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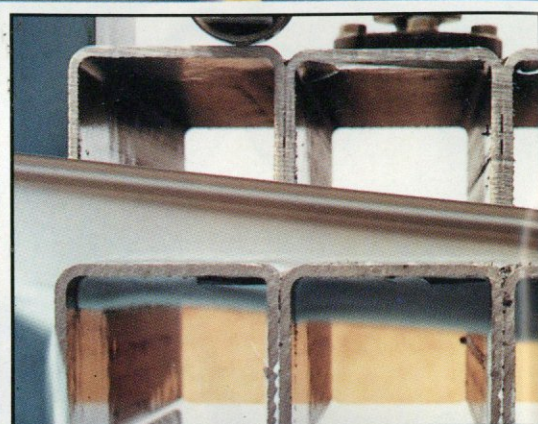
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I wonder how many people in the crowd at Bramall Lane today, can remember the last time Sheffield United won the F.A. Cup — I can probably count them on the fingers of one hand since it was 67 years ago — and its about time that we did something about it. Sheffield United have not appeared at Wembley since 1936 and that's a lamentable record for a club of our stature. It is an ambition of mine to improve that miserable record as soon as possible and this season is as good as any.

I love the cup action and want to be part of it. When I look back at my time here I remember that my very first game in charge was a cup tie at Portsmouth and we lost, 2-1. That caused no great distress because it seems that the record of Sheffield United in the tournament had, to put it politely, been very poor. Dismissal from the event had been accepted, it seemed.

Then in my first full season we went to the last 16 and had that terrific tie at Norwich which is still talked about to this day. We lost 3-2 to an established First Division club and did ourselves proud.

Then the following year we went one better and got through to the last eight losing, you will recall, to a single goal at the hands of Manchester United the eventual winners.

Last year was an anti-climax, a drift back to what had been the norm and a flat, apologetic exit at the hands of today's visitors Luton Town.

In the situation we are in as far as the league is concerned we could all do with a break, a lift and a change and



DAVE BASSETT

we are sincerely looking forward to a chance of revenge over Luton.

Everybody wants a home draw in the cup and in that respect we have been particularly fortunate for three seasons running. But Luton will not lack confidence. They will remember their win here 12 months ago and also the fact that they were involved in a tight draw in the league. All this plus their recent revival, something like our own at this time last season, will have put them in good heart.

It should be an eventful cup-tie. We all want to win it with style and make sure we are in the bag when they make the draw on Sunday afternoon.

The cup is supposed to provoke a

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very special atmosphere amongst supporters, and on cup day, I would like to ask our fans to give us that special backing.

In fact, I would like you to provide a cup-tie environment in all of our matches at Bramall Lane. In short, it would be good if we could make visiting teams tremble a bit when they come out to play us whatever the competition.

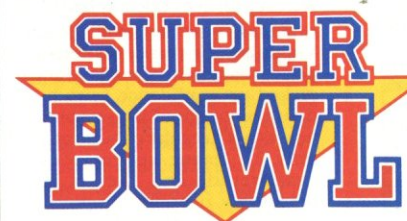
I have often spoken about the support of our away fans but it would be a great help to us in the New Year if we could engender a hostile atmosphere here.

I think of the buzz that goes around at West Ham and at Leeds where the followers always put visiting players under great pressure. There is a definite worry factor when teams run out at some grounds and I would like that translated to Bramall Lane.

I am not asking for you to be offensive to visiting fans, players and officials but just to make it crystal clear where your great loyalty lies.

I sometimes get the feeling that clubs actually enjoy coming to Bramall Lane. We have a big stadium with plenty of room and our hospitality is legendary. It would give us an edge I feel if our opponents, by your vociferous support, were made to realize that they would have to battle for anything they got.

With next week free because of the change in cup replay arrangements, I am taking the players to Jersey for a special match. But we shall still be working hard and preparing for the important league game at Southampton in a week's time



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LANE NEWS

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?

To win the F.A. Cup Final this season United will have to win six games — and seeing as it would be 67 years (1925) since we last held the trophy no one could say it wasn't overdue.

Despite an improvement in reaching the Fifth Round in 1989 and the Sixth a year later, the last 30 years or so have been dismal for the club in this, and most other cup competitions.

You have to go back to 1960-61 when, as a Second Division side who were promoted with Ipswich, we reached the semi-final only to lose 0-2 to Leicester in the third of a series of matches.

Our F.A. Cup record from 1889-90, up to and including last season is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	126	74	27	25	236	132
Away	134	47	30	57	170	194
Neutral	33	13	13	7	43	31

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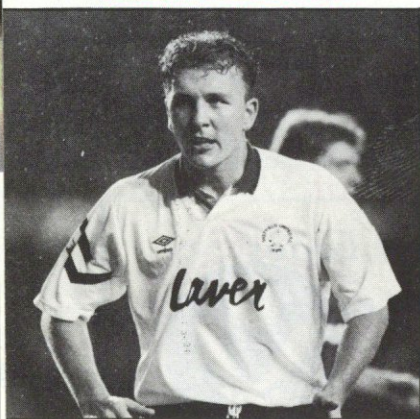
RAFFLE WINNER

The Souvenir Shop raffle for the signed Terry Gorman print brought a winning ticket — **Green No. 214** — for Mr. T. Coleman of Guisborough.

£535.00 was raised for Killingbeck Childrens Hospital.

Many thanks to Terry Gorman who supplied the print.

RELIEF ALL ROUND



Jamie Hoyland.

TOMMY IN TURMOIL

All-action **Tommy Cowan's** commitment has been a mixed blessing in recent games and left the popular young Scot scratching his head in disbelief.

Successive games against West Ham, Coventry and Palace brought incidents galore with the penalty at Upton Park still uppermost in people's minds.

No-one blames Tom for the crazy handball award and he did well to restrain himself at the award though Paul Beesley did go in the book for confirming Tom's own version of the incident: "I just followed the ball into the box and thought I'd done well to get just in front of Kenny Brown. I felt a little push as I dived to head it back but thought there was no real problem. When the whistle went I thought the referee had given a corner."

Later at a team meeting Dave Bassett absolved Tom of any responsibility and against Coventry saw the full-back put in a display which won him the Sponsor's man-of-the-match award in front of Paul Beesley. "I don't know how," states Tom modestly "I did just about O.K. but it wasn't one of my better performances". Either Tom is too critical or the Sponsors had a tough job picking a 'star' after a 0-3 defeat!

And so to the Palace game. The early signs were good and there was even the prospect of an eagerly-awaited Cowan goal in front of the appreciative Kop but, after beating the

offside trap, "I stumbled as I hit it. I was sick because I really thought it was my big chance."

On the second-half performance Tom is very critical: "I was terrible, and the composure which I'd tried to develop recently deserted me against McGoldrick. I was in two minds whether to go to him but he played very deep and I gave him the initiative. That was disappointing for me because the Boss told me after the Manchester United game that I'd given the best full-back display he'd seen anyone give against Kanchelskis."



Tom Cowan.

The conclusive finish was what many Unitedites anticipated from the ex-Bury man when he came to the Lane: "Yes, I know, and I certainly want to reach double figures this season with five under my belt so far."

Jamie has profited from the sale of Vinnie Jones in that he has been given a clear run in central midfield and has picked up confidence from it. The disappointment of last season when he was not a regular choice and made only 21 league appearances has evaporated and he is now, remarkably, our only ever-present (he came on as substitute against Southampton, and again at Wigan in the Rumbelows Cup).

He needs to keep on the goal trail for United have only lost once (at Leeds) in the five matches that Jamie has found the net.

FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

South Yorkshire Branch

The January meeting will be held on Monday, 6th January at the Saltergate Club, Chesterfield (next to Chesterfield Recreation Ground).

Speakers will include Chesterfield Manager Chris McMenemy and Chesterfield Coach Steve Heske.

The event starts at 7.30 p.m. and non-members are welcome.

BOYS AT THE LANE

A match has been arranged between Sheffield Boys v Barnsley Boys on Saturday, 11th January, 1992, at Bramall Lane, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

The South Stand only will be open and the price for admission will be £1.50 Adults, 75p Senior Citizens/Juveniles.

POSSIBLE CUP DATE AT THE LANE

Don't forget the Juniors play at Everton next Saturday in the Third Round of the F.A. Youth Cup. This is bound to be a tough fixture for our youngsters against traditionally strong opposition but we are in good spirits and expect to put up a strong fight.

If the match is drawn the replay will be back at the Lane on Wednesday, 15th January, kick-off 7.30 p.m. The New South Stand only will be open. Prices: £2 Adults, £1 Juveniles and Senior Citizens.

PLASTIC POINTS

The visit of Luton Town reminds us that last season saw United's last game on an artificial pitch, for some time at least. The Blades played five league games on 'plastic', losing three but winning the last two. Perhaps it's a pity there are none in Division One — we were just getting the hang of it!

