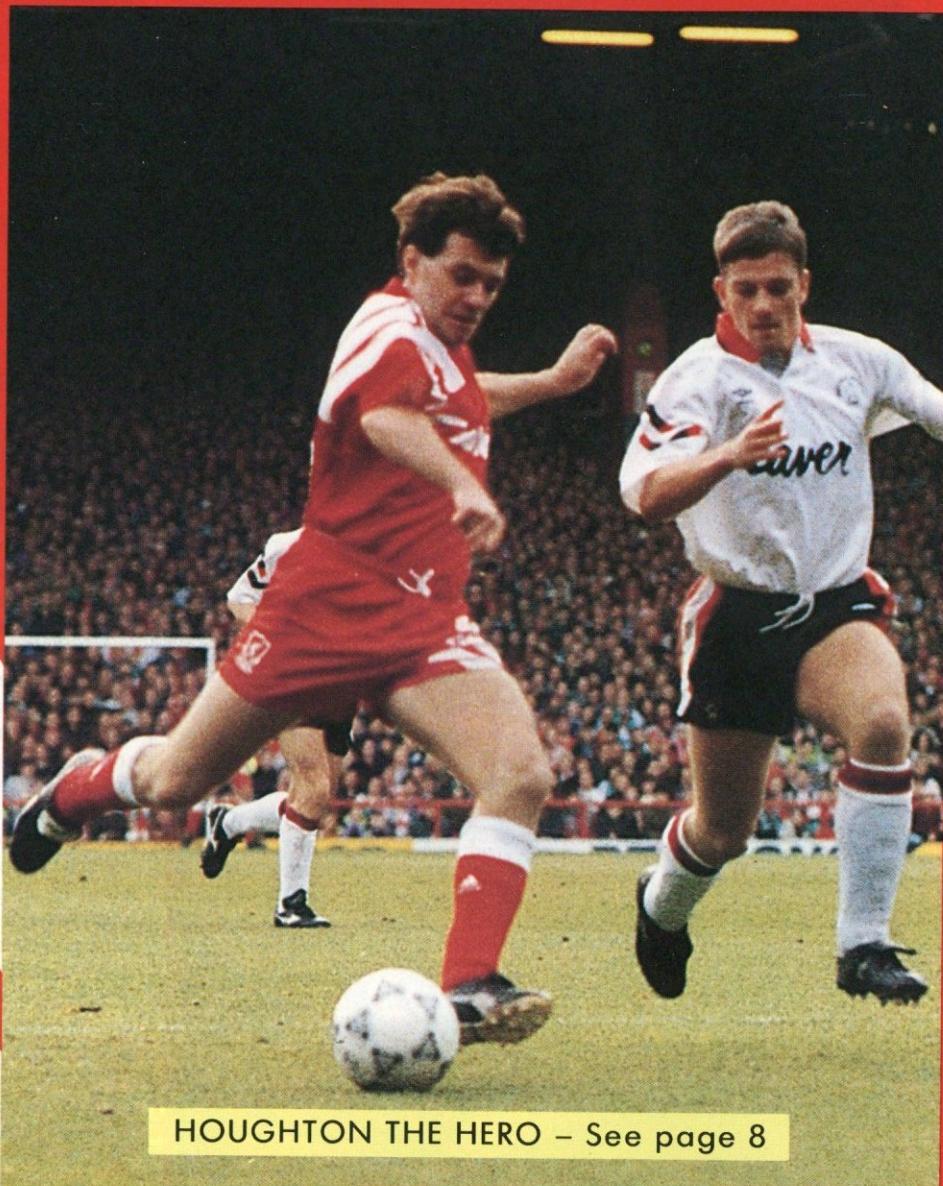
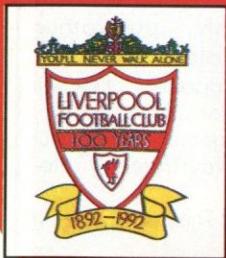


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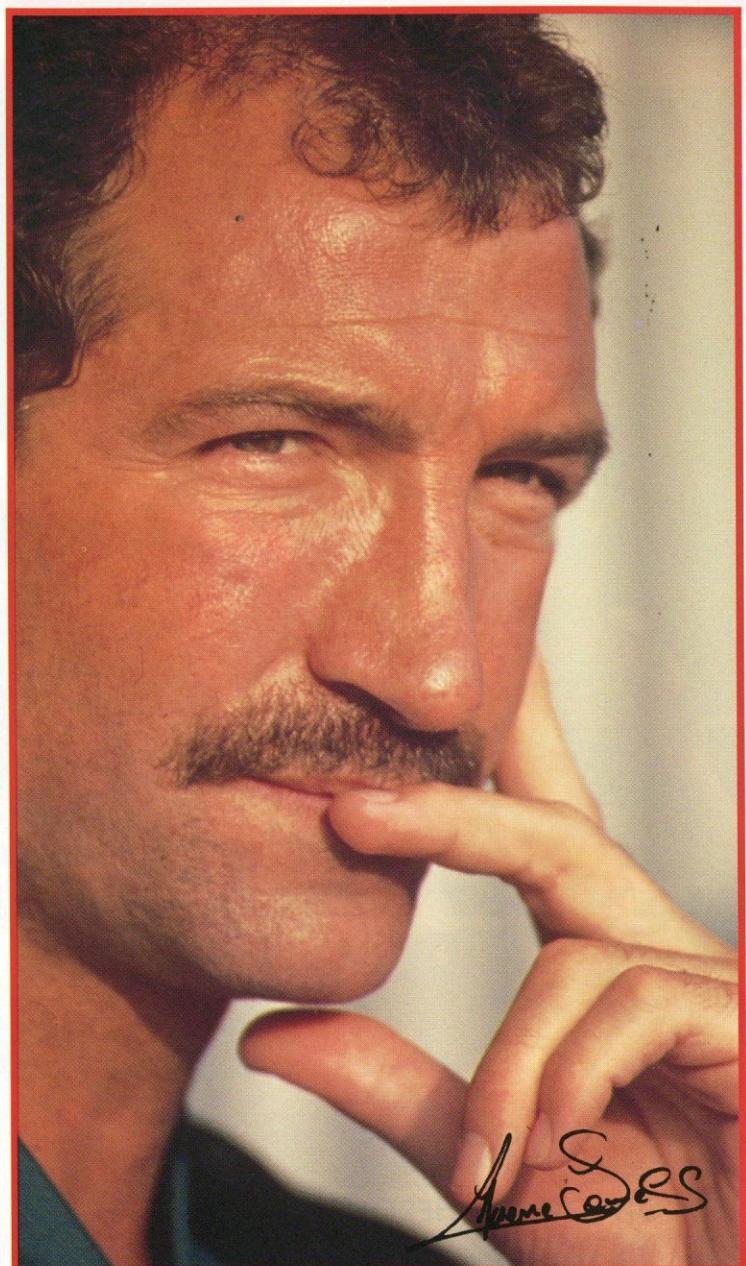
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And why not? They have done it before.

It is our job today to give a positive reply to their challenge and the outcome should be interesting. Their manager, David Pleat, has not resorted to the so-called "direct approach to the game" and believes in football and entertainment as we do at Liverpool.

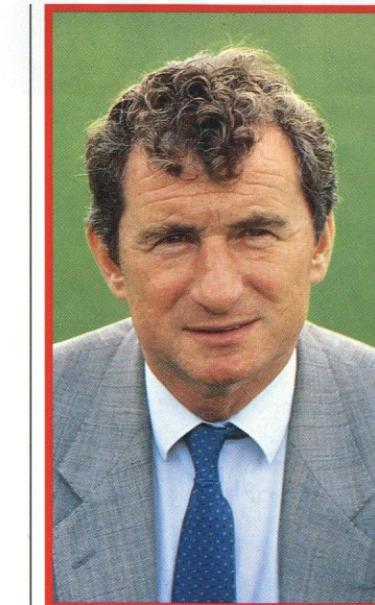
## Chances

I am looking for a follow-up to the last game we played here against Sheffield United – also involved in a relegation fight – and that means maximum points. We defeated Sheffield United 2-1 and should have snapped up more of the chances we created.

