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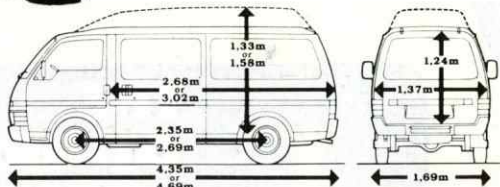
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## On the inside

with KEN SMALES



"Well played lads" was Geoff Boycott's parting comment as he took his leave of our dressing room after the match at Hillsborough. "Having lost, it is not much consolation but I know how you feel."

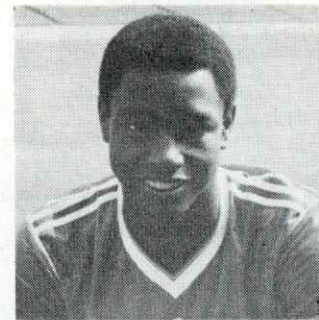
As a professional he was right, and the saying was never truer that "those that win can laugh and the others can do as they please."

I suppose after a couple of depressing performances against Manchester City and Oxford United, we were due a good game, but the fact is we lost and we didn't deserve to do so.

We also lost at Loftus Road after making Q.P.R. look like selling platters during the second half. This aspect of the team must be very worrying to the manager and coaches. We often hear the old cliché about not playing well and winning but we seem to have it in reverse — playing well and losing.

However all is not gloom and despondency. The results have not been forthcoming but we really have put in some super shows as the letters received from several Q.P.R. and Wednesday supporters indicate.

A home tie with Blackburn Rovers was about the only bright news last Saturday and this gives us the opportunity to make our season something other than just average.



Chris Fairclough

It was against Luton Town on the occasion of our visit to their ground way back on 24th April that Chris Fairclough limped off and he has not played in the first team since. 30 games out of the side is a heck of a time, so let us hope that his recovery is not far away.

The admission prices for the Liverpool game have been increased by 50p all round (after toying with the idea of varying the prices for different games) and I am wondering if this will become standard practice in the future.

After all is said and done we don't pay the same every week at the theatre so why shouldn't we have to pay a premium four or five times a year and knock a bit off when the occasion demands.

The regulars won't be affected overall but the "occasional" supporters may just have to pay for the privilege of just coming for the Manchester United's, Liverpool's, etc. Of course, season ticket holders remain unaffected.

This is the age of experimentation as far as football is concerned and I see that Luton Town are to bar all away supporters next season.

We are all experimenting in our own ways and it will be interesting to see if their idea works.

We hope that all our supporters, both regular and occasional, have an enjoyable Christmas and I am sure you would join me in wishing Chris Fairclough a happier 1986 than he is enjoying at present.

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# TOP SKOLAR

## *Doughie's Corner*



You probably don't need me to tell you that David Pleat and his Luton players are having quite a run at the moment.

But it's not only on the field that Luton are doing good business because they've just sold a player for £400,000.

I know that young Paul Elliott has ranked for some time as one of the best young defenders around but it's magnificent business for a club like Luton to get £400,000 for a player.

There are so few clubs around who can pay that kind of money for a player and had Aston Villa not sold players themselves, I doubt whether they would be in that position.

So I'll be congratulating David today for clinching the deal and after he's picked up £400,000 it will be him that's buying the beers this weekend.

But good luck to him. He's done an excellent job for the club and although they occasionally sell top players, they've always managed to make life difficult for the so-called bigger clubs.

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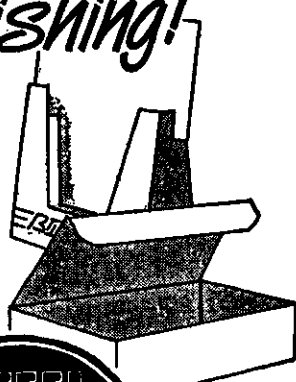
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**TODAY'S VISITORS**

It's a credit to Luton manager David Pleat that he has built one of the First Division's most attractive sides on what must be a shoestring budget.

