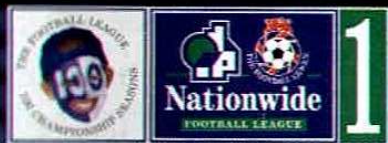


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Good evening to all supporters and welcome to tonight's re-arranged fixture against Swindon Town.

Again, print deadlines conspire to make these notes slightly out of date; writing them prior to our trip to Loftus Road. Obviously, after such a horrendous defeat against Crewe I hope that the team have regained a little pride for themselves with a good performance against Queens Park Rangers. I'm not going to say anything more about the Bank Holiday Monday match, I'm sure you've all seen my opinions expressed in the local press.

It's essential we get back on track at The Hawthorns with a good result today. I know how disillusioned many of you fans have been and you, more than anyone, deserve something to shout about tonight. Enjoy the game and try and help the lads tonight with your support.



Marathon Men

West Bromwich Albion have two members of staff taking on the London Marathon this Sunday – both running for very worthy causes.



Dave

Dave Turton of the Community Department – who has tamed the 26+ miles before – is running for Birmingham Children's Hospital. If anyone wishes to sponsor Dave, he can be

contacted at the Community Department on: 0121 525 0226.



Neal

Assistant Physio, Neal Reynolds is embarking on his first Marathon and is running for V.I.C.T.A (Visibly Impaired Children Taking Action). Neal has already had a major boost to his Sponsorship coffers, when

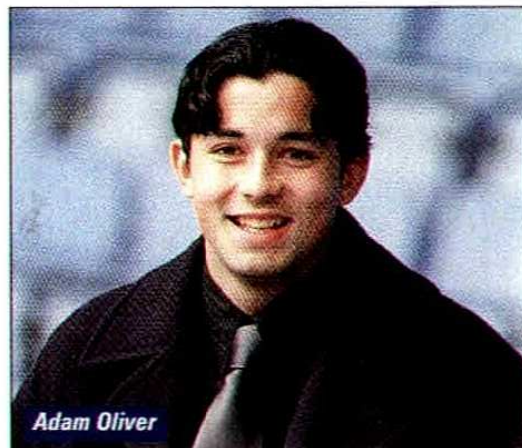
Baggies Travel had a whip-round on their way to Sunderland, raising £139.28. Neal would like to thank all those who donated, as well as those who also dug deep on the way to Loftus Road.

If anyone would like to sponsor Neal, donations can be made at the Stadium's Main Reception to either Alison or Dee-Ann.

Both Neal and Dave will be resplendent in the blue and white stripes of West Bromwich Albion, so try and spot their tired and weary bodies on Sunday morning TV – whilst you read the paper and tuck into your fry-up!

International Action

At time of going to press, England's Under-20 side had played two fixtures in the World Under-20 World Champs in Nigeria and all three Albion players had had a taste of the sweltering action.



Adam Oliver

England's first game was against USA and Adam Oliver started in midfield for the Young Lions. Adam played for the first 45 minutes but was replaced in the second-half as England went down to a 1-0 defeat.

In England's second group match they played Cameroon in a game that was shown live on Eurosport. Again, our boys went down to a 1-0 defeat against an enormously strong looking Cameroon side. In this game both of the Chambers twins got their chance as second half substitutes, Adam Oliver was not involved.

With England playing Japan on Sunday night needing a win to qualify, by the time you read this, the lads may already be returning from their African adventure.

"There is no place for racism at West"

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Unlocking The Key To Soccer Stardom

Albion's successful youth scheme has been well documented of late and Albion News can reveal that young Baggies success has filtered right down to the Under 14's.

Justin Locke is a member of West Brom's Under-14 Centre of Excellence Team and recently scooped a National Award when playing for Menzies School in West Bromwich.

14 year-old Justin is the latest winner of the Heinz Ketchup Player of the Month award presented to the country's most talented young footballers for outstanding achievement.



Team Captain Justin has been the backbone of his school's excellent run to the 6th Round of the Heinz Ketchup Cup and his greatest achievement was scoring the golden goal in the 1-0 victory over Market Bosworth HS to reach the 6th Rd; Justin started with the ball just outside his own penalty area, dribbled past half a dozen of the

opposition before slamming the ball past the 'keeper.

