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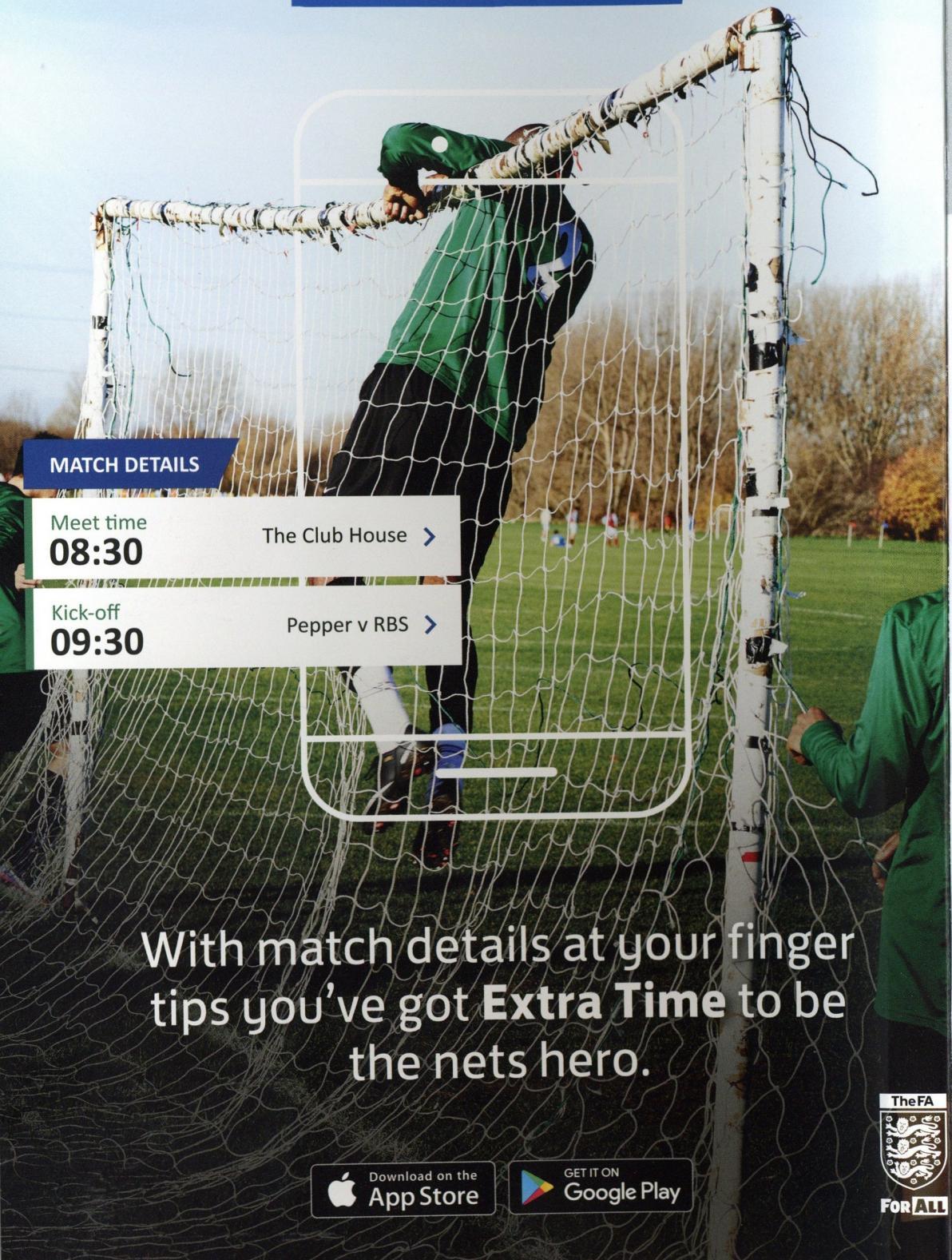


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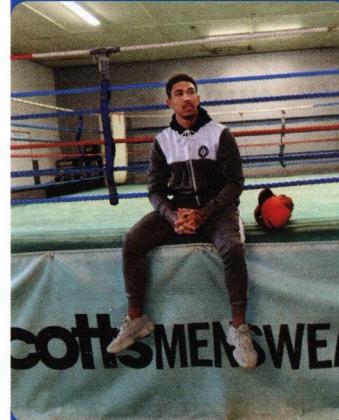
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This week, Liam Palmer visits a Sheffield venue synonymous with sporting greatness, the Ingle Gym. For over four decades, renowned boxing trainer, the late Brendan Ingle MBE, mentored a succession of brilliant fighters there, some going on to become world champions. The likes of Johnny Nelson, Naseem Hamed, Herol 'Bomber' Graham and Kell Brook are just some of the boxing icons to grace the old church hall in Wincobank.

Sadly, Brendan passed away last year, but his boxing dynasty continues, with son Dominic now head trainer at the gym.



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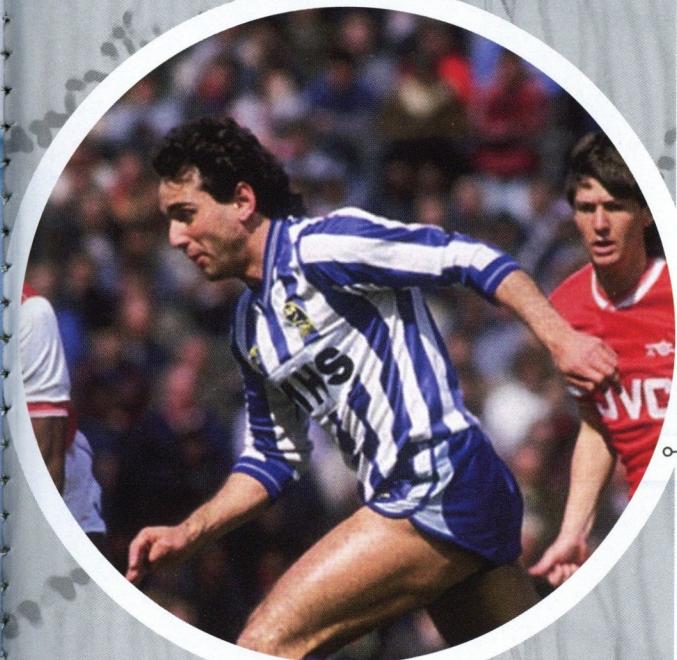
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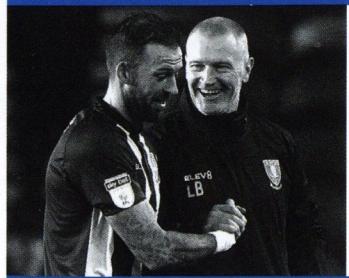
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LEE BULLEN

Good afternoon to everyone at Hillsborough today for this third round tie of the FA Cup and welcome to Sheffield to Nathan Jones and everyone from Luton Town.

More on the game later in these notes I write before I hand over but first and foremost, I must begin by welcoming Steve Bruce, Steve Agnew and Stephen Clemence to Sheffield Wednesday. As far as managerial appointments go, this is right up there. Steve knows all about the size and history of Wednesday having come up against us as a player and a manager so many times and I am sure he is hugely excited at the prospect of what lies ahead.

Steve's CV speaks for itself with the successes he's had in the Championship so it's a perfect fit for Steve and for the club as we aim to get to the level we all want to be. Steve and his staff together with the existing guys here will do our level best to head towards that direction.

From a personal point of view, it's been a really busy but enjoyable couple of weeks within an already hectic Christmas calendar and I would like to thank everyone for

their support, from the chairman, the staff and the players and, of course, the fans. Everyone has been magnificent. It's a new start now and one that everyone is relishing.

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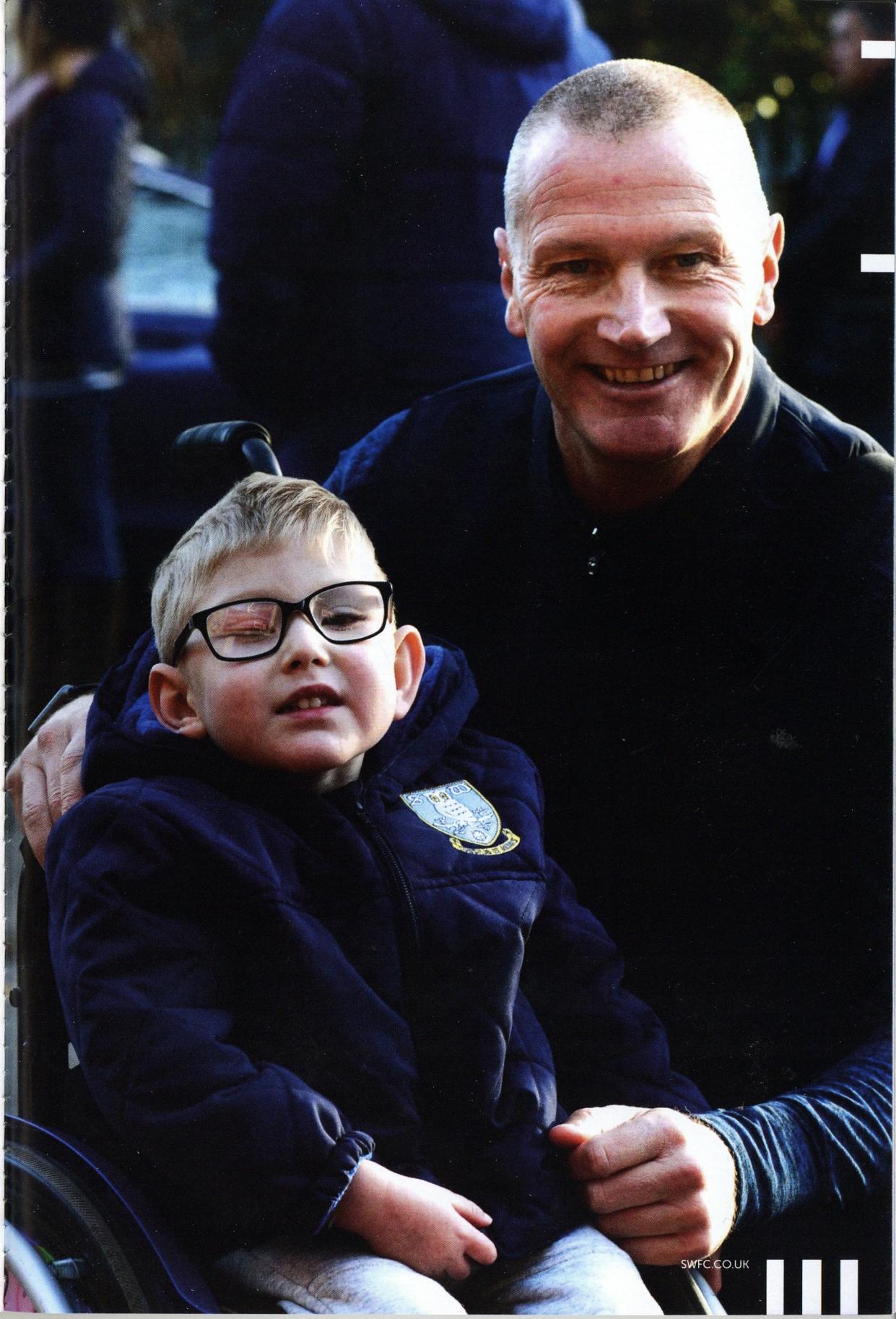
So getting back to the cup-tie today. For me, the FA Cup is a special competition on the back of a special period on the football calendar. We welcome Luton Town and this is a very difficult tie for any team considering the form that Nathan and his team have

shown this season. They are right up there amongst the favourites for promotion from League One to the Championship and they are obviously playing with a lot of confidence.

So this is a tricky looking fixture from our point of view and if we're not 100% switched on physically and mentally then it's going to be one tough afternoon at Hillsborough. But we are really looking forward to it because the FA Cup is still the world's number one domestic cup competition. I think it's a fantastic competition, you never know where it's going to take you as a club, and we want to do well in the cup.

Obviously, we want to push up the league and get as high as we can, that is the priority, but winning breeds confidence whether that's in the league or the cup. But let's make one thing clear, we are under no illusions about this tie. Luton are bringing a sold-out following to Hillsborough so we should have a fantastic atmosphere and let's hope we can get the job done and get into that hat for the next round.

Enjoy the game.