Luton's gates hover around the 10,000 mark but a mixture of big sales and astute signings has assured them of their First Division status over the last four seasons.

And there is optimism at Kenilworth Road that the most recent squad assembled by Pleat is capable of giving Luton their best Division One season of all time.



**RICKY HILL** . . . Luton's influential midfield man, who scored the winning goal against us at the City Ground in March, 1983.

Eighth is the highest position Luton have finished a season in the top flight—and that was way back in the 1957-58 campaign—a year before they met us in the F.A. Cup final at Wembley.

But victory over Newcastle last Saturday put Luton into seventh place in the table and they are evidently playing well enough to stay there.

On their new synthetic pitch—we were the first visitors there on the opening day of the season—Luton have lost just once... a surprise defeat by Coventry.

And away from home, their form has shown a marked improvement with successive victories over Tottenham (3-1) and Watford (2-1).

Luton also had an early season away win over Championship challenging West Ham, so they arrive here with no shortage of confidence.

They are a free-scoring side and get their lead from twin strikers Brian Stein and Mick Harford, who have 13 and 10 goals respectively to their name this season.

Both players now have over 100 League goals to their credit and although Harford's height gives Luton a different kind of threat than they had with his predecessor Paul Walsh, the goals have continued to flow.

Harford, signed from Birmingham last season is just one of the several new faces in a Luton squad that has been given a new identity over the last 12 months.

In defence Steve Foster arrived from Aston Villa and in midfield Peter Nicholas was signed from Crystal Palace and David Preece from Walsall.

Ashley Grimes also joined the club from Manchester United but with Nicholas and Preece linking up with Ricky Hill, he's had few opportunities of late.

The signings have more than been financed by the sale of Walsh to Liverpool and just recently Paul Elliott to Aston Villa for £400,000 but there have been other departures.

Wayne Turner moved to Coventry, Steve Elliott to Walsall, Vince Hilaire to Portsmouth, Frankie Bunn to Hull, Clive Goodyear to Plymouth and David Moss who scored in both games against us last year, has returned to his old stamping ground Swindon.

Only last week Luton moved into the transfer market again to sign the experienced Andy King from Wolves to cover the loss of their exciting prospect Emeka Nwajobi.

He has a broken bone in his foot and will be out of action for several weeks.

# FOREST FILE



## AWARD FOR STEVE

It was a miserable night for us when we went out of the Milk Cup to Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus Road.

But at least our goalkeeper Steve Sutton had a little to smile about when he was named Guinness "Man of the Match."

He is pictured (left) receiving his award from TV-AM presenter Tina Baker.

## HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

It might be a little early but this is the last opportunity I will have in the match programme of wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

I just hope the manager and team get what they are hoping for this Christmas — and I dare say that's a little bit of luck.

We've not exactly been over-blessed with it of recent weeks and those of you who travelled to see us play at Hillsborough last Saturday will know exactly what I mean.

But if that kind of performance is repeated it can only be a matter of time before the victories are flowing again... and giving us so much pleasure.

I would like to thank every single supporter for the backing you have given us so far this season and sincerely believe that in 1986 you will have even more to cheer.

A Happy Christmas,  
MAURICE ROWORTH,  
Chairman.

## "TODDY" BACK IN ACTION



Remember we told you in a recent programme that our former defender Colin Todd had returned to his native North East to work as a representative for a brewery.

Well, Colin has started playing football again — for Drybroughs Northern League side Whitley Bay but in his debut they were on the receiving end of a 4-2 defeat.

Col'n, incidentally, had a spell with our visitors today Luton before quitting professional football.

## LAMB . . . ASTER

One of our young schoolboy signings is blazing the goal trail in junior football.

Fifteen-years-old Alan Lamb, from Gateshead, showed his staggering potential when he was promoted to the Redheugh Boys Under-18 side for a cup-tie.

Young Alan responded by scoring ten goals in a crushing 16-2 win.

