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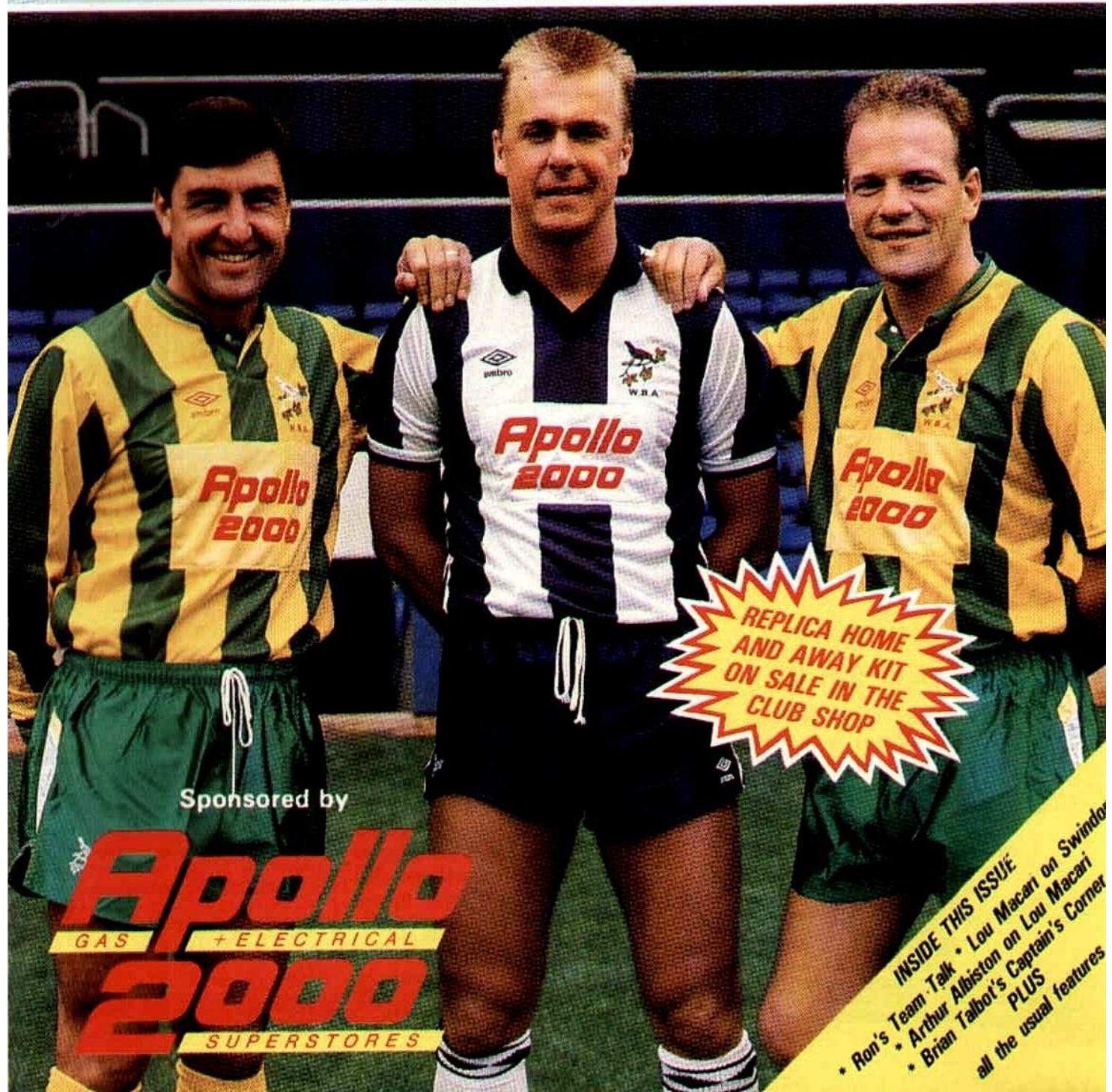
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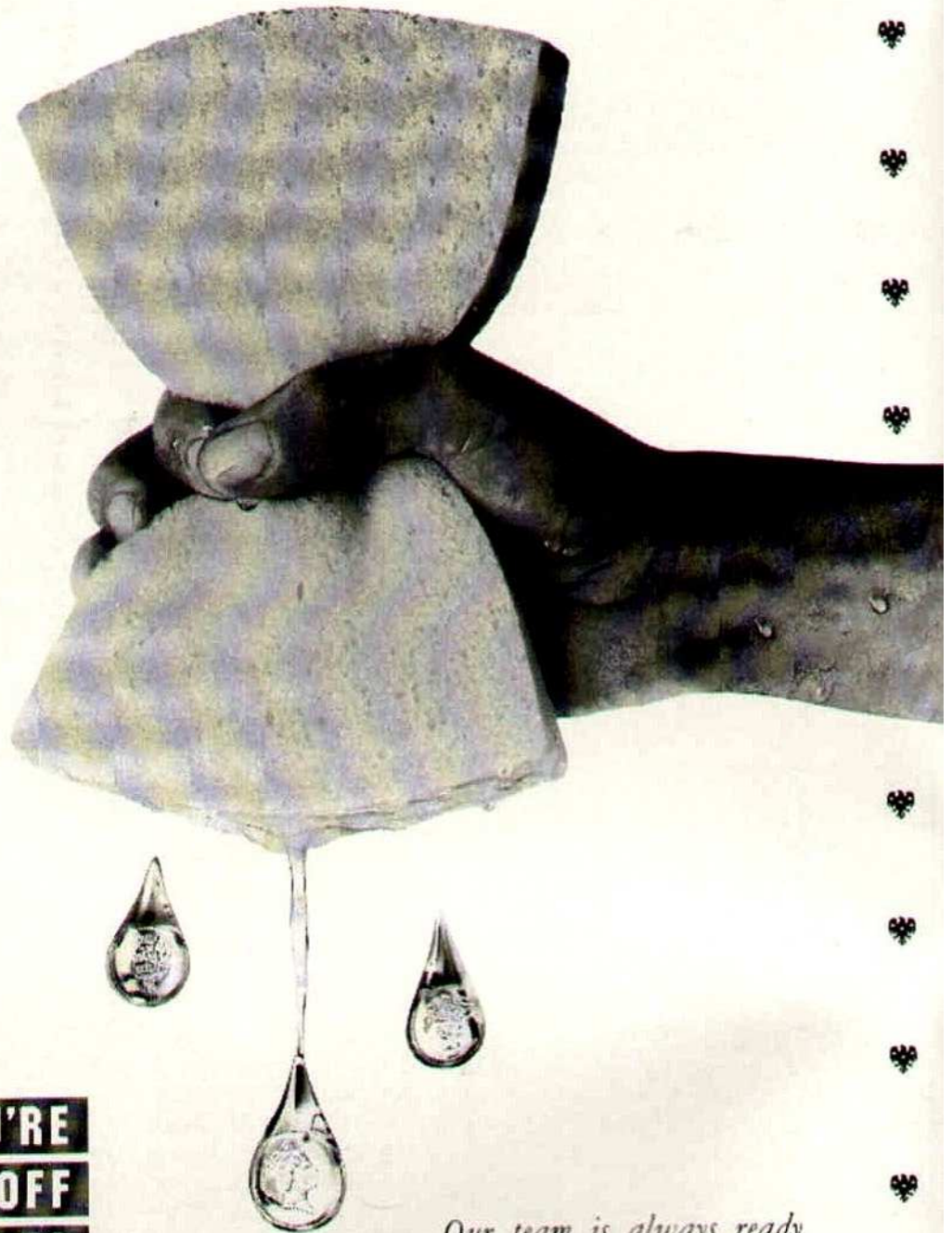
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Supporters are advised to 'come early' for the next Barclays League match at The Hawthorns - the eagerly-awaited local 'derby' against newly-promoted Walsall, back in the Second Division after 25 years in the lower divisions of the League, which takes place in two weeks time, Saturday 17th September, kick-off 3pm.

With the interest arising from the Saddlers' elevation and the extra local rivalry therefore now existing, it is confidently predicted the attendance will easily exceed the 9,605 crowd at last year's Littlewoods Cup-tie here.

Stand tickets are on sale in advance from the Ticket Office in Halfords Lane. Prices: Halfords Lane and Rainbow £6; Family Section (G-Block) £5 adults, £2.50 juniors/senior citizens.

Spectators using the Rainbow Stand are advised Q and R Blocks will be reserved for Walsall supporters and, as X-Block is restricted to members only and their guests, non-members wishing to watch from the Stands must go to either F or K-Block turnstiles in the Halfords Lane Stand.

Terrace spectators using the Smethwick End are advised that P-Block will be allocated to Walsall followers and Albion fans should use L-Block. This will be the standard division of home and away supporters on that terrace throughout the season.

BIG RON MEETS FANS



Manager Ron Atkinson will be the guest speaker at the Halesowen branch meeting of the Supporters Club on Thursday at Somers Sports & Social Club, commencing 8pm. (for details see page 29).

It's part of a major 'meet the fans' schedule in the next two weeks - with Carlton Palmer visiting the Wednesbury/Darlaston branch at Darlaston F.C. Social Club on Monday week and Martyn Bennett going to the Sutton Coldfield branch meeting at the Station Hotel, Sutton this Monday.

POLICE MESSAGE TO SWINDON FANS

At the end of today's game Swindon supporters will be required to remain in the ground for a few minutes. This is in the interests of your safety.

When you leave the ground, Police Officers will escort you away from the stadium.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

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Chief Superintendent
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RESERVES HOME

Albion's Reserve team are next at home in the Central League (Division One) on Wednesday week - when Sheffield United are the visitors, kick-off 7pm.

Admission to Reserve games this season costs £1 adults, 50p juniors/senior citizens for the Halfords Lane Stand (F-Block) and £1.50 for the Executive Club (via main glass doors).

ALBION NEWS SO POPULAR

The new-look Albion News made a popular debut at last Monday's first home League match of the season against Watford judging by the sales.

Over 5,200 were printed and virtually every single copy was sold on the night, yielding from a crowd of 10,242 a sales ratio in excess of 50% of the spectators, a figure which would be the envy of just about every other club in the country.

