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Cover Picture: Action from our earlier meeting at Kenilworth Road shows Danny Wilson challenge Paul Telfer and Trevor Peake for possession. Above: It was a great result at Villa park and perhaps no-one enjoyed it more than debut-maker David Johnson.

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We have reached that stage of the season when the weather is always likely to interfere with our fixtures, and, having had to postpone the F.A. Cup tie with Middlesbrough last Saturday owing to frost, we've been keeping our fingers crossed hoping conditions will have improved enough to let us resume our league programme this afternoon.

It is always disappointing when games can't be played on schedule, and none of us likes games being put off; but there's no sense in playing on pitches which are dangerous and make matches a lottery. It's frustrating, but you learn to be philosophical about it.

Frustration, of course, is so often the name of the game in football, and, one way or another, we've had our share this season. What with injuries, illness and other things, there's not been one week since August when we've been able to have all the players at work in training — and it looks as if it will be some time yet before we shall be in that happy position.

In the week after the Villa game, John Sheridan, having missed that match, finally had a second operation on his knee, and now he's getting about on crutches. Unfortunately, he soon had an unexpected partner on crutches in Nigel Jemson.

Nigel, who got our winning goal at Villa, had the misfortune to be involved in a crash in his car a few days later, suffering facial injuries plus a damaged right ankle which is now in plaster and will keep him out of action for six to eight weeks. It is a big blow for Nigel, and for the club, but we take some consolation from knowing that it could have been much worse.

John and Nigel have both been grateful for the many goodwill messages from supporters, who will also join me in sending good wishes to Darren Wood, who has been in hospital this week after his third back operation.

It all goes to show that the spell since the Villa game has not exactly been uneventful, and this week has also seen the arrival at Hillsborough of Eric Cantona, the French international striker, who has come on a week's trial and is scheduled to stay on loan from Nimes until the end of the season. Then, if everything goes well, there is the prospect of a permanent move.

Michel Platini, the French national team manager, rates Eric one of the top ten strikers in Europe, and Eric's partnership with Papin has proved very profitable for France. We are delighted to have a player of such undoubted ability, and hope he will enjoy a successful spell here which will be to our mutual benefit. We shall certainly do everything we can to help him settle, and I'm sure our supporters will give him a warm Yorkshire welcome.

One frustration since Eric's arrival has been that conditions have prevented us from seeing him in action on grass, but I must say that, in terms of enabling us to maintain our training programme, it has been a great bonus to have use of the excellent facilities on the astro turf at Aurora's Bawtry Road premises.

The 6-a-side event at the Sheffield Arena on Wednesday was interesting. The 8,200 attendance was tremendous, and we all admired the technique of Baltimore Blasts, though their mastery of the art of perming 16 players with the constant use and re-use of substitutes was rather bewildering.

All credit to our American friends, who taught us a lot about a game so novel and foreign to us but I can well imagine that, like me, many of our supporters will prefer to stick to traditional Saturday afternoon football on grass!

Today we welcome David Pleat and his Luton Town side. You will remember that in October, when we went to Kenilworth Road, we were thankful for John Sheridan's spectacular goal which earned us a point, and I have to say that on that day I was impressed with Luton.

Unfortunately, they find themselves at the bottom of the table, but they are a side capable of better things than that position might suggest, and, if their away form this season has been disappointing, we know that is a match in which we can take nothing for granted — and there is no doubt that we shan't.



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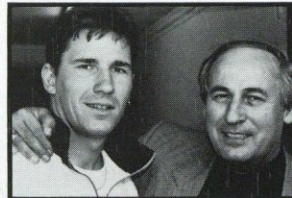
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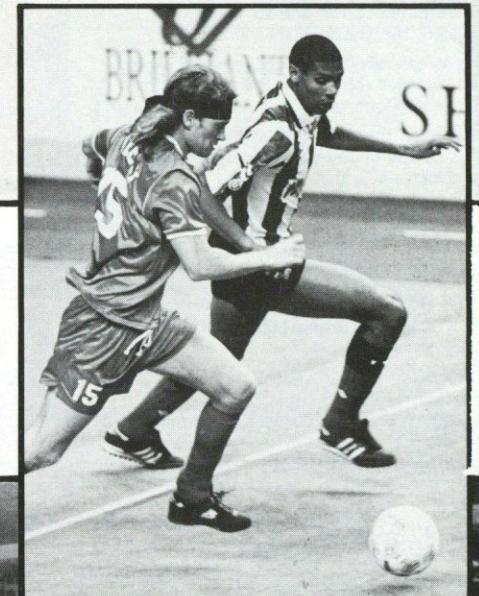
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Pictured above: Concentration in the Wednesday dugout. Left: Carlton Palmer matches his opponent stride for stride. Below: The Owls kick off in front of a packed stadium.



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AT CLOSE RANGE

WITH ALAN BIGGS

Phil King, Sheffield Wednesday's young left back, maps out his route to another marathon season with the surprise claim, "I'm getting to the veteran stage!"

That sort of comment is more often an admission than a boast — and given grudgingly by old-timers owning up to their date-of-birth.

But King, at just turned 24, can take justified pride in the sheer volume of his experience for one so young. Indeed, the statistics are remarkable.

As Wednesday's only ever-present over 32 matches this season Phil naturally targets an unbroken run.

Yet even that long-haul test is nothing out of the ordinary for a player who specialises in endurance.

"I've already played nearly 300 games in my career", points out the £400,000 former Exeter, Torquay and Swindon defender.

"I'm averaging 40-50 games a season over seven years as a pro — and if I keep going until I'm 34, I'll have time for another 500."

At that rate, King could challenge the League record for outfield appearances — the 824 amassed by Terry Paine for Southampton and Hereford, spanning two decades up to his retirement in 1977.

Phil, the youngest old hand in the business, doesn't have any such pretensions at this stage, but as he rightly observes, "Some players take until they're 28 or 29 to play as many matches as me."

"Managers look closely into the history of players before they buy them, and I'm proud of my record. Touch wood, I've never had a major injury."

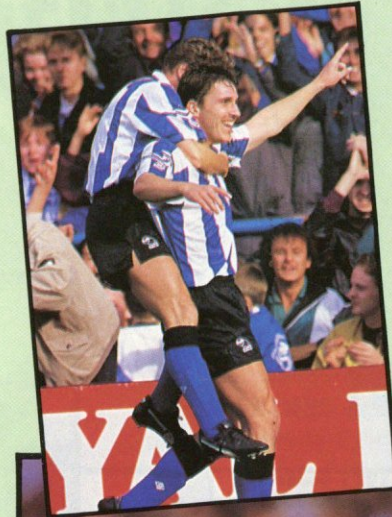
Phil's fortunes are in stark contrast to many of his team-mates this season and Wednesday's high placing is all the more creditable for the fact that key players have been out at important times.

David Hirst has been particularly unlucky. Twice his England claims have been blighted by injury.

But Hirst has maximised his ration of football in such a way that a glance at his strike rate can only fortify his long-term hopes.

In 21 appearances this season he has scored 13 goals. Gone are the days when he was regarded as a hit-and-miss marksman, more likely to convert a difficult opening than an easy one.

Hirst's last full appearance, when he struck a late equaliser at QPR in December, demonstrated perfectly that



his execution is now as deadly as his instinct for scoring.

"It was my only kick of the game," he recalled. "I used to need five of six chances to get a goal. Now I need only one chance, maybe two."

"Everything has fallen into place but don't ask me why. If I knew the reason I'd write a book about it and others would benefit."

"I'm just happy to be hitting the net, however they go in. I get pleasure out of all my goals, even the tap-ins, and I definitely have the feeling I can score in every game."

David Hirst celebrates another goal.



Phil King . . . young veteran.