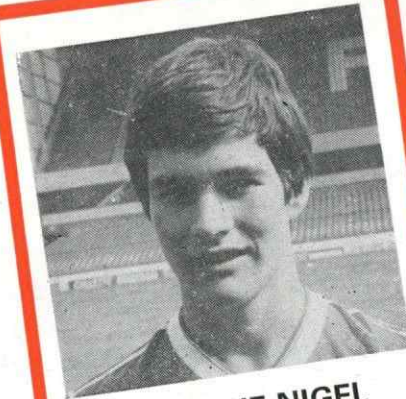
## WHEN IS A LEAK NOT A LEEK?

Quote from our chairman Maurice Roworth after reading reports that the Welsh F.A. were considering offering Brian Clough the manager's job held by Mike England: "I'm fed up of these leaks in the Press!"

## AWAY TRAVEL

Mel Cox is running coaches to our forthcoming games.

The coach to Southampton next Friday leaves the City Ground at 1.00 p.m. and the cost is £7.50. The coach to Birmingham on Boxing Day leaves at 12.30 p.m. and the cost is £3.00.



## NICE ONE NIGEL

Nigel Clough has emerged as the Marshall Haulage "Player of the Month" for his performances during November.

And young Nigel (above) polled 75 per cent of the votes cast — a fact that speaks volumes for the way he has established himself at First Division level.

Neil Webb, who was our September "Player of the Month," was runner-up, and Stuart Pearce was third.

## TODAY'S MASCOT

Eleven-years-old Matthew David Kitchen is today's mascot.

He lives at Sunnyside Farm, Weston, near Newark, and attends the Tuxford Primary School.

His hobbies are football, formula one motor racing, reading and his favourite Forest players are Peter Davenport, Chris Fairclough and Johnny Metgod.



## TAYLOR MADE — FOR JUST 50p

You can see more of the work of Mr. Charles Taylor, whose poem about Nigel Clough we printed in a recent programme.

Mr. Taylor wrote a small book about the career of Brian Clough and he still has copies available.

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# SKOL

# TASTE OF THE BLUES AGAINST CITY




We suffered our first home defeat since mid-September when struggling Manchester City produced a shock 2-0 win at the City Ground last month.

There was just nothing we could do right on the day and City, who were prepared to work hard for their rewards, gained a valuable three points.

As the pictures show even Gary Birtles (top left) got back into his old attacking stride to try and break down the visitors.

But as Nigel Clough (left), Peter Davenport (above) and Neil Webb (right) discovered... there was no way through on the day.