It is also of vital importance that we look closely at ourselves today and strive to retain our interest in the League until the end of the season. There is only one way of achieving that aim, too.

With the first half of the First Division programme behind us, however, we can look back with some satisfaction. It has not been easy and the reasons have been there for all to see since August.

But I hasten to add that football offers no guarantee of a smoother passage in the second half of the season. Rewards must be worked for, we must keep our high level of



■ DAVID PLEAT . . . a manager who believes in entertaining football despite the pressures on his endangered team

The fans have not let them down. They have voiced their understanding in a big way and we are all grateful for that. Changes have also been made in personnel and I am sure, in my own mind, that our supporters were aware of what had to be done.

Our interest in the UEFA Cup has been maintained after victories over Kuusysi Lahti, Auxerre and Swarovski Tirol and we can, together, look forward to March and the quarter-final against Genoa.

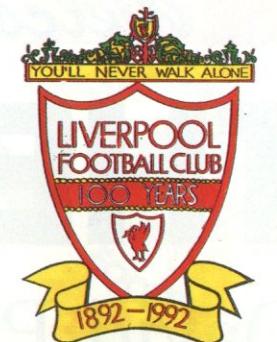
Our chairman, David Moores, and myself have already seen them in action. We travelled to Italy last weekend and saw Genoa entertain Torino. They are a first-class club with a first-class set-up and they relish the forthcoming two games, as we do. My experience in the Italian First Division with Sampdoria should be of help when the time comes.

Finally, I wish Steve McMahon the best of luck with his new club, Manchester City. He served Liverpool well and I feel sure that the supporters would like to add their good wishes for his future.


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### LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Seasons	1900-01	1965-66	1981-82
	1905-06	1972-73	1982-83
	1921-22	1975-76	1983-84
	1922-23	1976-77	1985-86
	1946-47	1978-79	1987-88
	1963-64	1979-80	1989-90

### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

Seasons	1976-77	1980-81
	1977-78	1983-84

### U.E.F.A. CUP WINNERS

Seasons	1972-73	1975-76

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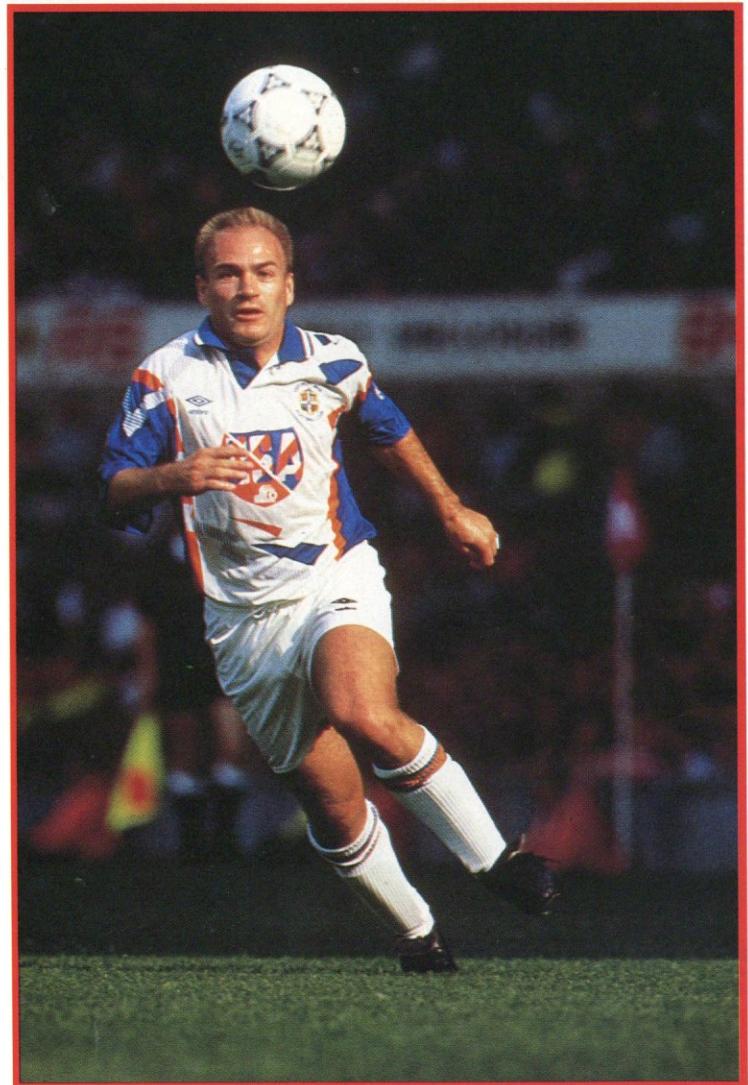
Seasons	1964-65	1985-86
	1973-74	1988-89

### LEAGUE/MILK CUP WINNERS

Seasons	1980-81	1982-83
	1981-82	1983-84

# THE HATTERS OF LUTON

## David Pleat's survival squad are capable of shock results



■ DAVID PREECE . . . a great servant

DAVID Pleat was a natural choice when Luton breathed a sigh of relief after their narrow escape from relegation at the end of last season and decided on changes at the top.

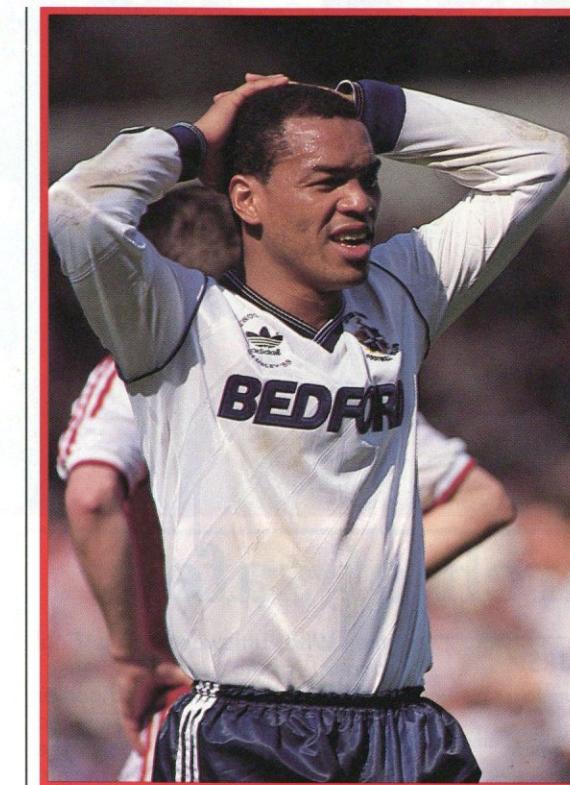
Who better to turn to than the manager who had guided them into the First Division in 1982, four years after being placed in charge?

It was at Luton that Pleat made a name for himself both as a player and a manager. His playing career began at Nottingham Forest, but after only half a dozen games he joined Luton in 1964, eventually taking the field with Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before retiring from active service in 1971.

Three years later he returned as reserve-team coach. By 1978 he had been promoted to first-team coach and then manager, producing first-class teams with limited resources.

Not only did Pleat earn Luton a place in Division One, his reputation rose with them and so did the demand for his services. Spurs wooed him away in 1986 and he achieved one FA Cup Final appearance with them before taking over at Leicester at the end of 1987.

Last June he took on the Luton challenge again, with the highly experienced Colin Murphy, a personal friend, as his assistant. They are finding it tough going, but



■ BRIAN STEIN . . . veteran marksman

Liverpool can take nothing for granted against any team with such proven leadership. This is the Luton squad . . .

### GOALKEEPERS

ALEC CHAMBERLAIN: No stranger to Merseyside, where he joined Everton for £75,000 in 1987 and doubled their money a year later by selling him to Luton after a loan spell with Tranmere Rovers.

ANDREW PETTERSON: Australian-born Andy was signed after trials in 1988, giving up his job as a clerk to become a professional.

### DEFENDERS

JOHN DREYER: Club captain last



■ MARK PEMBRIDGE . . . inspiration in midfield

season, Signed from Oxford in 1988 for £140,000 after spells with Torquay and Fulham.

