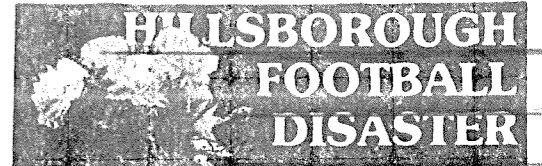


# Top backing for under-fire police chief



Supt Roger Marshall — traumatic time

**HEARTBROKEN** semi-final man Roger Marshall will not alone to face the mounting fury this decision to open the Hillsborough gates of tears.

The under-fire deputy commander has been guaranteed the support of doof friends and colleagues in the service and his adoring family.

The back-up pledge comes from Supt as Chief Constable Peter Wright, who made it clear he feels a judicial revision vindicate the actions of his officers.

It is supported even more graphically by the PCs who stood shoulder-to-shoulder

by Bob Westerdale

with the Superintendent during the tragic bottleneck outside the Leppings Lane end.

They say extraordinary measures were needed to prevent loss of life outside the ground — and the opening of the gate was the only option left.

The 46-year-old father-of-two talked publicly for the first time of his feelings.

Speaking on the doorstep of his detached home in north Sheffield, he said: "No words can describe the feelings I have for the relatives of the bereaved.

"This is a traumatic time for everyone,

me included. My family is coping as best it can.

"I will have my say about Saturday's events at the ground when I stand before the judicial inquiry.

"I am continuing to serve in the force, I have a job to do and I will carry on with those duties."

Supt Marshall, speaking quietly and with obvious distress, said: "I cannot talk about the decision because I know that will be a matter which will be examined in great detail by the inquiry.

"The Chief Constable has asked me not to say anything about it and it would not be right for me to do so."

The officer, a popular figure who joined the force in 1962, acknowledged he had years of experience policing matches at both Hillsborough and Bramall Lane.

He was seconded to the HM Inspector of Constabulary in July, 1982, and remained there after his promotion to superintendent in September, 1983.

Meanwhile, it is clear the officer in overall charge, Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, must also give crucial evidence

It was his first time in charge of a semi-final and in control of an 800-strong squad

He took over as commander of Sheffield's 'F' division, which covers the ground, three weeks ago, replacing the highly experienced

Chief Superintendent Brian Mole,

Mr Duckenfield, 44, married with two daughters, lives in Dore, Sheffield, and joined the force 26 years ago.

PC Paul Middup, South Yorkshire Police Federation secretary, later spoke in defence

"I'm sick of hearing about these instant experts who know more about our job than we do.

"If policemen had been behind the gates when this mob surged through like people are suggesting they would have been trampled to death.

"The vast majority had been drinking and will not be told what to do. The police aren't

to blame. If people were orderly, they wouldn't have these problems.

© Sports Minister Colin Moynihan was warned about possible problems at the Hillsborough FA Cup semi-final more than three weeks before the disaster, a Liverpool MP declared today.

Mr David Alton said he wrote to the minister on March 22 after learning that Liverpool were concerned about the choice of venue and plans giving them fewer tickets than Nottingham Forest.

Mr Moynihan reply said: "The choice of venue for these matches and the allocation of tickets is entirely a matter for the football authorities.

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Andrew Tuddenham, aged 24, of Station Road, Carlton, Nottingham, pleaded guilty to having an offensive weapon and threatening behaviour such as to cause fear of violence.

He was also ordered to pay £15 prosecution costs.

Ian Storey, prosecuting, said police were called to the Roebuck Tavern in Charles Street at 1.50pm where rival gangs of football supporters were fighting. Tuddenham was wielding a wooden chair leg in his right hand and shouting: "Come on you bastards. Have a go."

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David Purchon, the city council's environmental-health director, said that the central section, which is split in half by a fence, was certified to hold 2,200 standing spectators.

But he added that it was not known, and probably never would be, how many people were in there when the deaths occurred.

The crush barriers themselves had to withstand 400lbs of pressure per foot, he revealed.

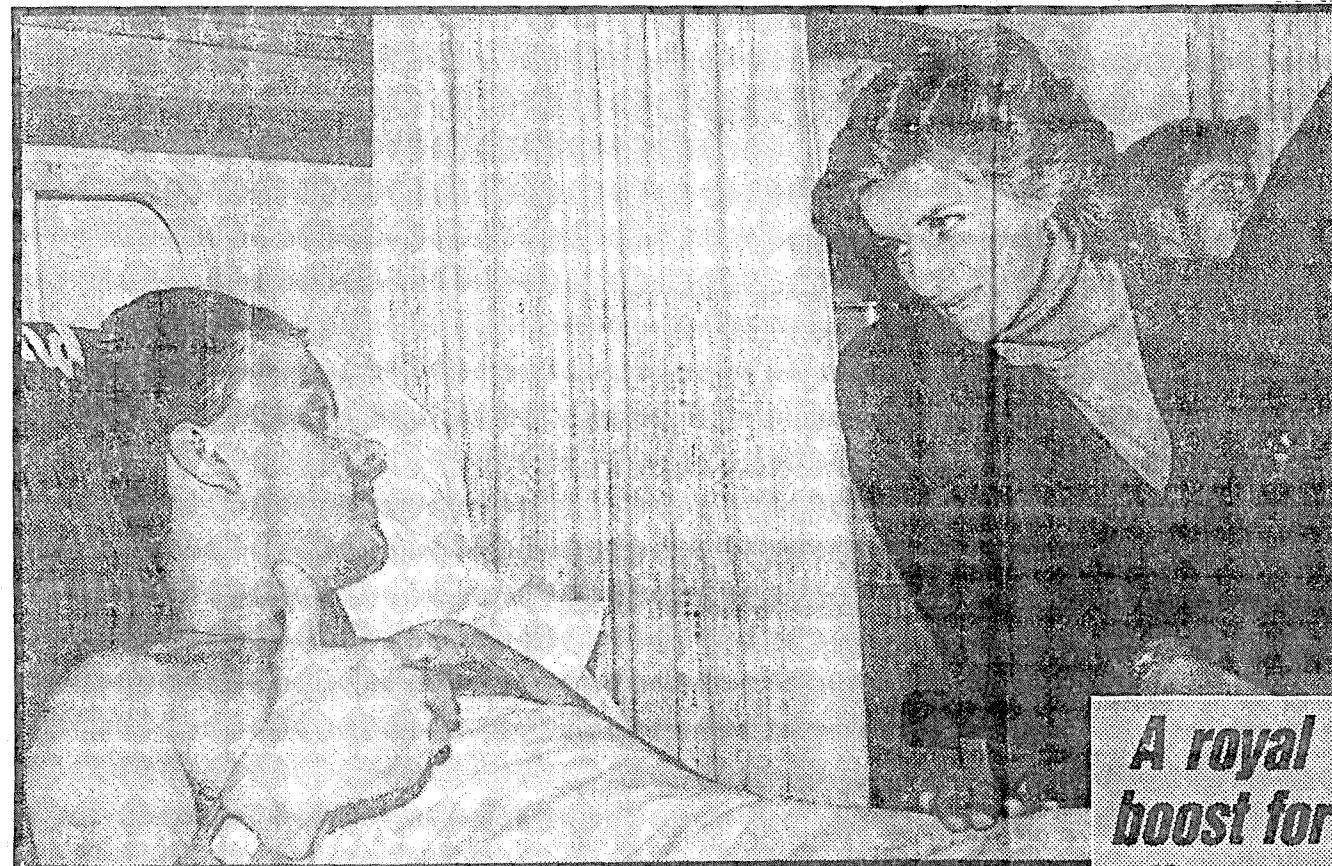
Closed-circuit TV film of the crowd is in the hands of the coroner, and the council investigation team expects to view that soon.