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## FOREST

## LUTON TOWN

Our 24-years-old 'keeper played his 13th successive match against Sheffield Wednesday but again unlucky to be beaten by a decisive late goal.	<b>Steve Sutton</b> 1	<b>Les Sealey</b>	The London-born 'keeper was signed from Coventry, where he had emerged as the No. 1 choice in competition with Jim Blyth.
Continuing to re-establish himself in the side and out to produce the consistent form that gave him the "Player of the Year" title.	<b>Jim McNally</b> 2	<b>Tim Breaker</b>	The young defender or midfield man has broken through onto the first team scene to reveal immense potential.
(Pictured above). Had an impressive game at Hillsborough and at his best deserves the England speculation that has recently come his way.	<b>Stuart Pearce</b> 3	<b>Mitchell Thomas</b>	A former England youth international, he's made a big impression since joining Luton on the Youth Opportunities Scheme.
Watched by Dave Sexton at Hillsborough last Saturday and hopefully in line for more England Under-21 recognition to add to last season's cap.	<b>Des Walker</b> 4	<b>Peter Nicholas</b>	The hard-tackling Welsh international linked up with Luton last season from Crystal Palace, with whom he's played most of his career.
Reinstated as captain in our last home match against Oxford but saw club skipper Ian Bowyer lead out the team last weekend.	<b>Garry Birtles</b> 5	<b>Steve Foster</b>	His outstanding performances at the heart of the defence since his transfer from Aston Villa have allowed Luton to let Paul Elliott take the opposite journey.
Our club captain, back in the side last weekend, was a transfer target for Luton at the beginning of last season before signing a new contract here.	<b>Ian Bowyer</b> 6	<b>Mal Donaghy</b>	A Northern Ireland regular, he has turned himself into one of the First Division's most consistent defenders in recent seasons.
Back in the side after a three-match absence and his pace and trickery created problems for Sheffield Wednesday in our last game.	<b>Franz Carr</b> 7	<b>Ricky Hill</b>	The gifted midfield man has already got England caps to his name and still ranks as an outsider for the World Cup trip to Mexico.
Scored his fifth goal for us at Hillsborough but all but one have been away from home. Scored at Luton on the opening day of the season.	<b>Neil Webb</b> 8	<b>Brian Stein</b>	(Pictured above). Signed from non-league Edgware in October, 1977, and has progressed to such an extent that he, too, has earned England recognition.
Our nine goal striker must surely have captured Dave Sexton's attention as an England Under-21 candidate last Saturday.	<b>Nigel Clough</b> 9	<b>Mick Harford</b>	Luton paid a club record £250,000 to Birmingham for the big striker as a replacement for Liverpool-bound Paul Walsh.
A 16-match sequence in the side was broken for our Dutch midfield star when he was named substitute last Saturday.	<b>Johnny Metgod</b> 10	<b>Andy King</b>	A recent signing from Wolves, the vastly experienced former Everton star stepped in for his debut last Saturday as a replacement for the injured Emeka Nwajioi.
Currently winning a fascinating tussle with fellow Scot. Brian Rice for the No. 11 shirt and both still rank as Scotland hopefuls.	<b>Colin Walsh</b> 11	<b>David Preece</b>	Joined Luton from Walsall last season in a deal that took our former striker Steve Elliott to the Midlands club. Preece was valued at £150,000.
	<b>To be announced</b> 12	<b>To be announced</b>	

### MATCH FACTS

We enjoyed two victories over Luton last season, a 3-1 victory at the City Ground in September being followed by a 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road in April. And we drew 1-1 at Luton on the opening day of the season.

Last season's details:

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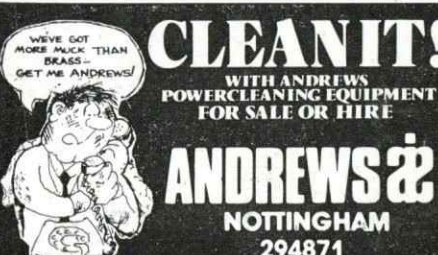
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Mr. B. K. Tewson, Secretary, Nottingham Forest Supporters' Club, City Ground, Nottingham NG2 5FJ.

The Supporters' Club have a number of functions coming up in the coming weeks, starting with a Christmas Disco at the City Hospital branch tonight in aid of Ian Bowyer's testimonial. Tickets are £1 and Dave Romaine (267824) has the details.

Other events on the Supporters' Club diary are :

December—Monday, 16th—General Meeting, City Ground 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 21st—West Nottingham Fancy Dress Party, Whitemoor Hotel 8.00 p.m. Telephone M. Jones 295287.

January—Monday, 13th—General Meeting, City Ground 7.30 p.m.

February—Thursday, 13th—Valentines Eve Dance, Jubilee Club.

Monday, 17th—General Meeting, City Ground 7.30 p.m.

March—Monday, 17th—General Meeting, City Ground 7.30 p.m.

April—Monday, 7th—Video Night, City Ground.

Monday, 21st—General Meeting, City Ground 7.30 p.m.

## ON THE RIGHT ROAD WITH FOREST

In response to several requests, we are re-introducing information, provided by the R.A.C., on how to get to future away games when travelling by car.

Set out below are directions to the matches against Southampton at The Dell (next Friday) and Birmingham at St. Andrew's (on Boxing Day).