TREVOR PEAKE: Took over the captaincy immediately he signed from Coventry City last August for a bargain £100,000. Won an FA Cup medal with Coventry in 1987.

RICHARD HARVEY: This former England youth international made his debut as a 17-year-old in 1986. Now established as a regular member of the first-team pool.

GRAHAM RODGER: Another of the Coventry Cup-winners. He joined Luton in the summer of 1989. Now he is forming a part-

nership in the middle of the defence with his old teammate Peake. Has four England Under-21 caps.

PAUL HOLSGROVE: A £25,000 signing from Wokingham 12 months ago who is on the fringes of the first-team.

DES LINTON: A promising young right-back who moved to Luton in an exchange deal and made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Norwich on October 26.

### MIDFIELD

DARRON McDONOUGH: Has been a regular in the Luton midfield for five years since an £85,000

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BACK ROW (left to right): Julian James, Darren Salton, Graham Rodger, Andy Petterson, Alec Chamberlain, Sean Farrell, Des Linton, John Dreyer.

MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Mick Harford, Trevor Peake (Captain), Darron McDonough, Marvin Johnson, Kurt Nagan, Richard Harvey, Chris Kamara.

FRONT ROW (left to right): Colin Murphy (assistant manager), Brian Stein, Scott Oakes, Ceri Hughes, Paul Telfer, Jason Rees, Mark Pembridge, David Preece, David Pleat (manager).



## Hatters in search of safety

**continued from page 5**  
transfer from Oldham Athletic, for whom he played more than 200 first-team games.

**MARK PEMBRIDGE:** A trainee who has really progressed since making his debut on New Year's Day, 1991. He is now a first-team regular in the centre of midfield and won his first full cap for Wales against Brazil last September.

**PAUL TELFER:** Another YTS success. At 19 he has won an extended run in the senior team.

**DAVID PREECE:** Has held first team status since his £150,000 recruitment from Walsall in 1984. He has three England B caps and has played in two Littlewoods Cup Finals.

**CERI HUGHES:** A Welsh international who returned this season after a long lay-off and made 17 appearances before his luck ran out again and he picked up a serious ligament injury.

### HONOURS

Second Division champions: season 1981-82.

Third Division (South) champions: season 1986-87.

Fourth Division champions: season 1987-88.

**CHRIS KAMARA:** Joined Luton at the end of October after experiencing First Division football with Leeds last season. Since his career began in 1975 he has been with Portsmouth (twice), Swindon (twice), Brentford and Stoke.

### FORWARDS

**BRIAN STEIN:** Returned to Kenilworth Road last summer on a free transfer after spending three years in France with first Caen, then Second Division Annency. Had previously had a great career with the Hatters, starting in 1977, earning England recognition with his scoring feats, and signing off with two goals in his last game . . .

the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final against Arsenal.

**MICK HARFORD:** Another ex-England man who has rejoined Luton for a second spell. The powerful striker is feared in the air. It cost Pleat £325,000 to bring him back from Derby County.

**SEAN FARRELL:** Started the season in attack, but has only recently returned from a loan spell with Northampton Town.

**PHILIP GRAY:** Former Tottenham junior who found chances limited at White Hart Lane and was happy to move in a £275,000 deal just before the start of the season.

**KURT HOGAN:** Former trainee who has scored goals regularly for the Reserves and makes valuable contributions from the first-team subs' bench.

**SCOTT OAKES:** Scott joined Luton from Leicester in the same deal as Des Linton. Has shown he can also play in defence if needed.

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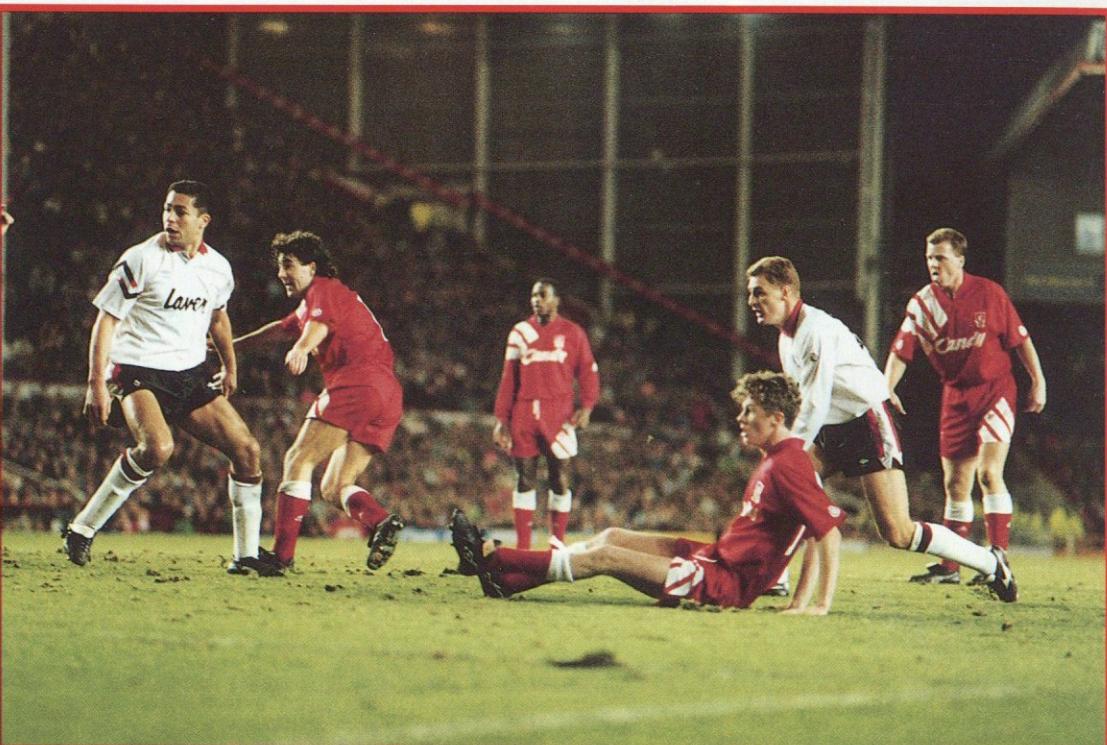
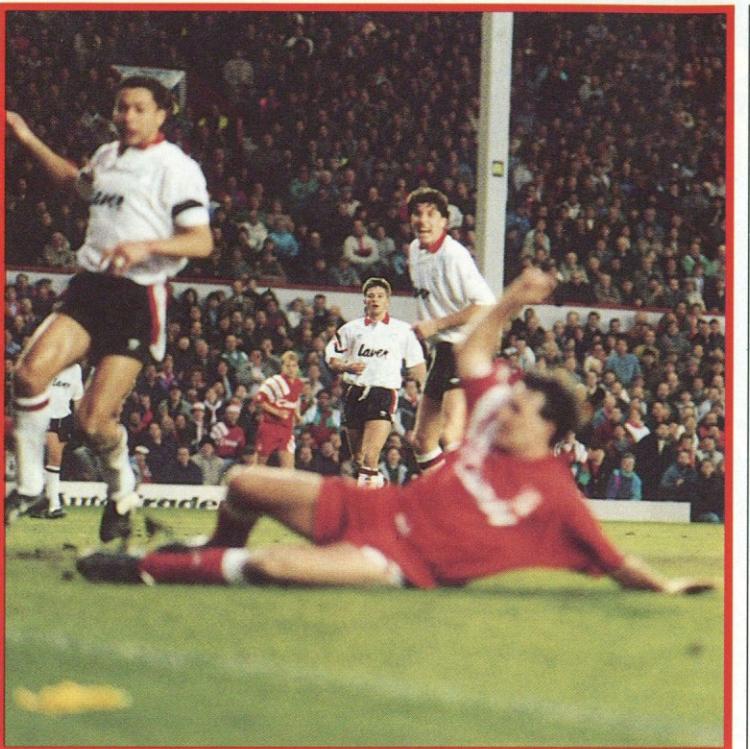
## It's Ray at the double

THIS was the goal that took Ray Houghton into double figures this season. A hard cross from Steve McManaman flashed across the goalmouth – and there was Ray at the far post to slide it in.

