

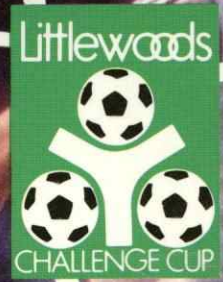
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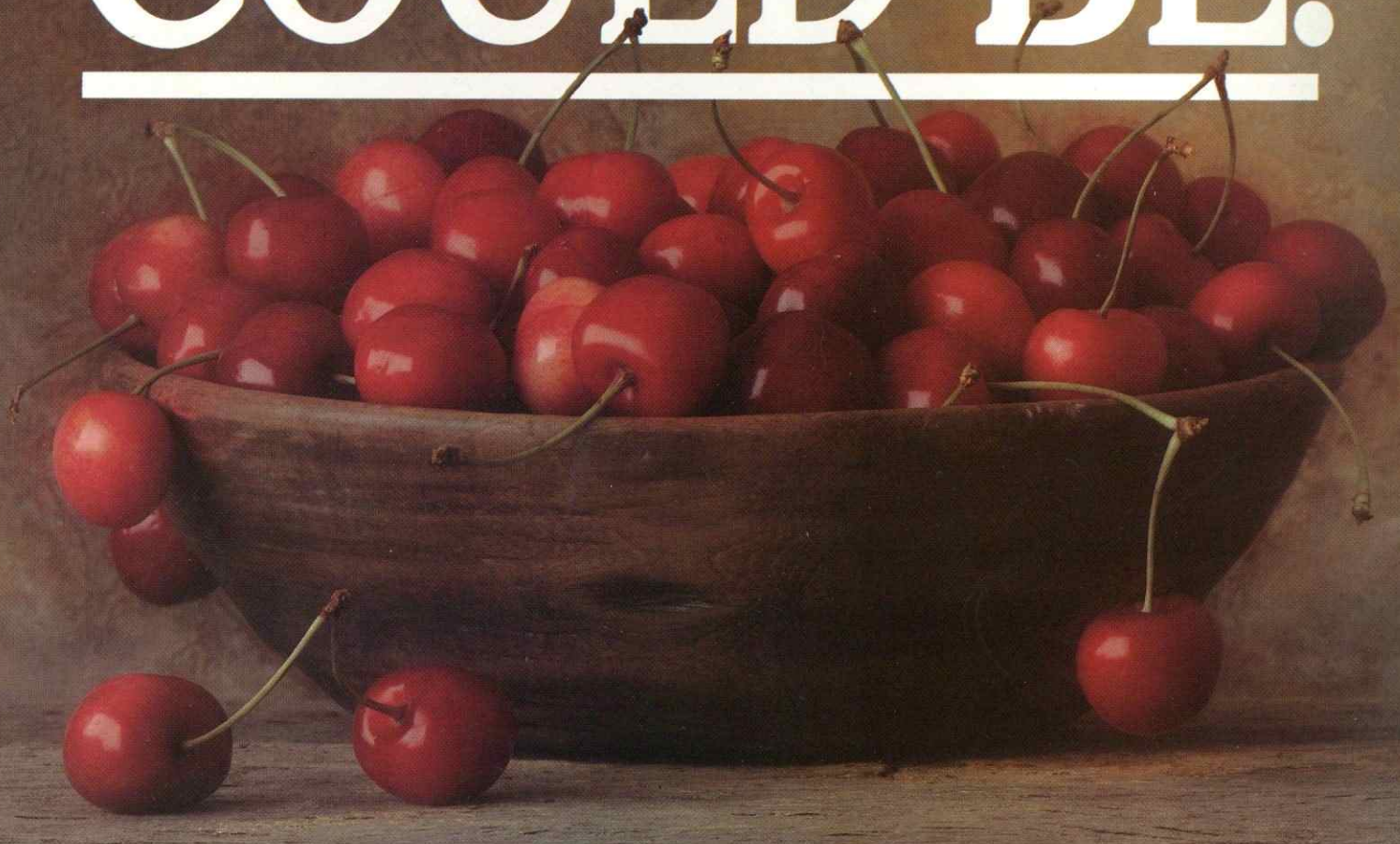
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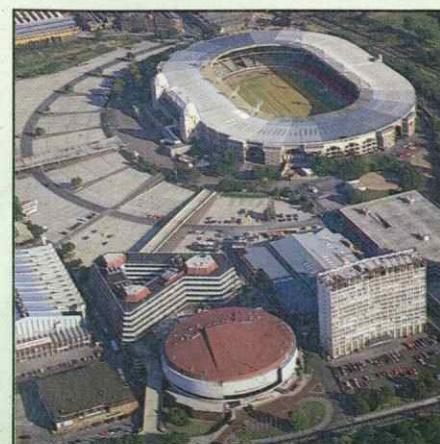


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Wembley holds so many great soccer memories. It is the home of England and its greatest moment was undoubtedly 30th July, 1966 when Bobby Moore proudly held the World Cup aloft.

Through the years it has also played host to the Olympic Games, The Papal Visit and the top names in rock music. Last year alone over 6 million people visited the complex, while the Stadium itself is currently undergoing a major development programme, upgrading facilities for the benefit of all patrons.

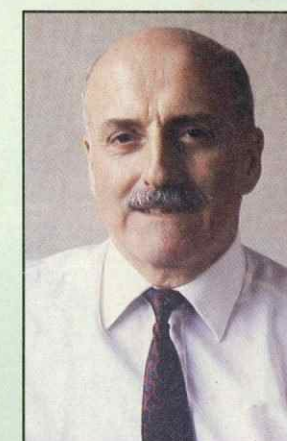
It continues to be a hive of activity each and every week, with Greyhound Racing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



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- 2.00 p.m.** Selections by The Quebec Band, The Queen's Regiment (under the direction of WO1 B. Cunningham).

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- 2.30 p.m.** Littlewoods Junior Challenge 6-a-Side Exhibition Match organised by the National Association of Boys' Clubs featuring the Finalists of The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup Competition and Presentation of The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup.

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- 2.55 p.m.** Presentation of a Vauxhall Astra Challenge Car to the Sun Newspaper Competition Winner.

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- 3.05 p.m.** Further Selections by the Quebec Band.

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- 3.20 p.m.** Presentation of the teams and officials to Guest of Honour Mr. John Moores, Director of The Littlewoods Organisation.  
The National Anthem.

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- 3.30 p.m.** Kick-Off.

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- 4.15 p.m.** Half Time (15 minutes).  
Marching Display by the band.

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- 5.15 p.m.** End of Match.  
Presentation of The Littlewoods Challenge Cup and Medals by Guest of Honour Mr. Peter Moores, Director of The Littlewoods Organisation.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOTBALL AUTHORITIES

### WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S IDENTITY CARD SCHEME WILL MEAN TO YOU

The Government plans to introduce a compulsory ID card scheme for football supporters in England and Wales. You, the fans, will have to buy an ID card if you wish to attend football matches. You will have to fill in an application form and provide a photograph before you can be issued with a card. Your personal details will be stored on a computer and monitored. Football supporters will be the only people in the country who are made to have ID cards.

On match days you will have to join a queue of people waiting to have their ID cards checked before you enter the ground. If the computer breaks down there will be chaos. Even if the computers are working normally there is a good chance that somebody in the queue in front of you will have a card that will cause you delay.



If you are opposed to this scheme, please write to your local MP at:

The House of Commons,  
 London SW1A 0AA  
 and ask him or her to oppose the Government's proposals.

These are some of the points that you may like to make:

- ★ The ID card will not stop hooliganism (away from grounds).
- ★ The scheme could cause serious delays at turnstiles.

- ★ The bureaucracy and cost of the scheme will deter thousands from going to matches and could ruin some smaller clubs.

- ★ Millions of law-abiding citizens including pensioners and season ticket holders are going to be inconvenienced by a scheme which will *not* benefit them, just to deal with a tiny minority of hooligans.

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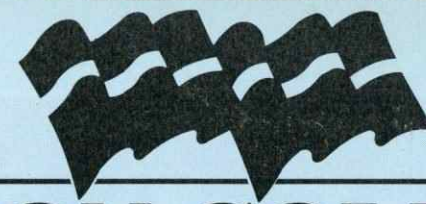
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FACTS AND FIGURES

The first two League Cup games were played on the evening of Monday, September 26, 1960. Bristol Rovers beat Fulham 2-1 and West Ham United defeated Charlton Athletic 3-1.

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Maurice Cook (Fulham) was the first League Cup marksman, scoring in the ninth minute. The attendance for Rovers success at Eastville was 20,022 while West Ham's victory was watched by 12,496.

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One report of the Bristol win revealed that there had been 31 attempts at goal during the match, 19 by Rovers, 12 by Fulham. At the time, Rovers had not been beaten under the Eastville floodlights.

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The inaugural League Cup final was held over until the beginning of the following season. In the first leg at Millmoor on August 22, 1961, Rotherham United established a 2-0 lead over Aston Villa. The crowd of 12,226 paid receipts of £1,800.

★ ★ ★

Villa retrieved the deficit at Villa Park on September 5, scoring three times without reply after extra time. The attendance of 31,202 produced receipts of £5,400.

★ ★ ★

The semi-final stage of the 1962-63 competition was hit by the big freeze-up. Sunderland's first leg game with Aston Villa was actually played on a Saturday, January 12. The second leg was held over until April 22!

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On August 26, 1980, Southampton beat Watford 4-0 at The Dell in a first leg game. In the return at Vicarage Road, Watford were leading 5-1 at the end of normal time. In the extra period they added two more goals to win 7-1 and 7-5 on aggregate.

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Aston Villa used 15 different players in the two legged 1961 final. They included players born in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. Leeds United successful 1968 League Cup winning team which defeated Arsenal 1-0 had players from England, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Wales.

★ ★ ★

The first player to score a hat-trick in a League Cup game was Jimmy Walsh for Leicester City in a 4-0 First Round win over Mansfield Town on October 12, 1960.

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Youngest League Cup final Captain: Barry Venison (Sunderland) v Norwich City 1985 at 20 years, 7 months, 8 days.

The first player to score as many as two goals in a League Cup match was Brian Clough for Middlesbrough but Cardiff City beat them 4-3 on October 1960.

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Record crowd for a Football Cup game other than the final is 63,418 for the semi-final, second leg between Manchester United and Manchester City at Old Trafford on December 17, 1969. The game ended in a 2-2 draw, City reaching the final having beaten United 2-1 two weeks earlier at Maine Road in front of a crowd of 55,799.

★ ★ ★

Tottenham Hotspur were the first club to win the trophy twice, Norwich City the first from the Second Division to succeed, Queen's Park Rangers the initial Division Three winners and Rochdale the only Fourth Division team to have appeared in a final.

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The average attendance for a League Cup game in the inaugural 1960-61 season was 10,755. Aggregate attendances totalled 1,204,580. In 1987-88 the aggregate was 1,539,948, the average crowd 9,747. No other senior competition in this country has retained the majority of its support over the same period.

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Highest score in a League Cup game: West Ham United 10 Bury 0, Second Round, second leg October 25, 1983; Liverpool 10 Fulham 0, Second Round, first leg September 23, 1986. Liverpool's 13-2 aggregate of goals against Fulham is the highest.

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The youngest goalscorer in a final was Norman Whiteside for Manchester United against Liverpool at the age of 17 years, 323 days on March 26, 1983. The oldest was George Eastham for Stoke City v Chelsea in the 1972 final at the age of 35 years, 161 days.

★ ★ ★

Nottingham Forest had an unbeaten run in the competition lasting two years, six months. It ran from September 1977 to March 1980 and encompassed 17 ties and 25 games. Liverpool were unbeaten in 25 consecutive rounds of the League/Milk Cup between 1980 and 1984. During this period they won the trophy four times.

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Four different players have scored as many as five goals in one League Cup game: Derek Reeves (Southampton) v Leeds United December 5, 1960; Alan Wilks (Queen's Park Rangers) v Oxford United October 10, 1967; Bob Latchford (Everton) v Wimbledon August 28, 1978 and Cyrille Regis (Coventry City) v Chester October 9 1985.

In 1969-70 all 92 Football League clubs entered the competition for the first time and there had never been fewer than 80 clubs participating before that in any one season. In 1970-71 there were 91 entries but a full complement afterwards.

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The highest score by a team in a League Cup final is four goals achieved once by West Bromwich Albion in the second leg of the 1966 final. Their 4-1 win over West Ham United enabled them to beat their opponents on a 5-3 aggregate.

★ ★ ★

Jimmy Langley became the oldest player to appear in a League Cup final when he turned out for Queen's Park Rangers against West Bromwich Albion in the first Wembley final in 1967. He was 38 years old at the time.

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In 1986-87, Clive Allen (Tottenham Hotspur) established a record of individual scoring in one League Cup campaign by scoring 12 goals in the Littlewoods Cup that season.

★ ★ ★

Liverpool became the first winners of the Milk Cup in 1982 when the competition was first sponsored and in 1987 Arsenal won the initial Littlewoods Cup.

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It was at the Football League's AGM in May 1960 that the League Cup competition was inaugurated when clubs agreed in favour by 31 votes to 15.

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Everton have missed more League Cup seasons than any other contemporary member. Their seven absences came from 1961-62 to 1966-67 successively and again in 1970-71.

★ ★ ★

Liverpool have been the most successful club in the competition with four wins successively from 1981 to 1984. They also have the most appearances in finals — six in all.

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The first twenty-eight League Cup finals produced 18 different winners and 26 different finalists. After Liverpool's four wins come Aston Villa with three and Manchester City, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur and Wolverhampton Wanderers with two each.

BY JACK ROLLIN

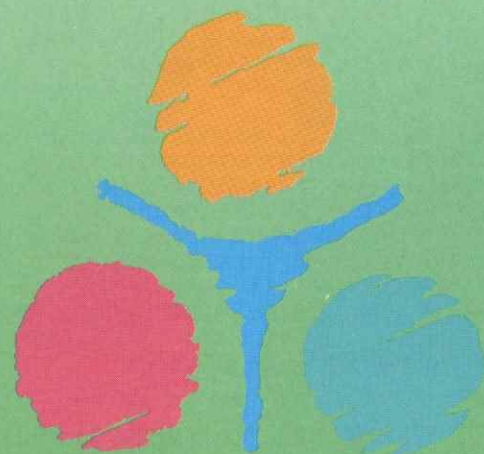


The Sun Newspaper in conjunction with The Littlewoods Organisation have for the second year running featured a Spot the Difference Competition in the Sun Newspaper. The first prize of which is an Astra Challenge Car.

The lucky winner of this fabulous car will be able to travel around with their family in comfort and style.

Today, at the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Final you will have the opportunity to view this unique prize as it will be presented to the winner before the game and it will then be driven twice around the track.

As you can see the Astra Challenge Car is in a division of its own and has been personalised for this very special occasion.



# COMPETITION

The finals of this competition were played over two legs until 1966. All subsequent finals were played at Wembley Stadium with any replay venue as shown.