### To Southampton

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A453 through Clifton to the M1 Motorway, then South along the M1 for 48 miles to Intersection (16) Northampton, Daventry, A45. 59 Miles.

A45 to Road Weedon, turn left along the A5 to Towcester then turn right along the A43 to the Oxford by-pass 102 Miles.

A34 via Abingdon by-pass, Newbury and Whitechurch to the Winchester by-pass 152 Miles.

A33 to Southampton entering by the Avenue. Follow one-way system into Archers Road to :

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### To Birmingham

#### NOTTINGHAM

A52 via the Sandiacre by-pass to the junction with the A5111 Derby Ring Road. Turn left and follow ring road for 5½ miles to the junction with the A38. 19 Miles.

A38 by-passing Burton-upon-Trent and Lichfield to Bassetts Pole. At roundabout take third exit and 4¼ miles on at roundabout take second road to the Gravelly Hill Interchange with the A38(M) and M6 Motorways. 55 Miles.

Follow signs "Birmingham City Centre" along the A38(M) Aston Expressway to Intersection Middle Ring Road East. 57 Miles.

Follow the Middle Ring Road East via Dartmouth Street and Lawley Street into Watery Lane. Turn left along Kingston Road and at end turn left along Coventry Road to : BIRMINGHAM CITY FOOTBALL GROUND. 58 Miles.

## Bomber's

It was good to be back in the side at Hillsborough last Saturday—but I didn't feel quite so happy about the situation at twenty to five.

In terms of level of performance there is no doubt that it was as good as almost anything we have produced all season.

But that's no consolation when you troop off the field knowing you have lost a game that we should have won comfortably.

I was up in Worksop on Sunday and met a lot of Wednesday supporters who said they had been at the game and how unlucky we were to lose.

That's nice of them to say so but for all their compliments, we looked back on a golden opportunity to get what would have been an excellent victory behind us.

In the cold light of day, it would perhaps have been better if we had not played well and scrambled a 1-0 win to get us back on the right track.

So we still have it all to do but if we are to gain any comfort from last Saturday it was in the fact that we are capable of playing football of a quality far in advance of our current League position.

I was very impressed with the performances of Nigel Clough and Neil Webb but the whole team went about their job in the right manner and it was also good to see Franz Carr coming back into the side and posing problems for the opposition.

There are times when I wish I could borrow Franz's legs but I didn't feel too badly, considering it was my first appearance in the first team since 5th October.

I can't remember being out of the first team for as long as two



months before and when you are a professional footballer that's where you want to be playing.

But when you are not in the side it's important to keep yourself ready, both mentally and physically, in case you are needed.

I enjoyed it very much apart from the result but it would be nice to think we can start to put a run together... and the sooner the better.

★ I would like to thank all of you who came along to the Hippo Club on Monday for a testimonial night. Most of the lads were there and I would particularly like to thank Colin Walsh for organising things.

★ I'm going along to the City Hospital branch of the Supporters' Club tonight for their Christmas Disco and we've also had a couple of excellent quiz nights at the Liberal Club, Arnold, and the Old Spot, Daybrook. Thanks very much to everyone involved.

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# Good news . . . with your Christmas cards

Junior Reds members will shortly be receiving their Christmas cards . . . courtesy of Ultra Print.

And with the cards comes news of one or two activities coming soon.

There is the Christmas pantomime "Humpty Dumpty" in the Jubilee Club on 6th January. There will be two performances at 5 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. and the cost is £1 for members and £1.25 for parents and non-members. Tickets are available from the general office.

There is also information regarding a trip to Watford on 22nd February for our First Division match at Carage Road.

And before that in January, we also have an "Open Day" visit to our Leicester friends at Filbert Street.

So watch out for your Christmas cards . . . and plenty of Junior Reds attractions.

Watch out for an extra special prize in the half-time draw at the Liverpool game on 28th December.

Ashleigh Ltd., of Bar Lane Industrial Estate, Basford, have again donated a "Forest bedroom" for the lucky Junior Reds winner.