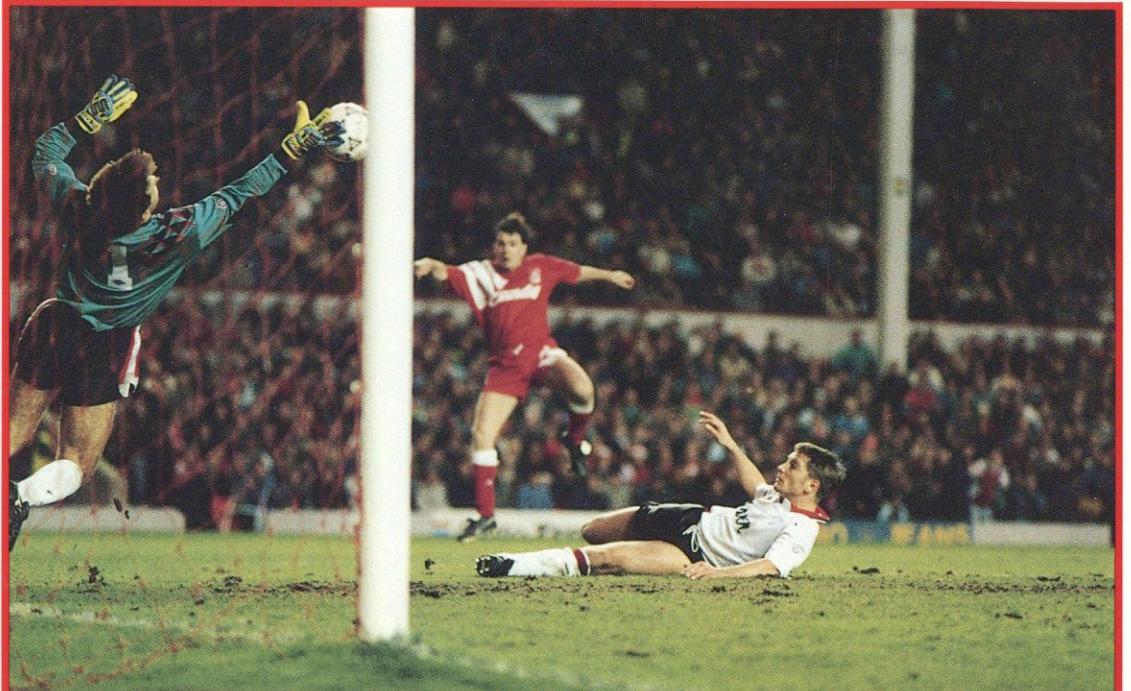
The joy is there for all to see (below). As is the consternation in the Sheffield United defence.

Dean Saunders, (opposite page) clinched it. He and the grounded Steve McManaman watch anxiously as the shot heads for goal – then their faces say the rest.

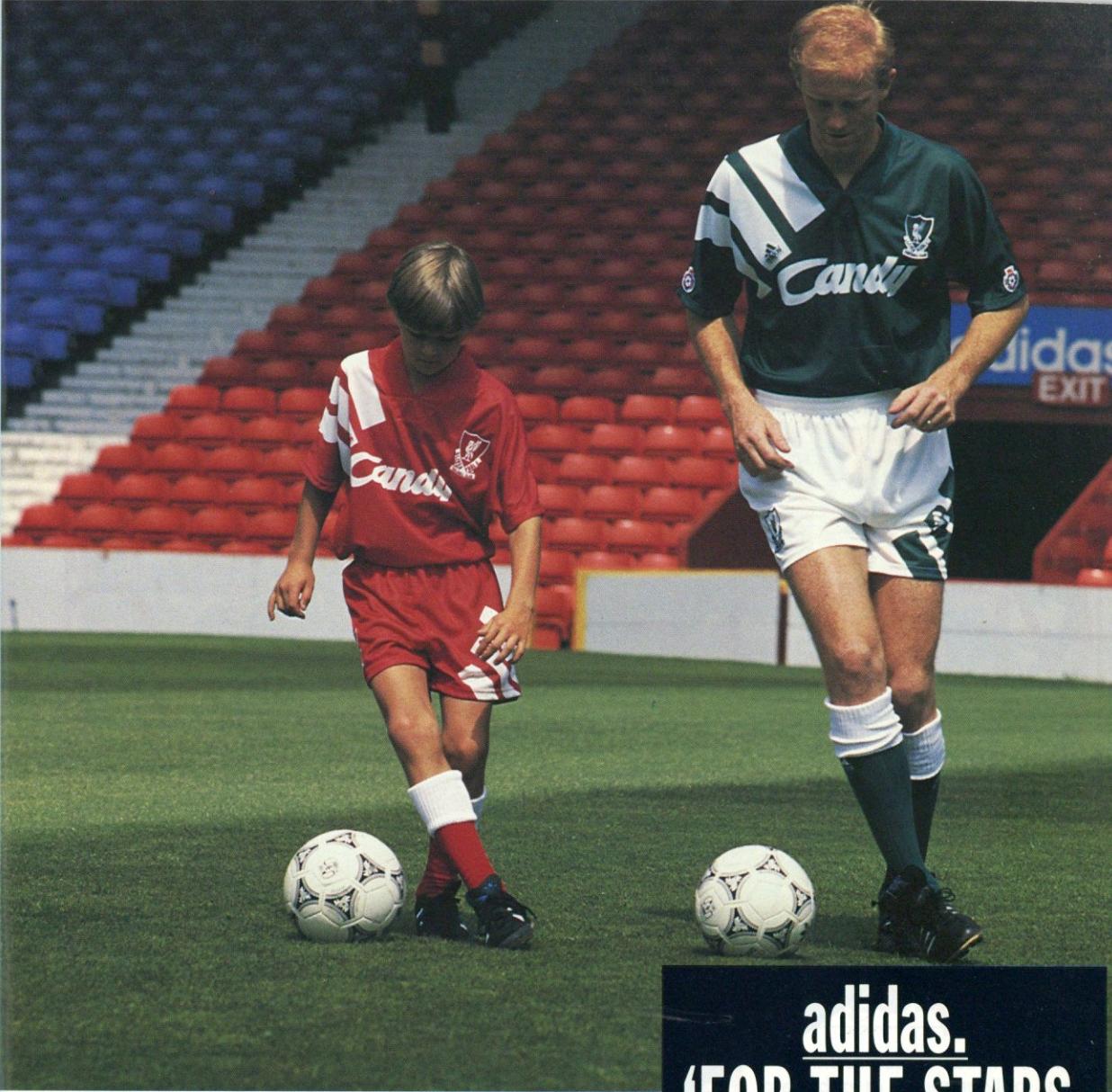
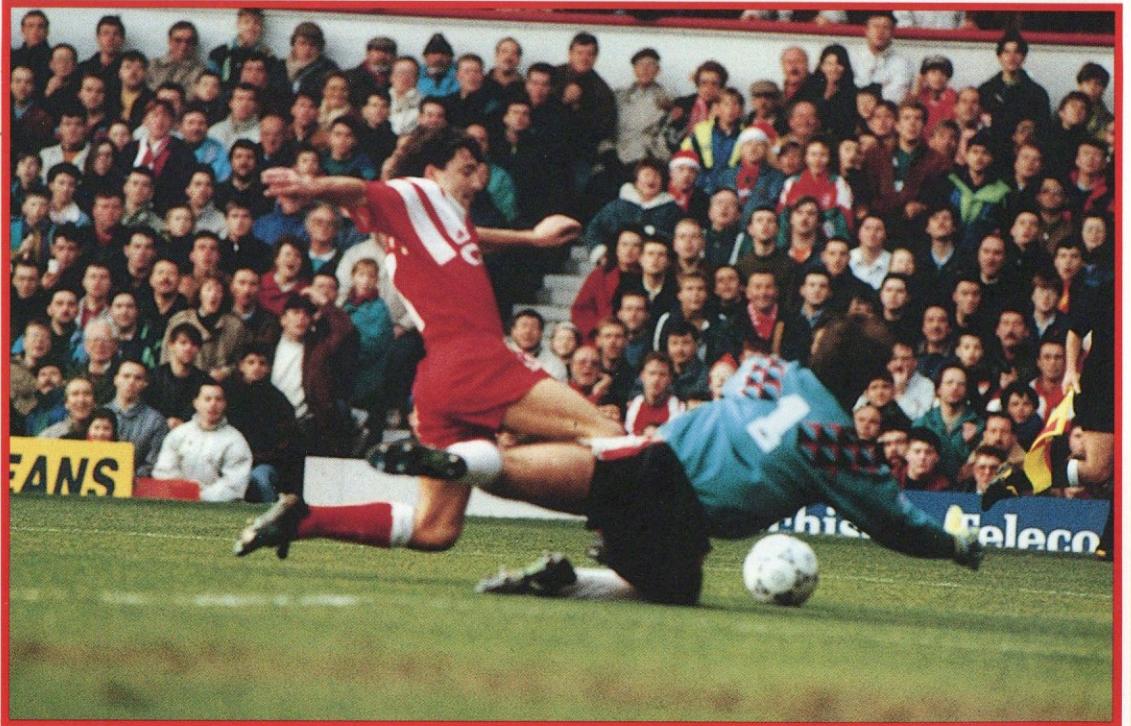
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# Action Focus