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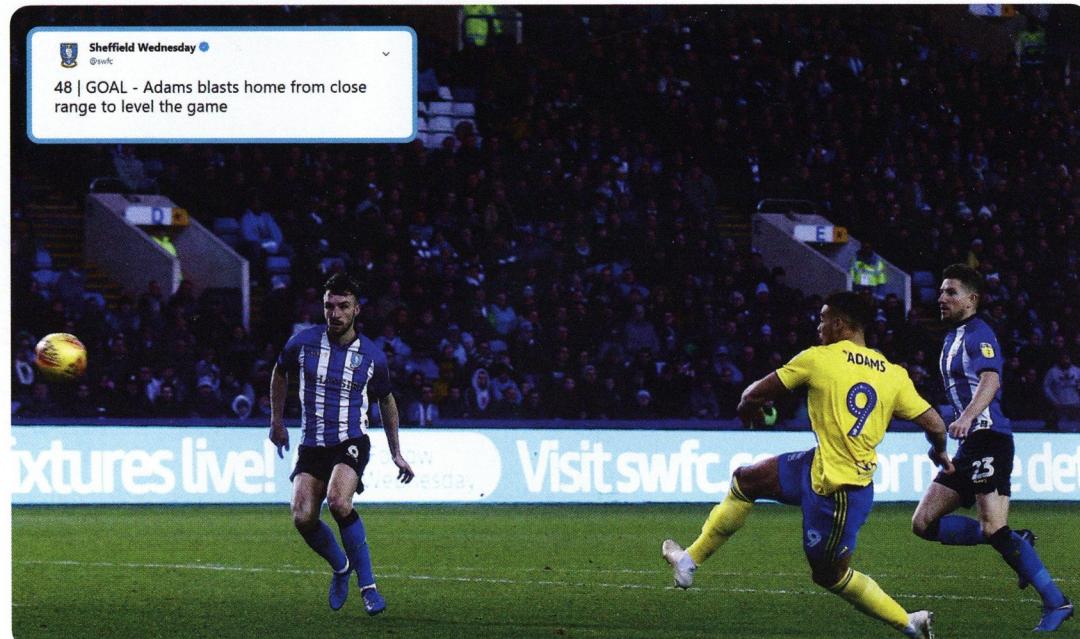
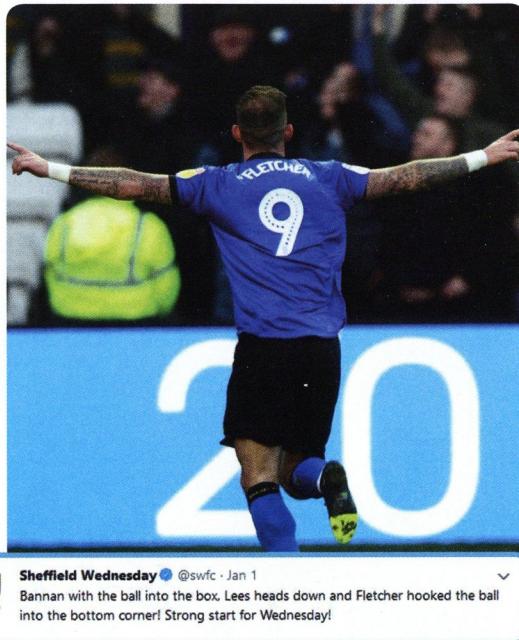
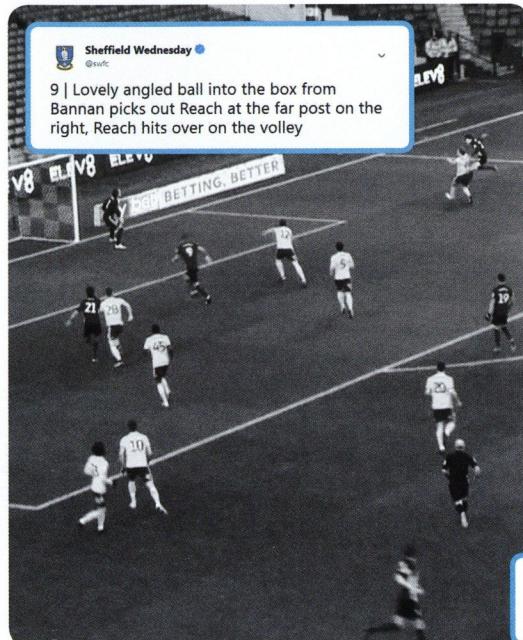


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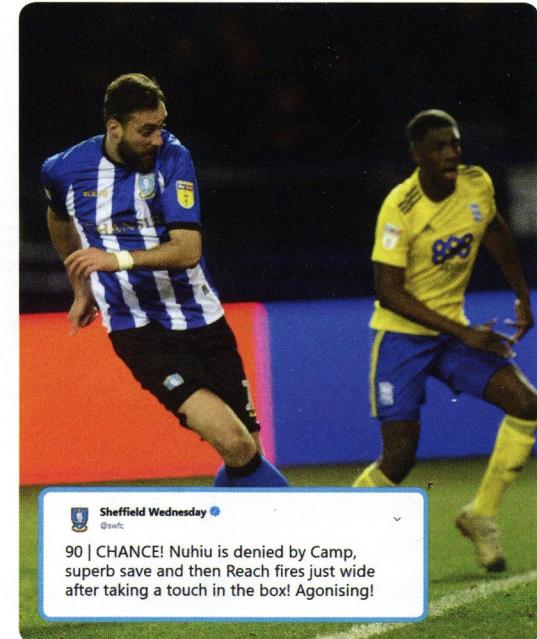
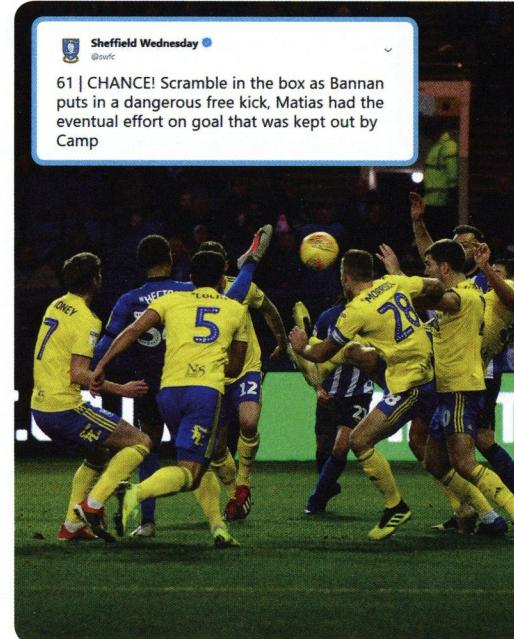
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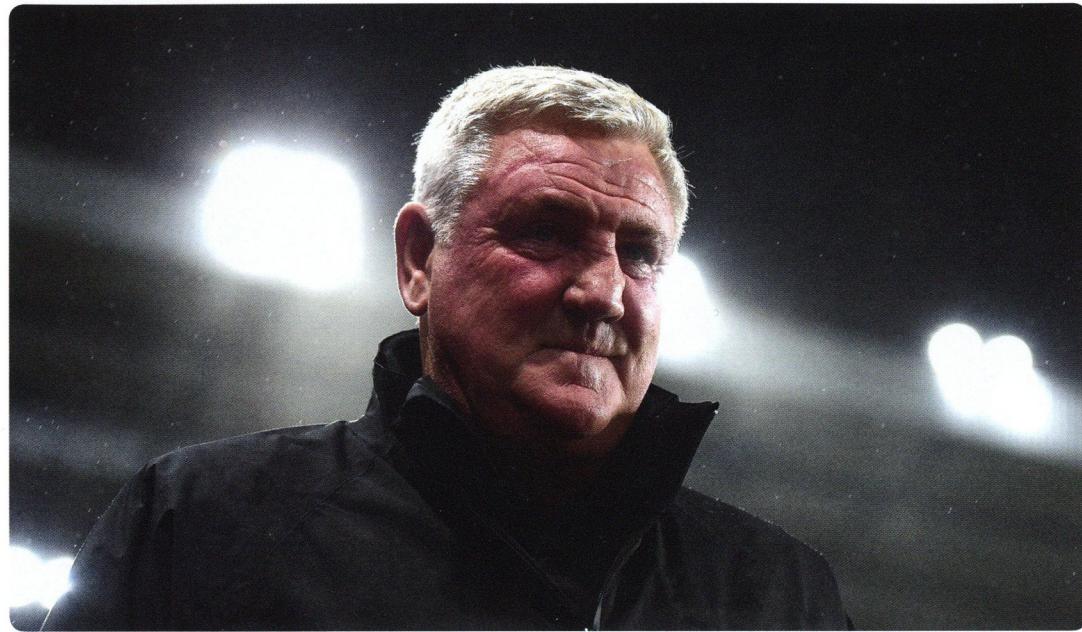
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NEWS:

WEDNESDAY APPOINT STEVE BRUCE



Sheffield Wednesday were delighted this week to confirm the appointment of Steve Bruce as our new manager.

Bruce will begin his post on 1 February 2019, before which long-time coaching associates Steve Agnew and Stephen Clemence will take charge of the team.

Agnew takes a caretaker manager role alongside Clemence, while Lee Bullen remains as part of the senior coaching set-up.

Bruce brings a first class CV to Hillsborough, with an outstanding success rate of Championship promotions – four to date.

The former Manchester United defender, who enjoyed a glittering

career as a player, has twice steered both Hull City (2013 & 2016) and Birmingham City (2002 & 2008) to the top flight.

Bruce also guided Aston Villa to the Championship play-off final in 2018.

The Northumberland product also came close to being appointed England national team manager when he was interviewed for the position prior to the appointment of Sam Allardyce in 2016.

He now joins the Owls and the vastly experienced boss will strengthen the coaching team at Hillsborough with the additions of trusted cohorts Agnew and Clemence.

Following a stint as

Middlesbrough caretaker manager Agnew took up the post of assistant to Bruce at Hull before rejoining Boro as Aitor Karanka's number two.

After his second spell as caretaker at the Riverside, Agnew was appointed first team coach with Bruce at Villa.

Likewise, Bruce has a strong working relationship with Clemence, whom he recruited at St Andrew's as a player.

Clemence has previously worked with Bruce in a coaching capacity at Sunderland, Hull and Villa.

Bruce will be officially unveiled as Wednesday manager at a Hillsborough press conference in due course.

RECORD BREAKERS

Today marks 67 years exactly to the day since the attendance record for a league game here at Hillsborough was set.

A huge crowd of 65,384 flocked to S6 to watch the Owls take on city rivals Sheffield United in the old Second Division.

Another record that stands to this day was set 28 years later when the Owls and the Blades went head to head in the third tier in front of 49,309 fans at Hillsborough.



FOX IN THE NEWS

Morgan Fox earned a place in The Football League Paper's Championship Team of the Day following his impressive performance against West Brom last weekend.

Fox delivered a second strong

showing in four days to help Wednesday claim a point at the Hawthorns.

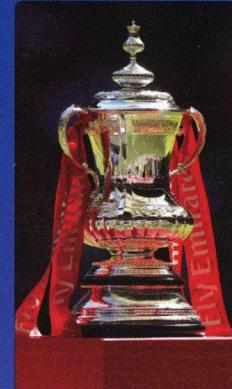
The Welshman also assisted Atdhe Nuhiu for the opening goal after just five minutes before the last-gasp frustration for the visitors.

FOURTH ROUND DRAW ON MONDAY

The draw for the Emirates FA Cup fourth round will take place this Monday evening, 7 January.

Supporters can watch the draw live on the BBC.

A reminder also that should today's game at Hillsborough finish all square, the tie will head to Kenilworth Road for a replay on Tuesday week.



EARLY KICK-OFF FOR MILLERS CLASH

Wednesday's trip to the New York Stadium to face Rotherham on Saturday 16 February will kick off at the earlier time of 1.00pm.

The South Yorkshire derby encounter was pencilled in to start at a regular 3.00pm on the same day but now unfolds two hours earlier on police advice.

The Owls will be hoping to post a fourth successive win at the New York when they make the short hop down the Parkway next month.



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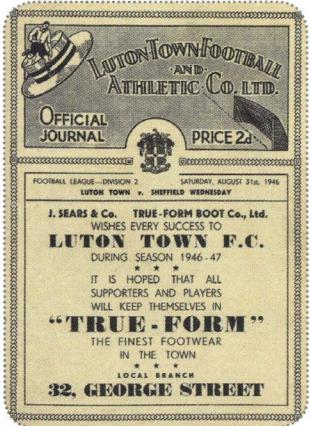
WEDNESDAY HISTORIAN PETER LAW GOES DOWN MEMORY LANE TO PICK OUT STRIKING ENCOUNTERS WITH OUR VISITORS.

Wednesday made an inauspicious start to the 1939/40 campaign, losing 3-0 in an opening day fixture at Luton in front of a disappointing 11,900 crowd.

However, the new season started under a cloud as events in Europe dominated everyone's thoughts and two weeks later Adolf Hitler ordered his troops into Poland with devastating consequences. War was declared and with the government immediately putting a temporary ban on all events drawing large crowds the Football League had no option but to suspend the competition indefinitely.

After seven gruelling years, football returned at the start of the 1946/47 season and as the Football League decided to reinstate the fixture list from the aborted 1939/40 campaign, Wednesday's first post-war fixture was a Second Division encounter with Luton at Kenilworth Road.

Much had changed with just three players who appeared in the original fixture taking part in the season's opener, Hugh Billington and Horace Gager of Luton and Wednesday's Jackie Robinson who was



the Hillsborough faithful's darling during the wartime competitions.

Like many other players, Robinson's best seasons were lost to the war but he remained a huge talent and it was much to the regret of all connected to Wednesday that barely a month into the new season, First Division Sunderland made the club an offer they couldn't refuse and the inside forward returned to his native North East.

The public's delight at the return of league football was reflected in the much-improved attendance of 20,950 although sadly from Wednesday's point of view the match followed a very similar

pattern to the game played seven years earlier.

The team, containing no less than 10 debutants, fell behind after only three minutes to a strike from Mel Daniel but briefly rallied and fittingly it was Robinson who opened our account by levelling after 12 minutes.

But Wednesday were generally second best and Bill Waugh restored the Hatters' lead five minutes before the break.

After 56 minutes Daniel scored his second despite appeals for offside and although Owls winger Charlie Tomlinson hit the post, Daniel wrapped up proceedings by notching his hat-trick goal 15 minutes from time.

A 4-1 defeat might not have looked good on paper but it was a day when there were no losers as the return of football, after so much suffering and privation, signalled that the country was finally returning to normality.

Three points for a win was introduced at the beginning of the 1981/82 season and Wednesday cashed in by making the perfect start, winning their opening three

fixtures without conceding a goal.

Jack Charlton's team travelled down to Bedfordshire in buoyant mood to take on a Luton team who had also gained maximum points and Mel Sterland came in to the side for the first change of the season.