1961	Rotherham United Aston Villa (After extra time) Aston Villa won on aggregate 3-2	2	Aston Villa Rotherham United	0 0
1962	Rochdale Norwich City Norwich City won on aggregate 4-0	0 1	Norwich City Rochdale	3 0
1963	Birmingham City Aston Villa Birmingham City won on Aggregate 3-1	3 0	Aston Villa Birmingham City	1 0
1964	Stoke city Leicester City Leicester City won on aggregate 4-3	1 3	Leicester City Stoke City	1 2
1965	Chelsea Leicester City Chelsea won on aggregate 3-2	3 0	Leicester City Chelsea	2 0
1966	West Ham United West Bromwich Albion West Bromwich Albion won on aggregate 5-3	2 4	West Bromwich Albion West Ham United	1 1
1967	Queens Park Rangers	3	West Bromwich Albion	2
1968	Leeds United	1	Arsenal	0
1969	Swindon Town	3	Arsenal	1
1970	Manchester City	2	West Bromwich Albion	1
1971	Tottenham Hotspur	2	Aston Villa	0
1972	Stoke City	2	Chelsea	1
1973	Tottenham Hotspur	1	Norwich City	0
1974	Wolverhampton Wndrs	2	Manchester City	1
1975	Aston Villa	1	Norwich City	0
1976	Manchester City	2	Newcastle United	1
1977	Aston Villa	0	Everton	0
1st replay	Aston Villa (After extra time at Hillsborough)	1	Everton	1
2nd replay	Aston Villa (After extra time at Old Trafford)	3	Everton	2



PROGRAMME COVER FROM LAST YEAR - A WINNING YEAR FOR LUTON

1978	Nottingham Forest (After extra time)	0	Liverpool	0
replay	Nottingham Forest (at Old Trafford)	1	Liverpool	0
1979	Nottingham Forest	3	Southampton	2
1980	Wolverhampton Wndrs	1	Nottingham Forest	0
1981	Liverpool (After extra time)	1	West Ham United	1
replay	Liverpool (at Villa Park)	2	West Ham United	1
1982	Liverpool (After extra time)	3	Tottenham Hotspur	1
1983	Liverpool (After extra time)	2	Manchester United	1
1984	Liverpool (After extra time)	0	Everton	0
replay	Liverpool (at Maine Road)	1	Everton	0
1985	Norwich City	1	Sunderland	0
1986	Oxford United	3	Queens Park Rangers	0
1987	Arsenal	2	Liverpool	1
1988	Luton Town	3	Arsenal	2

### SUMMARY OF WINNERS

Winners: 4 Liverpool  
3 Aston Villa  
2 Manchester City; Norwich City; Nottingham Forest; Tottenham Hotspur; Wolverhampton Wanderers  
1 Arsenal; Birmingham City; Chelsea; Leeds United; Leicester City; Luton Town; Oxford United; Queens Park Rangers; Stoke City; Swindon Town; West Bromwich Albion

### APPEARANCES IN FINAL

6 Liverpool  
5 Aston Villa  
4 Arsenal; Norwich City  
3 Manchester City; Nottingham Forest; Tottenham Hotspur; West Bromwich Albion  
2 Chelsea; Everton; Leicester City; Queens Park Rangers; Stoke City; West Ham United; Wolverhampton Wanderers  
1 Birmingham City; Leeds United; Luton Town; Manchester United; Newcastle United; Oxford United; Rochdale; Rotherham United; Southampton; Sunderland; Swindon Town



PROGRAMME COVERS FROM FOREST'S LAST TWO WINNING LEAGUE CUP FINALS



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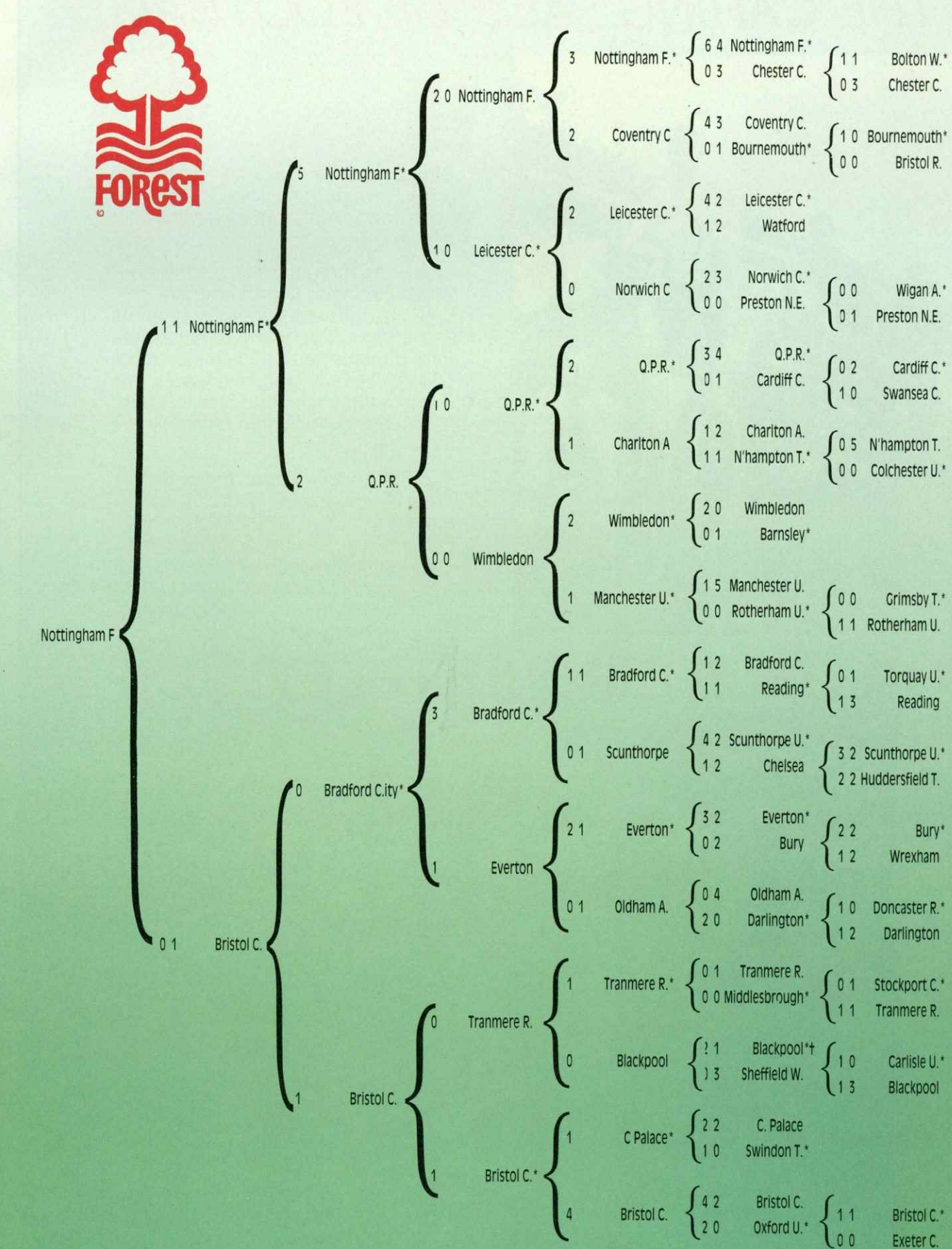
LEAGUE CUP FINALS 1961-1988

1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	5th Round	Semi-Final	Final
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KEY: † Denotes won on penalties + Denotes won on away goals \* Denotes home club in first match  
Liverpool v Arsenal second replay at Villa Park

Final	Semi-Final	5th Round	4th Round	3rd Round	2nd Round	1st Round
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HOW ALL THE TEAMS FARED



## THE CARING FACE OF FOOTBALL

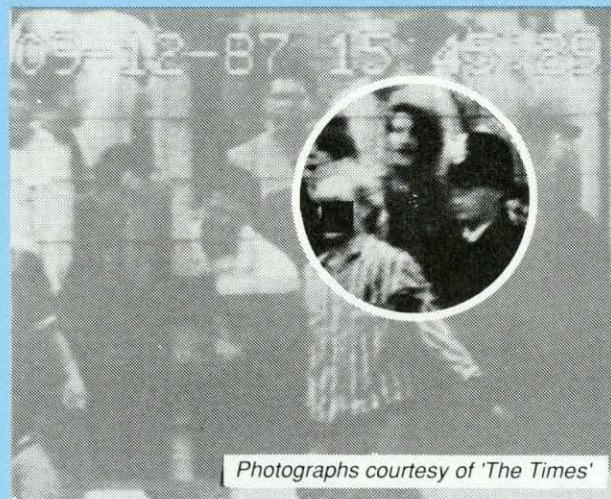


Strenuous efforts are being made to provide modern facilities for the safety and comfort of all football spectators.

This year, more than £1.25 million will be spent on improvements projects at Football League grounds and areas for people with disabilities form a major part of this programme. 1989 will see further initiatives including new and better toilet facilities and additional enclosures for family support.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust is responsible for all these measures. Each year it receives £4.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors and spends it on schemes to improve standards at British football stadia.

## CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

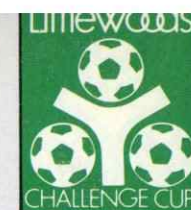


Photographs courtesy of 'The Times'

Three minutes before the interval, a bottle was thrown towards the opposing side's goalkeeper. The incident was captured by the CCTV system and 57 seconds later police had arrested the offender. By the half-time whistle, he had been led away for questioning, charged and subsequently pleaded guilty at the court hearing.

CCTV is the most effective anti-hooligan measure inside grounds and more than 100 stadia in Britain are equipped with cameras installed by The Football Trust.

CCTV forms only part of the Trust's many initiatives. Each year it receives over £9.5 million from the Spotting-the-Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zettors and spends it on projects that benefit every level of the game throughout the United Kingdom.



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**Honours:** Division One: Best season 7th 1986-87.  
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F.A. Cup: Runners-up 1959.  
Littlewoods Cup: Winners 1987-88 (Current holders).

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**Ground:** Kenilworth Road since 1905 (artificial surface). Capacity 14,000.

**Chairman:** David Evans.

**Secretary:** Bill Tomlins

**Manager:** Ray Harford. Managers since 1946— George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Forbes, Alec Stock, Harry Haslam, David Pleat, John Moore.

**Record Victory:** 12-0 v Bristol Rovers Division 3 (S) 13th April 1936.

**Record Defeat:** 9-0 v Small Heath Division 2 12th November 1898.

**Most League Points:** 88 Division 2 1981-82.



CHAIRMAN, DAVID EVANS MP

**Most League Goals:** 103 Division 3 (S) 1936-37.

**Record Fee Received:** £400,000 for Paul Walsh (from Liverpool May 1984).

**Record Fee Paid:** £300,000 for Steve Williams (to Arsenal 1988).

**Record Attendance:** 30,069 v Blackpool (F.A. Cup replay 6th round 4th March 1959).

**Record Receipts:** £77,000 v Oxford United (Littlewoods Cup Semi-Final 28th February 1988).

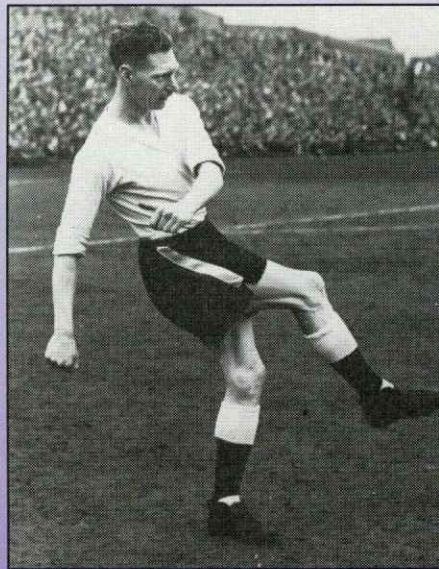
**First League Match:** September 4th 1897 v Leicester Fosse 1-1 away.



WHEN I was handed the brief to compile a feature on the star players from Luton Town's past I simply scratched my head. Where do you begin? How do you select a few names from the galaxy of stars who have graced the Luton Town shirt over the past 104 years?

The prime time for hero worship is childhood and adolescence, of course, so I suppose it only natural that my immediate thoughts should flick back to that era of my life and recall the beaky, rather aristocratic face of Syd Owen.

Syd was slight in build for a centre-half although he had the



SYD OWEN STILL THOUGHT BY MANY TO BE LUTON'S GREATEST DEFENDER

height to quite comfortably dominate the skies. A brilliant reader of the game he relied more on anticipation than physical strength yet was a captain of substance who led his men with great bearing and authority.

I suppose for me he epitomised the essence of a true leader of men and was, in fact, in charge of the Hatters when I attend my first F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. It was 1959 and was also Luton's first taste and, until last season, only experience beneath the twin towers in a major competition.

Luton had done tremendously well to earn their tilt at Nottingham Forest as, following the dismissal of Dally Duncan, they had been without a manager for seven months. The onerous task of team affairs had been heaped on the sloping shoulders of Syd Owen and the proof of his ability in that direction was there at Wembley for all to see.

That Wembley final, which Luton lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest, even though Forest played the last 55 minutes with ten men after right winger Roy Dwight suffered a broken leg, was to be Syd Owen's last appearance. Upon the final whistle he hung up his boots to become the

Club's manager. One of the game's most respected gentlemen had gone out on a high note as 'Footballer of the Year.'

Even now Syd is considered by many to have been the best centre-half ever to wear the Luton Town shirt. He made almost 400 League appearances and his stamina over a remarkable 13-year playing career at Kenilworth Road can be attributed as much to his dedication to fitness as to his enthusiasm for the game.

He really did have, and still has today, a burning passion for physical exercise. Even when the team was on a playing holiday abroad Syd never let his hair down. There is the lovely story of one such tour when Syd was putting himself through his 6.00 a.m. routine on a balcony of the hotel. In strolled Wally Shanks after a night on the town. Syd glanced up and genuinely remarked: "Glad to see you were up before me for your morning walk."

There were plenty of characters in the Luton ranks in those days and none greater than Bob Morton who during his 16-years as a player set a club record 550 appearances. The only time Bob didn't raise a smile was after that F.A. Cup Final defeat by Nottingham Forest. It still rankles with him today and he groans: "It was the most disappointing moment of my career. We never ever thought we could lost to Forest. We always got a decent result against them. It was a big let down."

Morton was a powerful athlete who had the skill and ability to play in almost any role. In defence, midfield or attack. When Jesse Pye left the club it was Bob who was given the role in attack and he responded magnificently with 14 goals to finish second leading scorer that season.

Schemer, striker, stopper, he could do the lot and do it well. Bob forged a great understanding with Gordon Turner who owed much to him as he went on to set a Club record of 243 League goals in 406 League appearances.

Turner was another personality whose charisma shone through. There was a great controversy when he was left out of that Cup Final team in 1959 and the arguments are still fired from time to time.

The son of a former Doncaster Rovers and Hull City professional he joined Luton as an amateur wing-half upon leaving the Royal Navy in 1949. Comfortable on the ball and with a powerful shot it soon became evident that Gordon had the armament to join the attack. He was the hero of Town's 1955 promotion campaign breaking the club record with 32 goals in the Second Division. The following season he netted 19 goals in 33 First Division games and in the subsequent campaign notched 30 in the League and one in the F.A. Cup to

become the Town's most successful scorer since the war.

A professional at 19 Gordon always acknowledged the part Jesse Pye played in his development. "Telepathic," was the expression he used to describe his former striking partner saying: "He could read my next move almost before I could." He declared that he had played with them all — Finney, Lofthouse and the rest — "but Jesse was the finest."

The great Jesse Pye spent two seasons with Luton in the mid-fifties and what enjoyment he brought to the fans. "What a ball player," enthuses Bob Morton, "but he was about the only centre-forward I knew who couldn't head a ball... He headed it once I think and it did go in the net."

Pye was one of the biggest names in the game when he arrived at Kenilworth Road, and his £9,000 transfer from Wolves set the Town ablaze with enthusiasm. A deep lying attacker he was as much a provider as a striker yet in his first season, 1952-53, rattled in 28 goals.

When it comes to goalscoring feats, of course, there are none that can compare with those of Joe Payne on Easter Monday 1936. His performance that day, when he rattled in 10 goals against Bristol Rovers, set the League scoring record for one game.

It was April 13th and certainly proved unlucky for the unfortunate Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Ellis, who, according to Payne made as many good saves as he let in.

Incredibly Joe Payne had only been drafted into the side as a last resort because Boyd and Ball were injured. Signed from the Bolsover Colliery in the summer of 1934 as a striker it seemed the Luton management did not rate him as a goalscorer and the 22-year-old former miner was languishing in the reserve side having played only a few games in defence or midfield.

It was the coldest Easter Monday for 30 years but Joe soon set things alight in a dramatic 90 minutes. His first strike was made in the 24th minute and by half-time he had scored three as Luton went in 4-0 ahead.

Then the fans were treated to a seven goal burst from the dynamic debutant. Martin added another in the last minute to make it 12-0 to Luton Town, the Third Division (South) leaders.

That 90 minutes was to transform Payne's life. He played a prominent part in the 1936-37 promotion season and when he left to sign for Chelsea in 1938 had the incredible figures of 83 goals in 72 League appearances for Luton.