The Heinz Ketchup Cup, is the largest schoolboy football tournament in England organised with the English Schools Football Association. It also marks the first schoolboy competition to include golden goals and penalty shoot-outs to decide matches.

Menzies team coach Nick Mummery said of the young star: "Justin is definitely a future talent, as captain he certainly leads by example.

"Let's hope he follows in the footsteps of previous pupils, who have recently signed pro' contracts; Adam Oliver at West Brom; John Newall at QPR and Neil Ross at Leeds."

Capital Gold Sports Forum

On Thursday April 15, The Throstle Club hosts another of West Bromwich Albion's popular Sports Forums.

The Sports Forum kicks-off at 8pm and will be Chaired by 1152 am Capital Gold's, Tom Ross and the Special Guest will be none other than Albion Chairman, Tony Hale.

Tickets are priced at just £2 and are available from Ally Brown at The Throstle Club or from Alan Cleverley on: 0121 551 6439.

There may be some tickets available on the night, but demand for seats at these events is usually high and we would recommend you try and grab your tickets before the night.



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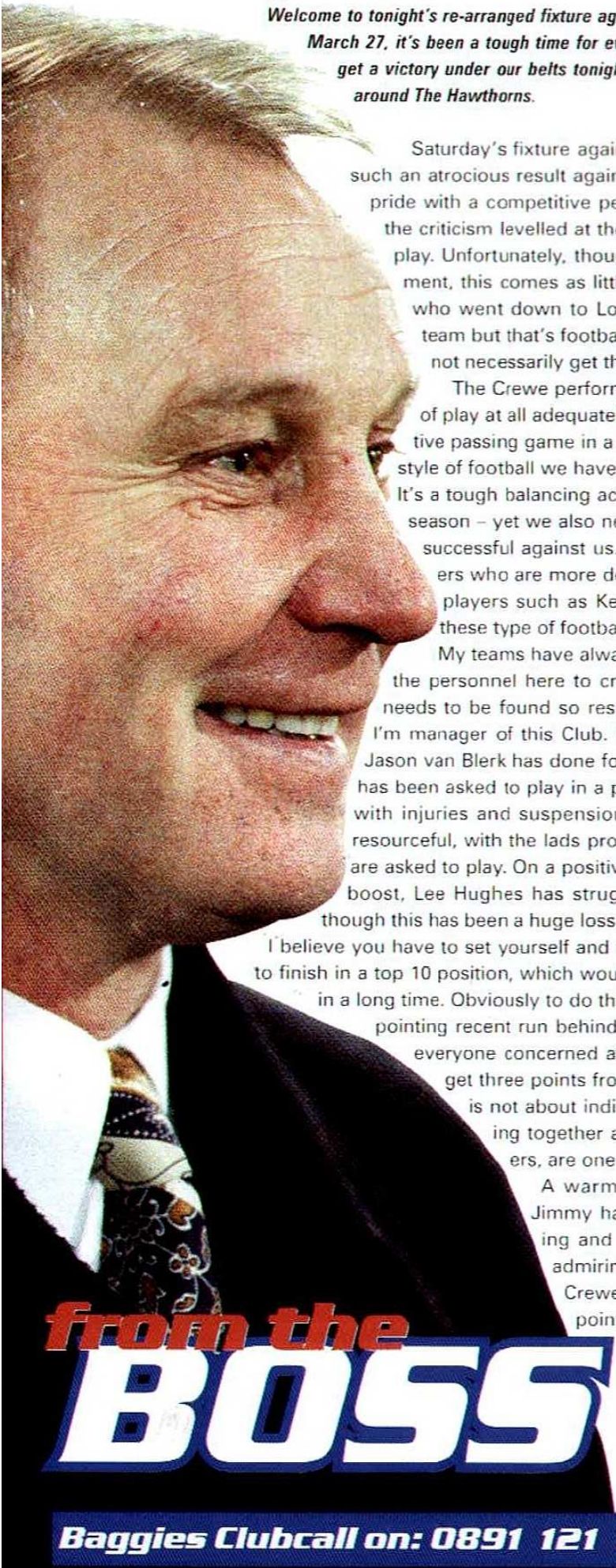
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Welcome to tonight's re-arranged fixture against Swindon Town. Since the game's original fixture date on March 27, it's been a tough time for everyone involved with West Bromwich Albion and we need to get a victory under our belts tonight to disperse some of the doom and gloom that has gathered around The Hawthorns.