■ BRILLIANT . . . Sheffield United keeper Simon Tracey foils Ray Houghton (above) with a great one-handed save, and dives bravely at the feet of Dean Saunders (below) to prevent another certain goal



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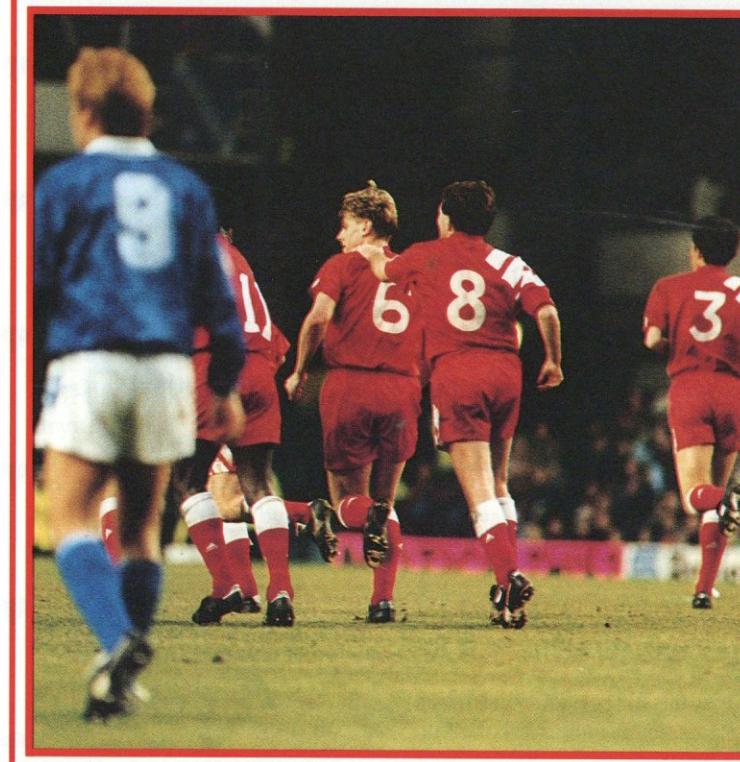
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# Action Focus



## How Nicky joined the Singles Club

A SIMPLE goal . . . but it meant a great deal to defender Nicky Tanner, who was on the spot in a goalmouth scramble at Goodison.

Nicky popped the ball in from only five yards or so to give Liverpool the lead against Everton and earn the congratulations of Ray Houghton and other team-mates.

It was another highlight in a remarkable season . . . his first goal for the club and in a Mersey Derby of all games.

And, of course, he now becomes a member of the Singles Club, confined to those Liverpool men with only one goal to their credit.

We hope it won't be for long.

**FAROE ISLES 1, AUSTRIA 0.**

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

**USA 1, ENGLAND 0.**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1950

**WEST GERMANY 1 ALGERIA 2**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1982

**Arbroath 36, Bon Accord 0.**

SCOTTISH CUP 1885

**ARGENTINA...0 CAMEROON...1**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1990

**BANGOR 2 – NAPOLI 0**

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## Name of the Game

ONE of these players is very much a fixture with Liverpool. The other is now with a different club.

So who are they, what was the name of the game, the date, the venue, the final score and who, if anybody, scored for Liverpool.

Answer all these questions correctly and you could win a prize. Entries on a postcard, please, to PICTURE PUZZLE, Liverpool FC, Anfield, Liverpool L4 0TH. Don't forget your own name and address.

■ David Cruickshank, from Ely, Cambridgeshire, won the competition which appeared in our programme for the Manchester City game.

He named Leeds United's Carl Shutt and John Barnes, pictured in Liverpool's 5-4 win at Elland Road last April 13.

Liverpool's goals came from Jan Molby (pen), Ray Houghton, John Barnes (2) and David Speedie.

David has been sent two tickets for today's game.

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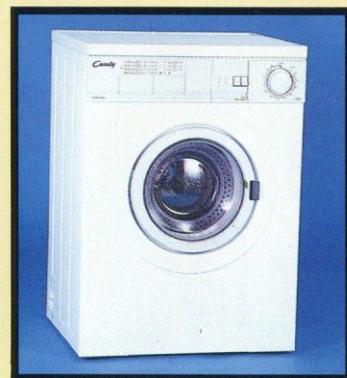
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# Centre stage



STEVE McManaman celebrates his 20th birthday next month and can look back with pride on his long, first-team run this season.

He has become a proud product of the system after being spotted with Liverpool Boys, then progressing through the B and A teams and the Reserves.

Steve was named as substitute against Sheffield United and Spurs last season and made his first-team debut against Oldham Athletic on August 17.

Coaches marvel at his even temperament. Here he talks about some of his favourite things . . .

#### MEAL

Steak and chips.

#### HOBBY

Golf and watching Ayone, a local team my Dad used to play for.

#### FILM

Terminator II.

#### ACTOR

John Candy or any funny man.

#### ACTRESS

I haven't got one.

#### TV SHOW

The Young Ones.

#### BOOK

Gridlock - by Ben Elton.

#### MUSIC

Rain, The Real People or any Liverpool band.

#### COLOUR

Grey, as people discover from my T shirts.

#### DRINK

Coffee.

#### MEMORY

My debut against Oldham Athletic this season.

#### SPORTSMAN

I admire many. There is no favourite.

#### PLAYER

John Barnes, the ultimate in class.

#### GROUND

Goodison Park. I was once an Evertonian and played there in an Under-11 game.

#### GAME

Oldham Athletic again. I will never forget that day.

# Bricklayer Bob's house of treasure

MODEST Bob Paisley has spent more than 50 years at Liverpool as player, trainer, physiotherapist, coach, manager and director. It is highly unlikely that his distinguished service and fascinating life-story will ever be repeated in the history of football. In his book *Liverpool: The Official Centenary History*, author Stan Liversedge recalls Paisley's arrival at Anfield and the glorious chapters which later unfolded.

This is an extract . . .

Bob Paisley's career at Anfield spotlights the way that Liverpool keep a hold on people. There was a time when his playing days were over when it seemed he might well be on his way back to the North-East and turning his hand to bricklaying again. Thankfully for him and the club, that was not to be.

Paisley arrived at Liverpool on May 8, 1939 as a player. He stayed for more than 50 years and finished up becoming a director of the club.

In the years between his arrival and his elevation to the boardroom, he became arguably the most successful manager British football has ever known as he steered Liverpool to success in almost every competition at home and in Europe.

Only the FA Cup eluded him at home and only the Cup winners Cup failed to arrive at Anfield during Liverpool's European Safari.

When Bob Paisley got off the train at Liverpool's Lime Street station that May day in 1939, he had already made his mark as a footballer with the famed North-Eastern amateur club, Bishop Auckland.