The Owls started on the front foot and dominated the first half without finding the net, with Terry Curran tormenting the home defence.

The Hatters stepped up their game after the interval and it was against the run of play when Wednesday opened the scoring on the hour. With Curran causing confusion at the back, Kevin Taylor crossed and McCulloch made no mistake with a trademark header.

Back in the driving seat, the Owls were well on top, continually looking dangerous, and it was no surprise when 17 minutes from time new signing Gary Megson scored his maiden goal for the club.

Curran again was in the thick of it, crossing to McCulloch, who headed on for Megson to dive in to cap a fine personal performance in front of the joyous away following.

Wednesday set the seal on an excellent display seven minutes from time by scoring a third when more Curran magic set up Bannister as the Owls maintained their 100% start to the season and four clean sheets in front of 12,131 including celebrity Luton fan Eric Morecambe.

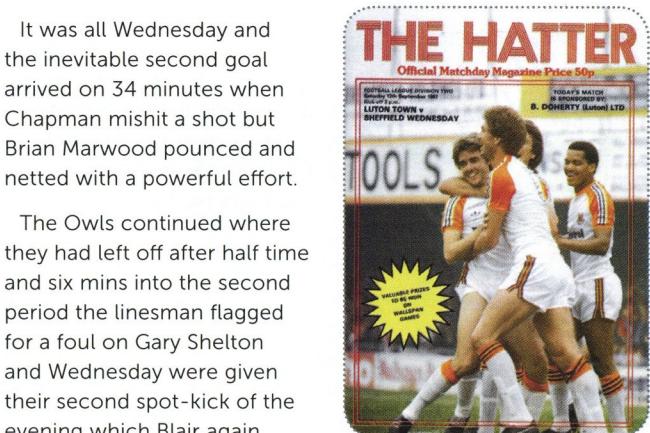
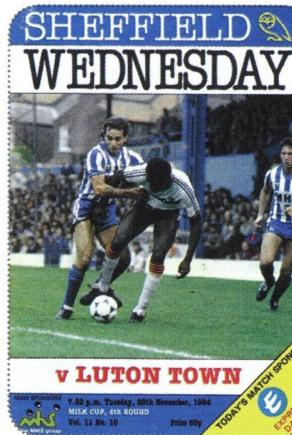
converted emphatically.

The Owls still did not relent and 20 minutes from time the 18,313 present on a miserable wet night witnessed a little piece of history.

Shelton was decked in the area once more for an obvious penalty and Hillsborough was gripped with nervous excitement. Up stepped Blair, who showed nerves of steel by comfortably scoring to complete a rare hat-trick of penalties.

Not only was it the first (and so far only) in Wednesday's long history but also the first time the feat had been achieved in the League Cup since its inception in 1960.

With the game comfortably in the bag Wednesday eased up and Steve Elliott restored a bit of respectability by pulling back two late goals, with the 4-2 final score barely reflecting the Owls' superiority, but without doubt it was Andy Blair's night, putting himself indelibly in the record books.





VISITORS:

LUTON TOWN

FORMED: 1885 STADIUM: KENILWORTH ROAD CAPACITY: 10,356



Luton Town are the visitors for this afternoon's third round FA Cup-tie and arrive as the second-placed team in League One having drawn 0-0 with Barnsley on New Year's Day.

There were chances at either end but the Hatters could not find a way past former Wednesday keeper Adam Davies in the Barnsley goal.

Davies got down well to keep out Alan McCormack's volley, while Andrew Shinnie shot wide and then saw a later effort saved by Davies.

The Barnsley custodian was on hand to deal with a Danny Hylton header before the latter saw a further attempt from James Justin's free kick drift over the bar at the far post as both sides drew a blank.

Luton manager Nathan Jones felt that the draw was a fair reflection of

the contest:

"I thought it was a really good game of football. Two good sides. On the balance of play I thought it was a fair result. I think we've had slightly more chances but you'd expect that being the home side."

The Hatters boss has openly stated he is looking to do his transfer business as soon in the window as possible and made it clear that Luton are only interested in strengthening, not weakening, their squad:

"We're always looking to strengthen. We're speaking to people and we're hoping to do things early. Anyone we bring in has to significantly improve the squad, because otherwise there's no point as we don't need numbers.

"What we need is more quality to

go on and try and do something. It will take a hell of a lot of money to get anyone out of this football club. We're in a wonderful place. We're not a selling club."

Heading up the Hatters' scoring charts are James Collins and Elliot Lee who have scored ten apiece. Harry Cornick is third on the list having struck seven times.

Following the draw with Barnsley, Jones pointed out how quickly his side, who were promoted from League Two last season, proved more than a match against a team who conversely dropped down into League One in May:

"We've got to remember where we came from, Barnsley were Championship last year, so this time last year we were two leagues apart. We've come a long way."



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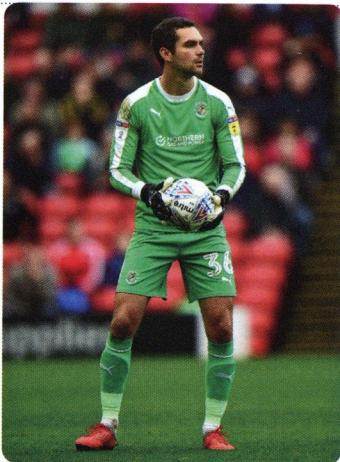


36: JAMES SHEA GOALKEEPER

On Arsenal's books as a teenager, Shea dropped into non-league circles following his release by the Gunners in June 2013.

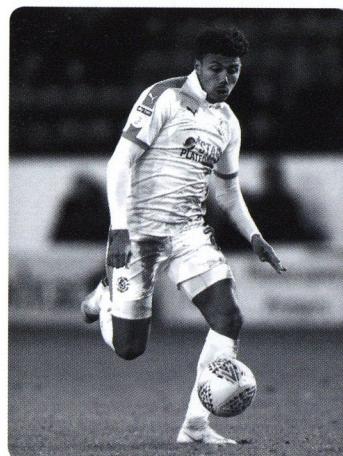
The 27-year-old won both the FA Youth Cup and Premier Academy League during his time in North London but struggled to establish himself in the club's senior ranks.

Loaned to Southampton and



Dagenham & Redbridge before leaving the Emirates Stadium, Shea returned to the Football League in July 2014 when he signed for AFC Wimbledon following short spells at Needham Market and Harrow Borough.

He helped the Buckinghamshire outfit out of League Two in 2015/16 then joined Luton in July 2017, earning a second promotion from the fourth tier with the Hatters in 2017/18.



2: JAMES JUSTIN DEFENDER

A homegrown product, Justin joined Luton in 2005 before signing his first professional contract at Kenilworth Road in November 2015.

An England Under-20 international, the youngster made his senior debut for the Hatters as a substitute against Exeter on the final day of 2015/16.

Justin excelled the following campaign, becoming a regular feature

in the first team ranks and scooping Town's Young Player of the Season award.

His displays in defence and midfield were one of the many highlights of 2017/18 when Luton gained promotion to League One.

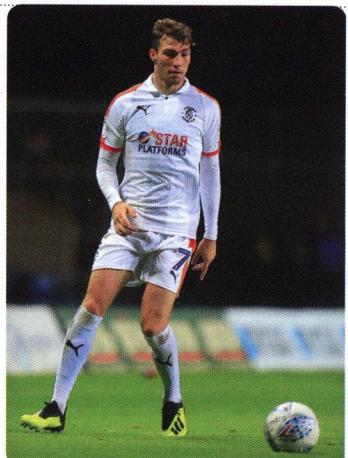
Named the EFL's Young Player of the Month for November after scoring twice in four league games, James has featured 23 times this season, netting three goals along the way.

7: JACK STACEY DEFENDER

Stacey enjoyed a stellar campaign in 2017/18 as Luton won promotion from League Two, also scooping the club's Young Player of the Season award.

A virtual ever present last term, featuring in 45 games, the versatile defender was previously on Reading's books.

Predominately a right back,



Stacey emerged from the youth ranks at the Madejski Stadium to force his way into the senior squad in 2014/15.

But he spent most of his career with the Royals out on loan, having spells at Barnet, Carlisle and Exeter.

Stacey had made just six appearances for Reading by the time he transferred to Luton for an undisclosed fee in June 2017, penning a two-year contract.



11: ANDREW SHINNIE MIDFIELDER

Phenomenal on the ball and possessing great control, Shinnie was initially signed on a season-long loan from Birmingham in June 2017 before making the deal permanent the following summer.

A highly experienced midfielder, the 29-year-old has made over 200 senior appearances in Scotland and south of the border.

He began his career at Rangers in

10: ELLIOT LEE FORWARD

Signed by Luton in July 2017 following his release by Barnsley, Lee had previously played for the Hatters on loan.

The 24-year-old scored three goals in 11 games during a temporary stint from West Ham in 2014/15, where he began his career as a youngster.

Lee managed just seven appearances for the Hammers, spending most of his career



2006, enjoying two loan spells with Dundee, before joining Inverness Caledonian Thistle, for whom he netted 19 times in 57 games.

Transferred to Birmingham two years later, Shinnie spent the final two and a half years of his time at St Andrew's out on loan.

His temporary transfers included moves to Rotherham, Luton and Hibernian, where he collected a Scottish championship winner's medal in 2016/17.



9: DANNY HYLTON FORWARD

Hyton boasts an impressive goalscoring record for all three clubs he has represented on a permanent basis since beginning his career at Aldershot.

The striker joined the Hampshire outfit aged 16 in 2005, where he remained until June 2013, bagging 35 goals in 178 appearances.

He left the Recreation Ground for Rotherham, but within months of arriving joined Bury on loan until January 2014.

Hyton then switched to AFC Wimbledon, serving them for the remainder of 2013/14 before transferring to Oxford, playing 85 games and scoring 26 goals.

Signed by Luton in May 2016, the striker was the Hatters' top marksman for the past two seasons and has netted five goals this term.



THE LOWDOWN



Luton Town were founded in 1885 and currently sit second in League One, despite having only been promoted to the third tier last season!

Luton became the first southern club in the country to turn professional in 1891 and have played their home fixtures at Kenilworth Road since 1905.

After the outbreak of the First World War, Luton competed in the London Combination for the 1915/16 campaign before filling the following seasons with friendly matches.

One of the club's key players during this period was forward Ernie Simms. Despite fighting in the war and being wounded on the Italian front, Simms returned to England to score 40 goals for Luton during the 1916/17 friendly season.

It wasn't until 1920 that Luton, nicknamed the Hatters, established the home kit they play in today having previously tried out a variety of colour combinations.

At this point, Luton were competing in the third tier, where our visitors remained until

1937 when they won the Third Division South title and earned promotion.

Luton's success that season was largely due to the incredible 55 goals in 39 games by striker Joe Payne. The season previous, Payne scored a staggering 10 goals in the league fixture with Bristol Rovers – these 10 strikes in one game still remains a Football League record.

One of Luton's best periods of football came in the early 1950s under manager Dally Duncan. Three players in particular starred during this era – Gordon Turner, Bob Morton and Syd Owen.

Turner went on to become the club's all-time top goalscorer whilst Morton made the most appearances for the club and Owen became an England international.

This team also featured several other England and Ireland internationals as Luton went on to reach the top flight for the first time in 1955/56. An FA Cup final appearance also came in 1959 before they suffered relegation the following year.

By 1965, Luton's decline saw them playing their football in the Fourth

Division. In their third season competing in the bottom tier, they won promotion and by 1974 actually found themselves back in the First Division.

However, their stay amongst the elite would be short-lasting as they suffered relegation during the 1974/75 season by just a point.

In the early 1980s, Luton were under the management of their former player David Pleat, who had successfully guided them back to the top division once again in 1981/82.

Pleat became something of an icon

decade for the Hatters with the side achieving their highest-ever league position of seventh in 1986/87, followed by a League Cup final victory the following year.

Arsenal were 2-1 up with just 10 minutes left to play before a penalty save from Luton's stand-in goalkeeper Andy Dibble kick-started a late comeback in which Danny Wilson equalised before Brian Stein scored the Luton winner with the very last kick of the game.

Sadly for Luton, the next 30 years were not to bring too much success. They were relegated from the top division in



"Pleat became something of an icon during his side's first campaign back in the top tier for footage taken of him dancing across the pitch of Maine Road in joy"

during his side's first campaign back in the top tier for footage taken of him dancing across the pitch of Maine Road in joy; his side having beaten Manchester City with a last-minute winner to secure their top flight status.

1992 before four years later slipping down the leagues again to the third tier.

By the end of the 2000/01 season, the club was relegated to the fourth tier, although they did win promotion at the first attempt.

However, in late 2003, Luton entered temporary administration, which was to reoccur five years later in 2008. As a result, the Hatters were deducted 10 points from their 2007/08 tally

and 30 the following season for financial irregularities, ultimately leading to their relegation and entry into the Conference Premier.

One good thing to come from this period was Town winning the Football League Trophy for the first time in 2009.

The Hatters finally escaped non-league football in 2014 after winning the Conference title with

three games to spare.

They played League Two football for three years before securing automatic promotion to League One last season.



LOOKING BACK



March 1959

Not too many words required to describe this endearing image taken at Kenilworth Road in the late 1950s. Suffice to say there is no doubting the allegiance of the main subject!

I DIDN'T KNOW HE PLAYED FOR...

MARK DAVIES UNEARTHS SOME HIDDEN GEMS WHO REPRESENTED OUR VISITORS HAVING BECOME WIDELY ESTABLISHED ELSEWHERE.