Saturday's fixture against QPR again saw us miss out on the points but after such an atrocious result against Crewe, the lads went some way to regaining a little pride with a competitive performance. It was good to see the players respond to the criticism levelled at them after Crewe – from all quarters – with a battling display. Unfortunately, though the lads couldn't really be faulted for their commitment, this comes as little consolation after the result went against us. Anyone who went down to Loftus Road will know that the score was tough on the team but that's football, when things aren't going your way, performances do not necessarily get their reward.

The Crewe performance was unacceptable. We didn't deal with their style of play at all adequately. The problem we have is that we try to play an attractive passing game in a similar vein to Crewe and if we struggle to achieve that style of football we have to change our game plan to a more workman-like one. It's a tough balancing act. We want to entertain – and have in many games this season – yet we also need to have the steel to prevent Clubs like Crewe being successful against us. The problem therefore lies in sacrificing flair for players who are more destructive, rather than constructive. Of course the great players such as Keane, Davids and Petit excel in both departments, but these type of footballers tend to cost a bob or two!

My teams have always played good football and I am not going to overhaul the personnel here to create a battling side with little creativity, but a balance needs to be found so results like that against Crewe never happen again whilst I'm manager of this Club. On this point I'd like to quickly mention the good job Jason van Blerk has done for the team in midfield. Like a number of players, Jason has been asked to play in a position somewhat alien to him, but whilst the situation with injuries and suspensions at the Club remains so desperate, we have to be resourceful, with the lads proving to me that they will give their best wherever they are asked to play. On a positive note, Micky Evans return gives our striking options a boost, Lee Hughes has struggled with injury since the Oxford United game and, though this has been a huge loss to us, Micky's return softens the blow somewhat.

I believe you have to set yourself and your players targets in football and we are now aiming to finish in a top 10 position, which would be the most successful season for this Football Club in a long time. Obviously to do this we have to return to winning ways and put the disappointing recent run behind us. Of course the last week or so has been tough for everyone concerned at the Club but my mind remains focussed on trying to get three points from each and every game. The situation here at the Club is not about individuals – managers, chairmen or players – we're working together as a team and I certainly believe that you, the supporters, are one of the most important elements of this team.

A warm welcome to Jimmy Quinn and his Swindon side. Jimmy has proved a successful young manager firstly at Reading and now at Swindon. However, tonight is not a night for admiring the work of other teams, tonight is a night to put the Crewe result behind us in no uncertain terms with all three points.

Please get right behind all of the players from the outset tonight and help inspire them to a greatly needed victory.