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Team Talk



CHANCE TO REGAIN SELF-RESPECT

I have to admit our Littlewoods Cup defeat by Peterborough on Wednesday was as big a disappointment as I have ever experienced in all my years in management.

To lose at home in a Cup game by a 3-0 margin to Fourth Division opposition in the way we did is unforgivable.

I know these things happens from time to time to most clubs — but that's no excuse. It all boils down to one thing — our performance last Wednesday was very unprofessional. No matter how you look at it, that's the truth of the matter.

SUPREME EFFORT

It will now take a supreme effort in the second leg next Wednesday to not only salvage our self-respect and hopefully remain in the competition.

But to get back to this afternoon, we couldn't in the circumstances have faced any more difficult opponents than Swindon Town.

They are a very enthusiastic, hard-battling side which epitomises in their play the tremendous qualities which their manager Lou Macari used himself to display week-in, week-out for Celtic and Manchester United.

He's applied these simple principles to management — and, as a result, Swindon Town have enjoyed three very successful seasons.

DETERMINED AND ENTHUSIASTIC

Our lads now have to prove against Swindon that they are equally determined and enthusiastic to regain their self-respect.

They showed at Leicester last Saturday and in Monday's home game against Watford that they are capable of reaching the standard required.

It's up to them to remove the memories of Wednesday's Cup debacle by playing to that standard again this afternoon . . . and next Wednesday!

— RON ATKINSON —





Commercial NEWS



Compiled by Alan Stevenson (Commercial Manager)

FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO GOALS SCHEME

We have had a fantastic response for the Sponsored Goals Scheme. Every postal delivery brings a big batch of new pledges and already over £200 is promised for every goal scored in League and Cup games.

If you would like to join just fill in the form on page 24 or pick up the leaflet available in the Club Shop or Ticket Office.

Every contributor will receive a Certificate signed by all the First Team Squad and presented personally by Ron Atkinson at a fantastic End of Season Celebration Party.

Why not join today.

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Tickets are selling very well for the Sportman's Dinner on Sunday 25th September.

Guest Speakers are Duncan McKenzie, the former Everton, Nottingham Forest, Leeds and Chelsea footballer, who speaks on the characters he has played with and against, also his turbulent 44 days with Brian Clough at Leeds United.

Paul Fletcher, the former Burnley and England Striker, who is rapidly becoming one of the top after dinner speakers.

Also T.V. Comedian Mike King will provide the Cabaret.

Our special thanks to Mr. John Yarrall, General Manager of the Moat House, West Bromwich who is once again sponsoring the evening.

Tickets price £20 are still available from the Commercial Department.

JULIAN BUSY IN CLUB SHOP

Julian Worrall, our new Club Shop manager, reports business is booming this season with the many new lines proving very popular with supporters.

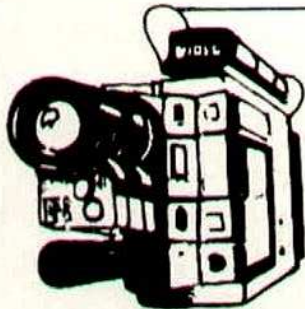
By the time you are reading these notes, we should also be fully stocked with the new replica away strip in the popular green and yellow stripes.

Why not call in at the club shop, situated in Halfords Lane, and have a browse round, Julian will be happy to offer assistance.

Opening times are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, Saturdays matchdays 9am to 3pm and 4.40pm to 5.30pm, non-match days 9am to 12 noon.

CHILDREN IN NEED COLLECTION

On the 17th September when we play Walsall, the staff of West Bromwich Building Society are once again holding a collection of BBC TV Children in Need Appeal and Mr. Peter Hotchkiss of the West Bromwich Building Society has asked me to thank everyone once again for their donations and hope all supporters will help this worthwhile Appeal.



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Sponsors Spotlight



NEW BOY JOHN IS OUT IN FRONT



John Paskin's goalscoring League debut at Leicester last Saturday has given him an early lead in the voting for the APOLLO 2000 GAS & ELECTRICAL SUPERSTORES Player of the Month award for August/September with Brian Talbot, Carlton Palmer and Arthur Albiston in hot pursuit.

If he stays out in front, John will win the award, which this season has been doubled — a £100 APOLLO 2000 voucher.

But the destiny of the award is entirely up to YOU, the Albion fans, for it's on your votes that APOLLO 2000 GAS & ELECTRICAL SUPERSTORES rely to decide the winners.

The votes are also totted up throughout the season to decide the destiny of the APOLLO 2000 Player of the Year award, for which the prize is a video recorder.

POSTCARD

Ballot papers are provided alongside for today's game and the away matches at Peterborough and Shrewsbury, or if you wish to avoid cutting up your programme, please send in your votes by postcard.

Don't forget there's also a special treat for one of the supporters who votes for the Player of the Month — he or she, having been chosen at random, will be invited for a V.I.P. day out at The Hawthorns, with a guest, being entertained to lunch in the Executive Restaurant, given a conducted tour 'behind the scenes', watch the game from the plush Executive Club seats and afterwards meet the Player of the Month.

Every vote counts — so send in your votes after every game you attend and make sure your favourite player receives his just reward for his efforts.



Here's YOUR Ballot Papers for the next three matches

APOLLO 2000 GAS & ELECTRICAL 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' BALLOT PAPER

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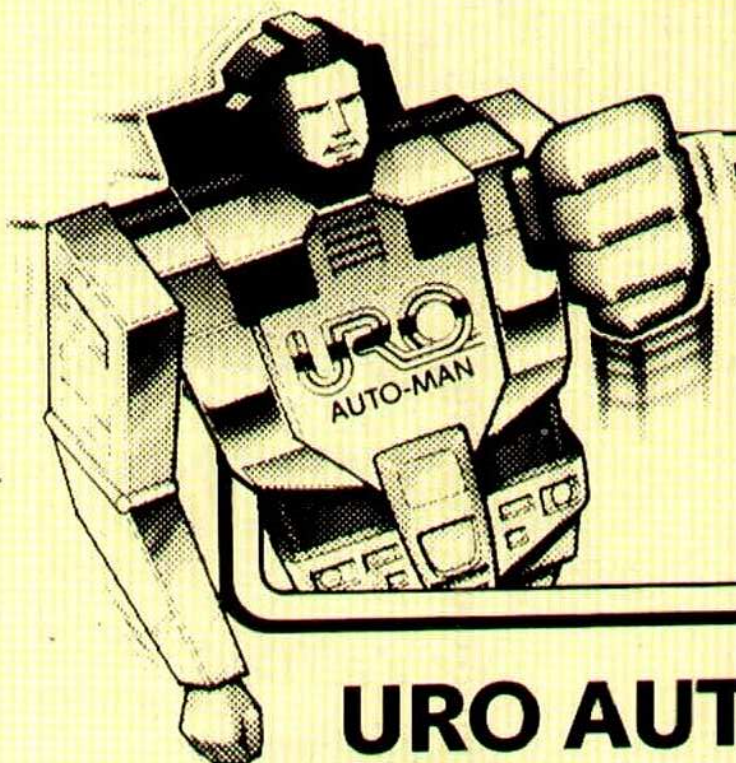
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Captain's Corner

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NOT THE TIME FOR DESPONDENCY

Our return to League duty this afternoon, following Wednesday night's Littlewoods Cup tie against Peterborough, completes a tough first week of the season for us.

Our defeat by Peterborough clearly leaves us with a lot to do in the second leg, but the tie is not lost yet and we shall be going all out to win the second leg at Peterborough by a sufficient margin to move into Round Two on aggregate.

In the League, meanwhile, it has been very disappointing to collect only one point from our two matches to date.

After the deserved draw we got at Leicester last Saturday the lads were confident of getting a good result in Monday's home match against Watford, and for most of the first half we looked capable of victory.

Despite playing some fine football we missed one or two chances though, and Watford snatched the only goal of the game just before the interval.

"We shall win more games than we lose".



I reckon that any of the Watford players and supporters would have agreed that they were fortunate to go in at half time with a one goal lead, but that's no comfort to us. We didn't put our game together in the second half and came out of the match empty handed.

We were obviously not in the best of spirits after the game, but a day of relaxation on Tuesday got us all geed up again for the matches on Wednesday and today. We spent Tuesday at a health club in Birmingham, swimming, working out and taking jacuzzis. Very pleasant.

Having got over the disappointment of Monday night I think it's important to say that, at this stage of the season, despondency is the last thing anyone should be feeling.

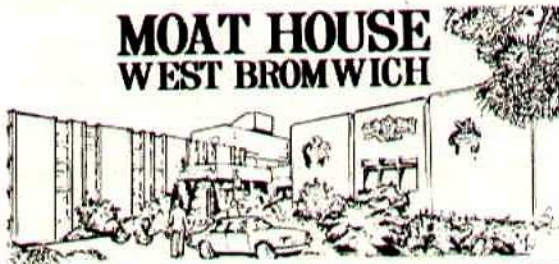
We have got 44 League games left, and from the way we played in our first two outings I am confident that we shall win more games than we lose.

We were not outplayed by either Leicester or Watford, who of course are two of the favourites for promotion. There's a good spirit amongst the players, and if we can maintain this we can have a good season.

In the short term we need to get a few League wins under our belts, starting with victory this afternoon over Swindon.

The side from Wiltshire are a useful outfit who beat us at home and away last season. Today gives us an early season chance to avenge those defeats and to give us our first 3-pointer of the new campaign.

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THE TEAMS



At the beginning of the season Ron Atkinson and his backroom team got together with Albion's fund raising team. Left to right Bill Martin, Peter Gibbons, Nobby Stiles, Norman Bodell, Graham Doig, Ron Atkinson, Stuart Pearson, Colin Addison and Tom Cardall. Front row Sue Cardall, Pat Baker, Colin Walker, Linda Leadbeater, Sonya Cox, Shane Cardall and Steve Henson.

The fund raising team is vitally important to the Club, as come rain or shine they will be out there raising money for the Club and for the fans to have better facilities.

NEW MONTHLY DRAW

As from September we have decided to change the Bond Club format.

We will now be holding a Monday to Friday Daily Draw and introducing a spectacular monthly draw plus a colour TV draw for the agent.