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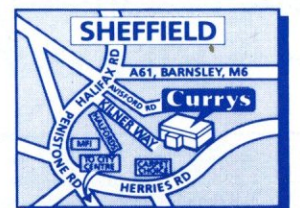
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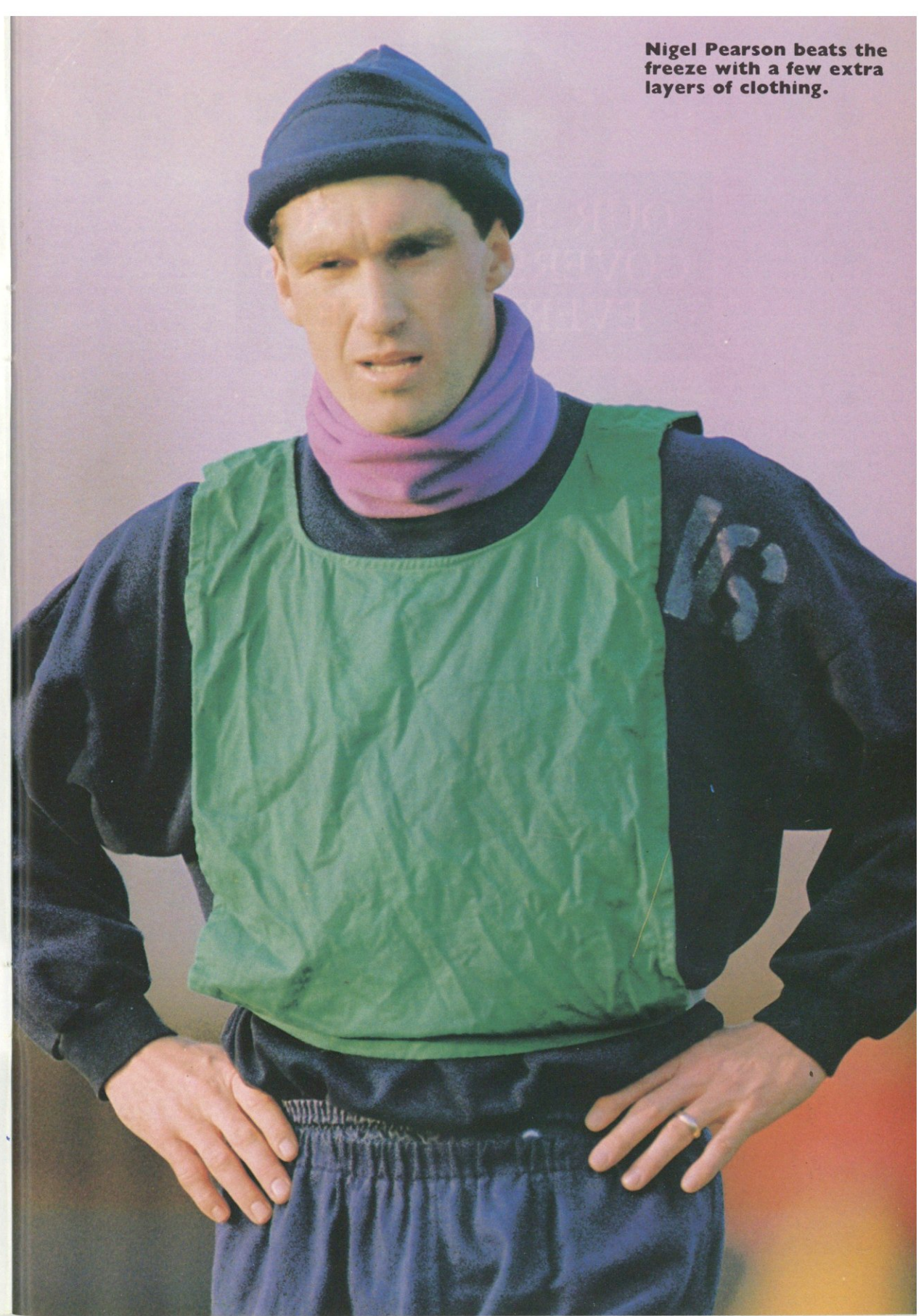
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There is a much easier way, by travelling on Wednesday's own 'INTER CITY OWL' coach service. Simply get on the coach in Sheffield at one of the two departure points, get whisked away to the match, taking the opportunity to relax, watch a video or, on the longer trips, take part in the quiz (for which Inter City Owl tickets are given as prizes). Get dropped off at the away ground (often just outside the turnstiles), enjoy the match (without worrying about how safe the car is!). At the final whistle get back on the coach and head for home (coaches are often escorted to motorway junctions and so are well on the way before car travellers), lie back in the reclining seat and enjoy another video or listen to the latest rantings of Danny Baker! Before you know it you're back in Sheffield and ready for a night out to celebrate the latest victory! (All the coaches were back in Sheffield for 8.15 p.m. after the recent outing to QPR).

The Inter City Owl has been a regular part of many supporters away match routine for 11 years now. Starting originally as a train service and then changing to coaches when rail fares became prohibitive. This year however, has seen a number of changes. Sharon Lane, Wednesday's admin manager said, "We did not feel there was anything intrinsically wrong with the existing service, but with the purchase of the new ticket office computer system, it made sense to put the booking system on to computer and so enable supporters to buy match and coach tickets from the same place. It also means coach tickets can be bought over the phone by credit card, in the same way as match tickets, and arrange for them to be collected on the coach; a facility which has become very popular with fans who live out of the city."

The booking system has not been the only change however; the change over period did lead to some teething problems, the main one of which was the quality of coaches turning up not corresponding with the quality promised. Sharon said "it became quite frustrating but rather than ignore it we took the opportunity to put 'suggestion and comments' slips on all coaches and give the supporters the chance to let off steam and then to act on the best suggestions. The response was very good and more to the point very positive. It was apparent that our customers liked most of what we were doing such as the no smoking rule, the new booking arrangements, the fact that we have stewards on every coach, so we decided to concentrate on the quality of the coaches we booked. We now insist on coaches with toilets as standard and video and hot drink machines as much as possible although we do have to settle for some executive coaches without all these facilities when we get up to around 20 coaches, however even then we do insist on them being new coaches. For Aston Villa last week we had 20 coaches, all of which were first class. We still put the suggestion slips on all the coaches and are pleased to receive any constructive criticism; as a result of requests we have tried cartons of orange juice, hot drinks and most recently sausage rolls, as well as the usual crisps and soft drinks, the idea of having quizzes also came from the suggestion slips".

Another innovation this year has been the Inter City Owl season ticket which gave supporters up to 20% off the price of a season's away travel and a guaranteed match ticket which again can be arranged to be put for collection on the coach. Paul Webster, a steward for over nine years and this year appointed head steward for the Furnival Road departures, commented "the service has been improving over the years but this year it has really taken off, we are seeing regular faces

and the atmosphere is more like a club outing. The exercise of asking the fans what they wanted worked very well and how well it has worked is indicated by the fact that the comments that we get now are generally to compliment the service". Paul is always on coach two from Furnival Road.

Eric Hodson is the head steward at Rawson Spring Road and is usually found on coach one. Eric feels that they are well on the way to achieving the aim of "providing the best travel in the First Division for the best supporters in the First Division" and although it may not be the cheapest service, a quick look around any coach park at an away match will soon make it clear that it is certainly the best! He also added that what regulars like is that by travelling Inter City Owl they feel part of the club and know that any profit made is going back into the club.

All in all Inter City Owl has come a long way since its inauspicious start in a portacabin on Penistone Road all those years ago, so next time you're travelling to an away match, or even considering it for the first time, why not give Inter City Owl a try and help the club at the same time.

BOOKING

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INTO THE TACKLE

WITH LUTON TOWN



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

Luton Town, who have escaped relegation in each of the past three seasons only by winning their final game — in 1990 their Houdini-style miracle sending Wednesday down in their stead! — are once again deeply involved in the battle for First Division survival. David Pleat, who returned for his second spell in charge at Kenilworth Road last summer, is under no illusions as to the size of the task before him.

In a bid to halt the Hatters' slide, Mr. Pleat has used no fewer than 31 players in his first-team.

In August he shored up his defence with the signing of centre-back Trevor Peake from Coventry for £100,000. The following month he signed England striker Mick Harford from Derby for £300,000 and he later added midfielder Chris Kamara — signed from Leeds for £150,000 — to his squad.

Other new arrivals are defender Des Linton and midfielder Scott Oakes, who both came from Leicester in exchange for Steve Thompson, and goalkeeper Steve Sutton who was signed on loan from Nottingham Forest in November.

During his days with non-League Nuneaton, Peake played for the England semi-professional XI. He made his League debut for Lincoln in 1979, moving on to Coventry four years later.

Harford is now in his second spell at Kenilworth Road. He was introduced to League soccer by Lincoln in 1977 and commanded a then record fee for a Fourth Division player when Newcastle signed him for £200,000 in

1981. He was soon on the move again, to Bristol City and to Birmingham before initially going to Luton in 1984. His scoring feats at Kenilworth Road earned him two England caps. Derby signed him for £480,000 in 1990. Since returning to Luton, Mick has become the club's top scorer with seven goals.

Kamara, who provides the bite that was missing in midfield, was launched into the League game by Portsmouth in 1975. Swindon signed him two years later but he returned to Portsmouth in 1981. Within a few weeks he was on the move again — to Brentford. He later returned to Swindon, then had a spell with Stoke City before joining Leeds for £150,000 in 1990.

Linton and Oakes both developed in the junior teams at Leicester and both were blooded in their League eleven briefly during 1989/90.

Sutton has been a Nottingham Forest professional since 1980 and has enjoyed many long runs in their senior side. Steve was a member of their League Cup winning teams at Wembley in 1989 (when they defeated Luton) and 1990. At times when he has been out of the Forest side, he has played on loan with Mansfield, Derby, Coventry and now Luton.

