seats etc. . . but progress has to be made — and by that United don't mean alienating their fans.

STANDING PROBLEM

"Unfortunately, with only 1,800 standing on the Kop and 2,500 on the Terrace the demand will outstrip the places available — we already have almost 7,000 Season Ticket Holders for those areas so standing up will be by ticket only."

KOP WITH A VIEW!

The roof on the Kop will be dismantled immediately after the Spurs game on 20th April so supporters on there for the final match versus Norwich will be in the open air!

There will be no safety problems at this stage as the work going on will be mainly behind the actual Kop, preparing for the re-shaping, building of new refreshment bars, toilets etc.

Let's hope for a fine day and a momentous send-off for the team and the Kop as we know it.

FAREWELL BILLY — HELLO ANDY

Big Billy Whitehurst's recent free transfer to Doncaster Rovers brought to a close a short but often entertaining and lively spell at the Lane.

The much travelled striker, still only 31, always gave value for money with determination and aggression — defenders always knew he was around!



Billy Whitehurst — in typical cavalier style.

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THE STORY SO FAR

Tuesday 5th March

Planning permission for the replacement of the Kop with a new all-seater stand received from the Council — work to commence almost immediately.

Icelandic trialist Hotto Magnusson released after a couple of Reserve appearances.

Friendly — Testimonial for John Fraser

GRIMSBY TOWN 2 UNITED 0

Scorers:

Ford (43), Cockrell (67). Grimsby Squad: Sherwood, McDermott, Jobling, Futcher, Lever, Cockrell, Rees, Watson, Burles, Woods, Ford, Gilbert, Hargreaves, Cunningham, Agnew, Reece, Childs.

United: Tracey, Wilder (Lake 70), Beesley, Jones (Bradshaw 45), Booker (Lucas 55), Hill, Marwood (Whitehouse 45), Todd, Hodges (Ward 70), Deane (Bryson 45), Duffield (Agana 45).

Attendance: 2,170

Referee: B. Rich.

Wednesday 6th March

The Central League fixture at Bramall Lane against Villa Reserves called off because of a waterlogged surface.

Saturday 9th March

Barclays League Division One SUNDERLAND 0 UNITED 1

Scorer: Bryson (56)

Sunderland: Norman, Owers, Smith, Bennett, Ball, Mooney (Brady 62), Bracewell, Gabbiadini, Pascoe. Unused Sub: Ord.

United: Tracey, Wilder, Barnes, Jones, Beesley, Hill, Bradshaw (Booker 84), Gannon, Hodges (Agana 87), Deane, Bryson.

Attendance: 23,238

Referee: M. Reed (Birmingham)

John Gannon and Sunderland's Kevin Ball sent off in a fiery encounter settled by Bryson capitalising on Gary Bennett's mistake. Wilder, Beesley and Hodges also cautioned as the Blades survive a late onslaught and rocket up the table to 14th place. After match incident involving Hodges could prove costly and mar a fabulous run of six wins in a row.

The Juniors tonic 3-1 win over Halifax made it a win double for the club — Harrison, Roberts and Morris getting the goals in a comfortable win.

Monday 11th March

Friendly for Opening of Floodlights HARROGATE RAILWAY 1 UNITED 5 United Scorers: Agana (5), Jones (35), Whitehouse (35), Ward (55), Harris (85).

United: Tracey, Lake (Circuit 45), Lucas, Jones, Beesley, Booker (Pemberton 45), Marwood (Todd 45), Gannon (Hoyland 45), Agana (Harris 45), Bradshaw (Ward 20), Whitehouse (Harrison 70).

Attendance: Approx 1,000.

Tuesday 12th March

Dave Bassett declares United's part in the Hodges incident closed by fining the player two weeks wages. The F.A. inquiry is still awaited.

More joy for the youngsters who avenge an earlier hammering by accounting for high-riding Middlesbrough by 2-0. Roberts and Circuit were the scorers.



Glynn Hodges — day to forget at Sunderland.

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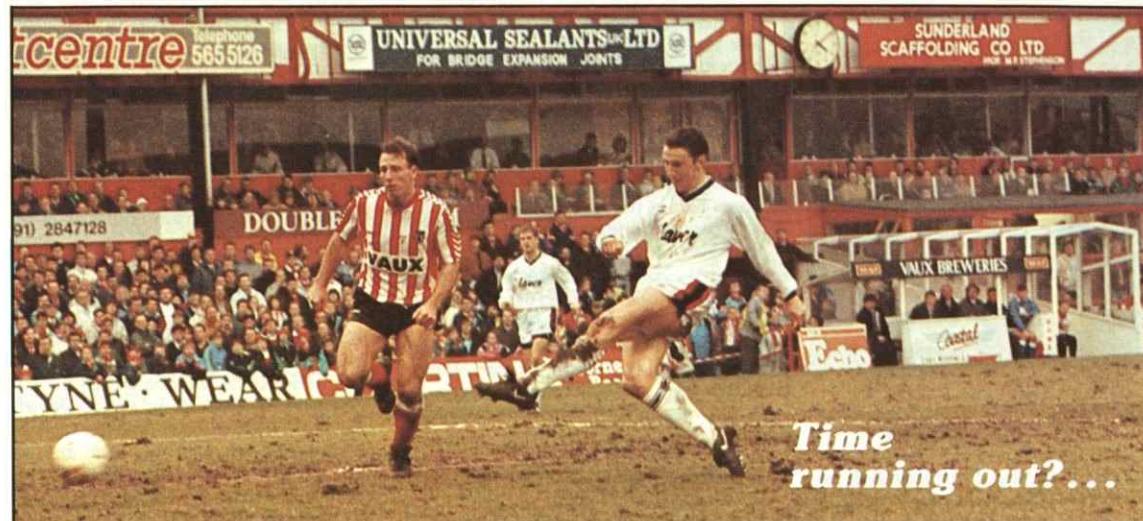
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Joy for Jock, Gloom for John at Roker **SUNDERLAND 0 UNITED 1**



The clock captures the moment when **Ian Bryson** scored his second successive match winner for United and perhaps indicated that Sunderland's time in the top flight is running short. In a tense and competitive six-pointer the Blades extracted revenge for the unlucky home defeat inflicted by the North-East club before Christmas — but there was a price. The Glyn Hodges incident has been well documented and in some ways has overshadowed the sending-off of **John Gannon**. A second-half flare-up with old adversary Kevin Ball resulted in both being dismissed and this is a tragic blow for John who was in good form, holding a place and now having to sit out for three games while his team-mates continue the battle. Missing last week's return to Wimbledon will have been a bitter blow. Skipper Vinnie Jones, pictured below with John, escaped with a one-match ban after his dismissal at Manchester City.



IN SUPPORT

by Beryl Whitney

FANZINE IN THE SADDLE!



'Flashing Blade' has helped the Glyn Hodges for United cause by purchasing £500 of GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS. Editor Matthew Bell is pictured making this generous gesture to Dave Bassett at the Lane recently.

Anyone requiring information about Sweepstake tickets — and remember the first prize is £2,000 should contact the Pools Office on Sheffield 727901. BUT HURRY — the closing date to hand in ticket stubs is Wednesday 3rd April!!

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Hello, welcome to you all including our visitors today from Luton. Our last meeting saw the end of our interest in the F.A. Cup, but hopefully today will see the result in our favour, then all will be forgiven, but whatever the final score, I hope you all enjoy the game.