Even the dashing Malcolm Macdonald couldn't match that score rate. Macdonald like Payne was not regarded as a striker when he was

transferred from Fulham in July 1969 for £17,750. Alec Stock had signed Malcolm as a left-back although the player himself was still trying to find his best position.

It was an injury in a pre-season friendly which resulted in Malcolm being pushed into attack and he quickly stamped his authority on the game. Strong, powerful and pacey, his sheer will and determination to win the ball made him the scourge of defenders. And like Payne before him his complete and ruthless physical dominance of rivals won him the hearts of the fans. Malcolm, who netted 49 goals in 88 League appearances was possibly the last in a heroic mould.

Bruch Rioch, who emerged through the Luton apprentice ranks in the sixties was also a player of class. Famous for the power of his shooting he was one of the cornerstones of Allan Brown's Fourth Division Championship winning side in 1968, contributing 24 goals in 44 League appearances.

Bruce gradually developed into a creative midfield player of international class — he won 24 caps for Scotland — but the lasting memories for Luton supporters, before his record £100,000 transfer to Aston Villa in 1969, are of those glorious goals particularly one against Barnsley in August 1968 when he ran the length of the pitch to score the opening shot in a 5-1 win.

MALCOLM MACDONALD STARTED HIS CAREER AS A STRIKER AT LUTON



There have been so many great players it is impossible to mention them all. Bob Hawkes the great amateur in the early 1900s; Dally Duncan the celebrated Scottish winger who turned out for Luton when he was 39 years 11 days old; Billy Bingham, now the manager of

Northern Ireland, who was a livewire winger and scored the goal that beat Norwich City in the semi-final replay of the F.A. Cup in 1959.

Syd Owen tells of how they used to go back to the club in the afternoon and set up voluntary training sessions to improve their game. He recalls: "I spent many an afternoon playing balls into Billy Bingham. He used to go to the touchline and get people to come and compete for the ball with him. He encouraged them to knock him over so that he could practice his recovery. He would roll over and come back up in one movement still in control of the ball."

Great days, magic memories. Like those produced by Frank Soo, a Chinese wing-half, of the mid-forties whose phenomenal ability held even his fellow professionals in awe. The back-heel flick was his party piece. Soo would run the ball down the right hand touchline then bamboozle his opponent by bringing the left foot over the ball as he was in stride to back-heel it with awesome power down the line to a colleague.



IRISH INTERNATIONAL BILLY BINGHAM A FAVOURITE AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Then there were goalkeepers Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten. Baynham was a solid and dependable athlete Stretton a more daring and instinctive shot stopper. He was a bit of a practical joker too and loved to turn a cold hose-pipe on the lads as they stepped from the showers. Sometimes he would aim it at players who were fully dressed and one day he couldn't understand why Bernard Mitchell was standing there taking the soaking with his shirt and trousers on. Then the laugh turned on him. Mitchell was wearing Stretton's clothes.

BY COLIN BENSON



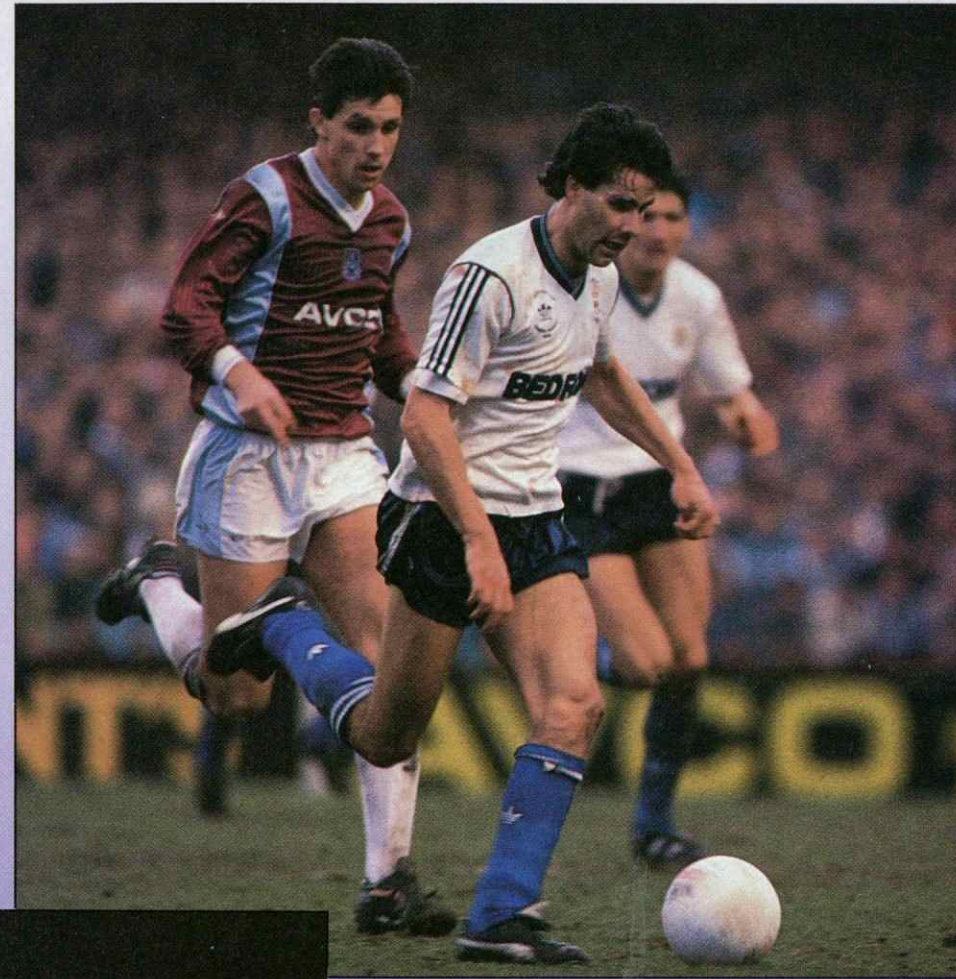
MARK WARD AND RICKY HILL IN A TUSSE



STEVE FOSTER JOINS THE ATTACK



RICKY HILL BEATS PAUL INCE TO THE BALL



ROY WEGERLE CHASED BY TONY GALE



- 2nd Round** 1st leg 27th September 1988 v Burnley H 1-1 (1-1) 6,282.  
Sealey, Johnson R. (Breacker), Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Oldfield, Harford, Hill, Black. Scorer: Johnson R.
- 2nd Round** 2nd leg 11th October 1988 v Burnley A 1-0 (0-0) 14,036.  
Sealey, Johnson R., Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Oldfield (Allinson), Harford, Hill, Black. Scorer: Hill.
- 3rd Round** 2nd November 1988 v Leeds United A 2-0 (1-0) 19,450.  
Sealey, James, Dreyer, Williams, Foster, Johnson H; Wilson, Oldfield, Wegerle, Hill, Black. Scorers: Wilson, Oldfield.
- 4th Round** 29th November 1988 v Manchester City H 3-1 (2-1) 10,178.  
Sealey, Johnson R; Harvey, Preece, Foster, Johnson H; Wilson, Wegerle, Harford (Hill), Oldfield, Black. Scorers: Oldfield, Wegerle 2.
- 5th Round** 18th January 1989 v Southampton H 1-1 (0-0) 11,735.  
Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, Foster, Dreyer, Wilson, Wegerle, Dowie, Hill, Black. Scorer: Hill.
- 5th Round** replay 25th January 1989 v Southampton A 2-1 after extra time. Score at 90 mins 0-0.  
Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, Foster, Dreyer, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford (Oldfield), Hill, Black. Scorers: Harford, Hill.
- Semi-Final** 1st leg 12th February 1989 v West Ham United A 3-0 (1-0) 24,602.  
Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, Foster, Beaumont, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Hill, Black. Scorers: Harford, Wegerle Wilson (pen).
- Semi-Final** 2nd leg 1st March 1989 v West Ham United H 2-0 (1-0) 12,020.  
Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, Preece, Foster, Beaumont, Wilson, Wegerle, Harford, Hill, Black. Scorers: Harford, Wegerle.

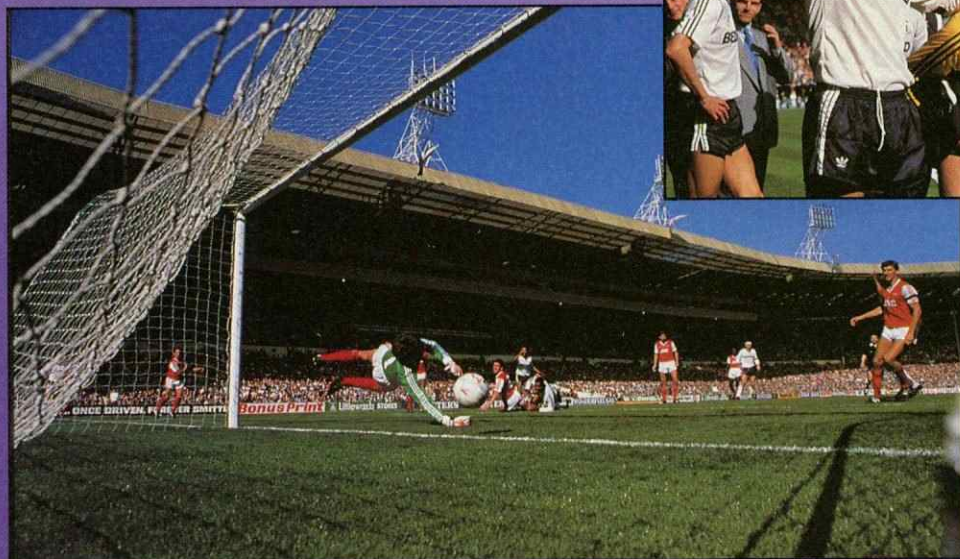
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Scorers: 4, Wegerle; 3, Harford, Hill; 2, Oldfield, Wilson; 1, Johnson R.

LUTON PLAYERS CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST MAJOR CUP TRIUMPH.



BRIAN STEIN SCORES THE WINNER TO LIFT THE CUP LAST YEAR.



RAY HARFORD, THE MAN BEHIND THE TEAM

Luton Town really reached today's Littlewoods Cup Final six months ago, before they were even through the third round. That was when Ray Harford turned down an approach from managerless Sheffield Wednesday, then in the top half of the Championship.

At the time, Luton were fifth from bottom and a relegation fight seemed more in prospect than another springtime Sunday at Wembley. But a strong sense of loyalty to the club, and to chairman David Evans, was behind the manager's decision to reject the interest of others.

Ray explained: "It is flattering to be linked with other clubs, but no more than that. I have shaken hands on a new contract with Luton (3 years) and I am going to sign it."

On this corresponding Cup Final day a year ago, Luton dramatically beat Arsenal to prove they could also play on grass and to achieve the first major trophy in their history.

Much as he wants them to retain it today, their manager sees his job at Kenilworth Road, as principally, to "build a team that will assure us of keeping a place, long-term, in the First Division."

Ray Harford was born with the grit of a Yorkshireman 43 years ago at Halifax. He grew up street-wise in South London's Elephant and Castle district.

Soccer-wise, he began, briefly, with Charlton Athletic and furthered his education as a centre-half around the lower regions, making a career total of 353 League appearances between 1965 and 1975. His clubs, after Charlton, were Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester.

Coaching began for him at Colchester and continued with Fulham, where he brought players like Ray Houghton, Dean Coney and Paul Parker to prominence.

He became team manager at Craven Cottage after Malcolm MacDonald resigned on Good Friday 1984, and left two summers later for the post of chief coach at Luton.

A year later, their manager John Moore decided to move out of football. His successor, appointed from within, was Ray Harford.

David Pleat's management had given Luton Town kudos and style, a place on the map. Harford has brought honours to the club. Organising the first team is his priority, bringing on the next batch of up-and-coming Luton players his greatest satisfaction.

One of Ray's first moves as Manager was to appoint Club Captain, Steve Foster as Player/Coach — a recognition of Steve's exceptional qualities of leadership. Steve is not only a very good pivot, but his confidence and understanding have done wonders at the heart

of the defence, and he is not backward in coming forward when it comes to assisting the attack. And he has also been an inspiration to the younger players.

Steve, for his part, has complimented his manager's policies and upheld Ray's priorities.

He requires his teams to play proper football, creative and constructive. In five-a-sides at training, he demands concentration and wants none of the flippancy that will sometimes produce 6-5 scores at practice in other camps.

Some managers are tailor-made for the media. Harford is a players' manager... likes them to take the spotlight. Although he should be getting used to Wembley now, leading his team into the arena this afternoon is unlikely to come any easier to a basically shy man.

Ray is Luton's eleventh post-war manager. In his first season in charge, they won the Littlewoods Cup, reached the Simod Cup Final here, the F.A. Cup semi-final and finished ninth in the Championship.

Four of the winning Littlewoods side have moved on: Andy Dibble to Manchester City, Mark Stein to Q.P.R., his brother Brian to French football with Caen, and Mal Donaghy up-market to Manchester United.

On an average First Division gate of just over 8,000 last season and just under 10,000 this term, you need to be prudent in the transfer business. Mad spending is not for Luton.

For every player Ray Harford has signed, he has sold another — nine bought for £1.2m, nine transferred for £2.2m yielding a profit of £1m over two seasons.

Television's bench shots today will show one manager built like a cruiserweight boxer and chewing gum incessantly. He says that he was "too slow" to be a top-flight centre-half, but he has caught the Wembley habit quickly enough.

Which is why Hatters' fans can raise their straw boaters and salute the man who has brought Luton to their third Final in barely a year. That is quite a feather in Ray Harford's own cap when you consider the clubs of considerably greater stature, historical and geographical, who have failed to reach one Final through the Eighties.

BY ALBERT SEWELL

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**LES SEALEY**

London-born goalkeeper who missed out on Luton's Littlewoods Cup triumph last year after sustaining an injury shortly before the Final. Launched his career with Coventry City, where he made his debut in the 1976-77 season, and cost Luton an £80,000 fee in the summer of 1983. Has been ever-present en route to Wembley this time. Age 31.



LES SEALEY

**ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**

Reserve goalkeeper whose only senior outing was in the Simod Cup defeat at Crystal Palace in January. An Ipswich apprentice, he was later released and joined Colchester, where he never missed a game in four seasons. Next stop was Everton, but after failing to establish himself there he was snapped up by Luton last summer. Age 24.

**TIM BREACKER**

Has worked his way through the ranks to become a first team regular and win England Under-21 honours. Ever-present last season but a hernia operation kept him sidelined during the first half of the current campaign and he was only restored to the side in January. Strong, overlapping full-back, he made his senior debut five years ago. Age 23.



STEVE FOSTER

**STEVE FOSTER**

Inspirational captain who has proved a tremendous bargain since his £70,000 capture from Aston Villa in November, 1984. Originally with home town club Portsmouth, he later moved to Brighton, where he gained three England caps and led his team in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final replay defeat by Manchester United. Moved to Villa for an unhappy spell of just 15 League games. Age 31.

**ASHLEY GRIMES**

**DAVE BEAUMONT**

Latest addition to the Luton squad after his £150,000 transfer from Dundee United in January. Versatile performer north of the border but delighted to be playing in his favourite role as a central defender with Luton. Made his debut in the first leg of the semi-final against West Ham and his no-nonsense style reminds fans of his predecessor, Mal Donaghy. Age 25.

**ASHLEY GRIMES**

Laid on the winning goal in last year's final after coming on as substitute. Dublin-born and an established member of the Republic of Ireland squad, he originally joined Manchester United from Bohemians and then moved to Coventry City. A part-exchange deal took him to Kenilworth Road in the summer of 1984. Age 31.



**DANNY WILSON**

Wigan-born Northern Ireland international who, along with skipper Foster, has appeared in all the club's Littlewoods Cup-ties. Started with Bury, moved to Chesterfield and was then snapped up by Nottingham Forest before joining Brighton. He was Ray Harford's first signing as manager, at £150,000 in July 1987. Age 29.



DANNY WILSON

**DAVID PREECE**

Former Walsall player who had a long spell out of action last season through injury, but recovered in time to play one League game and then claim his place in Luton's Wembley line-up. Moved to Kenilworth Road during the 1984-85 season. Age 25.