With Harford out of the side recently, Kurt Nogan was recalled to partner Brian Stein in attack.

Nogan is a former trainee who turned professional in July 1989. He was a prolific scorer in the reserves and was elevated to the first team in January 1990. He won his first Wales Under-21 cap last season.

Stein returned to Luton last summer after spending the past three seasons in France. A Luton discovery, he was introduced to the Hatters' league side in 1977 and was their leading scorer on two occasions, form that won him an England cap. Brian scored two of the Wembley goals when Luton beat Arsenal in the League Cup final of 1988 and that proved to be his last game for the club for the time being. He was transferred to SM Caen, then played for Annecy before returning to Kenilworth Road.

Just recently the midfield has been lining up with Paul Telfer, Kamara, Mark Pembridge and David Preece. But Jamie Campbell, who is often included as substitute, has also played here.

Telfer is a former Luton trainee who had made only one appearance in their First Division side, as substitute, prior to the start of this season. He has been holding his place for the past few weeks.

Pembridge is another former Luton trainee. He made his senior debut against West Ham in the Zenith Cup in December 1990. He later won a regular place and played for Wales at "B" and Under-21 levels before collecting his first full cap in Wales' victory over Brazil in September this season.

Preece made his League debut for Walsall in 1981, winning a regular place two years later. Luton invested £150,000 when signing him in 1984 and he later played in two League Cup finals for the Hatters. David has been capped three times by England "B".

Campbell, a former trainee, turned professional in July last year. He took his senior bow in a Zenith Cup tie at Ipswich in October and has since played more than half-a-dozen times, usually as substitute.

Newcomer Peake usually plays alongside John Dreyer in the middle of the defence.

Dreyer was an apprentice with Oxford but played league soccer for both Torquay and Fulham, whilst on loan, during the 1985/86 season before getting his chance in the Oxford side the following season. Luton signed him for £140,000 in 1988.

Julian James and Richard Harvey have been filling the full-back positions.

James joined the club as a trainee and he was introduced to First Division football four seasons ago. He is now an England Under-21 international.

Harvey is a one-time England Youth international. He made his League debut in 1986 and for the past two seasons he has been a regular member of the side.

Luton have conceded more away goals (32) than any other club in the whole of the Football League and they are the only First Division club without an away win to their credit.

The Hatters' three away points were collected from drawn games at West Ham (0-0), Sheffield United (1-1) and Nottingham Forest (1-1).

All their other away League games ended in defeat at Coventry (0-5), Arsenal (0-2), Chelsea (1-4), Wimbledon (0-3), Manchester United (0-5), Aston Villa (0-4), Norwich (0-1), Tottenham (1-4) and Liverpool (1-2).



Danny Wilson and David Preece 'past and present' Luton midfielders, in action at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters' F.A. Cup hopes were short lived. They crashed at Sheffield United (0-4) in round three.

Luton were also beaten away to Third Division Birmingham (2-3) in the Rumbelows League Cup, losing the tie 4-5 on aggregate.

The Hatters drew at Ipswich (1-1) in the Zenith Data Systems Cup only to lose that tie 1-2 in the penalty shoot-out.

Luton Town F.C. was formed in 1885 and was initially elected to the Second Division of the Football League in 1897. They lost their place three years later, but returned to the League fold as founder members of the Third Division (South) in 1920.

They remained at that level until winning promotion to the Second Division in 1937 and it was in 1955 that they first tasted life in Division One. In 1959 they were beaten by Nottingham Forest in the F.A. Cup final.

That marked the start of a dramatic decline. Relegated from the First Division in 1960. Luton were a Fourth Division club five years later.

When they returned to Division One in 1974 Luton became the first club ever to drop from the First to the Fourth Division and then regain their place at the top.

Sadly, they survived for only one season but in 1982 they won promotion again and the Hatters have remained proud members of the First Division ever since.

They won the League Cup in 1988 but were beaten in the same final a year later.



RECORD BREAKERS

AGGREGATE GOALSCORER:

Gordon Turner scored 243 League goals for Luton between 1952 and 1964. He also hit another 22 in cup-ties. No one else has scored as many goals for the club.

Turner, however, never scored as many in a season as **Joe Payne** who hit 55 League goals, plus three in the F.A. Cup, in 1936/37.

Payne is the only man ever to score 10 goals in a League match.

Switched to centre-forward in an experiment, he scored 10 times against Bristol Rovers in his first game in his new position in April 1936.

APPEARANCES:

No one has ever matched **Bob Morton's** achievement of playing 494 League games for Luton. He did that between 1949 and 1964. He also appeared in 55 other competitive games.

CAPS:

Mal Donaghy smashed all previous club records when playing in 58 internationals for Northern Ireland as a Luton player. No one else has won as many caps at the club.

YOUNGEST PLAYER:

Mike O'Hara, was just 16 years and 22 days of age when making his League debut for Luton against Stoke in October 1960. He is the youngest player to appear in Luton's first-team.

OLDEST PLAYER:

The oldest is **Dally Duncan** who, when he made his final appearance against Tottenham in October 1947, had reached the age of 39 years and 11 days.

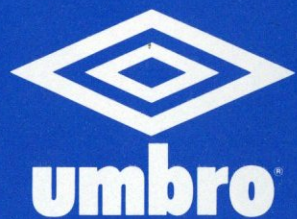
VICTORY:

Luton's record victory is 12-0 v Bristol Rovers in a Third Division (South) match in April 1936.

DEFEAT:

The heaviest defeat in 0-9 v Small Heath (now Birmingham) in a Second Division game in November 1898.

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NOW AND THEN

WITH KEITH FARNSWORTH

Allenby Driver spent over 10 years on Wednesday's books, but largely because more than half his Hillsborough career was taken up with wartime service in the Army, he was limited to some 30 senior appearances, and his chief claim to fame with the Owls was helping the reserves win the Central League Championship in 1945-46.

However, now aged 73 and living in retirement at Grenoside, he remembers his Hillsborough days as a happy and rewarding spell, and recalls with affection such colleagues as Albert Morton, Arnold Lowes and Edgar Packard, and treasures the memory of Jackie Robinson's brilliance, even though it was Robinson's outstanding talents which so often denied him a first-team chance.

Allenby was spotted in 1935 playing for his works team, Mansfield Shoe, and joined Wednesday shortly before he was 18, after two trial games with the "A" team up at the old B&C ground on Bellhouse Road.

In those days few teenagers made the Football League side, but, at 19, Allenby made his senior debut and scored the winning goal in a Second Division match with Chesterfield. But opportunity did not often knock, and the bulk of his first team outings came in the early war years.

With war in the air some time before it finally came, the younger Wednesday players all had to enlist in the Territorial Army, which meant immediate call-up in the autumn of 1939 when, at the age of 21, he found himself in uniform alongside several of his team-mates. At least the first years in the 71st Field Regiment of the Royal Artillery saw him get home to Sheffield on many weekends before service in France and Germany.

He later did a stint attached to a Scottish Regiment, which took him north of the border, and he enjoyed one phase during which he regularly guested with Aberdeen, who were so impressed that there was talk of them signing him after the war.

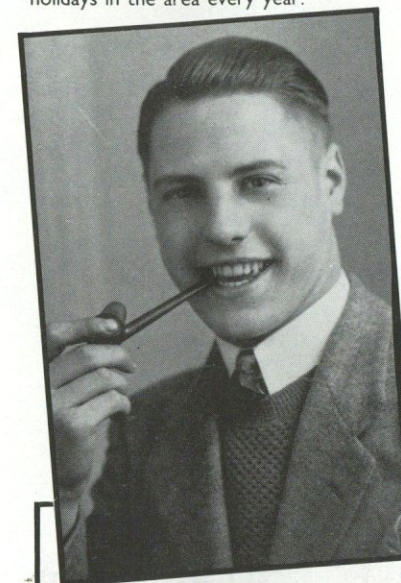
However, he returned to Wednesday, and his form on the reserves prompted the interest of several clubs. After one game against Derby reserves, he was snapped up by Luton, who, by coincidence, signed the Derby winger Dally Duncan, on the same day. Thus Allenby began a seven-year spell in which he made some 200 League appearances and scored over 60 goals for Luton, Norwich, Ipswich and Walsall.

The Luton move was a success, and, moreover, it brought Allenby and his wife Frances, the first home of their

own. They had married at the start of the war, and lived with his wife's parents at Wadsley until the move to Kenilworth Road, where the terms included provision of a house—a very welcome bonus in those days.

He recalls that in one of his early games for Luton they were losing 3-0 at home to Newcastle (then one of the Second Division's outstanding teams), but ended up winning 4-3 . . . and Allenby got the winner. The player he talks about from those days with great affection, incidentally, is Frank Soo, whom older supporters will remember as a fine wing-half who made his name in the same pre-war Stoke team as Stan Matthews.

