

## **Hillsborough**

**Angry police hit back yesterday (tues) at Liverpool fans who hampered life saving attempts after the Hillsborough horror.**

**They spoke out for the first time after being stung by savage criticism of their actions and claims that the Merseyside fans were blameless.**

**The shocked bobbies revealed how they were kicked and punched as they gave victims the kiss of life.**

**And others were horrified to see Liverpool fans urinating on policemen and victims as they fought to haul them out of the killer crush.**

**Said one senior officer who was in the battle to save lives: 'We are as sorry and shocked as anyone about these tragic deaths but to paint all the Liverpool fans as little whites is wrong.**

**'As we struggled in appalling conditions to save lives, fans standing further up the terrace were openly urinating on us and the bodies of the dead.**

**'As policemen on the pitch tried to save lives they were hampered by other Liverpool fans running and kicking and punching them.'**

**Another officer said: 'One colleague a few yards away gave up trying to revive an injured lad realising he was dead. Immediately he was attacked by his mate who threw punches.**

**'The officer did not retaliate although he was dazed He simply went on to help the next victim**

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*'As another young officer gave the kiss of life and heart massage he was abused and then given a savage kick by another lout.'*

*A third officer added: ' Even when it became apparent we were dealing with a tragic situation police were harassed as they tried to get on with the job of saving lives and helping victims.*

*'We know a lot of questions will be asked about the opening of the gates - a decision taken because it was feared lives were at risk outside the ground*

*'The fact remains that had the Liverpool fans then entered the ground in an orderly and civilised manner the crushing which led to the deaths would not have happened'*

*And the officer claimed an appeal to delay the kick off to allow fans to enter the ground was turned down.*

*He said: ' The answer was that the players had already come out so the match had to start on time. A lot of us felt that simply wasn't good enough.*

*Ends.*

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*A policeman who helped the injured and the dying spoke of Liverpool supporters picking the pockets of victims before they were carried away.*

*He said: ' There was a lot of pilfering going on while the bid to save lives was taking place.*

*'Personal possessions were missing as well as cash and other articles.*

*'People were picking up coins which had fallen from victim's pockets as they lay on the floor. It was a sickening spectacle'*

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***One high ranking officer said: 'Some of them were like animals, they were drunk and violent and their actions were vile'.***

***Another senior policeman said: 'Nobody dare say anything about the behaviour of some supporters for fear of being accused of being insensitive.***

***'But the fact is, some of my officers went through a double hell - a disaster and the fury of drunken fans impeding rescue attempts.***

***And South Yorkshire Chief Ambulance Officer Don Page revealed one ambulanceman needed hospital treatment after being attacked as he treated an injured fan.***

***Other ambulancemen had to tend to injuries in other parts of the ground - caused by fans fighting.***

***Residents in Wadsley Lane just yards from the ground told how Liverpool supporters arrived drunk and boisterous carrying beer and lager.***

***South Yorkshire Police federation secretary, Paul Middup said: 'I am sick of hearing of how good the crowd were. Some arrived tanked up and the situation faced by officers trying to control them was terrifying.***

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

***He added: 'I heard all those 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.'***

***Ends.***

***'Add Hillshorough Disaster***

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***Last night, Sheffield Tory MP, Irvine Patnick, backed up pattee claims that Liverpool fans attacked and urinated on them as they tended the injured and dying.***

***He said: ' I spoke to many policemen in the makeshift mortuary afterwards. They told me they were hampered, harassed, punched, kicked and urinated on by Liverpool fans.***

***'I have kept quiet about this because I did not want to inflame a delicate situation. But it isa fact that these are the stories they told me and they had no reason to lie. I saw the bruising on their bodies and the state they were in and there is no deubt in my mind it is true.***

***'All this happened to them and yet they carried on doing their job trying to save lives and now they are being blamed***

***'One important question that must be answered is what part alcohol played in this whole tragic business'.***

***Ends.***