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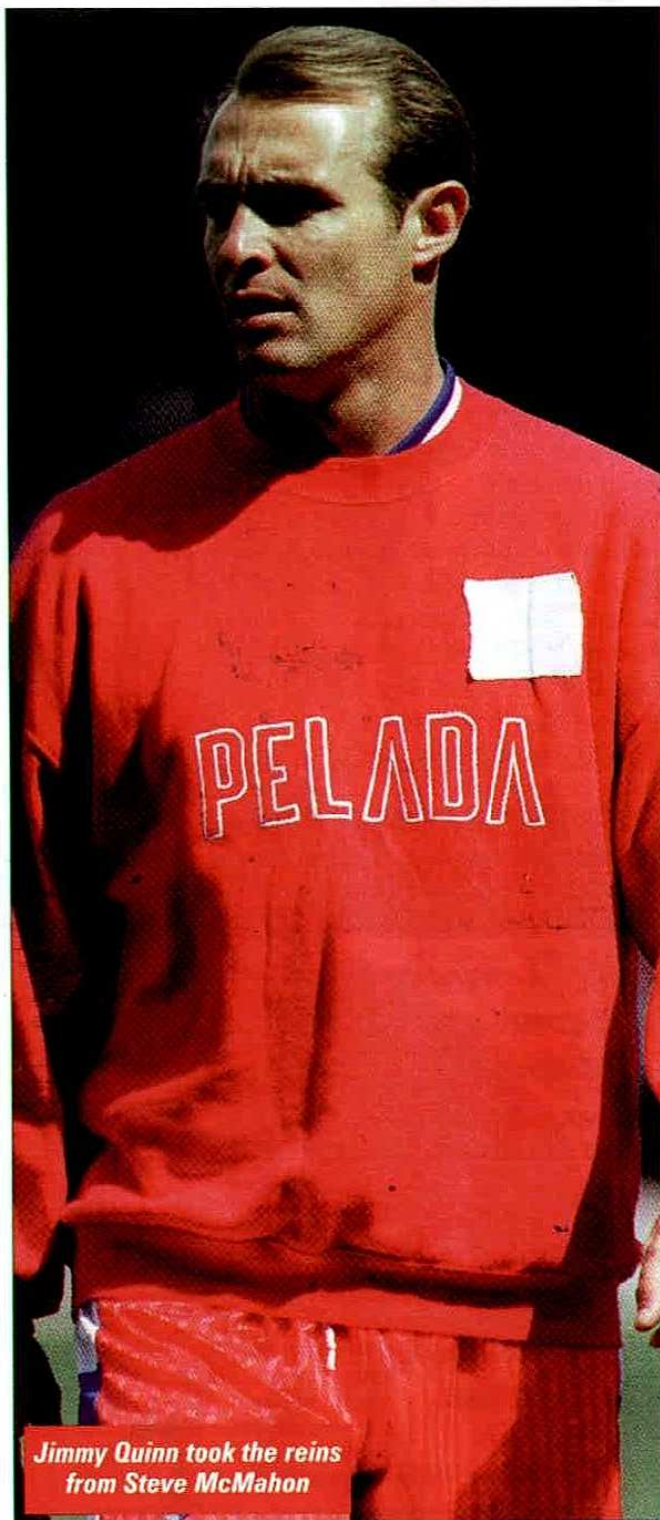
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Jimmy Quinn took the reins from Steve McMahon

By Swindon Town standards, this season has been a relatively quiet one with only the departure of Steve McMahon causing any ripples in this decade of drama at the County Ground.

Jimmy Quinn is now in charge of a club with an identity crisis. The Robins are trying to establish themselves in the First Division whilst still harbouring memories of recent seasons in both the Premiership and the Second Division. Their one season in the sun came six years ago, following one of Wembley's most astonishing games — a 4-3 play-off defeat of Leicester City under then Player Manager Glenn Hoddle. When Hoddle left for Chelsea, John Gorman oversaw their Premiership odyssey and though it was a campaign they would sooner rather forget, their adherence to a positive brand of football at least won them respect, if not points. Nevertheless, the team broke up and couldn't arrest a further slide into the Second Division where ignominy beckoned. A bold championship campaign righted the ship though and took them back to the relatively calm waters of Division One. Even last season, Town endured a choppy ride once more having been on the crest of a wave in November — topping the table — only for an appalling run of three wins in their last 25 games to drag them into danger.

More struggles at the start of this campaign ended Steve McMahon's tenure and it was former favourite Quinn who arrived to steer Swindon away from the bottom of the table, without as yet being able to fashion a total march away from danger.

Indeed, after a stunning 6-0 home defeat on Easter Saturday against Ipswich, Swindon were just three places above the drop zone. The Ipswich debacle being the culmination of a shocking run of form during March, when Quinn's men lost at home to Crewe and Tranmere, drew against Bolton, also at home, and lost away fixtures at Stockport and QPR.

The Bank Holiday Monday fixture at The McAlpine Stadium seemed unlikely to give them any respite — Huddersfield having lost only once at home all season. But a superb, shock 2-1 victory, thanks to goals from Bobby Howe and Chris Hay, could well be the result that virtually gives Jimmy Quinn and his Chairman Rikki Hunt guaranteed First Division status into the new Millennium.