**KINGSLEY BLACK**

Caught the eye at Wembley a year ago when he was still a teenager and had only played a handful of senior games. His display sparked an international tug-of-war, with Northern Ireland pipping England for his services. Previously combined reserve football with studies at local college, but now established on left side of midfield. Age 20.



RICKY HILL

**RICKY HILL**

Long-serving midfielder who won England youth honours and then added three senior caps. Made a scoring debut against Bristol Rovers in 1976 and celebrated a well-earned Testimonial two seasons ago. Broke his leg on Boxing Day, 1987, and his comeback match was last year's Littlewoods Cup Final. Born in London. Age 30.

**ROY WEGERLE**

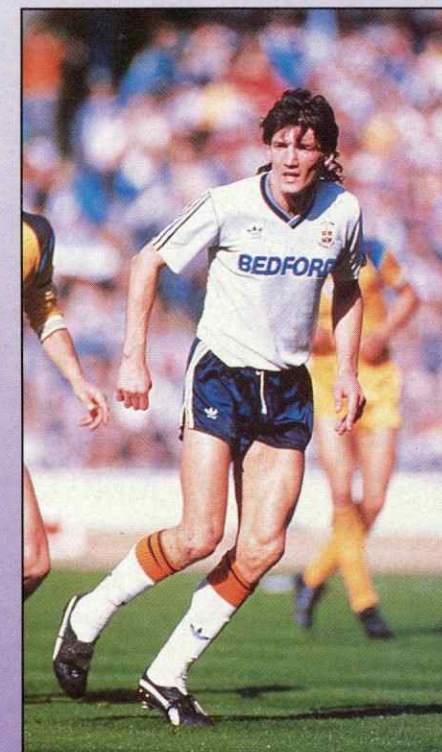
Snapped up from Chelsea for £75,000 last summer and an instant success after forcing his way into the side in November. Born in South Africa, he played for Tampa Bay Rowdies in America before coming to England. His displays have attracted the attention of Scotland, where his mother was born. Top scorer in Littlewoods Cup this season with four goals. Age 25.

**DARRON McDONOUGH**

Played in all seven Littlewoods Cup matches leading to Wembley last season but an injury in training just 24 hours before the Final cost him his place. Has only just regained full fitness to force his way into the reckoning. Born in Antwerp, Belgium, he spent seven years with Oldham Athletic before previous Luton boss John Moore paid £85,000 for him in September, 1986. Age 26.

**MICK HARFORD**

Celebrated his 30th birthday with the first goal in the 3-0 semi-final first leg victory at West Ham and added another in the return. Cost a club record £275,000 from Birmingham City in December, 1984, and has since progressed to win England honours. Sunderland-born, his first club was Lincoln City and he was also with Newcastle United and Bristol City.



MICK HARFORD

**DAVID OLDFIELD**

Born in Perth, Australia, but raised in Newport Pagnell and snapped up by Luton straight from school. His early-season displays attracted considerable attention, together with rumoured bids of more than £500,000 from other First Division clubs. Later lost his first team place to Wegerle. Age 20.

**ROB JOHNSON**

Played in last season's victorious Wembley side at left-back, but equally at home on the other flank or in midfield. Survived two horrendous knee injuries that threatened to end his career and confounded medical experts by playing again. Has worked his way through the ranks at Luton. Age 27.

BY MEL HENDERSON

COLOURS: WHITE SHIRTS WITH NAVY BLUE PIPING, NAVY BLUE SHORTS,  
WHITE STOCKINGS WITH NAVY BLUE TOPS

**LES SEALEY**

**ALEC CHAMBERLAIN**

**ASHLEY GRIMES**

**TIM BREACKER**

**RICHARD HARVEY**

**JULIEN JAMES**

**STEVE FOSTER**

**DAVID BEAUMONT**

**MARVIN JOHNSON**

**JOHN DREYER**

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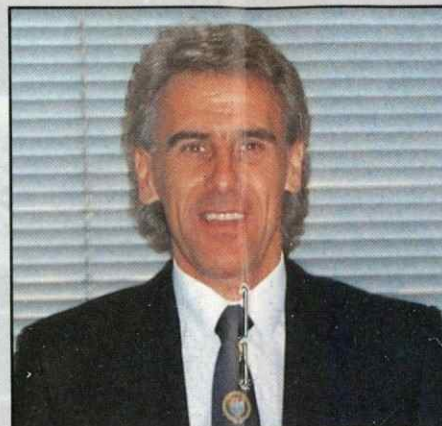
**IAN DOWIE**

**MICK HARFORD**

**ROY WEGERLE**

**KINGSLEY BLACK**

**MANAGER: RAY HARFORD**



ROGER MILFORD

**REFEREE:**

Roger Milford (Bristol)

**LINESMEN:**

Peter Brennan (Benfleet)  
John Godfrey (Brownhills)

**RESERVE REFEREE:**

Tony Ward (London)

**EXTRA TIME:**

If scores are level after 90 minutes play, an extra half hour will be played.

**REPLAY:**

In the event of a replay, this will be held at Villa Park on Wednesday, 12th April.

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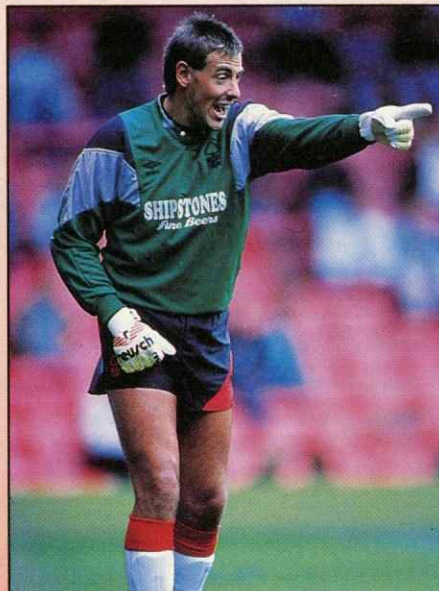
**BRIAN LAWS**

**MANAGER: BRIAN CLOUGH**

**STEVE SUTTON**

Regarded as one of the best uncapped goalkeepers in the country. He began his career as an apprentice at Forest and after loan spells with Mansfield Town and Derby County he established himself at the City Ground as an able replacement for Peter Shilton. Born Hartington. Age 27.

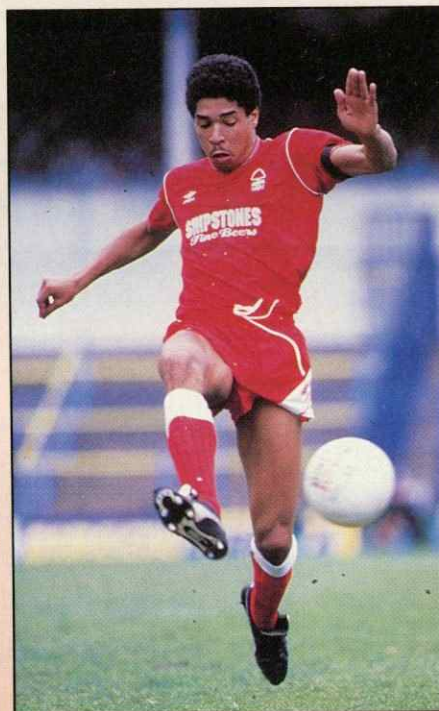
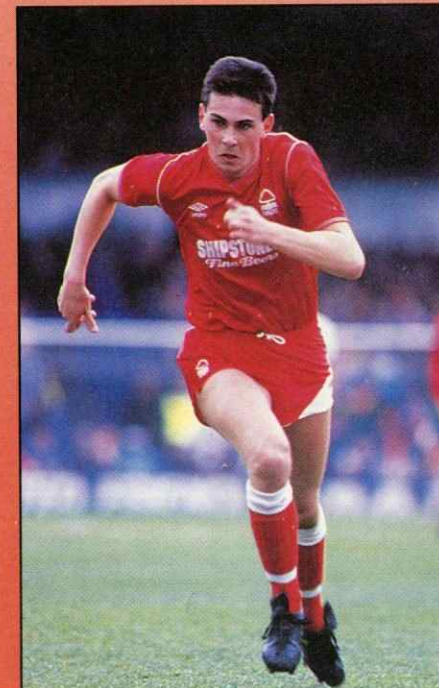
STEVE SUTTON



**STEVE CHETTLE**

His versatility at the back has been a major factor in Forest's Littlewoods Cup run this season and he is another of Forest's emerging youngsters who has earned international recognition at England under-21 level. Has matured immensely since gaining a first team place at the start of last season. Born Nottingham. Age 20.

STEVE CHETTLE



DES WALKER

**DES WALKER**

Highly rated defender who joined Forest as an apprentice and progressed through the junior ranks before establishing himself at the heart of the defence in 1985/86. In his first two seasons as a first team player, he was voted 'Player of the Year' by the supporters, and has this season been given the chance to parade his talent on the international stage for England. Born Enfield. Age 23.



STUART PEARCE

**STUART PEARCE**

Powerful attacking left-back who is the club captain. Has gained a regular place in the England starting line-up this season. Started out with GM Vauxhall Conference club Wealdstone before moving to Coventry City. Joined Forest in May 1985 in a £450,000 joint deal with Ian Butterworth. A crucial and experienced member of the Forest team. Born London. Age 26.

**COLIN FOSTER**

At 6ft 4in he is one of the League's tallest players, and his height makes him a commanding figure at the centre of defence and dangerous at set pieces. He joined Forest from Leyton Orient in May 1987 for £50,000 following a spell on loan and quickly established himself on the First Division scene. Born Chislehurst. Age 24.

**TERRY WILSON**

Talented young Scot who is another of Forest's youngsters to have progressed through the junior ranks at the City Ground. Has been in the first-team squad ever since his League debut in September 1987 and his transformation from midfield to defence has been a real bonus for Forest this season. Born Broxburn. Age 20.

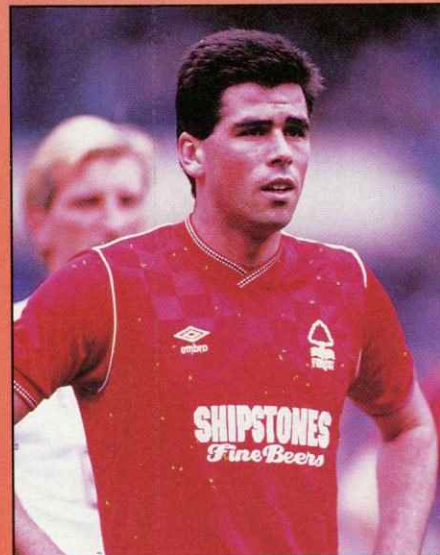
**BRIAN LAWS**

Attacking right-back who began his career as an apprentice with Burnley. Spent four seasons at Turf Moor before moving to Huddersfield in the summer of 1983 and then to Middlesbrough in March 1985. Has turned out to be one of Brian Clough's best investments following his transfer in June 1988 for just £120,000. Born Wallsend. Age 27.

**NEIL WEBB**

Still only 25, he made his debut nine seasons ago for home-town club Reading. He moved to Portsmouth two years later and is now in his fourth season at Forest where he has developed into an established England international. An influential figure at the heart of the Forest midfield.

NEIL WEBB

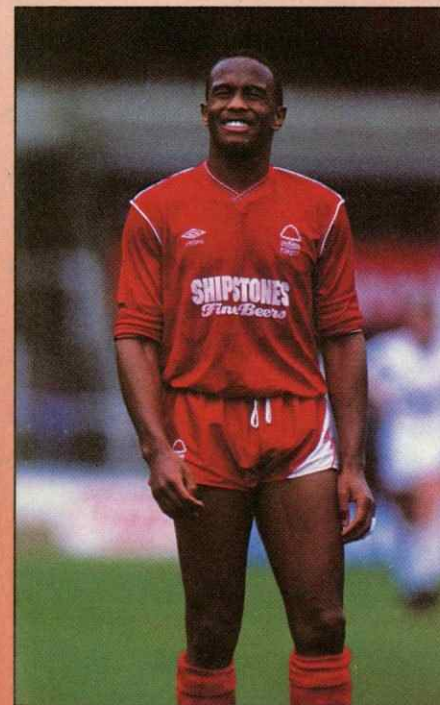


**STEVE HODGE**

Currently in his second spell with Nottingham Forest, having achieved a wealth of experience at the highest level. Began his career as an apprentice at the City Ground and in 1985 he moved to Aston Villa before joining Tottenham Hotspur. Could not settle in London and returned to Forest for £575,000 last August. His terror-like performances alongside Neil Webb this season have earned him a recall to the England squad. Born Nottingham. Age 26.

**GARRY PARKER**

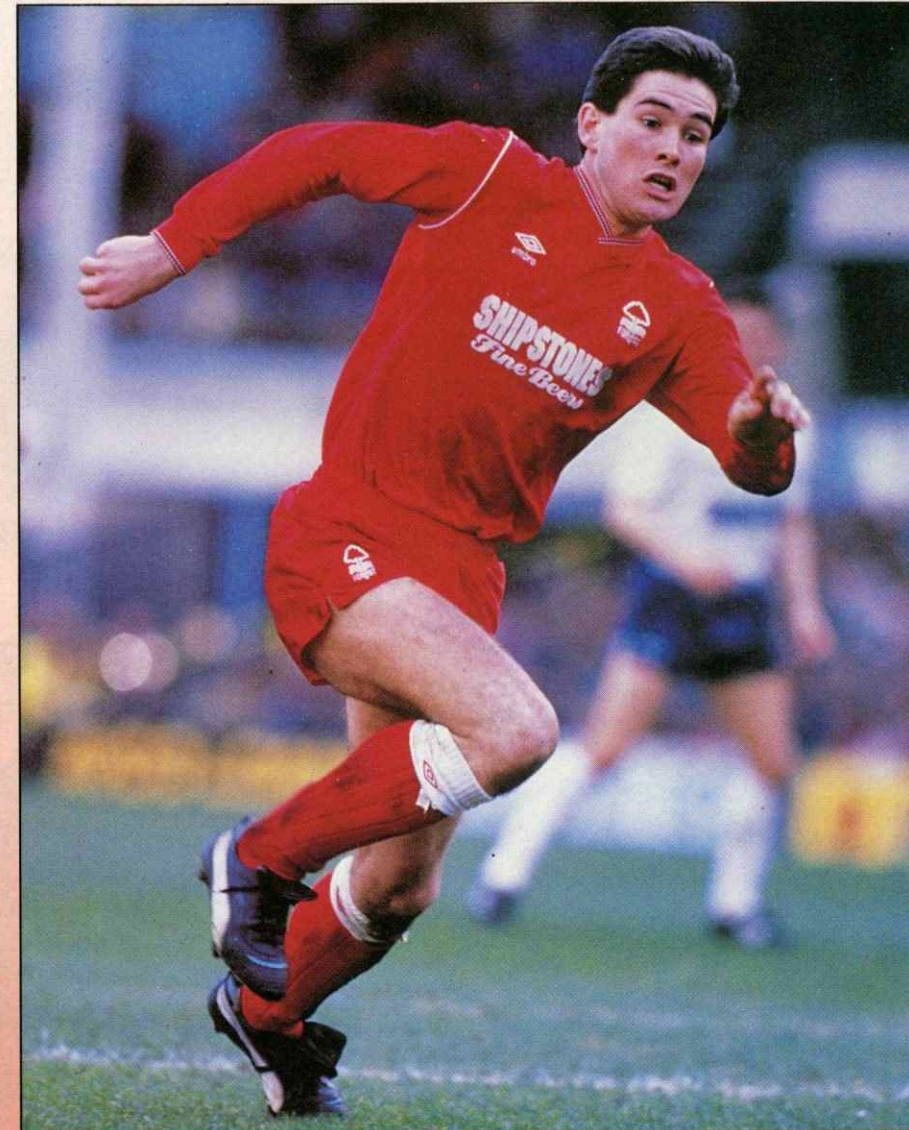
England under-21 player who signed for Forest from Hull City on transfer deadline day last season for £250,000. Scored the Littlewoods Cup semi-final winner against Bristol City to assure Forest of a place in today's final. He began his career as an apprentice with today's opponents Luton Town. Born Oxford. Age 23.