Unfortunately, due to being on holiday last week I am writing these notes before the game at Wimbledon so I cannot comment on the result there!

NEW MISS S.U.F.C.

On behalf of the Supporters Club members I would like to thank the five lovely ladies who took part, the judges from various Branches, who had a very difficult job, Gary Sinclair for Compering so well under great strain, Danny for the Disco, Woodcock Travel for their sponsorship and Players — John Pemberton, Simon Tracey, Cliff Powell, Brian Smith, 'Jock' Bryson and Christ Wilder for giving up their spare time — their presence was very much appreciated. Finally my personal thanks to those Branches who helped and supported the evening. Samantha stands on the Kop, so you could be standing near

a Celebrity!! Best wishes to the retiring title holder Louise Bartles and thanks for carrying out your duties so charmingly.

Our next event is the **3rd Player of the Year Award Dinner-Dance** to be held in the Executive Suite for the first time. This will now be on **Wednesday, 15th May**. Tickets will be available soon at £15 — put your order in early, as from enquiries and advance-requests it could be a sell out.

The **Paul Stancliffe Benefit Year** reaches its climax on **Friday, 17th May** with the final Dinner-Disco to be held at **The Holiday Inn** (formerly Royal Victoria Hotel) in Sheffield. The speakers will be Dave Bassett and Michael Parkinson. Tickets are priced at £20 each and are available in tables for 10 or 14 people. Enquiries please to Rotherham 362001 or 361190. The evening will commence at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 till 1.00 a.m.

Finally from Pete and myself, our very best wishes for a steady recovery from illness to Arnold O'Neill, keep battling Arnie. Happy Easter to you all.

SHEFFIELD UNITED 4
(Stainrod 2, Speight, Woodward)

LUTON TOWN 1

(Calvert own goal)
League Division Two
25th March, 1978

Attendance: 12,587

United: Brown, Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley, Campbell, Hamson, Stainrod.

Luton Town: Knight, Price, Carr, Hill, Jones, P. Futch, Stein, West, R. Futch, Fuccillo, Boersma. Substitute: Nicholls for Hill 75 mins.

By Easter 1978 the Blades were hovering just above the relegation zone in Division Two. On Good Friday, United lost 2-0 at Fulham despite creating the best scoring chances. Striker Bobby Campbell was guilty of missing four clear opportunities.

United manager, Harry Haslam, who had been appointed in late January, decided to keep an unchanged team for the visit of his previous club, Luton Town this Easter Saturday. Haslam was concerned about the poor finishing against Fulham and he had spoken to Campbell; "I have spoken to the lad about his finishing and he knows what he must do."

Luton were renowned as an attractive footballing team with a strong midfield consisting of Ricky Hill, Alan West and Lil Fuccillo. They were managed by Haslam's former Chief Coach, David Pleat... who had declined to follow Haslam to the Lane. Although they were in 7th position in the league, their promotion chances had almost disappeared by Easter.

THREE UP IN FIRST HALF

On a very muddy surface with accompanying heavy rain United produced one of their best performances of the season with young striker Simon Stainrod having a particularly outstanding game.

It was STAINROD who opened the scoring with a superb finishing shot in the 21st minute after a move involving Cliff Calvert and Alan Woodward. Stainrod then supplied the 38th minute cross for MICK SPEIGHT to head home United's second goal. Three minutes later, STAINROD added goal number three

ALL YOUR YESTERDAYS

STAINROD TURNS ON THE STYLE

by Dave Burkinshaw

and shortly afterwards should have completed his hat-trick but he was foiled by the muddy pitch. He rounded the keeper and rolled the ball towards goal and was turning to celebrate the goal but the ball stopped in a pool of water on the goal-line and a Luton defender cleared the ball.

In the second half, United increased their lead when ALAN WOODARD headed home a Gary Hamson cross. It looked like United were to reverse the 4-0 defeat they had suffered at the hands of Luton back in December when United defender CLIFF CALVERT registered a goal, unfortunately in the wrong net! Perhaps because of the muddy conditions he decided to hit his back-pass more firmly than usual. The result was a superb chip over Jim Brown from at least 20 yards to give Luton a consolation goal.

"Chief Coach, David Pleat... had declined to follow Haslam to the Lane"

While United's forwards took credit for their finishing, goalkeeper Jim Brown pulled off some good saves at crucial times to ensure United obtained two valuable points to distance themselves from the relegation zone. One save from Alan West was particularly outstanding.

INSIDE INFORMATION?

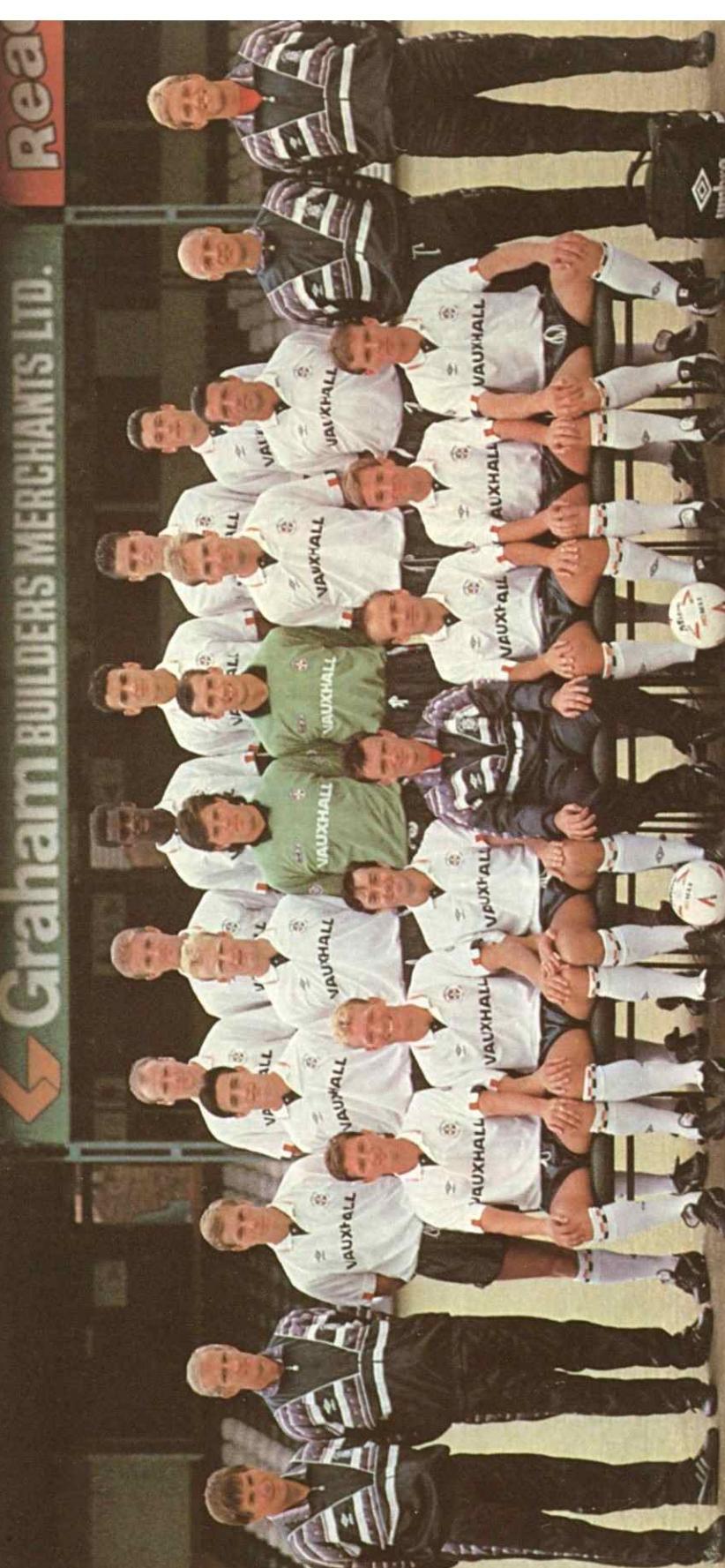
Haslam was proud that his knowledge of Luton's style of play had reaped dividends:

"I knew if we could shut their motor off we could win and we certainly did it. West and Hill never had a look in and Ron Futch was struggling all the time."