Sheffield United are set to decide today to tear down safety fencing at their ground.

## INQUESTS

Blades Managing Director Derek Dooley told the Star this today's board meeting will result in a decision to make arrangements to take away with the ad to stop pitch

By John Spencer, Nigel Morris, Claire Trevina and John Quinn



# Police let in fans at second match

AN EXIT gate was opened at Barnsley Football Club to allow hundreds of visiting fans into the ground only weeks before the Hillsborough disaster.

The decision made by a senior South Yorkshire police officer was taken without consultation with club officials, who have since complained.

Barnsley FC secretary, Michael Spinks, said 22 busloads of Stoke City fans arrived outside Oakwell for an FA Cup replay five

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By Andy Waple, Chief Reporter

minutes before kick-off on January 31.

He went on: "They arrived outside, possibly with a police escort. They made their way to the turnstiles in an exuberant manner and, after queuing for some time, the senior police officer on duty took

the view that they be allowed straight in."

Mr Spinks said "a few hundred" went into the visiting fans' area on the Spion Kop.

At the time there were about 2,500 Stoke fans on the Kop, which holds 7,500.

The match attracted one of Barnsley's biggest crowds of the season — 21,000 in a ground with a capacity of 37,000.

Mr Spinks said: "We were very much opposed to the

gate being opened. We were not told and we have made representations to the authorities.

"We did not think the police had the authority to allow potential customers into the ground without paying."

He stressed there was no question of fans' safety being at risk from the decision.

South Yorkshire Police spokesman Supt Tony Pratt was unable to comment.



A bedside chat: The Prince of Wales brings comfort to James Winrow who was caught up in the terrace horror

# Diana on verge of tears

PRINCE Charles and Princess Diana brought a Royal tonic to Sheffield when they visited injured survivors of the Hillsborough hell.

They also took time

off from their tour of the casualty wards to praise staff who had gone through a nightmare weekend coping with the crisis.

But some fans were angered by their refusal to comment on the policing of the stadium and the "safety" measures which were so lethal.

The couple — attending their first official public engagement together for several months — went straight to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital where 20 patients were recovering from the horror of British soccer's blackest Saturday.

They spent 20 moving minutes speaking gently to critically ill patients in intensive care, for once away from the glare of cameras. Hospital authorities feared their presence would disturb patients.

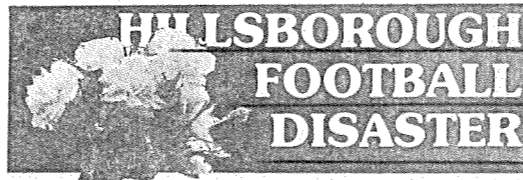
The Princess — her voice lowered in the silent confines of the unit — showed genuine concern for the supporters who were clinging to life by a thread.

### Reunited

And Prince Charles spoke at length with staff who were still clearly affected by their weekend ordeal.

Nurse Dianne Garrick told the Royals that many of the staff were very upset and they still burst into tears when they saw anything of the tragic incidents on TV.

And just before they entered a ward full of injured soccer fans, Sheffield special constable Brendan Pakenham was reunited with one of the many



Linsey McNeill and Mark Calvert report

supporters he saved from the awful crush on the Leppings Lane terraces.

He and Liverpool fan Ian Verdon hugged and came close to tears as they recalled the horror of Saturday's semi-final.

Ian, aged 22, was full of praise for Brendan, 19, of Bromwich Road, Woodseats.

"It was great to meet Brendan. I didn't know he was in the hospital. All we could do was hug..." Words then failed the young man recovering from his injuries.

### Senseless

The Princess sat for several minutes in the shadow of a Liverpool pennant over the bed of Ian Clarke, who suffered rib injuries as he fought his way out of the seething mob.

He said she had cheered him up.

Prince Charles, often one of the most outspoken Royals, made it clear that he has strong views about safety in soccer grounds when he chatted to Ian McDermott, of Liverpool.

He spoke of the need for all-seater stadiums and commented about senseless vandalism seen on television which captured football hooligans ripping out seats.

At the Northern General Charles and Diana went through the heartbreak of touring the intensive care unit where young teenagers were still fighting for their lives.

Dr Neil Appleyard, in charge of the unit, said the Prince and Princess were visibly distressed as they chatted to three teenagers who have just been taken off ventilators.

### Brain damage

Then Diana, the mother of two young boys, was on the verge of tears as she spent a few silent minutes at the bedside of a 14-year-old lad still in a coma.

Dr Appleyard said: "The crushing these boys took was almost like having a plastic bag tied over their head, and they could be left with permanent brain damage.

"We explained to the Royal couple that we can never really tell if they will be all right. We will not know what to expect in the way of progress for weeks, even years. They can't even remember the match

When they toured the wards where the less sick were making a slow recovery from the physical battering they endured, the Prince and Princess were careful not to be drawn when fans revealed their anger

But Prince Charles told 50-year-old Liverpool supporter Fred Smith that he would welcome all-seat stadia.

"I told him that I would never go to another match unless it was all-seated," said Fred, who suffered severe internal bruising

Princess Diana arrives at the Northern General to boost the spirits of the injured fans



A supporter confined to bed greets Prince Charles



Prince Charles - 'Genuinely concerned'

# LIVERPOOL TO FINAL SAY

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*Hillsborough disaster*  
LIVERPOOL'S heartbroken players should be given the final say on whether their tragedy-torn club competes again in the FA Cup this season.

Football Association chief executive Graham Kelly last night announced that their ill-fated semi-final against Nottingham Forest was to go ahead — with the winners meeting Everton at Wembley.

Old Trafford, Manchester, has been booked for Sunday, May 7, and the FA have belatedly broken with tradition by accepting that the match must be shown live on television.

However, the arrangements will be rendered irrelevant if Liverpool decide later today to withdraw after 94 of their fervent followers were crushed to death at last Saturday's original tie at Hillsborough.

If the Liverpool players believe they will not be able to do justice to themselves, their club or more importantly to the memory of those who perished, then football will understand.

### Simod date

Forest have been to Wembley once this season and go again on April 30 in the Simod Cup when, coincidentally, they face Everton.

Of course Brian Clough wants to reach an FA Cup final

## Wembley prepared to take semis

A Hillsborough-type tragedy is not possible at Wembley, insisted the chairman of England's biggest ground today.

Bryan Wolfson confirmed that, in future, the stadium would be prepared to host the FA Cup semi-finals, as well as the final.

Wolfson explained why the conditions which allowed the disaster at Sheffield Wednesday's ground could not be repeated at Wembley, even though it is nearly twice the size.

"Because we have a wide concourse running round the stadium inside the ground and big gates on the concourse to allow people through, then a surge could not build up," said Wolfson.

"Also, our crash barriers are so positioned that no surge down the terraces could happen here. We have five big gates at each end of the ground, so people are not penned in."

### All-seater

Wembley is in the middle of a £20m facelift intended to eventually convert it to an all-seater stadium, and there are now only 10,000 terrace places, divided into four sections at each end of the ground.

Wolfson added: "We segregate the terraces with walls between the upper and lower standing bays, so that supporters cannot flow from one area into another. And even if they could, they would only be moving into another area filled with their own supporters."

