

HATFIELD HOTLINE

NEWS AND VIEWS

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OCTOBER RESULTS

H90's Unit

SUCCESS AT WORK - BUT NOT AT PLAY

The improved performance from H90's could not have come at a better time for the pit with HO3's finishing and 75's still striving to achieve full production. The 1000 tonnes/week increase has helped the pit during this very crucial period. At week ending 26.10.85 the daily output from H90's increased to 1673 tonnes/day which is a very creditable performance at this seam section.

WELL DONE EVERYBODY

BACM "geriatrics" however beat Man. 'U' 90's 5-3 on Saturday in the pit football knockout competition. Perhaps the old 'uns' can still teach the young 'uns' a few tricks.

90's Rambo's were beaten 3-1 by HO3's who must be good at advance as well as retreat.

	TONNES	FACE OMS	O/ALL OMS
W/E 5.10	15,600	16.98	3.65
W/E 12.10	12,800	12,96	3.04
W/E 19.10	11,100	10.57	2.57
W/E 26/10	13,000	16.79	3.13
<u>TOTAL</u>	52,500		
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COST/TONNE FOR THE MONTH £41.43			
COST/GIGAJoule FOR THE MONTH £1.60			
PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE MONTH £3000.00 LOSS			

A 48" top and bottom belt manriding conveyor has been installed in the new intake roadway from the staple pit to 102's Main Gate junction.

The roadways of 102's unit will be retained to connect through to 56's roadways thus eliminating the tortuous material and belt system that now exists to H90's area.

HO5R'S UNIT

The average weekly tonnage from a retreat face is approximately 7000 tonnes. We need this coal now to put the pit on a profitable basis and achieve our objective of over 15,000 tonnes a week as explained in a recent colliery newsletter. The minimum amount of time must be spent on this installation.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

NORTH WEST

The MK III Doscoc have now carved out approximately 4,000 metres of new roadway, enough for two new faces - H101R's and H102's.

H102's will be an advancing face to replace H90's and will be the first face in the new area.

The increase in Machine Available Time and improvement in material supply and coal clearance systems - direct to the 1100 and 1400 tonne staple bunkers should make this face a winner judging by H90's present performance.

It needs to be to help to pay back the capital expenditure invested in this new area.

The MK III Doscoc will continue driving forward opening up new ground for future faces. The better the drivage performance the earlier new faces can be developed in this area in order to relieve some of the development pressure in the North East.

The North West teams have proved that they can perform well, but we will be looking for increased performances when driving in the coal to secure the future.

Each shift lost is £20,000 lost from the pit revenue. We must forge ahead if we are to succeed.

THE PIT NEEDS THIS FACE NOW

WHAT'S NEW AT HATFIELD? Items for this monthly newsletter will be welcomed — and you could win £250,000.* Let us have your letters, reports of social and sporting activities, questions about the pit etc. Let us know what you want to know. Drop a line to "Hatfield Hotline" and hand it in at the Manager's office. (* A £2 Premium Bond voucher will be awarded for the best reader's contribution each month).

DO YOU KNOW

1. Since March 1985 we have issued underground:

620 Boring Bits 1 11/16"
cost £2.12 each.

400 Boring Bits 1 11/16"
cost £3.62 each.

Total cost £2,762.40

Had the bits been returned to the Stores for regrinding a saving of £2,344,20 would have been made.

2. Since August 1985 we have issued underground:

96 sets 12' x 9' Arches)

540 sets 14' x 10' ") *

409 sets 16' x 12' ")

*8360 ring bolts at a cost of £2,227.40.

During this period we have issued from the Stores 14,530 Bolts at a cost of £3,870 - where have the extra 6170 Bolts gone? We would have saved £1,643 for the pit from ring bolts alone.

3. 1 metre of type 5 36" conveyor belt costs £26.13. We cannot afford to damage conveyor belting by being out of line and cutting through structure. Every penny counts in the cost/tonne war.

Jim: What's a gigajewel?

Harry: I don't know, but get that chain running, our lass want's one for Christmas.

DON'T - waste materials by leaving them lying around to disappear.

DON'T - use ring bolts for other uses than for what they were intended - RINGS.

DON'T - neglect standards it is too costly.

DO - pay attention to good housekeeping.

DO - strive for good standards.

DO - help us to reduce the cost/tonne by avoiding wasting materials.



ATTENDANCE

THINK OF YOUR MAJES

During October the Colliery has operated with an average of 81% deployment - the breakdown of the 19% non deployment was:

1. Holidays/Rest Days 3.7%
2. Other causes 1.0%
3. Sickness/Accidents 11.5%
4. Voluntary Absence 2.7%
5. Disputes 0.1%

How can we improve the deployment figure?

- a) We must be more safety conscious.

Keep working places clean and tidy and stack materials correctly.

PREVENT - slipping, falling & stumbling accidents

- b) Don't forget we have a Medical Centre - make more use of it when not feeling well.

- c) Disputes - are very costly to everyone - we have a local dispute procedure agreed between all unions and management which is second to none - make yourself aware of it and adhere to it.

FIRST AID - USEFUL AT WORK AND AT HOME

This year we were not represented at junior or senior level in the Area Competition. This pit needs first aiders. The more people trained in first aid the better for both surface and underground. If enough people are interested we can run a junior and senior first aid team which will be a bonus to the pit and will be well worthwhile to the team members. Anyone interested in first aid please call and see Sister Hart for details.