United's Easter finished as it had begun with an away defeat in London, this time at Orient on Easter Monday. However, by the end of the season United had avoided the drop to the Third Division and finished in 12th position, one place above Luton. Luton had a terrible end to the season winning only one of their last seven games.



Top: Simon Stainrod scores the first of his two goals after outstripping the Hatters defence. Below: Speight heads home United's second from a Stainrod cross.



LUTON TOWN - 1991

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 (now with West Ham United), Andy Petterson, Alex Chamberlain, Graham Rodger, Darren McDonough, John Faulkner (Assistant Manager), Dave Galley (Physio).

Front row: David Beaumont, Tim Breaker (now with West Ham United), John Dreyer (Captain), Jim Ryan (Manager), David Preece, Kingsley Black, Lars Elstrup.

Photo: Courtesy of Apex Photography.

LUTON TOWN

LOSING RUN PUTS LUTON IN TROUBLE AGAIN

A sequence of three successive defeats has plunged Luton right back into relegation danger again. This, after morale-boosting victories over Liverpool and Nottingham Forest had suggested that the Hatters were pulling themselves clear of trouble.

Sadly, it now seems that Luton will once again be involved in a battle for First Division survival. They were only saved on goal-difference because Sheffield Wednesday lost their last game at home to Forest. Manager Jim Ryan will be hoping he doesn't have to suffer a similar trauma this year.

Lars Elstrup, top scorer with 16 goals in all games, has partnered Iain Dowie in attack for much of the season but Sean Farrell is now challenging strongly for one of these positions. Mark Pembridge, Dave Beaumont, David Preece and Kingsley Black have been operating in midfield.

Graham Rodger has recently been called into the centre of defence where he has been partnered by John Dreyer but the versatile Darren McDonough has played both in the middle of the defence and at left-back. Julian James and Richard Harvey have also filled the left-back spot.

Marvin Johnson has settled at right-back in front of ever-present goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain.

The Hatters won at Southampton (2-1), Norwich (3-1) and Aston Villa (2-1) and 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), Liverpool (0-4), Crystal Palace (0-1), Tottenham (1-2), Wimbledon (0-2), Leeds (1-2), Manchester City (0-3), Coventry (1-2) and Manchester United (1-4).

The Hatters took an early exit from the Rumbelows League Cup. After drawing at Bradford City (1-1), the tie ended 2-2 on aggregate. Luton then lost 2-5 on penalties to the Third Division side.

They won here at Bramall Lane (3-1) in the third round of the F.A. Cup but, after being held to 1-1 at home by Second Division West Ham at the next stage, they crashed out to the Hammers 0-5 in the Upton Park replay.

Luton had earlier defeated West Ham 5-1 at Kenilworth Road in the Zenith Data Systems Cup, then drew at Chelsea (1-1) in the next round. They won that tie on penalties but ultimately bowed out in the Southern semi-final at Crystal Palace (1-3).

THE LAST TIME WE MET AT THE LANE

30th September, 1978 (Division 2)

UNITED 1 LUTON TOWN 1

Attendance: 15,295. Referee: Joe Worrall (Warrington)

United: Conroy, Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Matthews, Keeley, Anderson, Speight, Franks, Stainrod, Hamson.

Scorer: Anderson (44). Manager: Harry Haslam.

Luton Town: Aleksic, Price, Aizlewood, Hill, C. Turner, Doneghy, Moss, West, Stein, Hatton, Fuccillo.

Scorer: Hatton (60). Manager: David Pleat.

Note: Peter Anderson's goal was in his first full league appearance for United. Luton's number 10 was none other than Bob Hatton.

Six players have scored two goals in a game against Luton, but we still await the first hat-trick by a Blade.

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	13	6	5	2	22	18
Away	14	5	2	7	17	23
Total.....	27	11	7	9	39	41

Division 1 - 5 games. Division 2 - 22 games.

Biggest victory: Home, 4-1 (25.3.78). Away, 4-1 (24.9.60).

Heaviest defeat: Home, 0-4 (26.12.55). Away, 0-4 (27.12.77).

Last win: Home, 4-1 (25.3.78). Away, 1-0 (26.12.90).

Last defeat: Home, 0-3 (22.1.77). Away, 0-4 (27.12.77).

Last draw: Home, 1-1 (30.9.78). Away, 1-1 (10.2.79).

First meeting: Home, 2-0 (11.9.37). Away, 3-2 (2.2.387).

Sheffield United's leading league scorers against Luton Town are Alan Woodward (4), Harold Brook (3).

THE SQUAD

Player/Birthplace/ Age	Previous League Clubs	Lge. Career App.	Goals	1990-91 App.	Goals
TIM ALLPRESS Hitchin 20	—	1	—	—	—
DAVE BEAUMONT Edinburgh 27	Dundee United	149	3	26	—
KINGSLEY BLACK Luton 22	—	116	25	30	6
ALEC CHAMBERLAIN March 26	Ipswich, Colchester, Everton, Tranmere (L)	274	—	31	—
JOHN DREYER Alnwick 27	Oxford, Torquay (L), Fulham (L)	164	10	31	3
LARS ELSTRUP Denmark 28	—	43	17	30	13
SEAN FARRELL Watford 22	Colchester (L)	24	1	14	—
RICHARD HARVEY Letchworth 21	—	65	—	22	—
CERI HUGHES Pontypridd 20	—	18	1	17	1
JULIAN JAMES Tring 21	—	36	2	12	1
MARVIN JOHNSON Wembley 22	—	59	—	22	—
DARRON McDONOUGH Antwerp 28	Oldham Athletic	276	19	23	—
KURT NOGAN Cardiff 20	—	15	2	5	—
MARK PEMBRIDGE Merthyr 20	—	11	1	11	1
DAVID PREECE Bridgnorth 27	Walsall	288	11	30	1
JASON REES Pontypridd 21	—	29	—	15	—
GRAHAM RODGER Glasgow 23	Wolves, Coventry City	47	3	8	1
STEVE WILLIAMS London 32	Southampton, Arsenal	413	23	16	—

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Trevor Twigg, West Yorkshire

Editor: An interesting point but one I must disagree with, both in the context of the pictures and the spirit in which they were included — as Blades fans (perhaps with brothers and sisters who could be mascots) at their place of work. They were **not** pictures of war.