Wembley has perimeter fencing round the ground, but it is removable, and only used for soccer. For rugby league or hockey matches at the stadium, the fencing is removed.

"We have gates in the fencing at regular intervals to allow people through in an emergency anyway," said Wolfson.

No-one from the Football Association has yet contacted Wembley about the possibility of holding future FA Cup semi-finals at the stadium, but Wolfson said: "Though it would be inappropriate to talk about this now, we would be prepared to help in any way that we could."

### Algerians hit by fan trouble

The Algerian Football Federation said it had suspended all matches for one week in response to the latest outbreak of hooliganism to have hit the game.

Two hundred teenaged soccer fans attacked the referee, players, club officials and police on the pitch at the end of an Algerian second division match on Friday.

after 27 years in the business, but he wouldn't want to do it on a walkover.

Forest chairman Maurice Roworth said at the weekend that it didn't really matter who won through; May 20 at Wembley would be overshadowed by April 15 at Sheffield Wednesday.

Roworth said last night: "Since Saturday's tragedy we have been happy to go along with whatever the FA decided. If the match is to go ahead it will be full of emotion, but I'm sure it is the right thing in the circumstances."

"It will played as a tribute to the fans who lost their lives at Hillsborough for whom we feel greatly."

But it is still an FA Cup semi-final and the players must be in something approaching the right frame of mind. Liverpool have already suspended indefinitely all their immediate matches, starting with tomorrow's home fixture against West Ham and next Sunday's visit by Arsenal.

And England manager, Bobby Robson, says he will understand if any of the eight Liverpool or Forest players in his latest World Cup squad feel they do not have the heart to face Albania at Wembley on Wednesday week.

## BAYERN IN MATCH HELP

BAYERN Munich have offered to play Liverpool in a charity match to raise money for the families of fans killed in the stadium disaster, the club announced in Germany today.

Bayern officials said they would expect to raise about 2m marks (£588,000) from the match.

Bayern and the Italian club Napoli, who clash tomorrow in the UEFA Cup semi-final, have decided to donate 50,000 marks (£15,000) each in immediate aid to the families of the victims.

Another West German club, Borussia Dortmund, has pledged gate earnings from its exhibition match against Dynamo Moscow on Friday to the families of the killed fans.

## Grants available for all-seaters

FIRST Division clubs had received a total of over £7 million in grants for ground safety improvements up to last March.

The Football Grounds Improvement Trust, funded by the pools companies, has awarded the 20 top flight clubs a total of £7,122,000 for safety improvements, with Liverpool receiving the largest amount of all — £525,000.

And Richard Faulkner, vice-chairman of the FGIT's sister body, the Football Trust, who provide funds for ground improvements other than for safety reasons, confirmed that if all-seater stadiums were to become a safety requirement in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster, they would qualify for grant aid.

Faulkner said: "If all-seated accommodation becomes a safety requirement, then the installation of the seating would be eligible for grant aid. My view is that if there was the will within the game for this to be carried out, then the financing would not be a problem."

"If other funds were needed on top of the amount that each of the Trusts gets each year, funds could be switched from ground improvements to safety. There is no doubt that the work would be grant-aided, but it couldn't be done all at once, it would have to be phased in gradually."

### Rethink

The only grounds in Britain currently all-seated are Aberdeen and Clyde-

Total amounts received in grants (Safety and Ground Improvements are):

Arsenal	£474,000	£174,000
A Villa	£410,000	£26,000
Charlton	£319,000	none
Coveyry	£358,000	none
Derby	£366,000	£39,000
Everton	£322,000	£14,000
Liverpool	£525,000	none
Luton	£377,000	£228,000
Mao Ud	£293,000	£258,000
Middlesbro'	£476,000	£200,000
Millwall	£279,000	none
Newcastle	£456,000	£52,000
Norwich	£301,000	£207,000
Nottm Forest	£327,000	none
QPR	£425,000	£200,000
Sheffield Wed	£422,000	£475,000
Southampton	£480,000	none
Spurs	£262,000	£25,000
West Ham	£287,000	£6,000
Wimbledon	£329,000	£7,000

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Faulkner added: "Aberdeen and Clydebank have used the cheap solution of just putting benches on concrete steps. If you can make use of existing terracing it can be relatively economic to convert grounds to all-seating."

Sheffield Wednesday, whose ground was the scene of Saturday's tragedy, have received more money than any other First Division club in ground improvement grants — £475,000. They have also received £422,000 in safety grants.

### Winning numbers

Colley WMFC: 02, 14.  
RSPCA: March 5: 1st 136, 2nd 144, 3rd 173. March 12: 99, 73, 98. March 19: 68, 63, 54. March 26: 98, 129, 180. April 2: 104, 209, 114. April 9: 210, 7, 6. April 16: 2, 50, 65. April 23: 208, 153, 144. April 30: 50, 94, 209.  
Brunsmeer Athletic FC: 23, 25.  
Eagles Cashline: A4241.

## WEDNESDAY 'DEVASTATED'



David Hodgson

SHEFFIELD Wednesday striker David Hodgson said today that officials and players at the club had been devastated by the Hillsborough disaster.

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Hodgson and several other Wednesday players were at the ground and saw the horrific scenes.

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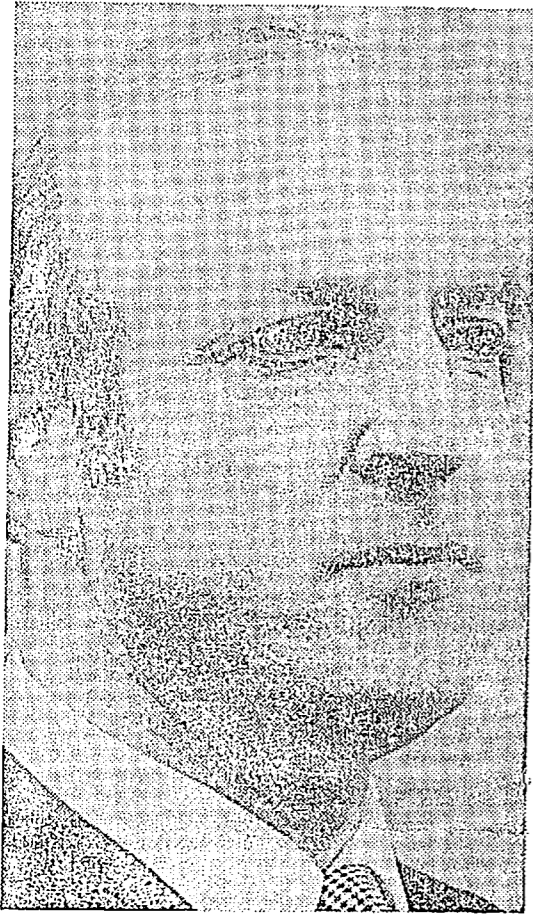
was a lot of people around. At five-to-three one of the lads sitting near me said 'It is the first time I have seen the Liverpool end empty at this time'.

"After five minutes it was chock-a-block and the crowd was spilling over at that end."

Manager Ron Atkinson and a number of other players were also at the club today, together with Republic of Ireland manager Jack Charlton, a former Wednesday manager, who arrived with a wreath.

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# HILLSBOROUGH FOOTBALL DISASTER



Inquiry head Lord Justice Taylor

## Top judge starts his inquiry

THE JUDGE who jailed Sheffield solicitor Ian Wood for life today begins the Hillsborough disaster inquiry.