But Allenby's most successful years were spent with Norwich and Ipswich, for in some 130 games he scored 44 goals, and such was the feeling he developed for East Anglia that he still holidays in the area every year.



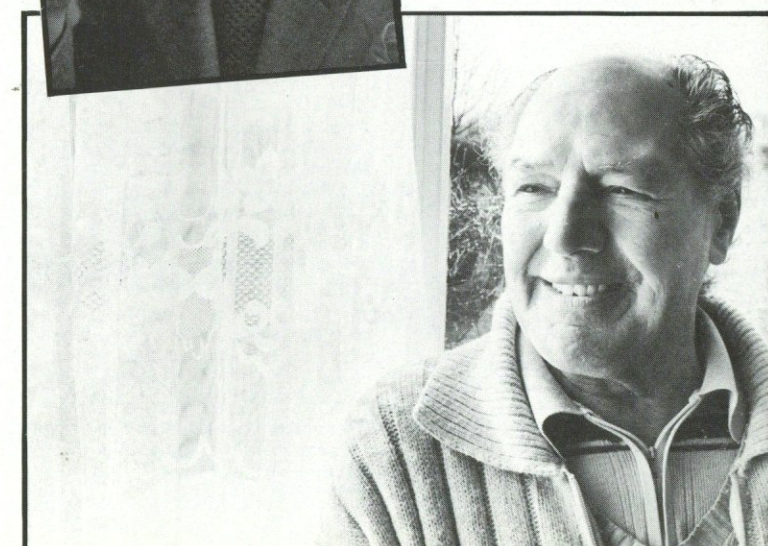
Even so, the pull of Sheffield was so great by about 1952 that he and Frances returned here, and, after finishing his playing days at Walsall, Allenby spent 20 years working as a traveller for a sweet firm and concluded his working life with a seven-year stint with Union Carbide at their Claywheels Lane factory.

Allenby, who has a son and three grandchildren, has been a widower for over ten years, but he insists that life is far from lonely, and he keeps busy and active.

All the same, it is many years since he has been to a football match, though he never misses a game on the television, and, through his late wife's sister, who knows Jack Wilkinson (the father of Howard), he has acquired a keen interest in the fortunes of Leeds United.

But Wednesday are still his Number One club, and he tells me he keeps up to date with what's happening to the Owls through young neighbours who visit him regularly and talk about the players and matches.

"These young people never saw me play," he said, "but they know I was once the proud wearer of a Wednesday shirt, and they ensure I am well informed about the lads who wear that shirt today. I'm glad that they do, because I'm still very much a Wednesdayite . . . just as I was the day that scout came to me when I was 17 and made a dream come true by inviting me to have a trial with my favourite football club."





SHORT CORNER

THE CONTINENTAL TOUCH FOR OWLS

Eric Cantona's arrival at Hillsborough widened the spread of Wednesday's multi-national talent.

England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Sweden, the USA and now France have all been represented in the Owls' squad.

But none of the earlier signings attracted quite as much widespread attention as Eric Cantona, mainly because of the great interest of the French Press, who were out in force at Hillsborough on the day that the newcomer arrived.

Although few English fans will have known a lot about Eric, he is very famous in France, and the folk back home were no doubt keen to know how he was getting on with Wednesday.

Day one saw the French international striker training in the sports hall, and communicating with his team-mates by gestures, because he does not speak English.

Then there was a Press conference, at which Eric's answers were given via an interpreter.

He and the rest of the club's professionals then went to the Aurora ground at Tinsley, where in a match on an artificial pitch, Eric scored a hat-trick.

One of his goals was a curled free-kick into the top corner from the edge of the penalty area, a very impressive effort.

It was Eric's pedigree — he has hit 14 goals in 20 games for France — that led Trevor Francis to believe that he could be brought to England with a view to a loan deal to be followed possibly by a full transfer in the summer.

The initial agreement for Eric to come to Sheffield was clinched in a five-hour meeting in Paris, at which the Owls were represented by secretary Graham Mackrell, after the ground was prepared by earlier negotiations involving Trevor Francis.

The deal was for Eric to come for a few days' training, and if after that it was mutually agreed that he should stay, then the loan agreement would be signed.

The 25-year-old striker's lawyer and interpreter, Jean-Jacques Bertrand said: "Eric is very happy to be here. He feels very well. He has missed training for only two weeks in December and for the last two weeks he has been training and running."

Said Eric at his first Press conference in England. "I am grateful to Sheffield Wednesday. It is an important opportunity for me.

"I did not want to play in Italy or Spain. If I was going to play somewhere else, it was only going to be England."

"I am happy to be here, happy to be with a good team and a good coach. I want to be very happy here.

"The people are very nice, very friendly. It is a pleasure to play here.

"I know English football. We see films of it in France. I want to prove myself in English football.

"It is more physical and less technical than the game in France. Here, a team plays to win, home or away. In France, sometimes they play to draw away.

Eric's experience at Hillsborough is certain to boost Owls' fans interest in England's friendly against France at Wembley on 19th February.

BORO PLAYER PAYS TRIBUTE TO TREV

Middlesbrough midfielder player Andy Peake has paid Trevor Francis a compliment, looking ahead to the F.A. Cup tie against the Owls.

"Trevor has been a world-class player and you get a buzz from playing against people like him," he said.

"Maybe he can't do it over 40 games any more but with talent like his, he can still pose a big threat in a one-off cup-tie.

"We are aware of that. If Trevor plays it will concentrate our minds even harder."

NIGEL CRASHES INTO TROUBLE

It must have felt like the last straw to Trevor Francis when he learned that Nigel Jemson had been hurt in a car crash.

At least everyone was relieved to learn that Nigel was not seriously injured — though his injury in football terms is a nasty one — and will be able to play again within a couple of months.

It could of course have been much worse. "He is lucky to have escaped," said a fire brigade spokesman.

Nigel had to be cut from the wreckage after the accident near Worksop, and spent a night in hospital. His car ran into the side of a lorry and was then hit from behind by another car.

He sustained facial cuts, and an ankle ligament injury that has been put into plaster.

It left Trevor contemplating a team with no Jemson, David Hirst, Nigel Pearson, Paul Warhurst or John Sheridan, and with Roland Nilsson and Paul Williams doubtful and David Johnson cup-tied.

Thankfully the club's plight with injuries and illness seemed to be improving this week, and Trevor will be looking forward to the time when he can put out a full-strength side.

ROMANCE OF THE WEDNESDAY

Anyone interested in purchasing an original copy of the book 'Romance of the Wednesday' which has come up for sale can apply for further details by writing to the club marked for the attention of the Programme Editor.

REASON FOR CUP SWITCH

Note that the Owls' delayed F.A. Cup tie against Middlesbrough will take place at Hillsborough next Tuesday, and not Wednesday.

Wednesday had to change from their usual midweek match night because Sheffield United already had the Wednesday night booked with the police for a possible replay — replay dates are always agreed in advance of the original tie.

The Owls of course, could only start looking for a new date once their match against Middlesbrough had been called off.

The police frowned upon two games taking place on the same night, so the postponed Owls' tie was pencilled in for Tuesday if United drew, which they did.

The Blades' normal midweek match night is Tuesday, but it is an F.A. requirement that midweek F.A. Cup games take place on a Wednesday, unless there is a good reason, because of the possibility of T.V. coverage.

Last Saturday's match at Hillsborough was called off because the pitch was frozen and unplayable, along with many other grounds up and down the country.

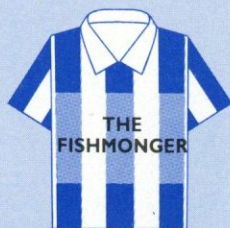
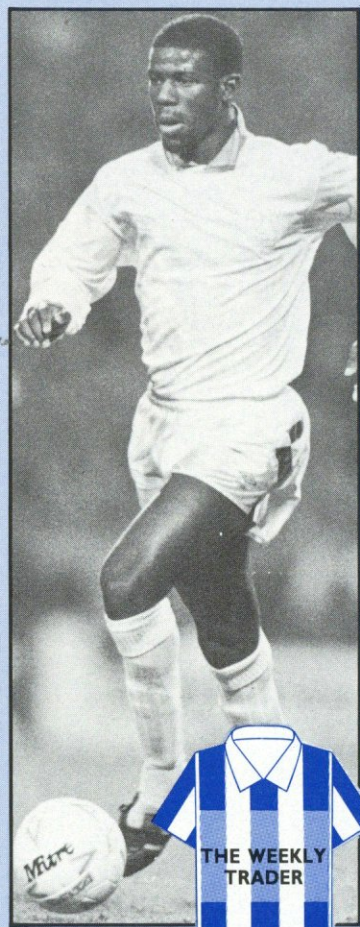
Middlesbrough's Rumbelows Cup quarter-final replay against Peterborough must wait at least until next week.