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THE HOYLAND LINE

£250,000 summer signing JAMIE HOYLAND would have walked the Pennine route from Bury to join United's return to the First Division. Father Tommy had 13 years in total at the Lane so a move to his beloved Blades was in many ways the perfect ending for the youngster who had been a ball boy here before embarking on a professional career elsewhere. Pen was put to paper with minimum fuss and Jamie and Blades fans alike looked forward to the powerful goal-scoring midfielder blossoming onto the big stage. In reality it has been a disappointing season. Mishaps and injuries have dogged him and prevented us seeing just what he is capable of but the optimistic 25 year old has persistently displayed the resilience to come back stronger.

Jamie was the third and youngest of Tommy's sons to show early promise although Dad was quite happy to let things take their course without parental pressure. He had been a honest, hard working wing-half in the days before the abolition of the maximum wage so the accent was very definitely on enjoying and pride rather than financial gain.

Andrew and Graham both played in Sheffield Wednesday's Youth team with Andrew gaining England Youth honours before joining the teaching profession, whilst the latter almost made the big time and is currently playing with Matlock Town.

RESERVES WHILST AT SCHOOL

The potential the youngest had shown at an early age — he was a big lad even at 8 or 9 in the Cub's team — continued at Jordansholme School with regular calls to play in Manchester City's Reserve side. Why there you might ask? "They were a good, big club certainly, but I felt as though it would be an opportunity to develop without the constant comparisons that would be made if I'd been at my Dad's old team, even though I was a real Unitedite. I had to get away from that pressure — and Malcolm Alison, no less, signed me as a Schoolboy!"



He broke into the first team as a centre-forward at just 17, scoring as substitute in a big cup win over Torquay, and then facing an experienced Derby County, with Dave Watson at the back, in the Second Division. That was followed by three England Youth Caps, the captaincy of the Reserves and a temporary move to centre-half which lasted for a season and a half.

Things were going well, but on his recall to the first team against Oldham, a Steve Hoolickin challenge damaged his lateral ligament and it was a long, hard summer getting back to fitness. No sooner had Jamie made the reserves by the end of the year, tragedy struck again with a cartilage problem on the same knee and a second operation had to be faced.

MAINE ROAD EXIT

It had fallen apart for the youngster and it was no real surprise to him that, following city's signings of Mark Lillis and Nigel Johnson, he was released. "Naturally I was disappointed after such a start and I was bitter, but eventually you look back and it fades — I appreciate that City were worried about my ability to shake off the injuries and Manager Billy McNeil had to build a team for the future.

With encouragement from City scout Ken Barnes, Jamie looked at the offers and joined Third division Bury whose manager Martin Dobson built a side which played neat football in his own image. a two year contract gave Jamie security and breathing space when he needed it and four good years at Gigg Lane was the result. "Although Bury only played in front of small gates we had some good young players. Bringing them on and selling them to stay afloat was Dobson's policy, and it was he that suggested I try a midfield role. It took some time to get accustomed to, especially when you consider I was still inexperienced as a league player."

"Bringing them on and selling them to stay afloat was Dobson's policy"

"In my second season it started to click. I scored a few goals and we had a great Littlewood's Cup run including a two legged victory over United!" Jamie omitted to mention that he scored a header in the 2-1 home win. He also notched a celebrated goal at Old Trafford in the televised game which put Bury out rather unluckily by the odd goal.

With players such as Sammy McIlroy being a "great influence" Jamie went from strength to strength and other clubs began to take notice. New boss Sam Ellis soon nipped that in the bud so it was another season with Bury who made the play-offs only to lose out to Tranmere.

TIME WAS RIGHT

This time Jamie was out of contract and determined to leave and strike out for the higher grade of soccer he felt equipped for — he had missed only two games through injury and two through suspension in his four years at Bury, ending his last one as top scorer with 16 league goals from midfield!

Wolves were on the verge of signing him when Dave Bassett wipped in with an offer to bring him to the Lane and complete the family link. Overjoyed at the prospect he agreed immediately.

He knew then that United's style would not, perhaps, permit him to get forward as often but the lure of the red and white shirt was irresistible — "I would have played anywhere. Against Liverpool, though, Simon's injury just summed the season up. Things went from bad to worse for me and the team. At Derby in the second match my shin got infected and the poison had to be cut out, sidelining me for six weeks.

"When I came back at Yeovil in a friendly I had the worse 45 minutes of my career and when, in the Reserves against Newcastle, I was terrible again the boss had me in to ask what was wrong. My confidence had dipped but Dave encouraged me to try things differently and put me in the first team at Manchester United the following Saturday! That was a boost and I eventually got a run together which coincided with the team's upsurge in results."

The only thing missing was the goals and I can't explain why. Maybe it's the style or the role but I'm sure they'll come eventually, especially if I get back in the side when they do as well as they have been lately."

BEST STILL TO COME

More knee trouble at Manchester City of all places cost him his place after an excellent first half display, and Jamie is desperate to rejoin the action now that the team is winning — "the boys are covering each other's mistakes, although we are only playing to the same principles of play as we were when we were losing."

He has found First Division teams to be very professional, especially good at exploiting opposition mistakes but feels some players live off their reputations. United's growing confidence reflects this theory as the team has realised they have little to fear — "if we can stay up I think we'll comfortably survive next season and be stronger because of this season's battles.

Things haven't been easy for Jamie — injuries, car stolen, loss of form — but Dad Tommy must have passed on some spirit to him and he'll be back. Confidence is the key for he undoubtedly has the all round game to serve United equally as well. Dad appreciates that a footballer's lot has changed so much; Jamie's wife, Ursula, is an Air Hostess so holidays to exotic places — Hong Kong, Kenya etc. — are on the list of priorities, plus country walks with his dog Solomon. Tommy played for less than £20 a week, runs a pub in Sheffield and still thinks he's had the best deal!



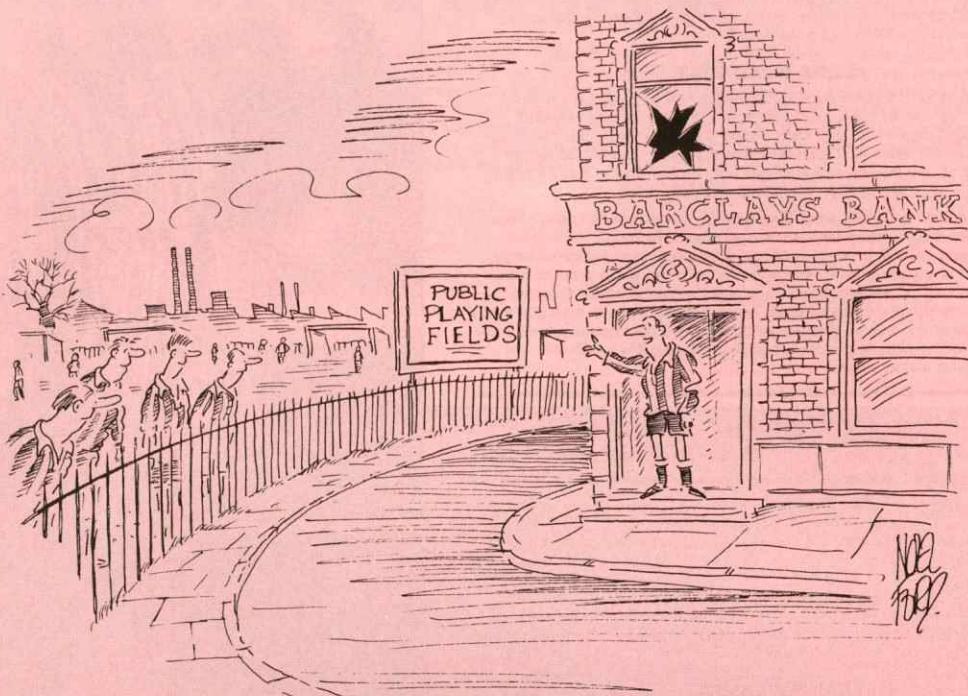
Early days at the Lane — Jamie as a ballboy at the Lane in 1976 with Manager Jimmy Sirrell.