Lord Justice Taylor, who returned to the city today, is one of Britain's leading judges.

He is tall, urbane and confident — and has a solid legal grounding which began in the North-East of England.

The Rt Hon Sir Peter Murray Taylor, 58, has been involved in a string of high profile cases.

He was first thrust into the limelight during the Poulson and T Dan Smith corruption trials and led the prosecution for the Jeremy Thorpe trial at the Old Bailey in 1979.

As a barrister and QC he was considered an exceptional ally able advocate with a formidable reputation in cross-examination. Colleagues said he combined this with a down-to-earth touch, alleged to be sometimes lacking in

high legal circles. In 1982 he was guest at the Sheffield Law Society's annual dinner at the Cutlers' Hall.

He is the son of a medical practitioner and was educated at Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School and Cambridge University.

He was called to the Bar in 1954, took silk in 1967, became vice-chairman and chairman of the Bar in 1978 and 1979 respectively and was appointed Lord Justice of Appeal in January last year.

He is married with a son and three daughters and relaxes through music.

His brief, laid down by Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, is: "To inquire into the events at Sheffield Wednesday football ground on April 15 and to make recommendations about the needs of crowd control and safety at sports events."

## Fans demand consultation

THE South Yorkshire Branch of the Footballers Supporters Association is calling for fans to be consulted during the public inquiry into Saturday's disaster.

Robin Jeeps, secretary of the Sheffield branch of the association, said: "As well as consulting the police, emergency services, the FA and football club, those conducting the inquiry should get the opinions of the people who actually go through the turnstiles."

The association, which was set up after the Heysel disaster and has 200 in Sheffield, is in regular contact with the city's football clubs.

Robin Jeeps said: "We are always asking the clubs to provide better facilities but they say they can't afford it. So how do they afford these huge sums of money for player transfers?" Mr Jeeps said because the way football stadiums were

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# Soccer-mad student killed

## Joe, 21, crushed on Leppings Lane

By Jane Gott

SHEFFIELD student Joe McCarthy was crushed to death in the hell of Hillsborough.

A friend who was at the match with him survived but is in intensive care.

Soccer-mad Joe, aged 21, was a third-year student of Sheffield University on a Business Studies course. He was to sit final exams in the next few weeks.

Professor John Norman, Joe's personal tutor at the University School of management, said the department was "shocked and saddened" by the news of his death.

"Joe was a very popular student. A real live-wire and he threw himself into university life. "His fellow students are very distressed by the news of his death."

Joe was raised in Ealing, London, and lived with five other students in Cowlshaw Road, Hunter's Bar, Sheffield.

He had been home in London until last weekend, but returned with friend and former Sheffield student Colin Aughton, especially for the big match.

Liverpudlian Colin, aged 22, was also crushed and is in intensive care at the Northern General Hospital.

Passion

News of Joe's death was broken to his parents who rushed home from a holiday in Turkey. The student's body was identified by friend Justin Shinebourne, aged 21, who lived with Joe and also studies at the university.

Joe — who was of Irish-Catholic descent — had followed the Reds all his life.

His soccer passion became all-consuming. He formed and was captain of the Sheffield University Hunters Bar football team last year, which competed against other university departments.

Joe's best friend, John Ward, aged 20, who lives at the same address, said: "He was a very outgoing and lively person — but very well respected too."

Lively

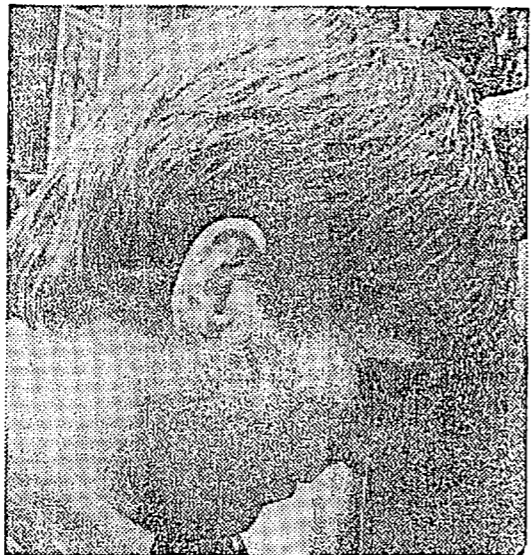
Last night, a group of friends got together at the house and decided that they would change the Hunters Bar team's name next season in memory of Joe, as a mark of respect.

John added: "We just cannot believe this has happened. He was such a lively person. "He is going to be very badly missed by everyone."

"Joe was the type of person who lived for the present. He had a great time in Sheffield and thoroughly enjoyed his life at the university. His motto was: work hard — play hard."

Student Joe McCarthy — 'A real live-wire'

# 'Miracle recovery' by fan after heroes visit



Kenny Dalglish arrives to meet the fans

DOCTORS said a miracle happened before their eyes when a patient emerged from a coma to gaze at his soccer hero.

Liverpool fan Sean Luckett had been deeply unconscious since being pulled from the Hillsborough crush on Saturday.

But he opened his eyes and spoke his first words since the disaster during an emotional visit to Sheffield's Hallamshire Hospital from team manager Kenny Dalglish. Doctors described 20-year-old Sean's response as "quite amazing".

"I've never known that happen before," said consultant anaesthetist Dr David Edbrook, who likened the recovery to a miracle.

Sean, from Claverdon near Warwick, had been in intensive care but doctors had stopped sedation and had taken him off a breathing machine.

Sean, whose parents were at the hospital, initially made no response when his Liverpool heroes came to his bedside.

But when the Anfield team manager was introduced to him, Sean opened his eyes and called out: "Kenny Dalglish!"

"Kenny was overcome with emotion, as was the whole room. It brought tears to my eyes," Dr Edbrook said.

Follow consultant Dr Paul Gerrish said the whole of the Liverpool team showed great compassion for the 19 injured fans still in hospital. "They really showed how much they cared and were clearly moved," he said.

Pleaded

Most of the Liverpool squad visited Sheffield in what was described as a private visit. They spent almost an hour at the Hallamshire after touring the Northern General.

One of the fans there, 23-year-old Joseph Keegan, pleaded with the players not to abandon their season.



Winger John Barnes tells reporters outside the hospital: 'Football is now secondary'

By Mike Russell, Mark Calvert and Robert Taylor

Clutching an autographed shirt Joseph told reporters: "They said they were not going to play for at least three or four weeks. They said they may even have finished the season here. I asked them to think again."

Another delighted fan woke from a painkiller-induced sleep to see Kenny Dalglish and John Aldridge beside his Northern General bed.

"I thought I was dreaming. They were great. They gave all the patients signed shirts and scarves and a bag of presents," said the 24-year-old civil servant from Aigburgh on Merseyside.

Bakery worker Mark Hughes — a goalkeeper for amateur side Merseyside Ambulance FC — said his hero Bruce Grobbelaar had promised him a pair of gloves. Mark, aged

22, has not fully regained his sight after suffering brain damage in the crush.

Fifty-year-old Fred Smith, a fan for 40 years who lives close to Anfield, told Steve McMahon he would never go to another match unless all the crowd was seated.

John Reid, of Bootle, said some of the players wept as they relived Saturday afternoon's horrors.

Winger John Barnes said the tragedy had killed the season.

"Football is now secondary to what can be done for the families of the dead and the people in hospital. I think a lot of fans will still be thinking in terms of the League and whether we are going to take part in the cup. But that is not important, everyone must rally round and help the families of the bereaved and the injured."