The Manager

Former Town favourite **Jimmy Quinn** already had managerial experience with Reading, although he arrived at the County Ground from the playing staff of Peterborough.

Quinn had been joint manager at Reading with Mick Gooding between '94 and '97, though his prowess as a goalscorer saw him regularly supplementing the Royals' attack, Gianluca Vialli style. As a player he gathered a wealth of experience playing for sides such as Blackburn, Leicester, Bradford, West Ham and Bournemouth before managing Reading and he can be considered unlucky never to have starred for a truly major Club during his pomp in the '80's.

Jimmy has also picked up 48 caps for Northern Ireland and scored 43 goals in 86 games for Swindon as a player at the County Ground, though the 39 year-old has not felt the need to swap the tracksuit top for the first-team shirt this season.

In Goal

Former Australia Under-21 international **Frank Talia** was spotted by several English clubs' scouts before eventually being picked up by Blackburn in 1992. Frank failed to make an appearance for the Ewood Park outfit before signing for Swindon in November 1995. Has recently signed a new three year deal with the Wiltshire Club.

In Defence

Experienced defender **Gareth Hall** signed from Sunderland last season having spent three seasons with the Wearside club. Formerly with Chelsea, the 30 year-old has also been capped nine times by Wales, despite playing for England Schoolboys, and can play

anywhere across the back four.

Alan Reeves is another with Premiership experience having spent four seasons with Wimbledon. The tall 31 year-old centre half started his career with Norwich from where he joined Chester, then Rochdale, he was spotted at Spotland by The Dons who paid £300K for him. The Scouser can be an asset at set pieces as well as in defence.

Craig Taylor is the younger brother of former Town favourite Shaun and signed a three year contract in April 1997 having impressed during a trial period at the County Ground. He cost Swindon £25,000 from non-league Dorchester Town and made a dream debut when he scored a 35 yarder on his debut. Like his brother, dominates in the air

Brian Borrows built up a wealth of experience at Coventry City where he made over 400 appearances. A scouser, Brian has also enjoyed spells with Everton and Bolton and is another experienced pro who can settle into any position. The 38 year-old has appeared in most of Town's games this season, though Brian hasn't scored a league goal since 1992.

Des Linton is currently on loan at the Club from Peterborough United. The 27 year-old right-back started his career at Leicester City before a stint at Luton prior to heading to London Road for £25K. The 6'1", 14 stone Birmingham lad has slotted straight into the Swindon defence since his recent arrival.

Gareth Davies joined Swindon Town this season from Reading whom he had joined from Crystal Palace the previous season. The slender 25 year-old, left-back was born in Hereford and played four seasons at his home-town Club making over 100 appearances, before heading south to Selhurst Park.



Frank Talia and Ty Gooden did the 'bleach thing'



Mark Walters possesses the skills to grace any stage



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In Midfield

Ty Gooden was signed by John Gorman in '93 having been released by Wycombe and starred in Swindon's Second Division championship winning season. After a spell out through injury, he has returned to the Swindon midfield with aplomb.

Scott Leitch was formerly with Hearts, Motherwell and Dunfermline and was signed by Swindon in 1996 for the bargain price of £15K having enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground.

Former England international **Mark Walters** signed for Town in 1996 having been released by Southampton and immediately showed the silky skills that made him such a hit at Aston Villa, Glasgow Rangers and Liverpool. Back in the first team and scoring trademark spectacular goals, although he has featured mainly from the bench in recent weeks.

Robin Hulbert is a gifted young midfielder who has recently forced his way into the first-team squad. The 19 year-old was loaned to Newcastle last term, where he trained with some of the Premiership's finest and was formerly a member of the England U-18 squad.

Bobby Howe signed from Nott'm Forest in Jan '98 having spent loan spells at Ipswich and Kettering Town. He made 17 appearances for Forest before his move to the County Ground and, on recent form, Forest may regret having released the dynamic midfielder who was a goalscoring Man of the Match at Huddersfield recently.