Family Likeness? Tommy Hoyland in action for United in the 1950's.

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LOOKING BACK

MANAGEMENT

I wonder if any of the players we see today will eventually manage a Football League club? 'Not if I can help it,' I can imagine most of them would say. Star quality as a player is certainly no criterion for success in management as a look at a list of former English internationals with over fifty caps to their credit would show. Consider the managerial record of Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton, Billy Wright, Alan Ball, Emlyn Hughes, Martin Peters and Stanley Matthews, while other great players such as Tom Finney, Gordon Banks, Ray Wilson, Johnny Haynes, Kevin Keegan, Jimmy Greaves and our own Ernest Needham had perhaps more sense than to try their hand in management. I've been looking at former United players who became managers, including one or two with clubs before they became members of the Football League. **How many do you think you could name?** Perhaps you might wish to make up your own list after today's game and then check it against mine. You may have remembered one or two that I have forgotten for I don't claim that my list is necessarily complete.

PRE FIRST WORLD WAR PLAYERS:

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Bert Lipsham (Millwall)
Jack Peart (Rochdale, Bradford City, Fulham)
Fred Priest (Hartlepool)
Harry Thickett (Bristol City)

BETWEEN THE WARS:

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Lloyd Barke (Mansfield Town)
Eddie Boot (Huddersfield Town)
Tommy Boyle (Scarborough)
Billy Gillespie (Derry City)
Harry Hooper (Halifax Town)
Archie McPherson (Alloa)
George Raynor (Sweden, Doncaster Rovers)
Harry Warren (Southend United)
Dick Young (Carlisle United)



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Gerry Summers (Oxford United, Gillingham)
Bill Toner (Dumbarton)

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Peter Anderson (Millwall)
John Barnwell (Peterborough, Wolves, Notts County, Walsall)
Jim Bone (Arbroath)
Ray Lewington (Fulham)
Ray McHale (Scarborough)
Colin Morris (Scarborough)
Martin Peters (Sheffield United)
Bruce Rioch (Torquay United, Middlesbrough, Millwall)
John Ryan (Cambridge United)

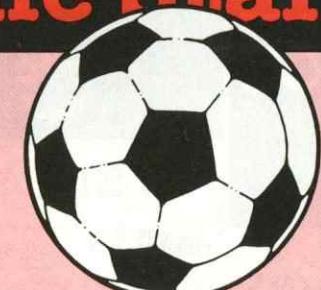


Jim Smith and John Docherty. Two former United players who have achieved more success as managers than as players.

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AWAY DAY BLADES

**A question of a referee's eyesight
and the trip to Nottingham
occupy DAVE WICKETT'S
thoughts this afternoon.**

The match at Wimbledon was not expected to be one for the football purist and that was just the way it turned out. Blades fans in their thousands boosted the crowd to over 7,000 but even with this support United failed to meet the form of recent matches and so could not equal their 77 year old record of successive First Division victories. As Dave Bassett was quoted as saying "It wasn't a classic — obviously it wasn't a feast of passing. The midfielders both got back ache and neck ache." Wimbledon dropped their short players, replacing them with taller players in an attempt to match United's long ball game, but their manager Ray Hartford was quite honest in admitting that United had the better of the match.

ARE YOU BLIND, REF?

The talking point was, of course, the last minute handball by Fashanu seen, it would appear, by everyone in the ground except the referee and linesman. United players were furious, Hartford freely admitted he

thought it was a penalty and the Blades fans felt robbed.

To quote the *Sunday Times* reporter Deryk Brown (who is a Blades fan) "They [United] should have won; indeed they were robbed. In the last minute we saw the clearest of handballs, by Fashanu in his own penalty area. Mr. Durkin and his linesman, otherwise impeccable, were momentarily blind. It has been a wretched season for referees: what ails them?" What indeed, we may well ask. Just when Blades fans thought that their luck was turning, particularly when United gained only their second penalty of the season, this happens, and in the last minute as well.

Apart from this episode there was little else of consequence to talk about. A point at least allowed United's unbeaten run to continue, maintained their league position and drew them further away from Derby, Sunderland and Luton.

Some United fans again commented on the change of strip, why not red and white stripes against Wimbledon's blue? Is it just to boost the sales of yellow balloons?

LONG AWAITED RETURN

On Easter Monday United are making the short trip to the County Ground at Nottingham, and by account of ticket sales

will take well over five thousand fans. United have travelled to the City of Nottingham a lot in recent years, but always to play County. It was in 1976 that we last played at Forest and it wasn't a happy occasion with the outcome being a 6-1 thrashing with Terry Curran being one of the main architects of our defeat.

That was a Second Division match, United's last First Division match there being a 3-2 victory during their magnificent winning spell upon returning to the division in 1971.

The County ground has undergone many improvements during the past few years and hopefully we should encounter better facilities than those of our recent visits to Wimbledon and Sunderland, both of whom offer facilities that are truly woeful and well below what fans have the right to expect in the top division in the nineteen nineties.

WINNING DOUBLE?

The match gives United a second chance, the first being today, of competing the double over a team, and also staying above Forest in the league. This is something that could hardly have been contemplated before our match against them at the Lane, when, without a league win we were seventeen points behind them. As is so often said, football's a funny old game.

OFF THE PEG

by Brian Deane



For the 3,000 plus Sheffield United fans in the crowd of just over 7,000 at Plough Lane, Wimbledon, last week the biggest surprise was to see their favourite, Brian Deane, step up to take the vital penalty.

Most had expected Ian Bryson, Glyn Hodges or maybe Carl Bradshaw to take the kick but instead Hodges spoke to Deane and the big man obliged.

He said afterwards:

“The manager has been on to me for a time about taking penalties. He asked me to look at the leading scorers in the First Division and see how many penalties they had taken, Gary Lineker of Tottenham was a case in point.

Everyone knows I had not taken a penalty for Sheffield United since I have been here and it has never bothered me because we had reliable people to put them away. But I had not taken one for Doncaster Rovers, my previous club, either and so this was my very first in league football.

I knew I was on penalties but I wasn't bothered when the award was given. But Glyn Hodges gave me a mental push and told me to get on with it and fortunately for me Hans Segers dived the wrong way.

I was happy to see it go in because on the day before, in training, I had taken one — and hit it a long way over the bar.

Like the other boys I think we should have had second penalty when John Fashanu handled in the last minute. Whether I would have taken that one, I don't know but I guess the boys would have made me do it.

I am just happy to have got over the first hurdle and scored one more First Division goal. But I suppose that means that the next penalty is mine as well, maybe at Bramall Lane **“**

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THE RESERVE SCENE

A new formation, a strong side and even inexperienced opposition were not enough to prevent us falling into a relegation spot following the 1-1 draw at Newcastle over two weeks ago. With the Wolves game last week being postponed others have improved their position so now we must make the most of games in hand. Kit man JOHN GRAVES was at St. James Park and his thoughts are recounted.