The clubs cannot play next week because Middlesbrough have their F.A. Cup tie against the Owls, and Peterborough play Mansfield in the Autoglass Trophy.



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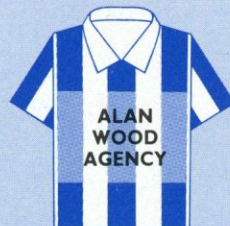
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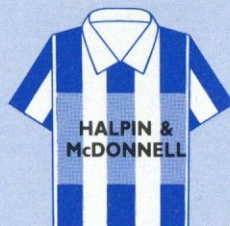
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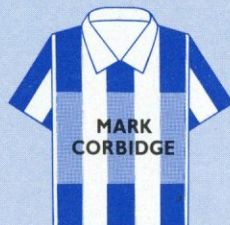
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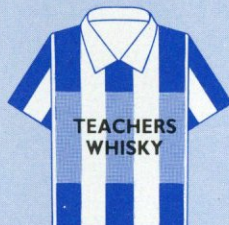
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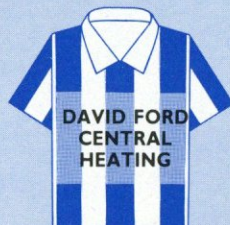
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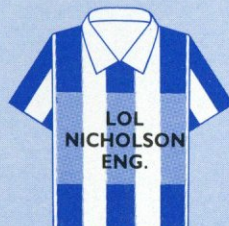
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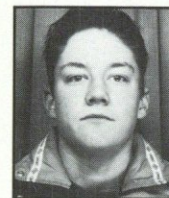
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"The Hatters" last visit to Hillsborough came in December 1989, for a clash between two teams struggling at the wrong end of the table. Wednesday were 18th in the Division, with Luton three places and two points above them. Wednesday's new £375,000 signing from IFK Göteborg, Roland Nilsson, made his first team debut, and showed his class from the start down the right flank. However, when Wednesday went in front, the goal came from the other side of the pitch. Phil King, making only his 7th appearance for

Wednesday, burst forward, cut inside a defender and crashed a shot against the bar—with his right foot! The Luton defence failed to clear the rebound which King crossed, David Hirst couldn't quite control the ball, and as Julian James closed in, the danger looked over. Incredibly, James' clearance struck John Dreyer full in the face and spun over Alec Chamberlain for a bizarre own goal which left Dreyer receiving treatment, and The Owls 1-0 up. Wednesday appeared to ease off and only created two more chances. Dave Bennett missed the first

and probably the easiest, and then Alec Chamberlain saved from Hirst with his feet. Luton gathered their resources for a spell of pressure, and it brought a goal. Danny Wilson was involved in the build-up and when Steve Williams crossed, Julian James netted with a flying header. So, 1-1 the final score, and at the season's end, Wednesday would look back and rue the chances missed in this match, as Luton escaped relegation on goal difference at Wednesday's expense.

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'Keeper Alec Chamberlain and David Hirst compete for a loose ball.'



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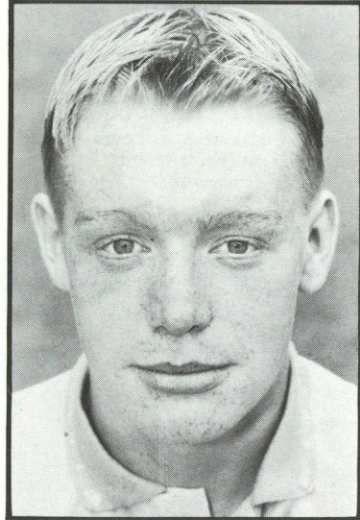
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NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Saturday, 18th January, 1992

SCUNTHORPE I WEDNESDAY I

Wednesday Juniors travelled to Scunthorpe's modern Glanford Park Stadium hoping to complete a 'double' over a side already beaten 3-0 earlier in the season, and thus maintain their challenge near the top of the Northern Intermediate league but in the end, despite creating more opportunities, they had to be content with a 1-1 draw over Scunthorpe United Juniors.

The home side made two chances before Ronnie Simpson made a strong run into the box where the 'keeper did well to block the Owls Captain's effort. Nick Robinson combined well with Ryan Jones, the latter's clever backheel almost got Leroy Chambers in on goal.

On the half hour Ian Frank played a great through ball to Nick Robinson who fired in a shot from 25 yards, but Stanger was equal to the effort and tipped the ball round the post. There was another flash of brilliance from the Scunthorpe 'keeper in dealing with Simon Stewart's flick after a Paul Burton free kick.

The Owls had done enough in the first half to have deserved a lead, but a

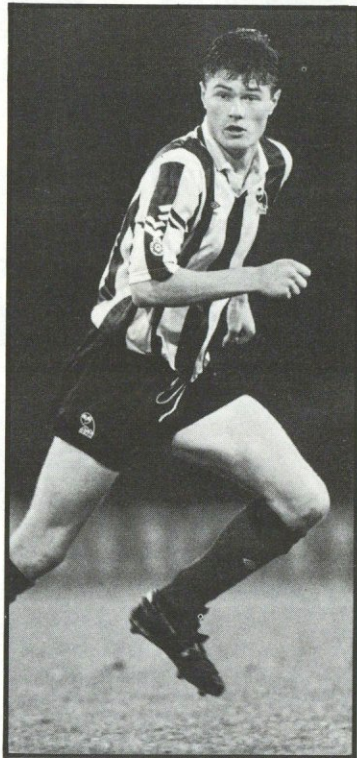
more determined Scunthorpe had a couple of early chances after the break. A Ryan Jones free kick was only just over the bar but it was an isolated attempt as the home side applied more pressure and Paul Burton was outstanding at the heart of Wednesday's defence.

McNeil was creating Wednesday problems down the left and he combined well with his full back, Hall—a Grenoside boy—to set up a goal for the home side through striker, Senior.

Fortunately Wednesday bounced back within two minutes. Ryan Jones' inswinging corner was flicked on at the near post by Simon Stewart and the ball past over the helpless 'keeper into the far corner of the net. Chances fell to both sides before the end, but there were no further goals.

Team: Robinson (P), Stewart, Linighan (J), Wright, Burton, Flint, Frank, Simpson, Robinson (N), (Rowntree 69 mins), Chambers, Jones. Unused Sub: Linighan (B).

Simon Stewart... the equaliser.



N. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

(Up to Saturday, 25th January, 1992)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	21	14	4	3	55	20	46
Rotherham United	22	13	6	3	34	20	45
WEDNESDAY	22	10	8	4	34	17	38
Huddersfield T.	20	11	4	5	45	28	37
Sunderland	21	10	4	7	56	35	34
Barnsley	21	10	3	8	32	32	33
Scarborough	20	10	3	7	37	41	33
Doncaster Rovers	19	9	5	5	40	41	32
Bradford City	20	10	1	9	47	42	31
Middlesbrough	20	6	8	6	36	32	26
Newcastle United	21	6	7	8	27	28	25
Halifax Town	17	5	5	7	21	27	20
Hull City	20	4	8	8	26	36	20
Scunthorpe U.	20	4	8	8	22	32	20
Sheffield United	23	4	8	11	34	54	20
Hartlepool United	18	4	5	9	25	36	17
Darlington	19	3	5	11	13	30	14
York City	20	2	2	16	20	53	8

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tuesday, 21st January, 1992

MANCHESTER CITY 0 WEDNESDAY 0

A very much changed Wednesday Reserves side from the one which beat Manchester City Reserves at Hillsborough in mid-December travelled to Maine Road for the return fixture. In front of Kevin Pressman, the Owls back four was probably the youngest ever with two regular Junior players, a first year Professional and 'old man', 21-year-old Scott Cam. The end result, a very creditable goal-less draw reflected a tremendous hard working performance with all the youngsters in the team playing well and the valuable point gained giving hope in the battle to stave off relegation.

In the first quarter hour there was some terrific, often frenetic, end to end stuff from both sides. City had the better of the early exchanges but Michael Rowntree looked lively for the Owls down the right. Paul Burton had to concede the game's first corner after 24 minutes to cut out Brennan's low cross but the Owls replied with their first corner four minutes later when Ryan Jones sent Gordon Watson clear down the left and his cross was blocked. Chris Bart-Williams' flag kick produced two more corners but the Owls were unable to make them count.

Despite the home pressure the Owls claimed three corners before Kevin Pressman was pressed into real action when Brennan's through ball put Kelly clear but the Owls 'keeper got down



Trevor Francis... back in action.

very well to save. Four minutes before the interval Michael Rowntree's sharp reaction almost snatched the lead when the ball was deflected into his path and without hesitating, he attempted to lob City goalkeeper, Dibble, from fully 25 yards, but the ball dropped just over the crossbar.