CLARKE CARLISLE

A Premier League player with both Burnley and Watford, Carlisle also enjoyed a brief but impressive stint with Luton in 2006/07.

After beginning his playing career at Blackpool, the defender joined QPR in May 2000, earning promotion from the Second Division in 2003/04.

He moved to Leeds in July 2004 and Watford 12 months later, helping the Hornets gain entry to the Premier League in 2005/06.

Carlisle suffered a thigh problem towards the end of the club's promotion campaign, forcing him to miss the first eight months of 2006/07.

The defender returned to full training in February 2007, joining local rivals Luton on a one-month loan the following

month to gain match fitness.

He made his Hatters debut in a 3-2 defeat at Wolves, playing in a side struggling at the wrong end of the Championship.

Carlisle made five appearances, impressing with his whole-hearted performances.

He played his first Premier League game for Watford in April 2007, a 4-2 victory over Portsmouth, one of four league appearances that season.

Carlisle got another crack at the top flight in 2009/10 after joining Burnley in August 2007 before retiring in May 2013.

BOB BOLDER

Wednesday's main shot-stopper for six years, Bolder pitched up at Luton on loan in 1985/86.

The Dover-born keeper arrived in Bedfordshire from Sunderland, who were struggling in Division Two under Lawrie McMenemy.

Frustrated by a lack of first team action at Kenilworth Road, Andy Dibble joined Sunderland on loan with Bolder heading south.

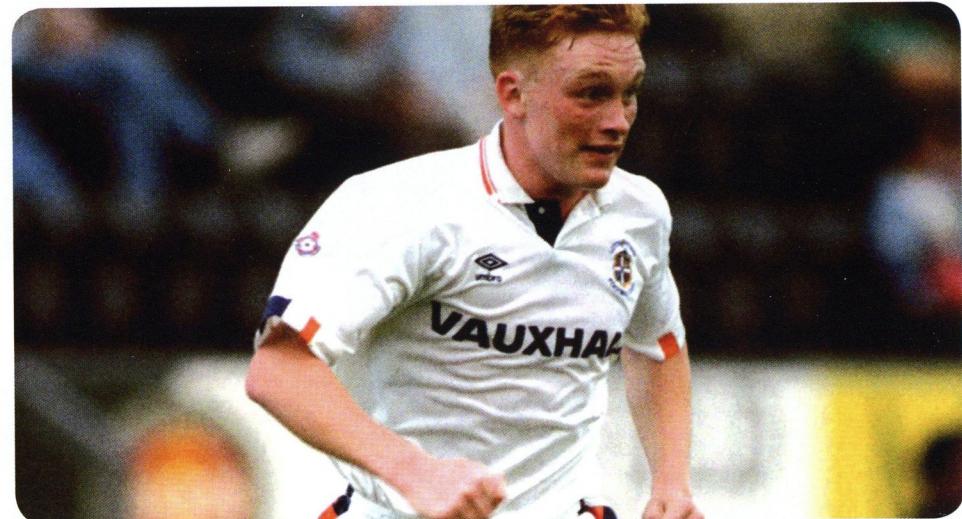
Brought in to ensure that the

Hatters were not left short in the goalkeeping department, he was unable to dislodge Les Sealey from between the sticks.

Bolder returned to Roker Park at the end of the campaign before being sold to Charlton in August 1986 having failed to make a senior appearance for Luton.

After leaving Wednesday in August 1983 following 196 league games for the Owls, Bolder provided back-up to Bruce Grobbelaar at Liverpool, an ever present as the Reds' last line of defence between 1981 and 1986.

In two years at Anfield, where he was part of the European Cup-winning squad in 1984, the keeper was unfortunate never to get the chance to play a first team game before heading to Wearside in September 1985.



MARK PEMBRIDGE

In a distinguished playing career, which included a three-year spell at Wednesday, Pembridge's first port of call as a professional was Luton.

The Merthyr Tydfil-born midfielder was spotted by the Hatters' scouting network playing in his native South Wales, arriving at Kenilworth Road as a trainee in July 1989.

He impressed during his three seasons in Bedfordshire, scoring six times in 70 games before heading to Derby in June 1992 in a deal worth just over £1m.

Such was his progress, the youngster had already made his senior debut for the Welsh national side against Brazil in 1991.

His next move was to South Yorkshire, joining Wednesday in July 1995 for £900,000, giving Pembridge a crack at the Premier League after 37 goals in 140 appearances for County.

Despite a number of injury setbacks in his three-year stint at Hillsborough, the midfielder featured over 100 times for the

Owls, including 93 games in the Premier League, scoring on 13 occasions.

A switch to Benfica in June 1998 did not work out as anticipated and Pembridge returned to England, joining Everton in August 1999 and then Fulham, where he ended his career in 2007.

CHRIS KAMARA

Now one of TV's most familiar faces, Kamara's playing career brought a hat-trick of promotions before a move into management yielded another at Bradford.

His clubs, at which he was a tough-tackling midfielder, included Luton, where he spent two years just before hanging up his boots.

Brought up in Middlesbrough, Kamara joined Portsmouth as a trainee in 1974, enjoying two spells at Fratton Park and Swindon, winning promotion twice at the County Ground.

After four years at Brentford and a stint with Stoke, he returned to his native Yorkshire in January 1990, joining Howard Wilkinson's Leeds.

Five months later, Kamara

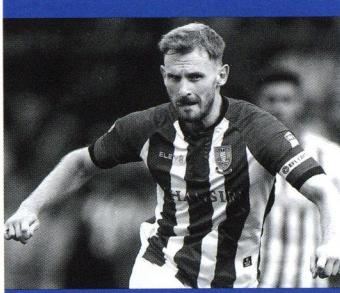
provided the assist for Lee Chapman to clinch the Second Division championship before switching to Kenilworth Road in November 1991.

Signed by David Pleat for £150,000, the midfielder was unable to prevent the Hatters losing their top flight status on the final day of 1991/92.

He made 54 appearances for the Hatters, spending part of 1992/93 on loan at both Sheffield United and Middlesbrough, making the move to Bramall Lane permanent in June 1993.

Kamara later led Bradford to promotion from Division Two in 1995/96 after serving them as a player, then managed Stoke briefly before moving into the media full time.





TOM LEES

Today sees us kick off our participation in this year's FA Cup with a home tie against a Luton side who are flying in League One. They are in great form which has seen them rise towards the top of what is a very tough league this year. I'm sure they will come to Sheffield today full of confidence and wanting to prove they can compete with Championship sides and cause an upset.

We have obviously had quite an eventful few weeks over Christmas, full of big decisions being made and, of course, fixtures. I can vouch for the players in saying that it has been a very, very hectic Christmas. It has felt like as soon as you finish one game you are either travelling or preparing for the next. As a player it's been demanding but great because you want to be playing games regularly as that's what it's all about and the attendances and atmospheres over this period have been great.

I think the boys and the staff in charge need a well done as they have managed to tackle a tough

and challenging situation head on, steady things out for us and begin the process of turning things around. All the players have put in a real shift over Christmas against teams who are in and around the

"I mentioned in my previous notes how many things we have at this club which really give us every chance to have success and this now tops it off."

play-offs. We came into it in form that was not great and losing games far too often but fair play, against some good teams we have competed well.

Also Bully, with all his staff who

have stepped up to help him, have done great in turning the results around. If I'm being honest, we have to be massively disappointed to not win all four!

It was announced this week that we have a new manager in place in Steve Bruce. I'd really like to welcome the new gaffer to the club along with Steve Agnew and Stephen Clemence. I personally can't wait to get started with the new gaffer, as a player and a manager he is an iconic figure and someone I've always had great admiration for.

His record and experience speaks for itself and I'm sure with his know-how and leadership we can now start the process of getting to the level we need to be at. I mentioned in my previous notes how many things we have at this club which really give us every chance to have success and this now tops it off. We have started the process of turning around the mood but we know we have loads to improve and we need to get better and better.

Enjoy the game.



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VOICES FROM THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN JASON DICKINSON DELVES DEEP INTO THE SWFC ARCHIVES TO HEAR THE THOUGHTS FIRST HAND OF THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH TO THE WEDNESDAY CAUSE. THIS AFTERNOON WE HEAR FROM AN OWLS DEFENSIVE MAINSTAY OF THE 1970S AND PENALTY KING TO BOOT.

MARK SMITH

Smith was one of several players to emerge from the club's youth policy of the mid to late 1970s, along with the likes of Mel Sterland and Kevin Taylor.

In total he appeared in exactly 350 games for the club, meaning he sits 20th in the all-time appearance list. Years later he reflected on his early years at S6:

"When I was a boy, you could stand on the back garden of our house on Shirecliffe and see Wednesday's ground, and I suppose there was never any doubt about who I wanted to play for.

"So it was a thrill when, as a member of the Sheffield Boys Under-11 team, I was invited by George McCabe to train at Hillsborough on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"I enjoyed those sessions in the gym under Ron Staniforth. However, as I got older, there was a spell when I wondered what it might be like across the city at Bramall Lane, for at



the time, Sheffield United were in the First Division while the Owls had slipped into Division Three.

"I wasn't tied to Wednesday then, and when United asked me to try a few training sessions with them, I accepted.

"In fact, I was a United ball boy once, but then decided I preferred life with Wednesday and got my dad to ring George McCabe and arrange my return.

"That little episode might explain why, according to George, he made sure I was going to be a Wednesday apprentice by getting the forms

signed on my 16th birthday in March and keeping them in the club's safe until I left school in the following summer. He said he didn't want anyone to "steal" me!

I don't remember that, but I do recall how one of my earliest tasks after joining Wednesday was using a shovel to help with some earth shifting up at the training ground.

"It's not the sort of work you'd expect apprentices to get involved in nowadays, when kids aren't allowed anywhere near machinery, but it was quite normal then, even if it didn't make you a better player.

"George McCabe had developed a very good youth policy over the previous five or six years, and in that period we had some very promising youngsters who all went on to play in the first team.

"Some of us were luckier than others, and a turning point for me came when Ken Knighton decided to switch me from midfield to central defence.

"Ken had taken over responsibility for the kids, and, frankly when he insisted I was too small to be a midfielder and had all the makings of a centre back, I wasn't impressed.

"Only later did I appreciate the wisdom of his words. Like George, Ken didn't stay long enough to see me make the grade but I have always been grateful to him for ensuring I made the best use of my abilities.

"In fact, Ken's example was what prompted me to want to go into coaching in later years. Jack Charlton's arrival, of course, enhanced my progress.

"He not only gave me my debut at 18 but was soon pushing me for England Under-21 recognition, and he also gave me the captaincy for the first time.

"But the big bonus was benefiting from his coaching. Jack was different class. His man-management, too, was something special. You could have the most outspoken argument with



Jack, but, as soon as it was over, it was forgotten.

"When I was at school I didn't get to many Wednesday games because I was usually playing somewhere else on matchdays, but the Owls were always my team, and when I became a professional it really meant something to be involved in helping the club back into the old First Division.

"Just before I became an apprentice, Wednesday had narrowly escaped the drop into Division Four, but, under Jack, we always felt that things were moving forward.

"The year we won promotion from the Third Division was an especially memorable one for me, not least because I think I created some sort of record by scoring 11 times from the penalty spot, including nine in the league.

"One, of course, was the fourth goal in what Owls' fans recall as "the Boxing Day massacre."

Born in Sheffield on 21 March 1960, Mark Smith was signed from the club's nursery team, Middlewood Rovers, in July 1976, turning professional on his birthday in 1978.

He quickly broke into the senior side having made his debut just 39 days after signing his first contract and was a regular for the vast majority of his years at Wednesday, helping his boyhood club to promotion in both 1980 and 1984 in addition to winning five England Under-21 caps between 1981 and 1982.

In 1979/80, Smith beat the record set by Jack Ball in 1932/33 by converting 11 penalties.

His loyalty to the Owls was rewarded with a testimonial against Sheffield United in 1986 before he eventually left for Plymouth Argyle for a £170,000 fee in July 1987.

Spells at Barnsley, Notts County, Port Vale, Huddersfield Town, Chesterfield and Lincoln City followed before he became youth coach with the Imps.

Smith was later assistant manager at Notts County but subsequently forged a great reputation in youth football at Barnsley, taking his young charges to the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 2003.

He duly returned to Wednesday in the summer of 2003, as youth coach, and was actually first team caretaker manager for a solitary game in 2004 after the departure of Chris Turner (a 1-0 League Cup loss at Coventry City).

However, after three years in S6, he was released by the Owls and returned to Barnsley's youth set-up.

Smith moved across the city to take over as Blades academy coach in 2007 and was later their reserve team manager.

He remained at Bramall Lane until 2011 and ran a soccer school in Chapeltown from 2012 onwards before his most recent appointment at Chesterfield as head of their youth academy in May 2013.

He was caretaker manager for a second time, in December 2015, helped by ex-Owl Mark Crossley, before departing last summer.



THE ACADEMY



Dawodu looking to push on with Wednesday

Under-18s defender Josh Dawodu was delighted to sign his first professional contract with the Owls.

The full back has excelled in the youth ranks since joining the club from Arsenal in 2017.

Known for his excellent reading of the game, pace, attacking style and eye for an assist, the 18-year-old has been a mainstay in the academy side that sit top of the Professional Development League.

After committing his future to the club until 2021, Dawodu said:

"It's a big day for me because I've been working so hard for this.

"It's a tough journey but this

is a special moment to sign my contract alongside my parents and Steven Haslam. Now it's important to knuckle down and work even harder.

"After I finished my time at Arsenal, we came up here and I played a game against Forest and we were really happy and excited by the set-up and how the coaches thought I could progress.