Although this was a game of few chances United certainly ought to have made more of their superiority in setting up opportunities. Newcastle were a young, bright and busy combination who moved about quickly without ever really threatening to disturb our defence.

United used a new system with Hoyland sweeping behind Pemberton — back after injury — and Lucas. This enabled Ward and Whitehouse to push forward from full-back regularly which they did to good effect, producing a series of excellent crosses.

Tony Agana again looked sharp, Brian Marwood worked hard all night, and Jamie Hoyland was assured at the heart of defence. Still, by half-time we hadn't made quality count.

After the break United livened up, got players forward more and the pressure paid off with a goal on 55 minutes. Marwood knocked a free-kick into Agana's feet from where it was played out to the overlapping Whitehouse. His pinpoint cross found JAMIE HOYLAND who powered in an unstoppable header from 12 yards — quite the best bit of football all night.

Kite was almost redundant apart from dealing with huge kicks from his opposite number. A comfortable victory was on the cards until seven minutes from time when the tactic

paid off. Centre forward Harvey got his toe to one on the edge of the box and the ball spewed up and over an astonished Phil Kite for a rather fluky leveller.

Coach Geoff Taylor was pleased with the overall performance of the team which was better than of late but we were reminded painfully of the old soccer adage that it only takes a second to score a goal!

Wednesday 13th March

Pontins League Division One

NEWCASTLE U. 1 UNITED 1

Scorers: Newcastle — Harvey (83).

United — Hoyland (55).

Newcastle: Srnicek, Watson, Elliot, Roche, Appleby (Makel 65), Bradshaw, Gourlay (Parkinson 75), Clark, Harvey, Sloan, Heron.

United: Kite, Ward, Whitehouse, Pemberton, Lucas, Hoyland, Todd, Lake, Marwood, Agana, Harris (Jones 83). Unused Sub: Circuit.

LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Up to and including 13th March

	Ap	Gls		Ap	Gls
Agana	5	3	Kite	15	—
Atkinson (1)	—	—	Lucas	19	2 —
Anderson	1	2	Lake	7	—
Barnes	6	—	Magnusson	2	—
Beesley	1	—	Marwood	7	2
Booker	12	—	Morris, L.	6	2 2
Bradshaw	8	2	Morris, M.	2	—
Brocklehurst	2	—	Pemberton	4	—
Bryson	6	1	Reed	15	+1 —
Carr	3	1	Rieper	2	—
Circuit	5	+2 —	Rostron	5	—
Duffield	17	9	Sermanni	2	—
Evans, J.	1	—	Stancliffe	3	—
Fickling	7	+2 —	Todd	16	2
Flower	7	+1 —	Tomms	3	—
Gannon	10	1	Tracey	3	—
Harris	5	1	Ward	15	+1 —
Harrison	5	—	Whitehouse	18	3
Hill	1	—	Whitehurst	8	2
Hodges	1	—	Wilder	6	—
Hoyland	9	2	Winter	1	—
Jones	3	—	Wood	14	3

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	8	Tu	Manchester City
	23	W	Rotherham United
	29	Tu	Derby County
February	21	Th	Leicester City
	27	W	Nottingham Forest
March	13	W	Newcastle United
	26	Tu	Everton
April	4	Th	Wolverhampton W.
	10	W	Everton
	16	Tu	Coventry City
	24	W	Huddersfield Town
	27	S	Aston Villa
May	1	W	Manchester United
	8	W	Blackburn Rovers
	14	Tu	Liverpool
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The Pontin's League

(up to 24th March)

	P	W	D	F	A	P
Nottingham F.	24	16	4	47	39	52
Manchester U.	27	16	4	7	44	26
Liverpool	25	15	3	7	51	22
Sheffield Wed.	23	15	3	5	49	28
Everton	26	13	3	10	48	39
Sunderland	26	11	7	8	52	43
Rotherham U.	24	11	5	8	40	37
Leeds United	26	10	8	8	38	35
Aston Villa	24	10	6	8	32	36
Newcastle U.	26	10	4	12	37	35
Manchester C.	25	8	5	12	38	47
Coventry City	26	6	11	9	31	40
Derby County	25	6	9	10	23	33
Blackburn R.	24	6	6	12	35	45
SHEFF. UNITED	23	6	6	11	36	51
Wolves	23	6	4	13	32	57
Leicester City	26	6	3	17	33	53
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JUNIOR UPDATE

BOYS DEFY LOGIC!

The Halifax win under their belt, the Juniors faced high flying Middlesbrough and then lowly Darlington within the space of four days. Hopes were high for a win but our youngsters turned logic on its head by defeating third placed Boro 2-0 and then dipping 0-1 to the team below themselves in the table. Recent improvement though has seen our lads climb off that dreaded bottom spot.

Middlesbrough were clearly shocked by United's improvement from the side hammered 7-0 in the earlier fixture — the visitors were kept behind for a 20 minute inquest on the pitch and again in the dressing room.

United started well showing good understanding in all departments despite fielding a trialist and schoolboys. They had most of the possession in the first half and dominated the game, coping well with a few Middlesbrough counter-attacks.

Only quality in the final area was missing from our boys as they developed many controlled attacks and also pressurised the visitors into giving their own possession away.

It was almost an hour before the deserved break came following a patient move down the right involving Cherrill, Dickerson, Harrison and ROBERTS — the latter chipped the ball round the keeper into the opposite top corner for a very rewarding goal.

Further chances were created but none taken until the 76th minute. Fickling headed on Cherrill's corner and STEVE CIRCUIT arrived late at the far side to shoot low into the net.

This was satisfying indeed — the youngsters played with confidence and, though Circuit and Morris were dominant at the back, there were good performances in midfield with Jamie Evans being positive and aggressive throughout.

Tuesday 12th March

Northern Intermediate League

UNITED 2 MIDDLESBROUGH 0

Scorers: Roberts (57), Circuit (76). United: Godwin, Fickling, Cope (Wainwright 80), Roddis, Morris, Circuit, Harrison, Cherrill, Dickerson (Brocklehurst 55), Roberts, Evans.

We expected to, and should have, beaten Darlington but one defensive lapse lost us the game in the 15th minute. Kent's throw-in to Circuit, level with our own penalty area, should have been safe enough but the latter unluckily lost control of his feet and a subsequent hurried pass led to a goal.

In the opening first-half Darlington were physically strong and United made the mistake of trying to play too many passes on a heavy, tacky surface.

A change of tactic brought a more compromising attitude and plenty of attacks. Excellent work from Brocklehurst should have led to his team-mates getting on the score-sheet but the game slipped away from United in a disappointing defeat.

Saturday 16th March

Northern Intermediate League

DARLINGTON 1 UNITED 0

United: Godwin, Kent (Butterfield 45), Cope, Roddis, Morris, Circuit, Harrison, Cherrill, Dickerson (Brocklehurst 50), Roberts, Evans.