## Fans steal from pub

By Graham Walker

LIVERPOOL fans going home after the tragedy repaid a kind act by tearing a cigarette machine off a wall and stealing the £300 worth of cigs inside.

Travellers Inn landlord Richard Wright and his wife Linda were shocked by their action after they had allowed them to phone home and given them free snacks.

Mr Wright said: "I was disgusted. I couldn't believe that after such an awful day, and all we did for them, that they could repay us like that."

"I've always been a bit of Liverpool fan myself and we took pity on them."

Earlier, 40 Liverpool fans invaded the off-licence next door on Sheffield Road, Birdwell, Barosley and stole £35 worth of booze.

Part-owner of the off-licence Gwen Glossop, aged 38, said she was unnerved rather than frightened when fans raided the shop. They bought about £42 worth of beer, lager and wine — but stole the rest.

She got the name and number of their coach but decided not to call the police because they were dealing with the disaster.

"It was a bit rotten that after all that they could still go out of their way to steal," said Mrs Glossop.

Barry Greaves and his wife Margaret, hosts at the Rose and Crown pub, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, gave free food and rooms for the night to nine devastated Liverpool fans.

Mr Greaves said: "It was the least we could do. They called on the way to the match and were a great bunch of lads. They were very upset on the way home so I told them to stay the night."

# Cash for appeal floods into city

By Martin Dawes

A young Liverpool fan from Leeds spent the weekend touring that city's pubs with a bucket collecting £75 in cash and notes, which he handed in at Sheffield Town Hall.

There was a steady stream of people bringing in money, even before appeal signs had been put up.

Sheffield fan Alan Savoury, who watched the "absolute bedlam" at Saturday's game, twice took his blue collecting tin into the city centre, collecting a total of £65.

He arrived within minutes of Lorraine Dent, bringing in £35 collected in a whip round by a local pub side, the Rose & Crown, Darnall.

Others arrived with cheques or to pop coins into one of several collecting boxes in the publicity department.

In the foyer is a large Book of Remembrance.

money themselves (although collecting boxes are not so far being given out) and then write out a cheque to the disaster appeal, sent either care of the Lord Mayor, Sheffield Town Hall, or paid into a special account set up at the Co-operative Bank, West Street, Sheffield.

The sort code 08-90-75 and the account number is 50000005. Money can also be paid into it through any other bank or building society.

While the fund was being swelled yesterday a team of legal experts were busy drafting its constitution, to avoid the legal pitfalls that have beset other disaster appeals.

Last night, the Liverpool appeal was merged with Sheffield and the Nottingham appeal disbanded and the money transferred to Hillsborough.

# Ref saw officer's 'look of fear'

By Jane Gott



Ray Lewis: 'horrific'

STUNNED referee Ray Lewis knew there was something wrong by the look of fear in the police officer's eyes . . .

The match was only into its sixth minute when the police officer ran on to the pitch and asked Ray to stop the game.

"We had no idea there was a problem — I thought a small incident had flared up between rival fans — and I honestly thought whatever it was would be sorted out and we'd return to play within 10 minutes," said Ray from his home in

Great Bookham, Surrey.

It was the 45-year-old catering executive's first visit to Hillsborough as a referee and one that will now be engraved in his memory forever.

"It was only when the police officer ran on to the pitch that I was first aware there was something wrong. I'll never forget that look of fear in his eyes."

Ray led the teams off the pitch and waited with players, managers and FA representatives for further news from the police.

But as time went on it became clear the match would be abandoned as news of a feverishly rising death toll broke through.

"I went up on to the stand and couldn't believe it. It was horrific!"

"I'll never forget the sight of one little ginger-haired lad, only about four or five years, hugging his dad after they'd managed to break free

## YOUTH BROKE HIPS IN THE CRUSH

A ROTHERHAM youth this afternoon spoke of the horror of watching people die in front of his eyes during the Hillsborough football tragedy.

Liverpudlian Michael Bowers, aged 18, of Rotherwood Crescent, thought death was only a minute away as the massing spectators in the Leppings Lane end almost squeezed the life out of his body.

He collapsed and finished up in hospital with two broken hip bones.

"I thought I was going to die," said the trainee plumber as he recovered at his Thurcroft home.

"People were falling to their knees and getting trampled on. A teenager at the side of me dressed in Liverpool football strip was obviously dead. His face had turned blue."

"I remember all kinds of things going through my mind. Things like 'at least I will die for Liverpool Football Club'. Believe me, I thought I would never see my family or girlfriend Debbie again."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spoke to Mike when he visited Royal Hallamshire Hospital and made him tell his story of what had happened.

"I even got her to sign my match programme and, while she was doing that, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd told me it was the first time she had done that for anyone outside the Cabinet," he said.

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# Couple turned home into house of mercy

**SHEFFIELD** pensioners Frank and Ruth Sellars turned their home into a house of mercy for almost 100 distraught Liverpool fans.

They were watching the tragedy unfold on television at their Eskdale Road home in Hillsborough when the first stunned supporter hammered on the door.

"We opened the door and this bloke literally fell in saying he wanted to use the phone."

"He was in a right state and said the bloke he'd come with was dead. We couldn't believe it," said 68-year-old Frank.

### 'Heartbreaking'

Within minutes the house was filled with crying fans begging to use the couple's phone to call worried relatives at home and it was not long before the queue was spilling out into the garden.

"It was heartbreaking. Most of them had lost loved ones or friends in the crush and just wanted to phone home. They were all in a terrible state."

"We had to sit some of them down and make them a cup of

By Jane Gott

tea. 'He whole thing cut me and the wife up.'

Frank said the fans turned up on his doorstep because his house is the nearest to the Sheffield Wednesday ground.