Wednesday enjoyed an excellent spell up to half time without reward. Early in the second half Trevor Francis replaced Gordon Watson for his first taste of competitive football for several weeks. Then Kevin Pressman became a central defender when he raced 25 yards out of goal to beat Kelly to the ball and dribble round the City player before clearing.

There was a good spell from the home side with Lomas performing well in midfield and Wayne Clarke looking for every chance to shoot but the Owls defended very calmly. A brilliant run by Chris Bart-Williams was followed by another from Ryan Jones who might have played the ball to better placed David Johnson instead of trying to find his manager!

A slight injury to Michael Rowntree four minutes from time allowed John

PLAYER PROFILE

Full Name:

SCOTT CAM

Birthdate: 5th March, 1970

Birth Place: Sheffield

Clubs Played For:

Sheffield Wednesday

Representative Honours:

Sheffield Boys, F.A. National School,

11 England Youth Caps

Position: Left-back

Best Ground Played On:

Wembley

Best Match Played In:

England v Yugoslavia Youth International

Club Supported: Liverpool

Family: Brother (25)

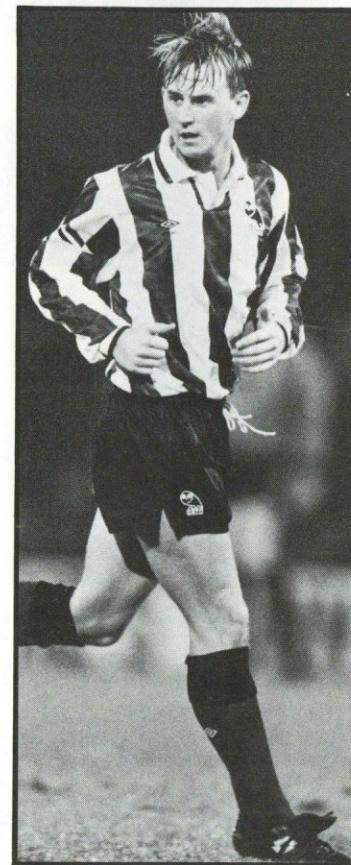
Linighan to make his Pontins League debut—how long since twins were in our Reserve side?—and Wednesday battled to the end and well deserved a valuable away point.

Team: Pressman, Linighan (B), Cam, Burton, Stewart, Williams, Rowntree (Linighan (J), 86 mins.), Bart-Williams, Johnson, Watson (Francis 52 mins.), Jones.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Table as at 26th January, 1992)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham F.	18	12	4	2	46	15	40
Aston Villa	20	10	6	4	35	21	36
Liverpool	19	11	3	5	26	23	36
Barnsley	19	10	3	6	32	26	33
Blackburn Rovers	18	9	4	5	31	21	31
Manchester United	18	9	4	5	34	27	31
Manchester City	18	10	1	7	34	31	31
Coventry City	20	5	9	6	24	21	24
Bolton Wanderers	18	6	6	6	26	26	24
Everton	18	6	5	7	26	31	23
Sunderland	17	6	4	7	26	29	22
Leeds United	19	4	9	6	18	19	21
Sheffield United	18	4	8	6	22	27	20
Bradford City	17	6	0	11	24	29	18
Rotherham United	16	5	2	9	23	33	17
WEDNESDAY	18	4	4	10	22	30	16
W.B.A.	16	4	2	10	19	36	14
Newcastle U.	19	3	4	12	27	50	13



RESERVES APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	App.	Goals
ANDERSON	3	1
BART-WILLIAMS	1	—
BERESFORD	1	—
BURTON	13	—
CAM	17+1	1
CHAMBERS	9+4	3
CURZON	3	—
FRANCIS	1+1	—
HARKES	3	—
HYDE	11	—
JEMSON	3	1
JOHNSON	11	3
JONES	7+2	—
LINIGHAN, B.	8+1	—
LINIGHAN, J.	—+1	—
MACKENZIE	7	—
MCCALL	1+1	—
PEARSON	1	—
PRESSMAN	13	—
ROBINSON, N.	4+2	2
ROWNTREE	3+4	—
SHERIDAN	0+1	—
SHIRTLIFF	10	1
SIMPSON	1	—
SOWDEN	6	—
STEWART	10+3	1
TAYLOR	3	—
TURNER	4	—
WATSON	14	6
WILLIAMS, M.	14+3	2
WILLIAMS, P.	1	—
WILSON	2	—
WOOD	10	—
WORTHINGTON	2	—
WRIGHT	1	—
Own goals		1

JUNIORS APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

	(Up to date)		NI League & FA Youth Cup	
	NI League App.	Goals	App.	Goals
BAIRD	4	—	—	—
BARKER	7+2	—	2	—
BROOKFIELD	—+1	—	—	—
BROWN	—+2	—	2	—
BURTON	4	—	—	—
CHAMBERS	2	1	1	1
CURZON	16	3	2	—
DEAN	6+3	—	+1	—
FLINT	21	1	3	—
FRANK	21	1	3	—
HOLMES	5+7	2	1+1	—
JONES	5+1	—	—	—
LINIGHAN, B.	18	1	3	—
LINIGHAN, J.	20	—	2	—
MATTISON	1	—	—	—
MCCARTHY	4	—	—	—
MCVEIGH	1	—	—	—
PARKER	12+1	2	2+1	1
ROBINSON, D.	2	—	—	—
ROBINSON, N.	6	2	—	—
ROBINSON, P.	18	—	3	—
RODGERS	2	—	—+1	—
ROWNTREE	20+1	10	3	—
SIMPSON	9	1	—	—
STEWART	18	4	3	—
WRIGHT	20	3	3	—
OWN GOALS			3	

BIRTH DATE...

ROLAND NILSSON
BORN ON WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 1963



IN THE NEWS

America dominated the news that day. Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of shooting President Kennedy was buried after being gunned down himself. Kennedy's successor Lyndon B. Johnson was meeting World Leaders and a Polaris Missile misfired and had to be destroyed off Cape Canaveral.

ON THE SCREEN

Peter O'Toole was feeling the heat in 'Lawrence of Arabia' at the Odeon. The temperature was somewhat cooler for Sean Connery in 'From Russia With Love' at Studio 7. Television that night featured favourites such as Z Cars, Beverley Hillsbillies and Sportsview.

IN THE CHARTS

Hardly surprising that the Beatles were at Number One with 'She Loves You'. What was a surprise, however, is that it was the second time the record had made top spot after dropping down the charts for some six weeks.

ON THE BACK PAGE

American Cruiserweight Mike Pusateri was beaten by Britain's Terry Downes. Sheffield United proposed a plan to stage Amateur Boxing on match days. One possible contender was at Hillsborough, former Owl Tony Kay (Everton) who was suspended for 21 days after striking an opponent during a Division One game at Blackburn.

AT HILLSBOROUGH

It was a night of European football at Hillsborough and Wednesday had high hopes of overturning a first leg 2-3 defeat at the hands of F.C. Köln in the Fairs Cup (now UEFA Cup). Things looked good when David Layne scored in the 16th minute with a superb header, but from then on the Germans took control and were full value for their eventual 2-1 victory on the night. Three days later Wednesday bounced back with a point won at White Hart Lane, full back Peter Johnson registering a rare goal.

SHARING ROLAND'S BIRTHDAY

Other famous names include comedian Ernie Wise, actor John Alderton, newsreader Robert Dougall and footballers Scott Sellars (Blackburn) and David Currie (Barnsley).

ANSWERS:

1. Ritchie played for Derby County, Notts County and Peterborough. 2. Red Star and Marseilles. 3. Phil King. 4. Teddy Sheringham with 33 for Millwall. 5. (a) Tom and Jim McAnearney, (b) Peter and Ron Springett, (c) Peter and Paul Shirliff. 6. St. Johnstone and Southampton are both called 'The Saints'. Aberdeen and Wimbledon are both 'The Dons'.



QUICK SHOTS

A quick football quiz just for fun. Test your knowledge on football and particularly the Owls.

- Ritchie Barker has served both Wednesday and Luton Town in a managerial capacity, but which three League clubs did he serve as a player?
- Which two teams reached the final of last season's European Cup?
- Who took the free kick that teed up the ball for John Sheridan's

spectacular goal at Kenilworth Road earlier this season?

4. Who was the Football League's leading scorer last season?

5. Can you name the brothers that made first team appearances for the Owls during (a) the '50s, '55, '59, '60s, (b) the '60s, '70s, '80s, (c) the '80s?

6. Two Scottish Premier Division clubs share nicknames with English First Division clubs, name the four clubs and two nicknames.