It involves up to a 12ft run of bedroom furniture — red and white naturally.

## BOYS CLUB'S ACTIVITIES

As from January 1st 1986, The Forest Boys Club proposing to offer a number of activities to Junior Reds members.

Membership of the Club is £1.00 per year (1st January to 31st December) and as numbers for these activities are limited, first options for membership are being offered to Junior Reds who are 13 years of age and over.

If you are interested in any of the following activities and would like to become a member of the Forest Boys Club (which is also open to girls) write to the club or call for an application form.

Monday Evenings (6.30 - 8.30) Weight Training Under-14s/Roller Skating.

Tuesday Evenings (6.30 - 8.30) Weight Training Under-16s/Five-a-side Football/Tennis.

Thursday Evenings (6.30 - 8.30) Weight Training Under-18s/Roller Skating.

Friday Evenings (6.30 - 8.30) Weight Training Under-15s/Five-a-side Football/Tennis/Film Club.

Sunday Mornings (10.00 - 12.30) Tennis Coaching/Tennis Club/Five-a-side Football.

The attendance fee per session is 25p.



Junior Reds member Ben Ayres got a nice surprise at a recent home game when his lucky number came up during the half time draw.

It won him a Forest towel and our promising young striker Philip Starbuck was on hand to present it to him.

# RESERVE REPORT

by Liam O'Kane

On the half hour we stretched our lead with a fine piece of opportunism by Phillip Starbuck, who picked up the ball in the box and showed composure on the ball before rifling his shot home.

We kept on the attack and Mills broke clear but saw his shot come back off the keeper when he looked a likely scorer.

Starbuck, who had shown some lovely touches, had to come off in the 55th minute to have stitches in a head injury but we kept looking for more goals.

And a fourth arrived in the 72nd minute after Riley had been brought down in the box. Robertson's kick was saved but he picked up the loose ball and crossed for Brian Rice to head in.

Liverpool had a chance to reduce the deficit four minutes from time but Hans Segers saved a penalty from Ian Fairbrother. It was justice really because we deserved to win by such a comfortable margin.

We've had two excellent performances — and results — in the Midland Intermediate League Cup, following up a 3-0 home win over Port Vale by beating a strong Leicester side 2-0 away last Saturday.

It was good to see David Riley back on a field against Port Vale and he scored the goal that set us on the way to victory.

Steve Murray got the second just before half-time after good work by Leigh Paling, who had an impressive match, and then Brett Williams got the third.

Brett Williams

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## COMMERCIAL SCENE

As I mentioned in a previous programme, we're all set to launch an exciting new pools idea in the New Year with four-figure prize money.

We are calling the lottery the Rest Weekly Tri-Pool, which will run for ten weeks, starting on 1st March until the end of the season.

The cost per week is just 20p for ten weeks and there will be a first prize of £1,000 weekly plus lucky draw prizes of £150, £125 and £100.

Every entrant will be allocated five numbers which they will retain over the ten week span of the competition.

The numbers will each relate to five football teams and the £1,000 prize will go to the holder of a card showing the three highest numbers.

I'm looking forward to the new scheme going into practice because some time now we've been looking at other avenues, other than traditional lottery, to explore as money-making exercises.

Obviously, the hope is that it will see useful sums of money for the

club but the prize money is very attractive when you consider that it costs only 20p per week to play the game.

Tickets for the Tri-Pool will be available any time now but, as I mentioned earlier, it does not get off the ground until March.

So there's plenty of time to make sure of your tickets and in the coming weeks we are also on the look-out for extra agents to handle the venture.

If anyone is interested in acting as agents — there are good rates of commission — please contact the Commercial Office (820444).

### PRIZE DRAW

The draw will be made at half-time today for the winner of an executive box at the Liverpool match on 28th December.

Tickets were only 50p and the winner will have use of the box for eight people, three course meals, a welcome pack and programmes.

If you missed out on tickets for this draw, we are planning another for the third round F.A. Cup tie with Blackburn on 4th January.