Indeed, Liverpool allowed Bob

## Only the FA Cup eluded the man who just kept on winning

to play for Bishops in the Amateur Cup Final so that he could and did collect a winner's medal.

It was a former Liverpool player, Andy McGuigan (he played in the early 1900's) who met Bob at Lime Street and whisked him off to Anfield where, for a £10 signing-on fee and a wage of a fiver a week, Bob put pen to paper.

### Terms

Liverpool's manager at the time was George Kay and he had already talked terms to Bob two weeks previously when it was agreed that he could stay on to play for Bishops in the Amateur Final.

Shades of things to come at Liverpool because Bishops had such a fixture jam that they were required to play 13 games in 14 days!

When Bob joined Liverpool he

### Record Haul

1975-76 First Division Championship and UEFA Cup  
1976-77 First Division Championship and European Cup  
1977-78 European Cup & European Super Cup  
1978-79 First Division Championship  
1979-80 First Division Championship  
1980-81 European Cup & Milk Cup  
1981-82 First Division Championship & Milk Cup  
1982-83 First Division Championship & Milk Cup

In addition, Bob Paisley was named Manager of the Year in 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1981-82 and 1982-83.

was in good company because among the players at the club were Matt Busby, the noted South African Berry "Nivvy" Nieuwenhuys, Phil Taylor (a future Liverpool manager) and Billy Liddell, who was in Bob's own age group.

Bob was a mere stripling of 19 when he signed the forms that made him a Liverpool player, but because the war began a few months later, he was to lose to the Army a considerable number of years from his soccer career.

Indeed, his first derby game against Everton came early in the war, when he was released to play in the Liverpool Senior Cup Final against the Blues.

Bob was stationed at a camp in Cheshire which meant that he had to get to the game under his own steam. So he got on his bike and cycled the 30 miles to the ground.

The crowd was estimated at 30,000 – double the official limit –



■ BOB PAISLEY . . . the manager who filled Liverpool's trophy room

### How he was voted out of a place in the Final

and, at the end of it all, Bob Paisley pondered on whether his journey had really been necessary because Everton won 4-2.

From the Army camp in Cheshire Bob was on the move – by boat, not bike – to Egypt and he spent four years in the desert.

When Rome was liberated by the Allies, Bob rode through the Eternal City on a tank . . . then it was back to England and playing football again as Liverpool competed in regional matches.

He became a first-team regular, seldom missing a match because of injury, and in season 1949-50 helped Liverpool make it to Wembley for the final of the FA Cup.

Before that, though, he had savoured the sweet taste of success. In season 1946-47 Bob had been a member of a team which – after a very poor start – had stormed through to capture the

However he also collected an injury, so he missed a League game to make sure he would be fit for the FA Cup Final.

It was from the evening paper that he learned he would not be playing. He wouldn't even be on the bench because in those days there were no substitutes.

And from what he could gather, the directors who had chosen the Cup Final side had been divided when it came to deciding between Bob Paisley and Bill Jones.

Four wanted Paisley but five votes went to Jones. Bob sat and watched as Jimmy Logie – the man he would have been detailed to mark – laid on a couple of goals for Reg Lewis as Arsenal won the game and went up to collect the Cup.

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# The waiting game is hardest of all...

## Injured Mike lost his chance

GOALKEEPER Mike Hooper is suffering the longest lay-off of his career because of a split achilles tendon.

His troubles began at Stoke in a Rumbelows Cup-tie three months ago. Intensive treatment has now put him well on the road to recovery.

"It came at an unfortunate time," he says. "Just as I was putting a good run together in the first team."

Fans will remember his excellent performances against Kuusysi Lahti, Manchester United and Stoke City.

He is far from despondent, however, despite the hold-up in his plans. I consider Bruce Grobbelaar and myself to be among the six



■ MIKE HOOPER . . . long lay-off

best keepers in the land," he says confidently. "All I want to do is to pick up where I left off."

Mike was appointed reserve-team captain at the start of the season and regarded his selection as an honour.

"Other clubs may have taken that lightly, but not this one. I would not have been approached unless I was capable of motivating players and setting a good all-round example."

Mike is back in training and running under the direction of coach physiotherapist Phil Boersma. He feels that full fitness is not far away and is full of praise for Lilleshall's Rehabilitation Centre, where he had a one-week crash course of treatment.

A sackful of Christmas cards and good wishes from supporters also helped. "The spirit in the place is good. It is still the premier club in the country."

### Heading

Mike began his career at Bristol City as a part-time professional while he was studying English at Swansea University.

He recalls: "They did not think I was ready for first-team football and let Wrexham have me on loan. After 20 games I became a full-timer at the Racecourse Ground and two months later I was signed by Liverpool."

While some people might have hesitated about the prospect of competing with Bruce Grobbelaar, Mike jumped at the chance. "It was a great opportunity to learn about football at the highest level and I am still learning and improving.

"There is not a better club than Liverpool for maturing you both as player and a person."

## Ronnie is jogging back to fitness

RONNIE Whelan is hoping that his season of torment is coming to an end.

Four months of watching and waiting have not gone down well with the long-serving action man.

"This has been the worst chapter of my career," he declares. "The frustrations have gone on and on."

Ronnie's problems began against Everton on the last day of August. His injury was diagnosed as cartilage trouble, but he still suffered some pain after an operation.

A further examination revealed some fatty tissue and a specialist in Cambridge was consulted.

"Now I am back and jogging," Ronnie reports happily. "I am also building up my knee muscles and the soreness is easing."

He refuses point-blank to put a date on his return. He has set targets before and they have led to bitter disappointments.

"Hopefully it will not be too long before I am back in action, but that

is all I will say at the moment." Ronnie, like Mike Hooper, has had a week of intensive treatment at Lilleshall and was due another visit earlier this month.

"All I want is the all-clear . . . to be back and playing again."

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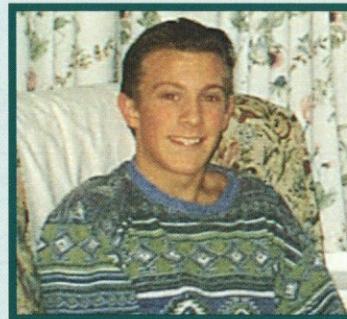
# Hall of fame?

Our Brian's boy is still finding out

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Andrew Hall, a midfielder who plays wide on the left, is progressing well with Preston.

He is a first-year YTS boy and his loyalties are shared between Deepdale and Anfield. He is also the son of Liverpool's Caring in the Community Officer, Brian Hall, the club's former right-winger, who excelled in both skill and courage.

Brian reports: "Apart from play-



HAPPY... Andrew Hall

ing and training, his duties include cleaning the treatment room and dressing rooms, but he watches Liverpool whenever he can."

Andrew was an associate schoolboy with Preston and decided to stay with his hometown team when the opportunity came

along. Some of his friends were offered similar terms and they chose to stay together.

"It was important that he made his own choice," says Brian. "Ex-players' sons have to suffer direct comparisons all their lives and he may have felt that a start at Deepdale would be better for him.

"He loves the life and I do offer him advice from the experiences I had."

Andrew, like any former player's son, treasures old Liverpool team pictures and Dad's medals.

"It is a matter of so far, so good," says a cautious Brian. "He is aware of the pitfalls and percentages of success and failure in football. He has a long way to go."



## Sparkling prize for Ray

THERE would have been no more popular choice as man of the match than Ray Houghton, who scored another invaluable League goal against Sheffield United.

The Republic of Ireland international's excellent form this season has been a key factor in the team's battle against unprecedented injury problems.

Ray received a magnum of champagne from Paul Warsop, a sales executive for the match sponsors, Shooting Stars.

He is playing as well as at any time in his career. At this rate there'll be lots more champagne.

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# Anfield People

## The model student is taking a tough route to the top

By STEVE HEIGHWAY  
Youth Development Officer

THE excellent progress of 16-year-old Phil Charnock has been carefully monitored by our coaching staff.

He could be presented as a model student after topping 30 games this season between the Youth team, the A team and the Reserves. Proof, indeed, that age is no drawback at Anfield.