It will be our policy to change the monthly draw periodically to help create fresh interest, for example, we could introduce Continental Weekends or Weekend trips to London.

Football Clubs with similar schemes to ourselves are considering joining forces in order to organise a trip to fly Concorde.

If you have any ideas of your own that you would like us to consider please contact myself or any of the Bond Club staff.

Can I thank you for your support in the past and hope it will soon be your turn to be one of our lucky winners.

TOM CARDALL



BEHIND THE TEAM



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Picture Parade



**SO NEAR
YET
SO FAR**

Above – ARTHUR ALBISTON unleashing a tremendous long-range shot in last Saturday's match at Leicester which required a brilliant finger-tip save from 'keeper Martin Hodge to deprive Arthur of a debut goal.

Below – ANDY GRAY hitting the Watford post in the first minute of last Monday's game here at The Hawthorns.





JOHN'S JOY

Left – JOHN PASKIN displays unmitigated joy upon marking his Football League debut in last Saturday's game at Leicester by scoring Albion's equalising goal.

Photos by:
Denise Plumb (*News Sport*)
and Kevin Grice

CARLTON'S IN COMMAND

Below – CARLTON PALMER showing his ever-improving ball skills in last Monday's home encounter with Watford.





In Focus



STACEY NORTH

Born:
25 November 1964
at Luton

Height:
6ft 2ins

Weight:
12st 6lbs

Signed by Albion:
31st December 1987
from Luton Town
for a £125,000 fee

Albion debut:
v Swindon Town-
(away)
1st January 1988
Division Two

Previous clubs:
LUTON TOWN
26 appearances
WOLVES (on loan)
3 appearances

**Albion record
(to date):**
22 appearances



My Hero



INTERVIEWER: Denis Sunley (Express and Star)



DON GOODMAN (left) explains why he so much admires **GLENN HODDLE**.

SO SKILFUL IT'S UNTRUE

There is only one choice for an English football hero as far as Albion striker Don Goodman is concerned — none other than former Tottenham Hotspur maestro Glenn Hoddle.

"That man is so skillful it is untrue," says Don.

"Glenn has more skill and ability in his little toe than most footballers have in their entire body. He is a real superstar," added Don.

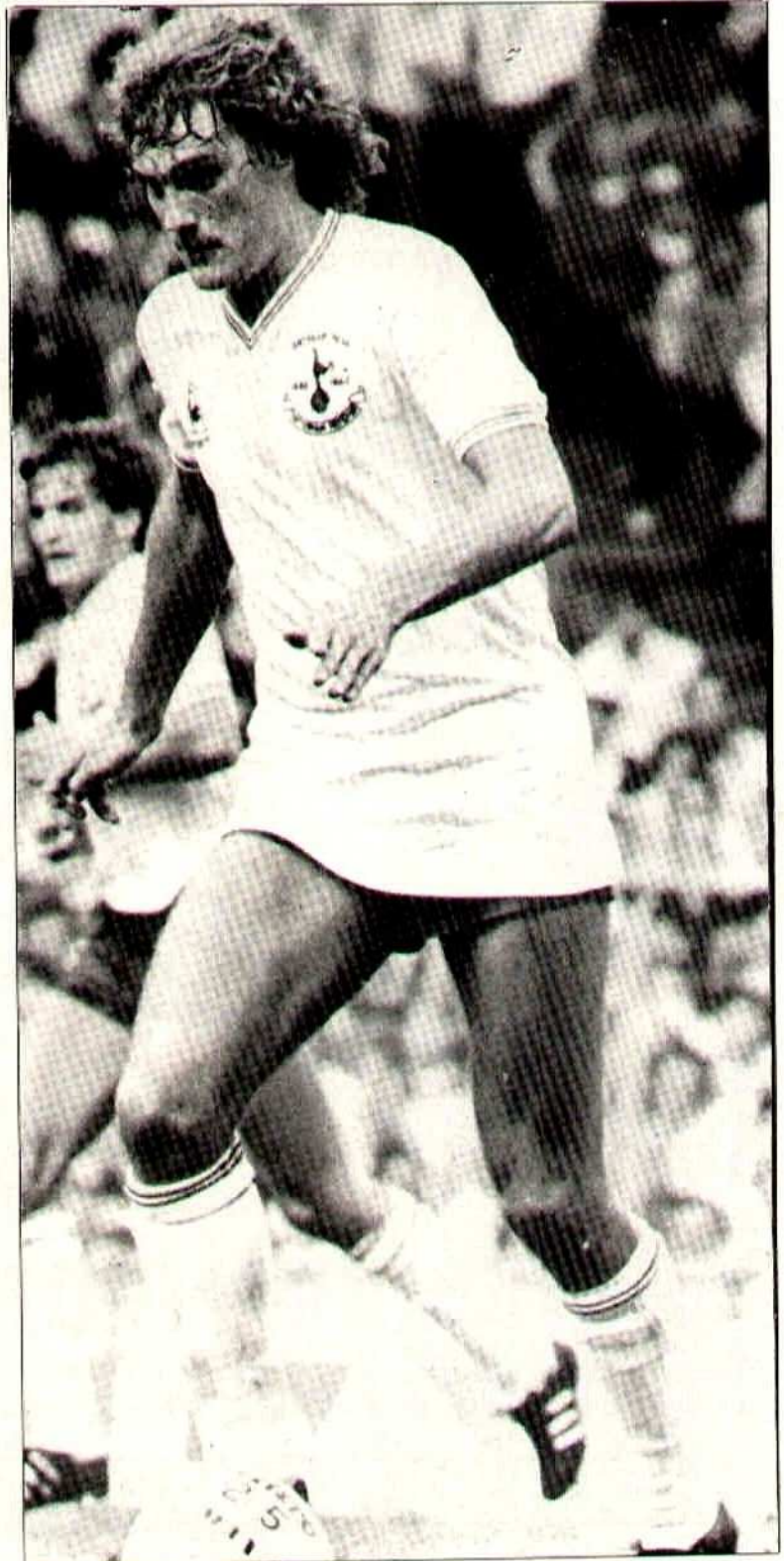
"I am sometimes asked who I model myself on. I would like to answer 'Glenn Hoddle', but to be honest, I am nowhere near good enough to try some of the tricks he does."

HAS THE LOT

Don went on: "He is amazing. Left foot, right foot . . . it does not matter to Glenn. Short little one-two passes, or long crossfield balls that completely split the opposition in two. Glenn has the lot."

"I am sure that if there were more players with his flair and ability around, the crowds would soon start flooding back."

Don also admits to having a lot of admiration for French ace Michel Platini. "He is another with a lot of individual skill. But, as an Englishman, Glenn gets my vote," he says.



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In Opposition

THE MANCHESTER CONNECTION



ARTHUR ALBISTON (left) discusses the role two of his former Manchester United colleagues are playing in the Swindon revival.

There are twenty three other clubs in the Second Division and most of them represent difficult opponents for us.

But one side who are highly fancied to do well are our visitors this afternoon Swindon Town.

Swindon are managed by my old Manchester United teammate and long term soccer friend Lou Macari.

And he has done a fine job in organising the Robins and lifting them from the Fourth Division to the Second.

Swindon had a season of consolidation last year but they are still going to give us a difficult game today.

Another former Old Trafford name who is currently doing very nicely at Swindon is goalkeeper Fraser Digby.

Fraser was playing in the youth team when I was a first-teamer at United so I did not see a great deal of him.

But he certainly seems to have come on in leaps and bounds under Lou at the County Ground and has broken onto the England scene recently.

The Manchester United link seems to have been working well at Swindon and it will be interesting to see what sort of a start they have to the new campaign.

I know Lou Macari will be injecting his confidence into the side but if Albion have a half decent start to the season then we too could be challenging — who knows?



LOU MACARI — will be injecting his confidence into his side.



FRASER DIGBY — broken into the England under-21 squad.

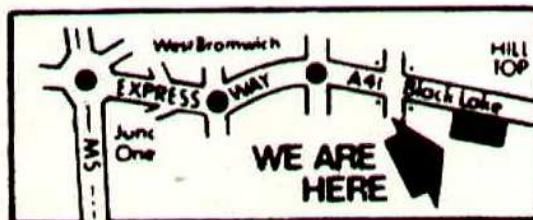
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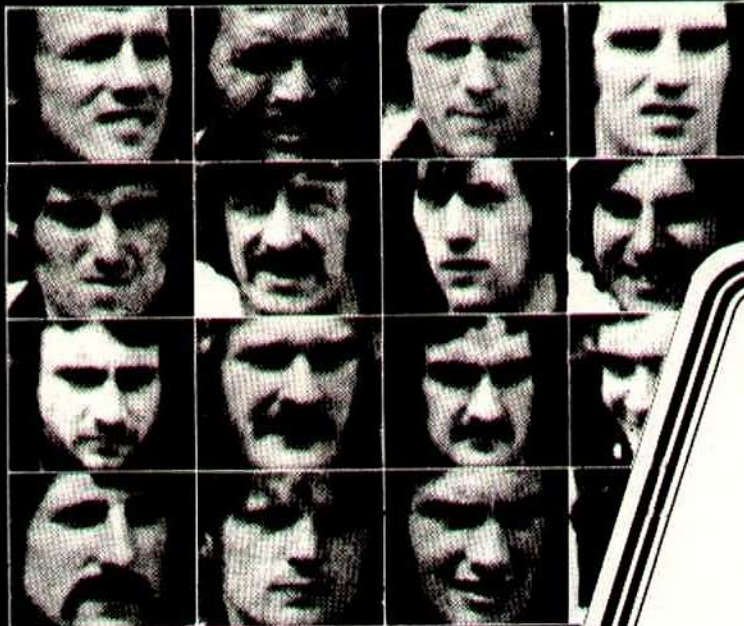
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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME VOLUME 65 No.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
SATURDAY 29th DECEMBER 1973 Kick



Today we feature the programme from Swindon's first-ever League visit to The Hawthorns – a Second Division match on 29th December 1973.

Due to an industrial dispute restricting electricity supplies, the programme was reduced from its normal 12 pages down to eight – and the game itself kicked-off at 2pm because the floodlights were not allowed to be used.