The games were as follows, United's score first:

1.1.87	Oldham	1-3	Morris
12.9.87	Oldham	2-3	Dempsey, Stancliffe
31.12.88	Preston	0-2	
28.3.90	Oldham	2-0	Deane (2)
26.12.90	Luton	1-0	Deane

THE STORY SO FAR

Friday 20th December

On loan goalkeeper James Will recalled by Arsenal but only after Saturday's Reserve fixture.

Saturday 21st December

Barclays League Division One

WEST HAM 1 UNITED 1

Scorers: West Ham — Dicks, pen. (87). United — Deane (83).

West Ham: Miklosko, Brown, Dicks, Gale, Potts, Foster, Bishop, McAvennie, Small (Keen 65), Allen, Slater. Unused sub: Parris.

United: Tracey, Gage, Cowan, Gannon, Gayle, Beesley, Bryson (Hodges 62), Hoyland, Littlejohn, Deane, Whitehouse. Unused sub: Ward.

Referee: Michael Pearce (Portsmouth).

Attendance: 19,287.

United rage at the Referee who sends off Brian Gayle for swearing and then robs the 10 men of victory by awarding an outrageous penalty against Cowan with just minutes remaining. Deane's goal seems certain to ensure an overdue victory over the Hammers until Dicks slams home the spot-kick. Dave Bassett elects to remain silent at the Press Conference with, perhaps, thoughts of a written complaint to come about the standard of the Officials.

The Reserves' successful run is halted by Barnsley who run out comfortable 3-1 winners at the Lane. A late consolation goal by Jamie Evans is all United can muster although several youngsters gain experience.

Good news though for the Juniors who make it five games with out defeat by beating York 3-1 in difficult conditions. Battersby, Brocklehurst and an own goal make up the scorer's list.

Thursday 26th December

Barclays League Division One

UNITED 0 COVENTRY 3

Scorers: Robson (49), Flynn (56), Billing (66).

United: Tracey, Gage, Cowan, Gannon (Lake 56), Gayle, Beesley, Hodges, Hoyland, Littlejohn, Deane, Whitehouse. Unused sub: Marwood.

Coventry: Ogrizovic, Borrows, Sansom, Robson, Billing, Atherton, McGrath, Flynn, Rosario (Furlong 85), Gallacher, Smith. Unused sub: Hurst.

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton).

Attendance: 19,638.

United on top by half-time but their poor finishing is punished after the break as Coventry suddenly awoken to score three times in quick succession. The black Boxing Day mood is worsened as those around United win points and gain ground.

Saturday 28th December

Barclays League Division One

UNITED 1 PALACE 1

Scorers: United — Hoyland (15). Palace — Gabbiadini (62).

United: Tracey, Gage, Cowan, Gannon, Gayle, Beesley, Hodges (Lake 85), Hoyland, Bryson, Deane, Whitehouse (Littlejohn 80).

Palace: Martyn, Humphrey, Sinnott, Gray, Young, Mortimer, Rodger, Osborn, Bright, Gabbiadini, McGoldrick. Unused sub: Whyte, Coleman.

Referee: W. A. Flood (Stockport).

Attendance: 17,969.

Another one that got away. Blades invigorating in first 30 minutes and should have game won by the break. After it, Palace turn tables as United fade although Beesley and Lake unlucky at the death.

First defeat in eight games for the Juniors, going down 1-2 to lowly Halifax. Andrew Reaney scores our only goal.



Rocket-man! Brian Deane launches himself at Adrian Littlejohn's cross to score his fourth league goal of the season at West Ham.

TODAY'S VISITORS

Luton Town

Luton have found a new lease of life since they came to Bramall Lane for a 1-1 draw in the First Division at the end of November. They lost only one of their next three games — at home to the leaders Leeds (0-2) — and then achieved a 1-0 home victory over the reigning Champions Arsenal on Boxing Day.

Though First Division survival remains the top priority for manager David Pleat, he is nevertheless delighted that his side has run into form in time for the start of the F.A. Cup programme today. For the Hatters have an outstanding recent record in cup football.

Until 1986 Luton had only ever been to Wembley on one occasion — when losing the 1951 F.A. Cup Final to Nottingham Forest — but they then proceeded to enjoy three Wembley Cup Finals during the space of one year!

In 1988 they crashed 1-4 to Reading in the Simod Cup but they returned to Wembley a few weeks later to defeat Arsenal 3-2 in the League Cup.

Luton reached the League Cup Final again in 1989, only to be beaten 1-3 by Nottingham Forest.

Over the past seven seasons Luton have also appeared in two F.A. Cup semi-finals.

One of the reasons why Luton have been enjoying better results is that Mr. Pleat has been able to field a settled team. Though he had used as many as 31 players in his senior side before Christmas, for the past few weeks there have been few changes.

Steve Sutton, signed on loan from Nottingham Forest, made his Luton debut in the 1-1 draw here in November.

He has been playing behind a settled defence of Julian James, Trevor Peake, John Dreyer and Richard Harvey.

The new-look midfield has comprised of Paul Telfer, Chris Kamara, Mark Pembroke and either Scott Oakes or David Preece.

Mick Harford, who has been hitting peak form in recent weeks, partners Brian Stein in the Hatters' attack.

HARFORD GLAD TO BE BACK AT LUTON

Mick Harford has reflected his pleasure at being back at Luton with a regular supply of goals. Luton signed him from Derby for £350,000 in September and the former England forward scored seven times in 12 league games to the end of the Christmas period.

Mick left Kenilworth Road in January 1990 when Derby secured his transfer for £480,000.

He began his career with Lincoln City, making his league debut for the Red Imps against Gillingham in December 1977. In 1979/80 he was the club's top scorer with 16 goals and, after he had netted 15 times the following season. Newcastle paid £200,000 — then the highest fee ever paid for a Fourth Division player — to take him to St. James Park.

His stay at Newcastle was brief, though, and it was not long before he had joined Bristol City for £150,000 in the summer of 1981. Though he led Bristol's scoring list with 11 goals, he moved on again in March 1982 when the club ran into serious financial difficulties and was unable to maintain repayments.

Mick was technically transferred back to Newcastle — then, just minutes later, he was transferred again to Birmingham!

Mick became a consistent scorer for the Blues until Luton signed him in 1984 and it was at Kenilworth Road that he enjoyed the real highlights of his career. He was the Hatters' top scorer with 25 goals in 1985/86 but his best campaign was probably 1987/88. That was when he won the first of his two England caps — he was called on as substitute against Israel — and he was also a member of the Luton side which defeated Arsenal in the League Cup Final at Wembley.

He returned to Wembley a year later when he was in the Luton side beaten by Nottingham Forest in the same final.

Mick was in the England side from the kick-off against Denmark in September 1988.

Following an injury, Mick found it difficult to regain his place in the Luton side in 1989/90 and that was why he agreed to move on to Derby.



Mick Harford

Picture — Steve Ellis.



Back row: Colin Murphy (Assistant Manager), Darron McDonagh, Paul Holsgrove, Sean Farrell, John Dryer, Alec Chamberlain, John Moore (Reserve Team Manager), Andrew Petterson, Graham Rodger, David Beaumont (now Hibernian), Marvin Johnson, Julian James, Brian Owen (Physio). Front row: Brian Stein, Kurt Nogan, Jason Rees, Richard Harvey, David Pleat, (Manager), Ceri Hughes, Kingsley Black (now Nottingham Forest), Mark Pembroke, David Preece.

20 FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT LUTON

1. Luton have avoided relegation in each of the past three seasons only by winning their final match of the season. In 1989/90 they had to win their last three games to miss the drop.

2. When Luton played a goalless draw at West Ham on the opening day of this new season, it was the first time they had kept a clean sheet in 46 away matches dating back to September 1989. The Hatters were unable to equal that feat in their next 11 away games to the end of December.

3. The only Luton player to hit a hat-trick in the First Division over the past three seasons was Lars Elstrup who scored all the goals in Luton's 3-1 win at Norwich in September 1990.

4. Elstrup was also the last Luton man to score three in a cup-tie, doing so in their 7-2 home win over Mansfield in the League Cup in October 1989.

5. We have to trace back to February 1988 to find the Hatters' previous hat-trickster. Mark Stein got three of the goals in their 7-4 win over Oxford in a First Division game.

6. The Luton record is never likely to be beaten — Joe Payne scored 10 times against Bristol Rovers in a Third Division (South) game in 1936.

7. Payne cornered another club record when he scored 58 goals in 1936/37 — 55 in the League, plus three in the F.A. Cup.

8. Luton's record aggregate scorer was Gordon Turner, who scored 265 in all competitions — 243 League, 18 F.A. Cup and four League Cup.

9. That record is in absolutely no danger at the moment. The highest scorer currently on Luton's books is Brian Stein, who scored 152 goals during his first spell with the club. He returned to Luton last summer but he had not added to his tally by Christmas.