"It took no time at all for me to take to this club, from the first training sessions I've enjoyed every minute.

"We've had a fantastic season so far, top of the league, and we are looking to push on again."



UNDER 18s FIXTURES 2018/19

Sat Aug 11	Queens Park Rangers	3-0
Sat Aug 18	Watford	1-1
Sat Aug 25	Bristol City	2-0
Sat Sep 01	Crystal Palace	5-0
Sat Sep 08	Charlton Athletic	4-0
Sat Sep 15	Nottingham Forest	1-0
Sat Sep 22	Crewe Alexandra	2-2
Sat Oct 06	Bolton Wanderers	2-2
Sat Oct 13	Hull City	2-0
Sat Oct 20	Leeds United	1-3
Sat Oct 27	Barnsley	6-0
Sat Nov 03	Burnley	4-1
Sat Nov 10	Birmingham City	3-0
Sat Nov 24	Sheffield United	1-1
Sat Dec 01	Hull City	3-1
Sat Dec 08	Leeds United	2-0
Thu Dec 13	Stoke City FAYC	2-3
Sat Jan 05	Burnley	A
Sat Jan 12	Barnsley	H
Sat Jan 26	Birmingham City	H
Sat Feb 02	Sheffield United	A
Sat Feb 09	Nottingham Forest	A
Sat Feb 16	Crewe Alexandra	H
Sat Feb 23	Bolton Wanderers	A
Sat Mar 09	Colchester United	A
Sat Mar 16	Coventry City	H
Sat Mar 30	Cardiff City	A
Sat Apr 06	Ipswich Town	H
Sat Apr 13	Millwall	A



Owls youngsters back in action

After over three weeks without a fixture over the festive period, the Owls Under-18s return to action today with a trip to Burnley.

Andy Holdsworth's side resume their season at the top of the Under-18 Professional Development League.

It's tight at the top with the Owls, Nottingham Forest and Leeds all on 34 points from 16 games. The Clarets are in fourth spot six points behind.

Wednesday will be

looking to return to winning ways after back to back defeats against Leeds in the league and Stoke in the FA Youth Cup.

Meanwhile, our Under-23s also take on the Clarets on Monday at Curzon Ashton.

Wednesday will be out to build on victory over Hull last time out.

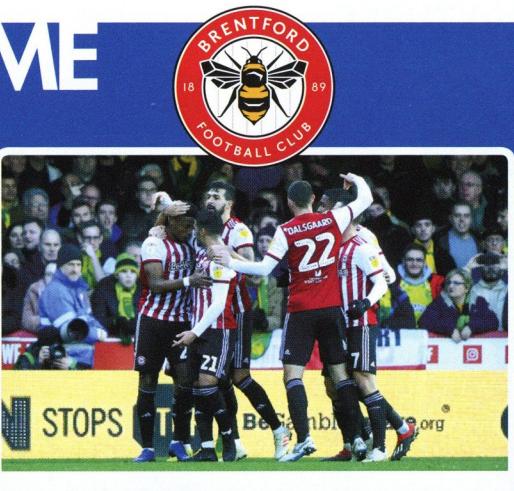
It's sure to be a tough test for the Owls, with Burnley currently sitting second in the PDL2 behind only Birmingham on goal difference.

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HOME



Wigan Athletic

Saturday 19 January, 3.00pm
Championship

Tickets for this Category D fixture start from £28 for adult Owls Members and £5 for under 11 Members on the Kop.

Tickets are now on general sale.

Brentford

Saturday 26 January, 3.00pm
Championship

Ticket details to be confirmed following today's FA Cup-tie with Luton.

Should the Owls or Brentford progress to the FA Cup fourth round, this fixture will be postponed.

Ticket information

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Ipswich Town

Saturday 2 February, 3.00pm
Championship

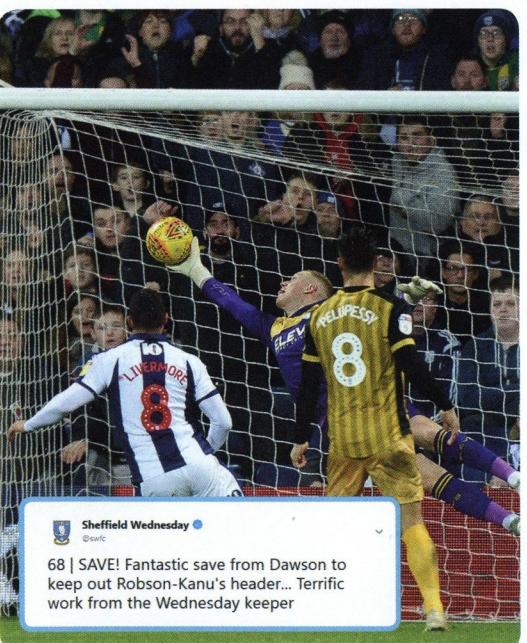
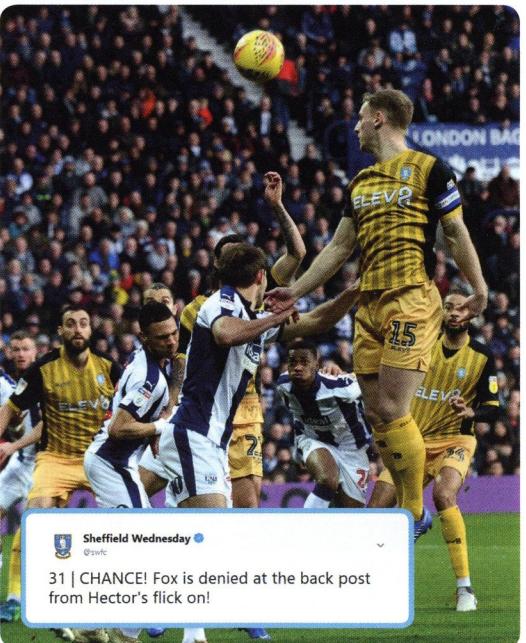
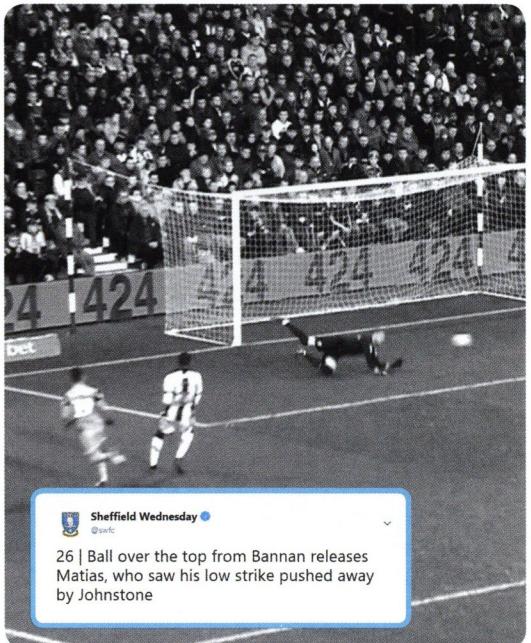
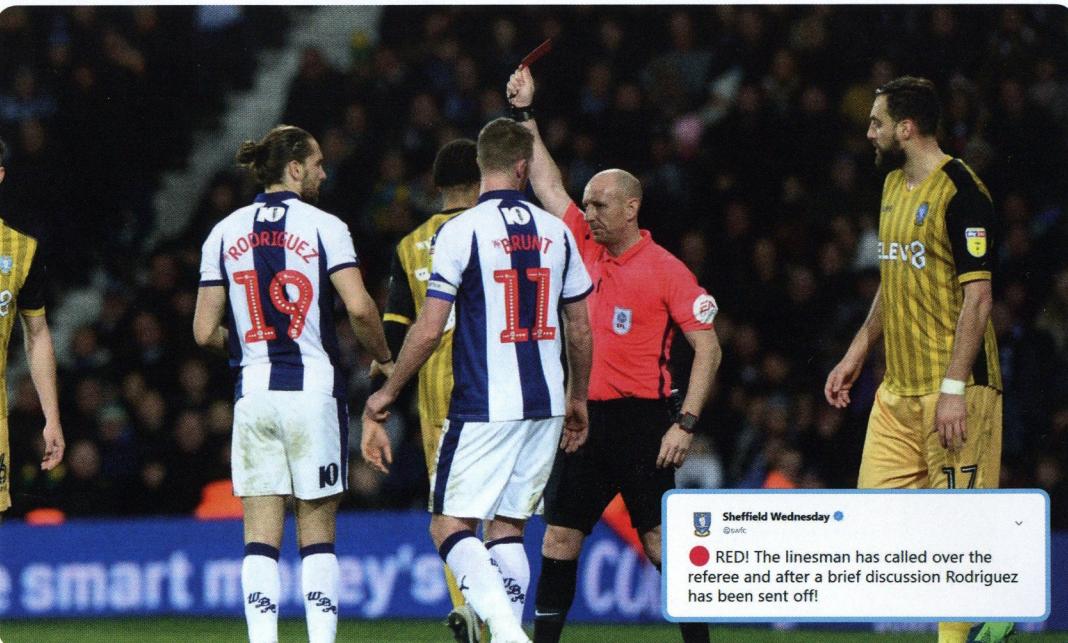
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Leave it a-loan!

A new loan regulation is due to be introduced at the start of the 2020/21 season that would limit the number of players clubs can send out on loan, which could end up having a huge effect on a number of the Premier League big boys.

This season, Chelsea have 38 players out on loan, while Manchester City have 28 and Wolves 27. When the new rules come into play, each club will be strictly limited to between six and eight players out on loan. There will also be a restriction on the number of players that can be loaned from one club to another.

This is going to be a huge shake up, and one that I'm really looking forward to seeing introduced. It's going to be really interesting, in Chelsea's case for example, what will happen to the 30 players that they won't be able to loan out? When you look at how talented some of them are, they might decide to break off and form their own team!

In the long run, I think it's going to be a really good thing for English football. I think it's been too easy for the likes of Chelsea and Manchester City to hoard talented young players.

and take the gamble on whether or not they are going to be good enough to make the step up into the first team.

You can't deny that the experience will be fantastic for the young lads. They get to train at top quality facilities with some of the best players and coaches in the world. The problem is, there just doesn't seem to be that natural progression into the first team.

You can count on one hand the number of players that have come up through the ranks at these clubs and managed to hold down a regular starting spot in the last decade.

We are starting to see more and more of them getting to 18 and to a place where they feel ready to break into the first team and because they aren't confident they will get the chance to do so, are moving to other clubs.

A perfect example of this is Jadon Sancho. There were plenty of people around Manchester City who were very excited about his talent but at 17 he chose to move abroad to better his chances of first team football.

It's worked out fantastically well for him.



He is now a regular starter for Borussia Dortmund and has made his first appearances for England. Does anyone think he would have done the same at Manchester City?

So in the grand scheme of things, City let what is clearly an immense talent slip through their fingers, one who they've spent time and money training up, because he couldn't see a clear path into the first team.

What I hope this new regulation won't do is leave a lot of players out in the cold. It could mean that, in Chelsea's case again, that's 30 players that might be left forgotten and to turn up for training every day until their contracts run their course

I can't see this happening, but it will come down to a lot of players' attitudes on what will happen for them next. Some players around the country - albeit very few

- might like the sound of seeing out their contracts and getting paid for a few training sessions each week, but when it comes to them needing a club when their contracts are up, they could really struggle.

If it were me, I'd already be looking at my options. If I didn't think I was going to be breaking through into the first team at my current club within the next 18 months, I'd be putting my name out there and looking at where would be the best option to push my career forward.

A lot of these players ought to be taking a serious look at the Championship for their next move. The standard now is so high and it's arguably one of the most competitive leagues in the world. If you get yourself at the right club, you could find yourself playing in the Premier League in no time.



Bonkers!

While we're on the subject of loan signings, I heard one of Neil Warnock's press conferences recently where he spoke about wanting to make some signings in January but was only allowed to make one loan signing from another English club but could sign more from abroad.

Who makes these rules up?! We have all these talented English players who are desperate for first team football and the rules don't allow clubs to send them out on loan.

Who exactly are we trying to help, if we limit the number of loans between Premier League clubs but don't do the same for loans from abroad?

If they are planning to reduce the number of players clubs can loan out, they might want to also reconsider changing this law. If we are serious about England winning an international tournament, then we need to make sure English players are actually playing football!

Paying the penalty

There were two contrasting incidents involving penalties in last Saturday's Premier League games.

The first was at Craven Cottage where Aboubakar Kamara won his side a penalty and insisted he was taking it. A few of the Fulham players went over to try and convince him otherwise but he was adamant he was taking it. He then missed the penalty.

There were two things that struck me about that. The first was who on earth was supposed to be their designated penalty taker? Claudio Ranieri cleared that up after the game but at the time, the neutral would not have had a clue.

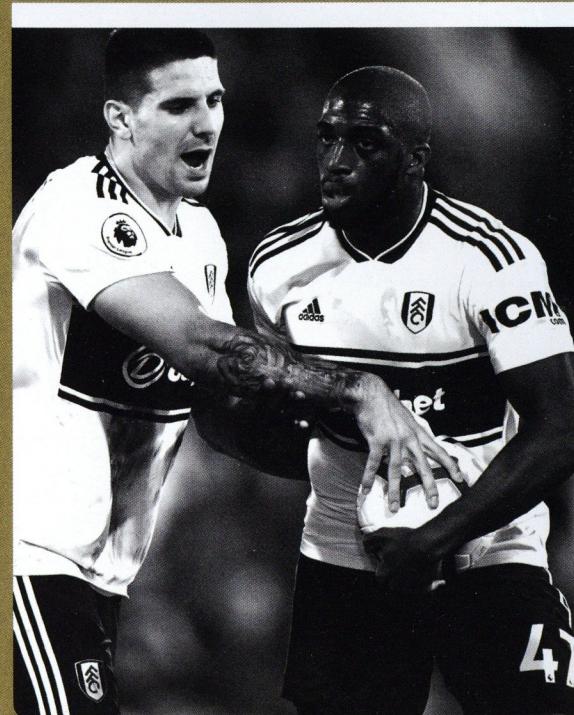
Back when I was playing, everyone knew I was on the penalties and the manager made that very

clear. If the manager has nominated someone to take a penalty, then there should be no dispute as and when you win one.