He has also been made aware of the long and hazardous road ahead of him . . . he needs more stamina and his mental reaction has still to be examined at top level.

Can he cope with criticism when unveiled before 40,000 fans? Can he recover quickly when he is responsible for a breakdown in play?

There are a dozen obstacles he has still to encounter. The early signs are encouraging.

Phil came through our Centre of Excellence as a 12-year-old, signed schoolboy forms two years later and is now on the YTS scheme. He is moving in the right direction and scored his first two goals for the Reserves recently against Newcastle United.

He is a left-sided midfield player and his attitude has pleased us. We also realise that he rises at seven o'clock each morning in order to reach Anfield for other duties like cleaning the corridors, the dressing-rooms, the baths and the boots.

But he handles the jobs well and the fact that he has 30 games under his belt - half in the Reserves - speaks volumes for his ambition.

Boys cannot appreciate the shock which full-time training delivers to the system, but Phil is learning quickly. He can take pleasure from his progress so far, but must also realise that the last stop on the line is hard to reach.

## Mike sticks to those union rules

By BRIAN BEARD  
Clubcall Editor

THE strength of the goalkeepers' union has been fully illustrated at Liverpool this season.

Mike Hooper, the able and patient understudy to Bruce Grobbelaar, occupied centre-stage in the televised game at Manchester United and was later injured.

Despite his disappointment, he declared: "I am glad that Bruce has been playing well. His experience has helped the team at a time when so many young players have been pushed into the first team."

And Bruce, not without his critics, responded: "I am still Liverpool's No.1."

Manager Graeme Souness makes the decisions and paid his first-team keeper a splendid tribute after the Rumbelows Cup exit at Peterborough.

"When Bruce makes a mistake he stands up to be counted," he said. "I wish I had six or seven with his character."



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# Anfield People

## Win tickets to ride our Centenary Bus

Development Association  
By KEN ADDISON

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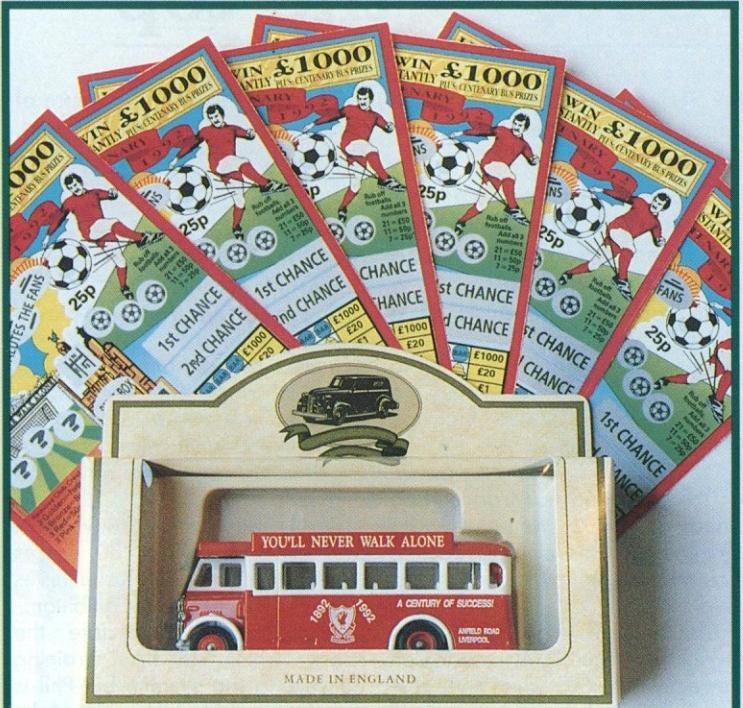
The Association was formed in 1962; far from a century ago, but we felt that this colourful contribution would be appropriate.

As well as other large cash prizes within the framework of this new ticket we have a number of Centenary model buses to be won. Believe me, they will become collectors items.

It is the type of bus which footballers used on their travels to away games more than 50 years ago and decorated in the red and white of Liverpool. It carries "Wembley" as its destination and bears the immortal words "You'll Never Walk Alone."

The club crest is also attached to the ticket and this is where the interest lies. Different words of different colours will show on removal of the crest and three bronze on one ticket will entitle the holder to this very special bus.

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■ NEW-LOOK lottery tickets and the limited-edition model bus

edition and a certificate will be placed inside the model as confirmation.

The Association, with your help, has generated large sums of money for building improvements at Anfield and we hope that this new presentation will capture the

imagination.

We expect it to be a winner – just like the Liverpool teams during 100 years of football!

The tickets will be available soon from branches of Threshers, Cellar 5, Augustus Barnett, various newsagents, pubs and our agents.

### Mary Poppins a real charmer

SPECIAL-NEEDS children from Princes School, Toxteth, staged their Mary Poppins musical in our Candy Lounge and the evening was a huge success.

The ages of the children

Caring in the Community . . . by BRIAN HALL

ranged from six to 18 and their song and dance routines were outstanding. Others played the parts of animals at the zoo and

clearly enjoyed their freedom of expression. The children even made the scenery, costumes and props for the show.

# Travel News

## Stand by for the London Shows

ANFIELD will host famous London clubs in the next two League games on January 29 and February 1.

Champions Arsenal and great unpredictables Chelsea will provide stiff opposition as the football programme moves on in the second half of the season.

Liverpool lost 1-0 to Arsenal in the corresponding game last year after a goal by Paul Merson. Chelsea were beaten 2-0 and the Red's goals came from Ian Rush and Steve Nicol.

Arsenal, rated as favourites for the title by many early-season observers, have trailed Manchester United and Leeds United but not lost respect . . . and Liverpool's Michael Thomas will relish the thought of competing against his one and only club before his transfer.

The game has been scheduled for television.

Chelsea, managed by Ian Porterfield for the past seven months, have a history of causing upsets and the two games in the space of a few days offer exciting prospects.



ONCE AGAIN, we are operating coach trips through the Anfield Travel Club this season, and we shall be happy to welcome new members. There are many advantages to be gained by becoming a member of the Anfield Travel Club, and we hope that if you haven't already joined, you will think seriously about doing so.

Members, please note. If you require any further information, please contact Sue Johnston at the Club Shop on 051-263 1760. Coach tickets should be purchased at the Club Shop.

DAY AND DATE	Fixture	TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM SHANKLY GATES	FARE £
Sat. 18.1.92	Oldham Athletic	12.15 p.m.	5.00
Sat. 8.2.92	Coventry City	11.30 a.m.	8.00
Sat. 22.2.92	Norwich City	8.30 a.m.	14.00
Sat. 7.3.92	Nottingham Forest	11.00 a.m.	8.00
Sat. 14.3.92	Crystal Palace	9.00 a.m.	12.50
Sat. 28.3.92	Sheffield United	11.00 a.m.	7.50
Sat. 11.4.92	Aston Villa	11.00 a.m.	7.50
Mon. 20.4.92	Arsenal	9.00 a.m.	12.00
Sat. 2.5.92	Sheffield Wednesday	11.00 a.m.	7.50



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## Reserve Report

CHRISTMAS without football has been like turkey without the trimmings for our young professionals.

We suffer a close-down for about three weeks in the Pontins League and that is not good news for anybody. Continuity is lost.

We play few games on Saturdays, too, and that presents problems on another scale . . . I happen to believe that every footballer has the right to play on that particular day of the week.

The system from schoolboy level, in terms of playing or supporting the local team, has us mentally geared up for that exciting Saturday appointment.

Here, we are often training on a Sunday for games to be played on a Monday or Tuesday. It comes as a shock to the system for those who have been progressing through the youth teams in a normal way on a normal day.

I have discussed the problems with coaches at other clubs and many are in sympathy. Lesser clubs are better suited to the plan because they have not the numbers to field four teams on one given day.

We have played Manchester United, Everton and Aston Villa on Saturdays this season and taken a 7-1 hammering from the last-named. Our ranks were depleted because of injuries and first-team demands, but we still welcomed the fixture and the opportunity to blood YTS boys.



■ PHIL THOMPSON, team coach talks about a gap in the football calendar which has an adverse effect on young players

### Christmas loses its kick for the boys

The result is not of paramount importance in the development of reserve-team players, although we all have an appetite for winning.