FRANZ CARR

**FRANZ CARR**

One of the most exciting wingers in the Football League, he has the ability to ease his way past the best of defenders. Began his career with Blackburn Rovers, but left Ewood Park without making a first-team appearance and joined Forest in July 1984 for £25,000. Another of Forest's youngsters to have represented England at under-21 level. Born Preston. Age 22.



NIGEL CLOUGH

**NIGEL CLOUGH**

Son of manager Brian. He topped the Forest scoring charts last season for the third successive campaign and has scored five Littlewoods Cup goals, including one penalty en route to this year's final. He has the ability to open a game up with one flash of brilliance and it is this sort of form which has earned him England under-21 honours. Born Sunderland. Age 23.

**LEE CHAPMAN**

Forest's joint leading scorer in the Littlewoods Cup competition with Nigel Clough, scoring five goals, which included a four goal blitz against Q.P.R. Previously played for Arsenal, Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday before joining French club Niort, but when it became clear that the French could not pay the £300,000 fee, he joined Forest for £350,000. Born Lincoln. Age 29.

**PHILIP STARBUCK**

Nottingham-born right-winger who joined Forest as an apprentice and made his League debut in December 1986 against Newcastle United. Has made one appearance as substitute in this year's Littlewoods Cup campaign against Leicester City in the 4th round. Age 20.

**MARK CROSSLEY**

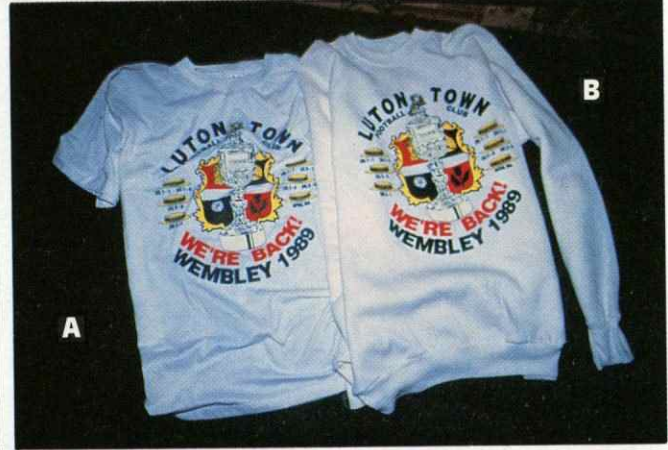
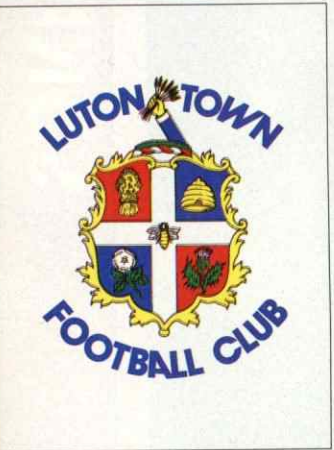
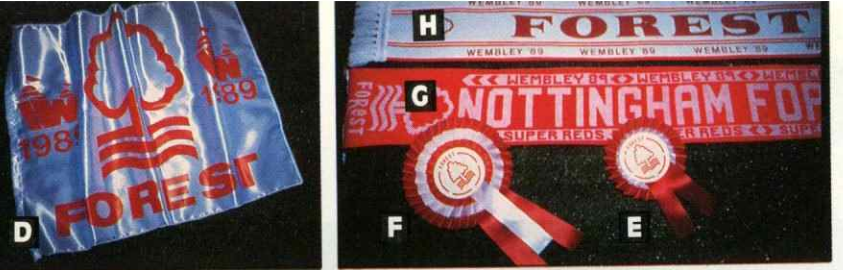
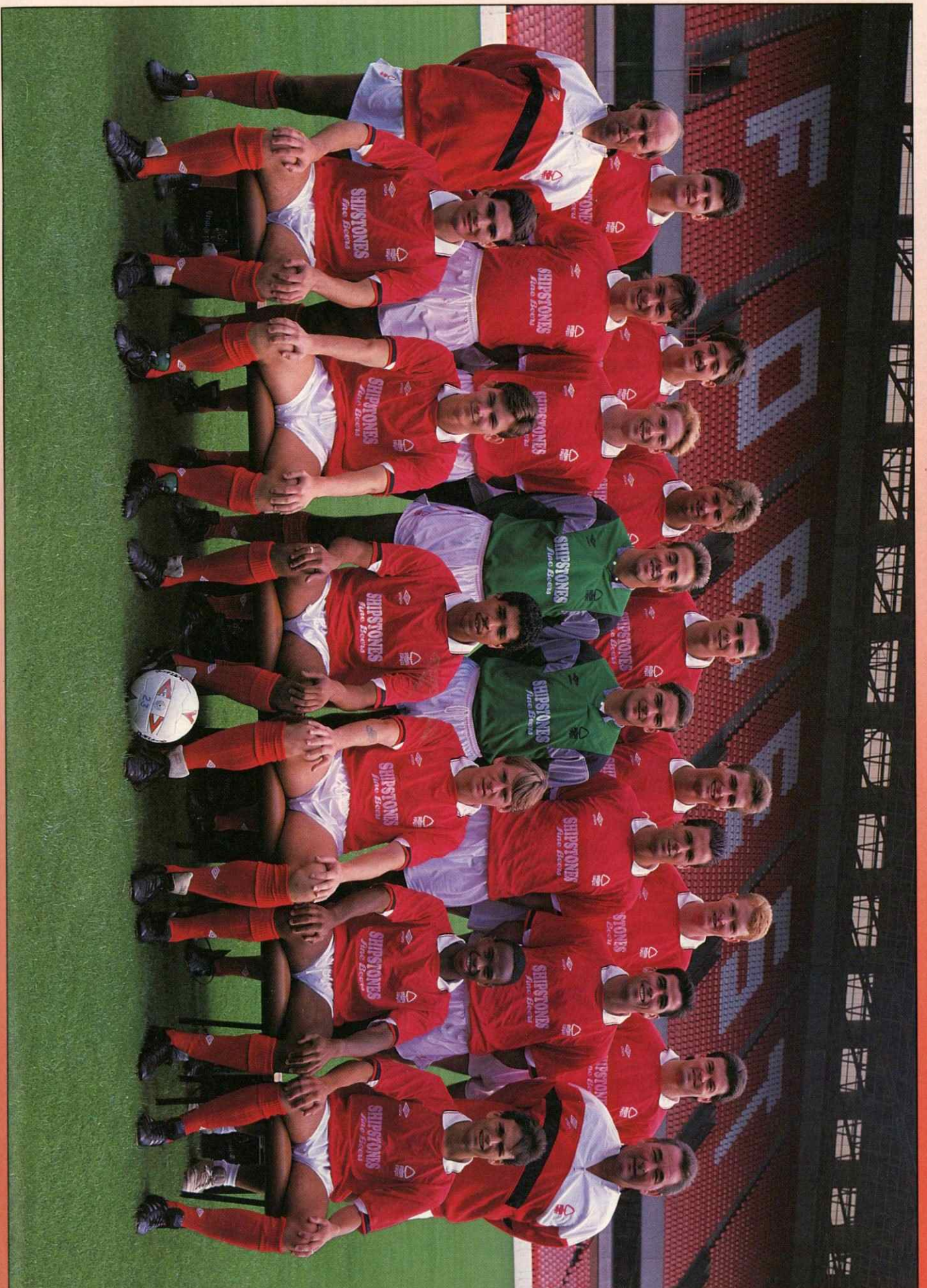
6ft goalkeeper who joined Forest as an apprentice. Coped superbly well in the absence through injury of Steve Sutton last October, making his League debut against Liverpool. During his brief spell in the first-team, he made several important saves in the 3-2 Littlewoods Cup third round success over Coventry City. Born Barnsley. Age 19.

BY TREVOR SIMMONS



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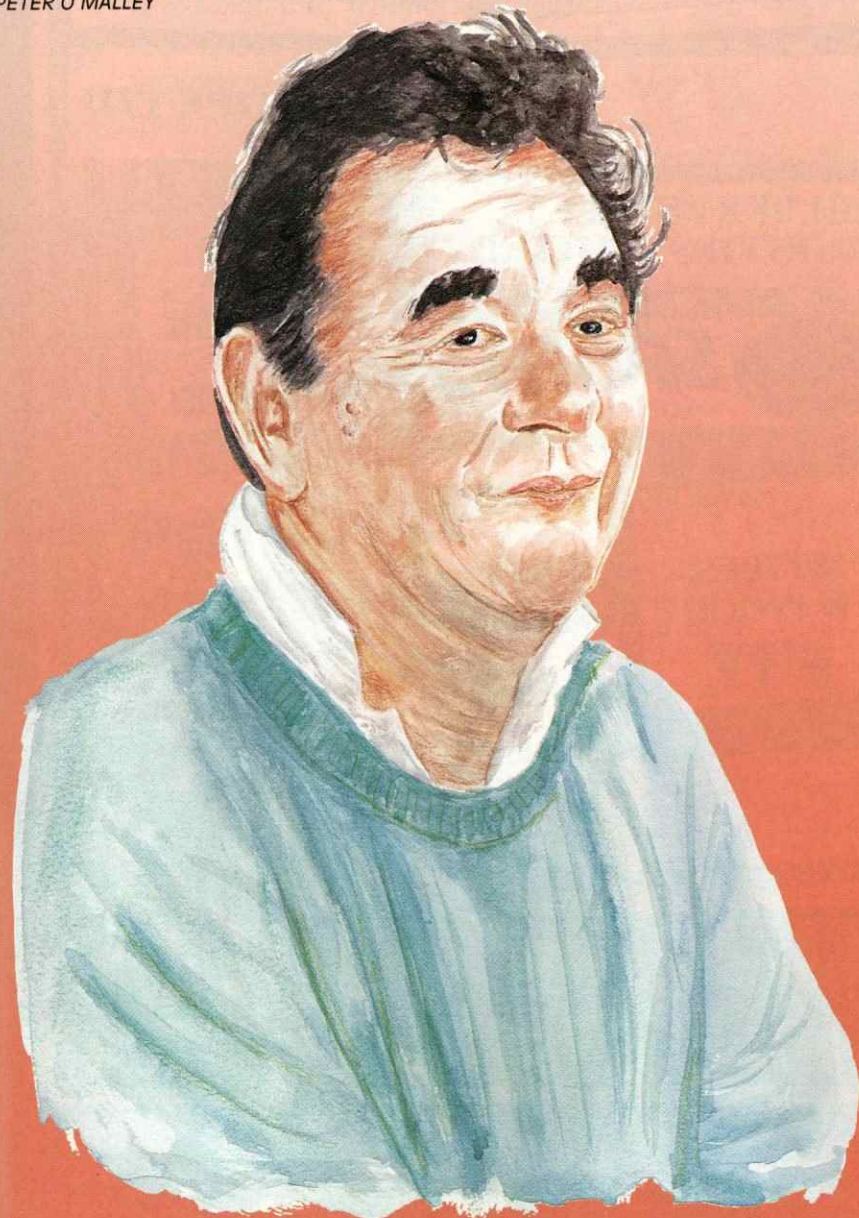
BRIAN CLOUGH is arguably the best manager in English football, but he certainly has more charisma, than any of his contemporary professional colleagues.

His immense popularity can best be measured by the fact that although his club Nottingham Forest has not won anything for nine years, the vast majority of the fans—according to a recent poll—are demanding his appointment as England's national team manager.

But that is typical of the divided opinions about the man who nonetheless remains one of the most experienced and respected managers in the game.

Brian Clough was born on March 21, 1935 in Middlesbrough. He made his debut for 'The Boro' in the 1955-56 season. Whilst there, he was top Second Division scorer for three consecutive seasons, before joining Sunderland in 1961 for £45,000. For these two clubs he scored a staggering 251 goals in 274 matches. He

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gained two full international caps and three at 'Under-23' level, before a knee injury ended his playing career.

Clough started in management with Fourth Division Hartlepool in October 1965, then moved to Derby County in 1967. Two years later he led them to promotion and in 1972 to the First Division championship. Following his resignation in October 1973, he went to Brighton for nine months, then took over at Leeds where he stayed just 44 days. In January 1975 he accepted the managerial post with Nottingham Forest.

There he celebrated his greatest triumphs. First promotion in 1977 then the First Division title in 1978. In 1978 and 1979 he won the League Cup and in 1979 and in 1980 the European Champion's Cup.

For most of his managerial career Clough relied and leaned heavily on the support of Peter Taylor a close friend, confidant, coach and assistant. The two were often described

as "the best double act in football". They developed the knack of spotting young, talented players and some not so young. In fact, a number of pros thought to be over the hill and discarded by their clubs were recruited by Clough and Taylor who resurrected their careers and revitalised their ability. They also kept strict discipline within the ranks.

Taylor remained at Clough's side until 1974 when he was left behind to manage Brighton alone. But he re-joined his associate at Forest in 1976, only to "walk out on football", albeit temporarily in 1982. The split in the partnership, sensational at the time, eventually ended in bitter acrimony. Cynics said that Clough would not win anything again without Taylor—and so far they have been proved right!

Certainly, Clough has had problems with players who didn't fulfill expectations. Furthermore, he wasn't always so lucky in his transfer dealings. The man who paid the first £1 million fee in English football for Trevor Francis in 1979, boomed with strikers like Justin Fashanu and to a lesser degree Ian Wallace, his other £1 million-plus buys.

Although a traditionalist, Clough in fact became the most adventurous manager in England by engaging no fewer than eight foreigners: The Dutchmen Van Breukelen, Thijssen, Segers and Metgod, the Norwegians Aas and Osbold, the Swiss Ponte and the German Röber. None of them was a world class player while at Forest.

On the other hand, he has developed a string of players, including his own son Nigel, who are either already in the England team, or in the "Under-21" side on the threshold of full international honours.

It is said of Clough that he laughs at convention, sneers at tradition, yearns for success, yet thrives in adversity. The manager who worships skill, yet admires heart. This ardent socialist has done so well out of football that he now describes himself as a millionaire.

His earnings outside the club include those from media fees, commercial advertising and personal appearances. He even uses perimeter boards to publicize his promotional enterprises to attract new business.

Love him or hate him, the extroverted "Cloughie" has already made a major contribution to English football and today few fans outside of Luton would begrudge him his first trophy in nearly a decade.