10. Luton's appearances record is held by Bob Morton who played 495 League games, 48 F.A. Cup ties and seven League Cup ties to make a grand total of 550.

11. Luton's most-capped player was Mal Donaghy, who won 58 caps for N. Ireland before moving on to Manchester United two seasons ago.

12. The oldest player to appear in Luton's first-team was Dally Duncan who was 39 years and 11 days of age when he played his final game in 1948.

13. The Hatters were the first club to drop all the way from the First to the Fourth Division and, later, regain their place at the top.

14. Kenilworth Road's record attendance was 30,069 for an F.A. Cup tie against Blackpool in 1959.

15. Luton's largest crowd this season was 12,655 for the Boxing Day visit of Arsenal.

16. Luton's record League victory was a 12-0 success over Bristol Rovers in the Third Division (South) in April 1936.

17. But the Hatters had done even better than that when they crushed Great Yarmouth by 15-0 in the F.A. Cup in 1914.

18. Their record defeat was by 0-9 to Small Heath (now Birmingham) in the Second Division in 1898.

19. David Pleat, who returned to Kenilworth Road last summer, became the first man ever to manage Luton on a second occasion. He was previously in charge between 1978 and 1986.

20. After Mr. Pleat left in 1986, Luton employed three managers in five years — John Moore, Ray Harford and Jimmy Ryan.

DID YOU KNOW

Today we welcome Luton Town, one year to the day since their last visit to Bramall Lane in the F.A. Cup. This is the sixth cup game between the clubs, four in the League Cup and one in the F.A. Cup. Details of these previous five appear elsewhere.

Luton are one of the 18 current Division One clubs to have reached an F.A. Cup Final since the competition restarted in 1945-6, after the war. They lost the 1959 final to Nottingham Forest by 1-2. This despite Forest being reduced to 10 men after half an hour when Roy Dwight, scorer of the first goal, broke his leg. In fact, all those 18 clubs have reached the final since 1957. The four current Division One clubs not to have reached a post-war final sadly includes United. The other three are listed below:

Over the past 10 seasons United's F.A. Cup record is:

P	W	D	L	F	A
36	14	12	10	49	45

The furthest round reached in round 6 (1989-90) when we lost 0-1 to Manchester United. Apart from last season the Blades were knocked out at the first attempt in 1981-2, losing 0-3 at Altrincham in a first round replay, and in 1984-5 — losing 0-5 at Watford in round three. This is United's heaviest defeat in the last 10 years but there have been two 5-1 victories in that time: at home to Boston United (1982-3) and at Wrexham (1983-4) when Keith Edwards scored four times.

Luton's record over the same period is:

P	W	D	L	F	A
37	15	12	10	56	48

They have twice reached the semi-final stage (1984-5 and 1987-8) but three times they have lost at the first hurdle in round three. The biggest victory was in 1985-6, a 4-0 home victory over Bristol Rovers. Their worst defeat was in their last F.A. Cup game — a 0-5 defeat at West Ham in round four last season.

United's last two F.A. Cup ties have been at home and both have been lost. The Blades have played and lost two successive home F.A. Cup games on three previous occasions. The first time was way back in 1908 and 1909, then in 1926 and 1927. The third time will be remembered by some of those present today. In 1954 neighbours Wednesday won here (3-1) in a third round replay and the following season Nottingham Forest also achieved a 3-1 third round victory. Let us hope United do not achieve a record by playing three successive F.A. Cup games at home and losing all three!

The other clubs not to reach a post-war F.A. Cup Final are Oldham Athletic and Norwich City (although they have both reached a Wembley League Cup Final) and Notts County (they have played at Wembley in the League play-offs).

A BLADE AND A HATTER

Peter Anderson



Date of Birth: 31.5.49.

Position: Midfield/Striker.

Place of Birth: London.

Football League Clubs played for: Luton Town, Sheffield United, Millwall.

Peter Anderson joined Luton from non-league Hendon. He made his Football League debut for the Hatters in February 1971 in a home match with Watford. His first league goal followed later in the season in a home match with Sheffield Wednesday. Over the next four years, he earned a regular place in the Luton team and he was a consistent performer either in midfield or up front. He was Luton's top scorer in 1971/72 and was a key player in helping the Hatters win promotion to Division One at the end of the 1973/74 season.

His one season as a First Division player ended with Luton being relegated. He scored for the Hatters at Bramall Lane in a 1-1 draw in February 1975. In December 1975 Luton reluctantly sold him to Royal

Antwerp of Belgium for £80,000. This was to ease the club's financial position. In all he made 181 league appearances and scored 34 goals for the club.

As well as playing in Belgium, he played in the North American Soccer League with Tampa Bay and San Diego. It was from the N.A.S.L. that Harry Haslam signed his former player for the Blades at the start of the 1978-79 campaign. It was reported that he cost the Blades £80,000. He made his debut as a substitute at West Ham in September 1978.

In his one season with the Blades he finished top scorer with 12 league goals in 30 appearances. His two goals in the televised home match with Sunderland will always be remembered. At the end of the season he returned to the U.S.A.

He reappeared in the Football League between 1980 and 1982 with Millwall. He was their player-manager for a spell before being sacked in November 1982.

THE LAST 10 MEETINGS

v Luton Town (United's score first)

D2	27.12.77	A	0-4	10,885
D2	25.3.78	H	4-1	12,587
D2	30.9.78	H	1-1	15,295
	Anderson			
D2	10.2.79	A	1-1	7,025
	Hamson (p)			
LC	24.9.85	H	1-2	8,948
	Foley			
LC	8.10.85	A	1-3	5,660
	Edwards			
D1	26.12.90	A	1-0	10,004
	Deane			
FAC	5.1.91	H	1-3	13,897
	Bradshaw			
D1	30.3.91	H	2-1	18,487
	Bryson, Hodges			
D1	30.11.91	H	1-1	21,804
	Bryson			



QUIZ BREAK

Questions provided by C. W. Quiz Services — contact Chris Wintle on Sheffield 749756 or 746546.

1. Which has been the most common result of the F.A. Cup Final?
2. At which ground, better known for another sport, were 18 of the first 20 F.A. Cup Finals staged?
3. Name either of Chelsea's goalscorers in the 2-2 draw in the F.A. Cup Final in 1970.
4. Who was the manager when Ipswich won the cup in 1978.
5. Who in 1971, became the first substitute to score in an F.A. Cup Final?
6. Name two of the three players to have scored twice in the Cup Final in the 1980's.

7. Who was the goalkeeper in Manchester United's F.A. Cup winning side in 1977.
8. In which year did Colchester beat Leeds in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup?

9. Who in 1982 missed an F.A. Cup Final because of war?
10. Which was the first club to appear in 10 F.A. Cup Finals?
11. Who, in 1977 made his eighth appearance as player or manager in a final, but won for the first time?
12. Which bottom of the table team beat top-placed Liverpool in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup in 1983?
13. In last year's F.A. Cup which non-league team did Bury lose to in the first round?
14. Who did Sheffield Wednesday lose to in last year's F.A. Cup?
15. Who were the losing semi-finalists in last years F.A. Cup?

Answers on page 28.

Win, lose or draw, we always look good.



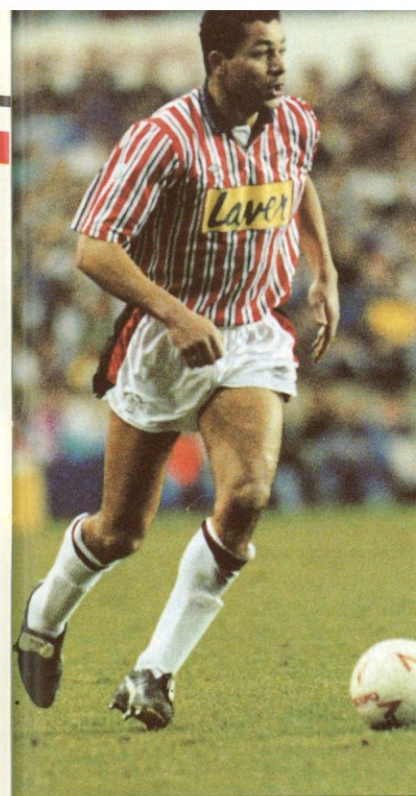
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BRIAN GAYLE

speaking...

"We had our eyes on four points, at least, from our two Christmas home games. You will know that we managed only one. We are our own sharpest critics and when I was asked how I felt we had played I answered in one word 'pathetic'."

We looked at the videos of the two games with special attention and then we went through it all. In both games we felt we had chances to put the game beyond the reach of the opposition. Against Palace, particularly, I felt we played for about half an hour better than at any time since I came to the club and scored one of the best goals I have seen Sheffield United score.

But in each game we failed to get the vital second goal which makes opponents think the task is beyond them, Coventry did that against us with a goal out of nothing and that is what we have to do.