These programmes, which cost 4p on the day, now sell at around 20p each.

LINE-UP

Blue & White Striped Shirts, White Shorts	Albion v Swindon	Red Shirts, Black Shorts
Peter LATCHFORD 1		Jimmy ALLAN
Gordon NISBET 2		Joe BUTLER
Ray WILSON 3		John TROLLOPE
Len CANTELLO 4		Terry HUBBARD
John WILE 5		Frank BURROWS
Alistair ROBERTSON 6		Ron POTTER
Willie JOHNSTON 7		David MOSS
Tony BROWN 8		Mick McGOVERN
Joe MAYO 9		Peter EASTOE
Asa HARTFORD 10		David SYRETT
Allan GLOVER 11		Tom JENKINS
David SHAW 12		

OFFICIALS AND HALFTIMES

Referee: MALCOLM SINCLAIR
Guildford

On The League referee's list since 1966 following three years as a linesman. Began refereeing in the Isle-of-Wight and progressed in the Surrey Senior League and Football Combination after moving to Guildford. Married after moving to Guildford. Married after moving to Guildford. Married after moving to Guildford. Married after moving to Guildford.

A	Bolton Wanderers
B	Portsmouth
C	Cardiff City
	Sunderland
	Luton Town
	Bristol City

K	Sheffield Wed
	Nottingham

Despite the early kick-off almost 15,000 fans turned up for the game, which Albion won 2-0 thanks to goals from Alan Merrick and Willie Johnstone.



Matchday

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CANNY LOU ADOPTS CAUTIONS APPROACH.

One man who is hoping Swindon will not be promoted to the First Division this season, remarkably enough, is their manager Lou Macari. After leading the Wiltshire club from the Fourth to Second Divisions in successive seasons Swindon found last season more of a struggle as they were forced to settle for a mid-table position. But Macari was far from unhappy: "Personally I was delighted we stayed up," say Macari, "although we did find the going a little bit tough. "I'm aware of our weaknesses and we are definitely not in the First Division bracket. There would be no point at the moment of us getting there and finding that we don't have the resources to get by," says the former Manchester United star who takes us through his squad . . .

Fraser Digby. Goalkeeper. I got him from Manchester United for £32,000 and since he's been here he's

become an England Under-21 'keeper. A bright future ahead of him.

Dave Hockaday. Right back. Has had six or seven seasons with us and has proved a very reliable full back.

Phil King. Left Back. Signed for £15,000 from Torquay two years ago and was an ever-present last year. Improves year by year.

Tim Parkin, Central Defender. Signed from Bristol Rovers and was our Supporters Club Player of the Year last season. Now in the twilight of his career but should give us a few more years service.

Colin Calderwood. Central Defender. Came to us from Mansfield and is now our club captain. A Scot with a bright future.

Ross McClaren. One of my two summer signings - £150,000 from Derby. A lot of experience and I'm hoping he will add some solidity to our defence.

John Gittens. Central Defender. Has developed into an outstanding utility player since signing from Southampton two years ago. Has a vicious shot with either foot.

Bobby Barnes. Winger. A tricky player who has scored his fair share of goals since moving from Aldershot.

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TOWN DIGEST

- * It's one of Lou Macari's ambitions to eventually lead unfashionable Swindon Town to the First Division for the first time in their 107 year history.
- * If he succeeds, it will complete a remarkable transformation - for when Lou was appointed in the summer of 1984 Town were really struggling in the basement of the Fourth Division.
- * Indeed, two years earlier, such were their financial straits, but for the six-figure sale of Paul Rideout to Aston Villa, there probably would not be a Swindon Town in existence today.
- * Lou's own arrival at the County Ground was due entirely to a generous £200,000 sponsorship for local insurance company Lowndes Lambert, who stipulated the windfall should be used by the then-impooverished Wiltshire club to attract a 'star' name.
- * Still then an active player, the former Celtic, Manchester United and Scotland goal ace fitted the bill perfectly - and Town's achievements under his guidance has brought rich dividends on that original investment.
- * In his second season Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points, the following campaign they qualified for the Third Division play-offs and eventually won a deserved place in Division Two, and last season they more than established themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the League as well as producing a series of shock wins in all three Cup competitions.
- * The other halcyon period for Town came in the Sixties and early Seventies - when they had two spells in the Second Division (1963-65 and 1960-74), won the League Cup in 1969 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970.
- * Previously they had led a relatively quiet existence as first prominent members of the Southern League and then from 1920 onwards in the Third Division (South).



SWINDON TOWN 1988/89 SQUAD PHOTO

Back row: Charlie Henry, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Hockaday, Phil King, Duncan Shearer, Jon Gittens, Ross MacL. Barnard; Front row: Bobby Barnes, Peter Coyne, Paul Bodin, Foley, Alan McLoughlin, Mark Jones.



day Spotlight

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Steve White. Another signing from Bristol Rovers. Has a good goalscoring record who will be in contention for a regular place following the departure of Jimmy Quinn to Leicester and Dave Bamber to Watford.

Duncan Shearer. Striker. My other summer signing -£230,000 from Huddersfield. Lost his form a bit with them last season but I'm hoping that he will recapture his form.

Charlie Henry. Midfielder. Can play up front as well and scored 18 goals in our Fourth Division promotion campaign.

Alan McLoughlin. Midfield. I took him from Manchester United as a utility midfielder and full-back. He will earn his keep for the season.

INTERVIEWER: Paul Bolton (Birmingham Daily News).

TWIN STRIKERS



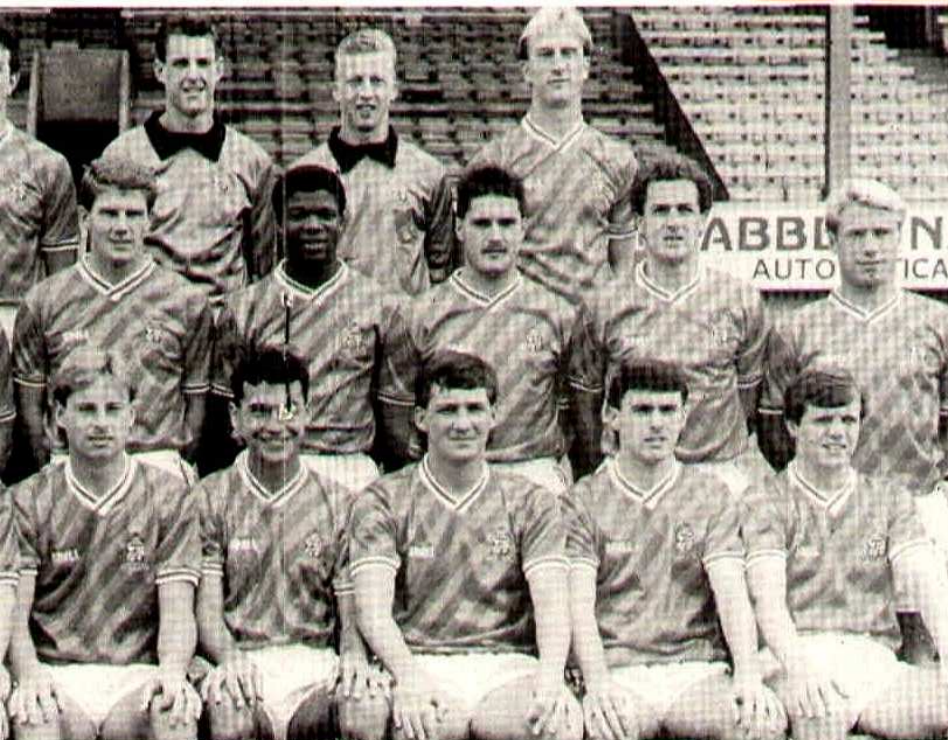
LEFT - STEVE WHITE formerly with Bristol Rovers, Luton and Charlton.



RIGHT - DUNCAN SHEARER formerly with Chelsea and Huddersfield.

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ie Henry, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin; Middle row: Dave King, Duncan Shearer, Jon Gittens, Ross MacLaren, Steve White, Leigh row: Bobby Barnes, Peter Coyne, Paul Bodin, Colin Calderwood, Steve McLoughlin, Mark Jones.



LAST TIME WE MET

Swindon's last visit to The Hawthorns was on Saturday 29 August 1987 when they defeated Albion 2-1 in a Second Division game.

Tony Kelly was sent off in the 23rd minute and after that it was always Swindon who looked the better, well-organised side. Albion's ten men fought hard but lacked cohesion and style.

John Kelly (42 mins) gave Swindon the lead, Martyn Bennett equalised 50 seconds later but Mick Quinn popped up in the second-half to give Swindon all three points.

Teams: ALBION - Naylor; Dobbins, Burrows; Bennett, Dickinson, Kelly; Palmer, Goodman, Robson, Singleton, Morley. Subs: Williamson, Bradley.

SWINDON - Digby; Hockaday, King; Kamara, Parkin, Calderwood; Bamber, Kelly, Quinn, Berry, Bernard. Subs: Foley, Coyne.
Att: 7,503.

* ALBION'S LEAGUE RECORD AGAINST SWINDON:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Away	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Total	4	1	0	3	3	5	2

* The first games were played in season 1973/4, Albion winning 2-0 at home and losing 1-0 away, when they had Willie Johnston sent off following a clash with former Baggies striker Ray Treacy.

* Albion played, and beat, Swindon 3-2 at the County Ground in a League cup-tie in October 1966, Jeff Astle and Clive Clark scoring late on to see Albion through into the 5th round.



Looking Back



With Club Statistician

TONY MATTHEWS



JEFF ASTLE'S FIRST HAT-TRICK

IN SEPTEMBER 1965, in the space of six days, Albion ran up three successive wins, scored a total of eleven goals and went to the top of the First Division.

Of their opening four games of that 1965/6 season — the first campaign when substitutes were allowed for League matches — Albion won two and lost two. But then they began to get their rhythm and style, and all of a sudden went to town, beating Sheffield Wednesday 4-2 at home, Everton 3-2 at Goodison Park and newly-promoted Northampton Town at the County Ground 4-3, and it was after this victory over the Cobblers than the Baggies leapt to the head of the League table.