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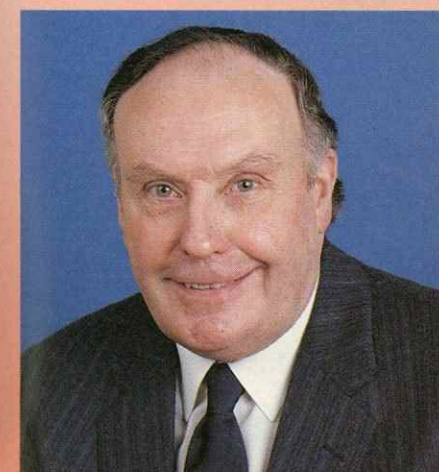
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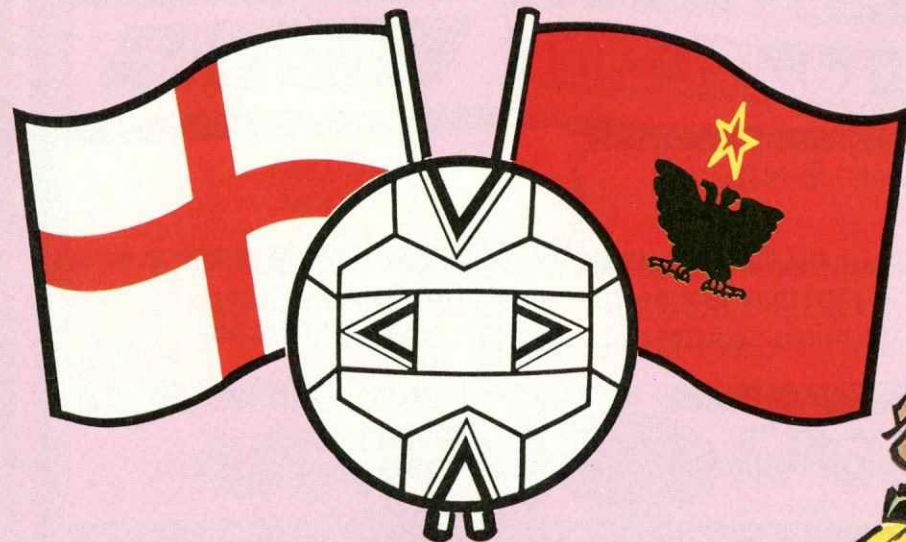
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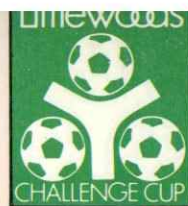
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Sutton, Chettle (Fleming), Pearce, Walker, Foster, Hodge, Crosby, Webb, Clough, Gaynor, Rice. Scorers: Pearce, Clough 2, Webb, Hodge, Gaynor.
- 2nd Round** 2nd Leg 12th October 1988 v Chester City A 4-0 (1-0)  
Sutton, Fleming, Pearce, Walker, Foster, Hodge, Carr, Webb (Parker), Gaynor, Crosby (Laws), Rice. Scorers: Gaynor 3, Crosby.
- 3rd Round** 2nd November 1988 v Coventry City H 3-2 (1-2) 21,201.  
Crossley, Chettle, Pearce, Walker, Foster, Hodge, Charles, Wilson, Clough, Chapman, Rice.  
Scorers: Foster, Hodge, Clough.
- 4th Round** 30th November 1988 v Leicester City A 0-0 (0-0) 26,704.  
Sutton, Chettle, Pearce, Walker, Wassall, Hodge, Starbuck (Wilson); Webb, Clough, Chapman (Carr), Rice.
- 4th Round** replay 14th December 1988 v Leicester City H 2-1 (1-1) 26,676.  
Sutton, Laws, Williams, Chettle, Foster, Parker, Carr, Webb, Clough, Chapman (Hodge), Rice.  
Scorers: Clough, Chapman.
- 5th Round** 18th January 1989 v Queens Park Rangers H 5-2 (4-1) 24,065.  
Sutton, Laws, Pearce, Chettle, Wilson, Hodge, Carr, Webb, Clough, Chapman, Parker (Crosby). Scorers: Chapman 4, Clough (pen).
- Semi-Final** 1st Leg 15th February 1989 v Bristol City H 1-1 (0-0) 30,060.  
Sutton, Laws, Pearce, Chettle, Wilson, Hodge, Carr, Webb, Clough, Chapman, Parker.  
Scorer: Pender (o.g.).
- Semi-Final** 2nd Leg 26th February 1989 v Bristol City A 1-0 after extra time, score at 90 mins 0-0.  
Sutton, Laws, Pearce, Walker, Wilson, Hodge, Carr, Webb, Clough, Chapman, Parker. Scorer: Parker.

Summary	P	W	D	L	F	Ag	goals
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Scorers: 5, Chapman, Clough; 4, Gaynor; 2, Hodge; 1, Crosby, Foster, Parker, Webb; OG.

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**FOREST PATH TO WEMBLEY**

THINK back 30 years of football and what do you find?

A club named Nottingham Forest progressing towards the F.A. Cup Final and a young centre-forward named Brian Clough earning a name for himself up at Middlesbrough.

Bring the two together 30 years later and you have the stuff of legend. However dangerous it may be to place the men and events of today in historical perspective, there is no question that the partnership of Nottingham Forest and Brian Clough have earned a presence in football's hall of fame.

Clough's managerial star arose during an era when the players suddenly had to share their fame and glory with the men in the dug-outs who guided their destinies.

With rare exceptions, managers had previously been background figures, unseen by the crowds and personally remote.

The advent of television and commercial exploitation revolutionised the public's view of personalities within the game. Managers even assumed, for a brief few years, more importance than their players. Those with a natural flamboyance and individuality became household names.

Once only the austere fame of a Busby or Nicholson had projected beyond their teams. Now the game was abounding with characters known familiarly as Shanks, Big Mal, and so on. In the last few years players have regained lost ground from their managers. But some characters have proved above and beyond the game's changing fashions: Brian Clough is one of the few.

Nottingham is a city synonymous with football history. Forest's neighbours, Notts County, are the oldest club in the Football League and their Magpie strip was copied in the fledgling years of this century by some Italian lads who had just started a club of their own... called Juventus.

But for all County's tradition, Forest were making their own presence felt in the early days of the League and F.A. Cup and, in the late 1970s, they would ride the tide of competitive progress to triumph after triumph in Europe.

Clubs guard football's walls of tradition from one decade to the next. But it is the players and managers who dig the foundations and lay each brick. Forest fans know the debt today's stars owe to yesterday's heroes.

Grenville Morris was one, joining Forest in 1898 and scoring what still stands as a club record aggregate of 199 goals in the Football League. He arrived in a historic year for a club which had been set up after a meeting at the Clinton Arms 33 years earlier.



KENNY BURNS ON THE BALL

It was in that same 1898 that Forest moved to the site of their current home, the City Ground, and also in 1898 that Forest won the F.A. Cup for the first time. They beat neighbouring Derby — Steve Bloomer and all — by 3-1 in the Final thanks to two goals from Arthur Capes.

Victory was overdue reward for the club's pioneering efforts. It was Forest who first introduced the referee's whistle, Forest who first experimented with the revolutionary tactical formation of two full-backs, three half-backs and five forwards; and Forest who introduced shinguards.

These were the invention of one of the club's early legends, Sam Widowson. A ferocious attacker, Widowson risked life and limbs (mostly opponents) with a style of play which owed everything to the days when 'hacking' was considered fair play.

His style contrasted starkly with another of Forest's heroes: Dr Tinsley Lindley preferred to play in ordinary shoes rather than football boots so as not to affect his speed down the wing!

The new century meant quiet years for Forest. They spent most of the inter-war days in the Second Division before, on the eve of the outbreak of the second World War, Forest appointed the manager who was to reawaken the club's ambition.

Billy Walker had, in his day, been a fine inside forward with another of the game's great old clubs, Aston Villa. He drove them to F.A. Cup victory in his first season, in 1919-20, and ended his playing days having run up 220 goals in more than 500

League and Cup appearances. He had also captained England on his last international appearance — the historic 4-3 win over Austria's 'Wunder-team' at Stamford Bridge in 1932.

Walker was instantly in demand for management. In 1935 he took Sheffield Wednesday to Wembley for a thrilling victory over West Bromwich and then, four years later, was appointed at the City Ground. A manager of the old school, Walker selected his teams rather than trained them. He was a father-figure in a manner which went out of the window when tracksuit management blew in the door.

Walker brought Forest back up into the First Division, saw them established there and celebrated one more Wembley triumph before retiring. That Wembley success was the memorable 2-1 win over Luton in 1959; the victory which Forest secured despite playing most of the match with ten men.

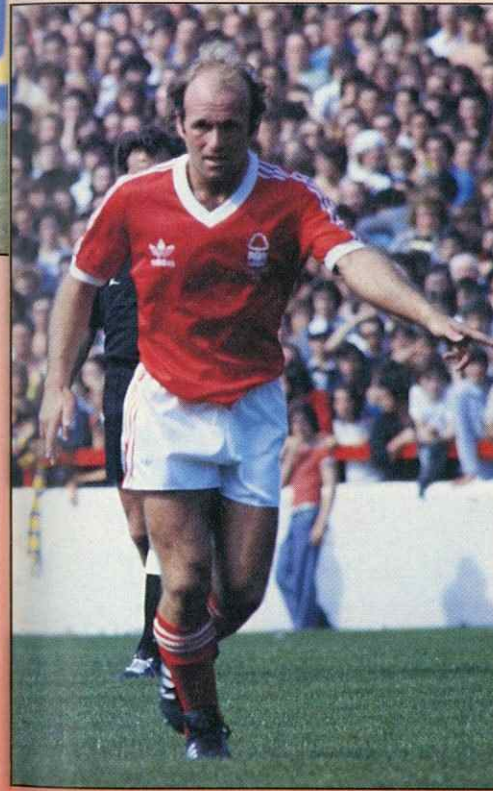
Right winger Roy Dwight, scorer of their opening goal, also broke a leg. Fortunately Forest were nursed to the security of the final whistle by two outstanding club servants: skipper Jack Birkitt, and centre-half Bobby McKinlay.

Burkitt was a craggy left-half. Born in Wednesbury, in the heart of the West Midlands Black Country, he began with non-League Darlaston and played professionally only for Forest. Between 1947 and 1961 he totalled 464 League games but never got as far as an England cap. It was his bad luck to play for what was an unfashionable club in an era when the England left-half position was

dominated by a string of outstanding figures from Billy Wright through to Duncan Edwards and Ron Flowers.

McKinlay suffered the same curious career twist. He, too, was an outstanding servant of both club and game yet never played an international — even though Scotland went through an endless procession of defenders in search of a pillar to step into the boots of George Young.

Billy McKinlay, Bobby's uncle, played for Forest in the 1930s and recommended his nephew to manager Walker. These two old contemporaries both agreed on the youngster's potential and he rewarded their judgment by going on to play an enduring club record 614 League appearances (611 'starts' plus three appearances as substitute).



ARCHIE GEMMILL ANOTHER FOREST FAVOURITE

While Burkitt and McKinlay were gripping their newly-won F.A. Cup medals in 1959 so a young man in the north-east was soon to celebrate his first cap for England. Brian Clough was the most feared member of a youthful Middlesbrough attack tailor-made to suit his bustling, aggressive style. Billy Day and Edwin Holliday were quick, direct wingers, Willy Fernie a creative inside right and Alan Peacock a dangerous goalscorer at inside left who distracted attention from Clough.

When Clough arrived, he found a club which mirrored the state of his own career. Both man and club had slipped out of the mainstream. Clough had progressed from Hartlepool, to whirlwind success at Derby, then failed to adjust to the varied demands and expectations of

first Leeds and then Brighton.

As for Forest, old stalwarts such as McKinlay had retired, new heroes such as Henry Newton and Ian Storey-Moore had been lured away by the glamour of Everton and Manchester United. Relegation in 1972 had been inevitable.

Many 'experts' thought the partnership a non-starter. But Clough's high-profile existence has all-too-often masked his managerial strength: the economical and effective tactical approach combined with an ability to get the best out of each and every player. Clough has been accused of achieving success through the fear factor — that is, making the players afraid to go back in the dressing room without the right result! But, listening to his past heroes talking, that is much too simplistic. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that Clough's unpredictable, unorthodox style has kept his players on their toes.

Whatever the controversies, the image of the old green jersey and the squash racket will survive as long as fans talk of Nottingham Forest.



TREVOR FRANCIS IN HIS ENGLAND DAYS

First, Clough had to pull Forest back into the First Division. This he did in 1977, the First Division championship fell to this new Robin Hood the following year and then, just one year further, the European Cup. Along the way Clough sent transfer records reeling, paying the first-ever £1 million domestic fee for Birmingham's England star, Trevor Francis. Clough's outlay was repaid in just one split-second when Francis headed the lone goal to beat Malmö in the 1979 European Cup Final in Munich's Olympic stadium.

Trevor is now putting his experiences at Nottingham to good use as manager of Queens Park Rangers.

A year later and it was Scotland left-wing John Robertson, the chubby brains behind so much of Forest's creative play, who collected the only goal of a European repeat. This time the opposition was Hamburg on another of the Continent's great stages, the Estadio Bernabeu in Madrid.

Most of that Forest team are still fresh in the memory. Indeed some, like England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, appear to have learned — from Clough? — the secret of eternal youth. That might be tribute enough had more appropriate words not been fashioned by a local newspaper in Nottingham.

An anonymous reporter wrote: "Few clubs, by their long association with the game and its most treasured traditions, have better deserved or earned such distinction and we venture to think that the success of the 'Reds' will be heartily and encouragingly welcomed."