Perhaps a draw with Palace was justified but the Coventry setback knocked a bit of the stuffing out of us. However I know that if we allow ourselves to start feeling that our luck is out we shall be in serious difficulties.

We have the players to get out of trouble but ability alone is not enough; we have to roll up our sleeves and get on with it.

The only good thing to come out of Christmas was the collective realisation that we let ourselves down and threw away an opportunity to lift Sheffield United well out of the bottom four clubs. The worst thing was the opening of a gap between the bottom four clubs and the other teams and we cannot allow that to happen.


The more clubs involved in the struggle the better. This afternoon it is Luton in the cup and sadly I shall not be involved.

Soon after the game the team leaves for a match in the Channel Islands before playing the vital game at Southampton next week.

The boys really want a good cup run this year to make up for the dismissal by Luton a year ago before I joined you.

I hope very much that the team books our place in the fourth round although Luton's splendid revival, culminating in wins over Arsenal and Chelsea indicates they are on the move and are not to be underestimated. Not that we will do that after our close match with them in the league a few weeks ago."

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WOODWARD DOUBLE SEES OFF THIRD DIVISION LEADERS

In Round Two of the 1969-70 Football League Cup competition, United had a thrilling 2-0 victory at home to First Division Newcastle United. Winger Alan Woodward had played the last 15 minutes in goal owing to an injury to Alan Hodgkinson. Third Division leaders, Luton Town, had progressed to Round three by beating Second Division Millwall. United manager John Harris warned his team not to be complacent:

"Don't think of Third Division Luton, think of First Division Newcastle."

United were doing well in the Second Division at the time and stood in second position at the time of this game.

Both teams were forced to make changes. Tony Currie failed a fitness test and was replaced by Dave Staniforth but the star of the Newcastle game, Dave Powell, was pronounced fit. Luton had to make a change at centre-half as Chris Nicholl had been cup-tied earlier in the season while playing for Halifax Town. His replacement was Terry Branston.

Luton were the best team in the first 20 minutes with Graham French particularly causing

PAST ENCOUNTER

by Dave Burkinshaw

Football League Cup
Third Round

22nd September 1969

SHEFFIELD UNITED 3
(Woodward 2, Tudor)

LUTON TOWN 0

Attendance: 16,884

United: Hodgkinson, Badger, Heaton, Barlow, Colquhoun, Powell, Woodward, Addison, Tudor, Staniforth, Reece.

Substitute: Salmons (for Powell) 80 minutes.

Luton Town: Davie, Dougan, Bannister, Keen, Branston, Slough, Collins, Macdonald, Tees, Allen, French. Sub: Sheffield (for Tees) 65 mins.

problems. Alan Hodgkinson was forced to save smartly from Malcolm Macdonald and John Collins in this period.

Gradually, United began to take control and John Tudor headed

narrowly over the bar in the 21st minute. Seven minutes later, United took the lead through **Alan Woodward**. Colquhoun passed to Staniforth who beat a defender and knocked the ball to Woodward who beat Sandy Davie in the Luton goal.

In the second half United maintained the dominance they had exerted in the latter half of the first 45 minutes. They increased their lead in the 55th minute when **Woodward** steered Gil Reece's left-wing cross into the net. Woodward almost completed his hat-trick two minutes later but shot just wide. In the 61st minute Staniforth missed a glorious chance to make it 3-0 after being set up by Woodward and Tudor.

The third goal came in the 77th minute when **John Tudor** slammed the ball home following a run and pass from Reece. Luton substitute Lawrie Sheffield almost pulled a goal back for the Hatters near the end. Sheffield came on for Matt Tees who finally lost out in his battle with United's Eddie Colquhoun.

In the next round, United lost 2-0 at Leicester City. They also failed to win promotion and finished sixth in the Second Division. Luton finished the season as runners-up in the Third Division and were promoted.



The Luton goalkeeper is prostrate as Alan Woodward is congratulated by John Tudor after scoring the first of his two goals.

AWAY DAYS

by Dave Wickett



two points which could be vital at the season's end. How much longer will we have to put up with such poor refereeing? Surely the advent of the Premier League should lead to a higher standard of officials?

At the end of the three consecutive trips to London United's record was all square, winning one, drawing one and losing one, but those four points should really have been six.

Next Saturday United make the long trip to Southampton, and what a vital game it now promises to be as Southampton have slipped (when these notes were written) to the bottom of the table. United have an early

season unexpected home defeat to avenge as well as the defeat at The Dell last season when Vinnie Jones debut was unable to immediately inspire United. The long journey to Southampton seems to do little for United's confidence, recent results there being nothing to get excited about. The Blades last seven visits have resulted in four defeats and three draws. It was eight visits ago, in 1966 that the last victory was recorded.

The match hardly promises to be a classic as Southampton have adopted a rugged approach, and as they are now as desperate as United, stylish football may well be at a premium. Let's hope that as many United fans as possible make the trip to roar on the team to earn three crucial points.

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JOHN PEMBERTON

BEST PLAYERS PLAYED WITH IN CAREER:

- 1 IAN ROWBOTTOM
- 2 ALAN LEACH
- 3 CHRIS (TIFFER) MORRIS
- 4 STEVEN HOUGH
- 5 STEVE WILCOX
- 6 PAUL DIXON
- 7 MICK CLEGG
- 8 DAVE WOLFENDEN
- 9 JOHN PEMBERTON
- 10 TIM SLACK
- 11 BRIAN HILTON
- 12 WAYNE PEMBERTON
- 14 DAVE PLATT

Dashing *John Pemberton*, now better known as a galloping full-back, reveals his former glories as a centre-forward in the early days before he joined the professional ranks.

John has selected the complete Sunday morning side — the "Colliers Arms" in Oldham — that he played for years ago, not as a snub to his fellow pros, but as a tribute to the happy days spent there.

Many supporters who are involved in local soccer will identify with the type of players John comments on but it should be remembered that this was a very successful side. The 'Arms' won the treble — League, Shield and Cup — and a future International in *David Platt* could only make the subs bench.

Ian Rowbottom — Goalkeeper. 6'3", good hands. Went on to play for Bacup.



Age: 27

Previous clubs: Chadderton F.C., Rochdale, Manchester United, Crewe, Crystal Palace, Sheffield United

Alan Leach — Right-back. Not very quick but could kick one or two.

Chris (Tiffer) Morris — Left-back. Cultured left foot. Loved shooting from a corner kick because he scored once!

Steven Hough — Midfield. The work horse in the side.

Steve Wilcox — Centre-half. Very skilful defender, even though he was 16 stone and drank a lot.

Paul Dixon — Centre-half. Very solid defender. Now plays with Stalybridge Celts.

Mick Clegg — Right-wing. Looked like the HULK. Come to think of it, played like him as well.

Dave Wolfenden — Midfield. Steady player with size 12 feet.

Pembo — Centre-forward. Played my best football in this position. Scored 30 goals in 15 games.

Tim Slack — Forward. Good target man who also could score goals.

BEST PLAYERS PLAYED WITH AND AGAINST:

- 1 NEVILLE SOUTHALL
- 2 STEVE NICOL
- 3 STUART PEARCE
- 4 DES WALKER
- 5 STEVE BRUCE
- 6 NORMAN WHITESIDE
- 7 STEVE COPPELL
- 8 DAVID PLATT
- 9 MARK HUGHES
- 10 MARK BRIGHT
- 11 JOHN BARNES
- 12 GEOFF THOMAS
- 14 BRIAN DEANE

Brian Hilton — Left wing. Worked very hard up and down the line.

Two subs. Yes, David Platt honestly couldn't get in the side because he wasn't good enough, and my brother Wayne who couldn't get out of bed before 11 o'clock.

The Manager, Charlie Evans. He had the impossible job of getting everybody out of bed in the morning.

John's more familiar side is straightforward enough but does contain, in Norman Whiteside, Steve Coppel and Mark Bright, three players who have not figured before.

John explains "When I was a regular fan at Old Trafford Remi Moses and Gordon Hill were my idols, and then along came *Norman Whiteside*. He was very young but really got stuck in.

"When I joined the Reds I couldn't believe I was there playing with him. I still find it difficult to believe that I play against the 'stars' we all see playing on the T.V.

"A tragic injury has cut short Norman's career and he is now Physio at Northwich Victoria, but I'm sure he looked after himself financially first. Although he was transferred from United I don't believe he could be any better than he was there in the early days.

"*Mark Bright* was my team-mate at Palace and is, in my opinion, the best player never to play for England.

"*Steve Coppel* did, of course, and it was easy to see why when he joined in training regularly at Palace. I also played with him in Testimonials and he is just out of this world.

"I remember him coming on for the last half-hour of a Testimonial at Spurs and he just tore Mitchell Thomas apart. The Palace chairman actually tried to get Steve to sign a playing contract in order to use him as substitute for the final stages of games but there were too many problems with sorting out the insurance pay-off etc."