Jeff Astle scored seven of those 11 goals, including hat-tricks against the Owls and Northampton.

Just over 15,200 saw that six-goal encounter against Wednesday; there were 43,468 at Everton and 18,528 at Northampton, and in the latter game Albion used their first-ever 'sub' when Graham Lovett replaced the injured Kenny Foggo.

JEFF ASTLE heading Albion's first goal against Sheffield Wednesday on the way to the first hat-trick of his illustrious Albion career.

CHAMPS WHIPPED

IN SEPTEMBER 1950, the reigning League champions, Portsmouth came to The Hawthorns to take on Albion. Some 34,460 fans came along too, and it was all worthwhile, especially for the home supporters as Albion whipped Pompey 5-0.

Albion were in terrific form and made the champions look second-rate. Arthur Smith was outstanding, leading Jimmy Dickinson a merry dance all afternoon.

It took the Baggies 42 minutes to break the deadlock, Dave Walsh scoring with an overhead flick from Billy Elliott's centre. Then 45 seconds later Cyril Williams cleverly set up Elliott for number 2.

Three minutes after the interval a perfect cross from Ronnie Allen was headed home by Williams and then Smith weighed in with two beauties in the 61st and 87th minutes to round off a splendid performance.

Portsmouth incidently were going for a hat-trick of League championships, having lifted the trophy in successive seasons of 1948-9 (when Albion won promotion from Division 2) and in 1949-50.



Played for Both Clubs

PETER EASTOE'S COLOURFUL CAREER



PETER EASTOE, who has spent the last three seasons in Portugal with FC Farense, enjoyed a varied and colourful career in English League Football, serving no fewer than eight different clubs over a period of fifteen seasons.

Born at Dorden, near Tamworth, Staffs, on 2 August 1953, Eastoe was educated at Polesworth High school and played junior football for Glascote Highfield and Warton Hatters.

In 1970 he was taken on by Wolves as an apprentice, signing professional forms in June 1971, playing initially as an out-and-out centre-forward. In 1971 and 1972 he won eight England Youth caps and broke into Wolves' League side in January 1972 against Manchester United at Old Trafford, as sub for Derek Dougan.

Having had six League outings for Wolves he was transferred to Swindon Town for a fee of £88,000 in March 1974 after a brief loan spell at The County ground which began in November 1973.

Peter did well at Swindon, although the club suffered relegation at the end of that 1973-4 campaign. He made 106 first-team appearances and scored 50 goals before moving to Q.P.R. for £80,000 in March 1976.

SEMI-FINALS

At Loftus Road he continued to be an asset, scoring frequently, and when he left Rangers, for Everton in March 1979, he had amassed a total of 83 senior outings and had netted a further 20 goals – and he had played in all three League Cup semi-finals against Aston Villa in 1977.

Peter made his debut for Everton, as sub, against Albion, later playing for the Toffees against West Ham in the 1980 FA Cup semi-final.

His stay on Merseyside ended in July 1982 when he joined Albion in a player/exchange deal involving Andy King, who thus returned to Everton.

As a Baggie Eastoe did not reach the heights he had done with his previous clubs and hit just nine goals in 34 outings before being on loan to Leicester City (twice), Huddersfield Town, Walsall and Wolves, his former club.

At the end of his 'English' career, Eastoe departed with a fine record in his bag: 381 senior appearances and 114 goals, 95 in the League.



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Backstage



With **TONY LEIGHTON**

'TEMP' DAVID STILL GOING STRONG AFTER 27 YEARS

Albion kit man David Matthews could be a candidate for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records, under the heading 'Longest ever temporary job'.

He joined the Albion straight from school in 1961 and hoped to be an apprentice groundsman. Unfortunately there was no opening on the ground staff, but David was made one of the club's three kit personnel.

He was told the job would be temporary, until a vacancy occurred on the ground staff. 27 years later David is still a kit man — though he is no longer waiting for that groundsman's apprenticeship to come up!

These days he is solely in charge of Albion's kit, covering the first, Reserve and Youth teams and also taking responsibility for all of the players' training gear.

APPRENTICES

He also oversees several of the duties undertaken by apprentices — boot cleaning and dressing room tidying, for example.

David's job entails long hours, and quite often he works seven days a week. Last Sunday, for example, he was busy preparing gear for Monday's home match against Watford.

"When we have a Monday match", David says, "Sunday becomes like a Friday before a normal Saturday game".

His unsociable hours bring him some 'stick' (affectionate, of course) from his family, with



daughters Alison and Claire sometimes calling him 'Uncle' and wife Carol also joking about the stranger who occasionally appears in the family home at Halesowen.

"Actually my wife and daughters are very patient and understanding about the long hours I sometimes have to work", says David. "Unfortunately I don't get to see as much of them as I would like, but that's about the only drawback of my job".

One aspect of his work which takes David well away from home is travelling to away matches with the first team.

Having the kit man along on away trips was introduced to Albion by Don Howe, who had found it a beneficial exercise at Arsenal.

David usually breaks away from the main party on away days and gets to the opponents ground ahead of everyone else.

He says, "I get to the ground as early as possible, to lay out all the kit in readiness for the players and also to walk out on the pitch to get a feel of just how hard or soft the playing surface will be.

"I can then advise our players on what studs to wear, though the final decision on that is always taken by each individual player".

11 MANAGERS

In his 27 years at the Hawthorns David has kitted out hundreds of players and served under 11 managers, starting with Gordon Clarke and including both stints which Ron Atkinson has had at the club.

Though, diplomatically perhaps, he will not commit himself to naming a favourite player or manager during those 27 years, David reckons that "If you took the best points of each manager and put them all into one individual, you'd have one helluva boss!"

David is far more definite about his greatest memory at the club — and it's not the 1968 FA Cup final victory.

He says, "The match at Oldham when we won promotion under Johnny Giles was my greatest thrill. We had to win the game, and the support we got was fantastic. The motorway was just chocabloc with Albion fans wearing their colours, and the journey alone was a great memory in itself".



In Reserve



FAR FROM DISGRACED

Defeated but far from disgraced – that has to be the verdict on the Reserves' 2-0 home reverse in their first game back in the Central League's First Division against mighty Liverpool on Thursday evening.

The game attracted a crowd of 1,252, the best gate for a Reserve game at The Hawthorns for several years – and our lads impressed the crowd with their spirited and, at times, skilful display.

It is important that we do not expect too much from Albion's young side this season – there's a massive difference between the Y.T.S. – dominated Second Division and the First Division of experienced squad members from some of the country's most powerful clubs. That could not be better illustrated by the fact that last season three of the four promoted clubs were immediately relegated and the other only escaped by the margin of a solitary win.

The prime object at Reserve level this season is to allow out promising youngsters to gain invaluable experience which can only come by playing against the best possible opposition. At the same time it is important for the team to retain its newly-acquired status in order to provide a good platform for the general strengthening of the club at all levels.

It will be possible to have a slightly better idea of how Albion's youngsters will cope after their next two Central League games – at Coventry on Tuesday and at home to Sheffield United on Wednesday week, kick-off 7pm.



CHRIS WHYTE – ex-Arsenal defender on trial with Albion who played against Liverpool.

HOW THEY LINED UP RESERVES v LIVERPOOL (home) Lost 0-2

Team: Bradshaw, Hodson, Whitehouse, Kelly, Burrows, Whyte, Easter, Dobbins, Robson, Johnson, Morley. Subs. Patterson (for Robson), Foster (for Johnson).

CENTRAL LEAGUE		
Date	Opponents	F.A
Sep 1	LIVERPOOL	0-2
Sep 6	Coventry City	
Sep 14	SHEFFIELD UNITED	
Sep 20	Newcastle United	
Sep 28	Barnsley	
Oct 3	BLACKBURN ROVERS	
Oct 12	LEICESTER CITY	
Oct 19	Huddersfield Town	
Nov 2	Leeds United	
Nov 9	DERBY COUNTY	
Nov 16	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	
Nov 23	Aston Villa	
Nov 30	MANCHESTER UNITED	
Dec 6	Sunderland	
Dec 14	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
Dec 20	Manchester City	
Jan 4	COVENTRY CITY	
Jan 10	Liverpool	
Feb 17	Manchester United	
Jan 25	EVERTON	
Feb 1	BARNSLEY	
Feb 8	Blackburn Rovers	
Feb 15	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	
Feb 20	Leicester City	
Feb 28	Derby County	
Mar 8	LEEDS UNITED	
Mar 13	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
Mar 22	Nottingham Forest	
Mar 29	Sheffield United	
Apr 5	MANCHESTER CITY	
Apr 12	SUNDERLAND	
Apr 18	Sheffield Wednesday	
Apr 26	ASTON VILLA	
May 2	Everton	

Tomorrow's Man

No. 3 – GRAHAM EASTER

One of the players sure to benefit greatly from playing regularly against the likes of Liverpool Reserves this season is 18-year-old Graham Easter.

Midfielder Graham, promoted from the Y.T.S. ranks to full professional during the summer, is anxious to start challenging seriously for a first team spot in the campaign ahead – and the Reserve team's promotion to the First Division of the Central League will help him achieve that objective.

Graham, who comes from Bramhall, near Stockport, was on Manchester City's books as a schoolboy, but when no offer of a traineeship was forthcoming from Maine Road, Albion stepped in, and after being watched a couple of times by reserve team manager Nobby Stiles, he was taken on at The Hawthorns.

Graham has yet to taste first team soccer with Albion but he has travelled with the squad to a few away games to begin to absorb the atmosphere – and is hoping he will in the not-too-distant future be catching Ron Atkinson's eye sufficiently to merit serious consideration for a place in the League side.



GRAHAM EASTER – comes from Stockport.