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BY KEIR RADNEDGE

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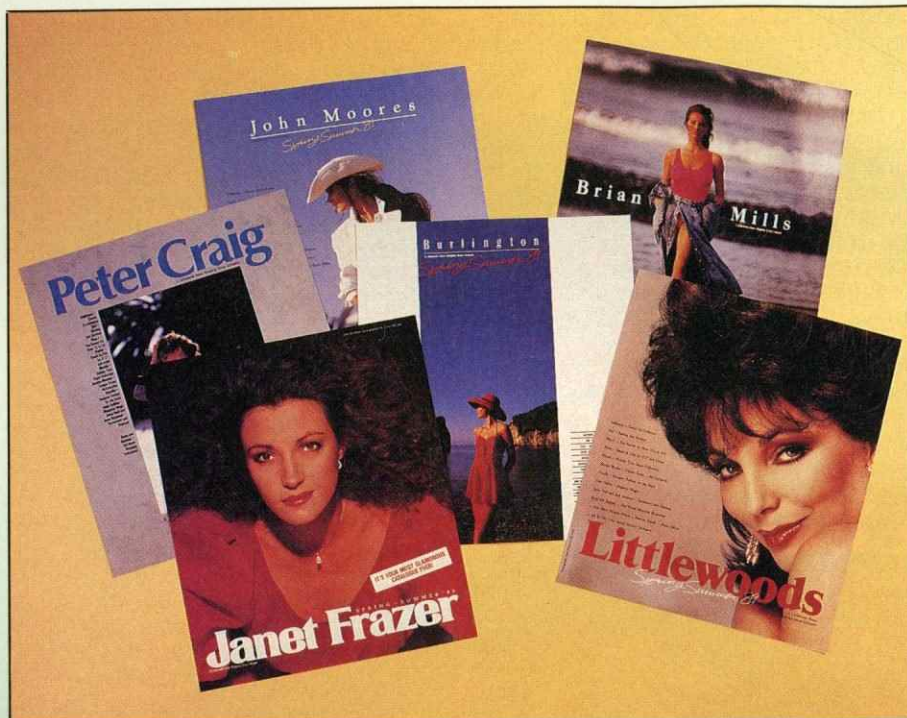
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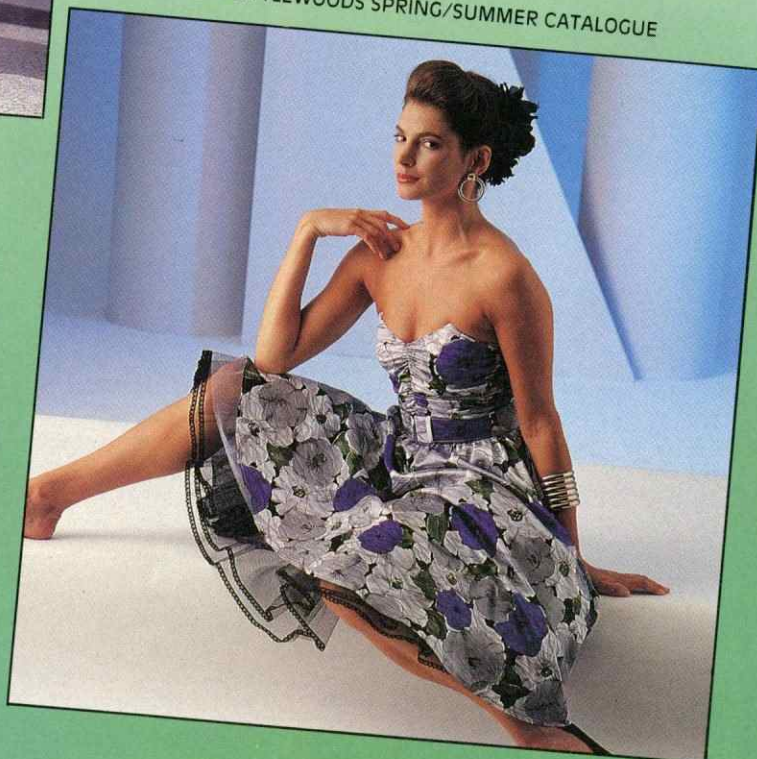
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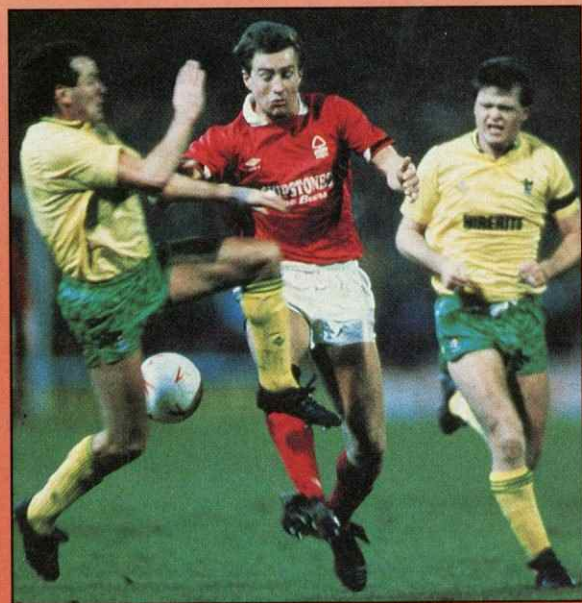
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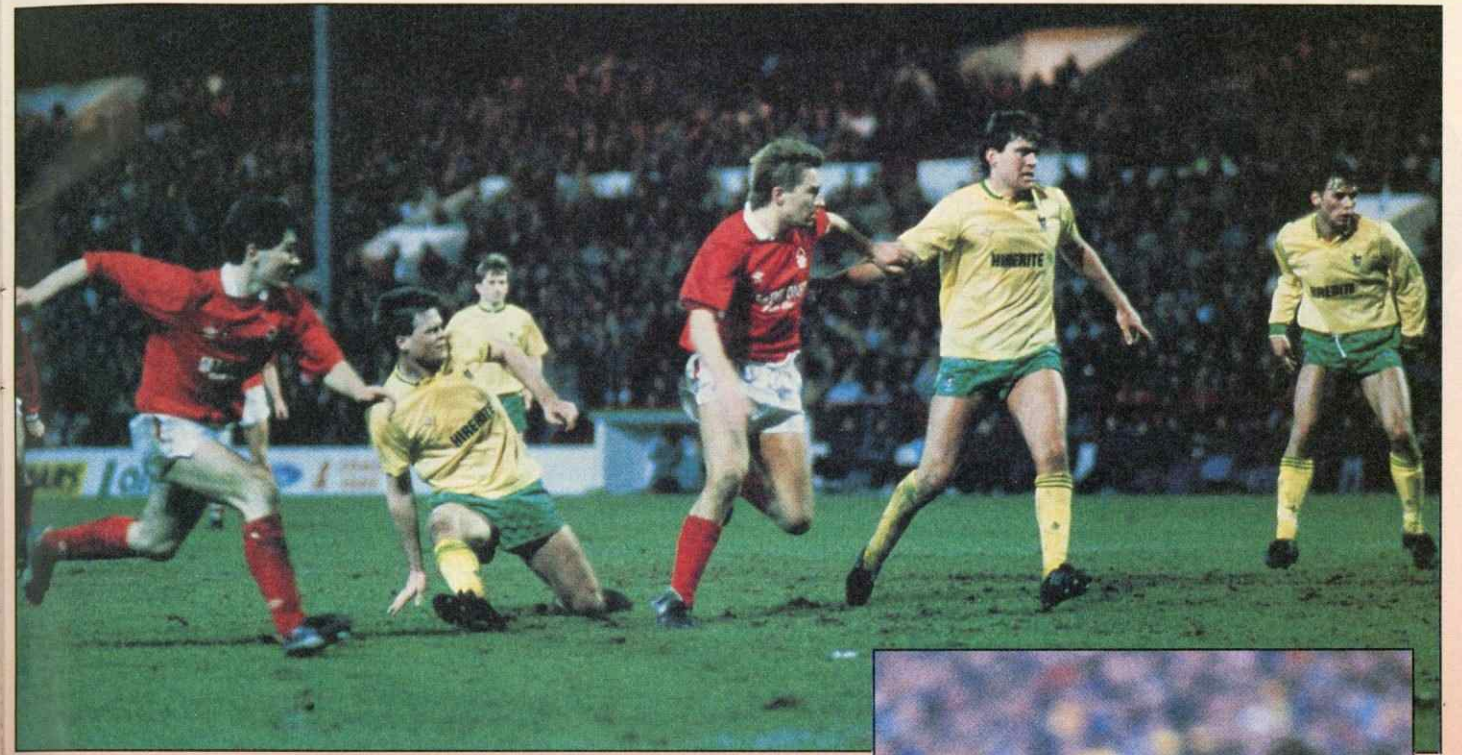
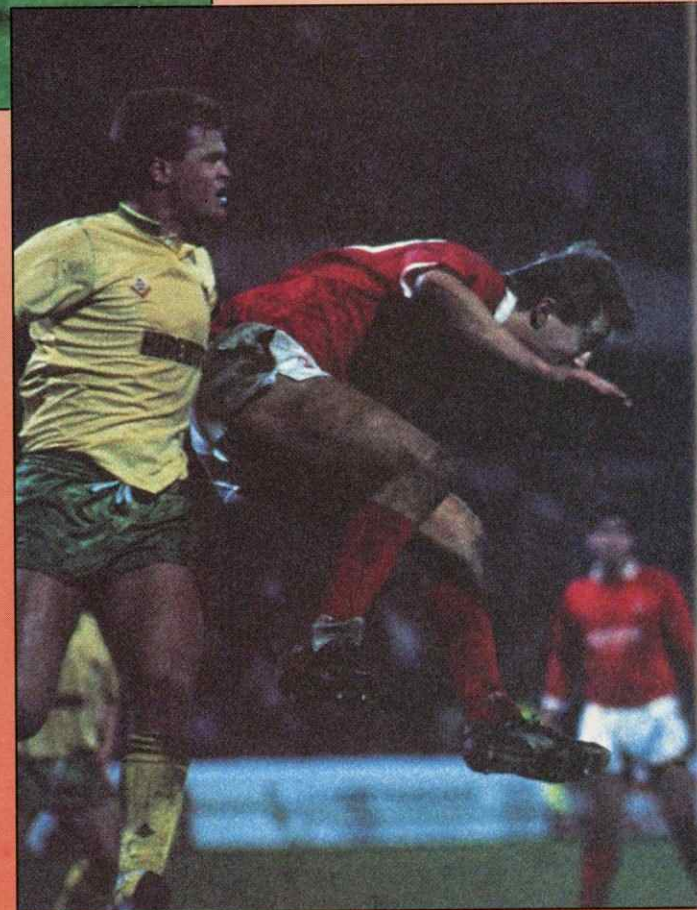




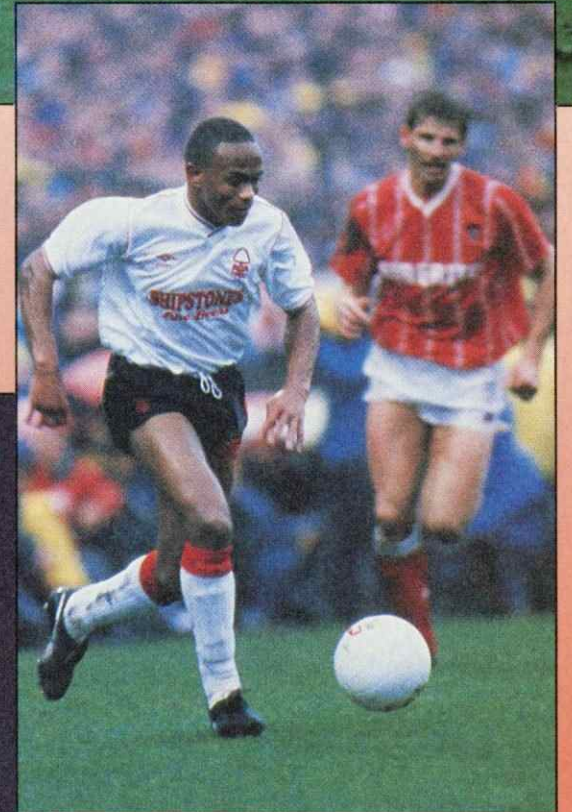
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**PAYING THE PENALTY**

Terry Venables has several accomplishments to his name besides his reputation as first player, then coach and now manager. But his initial entry in the soccer record books was when he became the first player to appear for England at five different levels: schoolboy (6 caps), youth (7), amateur (1), Under-23 (4), and twice for the full national team.

By chance he also created another piece of history as the first player to score from the penalty spot in a League Cup final. It was a significant strike which edged Chelsea through their two-legged 1965 tie with Leicester City.

The first game at Stamford Bridge on March 15 attracted a crowd of 20,690. Jim Finney was the man in the middle who awarded the penalty and the then 22 year old Venables beat Gordon Banks from the spot. Chelsea won 3-2 and held on in a goalless draw at Leicester in the return match.

The 1975 final was in a year when the Second Division dominated the tournament. All four semi-finalists came from the division, with Norwich City and Aston Villa reaching the final.

For Ron Saunders it was his third successive visit to Wembley as manager of a League Cup final side. One year previously he had seen his Manchester City team lose 2-1 to Wolverhampton Wanderers. Two years ago his Norwich side had been beaten 1-0 by Tottenham Hotspur. Now in charge of Aston Villa he was hoping for third time lucky.

Just ten minutes from the whistle with a replay suddenly becoming a probability, Keelan was beaten from a corner by Chris Nicholl's header

only for Mel Machin to divert the ball round the post with his hands.

Then it was Ray Graydon's moment for Wembley glory, though Keelan was not immediately beaten. He flung himself to his right to push Graydon's powerful shot on to the upright. Alas for Keelan, the rebound fell perfectly for the Villa forward to sweep into the net and that goal made Saunders' day.

The result merely shows a goal being scored, but it is recorded as the first penalty kick miss at Wembley in a cup final.

For the first complete failure, the years raced on to 1985 and Sunderland's match against Norwich. But before that there were two successful efforts, the first in 1978 and the second three years later, both surrounded in controversy, respectively directly and indirectly as it happened.

The first occasion was in the 1978 final replay at Old Trafford following a goalless draw at Wembley after extra time. The teams were separated by a John Robertson penalty for Nottingham Forest. Liverpool followers argued that Phil Thompson had brought down John O'Hare a foot outside the penalty area. Television replays tended to support the theory.

But there can have been little argument against the spirit of the decision made instantly by referee Pat Partridge without the aid of the cameras. Thompson himself foolishly complained about the award and inevitably had to suffer the consequences of having committed a professional foul.

Again in the 1981 final, there was no score after normal time and with

just three minutes remaining of the extra period, another replay beckoned. But then Alan Kennedy put Liverpool ahead in unusual circumstances.

Sammy Lee was lying injured in an offside position but judged not to have been interfering with play by referee Clive Thomas, despite a linesman's flag waving for offside.

But the Hammers were not finished. In the final minute, they were awarded a corner. Alvin Martin headed firmly towards goal past goalkeeper Ray Clemence only for Terry McDermott to fist the ball away. Ray Stewart converted the penalty with a relish that satisfied honour if nothing else.

However at Villa Park, it was Liverpool who came back with a 2-1 win after West Ham had opened the scoring.

There was also an element of third time lucky for Sunderland in that 1985 final against Norwich. It was the third occasion in as many seasons that the two teams had been involved with each other in the competition.

Norwich had beaten the Rokermen in third round replays in 1982-83 and again in 1983-84. They made it a hat-trick in unfortunate circumstances, victory going to the East Anglians via a Gordon Chisholm own goal.

But Sunderland could only blame themselves. They had the chance to get into the game only to fail from the penalty spot when Clive Walker shot wide in the second half. It was a costly mistake as Norwich won by that defensive error.

This also gave Norwich some kind of obscure record, beloved of the devotees of the soccer quiz. The Canaries can chirp that they were not only on the receiving end of the first penalty kick which was saved yet still resulted in a goal, but also the first complete miss from the spot.

KEVIN KEELAN THE UNLUCKY NORWICH GOALKEEPER IN THE '75 FINAL



**BY JACK ROLLIN**  
(EDITOR OF THE ROTHMANS FOOTBALL YEARBOOK, ALSO SOCCER AT WAR, AND HE IS ALSO FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT FOR THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.)



DAVID DENT, FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECRETARY

This year's Littlewoods Cup Final sees two new top officials heading The Football League.

Jack Dunnnett was elected President in November, 1988. This is Mr. Dunnnett's second term of office — he was previously President of the League from 1981 to 1986.

A director and former chairman of Notts County, Mr. Dunnnett has been a member of the Management Committee for the last twelve years. He is 66 years of age and has been a Club Director for twenty-seven years.

Mr. David Dent, the new Secretary, joined the League as Deputy Secre-

tary in 1984. His career in professional football began in 1960, when he became Secretary of Carlisle United, the youngest Secretary in the Football League, at the time. He moved on to Coventry City in 1978.

No administrator in modern times has joined the League from a club and his extensive experience which embraces all four divisions, was obviously an influencing factor in his initial appointment in 1984.

Mr. Dent, who is 52 years old, is only the sixth Secretary of the League in its 101 year history.

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ONE aspect of The Littlewoods Challenge Cup Competition which has received little public acknowledgement is the support the competition provides for the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

Sponsorship of boys' clubs football may not attract media headlines but Littlewoods' support for NABC does have much wider community objectives which merit recognition.

Over the years NABC has provided a vital public service offering a range of activities designed to help boys develop character, leadership, teamwork and fitness as they face the difficult transition from youth to adult life.

Sport plays an important part in club activities, a fact acknowledged by Littlewoods when entering into sponsorship of the Football League Cup.

The company realised that linking boys' clubs with a prestige sporting event would provide opportunities to publicise the work of the NABC, give added impetus to its existing sports programme and, through sponsorship payment, provide much needed funds to support club activities.

From a football point of view, the most significant development of Littlewoods' partnership with boys' clubs has been the introduction of the Junior Challenge Cup.

There can be no greater prize for aspiring footballers than to play at Wembley before a cup final crowd, an opportunity now open to thousands of young players in the 2,000 boys' clubs around the United Kingdom.

Boys' clubs have certainly earned the right to appear on the Wembley stage: no other agency has been as successful as the NABC in supplying players for the professional game.

Shilton, Butcher, Beardsley, Barnes, Lineker, Gascoigne, Harford — the list is endless and a tribute to the dedication and skill of coaches within boys' clubs.

Today's junior finalists may have a long way to go, but, if history repeats itself, at least one of the boys will go on to achieve success at the highest level.

While we enjoy the match and try to identify an emerging talent we should remember that the Junior Challenge Cup is merely the icing on the sponsorship cake. We should not lose sight of the real objective of Littlewoods support — to help young people.

Young people are our hope for the future and the pressures facing them today make the NABC role doubly important.

Sponsorship is vital to the work of the NABC and the innovative support Littlewoods is giving to boys' clubs will ensure that it is not just football which benefits in the long term from the Challenge Cup competition.

If scores are level at the end of normal time, the match will be decided on corners gained and, if necessary, penalties in accordance with the laws of the game.

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: J. BROWN (MERSEYSIDE)  
Linesmen: M. ADAMS (GLAMORGAN)  
G. RIGBY (MIDDLESEX)



TODAY'S match will be between finalists from the NABC Under 14 Championship Finals held yesterday at Woking.

The championship involved the national champions of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and five regional winners from England.

Information on today's teams will be announced prior to the final.

**PLAYING RULES**

The match will be between two teams of six players. There will be two periods of six minutes with teams changing straight around at half time.

Two substitutes will be allowed at any time and a substituted boy may return to the field should a team be unable through injury to field six boys.



KEVIN TORPEY — SKIPPER OF RICE LANE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, LIVERPOOL — PROUDLY DISPLAYS THE LITTLEWOODS JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP AT WEMBLEY LAST YEAR

**NABC LITTLEWOODS FIVE-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

In association with the company's sponsorship of the Football League Cup, The Littlewoods Organisation finances the NABC Five-a-Side Championships and has introduced The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup competition which provides boys with the opportunity to achieve every footballer's dream — a Wembley appearance before a Cup Final crowd.