"He still has the knee trouble and has to cut training every couple of days so to work on the exercise machine, but he's still fit and sharp."

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THE CUP THAT CHEERS

So the F.A. Cup is here again, and we are faced with Luton Town, who tripped us up almost exactly a year ago.

The F.A. Cup arouses mixed memories in the Rusty Blade household. I remember, as a small boy in the 1940s, being given a photo of the 1925 cup-winning team and sticking it on my bedroom wall. My father would regale me with tales of that side, of the skilful Billy Gillespie and the speedy Freddie Tunstall, though it seemed to me like ancient history, even then.

My first taste of the F.A. Cup was the match against New Brighton in 1949. George Jones scored a hat-trick and Hagan and Warhurst one each in a 5-2 win. "This cup business is easy," I thought, being so new to the game that I didn't realise New Brighton were a non-league side. Reality came three weeks later with a 3-0 defeat by Wolves and I have to confess that, since that day, the F.A. Cup has given me rather more pain than joy.

Still, one can always look on the bright side. With a fair wind, a favourable draw, and the team

hitting top form at the right time, it's not unrealistic to feel that the Blades could go all the way this year. The task is simply to win six games between now and May.

But first, let's take care of Luton...

KNACKERED

I can't say I'm totally convinced by all the talk that we play too much football in this country. The main point of the argument seems to be that, at the end of a busy season, our top players are too knackered to perform at their best for their national side.



Much as fans like to see England (or Scotland, Wales and Ireland) doing well in the World Cup or European Championship I suspect that most of them are much more concerned with the fortunes of their own local side, whether it be in the First or Fourth Division.

England's problem mainly concerns the small number of "glamour" clubs who tend to have the majority of international players. They are the ones in contention for the League Championship, and have extended runs in the F.A. or Rumbelows Cup. They are then victims of their own success by becoming involved with European games.

The bonus side to all this is that these clubs have the chance to make big money from their efforts and can thus afford to keep a much larger squad of quality players.

At the end of the day I wonder which players finish a season the most tired: those from the top teams with their international commitments or their colleagues from the lower divisions, playing around 60 league and cup games in a season as part of a small squad. However, I do have a good idea which ones make the most money...

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LOOK BACK

w i t h D e n i s C l a r e b r o u g h

Well it depends what you mean by the world 'official'. In the case of Gage's goal, United have decided that his was the shot that entered the net and any possible deflection, whether by Brian Deane or a Tottenham defender, didn't materially change the flight of the ball.

I feel that United have made the correct decision, and Gage's name appears as the scorer in our match day programme, and with a bit of luck, it will appear in Rothman's Football Yearbook and other similar soccer guides, and be added to all the other soccer statistics. There it is, and its official, but not, I have to add, according to the League.

Neither the Football League nor referees officially record goalscorers. They content themselves with goals and results. Andy Williamson, the League's assistant secretary, was quoted recently in an article in *The Daily Telegraph*.

"We keep out of it", he said "for the reason that there are too many disputed goals... The only people who actually record the scorers are the media, as impartial observers. But there have been cases where the scorers were changed later because the clubs disagreed with the published version."

The Football League only require clubs to inform them of the teams, the score and details of the attendance. In United's case, our club adds the names of the goalscorers and, I understand, the time when the goals were scored.

I hope that's clear, but there is, I have to add, a complication. The Football League do require the name of the scorer in the League Cup competition! Don't ask me why. I didn't have the heart to ask when I discussed the matter with a League spokesman recently.

Who scored? It's all a matter of opinion, and never more so than when we enter the topic of 'own goals'. United have credited one of our two goals against Aston Villa to Dane Whitehouse. Paul McGrath made an attempt to clear the ball but

WHO SCORED?

Now we know. Kevin Gage scored United's goal at Tottenham and that's official. An article in *The Green Un* stated that "United have officially given the goal scored at Tottenham to full-back Kevin Gage and the Football League have been informed."

only succeeded in deflecting it past his own goalkeeper. Would Whitehouse's shot have scored without that deflection? I doubt it, but your judgement may differ from mine. There will frequently be doubt in these cases and there's the end of it, though that is no consolation to the poor soccer statistician and record keeper.

The problem has always been with us. In the early days there was less interest in who had scored the goals. No doubt it was regarded as immodest to claim that one had scored a goal in what is a team game. Victorian newspapers can be decidedly unhelpful. Their reports are frequently long but not necessarily informative. All too

often, the soccer historian is greeted with: 'the ball was scrimmaged through', or 'rushed through', or 'United scored two further goals'.

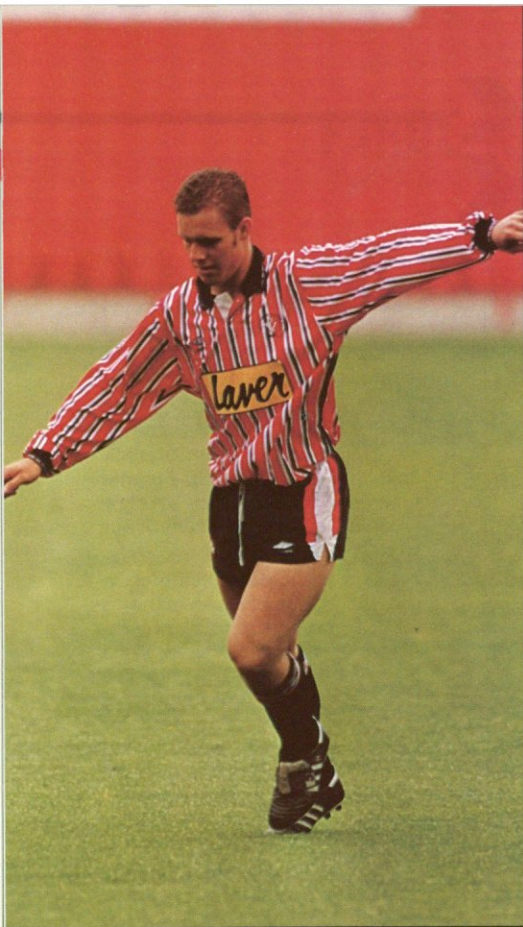
The gentlemen of the press inevitably make mistakes and an incorrect name may not be their fault. If a United goal in the mid nineteen forties has been wrongly credited, it may be the fault of our twelfth man.

There were no substitutes in those days, but a twelfth man was picked, and he had to be present before the match in case a chosen player fell ill or failed to turn up. The twelfth man was usually a midfielder and Stan Machent or Ernest Jackson might find themselves chosen. Stan told me recently that he would watch the match from the press box rather than from the bench.

His task was to identify the United players for the press and to hold the fort while Fred Walters of *The Star and Green Un* phoned through the latest bit of his report from the press box in the John Street stand. I'm not saying that either of them got it wrong, but it's nice to know where we can point the finger of blame.



An own goal for United in 1984. No doubt about this one, Nicky Johns of Charlton punches out and Dowman heads the ball into his own net.



Meet... **CRAIG MYHILL**

Status: First Year Apprentice

Date of Birth: 4th October, 1974

Place of Birth: Chesterfield

School: Newbold Green School

Position: Prefer Right-back

Representative Honours:

Chesterfield Boys U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16,
Derbyshire Boys U-15 and U-19

United debut and result:

Home to Sheffield Wednesday, lost 4-2.

Best moment so far:

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Soccer Strengths: Never give up, strong, strong tackler

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Favourite other team: Chesterfield

Favourite player: Stuart Pearce

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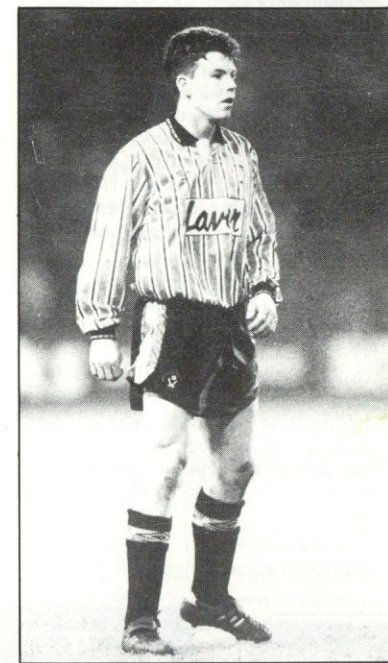
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The rehabilitation programme followed by Richard to build up strength in his knee and his thighs has been the Delorme method of progressive resistance exercise (three sets of 10 reps. per exercise is used).

This system is to select a workload that is an overload that can progressively be increased. In this way, the muscle is subjected to a workload greater than that to which it is accustomed, but less than a load that could cause injury. e.g. Choose an exercise and a weight load that can be lifted only



Richard Lucas.