The second thing though was what I thought was disrespect that the Fulham players showed for Kamara. The doubt they showed for him taking the spot-kick will have put the same doubt in the back of his mind. If a team mate is insisting that they want to take the penalty, then you should back them, even if you think it is the wrong choice.

What they should be doing is looking at the example set by Mo Salah when he gave up his penalty taking duties to his team mate Roberto Firmino.

Having already won and scored a penalty himself, Salah passed the ball to



Firmino when Liverpool were awarded a second penalty so the Brazilian could complete his first career hat-trick.

I'm not sure whether or not I'd have done the same if it had been me. I suppose it depends if the bloke I gave it to offered to buy me a pint or not!

JUNIOR OWLS



QUIZ TIME!

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How many times have the Owls lifted the FA Cup?

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In which year did we first win the trophy?

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In which stadium is the FA Cup final traditionally held?

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Who are the current holders of the FA Cup?

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Which team has won the most FA Cups?

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Nickname: The Hatters



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Name the former Wednesday player and the year?

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4. Chelsea, 5. Arsenal

Who & When:
Gary Madine - 2012

Letter scramble:
Michael Hector

LETTER SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the Owls defender!

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**LIAM
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DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH BUT
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SMOKING, DRINKING
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DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH.**



WEDNESDAY

Through the gears



Liam, you visited Ingle Gym for this week's feature, but it's not your first time here is it?

I came here in the first year of my scholarship, academy manager Sean McAuley brought us over at about 5.30am in the morning or something crazy like that!

It was just to appreciate how dedicated and how hard you have to work for your opportunities and it's something that has stuck with me. To come down and do training like the boxers were, running up and down the hills, it showed a different side to how dedicated you need to be.

Brenden Ingle's gym has got a huge reputation, and people come

from far and wide to train here.

Onto football then, you recently made your 200th appearance for the Owls, how happy are you with that milestone?

It's been a bit of a long time coming! The last few seasons have been a bit frustrating but I'm happy to get there, no one can take that away from me now and I just want to kick on and make quite a few more.

Can you remember making your Wednesday debut?

- Vaguely yes! It was a cup game in 2010 against Bury, I can't remember much of the game, I think we won 1-0. As soon as the first whistle went it was the realisation that it's your

first start, and you are hungrier for it then. You want to play in the league and thankfully I went on to do so.

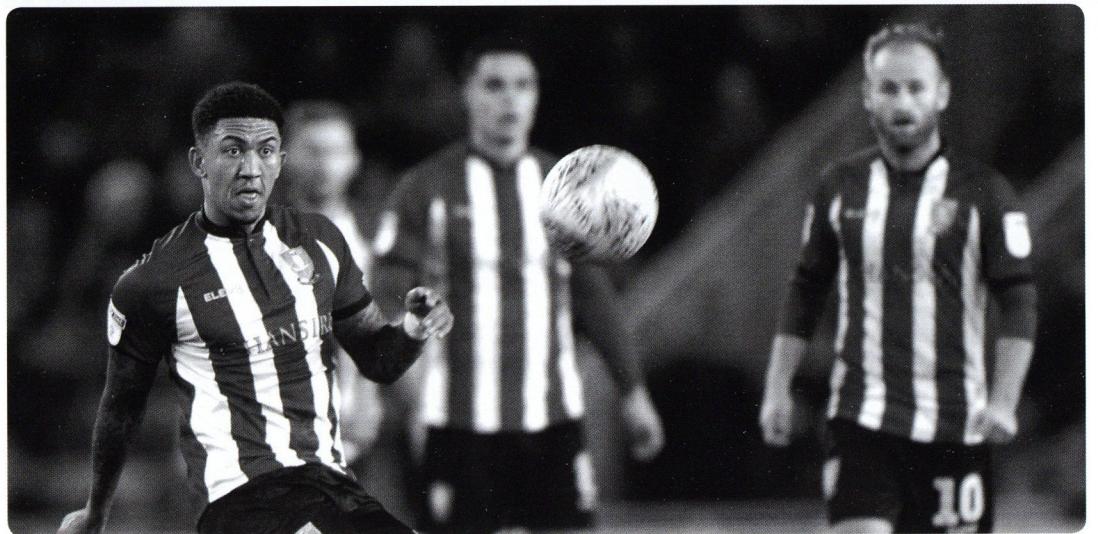
It's good having come through the academy, and seeing the lads coming through this season has also been a big positive.

You probably would have made more appearances, but you spent one year on loan at Tranmere in 2012/13, when you look back how important was that experience?

At the time I didn't really realise how vital it was for me. It was a difficult time for the club, they were battling relegation from the Championship and coming through as a young lad it was better for me to go out on loan and play every

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game which I managed to do.

We were around the top of the league until the last few months, we didn't have the biggest squad and once we got a few injuries we tailed off, but it was a great experience moving there and being more independent. I also got used to playing Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday.

I'm forever thankful to Ronnie Moore, the manager at the time, and Jonny Mac the assistant who I worked with every day. I would always encourage any young players to go out on loan and play as many games as they can.

What has been your favourite game for Wednesday?

When I scored my first goal against MK Dons. I didn't even expect to be in the squad, leading up to the game I think I'd gone out

with some friends on the Friday night just for a bit of food.

I came on at half time and got an assist for Gary Madine, then he returned the favour in the second half, I ran through and got a bit of a nose bleed and scored so that was nice! It was back in the midfield days, I spend more time trying to clear them off the line and keep the clean sheets these days!

There's a brilliant photo of you at the 2005 play-off final at the Millennium Stadium with your dad, what do you think when you see that picture?

I just remember going over on the coach, four or five hours it took. It was an unbelievable day, the sun was shining, I think a lot of the players that were playing were my heroes. Bully was the captain and obviously he's here now and

someone who I looked up to a lot as a kid.

My mum took that picture and it's one that has kind of haunted me for the jeans that I had on! The hair and the braces as well!

You are the club's longest serving player, what has it been like to see so many players come and go through the dressing room?

To be honest, through the hundreds of players that have come in since I've been here it's always been great. I've never really had a problem with anyone.

I've always worked hard whatever manager has been in charge, I feel like they have enjoyed working with me as a player and I have always got on well with the managers and long may that continue.

You have your own clothing





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EDUCATION
SOMEONE ELSE
WILL ALWAYS
CONTROL
YOUR LIFE.

BRENDAN
INGLE

WEDNESDAY



brand, '1 of 1', how did that come about?

It's something that I kind of got into with James Cottingham, an ex-academy player, he had an idea of a tee-shirt brand and because of the following I had on social media I wanted to help him with that.

I enjoyed it, so I decided to open the laptop one morning and had a go on Adobe Illustrator. It took me about four hours just to make the logo, so I just learnt it all in my spare time and started with tracksuits and branched out from there.

All the lads have been great supporting me and always putting their orders in and making sure it's the right fit. It's nice to know that they are not just supporting me but they are actually wanting to wear it. It's like tracksuit roulette in the morning to see who's got what on!

How much time does your brand take up for you outside of football?

To be honest it's just me so I have no one to answer to, so it's just as and when I feel like doing it.

I work with designers and manufacturers overseas and stuff, it's mainly emails and a couple of face to face meetings, but it's good to see when you're walking around Meadowhall and someone has got the hat on, it's good that they like something you have produced.

Is that what you want to do when you're finished playing or is coaching something that would interest you?

It's something I'm interested in as more of a hobby and hopefully I will carry it on

and it will get bigger. I would like to look towards coaching. There's a course in the summer that I'm going to try and book on and everyone always says to get that done sooner rather than later.

I take joy in looking at the young players coming through, like in this season. An academy role is something I'd be more than happy to do, I'd enjoy working with the younger players, I've done that myself and been in their shoes.

A lot of supporters would say that you have lived the dream in being a Wednesday fan who has gone on to make so many appearances, do you have to remind yourself of that sometimes?

It's not until you look back and you think about making 200 appearances at 27. Reaching these milestones and looking at the games you've played, as a fan growing up it's something you do tend to forget.

I just keep looking forward and doing the best for the club whenever and wherever I'm asked to play.

How interested are your children in football and are they aware of what you do?

Aubrey is four and a half now and he is getting a bit into football, he's still mainly into his super heroes.

He just wants to play on the pitch after the games, he's more interested in Ozzie and Barney Owl at the minute!

I'm a young dad, so hopefully they'll get to see me play for a few years and understand it more as they get older.

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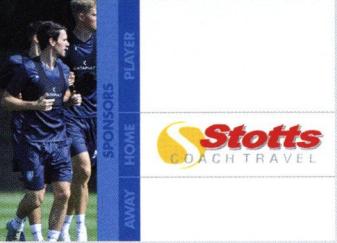
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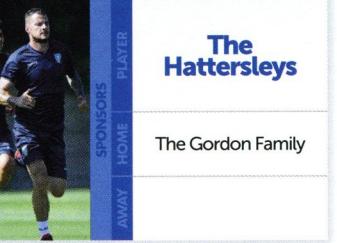
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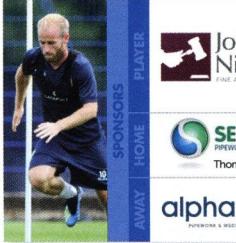
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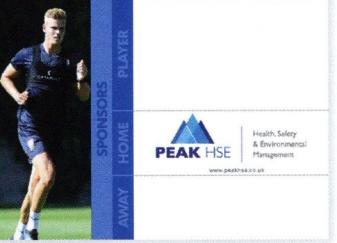
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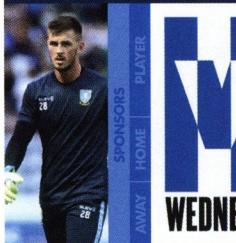
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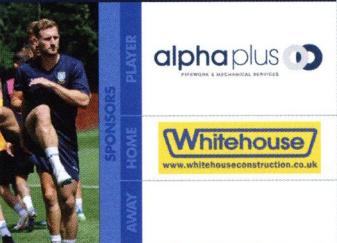
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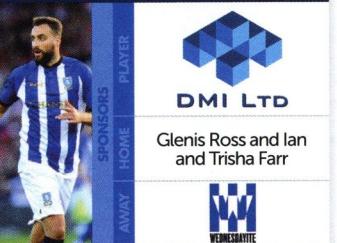
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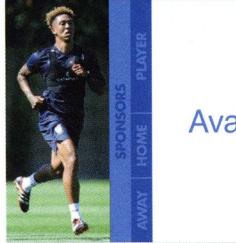
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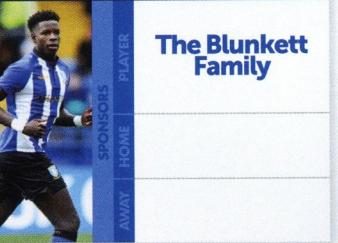
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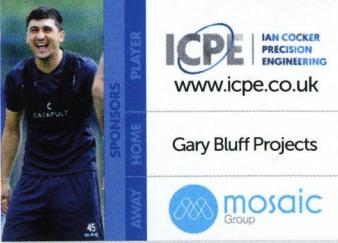
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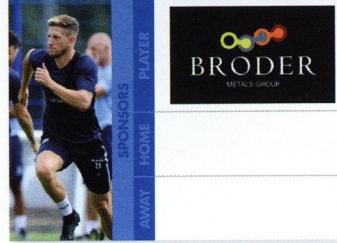


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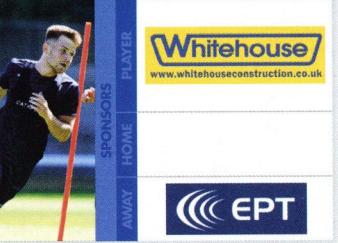
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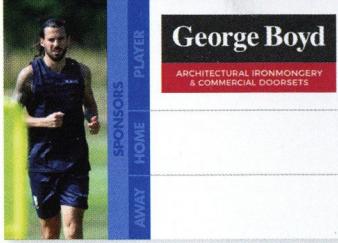
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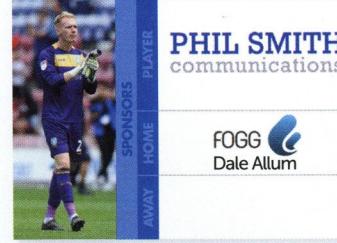
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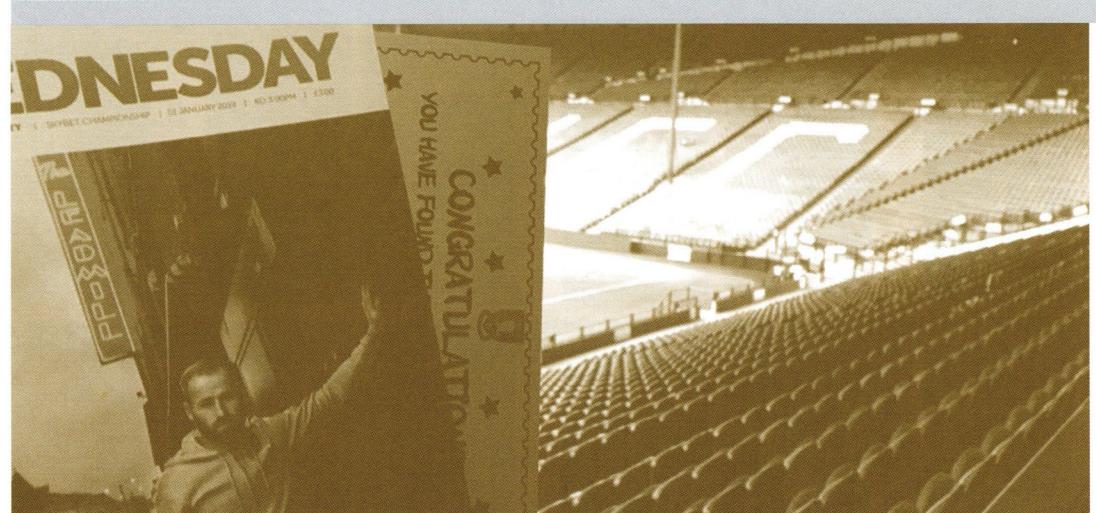
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Just the ticket!