Youth Scene



PLAYING AT THE HAWTHORNS

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE		
Date	Opponents	F.A
Aug 27	DERBY COUNTY	1-2
Sep 3	Leicester City	
Sep 10	MANSFIELD TOWN	
Sep 17	Notts County	
Sep 24	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
Oct 1	Peterborough United	
Oct 8	PORT VALE	
Oct 15	SHREWSBURY TOWN	
Oct 22	STOKE CITY	
Oct 29	Walsall	
Nov 19	WOLVERHAMPTON	
Nov 26	Aston Villa	
Dec 3	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
Dec 10	Cup 2	
Dec 17	Coventry City	
Jan 7	COVENTRY CITY	
Jan 14	Derby County	
Jan 21	LEICESTER CITY	
Jan 28	Mansfield Town	
Feb 4	NOTTS. COUNTY	
Feb 11	Nottingham Forest	
Feb 18	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	
Feb 25	Port Vale	
Mar 4	Stoke City	
Mar 18	WALSALL	
Apr 8	ASTON VILLA	
Apr 15	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Apr 22	Birmingham City	

Albion's youth team enjoy their first opportunity of the new season to play at The Hawthorns on Monday week when they meet Watford in the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup, kick-off 7pm.

Our promising under-18's face a tough task, as Watford are traditionally one of the top clubs in the country at youth level.

If a replay is necessary, it will be at Vicarage Road on Wednesday 21st September . . .

The lads get a last chance to prepare for their big test next Saturday when they face Mansfield Town in a Midland Purity Youth League game at Spring Road training ground, kick-off 10.45am.



DARYL BURGESS - scored in last Saturday's 2-1 defeat by Derby County.

S. JUN. F'LIT CUP	
Sep 12	WATFORD



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Terrace Topics



In view of the restricted attendance at last Wednesday's Littlewoods Cup-tie, we repeat this item on an important new initiative aimed at ridding soccer of its hooligan fringe.



HOT-LINE NUMBER

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HELPING THE GAME

The Football Trust receives £9 million annually from the Spotting the Ball competition run by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zellers and spends it all on projects which benefit football throughout the United Kingdom.

Since 1979 it has been committed to the development of the game at every level and its broad and varying initiatives have ranged from essential safety work at Tottenham to social work at Toxteth; refurbishment at Wembley to repairs at Welling; closed circuit television at all League clubs to community facilities at Oldham Athletic; transport improvements at Sheffield Wednesday to storm damage in the South East of England; from policing costs at Hull City to an artificial pitch at Hyde United.

1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television; transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

The West Midlands Police feel the time is right to take a positive step forward to resolve the problem of hooliganism associated with football matches. Last week at a Press Conference they launched a scheme called "Football Watch" – and they are appealing to YOU, the decent-minded soccer fans, to help them root out this cancer from our great national game.

The Police, quite rightly, think there has been a lot of talking about this problem, but not enough action. Action is needed – Now!

Most especially, the Police want to stamp out: obscene chanting, obscene gestures, racist remarks, racist chants, throwing missiles, and threatening or violent behaviour at matches.

In this they seek the active support of the public, especially genuine football followers like YOU. They will rely heavily on the information YOU may be able to provide.

If you have any knowledge of individuals bringing weapons to matches, or planning or taking part in fights with or ambushes of rival club followers – then please come forward with that information.

To this end the Police have installed a telephone "hot-line" – that's a direct line to an answering machine at West Bromwich Police Station whereby you can pass on the information you possess in COMPLETE CONFIDENCE onto the tape recording on the machine.

In other words, your help will be completely anonymous – you need therefore fear no reprisals.

The "Football Watch" campaign, if successful, could save your club thousands and thousands of pounds. Here at Albion we have just heard our Police bill for the coming season is likely to be £120,000 – that's £80,000 up on last season's £40,000 figure.

Albion cannot afford to pay this bill – if you can help eliminate hooliganism totally from The Hawthorns, we can reduce our Police costs dramatically.

So, please do use the "hot-line" if you have any information to give the Police – for the sake of football generally, and Albion in particular.

WARNING

At the beginning of the season more than 110 League grounds in England, Wales and Scotland will be equipped with CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION which has been funded by The Football Trust.

It is there to increase crowd safety and to help the police. Recording facilities enable film and photographs to be taken of disorder; which may subsequently be used in a court of law.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION

SAFETY FIRST

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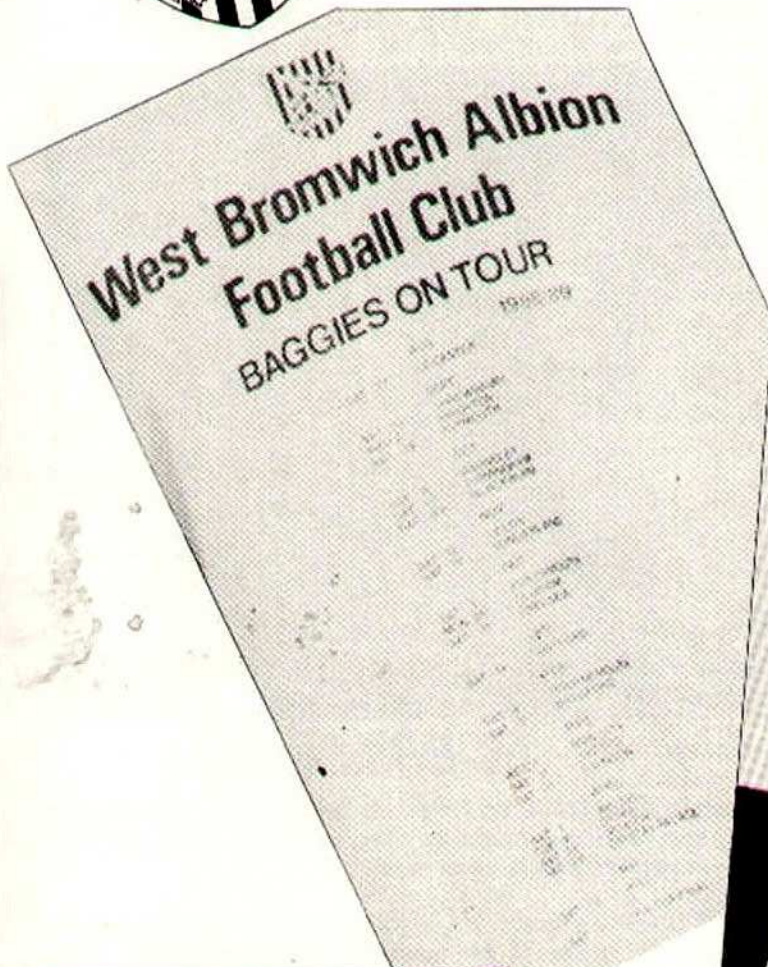
Almost every League club has been assisted with essential safety work and further substantial sums have been spent to enable them to improve facilities. In the past year alone FGIT grants to Football League clubs totalled:

	£
Safety	2,254,723
Improvements	770,561

In addition to its safety programme, FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.



Supporters NEWS

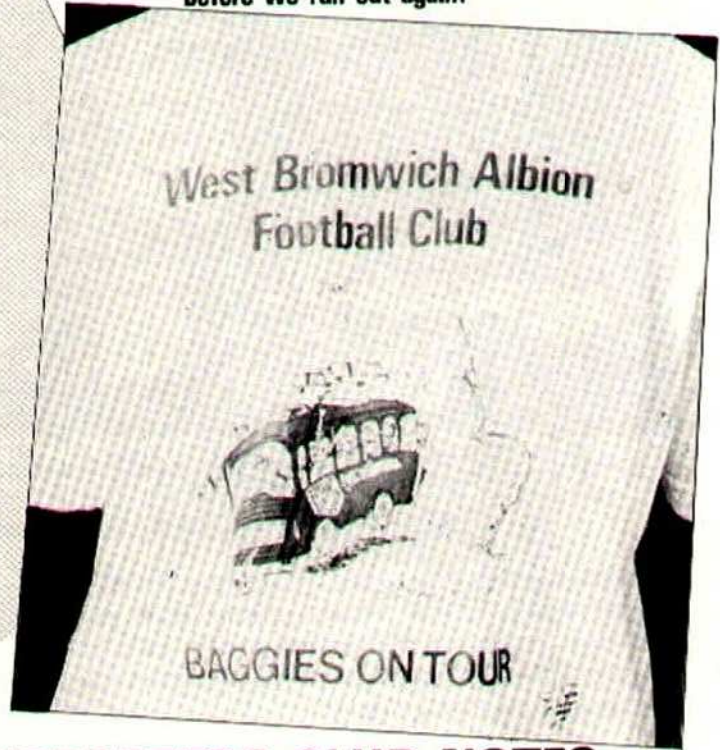


A MUST FOR EVERY FAN

The new 'Baggies on Tour' tee-shirts sold out within ten days of going on sale at the Club Shop – but a fresh supply has now arrived.

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SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Good Afternoon,
Our first Saturday game here at the Hawthorns
sees Swindon Town as the visitors and a
warm welcome is extended to all their
supporters, players and officials who have
made the trek up from the West Country.

STROLLERS

This morning the Strollers took on the
Swindon Town Supporters Club football team
at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich. Last
season Mike Spinner's Swindon team came
out on top winning 2-1 in West Bromwich and
drawing 1-1 in Swindon, but I'm assured by
Strollers Manager, Steve Carr, that we will do
better this time around.

Strollers next fixtures are away to Shrewsbury
on September 10th and home to Notts. County
on September 17th. Anyone interested or
indeed just watching, should contact Steve
Carr on 021 556 3886 for details.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Supporters Club have a new format for
adopting this years Player of the Year, which is
being organised and run by Secretary, Dave
Knott, and is open to members only.

The system requires you to choose the best
three Albion Players on a first, second and
third basis for every official first team game
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Enjoy the game! – CLIVE STAPLETON



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NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE MIDLANDS



PRESENTATIONS TO A FINE SERVANT

Two presentations were made last Monday to an incredibly loyal Albion backstage worker – Ralph Bayley, who retired at the end of last season after 30 years service as trainer to the youth and reserve teams.

New chairman John Silk and reserve team manager Nobby Stiles, on behalf of the club, gave Ralph and his wife a cut-glass decanter with matching glasses – and Graham Easter and Darren Rogers, on behalf of Albion's young players, gave them a clock.

Photographed above are: Nobby Stiles, Mrs Bayley, Ralph Bayley, Graham Easter, Darren Rogers and John Silk.

IN BRIEF . . .

* **KENNY SWAIN**, the Portsmouth and former Villa and Forest full back who played 7 times for Albion on loan last season, has joined Crewe Alexandra as player-coach.