### EXECUTIVE STYLE

I would like to extend a particular welcome today to Derek Jones and his guests, who are watching the match from one of our Executive Boxes.

At one of Ian Bowyer's recent testimonial nights, Derek bid £240 for the use of the box and the money raised went into "Bombers" fund.

### PRESENTATION

There was a presentation to Ian Bowyer, who is, of course, in his testimonial year, at the Heanor branch of the Supporters' Club's Christmas Disco on Thursday.

"Bomber" went along with Johnny Metgod, Franz Carr, Brian Rice and Stuart Pearce, the four players whose playing kit is sponsored by the branch.

### GUESTS

Representatives of the club were guests at the opening of the Wollaton Arms, Trowell Road, Nottingham, on Wednesday.

We were there at the invitation of Lind Coope and Allsopp Ltd., who are within the same organization as our major sponsors SKOL.

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# STAR SKOLAR



Steve Sutton, the man with the best view of our performances, is convinced that the recent tide will turn.

Defeat at Hillsborough last Saturday left us without a win in six games but Steve argues: "Somebody will suffer sometime."

"Some of our football away from home has been joy to watch and I'm privileged to be in a position to see it. Some of our one-touch football has a stamp of real quality about it."

"Unfortunately, as was proved against Sheffield Wednesday, we are not getting the rewards that we deserve but I feel sure it will change."

"Results have not been kind to us of late but we tore Wednesday apart with our play. I was virtually a spectator for 85 minutes yet we came off the field losing 2-1."

"If we carry on playing as we are that trend cannot continue and I really do feel that we will put a lot of goals past some side because we are good enough to."

Steve, of course, has been more concerned with keeping clean sheets than our goal output and after figuring in seven successive victories when he was recalled to the side, he's had to endure the other side of football in recent weeks.

He adds: "I've been reasonably happy with my form but, like the side in general, I've probably been playing better away from home than at the City Ground where I've made the odd mistake."

"There is less pressure on you away from home and when results are not going so well, it's often easier in away games."

"With Hans Segers fit again I'm fully aware that I've got competition again for the goalkeeper's spot but although it's in my mind I try and dismiss it."

"There is enough pressure in the game without adding to it and the way I look at things, I've just got to do as well as I possibly can."

"If I do my stuff it will make it very difficult for the boss to leave me out and all my efforts have got to be channelled in that direction."

"Nobody likes playing reserve football and having had a reasonable run in the side I just want it to continue and help us get back on a winning streak."

## Steve Sutton



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## HAPPINESS IN THE NORTH EAST

I was interested to read in an earlier programme that we have fans as far afield as Denmark.

I am afraid I can't match allegiance of that strength but I do, however, travel a greater distance than most Forest fans to see home matches — from Newcastle.

Of course, when Forest visited St. James' Park in October, I was perfectly placed and on the day Forest turned in a tremendous performance.

Franz Carr's blinding pace caused the Magpies all sorts of problems and coupled with the clinical finishing of Peter Davenport and Brian Rice and a tight defence gave Forest their 3-0 scoreline.

Not a bad afternoon's work!

**IAN STEPHENSON,**  
Blackfell,  
Washington,  
Tyne and Wear.

## WHAT ABOUT HOME FANS ?

After watching Forest play all their home games and away matches at Leicester and Derby, I have observed that at away matches the Forest team acknowledge the Forest fans who have travelled to see them play.

But at all home games they just walk off the pitch and seem to take for granted that the supporters will turn up week in, week out. Don't these supporters deserve equal praise and encouragement.

**STEVEN HOPGOOD,** Sandy Lane, Bramcote.

## LET'S HAVE MORE AWAY SUPPORT

Having experienced watching a great match when Forest played at Derby, it has led me to write to you about the support from Forest fans.

For a change Forest had a large following of fans but why is it that the Nottingham public stay away from the majority of Forest away games ?