10 times. If the weight can be lifted more than 10 times it is too light, if it cannot be lifted 10 times it is too heavy. The maximum overload for each exercise is initially found by trial and error.

If the maximum overload is 20 lbs, your first set should be 10 reps with 10 lbs. Your second set should be 10 reps with 15 lbs. and your third set should be 10 reps with 20 lbs. (your maximum overload).

Stop when fatigue sets in on the final set even if all 10 reps. have not been achieved. Once 10 reps. can be achieved increase the weight load on the 3rd set by 1-5 lbs. and start the program over again.

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Tuesday, 17th December, 1991

LIVERPOOL 1 UNITED 1

United made six changes to the team rather surprisingly held at home in the previous Pontins fixture. Brian Marwood, back at the Lane following a loan period at Middlesbrough, returned to partner Ian Bryson in his first game since his minor operation.

Glynn Hodges continued in midfield and, surprisingly, Mitch Ward's full-back spot was filled by another forward, Carl Bradshaw, who partnered debutant Matthew Foreman.

Torrential rain and gale-force winds had threatened the game earlier in the day, and conditions were not to improve all evening. United, in their now familiar all-white change strip, were first to press and several times Bryson showed a good touch which had the home side back-peddalling. Liverpool launched their first attack on ten minutes and had the ball in the net, but an infringement had been spotted.

On 14 minutes, Venison's casual defensive duties almost let in Bryson, but Maxwell intervened at the death. Mendonca's excellent flick on to Bryson carried just a little too much weight, and a snatch shot was charged down. Bradshaw played a super ball down the right flank to Mendonca, but heavily twisted an ankle in the process and was forced to leave the pitch on 26 minutes. John Reed deputised in a straight swap at right-back. Lake and Reed linked well down the flank, and Marwood forced a corner. Hodges bent the ball away from the 'keeper, but Pemberton's thumping header cleared the crossbar.

A great chance fell to Mendonca at the far post, but a little hesitancy failed the young man. Will was forced into his first real test on 33 minutes when diving to block a wickedly deflected shot from some distance. United fell behind to a tremendous strike on 36 minutes. An indirect free-kick was touched to Venison who promptly blistered the ball past Will from fully 25 yards.

Mendonca wasted an immediate chance to equalise, when he found

himself in acres of space, virtue of Reed's glorious 40 yard ball, but 'keeper Maxwell did well to paw away the carefully placed shot. A brilliant turn by Lake confused two defenders in the box, but again Maxwell thwarted the raid.

Bryson and Marwood became repeatedly frustrated by the home side's insistence at employing a rather tedious and boring off-side trap, and their constant manipulation of the incompetent officials.

Eager work from Bryson failed to bring the leveller, and the Blades trooped off a goal behind at the break.

Hollis replaced Hutchinson during the interval for the Anfield side, but United almost caught the hosts square right from the restart. Mendonca found Marwood with a calculated pass, but the strike was rather hurried. Foreman released Bryson inside the box, but weariness allowed the ball to run through to the 'keeper.

Just on the hour, Hodges was replaced by Nathan Peel, and this proved to be the catalyst United desperately needed. Peel's aerial dominance knocked The Anfielder's

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1991/92

November		
5 Tu	Everton	2-0
9 S	Coventry City	2-2
21 Th	Newcastle United	3-1
28 Th	Sheffield Wednesday	2-1
December		
5 Th	West Bromwich A.	1-1
17 Tu	Liverpool	1-1
21 S	Barnsley	1-3
January		
14 Tu	Bradford City	
21 Tu	Liverpool	
28 Tu	Manchester City	

from pillar to post, and worried Phil Thompson's men into laborious, negative rearguard action.

Will advanced out of the area at a drop kick, and was penalised, but this time, Venison's strike was well over. An inspirational turn by the quick-thinking Mendonca, left two bemused defender's stranded in the box, and the low cross was hacked away for a corner. Peel laid the ball back for Lake to strike a first timer, but he was a little under the ball, and it sailed high into the Anfield Road end.

The inevitable equalizer, however, arrived with 12 minutes remaining, and it certainly came via route 1! A huge drop kick from 'keeper Will, was net first time by the powering Peel, who cleverly turned it wide to Marwood. A little shimmy past Hysen allowed room for the cross, and the delivery was met perfectly by Peel whose thunderous header crashed from the underside of the bar, and bounced high into the rigging, to register his now customary Pontin's League strike!

Relentless pressure from the Blades threatened the home goal repeatedly, and Bryson and Mendonca carved out a couple of half chances. Indeed, it looked as if United had snatched all three points when Peel headed home Marwood's corner-kick, but the man with the flag had other ideas!

However, this was a marked improvement upon the display against the Albion, and encouraging signs of a speedy return to first team action from Bryson could well prove a welcome change in the club's recent fortunes.

Liverpool: Maxwell, Venison, Hysen, Jones (B.), Lampkin,

Hutchison (Hollis 45), Payne, Redknapp, Fowler (Kenny 78), Godfrey, Harkness.

United: Will, Bradshaw (Reed 26), Foreman, Lake, Pemberton, Hill, Marwood, Circuit, Bryson, Mendonca, Hodges (Peel 62).

Scorers: Liverpool — Venison (36). United — Peel (78).

GODWIN INSPIRES JUNIOR'S WIN

N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Saturday, 21st December, 1991

UNITED 3 YORK CITY 1

Bearing in mind the chaos inflicted upon the city centre by the incessant rain and flooding the same day, the fact the game went ahead was an achievement in itself.

It rained throughout and with a very strong wind, conditions were almost at the other extreme to a week earlier, but the day's only surviving Northern Intermediate League fixture almost fell victim to a totally bizarre cancellation.

For, hardly had York arrived at Warminster Road (about 10.20), than they discovered their kit skip was still at Bootham Crescent. A quick dash to Bramall Lane to obtain United's away kit lessened City's blushes.

Jon Godwin, whose handling was safe and sure throughout with virtually everything sticking, produced a key performance which ultimately assured United of a second successive victory.

Dave Brocklehurst worked hard up front and he was the United player to go closest (on three occasions) before the opening goal on 43 minutes. Tony Battersby fired in from 18 yards after a diagonal ball into the box by Steve Cope was only half cleared.

Godwin's first half display included... coming out to smother at Jordan's feet, saving Dickinson's low 18 yard shot and reacting quickly to turn Dickinson's 15 yard header on to the bar.

City's goal survived an early second half scare in one attacking move when Brocklehurst (from the right) and Battersby (from the left) fired in shots which passed dangerously close.

City keeper Cartwright arched backwards to try to stop a looping header by one of his own defenders,

N. INTER. LEAGUE FIXTURES 1991/92

November		
2 S	Bradford City	1-4
9 S	Darlington	0-0
16 S	Newcastle United	2-4
23 S	Scunthorpe United	2-2
30 S	Middlesbrough	2-2
December		
2 M	Blackpool (Cup)	5-3
14 S	Leeds United	2-1
21 S	York City	3-1
28 S	Halifax Town	1-2
January		
4 S	Sheffield Wednesday	
11 S	Sunderland	
18 S	Hartlepool United	
25 S	Rotherham United	

Thomlinson, following a centre by Matthew Foreman. Though he got a hand to the ball, Cartwright's despairing efforts were in vain.

That goal came on the hour and straightaway United were given a foretaste of what was to follow (at 3-0). They say a team is at its most vulnerable immediately after scoring and Godwin was quickly called upon to protect United's 2-0 lead. He held Dickinson's 25 yard drive and then made two excellent saves from Jordan who also had a shot clip the angle.

Brocklehurst increased United's advantage further when he latched on to a back pass from Ellis and tucked the ball in from the left of goal.

Keith Mincher's shout of 'clean sheet' had hardly faded when Gosling pulled one back less than 60 seconds after Brocklehurst's 83rd minute goal.

But for Godwin, York would probably have gained the reward their display warranted. Perhaps they were inspired by their temporary colours.

Despite the foul conditions, the match was contested in excellent spirit, for which credit belongs to both sides and also the referee Geoff Walkington and his linesmen.

United: Godwin, Kent, Cope, Cherrill, Myhill, Foreman, Dickinson, Brocklehurst, Battersby (Lee Wainwright, 76 mins.), Butterfield, Anthony (Thomson 64 mins.).

Scorers: United — Battersby (43), Thomlinson own goal (60), Brocklehurst (83).