* **LAURIE CUNNINGHAM**, the former Albion winger who returned to this country in the spring and assisted F.A. Cup winners Wimbledon, has now gone back to Spain again, joining Second Division Rayo Vallecano, where he has teamed up with Maradona – not Diego, but his younger brother Hugo.

* Several other ex-Albion players have new clubs . . . **IAN BENJAMIN** is now at Chester City . . . **GARY LEONARD** has joined Bury . . . and **JOHN DEEHAN** is player-coach at Manchester City.

* On the non-League circuit **PETER EASTOE** is now playing for Atherstone Town . . . **PAUL BARRON** has joined Welling United . . . **NIGEL CONNIFF** is at Bromsgrove Rovers . . . **IAN HATHWAY** with Stourbridge . . . and **JOHN SNAPE** with Sutton Coldfield Town . . . while **BOBBY HOPE**, manager of Bromsgrove Rovers for five years, is now in charge of Burton Albion.



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On the Boyden Beat

With Birmingham News Sports Editor Malcolm Boyden.

**FLASHBACK TO
MAY 1987 –
Coventry City's
John Sillett holds the
Cup aloft after
winning the 1986/87
competition; the
1988/89 competition
starts today.**

WEMBLEY BECKONS FOR TIVIDALE

There will be a certain air of magic around Tividale this afternoon. For while Albion and Swindon Town continue their Second Division campaigns here at The Hawthorns, not many miles away at the home ground of Tividale FC in the heart of the Black Country they're dreaming of the twin towers.

It may only be the start of the season as far as the professional clubs are concerned but back at Tividale's modest ground – The Beeches – it's the preliminary round of the FA Cup. The visitors for the crunch dual are local neighbours Rushall Olympic.

The Banks's Brewery Premier Division sides are just two of the 240 teams that set off on the road to Wembley this afternoon. Ahead of them all are 13 rounds before Cup final day at Wembley Stadium on May, 20 1989 . . .

Not that either side have got a hope of Wembley, out at the back of the players minds there is always that dream of becoming a First Round giantkiller or a Third Round sensation.

One man who knows all about giantkilling is Telford United boss Stan Storton who has watched his team, The Lilly Whites, become one of the most feared Cup opponents outside the Football League in recent years.

Stan summed up the mood of the Cup in just one sentence when he told me: "On the day any side is capable of beating a big name."

"We have got a good record in all cup competitions and we have beaten League sides at home and away.

F.A. CUP MAGIC

"And every time it has been a magical occasion. I hope that F.A. Cup magic will never die," he said.

Well it will certainly be there one way or another at The Beeches where the winners have the reward of any away tie in the next round . . . At either Brackley Town or Spalding United.

And when they make the draw for the first round proper on November 19, you never know who might appear.

Corinthian Casuals could be there if they get over their first hurdle today at home to Hanwell Town.

Peacehaven and Telscombe, Irthlingborough Diamonds, Norton and Stockton Ancients and the Bedlington Terriers are also on the FA Cup trial this afternoon. Not to mention the more likely names of Workington, Leatherhead and Dudley Town.

So to all 240 of them, here's to the twin towers in May . . .
Or at least the first qualifying round in a fortnight's time.



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From the Press Box

Today's Guest Writer: **PAUL MACE**
(Birmingham Daily News)

WELCOME REVIVAL

THE stock tools of the trade for West Midlands soccer fans in recent years have been a season ticket, programme – and jar of anti-depressant tablets.

Even accounting for the Merseyside monopoly, few other football-orientated regions have experienced such a steep decline.

But as a new season dawns it is clear that the long-overdue revival is beginning to gather momentum. Though it is far from comparable to the West Midlands' halcyon days, the overall standard of soccer in the region is rising.

Last season Birmingham and the Black Country could not muster a First Division club. There were three in the Second Division and one apiece in Divisions Three and Four.

Now Aston Villa fly the flag in the top flight, Walsall have joined Birmingham City and Albion in Division Two and Wolves have moved up to Division Three.

COMBINED SUCCESSES

Last season's combined successes comprised the Second Division runners up spot, the Third Division promotion play-off winners, the Fourth Division championship and the Frieght Rover Trophy.

None in themselves are earth-shattering milestones. But one of the hardest jobs in football is to halt a slide. And the West Midlands managers appear to have won that vital first battle.

Graham Taylor's ability to steer Villa back into the first division has been backed up by a million pound summer spending spree. Should that not be sufficient, it is clear another sizeable injection is available to re-establish Villa among the elite.

"The bookies make us 66-1 to win the championship. I envisage a position where we are never more than 12-1," is how Mr Taylor sums up his objective.

Competition, it is said, can be nothing but healthy and that adage bodes well for our three local clubs in Division Two.

None of the trio are expected to pull up any trees by those bookies. But as Walsall boss Tommy Coakley pointed out after the Littlewoods Cup clash with Shrewsbury: "If Walsall and Shrewsbury are relegating favourites it's going to be one hell of a division."

By winning promotion through the back door last season, Walsall have shown the importance of getting the playing side right first and then worrying about facilities.

*TOMMY COAKLEY –
got the playing side
right first.*



A new multi-million pound ground move has been approved and with money in the bank from the £600,000 sale of David Kelly it has seldom looked so good at Fellows Park.

Blues and Albion have, by contrast, had the lowest of low-key close season. Transfer activity has been kept to a minimum which may have frustrated fans after last season's struggles.

But column inches in newspapers are not the basis for judging success.

Birmingham, with the sale of their Elmdon training ground, stand to make a £3m killing. And at a time when the purse-strings are threatening to form a noose around the heads of many League clubs that has to be reassuring news.

TIDE WILL TURN

Albion have displayed some impressive football skills in their opening two games without reaping the rewards in points. But if Ron Atkinson can ally the team spirit and application shown at the end of last season with a little more luck then the tide will turn.

Wolves, who sank the lowest of the five clubs, now appear to be hitting the comeback trail the hardest. As they showed at Wembley last season the fanatical support for football in the region is still there.

Just look at the 11,007 at Molineux in midweek who were thrilled by Wolves and Blues in the Littlewoods Cup.





2nd Division Statistics

COMPILED BY DR. GLENN WILLMORE

IN RETROSPECT: LAST SEASON'S FINAL TABLE

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE	AVE. ATT	HOME			CLUB			AWAY			LEADING GOALSCORER(S)					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
v Blackburn Rovers	May 7	8,446	44	15	3	4	45	23	Millwall	10	4	8	27	29	82	Sherringham 21
v Bradford City	May 2	18,342	44	9	7	6	31	21	Aston Villa	13	5	4	37	20	78	Thompson, Aspinall 11
v Leicester City	May 7	27,645	44	15	4	3	44	16	Middlesbrough	7	8	7	19	20	78	Slaven 20
v Ipswich Town	May 7	16,017	44	14	3	5	49	26	Bradford City	8	8	6	25	28	77	Fletcher 14
v Aston Villa	Feb 20	17,356	44	12	8	2	38	22	Blackburn Rovers	9	6	7	30	30	77	Garner 14
v Manchester City	May 7	17,555	44	16	3	3	50	21	Crystal Palace	6	6	10	36	38	75	Bright 24
v Bradford City	Jan 1	36,004	44	14	4	4	37	18	Leeds Utd	5	8	9	24	33	69	Sheridan 12
v Crystal Palace	Dec 26	17,200	44	14	3	5	38	17	Ipswich Town	5	6	11	23	35	86	Lowe 17
v Leeds United	Dec 26	30,153	44	11	4	7	50	28	Manchester City	8	4	10	30	32	65	Stewart 24
v Manchester City	Aug 22	15,984	44	13	4	5	43	27	Oldham Athletic	5	7	10	29	37	65	Ritchie 19
v Manchester City	Dec 28	18,020	44	12	6	4	34	22	Stoke City	5	5	12	16	35	62	Heath 8
v Ipswich Town	Dec 28	12,429	44	10	7	5	43	25	Swindon Town	6	4	12	30	35	59	Quinn 21
v Manchester City	Feb 27	13,852	44	12	5	5	35	20	Leicester City	4	6	12	27	41	59	McAllister 9
v Middlesbrough	May 2	13,240	44	11	4	7	42	32	Barnsley	4	8	10	19	30	57	Lowndes 9
v Bradford City	Nov 3	15,443	44	10	8	4	32	22	Hull City	4	7	11	22	38	57	Parker, Dyer 8
v Leicester City	Dec 28	15,581	44	12	4	6	44	26	Plymouth Argyle	4	4	14	21	41	56	Tynan 16
v Aston Villa	Mar 5	10,057	44	7	7	8	36	30	Bournemouth	6	3	13	20	38	49	Aylott 9
v Leeds United	Apr 2	7,369	44	7	8	7	23	22	Shrewsbury Town	4	8	10	19	32	49	Brown 5
v Aston Villa	Dec 12	27,789	44	7	9	6	20	24	Birmingham City	4	6	12	21	42	48	Whitton 14
v Aston Villa	Sep 16	22,072	44	8	7	7	29	26	ALBION	4	4	14	21	43	47	Gray 10
v Aston Villa	Dec 26	15,809	44	8	6	8	27	28	Sheffield United	5	1	16	18	46	46	Philliskirk 9
v Manchester City	Nov 14	10,052	44	5	7	10	20	25	Reading	5	5	12	24	45	42	Gordon 8
v Bradford City	Sep 29	11,671	44	4	6	12	20	38	Huddersfield Town	2	4	16	21	62	28	Shearer 10

LOWEST ATTENDANCES

Shrewsbury v Sheffield United	Nov 17	2,555
Shrewsbury v Hull City	Dec 12	2,588
Huddersfield v Bournemouth	Apr 30	2,794
Shrewsbury v Blackburn Rovers	Nov 14	3,164
Shrewsbury v Reading	Sep 1	3,223
Shrewsbury v Oldham Athletic	Oct 24	3,337
Shrewsbury v Ipswich Town	Aug 22	3,610

BEST ATTENDANCES

Aston Villa v Bradford City	May 2	36,423
Leeds United v Bradford City	Jan 1	36,004
Leeds United v Middlesbrough	Dec 28	34,186
Aston Villa v Birmingham City	Aug 22	30,870
Manchester City v Leeds United	Dec 26	30,153
Birmingham City v Aston Villa	Dec 12	27,789
Middlesbrough v Leicester City	May 7	27,645
Leeds United v Manchester City	Sep 26	25,358
Aston Villa v Albion	Dec 18	24,437

BEST VICTORIES

Manchester City 10 Huddersfield 1	Nov 7
Birmingham 0 Crystal Palace 6	Sep 5
Middlesbrough 6 Sheffield United 1	Apr 2
Plymouth 6 Huddersfield T. 1	Aug 22
Bournemouth 6 Hull City 2	Feb 6
Plymouth Argyle 6 Leeds United 3	Oct 17
Aston Villa 5 Hull City 0	Jan 1
Sheffield United 0 Oldham Athletic 5	Jan 2
Leeds United 5 Sheffield United 0	Mar 19



2nd Division Scene



SHREWS AIMING MUCH HIGHER

NEW STAR AT WALSALL

Albion fans will have the chance to assess new Walsall star Alex Taylor for themselves when the Saddlers visit The Hawthorns in two weeks time.