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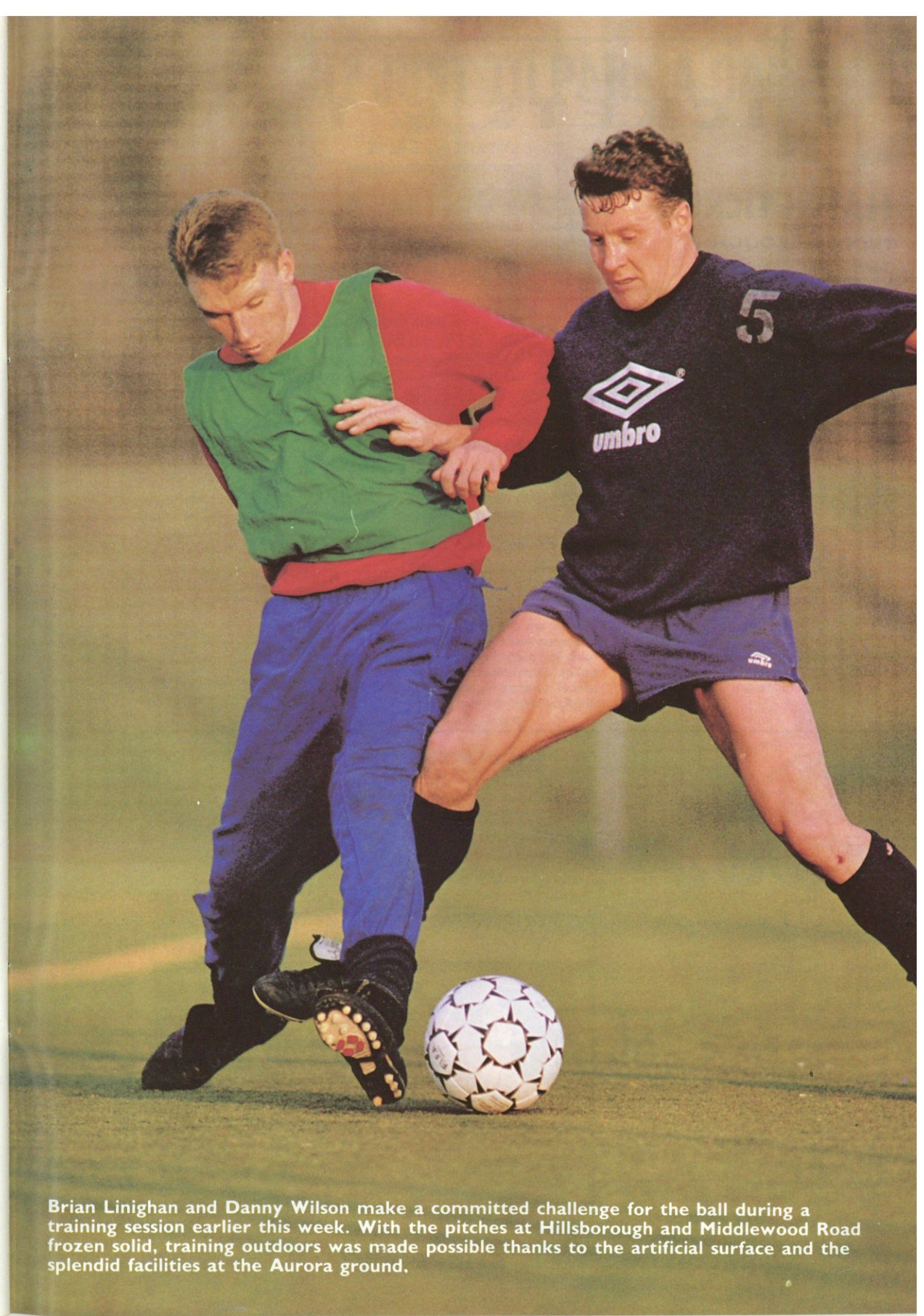
The Owls

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Brian Linighan and Danny Wilson make a committed challenge for the ball during a training session earlier this week. With the pitches at Hillsborough and Middlewood Road frozen solid, training outdoors was made possible thanks to the artificial surface and the splendid facilities at the Aurora ground.

TICKETS & TRAVEL

MATCH TICKETS

MIDDLESBROUGH

Tuesday, 4th February, 1992, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

Tickets now on sale (standard category).

If this game ends in a draw the replay is dated for Saturday, 15th February, kick-off 3.00 p.m. It will be an all ticket game for Owls fans and seat tickets price £8 and standing tickets, price £6 will go on general sale directly after the match.

MANCHESTER U. (Away)

Saturday, 8th February, 1992.

ALL TICKET. Seats £11. Standing £7.

Tickets go on sale on Monday, 3rd February at 9.15 a.m. to Original and A and B Shareholders and season ticket holders on presentation of voucher L — original and A Shareholders and seat season ticket holders only may purchase the seat tickets, which are limited in supply.

Any remaining tickets will go on sale to Shareholders (voucher L) and Club Members on Wednesday 5th February at 9.15 a.m.

It is unlikely that there will be any tickets available for general sale, however if there are they will go on general sale on Friday, 7th February at 9.15 a.m. — please check the local press for further details on Thursday, 6th February.

ARSENAL (Away)

Saturday, 15th February.

This game may have to be postponed if we are involved in a F.A. Cup 5th Round game.

WEST HAM U. (Home)

Saturday, 22nd February, 1992.

Tickets now on sale (standard category).

SHEFFIELD U. (Home)

Wednesday, 11th March, 1992, kick-off 7.45 p.m.

THIS GAME IS ALL TICKET.

Tickets are currently on sale to B and C Shareholders and Members only who have up to 8th February to purchase a ticket. Shareholders should present special voucher V, and Members should produce their members card.

A further announcement regarding the sale of tickets for Sheffield Wednesday supporters for this game will be made after 8th February.

INTER CITY OWL

MIDDLESBROUGH

(Possible F.A. Cup Fourth Round Replay)

Coach tickets for this game will go on sale from the Ticket Office immediately after the game next Tuesday. The fare will be £6 Members, £5 Junior Members and £7 non-Members. Coaches will depart from the usual points at 11.30 a.m. Book by 4.30 p.m. on 13th February to guarantee a coach ticket.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, 3rd February. The fare will be £4.50 Members, £3.50 Junior Members, £5 non-Members. The depart time will be 11.45 a.m. Please book by 4.30 p.m. on 6th February.

Please remember: All Inter City Owl coaches are non-smoking.



ON THE SPOT

Name: MALCOLM WILCOCK

Age: 33

Occupation: Decorator

Address: Thurnscoe

How long a Wednesdayite: 26 years

First match seen: v Spurs, 1965.

Favourite other team: Doncaster Rovers

Favourite away ground: Filbert Street (Leicester)

Favourite player (past): 'Tomo' Craig

Favourite player (present)
Carlton Palmer

Best Wednesday home game seen:
v Charlton Athletic, 5-4, January 1983

Best Wednesday away game seen:
v Luton Town, 3-0, September 1981

Most memorable goal:
Terry Curran v Sheffield United

Best all time Wednesday team:
Chris Woods, Roland Nilsson, Vic Mobley, Paul Warhurst, Don Megson, Jim McCalliog, Carlton Palmer, John Sheridan, Tommy Craig, David Hirst, Dalian Atkinson.
Subs: Willie Henderson, Gary Shelton.

Gary Megson dives in to score one of the goals at Malcolm's favourite away match.



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IGEL PEARSON

CAPTAIN

Today we welcome Luton, a team who have been struggling this season. Their Houdini acts seem to have been part and parcel of the First Division scene over the years.

Our game down there was a very hard-fought one, with us scraping a draw with John Sheridan's goal in the last minute.

It was by no means a walkover and we can expect another difficult game today.

After the freeze-up, which caused the postponement of our game against Middlesbrough, it will be welcome for us to get back to playing. Everybody was looking forward to the Boro game, and we'll be trying again on Tuesday.



I have always preferred playing on Tuesdays, mainly because it gives players an extra day to recover from knocks before the following Saturday.

Playing on Wednesdays creates the problem of whether to rest players on the Thursday. You're normally in to do something, though not as much as you would have done if there had not been a game the day before.

I don't think it's a bad thing to play on Tuesdays, not our usual night but we switched because Sheffield United drew with Charlton and replay on Wednesday. I just hope that none of our fans bought tickets knowing they could go on a Wednesday, but now find that they can't get on a Tuesday.

The tie awaiting the winners, Portsmouth away, is an awkward one. We went down there for a pre-season match, and though that sort of game doesn't really have any bearing on a cup-tie, they were a decent outfit.

Sometimes you are as well not knowing who you're scheduled to play in the following round, if you get through, as we do in this case, so it's a matter of not letting it be a distraction.

Middlesbrough have had three postponements in a week. When you're preparing for games expecting to play, you don't overtrain. So they might be finding that the postponements have upset their pattern.

They will be looking forward to playing next week, I am sure, as we are, but today all our thoughts are on Luton and the league.