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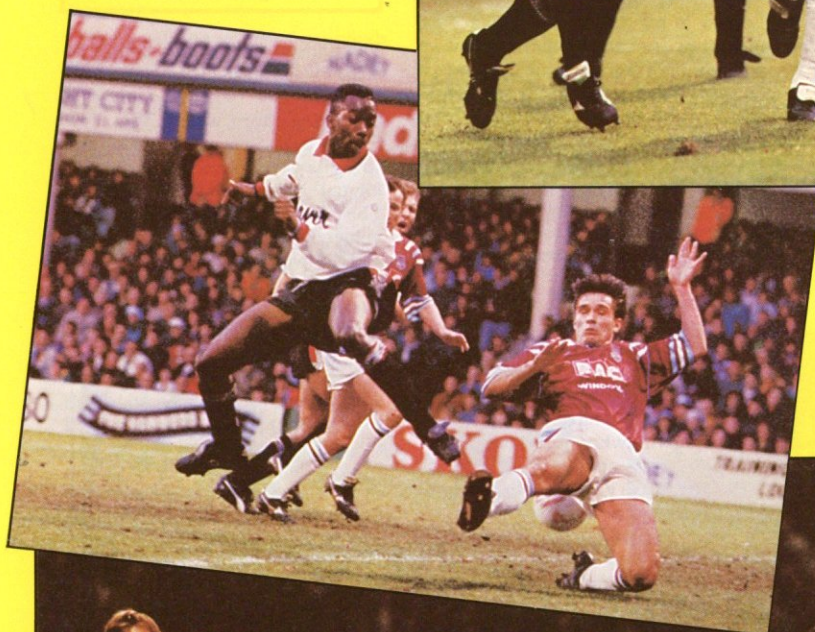
Brian Marwood — back from loan period and impressive in the Reserves draw at Anfield.

WEST HAM 1 UNITED 1

A determined Ian Bryson takes on Mike Small and Ian Bishop (right).

Close shave in the first half — Adrian Littlejohn's flick evades everyone and goes across goal (centre).

Substitute Glyn Hodges — involved in our goal — prepares to challenge Julian Dicks (bottom).



UNITED 0 COVENTRY 3



It was a day when Dane Whitehouse might have had a hat-trick. It wasn't to be, this determined header going past the far post (above).

Coventry goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic always seems to rise to the occasion against United — here he smothers the ball at the feet of Adrian Littlejohn (left).

Substitute Mike Lake couldn't take advantage of this opportunity as United chased the game after the break (below).



GOING TO THE GAME?

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

by Beryl Whitney

Good afternoon, welcome to Bramall Lane for this, the first home game of 1992. Now all the festivities have ended, we can all get back to normality. Hopefully, the 'Blades' will return to winning ways again and give us all something to cheer about.

The *National Federation quiz* against Leeds finally took place the week before Christmas. Sadly Leeds once again took the honours, but many thanks to our team members who fought valiantly against a team made up of lads who appear to have no interest, other than Leeds United and studying the Rothman's Year Book. A special thank you to Mick, the mini-bus driver, who was roped in at the last minute when one of our team members was taken ill and couldn't travel. I have no doubt the next evening will be much more enjoyable when our opponents are Scunthorpe in the Reg Abbott Trophy contest for first round losers. The date has not yet been fixed but the venue will be "The Princess Royal" at Woodhouse Mill.

At the same venue on 15th January, the annual quiz between Supporters' Club branches will take place. As well as the quiz it is hoped to make it a social evening, so make it a date.

Another date for your new diary is 29th February — when the next Miss S.U.F.C. contest is held in the Executive Suite with a disco provided by Gary Sinclair Entertainments. Tickets price £3.50 will be available soon.

On behalf of branch members I would like to thank the current Miss Sheffield United, Samantha Neale for attending Christmas events.

At a pre-Christmas party, I was asked if I could confirm the following for a 'Blades' supporter who lives in Londonderry — Is it true that the Londonderry team changed their colours to red and white stripes when former Sheffield United player — Billy Gillespie became their Manager? I hope some of the older ones amongst our supporters can throw some light on this for me. If so please can you write to me c/o Bramall Lane and I will attempt to pass on the information to the gentleman concerned, who, I believe works on a North Sea Oil Rig.

A reminder for *Executive Committee* members that the next meeting is on Thursday, 9th January at 7.30 p.m. Please try to attend as we hope to distribute the Miss S.U. contest tickets at this meeting. As you all know this event is usually a sell-out so its first come first served.

Finally, on behalf of Pete and myself I wish all members and supporters all the very best for 1992 both on and off the football field, and to those of you for whom 1991 has been a bad year — may 1992 be a much brighter and happier one.

Happy New Year.

Blades TRAVEL CLUB

SOUTHAMPTON

Saturday, 11th January, 1992
Price: £12.00 (£11.00 Juv. & O.A.P.s)
Depart: 8.00 a.m.

LUTON TOWN

If today's game ends in a draw we will be taking bookings for the replay **STRAIGHT AFTER** today's game.

Wednesday, 15th January, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Price: £8 (£7 Juveniles and O.A.P.'s)
Depart: 3.30 p.m.

MICK'S MESSAGE

Mick Rooker would like to wish all members of the Travel Club a very Happy New Year and thank you for your support. Best Wishes!

G.T. NEWS / G.T. SPORTS

AWAY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

We now have joint leaders (not including the game at Liverpool).

TOM COWAN	64
SIMON TRACEY	64
BRIAN DEANE	40
GLYN HODGES	36
PAUL BEESLEY	31
BRIAN GAYLE	26

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MATCH TICKETS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SOUTHAMPTON v UNITED

Saturday 11th January 1992, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

This game is ALL TICKET for seating. Terrace tickets are all pay through turnstiles — 12 & 13 on Archers Road. Seat tickets now on sale. Seats £9.50. Terrace: £6.00.

F.A. CUP REPLAY

LUTON TOWN v UNITED

Wednesday 15th January, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

If today's game ends in a draw, tickets for the replay — seats **only** at £13.50 — will be on sale as follows:

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January — Season Ticket holders and Blades Revival Members only.

Wednesday 8th January — General Sale.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

UNITED v NORWICH CITY

Saturday 18th January 1992, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Tickets for this game will go on sale on Monday, 6th January, 1992

Category 'B' prices apply.

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1. 1-0; 2. the Oval; 3. Houseman, Hutchinson; 4. Bobby Robson; 5. Eddie Kelly; 6. Ian Rush, Bryan Robson, Ricky Villa; 7. Alec Stepney; 8. 1971; 9. Ossie Ardiles; 10. Newcastle United; 11. Tommy Docherty; 12. Brighton; 13. Chorley; 14. Cambridge; 15. West Ham and Arsenal.



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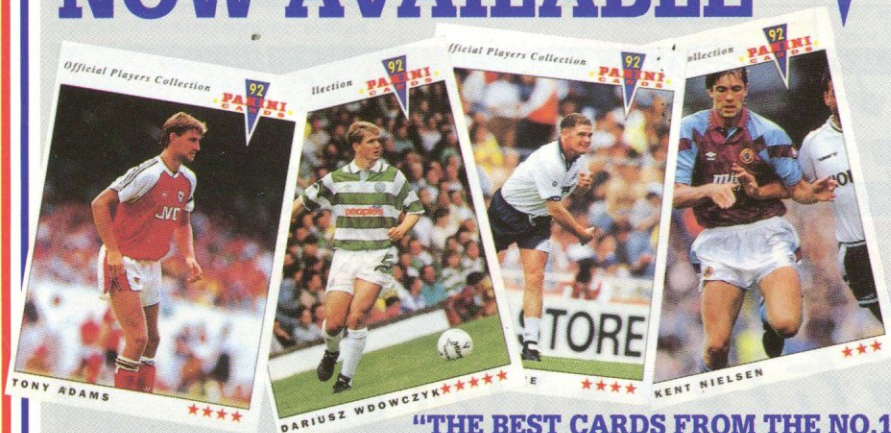


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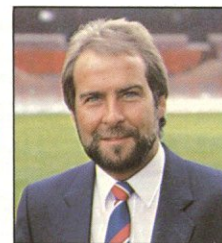


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COMMERCIAL PAGE

Andy Daykin — Commercial Manager

STAR MAN



Brian Deane was voted Starfacts Player of the Month for November and is pictured above receiving his award of a decanter and glasses from Martin Howey, sports reporter for the *Daily Star*.

MASTER-LAB TO SPONSOR THE MISS SHEFFIELD UNITED CONTEST

We are delighted to announce that this year's Miss Sheffield United contest is to be sponsored by local photographic processors *Master-lab* who are based at 110 Weston Street, near to the University.

The contest will once again be supported by Sheffield's leading travel agents, *Woodcock Travel*, who will provide the winner with a weekend for two in London.

Full details of the contest, which takes place in the Executive Suite after our home game with Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, 29th February, will be announced in the forthcoming programmes within the Supporters Club section.

£20,000 REVIVAL WINNER



The Blades Revival top prize of £20,000 was won by Mrs. Dorothy Allsop of Sheffield 13. She is pictured along with her husband Malcolm and family receiving her cheque from Tony Currie, Chairman of the Blades Revival.