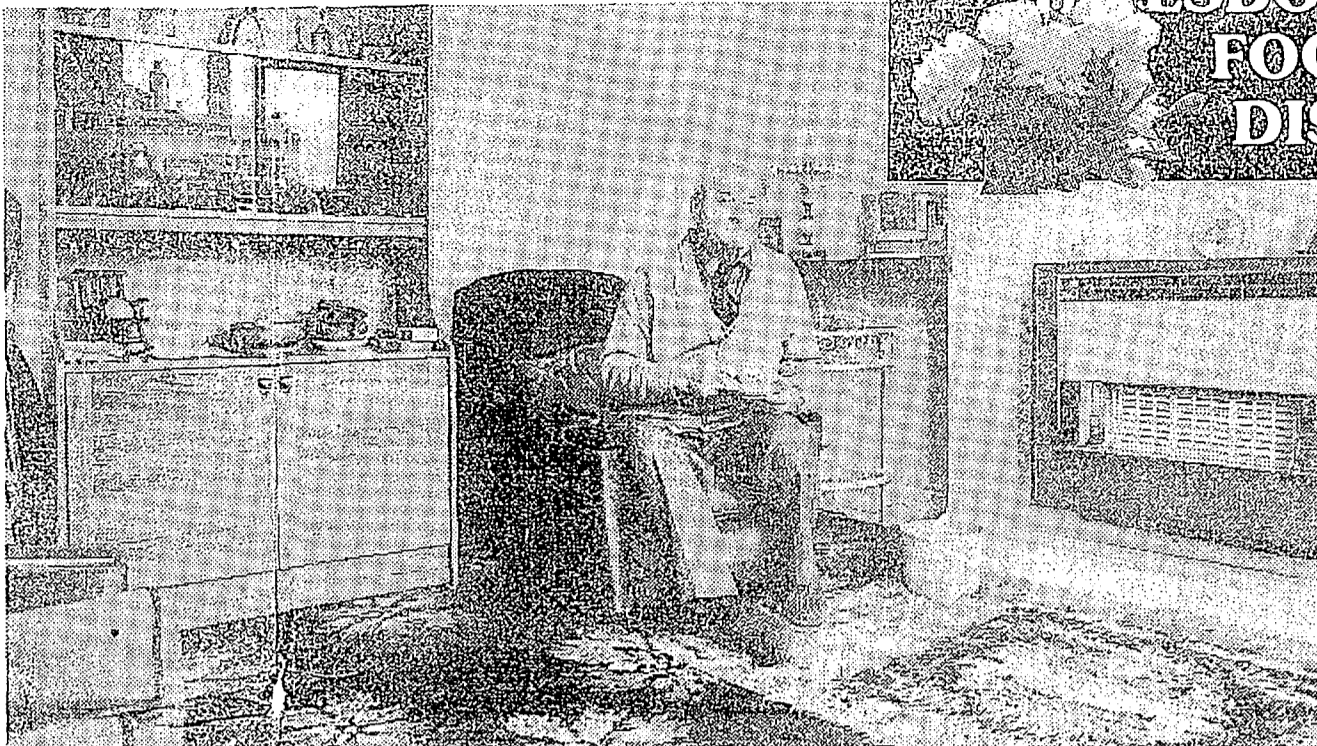
And one of Frank's most heartbreaking memories is of three boys who arrived on his doorstep clutching each other, tears streaming down their faces.

### 'Wonderful people'

"My heart wept for these kids who had obviously seen some distressing sights and just wanted to let their parents know they were all right."

Ray Robinson, of Garston, Liverpool, was one of the many fans who used the couple's phone free of charge.

"I can't thank them enough. They were wonderful people who never complained or took a penny from the fans who invaded their home," said the 37-year-old father-of-three, who went to the match with three friends. All escaped unhurt from the tragedy.



Frank Sellars, who offered tea and sympathy to distraught fans

## HILLSBOROUGH FOOTBALL DISASTER

### Relative's thank you

A FORMER South Yorkshire county councillor, who lost a relative in the Hillsborough disaster, described the response of Sheffield people to the tragedy as "magnificent".

Tom Thelwell, who was a county and parish councillor at High Green, Sheffield, described how brother Bob made a heart-breaking search at city hospitals for a member of the family.

Eventually, the 28-year-old man from Cheshire was found to be among the dead.

"Bob talked to me last night, and again and again he came back to the kindness, love and generosity shown by the people of Sheffield," said Liverpool-born Tom.

### Volunteer drivers

MORE than 100 people have joined The Star's Volunteer Drivers Team who are willing to use their own cars to drive home Liverpool people visiting relatives in Sheffield hospitals.

All are on standby waiting for calls from hospitals, social workers and Liverpool people themselves, via The Star's Motoring Desk (phone Sheffield 767676 Ext 3271).

### 5 trustees appointed

FIVE trustees are being appointed to run the Hillsborough Disaster Appeal, including Sheffield business leader Norman Adsetts.

A meeting of financial chiefs from Sheffield, Liverpool and Nottingham councils are giving top priority to the way the cash is distributed.

### Thanks from Cornwall

HEART-FELT thanks to the rescuers in the Hillsborough catastrophe came today from as far afield as Cornwall.

"Thank you everyone in Sheffield for their help," said Jill Hocking, of Camborne, who endured the horror of waiting for news of husband Barry, aged 52, and son Brett, 15, who both survived.

### Decision time

SHEFFIELD Wednesday are yet to contribute to the Hillsborough Disaster Appeal although a decision will be taken by the board, the club said this morning.

A decision will also be needed on the thousands of floral tributes, scarfs and banners left in memory.

### Royal sympathy

THE Duke and Duchess of York today sent a message of sympathy to Sheffield's Lord Mayor following the Hillsborough tragedy.

The message asked Coun Phyllis Smith to "convey deepest condolences to the bereaved and injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all."

# World sees our sorrow

DISBELIEF and sorrow at Saturday's tragedy has focused the attention of the world's media on Sheffield.

Reporters from all over Europe — many of who had

By John Highfield

covered the riot involving Liverpool fans at Belgium's Heysel Stadium in 1985 — began to arrive in the city only hours after the fatal crush.

By Sunday morning camera crews from as far afield as Brazil were in Sheffield.

The international reaction seems to be not only great sadness but amazement that such a thing could have happened at one of Britain's top sporting venues.

Burhard Heining of Blick, Switzerland's biggest daily newspaper, said there had been incredulity and horror among Swiss readers and viewers.

### 'Danger'

"We cannot understand how that sort of situation could arise, how the police could allow a crowd outside the stadium to collect to such a degree that there was a danger of people being crushed to death," he said.

"We cannot understand how a senior police officer could give permission for gates to be opened and thousands to be let into an over-filled section of the stadium."

He said there was also some concern that officers from a neighbouring police force should be investigating the tragedy.

Giancarlo Galavotti, of sports daily Gazzetta Dello Sport, said Italian fans still affected by the Heysel tragedy had been stunned.

### 'Dismay'

He said: "There is dismay, surprise and disgust even to find what is considered to be the third or fourth most important ground in England is one that belongs more to the 19th than the 21st century." David Phillips, of American TV network NBC, said: "What we are showing is the grief, shock, horror and anger as well as the puzzlement as to what caused it."

Canadian radio presenter

Rafe Mair, of Vancouver-based CKNW, said people could not understand sporting tragedies which appeared to be caused by uncontrollable crowds, hooliganism and poor safety standards.

### 'Donations'

"Because there are so many British people living over here, I am sure that when news of an appeal comes through they will be making generous donations," he said.

Charles Desjardins, of Paris newspaper France Soir, said there had been a sense of horror as the death toll rose.

"There are a lot of people who love football in France," he said. "We are trying to speak to the fans to show how such a thing could have happened."

Swedish journalist Cilia Naumann said there had been an enormous public reaction to the news.

"People feel very sorry and they are very interested to know every detail of how it could happen," she said.

Former Sheffield Star reporter Mike Lynch, working for the Australian Financial Review in Melbourne, said people there were shocked and stunned.

"Initially people thought it was English hooliganism again but reports very quickly made the point it wasn't."

Many sports facilities in Australia were all-seaters.

## Heartless thief's haul

A SNEAK-IN thief stole unique mayoral badges from a Sheffield Town Hall safe as officers struggled to cope with the Hillsborough disaster, it was revealed today.

Although the haul, worth more than £2,000, is an 18-carat gold badge of the Deputy Lady Mayoress. The other two were to be presented to the Lord and Lady Mayoress at the end of their term.

The theft happened between 5.30 and 8.30pm on Saturday while emergency plans were in motion and police say the heartless thief sneaked into an office, broke open

drawers and found the safe-key. £70 also went missing.

One badge is described as silver and gilt, oval, with a blue enamel Sheffield shield in the middle, purple and white stones round the side and the motto Deo Adjutant Labor Proflcit. The second is nearly identical except pear shaped and with an extra purple drop-stone.

The final badge, and the most valuable, is diamond-shaped with enamel Yorkshire roses on each side, the Sheffield shield in the middle and the words Deputy Lady Mayoress at the top.