There was off-field excitement around Hillsborough on Tuesday as our ever-popular Golden Ticket returned to the matchday programme.

And for young Owl Isaac, it was a Happy New Year indeed as he scooped a raft of fantastic prizes after finding the Golden Ticket inside his copy of 'Wednesday'.

Eight-year-old Isaac has endured a tough time of late and we share his delight at striking gold!

Mum Amy takes up the story:

"Isaac goes to all the

home matches with us (mum and dad), he loves to buy his own programme each week from the South Stand bridge programme kiosk.

"He bought his programme as usual, and because we knew the Golden Ticket was back for the Birmingham match, we checked the programme just out of habit, never ever believing it would actually be there!

"There aren't words to describe the mixture of disbelief and joy at seeing it there in the pages. Isaac just couldn't comprehend he had found the 'only'

ticket!

"Isaac has had a tough couple of years after losing his grandad, who was a lifelong Owl, and was really struggling at school due to recently diagnosed dyslexia and attention difficulties.

"Playing and watching football has brought him so much enjoyment, allowed him to gain confidence, focus and reduce his anxieties. He idolises the team and dreams of being a footballer!

"Finding the Golden Ticket feels like a total

dream. After singing a rendition of 'I've got a Golden Ticket' from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Isaac never sings!) he pointed out just how lucky he is to have received 'the best Christmas and New Year present'.

"We cannot thank you enough for this gift!"

The pleasure is all ours Amy and we are so pleased for Isaac, who will collect his prizes from his favourite player in a special presentation at Hillsborough.

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My first pro contract was with Sheffield United, so I was obviously familiar with the area. I knew Wednesday were a big club, they were in the old Second Division and Howard had the aim of taking them to the first.

I was very fortunate, Howard bought me three times. He's the guy that I look up to, I still speak to him now, he was my mentor, he was the best in his time.

There was an amazing spirit between all the lads, we had some real top class players there, a good, young hungry team and it was all about the collective. We had people who would die for the shirt.

I was top scorer in my first season and that was good for me being a striker. It was me and Gary Bannister up front. We played on pitches that were like mud baths. We were a fit team and all tuned in, we knew what to do on the pitch, any pitch. Howard was one of the first managers to play

three at the back, everyone does nowadays, he was a pioneer.

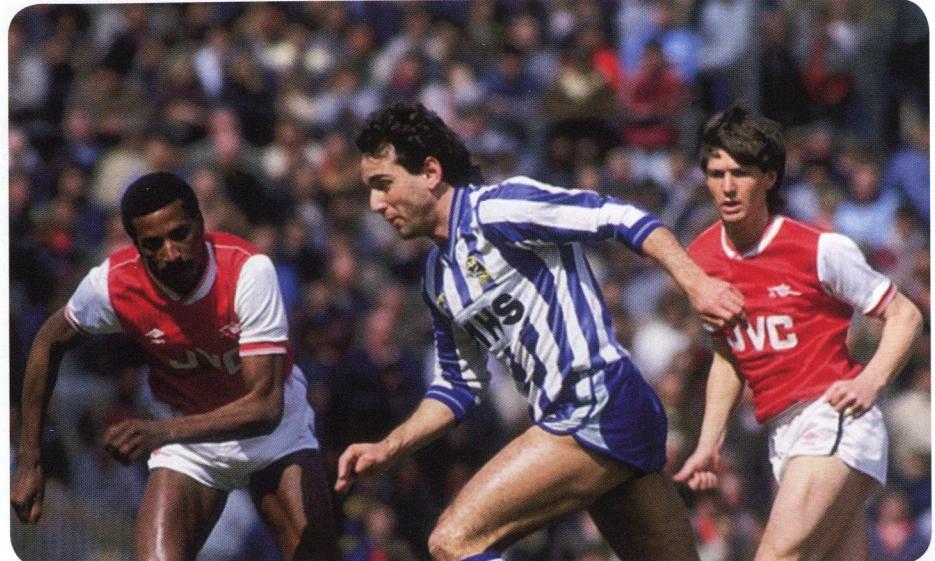
I lived in Dore and Totley, the atmosphere was amazing around the city. It was a great time the 80s, just incredible, the fans were great at Wednesday. After we got promoted to the First Division we beat all the top teams. I remember the first game of the season I scored a memorable goal against Nottingham Forest, I think John Pearson scored a lucky one off his knee that day too!

I ran about 75 yards, we were defending a corner and I was placed on the edge of the 18-yard box and the ball got headed away from Peter Shirtliff. I just ran and ran with their players backing off me. I managed to hit one from about 20 yards and it flew in. It was a full house and on TV, so it was a good start.

Those big games are the ones you want to play in and prove that you can do it at the

I was at Newcastle when Wednesday were interested in me. I had a three-year contract at St James Park. After two years and around 40 goals in 80 games, Arthur Cox came to me and said we've accepted a bid for you from Howard Wilkinson at Wednesday.

I said I'm not going anywhere, so I basically turned Wednesday down a few times! Then eventually I said yes, and it turned out to be a fantastic move.



top level. I remember going away to Manchester City, I crossed the ball from wide and it flew into the back of the net! It was a flukey goal, but you remember the goals against the big teams.

I'd been at Wednesday for two years and we were discussing terms and in those days you negotiated yourself. About five clubs wanted me and I joined West Brom who also bought Garth Crooks from Tottenham, it was the right thing for me to do at the time. We thought we were going to play with a big centre forward in Garry Thompson, but he came to Wednesday!

I had a spell with Manchester City as well, then Wednesday came back in for me but the move didn't work out for anyone. Wednesday were struggling, not playing well,

players were changing, the best players were leaving. I didn't play a lot of games but scored a few goals but it wasn't as good as the first time, then Howard came back in for me and took me to Leeds.

Nowadays I still live in Sheffield and go to the games. I work in the football agency business, and I've now decided to go on my own with my business partner Patrick Deane, we've got offices all around Europe and two in the USA. I'm going to Nigeria with my business partner soon, then in February I'm in Dallas in the office over there, it's exciting and I've learnt a lot.

Negotiating my own deals as a player has definitely helped, in our day you moved a lot. Mel Sterland was one of the old breeds and he spent

several seasons at Sheffield Wednesday. You don't get that any more, players are always on the move and they need help with the negotiations and the financial side of things, and everything else that goes with it.

Obviously Wednesday play Luton today, and I'm a Luton boy myself! I was at Luton, they released two players at 16, me and Kerry Dixon! We were crying our eyes out as 16-year-olds!

We went into non-league, I went to Letchworth for a year and he went to Dunstable. I was a pro for 18 years in the end. Now when I'm sitting in front of young players and their parents I say, I know the feeling, it's not all over because someone has said no to you, you can keep working hard and that will get you to where you need to go.

WEDNESDAY

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Key:

Booked:

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Subs:

Competitions:

FAC: FA Cup

CC: Carabao Cup

All fixtures are SkyBet Championship unless stated.

All weekend fixtures are 3:00pm unless stated.

All midweek fixtures are 7:45pm unless stated.

Month	Date	Opponents	Comp	Res	Att	Starting XI
August	Sat 4	Wigan Athletic (a)		2-3	14,207	Dawson Lees van Aken Pudil Palmer Hutchinson
	Sat 11	Hull City (h)		1-1	23,416	Dawson Lees Hutchinson Pudil Baker Reach
	Thu 16	Sunderland (a)	CC1	2-0	13,890	Wildsmith Nielsen Lees van Aken Palmer Hunt
	Sun 19	Brentford (a)		0-2	10,134	Dawson Baker Lees Pudil Thorniley Hutchinson
	Wed 22	Millwall (h)		2-1	21,349	Dawson Palmer Lees 1 Thorniley Penney Pelupessy
	Sat 25	Ipswich Town (h)		2-1	22,499	Dawson Palmer Lees Thorniley Penney Pelupessy
	Tue 28	Wolverhampton Wanderers (h)	CC2	0-2	13,597	Wildsmith Baker Hutchinson Nielsen 2 Fox Preston
September	Sat 1	Reading (a)		2-1	14,352	Dawson Palmer Lees Thorniley Penney Pelupessy
	Sat 15	Stoke City (h)		2-2	24,905	Dawson Palmer Lees Thorniley Penney Pelupessy
	Wed 19	Nottingham Forest (a)		1-2	26,252	Dawson Baker Lees Thorniley Fox Onomah
	Sat 22	Aston Villa (a)		2-1	35,572	Dawson Lees Hector Pudil Baker Pelupessy
	Fri 28	Leeds United (h)		1-1	26,717	Dawson Lees Hector Thorniley Baker Pelupessy
October	Wed 3	West Bromwich Albion (h)		2-2	22,150	Dawson Lees Hector Pudil Palmer Onomah
	Sun 7	Bristol City (a)		2-1	20,102	Dawson Lees 2 Hector Pudil Palmer Onomah
	Fri 19	Middlesbrough (h)		1-2	23,284	Dawson Palmer Lees Thorniley Penney Hector
	Tue 23	Queens Park Rangers (a)		0-3	12,534	Dawson Baker Hector Pudil Fox Pelupessy
	Sat 27	Birmingham City (a)		1-3	23,659	Dawson Palmer Lees Hector Fox Bannan
November	Sat 3	Norwich City (h)		0-4	23,425	Dawson Palmer Lees Pudil Penney 2 Onomah
	Fri 9	Sheffield United (a)		0-0	30,261	Dawson Lees Hector 2 Thorniley Pelupessy Baker
	Sat 24	Derby County (h)		1-2	25,204	Dawson Baker Lees Hector Fox Reach 1
	Tue 27	Bolton Wanderers (h)		1-0	20,861	Dawson Lees 1 Hector Thorniley Baker Pelupessy
December	Sat 1	Blackburn Rovers (a)		2-4	15,154	Dawson Palmer Lees Hector Thorniley Bannan 1
	Sat 8	Rotherham United (h)		2-2	24,725	Dawson Lees Hector Thorniley Baker Pelupessy
	Sat 15	Swansea City (a)		1-2	18,692	Dawson Lees Pudil Thorniley 2 Baker Pelupessy
	Sat 22	Preston North End (h)		1-0	22,366	Westwood Palmer Lees Hector 1 Fox Onomah
	Wed 26	Middlesbrough (a)		1-0	30,341	Westwood Palmer 2 Lees Hector Fox Hutchinson
	Sat 29	West Bromwich Albion (a)		1-1	26,548	Dawson Palmer Lees Hector Fox Hutchinson
January	Tue 1	Birmingham City (h)		1-1	29,462	Westwood Palmer Lees Hector Fox Hutchinson
	Sat 5	Luton Town (h)	FAC3			
	Sat 12	Hull City (a)				
	Sat 19	Wigan Athletic (h)				
	Sat 26	Brentford (h)				
February	Sat 2	Ipswich Town (a)				
	Sat 9	Reading (h)				
	Tue 12	Millwall (a)				
	Sat 16	Rotherham United (a)				
	Sat 23	Swansea City (h)				
March	Sat 2	Sheffield United (h)				
	Sat 9	Derby County (a)				
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	Sat 16	Blackburn Rovers (h)				
	Sat 30	Stoke City (a)				
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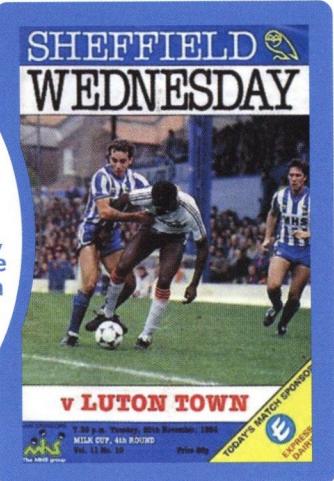
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SEASON STATS