The £90,000 bargain buy from Hamilton Academicals has impressed with his creative midfield play – and manager Tommy Coakley has had an unexpected bonus in the form of a two-goal blast against Plymouth Argyle last Saturday.

For the gifted 26-year-old was notoriously shot-shy in Scotland, managing just four goals for the Accies during the whole of last season.

"It's been a weakness in my game for a long time," admits Alex, "But I keep telling myself to get into the penalty area and have a go.

"At Hamilton I played on the right side of midfield but there was always a player outside me on the wing. Here at Walsall, I have a bit more room and that encourages me to get forward more," he explains.

Saddler's new star is enjoying life at Fellows Park: "Walsall is a very friendly club. I've been made to feel really welcome. Teams in England are much more organised and the play is very fast," he adds.

Ian McNeill, manager of budget-conscious Shrewsbury Town – who Albion visit next Saturday – is aiming to eliminate his club's annual end-of-season relegation worries and to do it in attacking style.



The shrewd Scot, commencing his first full season in charge at Gay Meadow, recalls:

"We had 2,500 for my first home game just before Christmas, but when we played Bournemouth towards the end of the season, 7,000 turned out on a foul night – it shows that the crowds can be won back if you are prepared to attack and entertain."

One of the key figures in the Shrewsbury manager's plans is Bernard McNally (left), the 25-year-old Northern Ireland international midfielder, who just after Mr. McNeill's appointment was set to join Albion in a freedom-of-contract move.

Shrews' new boss pulled off a masterstroke when he persuaded the skillful local-born lad to stay at Gay Meadow and sign a new contract.

Another prominent player is ex-Albion winger Micky Thomas, one of professional soccer's inveterate travellers, who invariably endears himself to the fans because of his unpredictable flashes of brilliance.

In each of their nine previous seasons in the Second Division Shrewsbury have struggled to retain their status – now Mr McNeill aims to have the Gay Meadow faithful showing a keener interest in future in the top half of the table.

NOW BARCLAYS CREATE EXTRA INTEREST

The benefit of the prestigious support of football by Barclays Bank are being emphasised as their sponsorship of the League enters its second season – with the Second Division reaping their fair share of the increased benefits.

For starters, the winners of the Second Division this season will receive £35,000 in prize money instead of £25,000.

Then Barclays have for the first time introduced prizes for the runners-up in each Division – with £15,000 on offer for the No.2 club in the Second.

Barclays have also agreed to take over the popular 'Manager of the Month' awards following the withdrawal of Bell's Whisky.

The Bank is also continuing their 'Performance of the Week' awards which helps stimulate grass roots football and the 'Young Eagles' awards which are aimed at encouraging the League's younger players.

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Albion Statistics 1988-89



Key: 1 Denotes goalscorer, ★ Player substituted, ● Substitute used, = Own goal, Home matches and scorers in heavy type. Albion score given first.

Date & Opponents	Score	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 27 Leicester City	2-2	13,082													
29 WATFORD	0-1	10,244	Naylor												
31 PETERB'GH (I.L.C. 1-1)	0-3	4,264	Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Sept 3 SWINDON TOWN			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
7 Peterborough I.L.C. 1-2)			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
10 Shrewsbury Town			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
17 WALSALL			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
21 Brighton & Hove Albion			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
24 Plymouth Argyle			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
28 Littlewoods Cup Rd 2-1			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Oct 1 IPSWICH TOWN			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
5 AFC BOURNEMOUTH			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
8 Barnsley			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
17 Littlewoods Cup Rd 2-2			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
15 Birmingham City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
22 BRADFORD CITY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
26 MANCHESTER CITY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
29 Blackburn Rovers			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Nov 5 OXFORD UNITED			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
12 Leeds United			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
19 Sunderland			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
26 CRYSTAL PALACE			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Dec 3 Portsmouth			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
10 HULL CITY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
18 Stone City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
26 Diham Athletic			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
31 Chelsea			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Jan 2 SHREWSBURY TOWN			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
7 F. A. Cup Round 3			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
14 Watford			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
21 LEICESTER CITY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
28 F. A. Cup Round 4			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Feb 4 Bournemouth			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
11 BARNSELY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
18 Bradford City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
25 BIRMINGHAM CITY			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Mar 5 Manchester City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
11 LEEDS UNITED			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
18 Oxford United			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
15 BLACKBURN ROVERS			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
18 BRIGHTON & H.A.L.B.			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
25 Swindon Town			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
27 OLDHAM ATHLETIC			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
Apr 1 Weasall			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
4 Stoke City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
8 CHELSEA			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
15 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
12 Ipswich Town			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
23 Crystal Palace			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
May 1 PORTSMOUTH			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
6 SUNDERLAND			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
13 Hull City			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows
20 F. A. Cup Final			Naylor	Bradley	Albiston	Talbot	Dyson	North	Hopkins	Goodman	Peckin	Palmer	Anderson	Gray	Burrows



Travelling Away



SHREWSBURY TOWN : Next Saturday (3pm)

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Stand tickets: No seat tickets are on sale in advance. Admission to the Stand is by payment at the turnstiles – and STRICTLY TO W.B.A. MEMBERS CLUB CARD HOLDERS ONLY; if you wish to join, do so without delay (it's free!).

Standing: All other Albion followers will have to watch the game from the terraces.

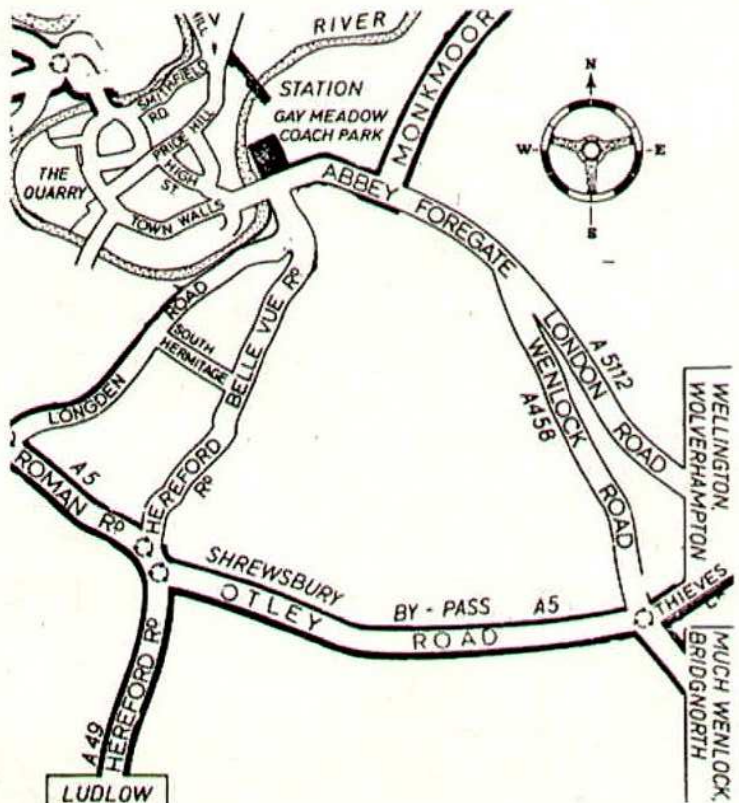
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TRAVELLING BY CAR

Recommended Road Route: M.6 (North) to Junction 10A, then M.54 and A.5 to outskirts of Shrewsbury. Turn right at roundabout onto A.458 Wenlock Road into Abbey Foregate and ground on right, see map alongside.



PETERBOROUGH UNITED: Wed (7.30pm)

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Seat tickets: Price £4, are on sale in advance from Albion's Ticket Office in Halfords Lane.

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Map and recommended road route published in the programme for the first leg match last Wednesday – a few unsold copies are available from the Club Shop.

The Peterborough Police have asked up to draw the attention of all Albion supporters to the following:

On the final whistle you will be asked to remain in the ground for five minutes after which you will be escorted out. Any requests or directions by the Police are designed for your convenience and safety.

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Simeon Hodson	2	Dave Hockaday
Arthur Albiston	3	Phil King
Brian Talbot	4	Ross MacLaren
Stacey North	5	Tim Parkin
David Burrows	6	Jon Gittens
Robert Hopkins	7	Alan McLoughlin
Don Goodman	8	Colin Calderwood
John Paskin	9	Duncan Shearer
Carlton Palmer	10	Steve White
Colin Anderson	11	Bobby Barnes
	12	
	14	

Referee: Mr. Stephen Lodge
(Barnsley)

Red Trim: Mr A. Bennett
(Chesterfield)

Linesmen: **Yellow Trim:** Mr J.J. Shawcross
(Northwich)

HALF-TIME SCORE BOARD

A	Bournemouth v Chelsea
B	Barnsley v Stoke
C	Birmingham v Leicester
D	Blackburn v Oldham
E	Bradford v Shrewsbury
F	Crystal Palace v Watford
G	Ipswich v Sunderland
H	Manchester C. v Walsall
J	Oxford v Brighton
K	Plymouth Argyle v Hull
L	Portsmouth v Leeds
M	Arsenal v Aston Villa
N	Coventry v Everton
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