## Fan's recovery 'Kenny' miracle

Sean Lockett: moved doctor to tears

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AN EXIT gate was opened at Barnsley Football Club to allow hundreds of visiting fans into the ground only weeks before the Hillsborough disaster.

The decision made by a senior South Yorkshire police officer was taken without consultation with club officials, who have since complained.

Barnsley FC secretary Michael Spinks said 22 busloads of Stoke City fans arrived outside Oakwell for an FA Cup replay five minutes before kick-off on January 31.

Mr Spink believes they had been held up by police on the outskirts of Barnsley for some time.

### 'Exuberant'

He said: "They arrived outside, possibly with a police escort."

"They made their way to the turnstiles in an exuberant manner and, after queuing for some time, the senior police officer on duty took the view that they should be allowed straight in."

Mr Spinks said a few hundred went into the visiting fans' area on the Spion Kop.

At the time there were about 2,500 Stoke fans on the Kop, which holds 7,500.

### 'Opposed'

The match attracted one of Barnsley's biggest crowds

## EXCLUSIVE

By Andy Waple, Chief Reporter

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would consider whether alcohol played any role in events leading up to the tragedy.

The inquiry will also examine a police order bringing thousands of Liverpool fans into Sheffield by noon, leaving them three hours before the game.

The Star has now established that hundreds of supporters were still packing pubs as far away as Stocksbridge by 2.15pm.

Then they made a last-minute dash to the match, swelling the seething 4,000-strong throng outside the Leppings Lane end. That was when the crush of spectators threatened to bring down a brick wall on other fans, and led police to open a gate allowing people to stream into the ground.

A staggering 96 barrels of lager and a similar quantity of bitter were downed at the Fox Inn in Fox Hill. But landlord Peter Buck said there was no trouble.

# Student games image wrecked

By John Spencer

URGENT steps are being taken to repair the damage to Sheffield's new-found sporting image following the Hillsborough disaster.

With the World Student Games just two years away, civic leaders fear that sports in the city will now be linked with tragedy, particularly as the Hillsborough stadium is to be used for soccer tournaments during the sporting spectacular.

Much of the city's regeneration has been built upon the 1991 event but there is concern that the image created has been wrecked.



Coun Peter Price

And Coun Peter Price, chairman of the leisure committee, has warned: "It will take time to exchange the old image for the new."

City recreation chiefs yesterday afternoon began a series of meetings with public relations companies

handling the Games to start to repair the damage which has been created.

Though Hillsborough will stage soccer games, it is unlikely to see a crowd as large as Saturday's.

David Foggin, sales and marketing director of the Games company Universiade, said: "The Don Valley Athletics stadium, the first to be built in 70 years, will be all-seating."

"It will have a 20,000 capacity which can be extended to 40,000 at the opening and closing ceremonies, there will be no barriers, vast open car parking and emergency entrance and exit facilities."

The message asked Coun Phyllis Smith to "convey deepest condolences to the bereaved and injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all."

At the Owl in Neepsden Lane, up to 500 supporters were being served alcohol until after 2.30pm, and a mobile police control room stationed directly outside the pub allegedly took no action even as fans bought crate-leads of beer.

Trade at the Thresher off-licence in Middlewood Road Hillsborough was heavy the morning of the match. The store was closed down by police at 2pm.

Jill Carr, landlady of Coach and Horses, Manx Read, Stocksbridge, said: "Beforehand the atmosphere was great. We had about 25 Liverpool fans in and was no trouble. They left around 2pm."

Tony Bows, of Leppings Lane, said: "There was a crowd, about 5,000 people. It was far too many were empty cans of beer everywhere."

Violence did not end with the disaster. A fan was pinned to the ground and savaged by a rival gang... minutes after the

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# 'My husband had no alternative'

EXCLUSIVE, By Bob Westerdale

THE WIFE of under-fire police chief Roger Marshall — who ordered the opening of the Hillsborough gate of tears — leaped to her husband's defence this afternoon stressing: "He had no alternative."

Pat Marshall also had a special message for the hundreds of grieving relatives on Merseyside: "My heart goes out to them and those who have died."

She spoke to The Star with husband Roger at her side at their smart, detached home in Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

He said solemnly: "No words can describe the feelings I have for the relatives of the bereaved."

"This is a traumatic time for everyone, me included. My family is coping as best we can."

Mrs Marshall commented: "We have nothing to hide but



my husband is obliged to say nothing about his decision until the inquiry.

"All our friends and relatives are very sad about the situation. There is a great deal of pressure but we are not the only ones involved in this."

"Of course we are distressed and upset about the innocent people who lost their lives. But we are getting a lot of support and coping well under the circumstances."

Mrs Marshall said it was only natural her husband would

have darker moments as he reflects on the disaster which claimed 95 lives.

"But we are a united family and our two sons are very supportive."

"I am convinced my husband had no alternative. I know newspapers have a job to do but I feel the Press are not making things any better for relatives or anybody else."

Supt Marshall knows he will not stand alone alone to face the mounting fury over his decision.

He has been guaranteed the support of dozens of friends and colleagues in the service.

The back-up pledge comes from as high as Chief Constable Peter Wright, who has made it clear he feels a judicial review will vindicate the actions of his officers.

It is supported even more graphically by the PCs who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the Superintendent during the tragic bottleneck outside the Leppings Lane end.

"I will have my say about Saturday's events at the ground when I stand before the judicial inquiry."

"I am continuing to serve in the force, I have a job to do and I will carry on with those duties."

Supt Marshall, speaking quietly and with obvious distress, said: "I cannot talk about the decision because I know that will be a matter which will be examined in great detail by the inquiry."

"The Chief Constable has asked me not to say anything about it and it would not be right for me to do so."

The officer, a popular figure who joined the force in 1962, acknowledged he had years of experience policing matches at both Hillsborough and Bramall Lane.

He was seconded to the HM Inspector of Constabulary Office in July 1982 and remained there after his promotion to superintendent in September 1983.

The officer in overall charge of football policing was Chief Supt David Duckenfield whose evidence will form a crucial part of any inquiry.

It was the first FA Cup semi-final in charge for Mr Duckenfield who was in control of an 800-strong police force at the ground.

He took over as commander of Sheffield's "F" division, which covers the ground, three weeks ago, replacing the highly experienced Chief Supt Brian Mole, who went to Bamsley.

Mr Duckenfield, aged 44, married with two daughters, lives in Dore, Sheffield, and joined the force 26 years ago.

### Trampled

Pc Paul Middelup, South Yorkshire Police Federation secretary, later spoke in defence of officers at the scene.

"I'm sick of bearing about these instant experts who know more about our job than we do."

"If policemen had been behind the gates when this mob surged through like people are suggesting they would have been trampled to death."

"The vast majority had been drinking and will not be told what to do. The police aren't to blame. If people were orderly they wouldn't have these problems."

"My people should not be asked to go into no-win situations like this."

## 'Ticketless thugs staged crush to gain entry'

# FANS IN DRUNKEN

# ATTACKS ON POLICE

Writs issued against police and Ombudsman

By Bob Westerdale  
HIGH COURT writs alleging that Sheffield Wednesday and South Yorkshire police were negligent during the semi-final disaster which claimed 95 lives were issued in Liverpool this afternoon.

Top lawyer Rex Makin instituted legal proceedings on behalf of nine survivors of the tragedy.

He claims that many victims have now been admitted to psychiatric hospitals because of their traumatic experiences.