They have a train station from which they can travel all over the country and there are buses which travel from towns in Nottinghamshire and, of course, the ground itself.

Come on you Trent Enders let us hear your vocal support and let's hear the people's points of view in the Main Stand, too, at away games.

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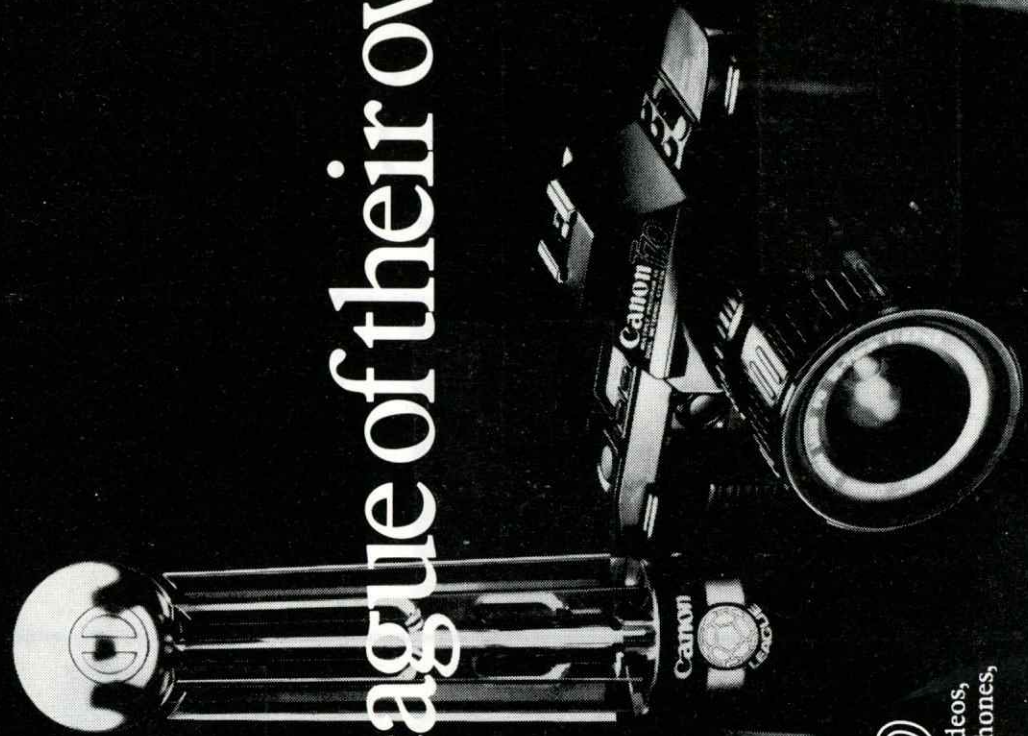
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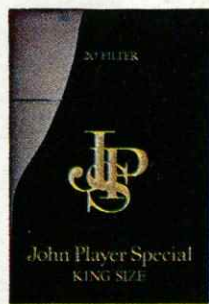
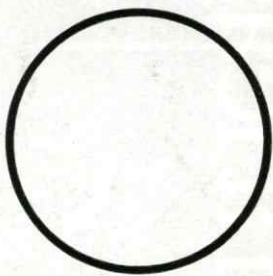
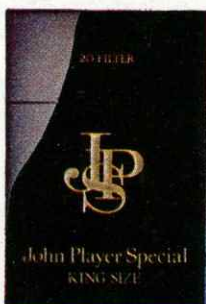
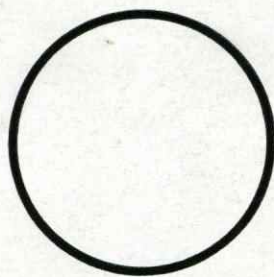
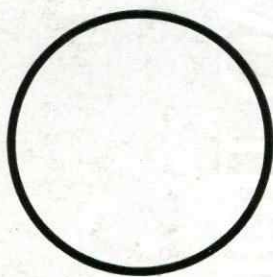
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