LEAGUE APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

(Up to and including 23rd March)

	Ap	Gls		Ap	Gls
Atkinson	10	—	Humphries	1	—
Batten (2)	—	—	Ingram	7	—
Battersby	5	—	Kent	25	—
Bone	1	—	Lawless, C	2	—
Brocklehurst	15	3	Lawless, T	2	—
Butterfield	13	+1	Lumsden	4	+1
Cherrill	25	1	Morris	27	3
Circuit	12	1	Myhill	7	+1
Cope	10	—	Pearce	1	—
Dickerson	11	1	Reaney	19	—
Evans	24	5	Reed	14	3
Fickling	128	—	Ritchie	1	—
Foreman	3	—	Roberts	21	6
Godwin	19	+1	Roddis	3	—
Griffiths	1	—	Stammers	9	2
Heywood	16	3	Thomson	3	—
Harrison	17	1	Wainwright	4	—

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January	12	S	Bradford City	2-3
	26	S	Newcastle United	1-4
February	2	S	Scunthorpe United	1-4
	4	M	Rotherham U.	2-2
	23	S	Leeds United	0-6
March	2	S	York City	0-1
	9	S	Halifax Town	3-1
	12	Tu	Middlesbrough	2-0
	16	S	Darlington	0-1
	19	Tu	Scarborough	1-0
	23	S	Sunderland	0-5
April	6	S	Rotherham United	—
	10	W	Newcastle United (1.00 p.m.)	—
	13	S	Hull City	—
	23	Tu	Doncaster Rovers	—
	27	S	Hartlepool United	—
	29	M	Hartlepool United	—
May	11	S	Huddersfield Town	—
	T.B.A.		Sheffield Wednesday	—

N. Intermediate League (up to Saturday, 23rd March)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunderland	28	16	4	8	71	49	52
Barnsley	24	14	4	6	55	26	46
Leeds United	24	13	5	6	48	21	44
Middlesbrough	26	13	5	8	59	40	44
Huddersfield T.	24	13	4	7	67	42	43
Hull City	25	11	6	8	39	30	39
York City	22	11	6	5	38	29	39
Sheffield Wed.	23	10	9	4	35		

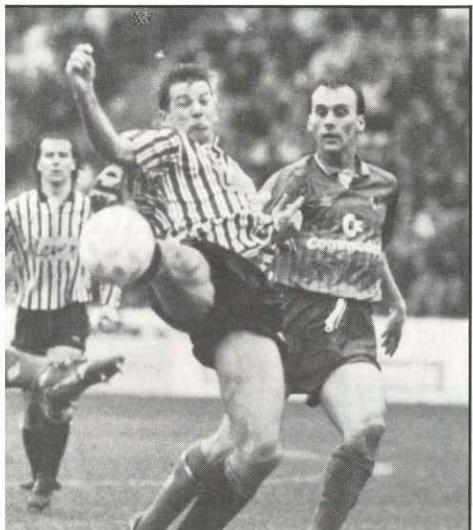
Booker's persistence pays off to set up...

UNITED 1... CHELSEA 0



Beasant is put off by Ooh-Aah's challenge, **Bryson** does the rest for the third game in a row and it's seven successive wins for the rampant Blades.

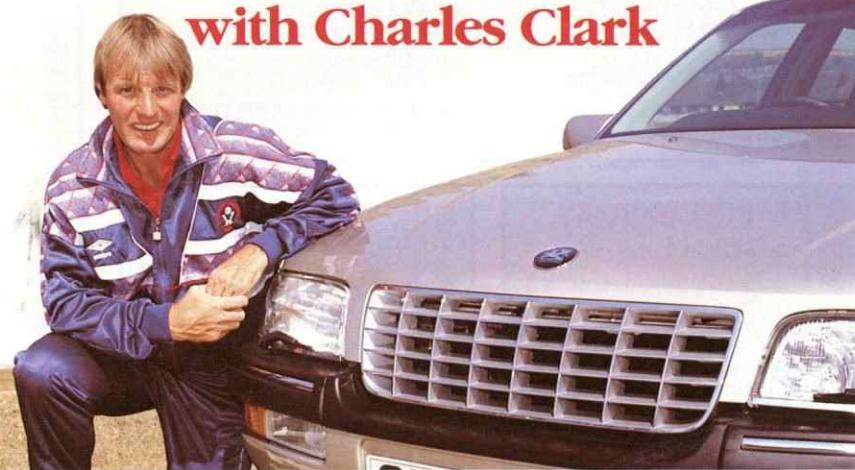
Like Sunderland the week before, though, this was a hard-earned victory earned late in the game and none battled harder than **Bob Booker**, recalled in place of the suspended Vinnie Jones. Below he stretches to control the ball before Alan Dickens, and then miscues an effort at goal after a centre took a quick deflection. Fittingly it all came right in the end for the fan's favourite non-stop trier.



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

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	Goals			Goals			A Pts
				L	F	A	W	D	L	
Liverpool	29	11	2	1	32	9	8	4	3	27 16 63
Arsenal	29	11	3	0	33	6	7	7	1	18 7 62
Crystal Palace	30	9	4	1	21	14	8	3	5	20 19 58
Leeds United	28	9	2	3	29	13	4	5	5	12 17 46
Manchester United	30	8	3	4	27	14	4	7	4	19 21 45
Wimbledon	29	7	6	3	25	17	3	6	4	18 19 42
Manchester City	29	9	2	4	24	18	2	7	5	17 22 42
Tottenham Hotspur	28	7	6	2	27	16	3	4	6	12 20 40
Chelsea	30	9	5	2	25	18	2	2	10	18 31 40
Norwich City	28	7	2	5	21	23	4	3	7	12 19 38
Everton	29	7	4	4	21	11	3	3	8	15 23 37
Nottingham Forest	29	5	4	4	21	17	3	7	6	20 22 35
SHEFF. UNITED	30	7	2	6	17	17	3	3	9	10 27 35
Aston Villa	28	6	6	1	20	12	2	4	9	14 21 34
Coventry City	30	8	5	3	26	16	1	2	11	5 20 34
Southampton	30	6	4	4	25	18	3	2	11	20 36 33
Q.P.R.	29	6	3	5	20	17	2	5	8	13 27 32
Luton Town	31	6	4	5	19	15	3	1	12	16 37 32
Sunderland	30	5	4	6	13	14	1	4	10	18 32 26
Derby County	28	2	8	5	17	28	2	0	11	9 27 20

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LEADING SCORERS

22 goals Ian Rush (Liverpool)
20 goals Lee Chapman (Leeds)
David Platt (Aston Villa)
19 goals Mark Hughes (Man. U.)
18 goals Paul Gascoigne (Tottenham)
Matthew Le Tissier (Soton)
Brian McClair (Man. U.)
Dean Saunders (Derby C.)
Ian Wright (C. Palace)
16 goals Lars Elstrup (Luton T.)
15 goals Mark Bright (C. Palace)
Brian Deane (Blades)
Gary Lineker (Tottenham)
Alan Smith (Arsenal)
Rod Wallace (Soton)
Roy Wegerle (Q.P.R.)
(Up to and including last Saturday)

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE ATTENDANCES 1990/91

	Aggregate	Average
Manchester United	660,346	44,023
Liverpool	505,990	36,142
Arsenal	501,795	33,453
Tottenham	475,110	31,674
Leeds United	404,152	28,868
Manchester City	417,883	27,859
Everton	403,005	26,867
Aston Villa	342,903	26,377
Sunderland	344,507	22,967
Nottingham Forest	283,025	21,771
Sheffield United	315,430	21,029
Chelsea	335,446	20,965
Crystal Palace	266,082	19,006
Derby County	256,076	17,072
Southampton	230,822	16,487
Norwich City	220,406	15,743
Q.P.R.	195,699	13,979
Coventry City	216,167	13,510
Luton Town	148,425	9,895
Wimbledon	117,593	7,350
	(Up to and including last Sunday)	

TODAY'S REFEREE

Today's man in the middle, John Martin, appears to be a very busy 51-year-old. He has been on the League Referees List for 14 years and has been in charge of the 1990 Littlewoods Final, the 1989 Simod Final and the 1989 Charity Shield Final plus many matches abroad. He is now a familiar figure on T.V. and enjoys most sports, particularly athletics, bowls, tennis and badminton plus his involvement in Youth work and Referees Associations.

