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HILLSBOROUGH FOOTBALL GROUND

SEMI FINAL 1988. LIVERPOOL V NOTTS FOREST

At the above mentioned fixture I was deputed to work with a serial that firstly patrolled the Leppings Lane turnstiles and then inside the ground on the Leppings Lane terraces.

Duties on turnstiles 1-16, Gate B, involved searching Liverpool Fans on their way into the ground. The conduct of the supporters in the main was good humoured, the flow towards the turnstiles was steady and seemed to cause no problems. A proportion of supporters searched did infact have cans of alcoholic drink in their possession, which they gave up on the turnstiles without question. Duty on the turnstile commenced at approx 12noon and at approx 3pm the serial was transferred inside the ground to monitor the Liverpool supporters. A position was taken up in the tunnel ~~of~~ at the entrance to pen 4. The ~~turnstiles~~ pen was almost full at this time, although there was room to let further supporters in ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ as they arrived. Again the stream of supporters entering the enclosure was steady. The serial as a whole became aware that the pen was filing up and we then started to turn supportes away to find an alternative positon in the ground. The numbers were so small that entered that we were able to control them as such, the advice was taken without question by a large percentage of the supporters. The conduct of the fans during the game was very good however at times of excitement they did serge forward in large numbers, this did cause concern but as far as I am aware did not ~~z~~ result in any injuries.

At the end of the game the serial as a whole then supervised the Liverpool Supporters Exit from the ground, this led us onto Leppings Lane where we walked in amongst the crowd onto Halifax Rd, towards thier transport. Again the crowd acted in an orderly manner and I am not aware of any Public Order situations arrising.

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