They point the finger of blame at Chief Constable Peter Wright and Sheffield Wednesday management. They will be physically served later.

Crusade  
Mr Makin expects other victims to join in the crusade.

"I am completely satisfied that the police are liable morally though they may well try to escape their legal responsibility."

"I also feel the club is responsible for not making adequate arrangements and not having sufficient stewards to cope with the numbers at the ground" said Mr Makin.

"The club failed to take adequate steps to minimise the risks."

EMERGENCY workers were attacked and even urinated on by drunken fans during the mayhem of Hillsborough, it was claimed this afternoon.

By Mark Calvert, Dominic Cheetham, John Highfield and Jane Tadman

That is the sickening story police are piecing together as they look for what went wrong on Saturday, when 95 people lost their lives and more than 170 were injured on the Leppings Lane terrace.

The claims come amid an international row after UEFA President Jacques Georges commented that some people from Liverpool were 'beasts'.

There has been widespread condemnation of his views and statements that there was no indication that violence had anything to do with the disaster.

But it is becoming clear that as some fans turned life-savers, a group of yobs in the crowd ignored fellow supporters and turned on emergency workers.

They attacked an ambulance man, threatened firemen, and punched and urinated on policemen as they gave the kiss of life to stricken victims.

The crush which led to the deaths of so many innocent Liverpool fans may also have been a tactic used by fans to get into grounds without paying.

It was alleged today by several people involved in the disaster that some football fans around the country deliberately arrive at the last minute.

They force a crush knowing that gates may be opened to allow them into the ground without paying or — in Saturday's case — without tickets to a sell-out game.

Football's black market may also have helped cause the crush.

Hillsborough Supporters Club secretary Rita Nettleship said fans may have been encouraged to travel to the stadium game without tickets knowing they could buy their

way in from a ticket tout — at up to £60 a time.

One Hillsborough gatekeeper, who does not wish to be identified, said: "I was offered money to let people through on Saturday. But I wouldn't take it."

"I have heard that fans do go to grounds without tickets, arrive at kick-off time and start a big push to force police into opening the gates."

### 'ANIMALS'

Horror reports of the sickening behaviour of a rowdy minority of fans as emergency workers battled to save and treat the injured and dying victims are being logged and will be presented at the official inquiry.

One high-ranking officer said: "Some were like animals: drunk and violent. Their actions were vile."

"One young policewoman and an Inspector who were treating an injured fan were urinated on. Another Pc was attacked as he tried to give mouth to mouth resuscitation."

"People were picking coins off the floor as victims lay needing help."

Another senior officer said: "Nobody dare say anything about the behaviour of some supporters, but some of my officers went through a double hell — a disaster, and the fury of drunken fans impeding rescue attempts."

One ambulance man was attacked as he tried to help an injured supporter, said the county's chief ambulance officer Don Page. "He had to be taken to hospital for treatment." Ambulance men also had to tend to injuries elsewhere in the ground — the results of some fighting.

### 'SMALL ELEMENT'

Pc Paul Middelup, South Yorkshire representative of the Police Federation, said: "I am sick of hearing how good the crowd were. Some arrived tanked up and the situation faced by officers trying to control them was quite simply terrifying."

"People were diving under the bellies of the horses and between their legs and the only people who do that are either mental or have been drinking heavily."

He said: "I heard all these terrible accounts of the behaviour of a number of fans, but it must be stressed that it was a small element who behaved so terribly."

Reports from throughout the city today spell out a story of a good-natured drinks spell before the game causing concern for local people.

Residents in Wadsley Lane told how their normally peaceful street was turned into a seething tide of Liverpool supporters — many drunk and boisterous.

Pensioner Marjorie Baker described how some Liverpool fans started to arrive in the area as early as 10am, many with alcohol.

"It was like a gentlemen's toilet by the side of our house," she said.

But a barmaid at the Horse and Jockey said most of the fans were well-behaved and polite, and caused no trouble.

A neighbour commented: "The problem was that the majority didn't start going down to the ground until 2.30, and there wasn't enough time. My thought was that if three of four other pubs round here had got a similar situation on their hands then things could have been serious."

A Middlewood Road couple said they saw fans arriving at the ground as late as five minutes before kick-off.

The part played by alcohol in the disaster will be a major factor in the judicial inquiry which got under way today. The man in charge, Lord Justice Taylor said he



Lord Justice Taylor promises to listen to fans' views

# Inquiry judge vows to listen to supporters

By Bob Westerdale, John Spencer, Linsey McNeill, Claire Trevena and Nigel Morris

INQUIRY boss Lord Justice Taylor today promised that fans would have their say in the investigation into the carnage of Leppings Lane.

All views and factual comments from Liverpool supporters at the semi-final would be analysed in detail by counsel.

The inquiry, which could result in the drafting in of 150 West Midlands officers, would home in on:

- the effect alcohol had on behaviour,
- policing arrangements,
- why so many fans arrived late at Hillsborough,
- and how many arrived without tickets.

West Midlands Chief Constable Geoffrey Dear,

## Dead disaster fan leaves gift of life

A GIFT of life emerged this afternoon from the horror of Hillsborough.

The parents of a 14-year-old Liverpool fan, who died early today in the Northern General Hospital's intensive care unit, have agreed that his kidney, liver and other organs can be used for transplant.

That could mean new lives for up to four other people.

barriers at the Hillsborough ground.

And the board of Sheffield United, were meeting to discuss the possibility of removing perimeter fencing at Bramall Lane as Derby County — where Sheffield Wednesday play on Saturday — began to dismantle their fencing.

The Archbishop of York visited the tragedy scene this

morning and the Duke and Duchess of Kent were due to visit survivors at Royal Hallamshire Hospital and the Northern General Hospital this afternoon.

Pressure was mounting today to rip killer perimeter fencing from Sheffield's soccer grounds, and other clubs in the region want it out too.

Inquests on the victims were due to be opened and adjourned this afternoon by South Yorkshire coroner Dr Stefan Popper.

Safety experts began examining the crowd-control

## Appeal tops £1 million mark

THE Hillsborough Disaster Fund has soared past £1 million with everybody from Sheffield schoolchildren and pensioners to pop superstar Paul McCartney gearing up to help the victims' families.

Officials say they cannot keep pace with the volume of money flowing in but already it is clear local people have contributed at least £102,000.

At Sheffield Town Hall, pensioners seem to be giving the most — one man handed over £100 in fivers today — while children are coming in after school and handing over their dinner money.

Liverpool's most famous pop stars are banding together for a musical tribute expected to top the charts.

Paul McCartney, Gerry Marsden, Holly

Johnson and the Christians are combining to produce a charity version of Ferry Across The Mersey. The record is in the shops next Thursday.

And Gerry is also planning to get ex-Beatles George Harrison and Ringo Starr, comic Freddie Starr, TV host Cilla Black and other Liverpool stars together for a charity concert in early May.

In Sheffield, a concert will be held at the City Hall on April 27, replacing a planned rock concert at the Crucible Theatre. The one-up will be confirmed later this week.

To avoid confusion, the Liverpool appeal has now been merged with Hillsborough's. The Nottingham appeal has been disbanded and its money transferred to Sheffield.

Appeal money rolls in, P3.

### How to make donations

ANYONE wishing to make donations to Sheffield's appeal should send money, cheques, postal orders to: Hillsborough Disaster Appeal c/o the Lord Mayor, Sheffield Town Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield.

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