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	Stanciffe	Hill	Hoyland	Rostron ^b	Agana	Deane¹	Bryson	Morris ⁽¹⁾	Wood ⁽⁴⁾
Aug. 29	Derby County	1-1	18,011	—	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Stanciffe	Hill	Hoyland	Beesley ^b	Agana	Deane¹	Bryson	Wood ⁽⁷⁾	Rostron ⁽¹¹⁾
Sep. 1	Crystal Palace	0-1	16,831	19	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Stanciffe	Hill	Wood	Beesley ^b	Agana	Deane	Rostron	Morris ⁽⁹⁾	Bryson ⁽⁵⁾
Sep. 8	Manchester City	1-1	21,895	18	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes	Booker	Morris	Hill	Ward	Beesley ^b	Rostron	Deane¹	Bryson	Wood ⁽⁹⁾	Gannon ⁽¹¹⁾
Sep. 15	Southampton	0-2	15,883	19	Kite	Pemberton ^b	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Hill	Ward	Beesley ^b	Booker ^b	Deane	Gannon	Whitehurst ⁽⁶⁾	Bryson ⁽⁹⁾
Sep. 23	Leeds United	0-2	26,078	20	Kite	Pemberton	Rostron	Jones	Morris	Hill	Bradshaw	Beesley	Whitehurst	Deane	Marwood	Gannon ⁽⁹⁾	Booker ⁽⁶⁾
Sep. 25	Northampton (R.C. 1st Leg)	1-0	6,714	—	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes ^b	Jones	Beesley	Bradshaw	Hill	Duffield	Deane¹	Marwood	Rostron ⁽⁶⁾	Whitehouse ⁽¹¹⁾	
Sep. 29	Chelsea	2-2	19,873	19	Kite	Pemberton	Rostron	Jones¹	Morris	Hill	Bradshaw ^b	Beesley	Whitehurst	Deane¹	Marwood ^b	Booker ⁽⁷⁾	Agana ⁽⁹⁾
Oct. 6	Wimbledon	1-2	17,650	19	Kite	Pemberton	Barnes¹	Jones ^b	Morris	Booker	Hoyland	Beesley	Agana	Deane	Marwood	Wood ⁽⁶⁾	Whitehurst ⁽⁹⁾
Oct. 10	Northampton (R.C. 2nd Leg)	2-1	8,679	—	Kite	Hill	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Wood ^b	Hoyland	Agana¹	Deane¹	Marwood	Duffield ⁽⁷⁾	Bradshaw ⁽⁹⁾
Oct. 20	Tottenham Hotspur	0-4	34,612	20	Tracey ^b	Pemberton	Barnes ^b	Jones ^b	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Hoyland	Agana	Deane	Bryson	Booker ⁽¹¹⁾	Bradshaw ⁽⁷⁾
Oct. 27	Coventry City	0-1	17,978	20	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Jones	Morris ^b	Beesley ^b	Marwood	Todd	Agana	Deane	Bryson	Hoyland ⁽⁸⁾	Bradshaw ⁽⁹⁾
Oct. 30	Everton (R.C. 3)	2-1	15,042	—	Tracey	Pemberton ^b	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Agana	Deane¹	Rostron	Bradshaw⁽¹⁹⁾	Booker
Nov. 3	Norwich City	0-3	14,806	20	Tracey	Pemberton ^b	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Bradshaw	Gannon	Agana	Deane	Rostron	Bryson ⁽³⁾	Booker ⁽⁵⁾
Nov. 10	Everton	0-0	21,447	20	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Lake	Bradshaw	Deane	Gannon	Agana ⁽⁷⁾	Rostron
Nov. 17	Manchester United	0-2	45,903	20	Tracey	Pemberton ^b	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Hoyland	Booker ⁽¹¹⁾	Whitehouse ⁽⁸⁾
Nov. 24	Sunderland	0-2	19,179	20	Tracey	Wilder	Barnes	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Marwood	Gannon	Bradshaw ^b	Deane	Rostron	Booker ⁽³⁾	Bryson ⁽⁷⁾
Nov. 27	Tottenham H. (R.C. 4)	0-2	25,824	—	Tracey	Wilder	Lake	Jones	Morris	Beesley	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Rostron	Duffield ⁽¹¹⁾	Hoyland
Dec. 1	Aston Villa	1-2	21,713	20	Tracey	Booker	Lucas	Jones¹	Morris	Beesley	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Hoyland	Duffield ⁽¹¹⁾	Todd
Dec. 11	Oldham A. (Zenith Cup)	7-2	3,144	—	Tracey	Wilder	Barnes	Hill	Todd	Beesley¹	Bryson²	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane¹	Hoyland¹	Duffield⁽⁹⁾	Booker ⁽¹⁰⁾
Dec. 15	Liverpool	0-2	33,516	20	Tracey	Wilder	Rostron	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane	Lucas	Duffield ⁽⁹⁾	Hoyland ⁽²⁾
Dec. 22	Nottingham Forest	3-2	20,394	20	Tracey	Wilder	Rostron	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson²	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane¹	Lucas	Marwood	Hoyland ⁽⁴⁾
Dec. 26	Luton Town	1-0	10,004	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw	Deane¹	Hoyland	Wood ⁽⁹⁾	Todd
Dec. 29	Arsenal	1-4	37,866	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Marwood	Deane	Hoyland	Wood ⁽⁹⁾	Barnes
Jan. 1	Queens Park Rangers	1-0	21,158	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Barnes	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw¹	Deane	Hoyland	Marwood ⁽³⁾	Pemberton
Jan. 5	Luton Town (F.A.C.3)	1-3	13,897	20	Tracey	Wilder	Lucas	Jones	Barnes	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Bradshaw¹	Deane	Hoyland	Marwood ⁽⁵⁾	Whitehurst ⁽⁵⁾
Jan. 12	Crystal Palace	0-1	17,139	20	Tracey	Pemberton	Barnes	Jones ^b	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Gannon	Booker	Deane	Hoyland	Whitehurst ⁽⁵⁾	Marwood ⁽⁷⁾
Jan. 19	Manchester City	0-2	21,751	20	Tracey ^b	Booker	Barnes ^b	Jones ^b	Beesley	Hill	Bryson	Whitehurst ^b	Hodges	Deane	Hoyland	Bradshaw ⁽⁷⁾	Lucas ⁽¹⁾
Jan. 22	Manchester C. (Zenith C.)																

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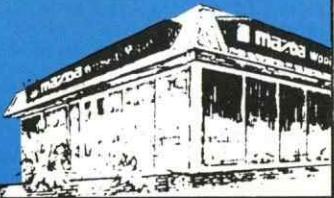


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