To see the players faces when the dates and days are announced is an education. Tell them they are involved in a Saturday game and it raises a smile. Tell them that they have a game on a Monday or Tuesday and the expressions are glum.

I hope that Saturday-thinking is on the way back and that the fixture list will be made to operate over Christmas.

### PONTINS LEAGUE

FIXTURES 1991/92			
Aug 19	Blackburn Rovers	H	3-2
Sep 4	Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-0
Sep 11	West Bromwich Albion	A	1-0
Sep 26	Bolton Wanderers	A	3-0
Oct 5	Aston Villa	H	2-4
Oct 10	Leeds United	A	1-0
Oct 12	Nottingham Forest	H	2-1
Oct 15	Coventry City	H	1-1
Oct 21	Barnsley	A	1-2
Nov 7	Sunderland	H	1-0
Nov 9	Aston Villa	A	1-7
Nov 12	Manchester City	H	0-1
Nov 21	Bradford City	H	1-0
Nov 28	Rotherham United	A	1-2
Dec 7	Manchester United	H	2-1
Dec 12	Newcastle United	A	2-1
Dec 17	Sheffield United	H	1-1
Jan 8	Blackburn Rovers	A	
Jan 18	Everton	H	
Jan 21	Sheffield United	A	
Jan 28	Coventry City	A	
Feb 4	Barnsley	H	
Feb 12	Bradford City	A	
Feb 18	Rotherham United	H	
Feb 29	Manchester United	A	
Mar 3	Newcastle United	H	
Mar 17	Manchester City	A	
Mar 21	Everton	A	
Mar 24	West Bromwich Albion	H	
Mar 31	Sheffield Wednesday	A	
Apr 7	Bolton Wanderers	H	
Apr 15	Sunderland	A	
Apr 28	Leeds United	H	

### SEASON 1991/92

Up to 21st December, 1991					Goals		
DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	For Agt Pts		
LIVERPOOL	17	10	2	5	24	23	32
Nottingham F.	14	9	4	1	32	11	31
Manchester City	17	10	0	7	34	31	30
Aston Villa	18	8	7	3	27	18	30
Manchester Utd.	15	7	3	5	31	25	24
Barnsley	15	7	3	5	23	22	24
Blackburn Rovers	15	7	3	5	26	20	24
Coventry City	17	5	9	3	24	18	24
Everton	16	6	5	5	22	24	23
Sunderland	14	6	2	6	23	23	20
Bolton W.	18	5	5	6	22	23	20
Bradford City	16	6	0	10	22	26	18
Sheffield Utd.	15	3	8	4	18	20	17
Leeds Utd.	16	3	8	5	16	14	17
Sheffield Wed.	15	4	3	8	20	26	15
W. B. A.	16	4	2	10	19	36	14
Rotherham Utd.	15	4	2	9	19	30	14
Newcastle Utd.	16	3	3	10	25	40	12

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Date - Opponents	Att.	Res.	Pts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Kick-off 3 p.m. Unless Otherwise Stated																
<b>AUGUST</b>																
17 Oldham Athletic	38,841	2-1	3	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Whelan	Wright	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Barnes	McMahon	Walters	Marsh
21 Manchester City	37,332	1-2	3	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Whelan	Wright	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Barnes*	McMahon	Walters*	Marsh
24 Luton Town	11,132	0-0	4	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Whelan*	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Marsh*
27 Queen's Park Rangers	32,700	1-0	7	Grobelaar	Tanner	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Harness	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Hutchison
31 Everton	39,072	3-1	10	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Whelan*	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Marsh*
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
7 Notts County	16,051	2-1	13	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters (P)	Harkness	Rosenthal	Hutchison
14 Aston Villa	38,400	1-1	14	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters (P)	Rosenthal*	Rush	Harkness
18 Kuusysi Lahti (UEFA Cup, 1st leg)	17,131	6-1	-	Hooper	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Marsh*
21 Leeds United	32,917	0-1	14	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Hutchison
25 Stoke City Rumbelows Cup 2 (1)	18,389	2-2	-	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters*	McMahon	Rosenthal	Marsh*
28 Sheffield Wednesday	37,071	1-1	15	Grobelaar	Harkness	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Tanner*	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Walters (2)	Rush	Rush	Ablett*
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
2 Kuusysi Lahti (UEFA Cup, 2nd leg)	8,800	0-1	-	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Marsh	Harkness	Rosenthal*	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	Carter	B. Jones*
6 Manchester United	44,997	0-0	16	Hooper	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	McManaman	Jones	Saunders*	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	McManaman*
9 Stoke City Rumbelows Cup 2 (2)	22,335	3-2	-	Grobelaar	Harkness	Burrows	Nicol	McManaman	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	Rosenthal	Marsh
19 Chelsea	30,230	2-2	17	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	McManaman	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Ablett
23 Auxerre UEFA Cup (2) 1st Leg	16,500	0-2	-	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	McManaman	Redknapp*	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Harkness
26 Coventry City	33,339	1-0	20	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Hysen	Molby*	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Rosenthal*
29 Port Vale Rumbelows Cup (3)	21,553	2-2	-	Grobelaar	Harkness	Burrows	Hysen	Molby	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman*	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Marsh
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
2 Crystal Palace	34,231	1-2	20	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Hysen	Molby	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Rosenthal
6 Auxerre UEFA Cup (2) 2 Leg	23,094	3-0	-	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Hysen	Molby (P)	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Marsh
17 West Ham United	23,569	0-0	21	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Molby	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton*	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Ablett*
20 Port Vale Rumbelows Cup (3) Replay	18,725	4-1	-	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Molby	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Harkness	
23 Wimbledon	13,373	0-0	22	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Molby	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Redknapp*
27 Swarowski Tirol UEFA Cup (3) 1st Leg	12,500	2-0	-	Grobelaar	Harkness	Ablett	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders (2)	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	5 unused
30 Norwich City	34,881	2-1	25	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Rush	Walters	McMahon	Harkness
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
3 Peterborough Utd. Rumbelows Cup (4)	14,114	0-1	-	Grobelaar	Ablett	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	Marsh	Harkness	Redknapp
7 Southampton	19,503	1-1	26	Grobelaar	Harkness*	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders (3)	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	Marsh	Hysen*	Venison*
11 Swarowski Tirol UEFA Cup (3) 2nd Leg	16,007	4-0	-	Grobelaar	Harkness	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	Marsh*	Ablett	
14 Nottingham Forest	35,285	2-0	29	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	McMahon	Thomas	Marsh*
18 Tottenham Hotspur	27,434	2-1	32	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman*	Thomas	McMahon	Thomas	Marsh*
21 Manchester City	36,743	2-1	33	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Marsh	Walters	McMahon	Redknapp
26 Queen's Park Rangers	21,693	0-0	34	Grobelaar	Jones R	Burrows	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Marsh	Thomas	McMahon	Redknapp
28 Everton	37,681	1-1	35	Grobelaar	Jones R	Ablett	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Marsh	Thomas	McMahon	Redknapp
<b>JANUARY 1992</b>																
1 Sheffield United	35,993	2-1	38	Grobelaar	Jones R	Ablett	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	Marsh	Harkness	Redknapp
6 Crewe Alexandra FA Cup 3	7,400	4-0	-	Grobelaar	Jones R	Molby	Nicol	Wright	Tanner	Saunders	Houghton	McManaman	Molby	Marsh	Hysen*	Venison*
11 Luton Town																
18 Oldham Athletic																
25 Bristol Rovers FA Cup 4																
29 Arsenal (8.05 p.m.)																
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																
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15 Wimbledon FA Cup 5																
22 Norwich City																
29 Southampton																
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Manchester United	22	14	6	2	43	18	48
Sheffield Wednesday	23	11	7	5	37	24	40
Manchester City	24	11	7	6	33	28	40
LIVERPOOL	23	9	11	3	27	19	38
Aston Villa	23	11	3	9	34	29	36
Arsenal	22	9	6	7	40	23	33
Tottenham Hotspur	22	10	3	9			

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