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Leeds United	24	7	5	0	21	11	6	5	1	21	8	49
Manchester United	22	7	3	1	22	7	7	3	1	21	11	48
Sheffield Wednesday	23	8	3	1	26	11	3	4	4	11	13	40
Manchester City	24	6	3	3	16	13	5	4	3	17	15	40
Liverpool	23	7	3	1	18	10	2	8	2	9	9	38
Aston Villa	23	8	1	3	22	12	3	2	6	12	17	36
Arsenal	22	7	2	2	23	12	2	4	5	17	17	33
Tottenham Hotspur	22	4	0	6	15	13	6	3	3	19	16	33
Everton	24	6	4	2	20	9	3	2	7	15	22	33
Crystal Palace	22	5	2	4	15	17	4	4	3	19	23	33
Nottingham Forest	23	6	3	2	23	16	3	1	8	14	18	31
Norwich City	23	5	5	2	16	13	2	4	5	13	18	30
Q.P.R.	24	2	6	4	11	15	5	3	4	14	15	30
Chelsea	24	4	5	3	21	19	3	3	6	10	18	29
Coventry City	23	5	1	5	14	8	3	2	7	11	18	27
Oldham Athletic	23	5	5	2	25	22	2	1	8	12	20	27
Wimbledon	23	5	4	3	18	13	1	4	6	9	17	26
Notts County	23	5	1	5	16	17	2	3	7	10	15	25
Luton Town	23	5	4	3	13	11	0	3	8	4	30	22
SHEFF. UNITED	24	4	4	4	14	15	1	2	9	15	27	21
West Ham United	23	2	4	5	10	14	2	4	6	12	23	20
Southampton	23	2	4	6	8	20	2	3	6	13	17	19

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

A PRESTON NORTH END v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H MIDDLESBROUGH v MANCHESTER CITY
B BRISTOL CITY v WIMBLEDON	J NORWICH CITY v BARNSELY
C COVENTRY CITY v CAMBRIDGE UNITED	K NOTTINGHAM FOREST v WOLVES
D EVERTON v SOUTHEND UNITED	L NOTTS COUNTY v WIGAN ATHLETIC
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F HULL CITY v CHELSEA	N SOUTHAMPTON v Q.P.R.
G LEICESTER CITY v CRYSTAL PALACE	P WREXHAM v ARSENAL

5 YEARS AGO...

Saturday 3rd January 1987
 Division Two United 1 West Bromwich Albion 1
 Attendance: 9,240 Scorer: Withe
 Division One Luton Town 1 Chelsea 0
 Attendance: 10,556 Scorer: Newell

10 YEARS AGO...

Saturday 2nd January 1982
 Division Four United 2 Halifax Town 2
 Attendance: 11,663 Scorers: Hatton, Kenworthy (p.)
 F.A. Cup Third Round Luton Town 2 Swindon Town 2
 Attendance: 9,488 Scorers: Moss (p.), Horton

20 YEARS AGO...

Saturday 1st January 1972
 Division One United 1 Leicester City 1
 Attendance: 34,406 Scorer: Dearden
 Division Two Luton Town 2 Millwall 1
 Attendance: 15,113 Scorers: Nicholl, Anderson

Date	Opposition	F-A	Gate	Pos.
Aug. 17	Norwich City	2-2	16,380	—
20	West Ham United	1-1	21,463	—
24	Southampton	0-2	18,029	16
28	Coventry City	1-3	12,601	21
31	Crystal Palace	1-2	15,507	20
Sept. 3	Chelsea	0-1	20,588	20
7	Oldham Athletic	1-2	15,064	22
14	Everton	2-1	19,817	20
17	Notts. County	1-3	19,375	22
21	Arsenal	2-5	30,244	22
24	Wigan A. (R.C.2 1st Leg)	2-2	3,647	—
28	Wimbledon	0-0	16,062	22
Oct. 5	Leeds United	3-4	28,362	22
8	Wigan A. (R.C.2 2nd Leg)	1-0	6,608	—
19	Nottingham Forest	4-2	23,080	22
22	Notts County (Z.D.C.)	3-3*	3,291	—
26	Manchester City	2-3	25,495	22
29	West Ham United (R.C.3)	0-2	11,144	—
Nov. 2	Manchester United	0-2	42,942	22
17	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0	31,803	21
23	Tottenham Hotspur	1-0	28,168	20
30	Luton Town	1-1	21,804	20
Dec. 7	Queen's Park Rangers	0-1	10,106	21
14	Aston Villa	2-0	18,401	19
21	West Ham United	1-1	19,287	19
26	Coventry City	0-3	19,638	20
28	Crystal Palace	1-1	17,969	19
Jan. 1	Liverpool	1-2	35,993	20
4	Luton Town (F.A.C. 3)			
11	Southampton			
18	Norwich City			
Feb. 1	Nottingham Forest			
8	Manchester City			
15	Tottenham Hotspur			
22	Luton Town			
29	Queen's Park Rangers			
March 7	Aston Villa			
11	Sheffield Wednesday			
14	Manchester United			
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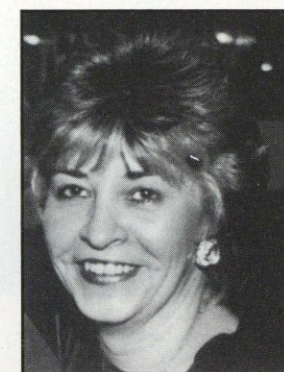
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Kite	Hartfield	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bryson	Hoyland	Agana	Booker	Lake	Bradshaw	Whitehouse
Kite	Fickling	Cowan	Gannon	Gayle	Beesley	Bryson	Hoyland	Agana	Bradshaw	Whitehouse	Ward	Lake
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GWYN WHITTAKER

The Staff and Players of Sheffield United Football Club were devastated to learn of the sudden death of GWYN WHITTAKER early on New Year's Day.

Only 39, Gwyn was a cheerful and well-liked member of our Clerical Staff in the Pools Office and had been with us for over two years.

Her loss has left us stunned beyond belief. We regarded her with great affection and can only offer our deepest sympathies to Michael, her family and other loved ones at this difficult time.



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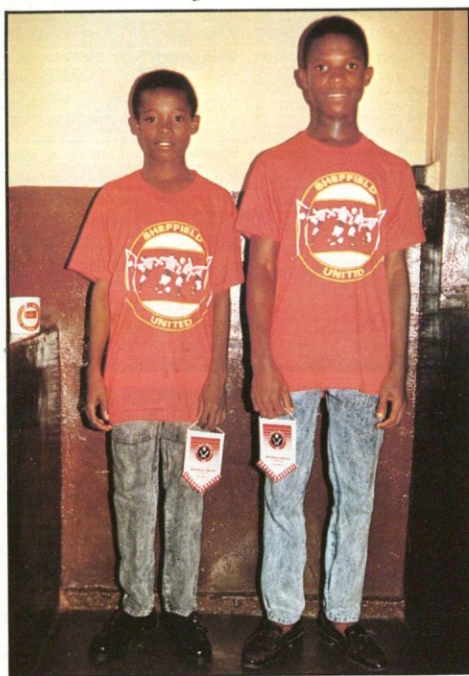
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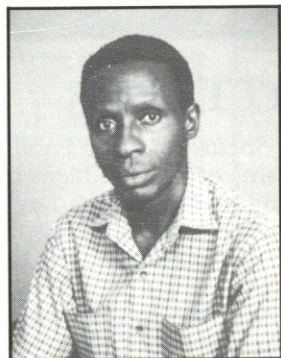


'CONVERTED' BLADES

Trevor Bishop of Gleadless never lost contact with Ernest Cummings from Sierra Leone, even in the 20 years or so since they left College in Birmingham together — both qualifying as Librarians.

Ernest grew up in the late 40's and 50's when Blackpool were a side to be reckoned with so his allegiance was with the Seasiders.

His sons Chike (12) and Ariyo (15) naturally followed suit but now all have become Unitedites from afar.



Communication is difficult but Trevor, who is Ariyo's godfather, hopes all three of his distant friends might one day be able to come over and watch the Blades.

Today's Mascots

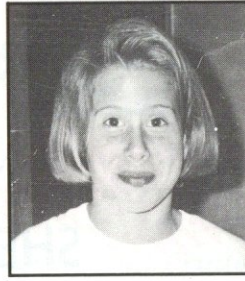
The twins attend City School, Sheffield, and are both keen on netball — and football!

Michelle Smith, aged 12. My hobbies are football, swimming, golf, running. My favourite Blades' players are Simon Tracey and Brian Deane.

Cheryl Smith, aged 12. My favourite player is Simon Tracey. My hobbies are football, swimming and golf.

Josef Ogden, aged 8. A pupil of Queen Street Junior School. His hobbies are football, playing subbuteo and watching S.U.F.C. His favourite players are Brian Deane and Simon Tracey.

Lianna Murphy aged 11 years. She attends Meadowhead School. Lianna likes all sports and is a good swimmer and runner. Her favourite player is Brian Deane.



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