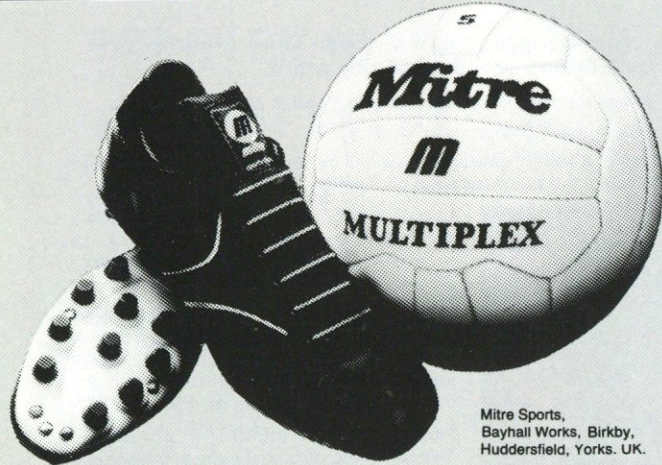
Today's game gives us chance to consolidate our position, for we are only a point behind the two teams above us in the table, and for Luton it's an important game because they are desperate for points to try to get away from the relegation zone. It is likely to be a highly competitive game.

There has been a lot of interest in the media this week over the arrival of Eric Cantona. The possibility of him joining us excited the French Press and there has been quite a lot of action at the ground this week.

We've just been waiting to see what happens and thinking that it would be nice to welcome him to the club. It's important to take people as you find them, and no one here will have judged Eric on anything they might have happened to read in the Press.

I am sure that, given time, a player of his international background has something to offer.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	26	14	11	1	49	21	53
Manchester United	24	15	7	2	45	19	52
Liverpool	26	12	11	3	34	22	47
Manchester City	26	12	8	6	35	29	44
WEDNESDAY	25	12	7	6	39	30	43
Aston Villa	25	11	4	10	34	30	37
Arsenal	25	9	8	8	40	31	35
Chelsea	26	9	8	9	35	38	35
Crystal Palace	24	9	8	7	35	41	35
Everton	26	9	7	10	36	33	34
Tottenham Hotspur	25	10	4	11	35	33	34
Nottingham Forest	25	9	6	10	39	36	33
Q.P.R.	26	7	11	8	27	32	32
Oldham Athletic	26	8	7	11	41	46	31
Norwich City	25	7	9	9	30	34	30
Coventry City	25	8	4	13	27	29	28
Wimbledon	25	6	9	10	29	33	27
Notts County	25	7	6	12	28	34	27
Sheffield United	26	7	6	13	34	44	27
West Ham United	25	5	9	11	23	37	24
Southampton	25	5	7	13	25	42	22
Luton Town	25	5	7	13	18	44	22

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Date	Day	Opponents	Res.	Att.	I
Aug 17	Sat	ASTON VILLA	2-3	36,749	Woods
24	Sat	Leeds United	1-1	30,260	Woods
28	Wed	EVERTON	2-1	28,698	Woods
31	Sat	Q.P.R.	4-1	25,022	Woods
Sept 3	Tue	Notts County	1-2	12,297	Woods
7	Sat	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	2-1	31,289	Woods
14	Sat	Manchester City	1-0	29,453	Woods
18	Wed	Norwich City	0-1	12,503	Woods
21	Sat	SOUTHAMPTON	2-0	27,291	Woods
24	Tue	Leyton Orient (L.C.2 1st Leg)	0-0	6,231	Woods
28	Sat	Liverpool	1-1	37,071	Woods
Oct 2	W	Wimbledon	1-2	3,121	Woods
5	Sat	CRYSTAL PALACE	4-1	26,230	Woods
9	Wed	LEYTON ORIENT (L.C.2 2nd Leg)	4-1	14,398	Woods
19	Sat	Luton Town	2-2	9,401	Woods
23	Wed	MANCHESTER CITY (ZDC)	3-2	7,951	Woods
26	Sat	MANCHESTER UNITED	3-2	38,260	Woods
30	W	SOUTHAMPTON (LC3)	1-1	17,627	Woods
Nov 2	Sat	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	0-0	31,573	Woods
17	Sun	Sheffield United	0-2	31,832	Woods
20	W	Southampton (LC3R)	0-1	10,801	Woods
23	Sat	ARSENAL	1-1	32,174	Woods
26	Tu	Notts County (ZDC3)	0-1	4,118	Woods
30	Sat	West Ham United	2-1	24,116	Woods
Dec 7	Sat	CHELSEA	3-0	27,383	Pressman
21	Sat	WIMBLEDON	2-0	20,574	Woods
26	Thur	Everton	1-0	30,788	Woods
28	Sat	Queens Park Rangers	1-1	12,990	Woods
Jan 1	Wed	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-1	32,679	Woods
4	Sat	Preston North End (F.A.3)	2-0	14,337	Woods
12	Sun	LEEDS UNITED	1-6	32,228	Woods
	Sat	Aston Villa	1-0	28,036	Woods
Feb 1	Sat	LUTON TOWN			
4	Tue	MIDDLESBROUGH (F.A.4)			
8	Sat	Manchester United			
15	Sat	Arsenal or Middlesbrough (F.A.4R) or Portsmouth (F.A.5R)			
22	Sat	WEST HAM UNITED			
29	Sat	Chelsea			
March 7	Sat	COVENTRY C.			
11	Wed	SHEFFIELD UNITED (7.45)			
14	Sat	Tottenham Hotspur			
21	Sat	NOTTS COUNTY			
28	Sat	Oldham Athletic			
April 4	Sat	Nottingham Forest			
11	Sat	MANCHESTER CITY			
18	Sat	Southampton			
20	Mon	NORWICH CITY			
25	Sat	Crystal Palace			
May 2	Sat	LIVERPOOL			
9	Sat	F.A. Cup Final			
		Coventry City			

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TOTAL S.W.F.C. GAMES AND GOALS

LEAGUE, F.A. CUP AND LEAGUE CUP MATCHES					
ANDERSON	46	6	PALMER	139	7
BART-WILLIAMS	9	1	PEARSON	173	19
FRANCIS	71	9	PRESSMAN	70	—
HARKES	54	5	SHERIDAN	108	20
HIRST	204	74	SHIRTLIFF	316	13
HYDE	8	—	WARHURST	23	—
JEMSON	21	4	WATSON	11	—
JOHNSON	1	—	WILLIAMS	86	22
KING	113	—	WILSON	73	9
MACKENZIE	15	2	WOOD	13	—
MCCALL	34	2	WOODS	29	—
NILSSON	72	—	WORTHINGTON	304	8

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Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Nigel Jemson after his recent accident.

MEMBERS CLUB

A warm welcome is extended to the Luton Town Family Members who are joining our own fans in the Family Enclosure for today's game.

SENIOR OWLS

A very limited response was received to our request for ideas for a Senior Owls Club. We have decided to hold a meeting in the Steps Restaurant at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th February, and look forward to meeting any over 50's who are interested in forming a Senior Owls Club then.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITY

Fun football sessions will be held in the Sports Hall on 24th-26th February between 10.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. The cost for three days is £5 — to book contact the General Office.

FORTHCOMING GAMES

Our next scheduled home game in the Pontins League is against Sunderland on Wednesday 12th February at 7.00 p.m. and in The Northern Intermediate League v Leeds United at Middlewood Road on Saturday 8th February, kick off 11.00 a.m.

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VIV ANDERSON	10+6	1	4	1	—	—	—	—
CHRIS BART-WILLIAMS	8	—	—	1	1	—+1	—	—
TREVOR FRANCIS	+11	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
JOHN HARKES	9+8	2	3	—	1	—	2	—
DAVID HIRST	17	11	3	1	—	—	2	1
GRAHAM HYDE	3+3	—	1	—	—+1	—	1	1
NIGEL JEMSON	11+6	4	1+2	—	1	—	1+1	1
DAVID JOHNSON	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PHIL KING	25	—	4	—	1	—	2	—
STEVE MACKENZIE	—+3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
STEVE MCCALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ROLAND NILSSON	22	—	3	—	1	—	1	—
CARLTON PALMER	25	4	3	—	—	—	—	—
NIGEL PEARSON	18	2	2	—	—	—	—	1
KEVIN PRESSMAN	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JOHN SHERIDAN	17	5	2	—	1	1	—	—
PETER SHIRTLIFF	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PAUL WARHURST	21	—	2	—	—	—	—	1
GORDON WATSON	4	—	1	—	1	—	—	+1
PAUL WILLIAMS	17+6	4	3	1	—	—	—	2
DANNY WILSON	19+1	2	4	—	—+1	—	—	1+1
DARREN WOOD	—	—	1+1	—	—	—	—	1
CHRIS WOODS	24	—	4	—	1	—	—	2
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