The championships are contested on a regional basis throughout England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales with over 12,000 boys competing in three age groups U-14, U-16 and U-19 years.

Competition takes place from November onwards with eight regional finals in February and March. The winners in each of the three age groups represent their regions in the National Finals which this year will take place as follows:-

- U-14: Woking Leisure Centre — 8.4.89
- U-16 & U-19: Richard Dunn Centre — Bradford — 6.5.89

The eight regional winners in the U-14 age group are brought to London as guests of the sponsor during the weekend of The Littlewoods Challenge Cup Final. Teams are accommodated in university accommodation and the final stage of the competition is played on a league and knock-out basis on the day prior to The Littlewoods Challenge Cup Final.

The finalists from the competition qualify for The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup, a six-a-side match at Wembley, which is played in the programme of events leading up to the big match.

The winning team at Wembley receives the Junior Challenge Cup, a half size replica of The Littlewoods Challenge Cup. Both teams receive a full team kit for their clubs. Players and officials are presented with match mementoes.

All clubs competing in the Woking finals will watch The Littlewoods Cup Final from the family section as guests of the sponsor.

Previous winners of The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup:-  
Dee Boys' Club, Tayside 1986/87  
Rice Lane Community Association, Liverpool 1987/88

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## LITTLEWOODS GOAL SCORING AWARDS

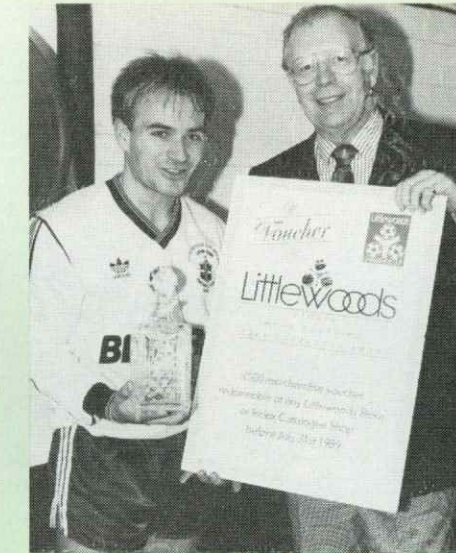
This is the third season of The Littlewoods Challenge Cup and in that time the competition has not only produced many memorable matches but also done a lot to benefit a number of charities all over the country.

Two special goalscoring awards exist within the competition, designed not only to give additional incentives to goalscorers but to give charities the chance to benefit from the skills of our top players.

At a time when football is receiving a lot of adverse criticism and publicity, Littlewoods are delighted to be to the fore in redressing the balance and helping to promote the good side of football, a side which is very prevalent but which doesn't attract the headlines.

The Littlewoods' Hat Trick Awards go to any player scoring a Hat Trick in Littlewoods Cup matches. A player doing so receives a cut-glass decanter plus £500 to go to the charity of his choice. This season there have been six Hat Tricks in Littlewoods Cup matches and the table below shows who scored them and which charity benefitted as a result.

In addition to the Hat Trick Awards, Littlewoods also give an overall goalscoring award to the player scoring



DAVID PREECE, LUTON TOWN WITH DESMOND PITCHER, LITTLEWOODS GROUP CHIEF EXECUTIVE



DAVID PLATT, ASTON VILLA, £500 HAT TRICK AWARD



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the most goals in The Littlewoods Cup each season. This award was won in 1987 by Clive Allen of Spurs who scored 12 goals, and in 1988 by Jimmy Quinn of Swindon Town who scored 8 goals. This season the competition is wide open and following the semi finals The Littlewoods Cup leading goalscorer table stands as follows:-

1. David Platt - Aston Villa 6 goals
2. Nigel Clough - Notts Forest 5 goals
3. Lee Chapman - Notts Forest 5 goals

The overall winner of The Littlewoods goalscorer award will receive a decanter plus £1,000 to go to his nominated charity.

From the Semi-Final stage, Littlewoods also present a Man of the Match Award. The Man of the Match at both semi-finals each received a Littlewoods Store voucher for £500 which was presented to a charity of their choice and a cut glass decanter for themselves.

At the Final the nominated Man of the Match will receive a Littlewoods Store voucher worth £1,000 for presentation to the charity of his choice and a cut glass decanter for himself.

At last year's final, Andy Dibble received the award for his magnificent performance, which included a vital penalty save, denying Arsenal victory.

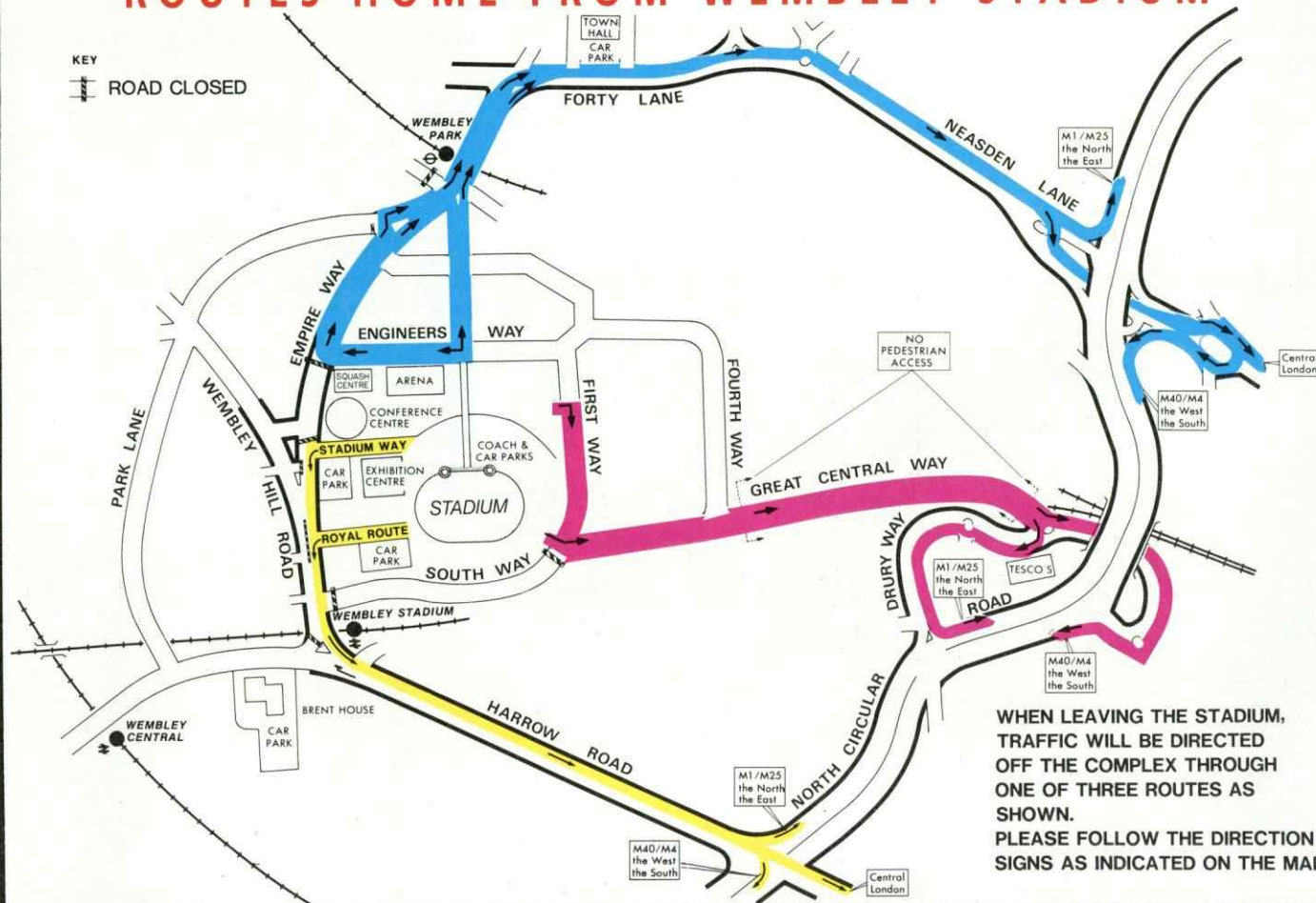
### LITTLEWOODS CUP HAT TRICKS 1988-89

PLAYER & CLUB	OPPOSITION & DATE	CHARITY
Ian McParland Notts County	Mansfield Town 1st Round Oct 7th	Huntingdons Chorea Assoc. Edinburgh
Tommy Gaynor Nottingham Forest	Chester 2nd Round Oct 12th	Helen House Hospice, Oxford
Brian McClair Manchester United	Rotherham 2nd Round Oct 12th	Booth Hall and Pendlebury Childrens Hospital
Paul Moulden Manchester City	Sheffield United 3rd Round Nov 2nd	Bolton Boys Club
David Platt* Aston Villa	Ipswich Town 4th Round Nov 30th	Special Care Baby Unit, Solihull Hospital
Lee Chapman* Nottingham Forest	Q.P.R. 5th round Jan 16th	Univ. of Nottingham Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

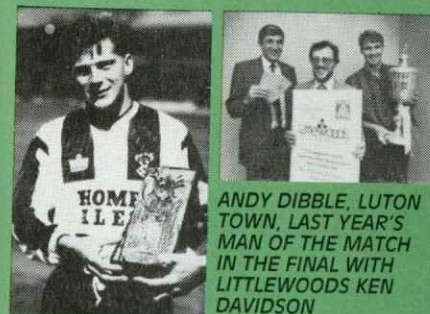
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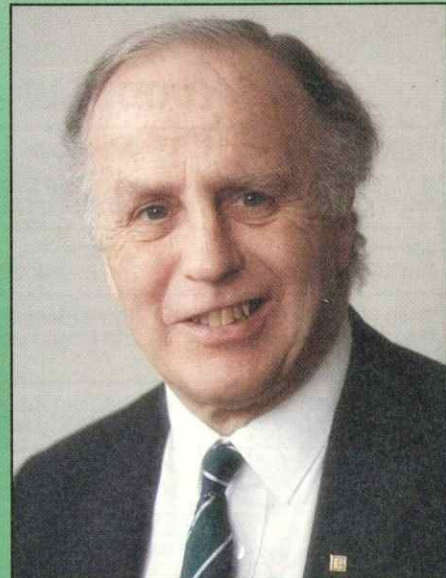
Littlewoods realise that many of their millions of customers are linked inextricably with the 92 professional football clubs in England and Wales. By recognising this, Littlewoods have been able to reach them through the family appeal of The Football League's premier sponsored football cup competition, both at the matches and through the wide television coverage given to this important sporting event.

In keeping with the game's history Littlewoods also sponsor a nationwide competition for Boys' Clubs, with the finalists playing at Wembley for The Littlewoods Junior Challenge Cup as a curtain raiser before the Cup Final itself. Littlewoods' support

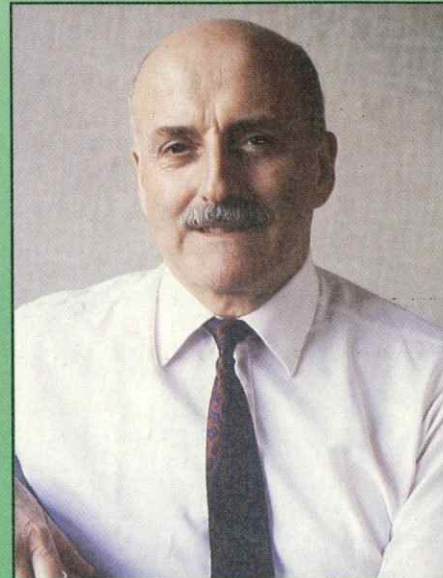
of the Boys' Clubs is just one of the many ways that Littlewoods has supported football at grass roots level.

Littlewoods is determined to uphold the traditions and spirit of our national game. With Littlewoods' success over the last two years in bringing the family atmos-

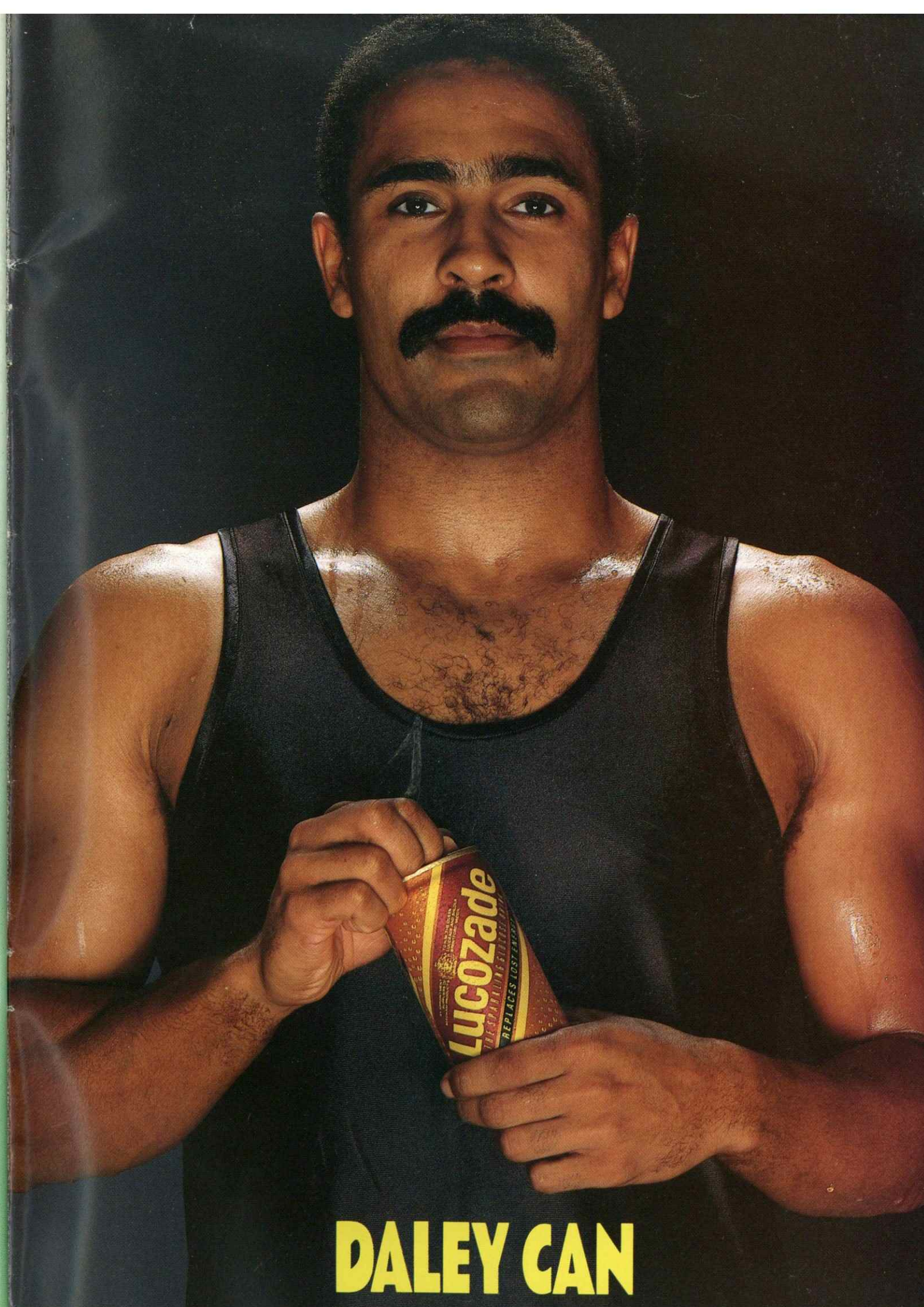
phere back to football, it is entirely appropriate that the Joint Guests of Honour today are Mr. John Moores and Mr. Peter Moores, Directors of The Littlewoods Organisation and the sons of Littlewoods founder and inspiration, Sir John Moores. Between them, they will meet the players and officials and present The Littlewoods Challenge Cup and medals.



MR JOHN MOORES DIRECTOR,  
THE LITTLEWOODS ORGANISATION



MR PETER MOORES DIRECTOR,  
THE LITTLEWOODS ORGANISATION



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# The Littlewoods CHALLENGE CUP



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