Area Review



South Yorkshire Area Director Harold Taylor told the three mining unions at the quarterly review meeting held on Tuesday, 29th October that the Area was doing well by any standards.

Output for the first six months totalled 5.3 million tonnes which should give the Area a final output, at the year-end March 1986, of around 11.5 million tonnes at an overall oms of 2.6 tonnes.

As an indication that the Area was on the right tracks for the future Mr. Taylor said the last week of October had produced an output of 274,000 tonnes at a record oms of 3.13 tonnes.

Mr. Taylor also announced an Area profit of £3 million for September and followed by predicting South Yorkshire would show a slight profit over the next six months if the recent encouraging signs were maintained.

That should put the figures around break-even point, operationally, by the financial year-end with a total loss of below £50 million, after capital charges, he added.

Outlining the long-term strategy for the Area, Mr. Taylor said he was planning to build up to an annual output of 12.7 million tonnes and he was confident the marketing men could sell every tonne of that.

On this encouraging note Mr. Taylor said South Yorkshire Area should be in the black by the year 1986/87 and would play an important role in the future plans of the country's coal industry.

In a pit-by-pit review the Area Director then highlighted those with particular problems to be tackled.

An early December reconvened review meeting would be called for the three collieries in the Manvers complex - MANVERS, KILNHURST and WATH - where it is proposed to merge the three mines into one management unit next year.

The results from Cadeby Colliery were disappointing at the moment but it was expected that performance would improve when a new face came into production shortly.

The major re-organisation of DINNINGTON Colliery is proceeding - reducing from two coalfaces to one as the pit concentrated on development to open up new reserves.

Hickleton will continue on a development-only basis. Manning levels are being reviewed.

No significant changes were currently envisaged for the other pits in the Area where the aim would continue to be a progressive improvement of performance to meet the industry's objectives of low-cost, high-productivity output. The Area's best pits were performing well, said the Director, but none could afford to relax their efforts.

AREA FACE PERFORMANCES (TONNES) - PIT BY PIT

Colliery	Per Face Day	Per M/C Shift	M/C Shift Per Day	Face Team O.M.S.
Silverwood	1770	616	2.9	29.74
Manton	1697	668	2.5	36.94
Rossington	1425	523	2.7	25.07
Barnburgh	1421	711	2.0	40.58
Goldthorpe	1297	797	1.6	44.62
Manvers	1233	440	2.8	28.42
Hatfield	1125	429	2.6	22.32
Bentley	1093	508	2.2	27.06
Markham Main	1071	406	2.6	16.97
Kiveton Park	1023	413	2.5	23.92
AREA	977	400	2.4	22.07
Maltby	928	416	2.2	20.78
Askern	893	255	3.5	14.25
Thurcroft	892	458	2.0	23.39
Frickley	778	373	2.1	32.76
Wath	740	282	2.6	18.58
Kilnhurst	722	264	2.7	12.56
Shireoaks	670	262	2.6	18.61
Dinnington	667	238	2.8	13.46
Brodsworth	663	246	2.7	13.08
Treeton	602	273	2.2	18.17
Cadeby	592	211	2.8	19.49

WOTZA GIGAJOULE?

When we talk about how much we get for our coal - and how much it costs to produce it - we now talk in terms of "pound per gigajoule" or (£/GJ).

This is so that we can compare our production costs and prices with coal from any country in the world and also with any other form of energy.

A gigajoule is the international measure of energy (a bit like the old British Thermal Unit). A gigajoule rating will tell you the amount of heat (or energy) produced by a tonne of coal and is, therefore, a measure of quality.

Our target is to bring down production costs at long-life pits to £1.50/GJ. Since our average power station coal is rated at 25GJ a tonne, this means producing coal at not more than £37.50 per tonne (25 x £1.50).

With the new emphasis on producing coal in the right quality and the right price a pit's £/GJ figure is going to be as important as its O.M.S. or its tonnes per day figure because it is a measure of our ability to sell what we produce.

SAFETY FIRST

The changing face of South Yorkshire Area means that some of you will be working in places and conditions that are new to you.

More of you will be doing salvage and haulage work that possibly you haven't done for some time.

After we have decided what you are capable of doing, and what you are qualified and authorised to do, some re-training may be necessary to show you how to do the job safely.

BUT WHATEVER YOUR JOB KEEP TO THE SAFETY RULES AND USE YOUR COMMON SENSE

RECENT ACCIDENTS

The number of accidents has gone up at some pits and two men have died in the last two months. These accidents should not have happened.

At Kilnhurst, a man was killed when he tried to get on a paddy which had already set off. Too many accidents have been caused by jumping on and off moving vehicles or by illegal manriding.

TREAT HAULAGE SYSTEMS WITH CARE

At Hatfield, a man was killed when he stepped in front of a bucket loader on a coal stocking ground.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT WHEN MOBILE PLANT TRAFFIC IS ABOUT

Take particular care on dark winter mornings and evenings when it is harder for drivers to see people despite the floodlighting.

WHETHER YOU WORK ON THE SURFACE OR UNDERGROUND DON'T BECOME AN ACCIDENT STATISTIC