Surname	Forename	D.O.B	Championship			EFL Cup			FA Cup			2018-19 Total			SWFC Career Total		
			Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals	Starts	Subs	Goals
ABDI	Almen	21.10.86							0	0	0	14	9	1			
BAKER	Ashley	30.10.96	11		1				12	0	0	13	0	0			
BANNAN	Barry	01.12.89	23		3	1			24	0	3	139	3	8			
BOYD	George	02.10.85	2	3	2				4	3	0	22	10	3			
DAWSON	Cameron	07.07.95	23						23	0	0	32	2	0			
FLETCHER	Steven	26.03.87	15	7	4	2			17	7	4	56	29	18			
FORESTIERI	Fernando	15.01.90	6	6	3	1			7	6	3	80	21	35			
FOX	Morgan	21.09.93	12		1				13	0	0	53	2	1			
HECTOR	Micheal	19.07.92	16	1	1				16	1	1	16	1	1			
HOOPER	Gary	26.01.88							0	0	0	67	16	30			
HUNT	Alex	29.05.00			1				1	0	0	1	0	0			
HUTCHINSON	Sam	03.08.89	6	1	1				7	1	0	100	11	5			
JOAO	Lucas	04.09.93	12	8	8				12	8	8	60	55	26			
JONES	David	04.11.84		1	1				1	1	0	45	21	1			
KIRBY	Connor	10.09.98		1		2			0	3	0	0	4	0			
LEE	Jack	09.12.98			1	1			1	1	0	1	1	0			
LEE	Kieran	22.06.88							0	0	0	163	21	22			
LEES	Tom	28.11.90	25		2	1			26	0	2	184	1	7			
MATIAS	Marco	10.05.89	14	4	3	1	1		15	4	4	31	26	8			
NIELSEN	Frederik	07.02.98			2				2	0	0	3	3	0			
NUHIU	Aldhe	29.07.89	12	10	2	1			12	11	2	119	101	40			
O'GRADY	Connor	05.12.97							0	0	0	2	0	0			
ONOMAH	Josh	27.04.97	8	3					8	3	0	8	3	0			
PALMER	Liam	19.09.91	15	1		1			16	1	0	161	41	1			
PELUPESSY	Joey	15.05.93	21	3					21	3	0	39	4	1			
PENNEY	Matt	11.02.98	12	4		1			12	5	0	12	5	0			
PRESTON	Fraser	05.03.98	1	2		1			2	2	0	2	2	0			
PUDIL	Daniel	27.09.85	9	2					9	2	0	107	7	4			
REACH	Adam	03.02.93	25		6	1	1		26	0	7	115	6	14			
STOBBS	Jack	27.02.97				1			0	1	0	2	4	0			
THORNILEY	Jordan	24.11.96	14	3					14	3	0	21	7	0			
VAN AKEN	Joost	13.05.94	1		1				2	0	0	16	0	0			
WESTWOOD	Keiren	23.10.84	3						3	0	0	146	0	0			
WILDSMITH	Joe	28.12.95			2				2	0	0	46	2	0			
WINNALL	Sam	19.01.91		2					0	2	0	12	9	4			



Sam Hutchinson made his 100th Wednesday start in the New Years Day draw with Birmingham.



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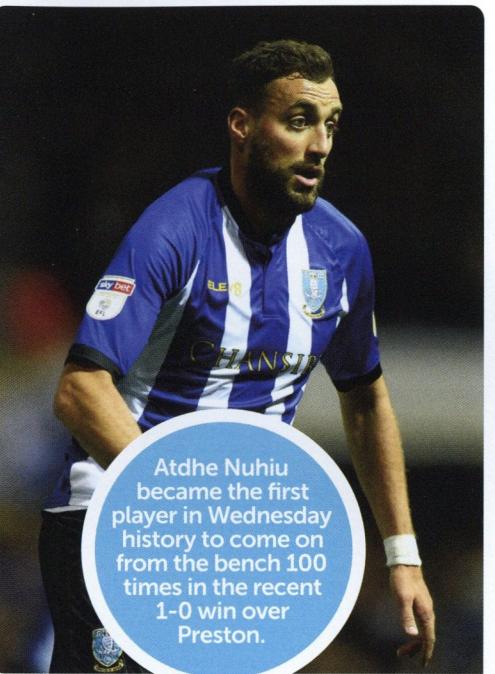
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Aldhe Nuhiu became the first player in Wednesday history to come on from the bench 100 times in the recent 1-0 win over Preston.

Sky Bet Championship Table 2018/19									
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	LEEDS UNITED	26	15	6	5	44	28	16	51
2	NORWICH CITY	26	14	7	5	48	34	14	49
3	SHEFFIELD UNITED	26	14	5	7	45	28	17	47
4	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	26	13	7	6	54	34	20	46
5	MIDDLESBROUGH	26	11	10	5	28	18	10	43
6	DERBY COUNTY	26	12	7	7	38	32	6	43
7	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	26	9	12	5	39	29	10	39
8	BIRMINGHAM CITY	26	9	12	5	38	28	10	39
9	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	26	11	6	9	33	34	-1	39
10	ASTON VILLA	26	9	11	6	49	40	9	38
11	BRISTOL CITY	26	10	8	8	32	28	4	38
12	SWANSEA CITY	26	10	6	10	35	31	4	36
13	HULL CITY	26	10	6	10	36	33	3	36
14	STOKE CITY	26	8	11	7	30	31	-1	35
15	BLACKBURN ROVERS	26	8	10	8	33	41	-8	34
16	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	26	8	8	10	32	42	-10	32
17	PRESTON NORTH END	26	7	8	11	38	43	-5	29
18	BRENTFORD	26	6	10	10	36	36	0	28
19	MILLWALL	26	7	7	12	33	41	-8	28
20	WIGAN ATHLETIC	26	7	5	14	25	40	-15	26
21	ROTHERHAM UNITED	26	5	10	11	25	41	-16	25
22	BOLTON WANDERERS	26	5	7	14	17	38	-21	22
23	READING	26	4	8	14	28	41	-13	20
24	IPSWICH TOWN	26	2	9	15	21	46	-25	15

THIRD ROUND

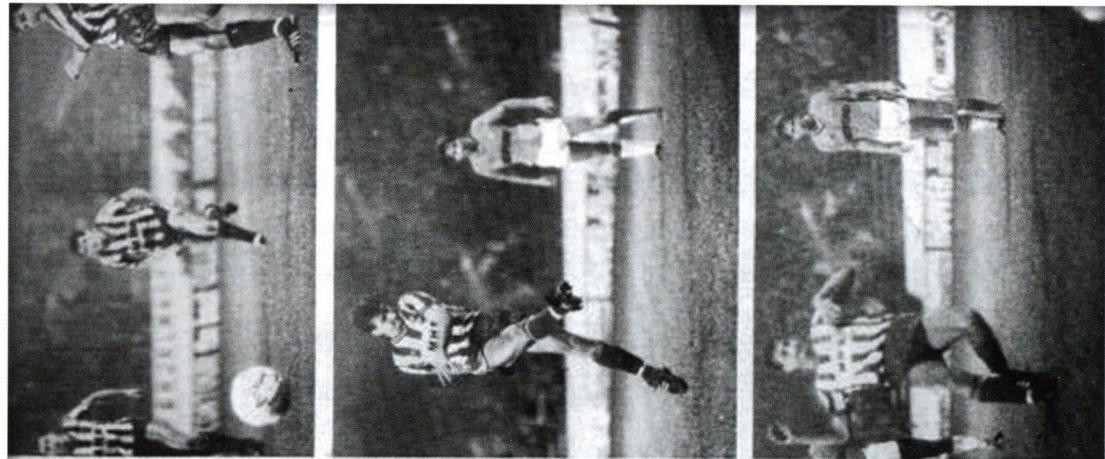


DID YOU KNOW?

Today's clash between the Owls and Luton will be the first ever FA Cup meeting between the two clubs.

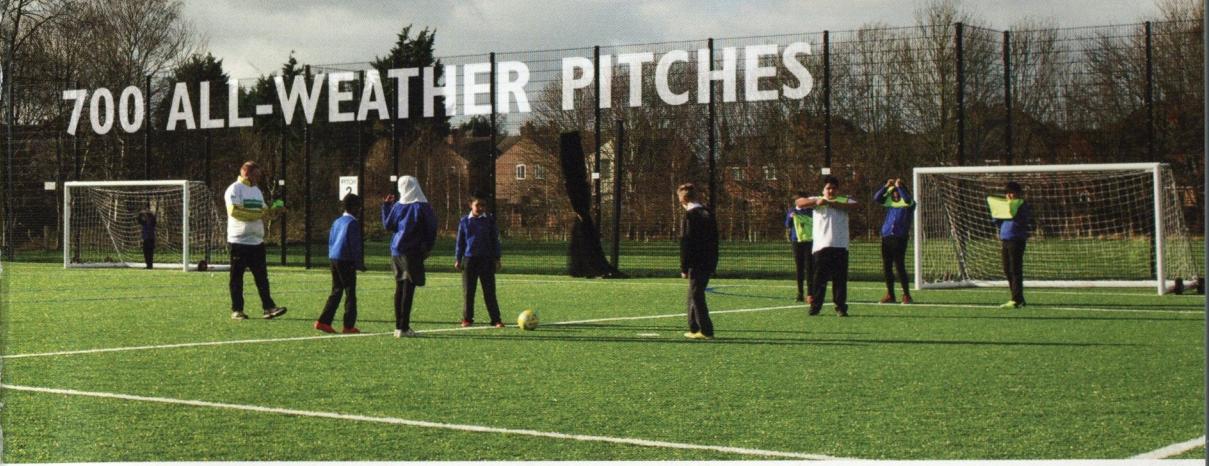
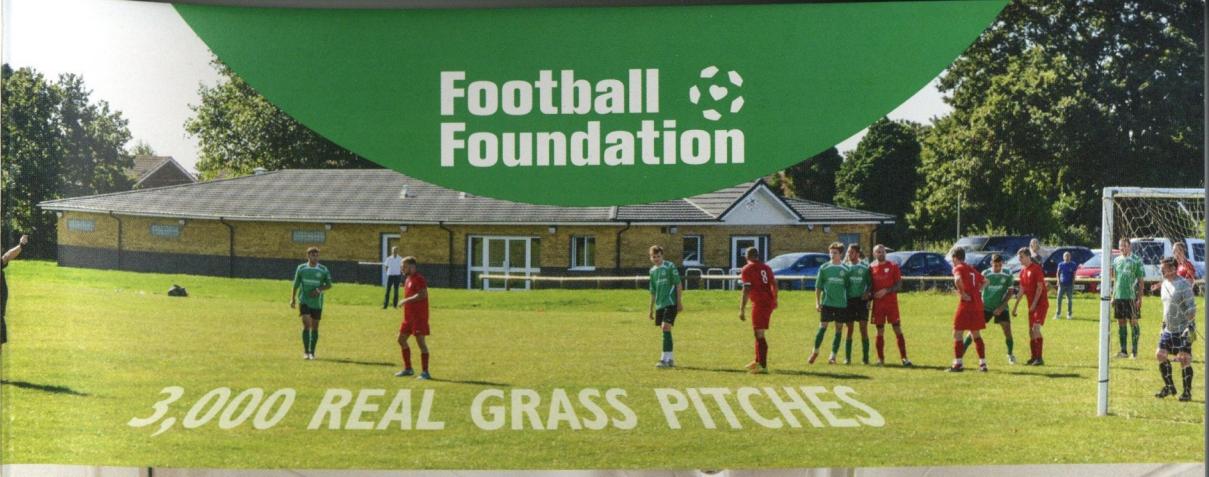


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Andy Blair entered the record books back in November 1984 when the Owls hosted the Hatters in round four of the League Cup. The midfield man converted a hat-trick of penalties as Wednesday won 4-2, becoming the only player in our history – and that of the competition – to achieve the unlikely feat.

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



CARETAKER MANAGER: STEVE AGNEW

1. Keiren Westwood
2. Liam Palmer
3. David Jones
4. Joost van Aken
5. Kieran Lee
6. Morgan Fox
7. Josh Onomah
8. Joey Pelupessy
9. Steven Fletcher
10. Barry Bannan
11. Sam Winnall
12. Jordan Thorniley
14. Gary Hooper
15. Tom Lees
17. Atdhe Nuhiu
18. Lucas Joao
19. Marco Matias
20. Adam Reach
21. George Boyd
22. Almen Abdi
23. Sam Hutchinson
24. Ashley Baker
25. Cameron Dawson
26. Connor O'Grady
28. Joe Wildsmith
29. Alex Hunt
31. Connor Kirby
33. Isaac Rice
34. Michael Hector
35. Frederik Nielsen
36. Daniel Pudil
37. Fraser Preston
41. Jack Lee
42. Matt Penney
43. Liam Shaw
44. Jack Stobbs
45. Fernando Forestieri



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Sheffield Wednesday Football Club has policies and procedures in place to ensure your safety and comfort whilst you attend matches at Hillsborough.

However, an incident may occur which is beyond our control and it is important that you are aware of how we intend to look after you in the event of an emergency.

As part of our safety management we employ professionally trained stewards who are located at various points throughout the stadium. If partial or full evacuation of the stands is necessary announcements will be broadcast over the stadium's public address system and stewards will direct you to a place of safety. If such an event occurs take all of your belongings with you and proceed quickly and quietly under the direction of the stewards.

Our evacuation procedures have been planned to guide you to a place of safety. If for any reason we are unable to allow you to re-occupy the stands you will be advised immediately and, if it is safe to do so, you will be allowed to return to your car or coach.

Please note that in the event of an emergency no vehicles will be allowed to leave the car parks unless directed to do so by the Police. This advice is provided as information only and we hope that we will not need to implement our emergency procedures during this match.

LUTON TOWN



MANAGER: NATHAN JONES

1. Marek Stech
2. James Justin
3. Dan Potts
4. Alan McCormack
5. Sonny Bradley
6. Matthew Pearson
7. Jack Stacey
8. Luke Berry
9. Danny Hylton
10. Elliot Lee
11. Andrew Shinnie
14. Harry Cornick
16. Glen Rea
17. Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
18. Jorge Grant
19. James Collins
21. Jack Senior
25. Kazenga Lualua
27. Aaron Jarvis
28. Lloyd Jones
34. Jack James
35. Arthur Read
36. James Shea
40. Harry Isted
44. Alan Sheehan