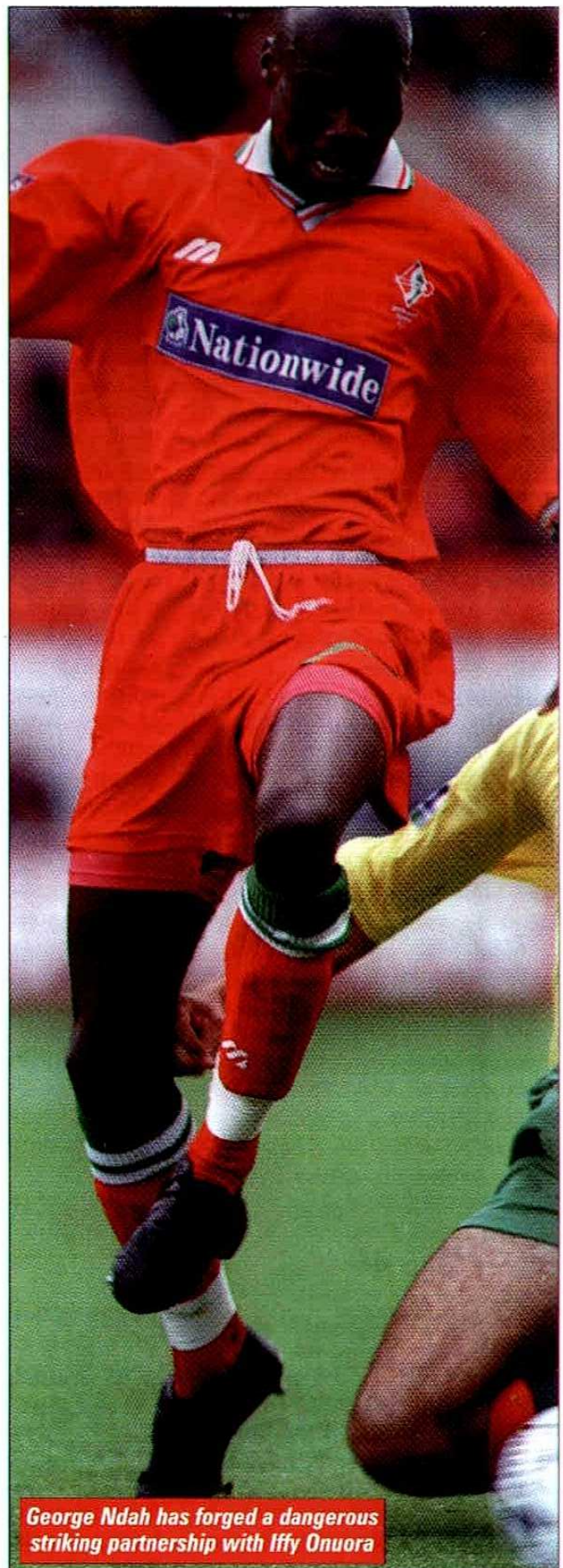
In Attack

Southampton loanee, **Shayne Bradley**, has featured in the first team since his arrival from The Dell. Though just 19 Bradley cuts a solid 5'11", 13st figure and looks to have a big future in the game, if not at The Dell, then maybe at the County Ground.

Chris Hay is a pacy striker who cost £330K from Glasgow Celtic at the start of last season. The 24 year-old scored 13 goals in 20 games last season and after a barren spell has hit form again this term, scoring the second on Bank Holiday Monday at Huddersfield.

George Ndah was picked up by Steve McMahon in November '97 following the departure of Wayne Allison to Huddersfield. He cost £500K from Crystal Palace where he made over 100 appearances. Blessed with great pace, he's forged a devastating partnership with Onuora and has scored 9 goals this season.

Iffy Onuora caught the eye at Gillingham and was picked up by Steve McMahon in a £100K deal a year ago. His form this season has been excellent, scoring 17 times so far this term. Indeed, the Glasgow born, 31 year-old's performances have prompted Craig Brown to hint that he may become the first ever black player to earn a full cap for Scotland.



George Ndah has forged a dangerous striking partnership with Iffy Onuora



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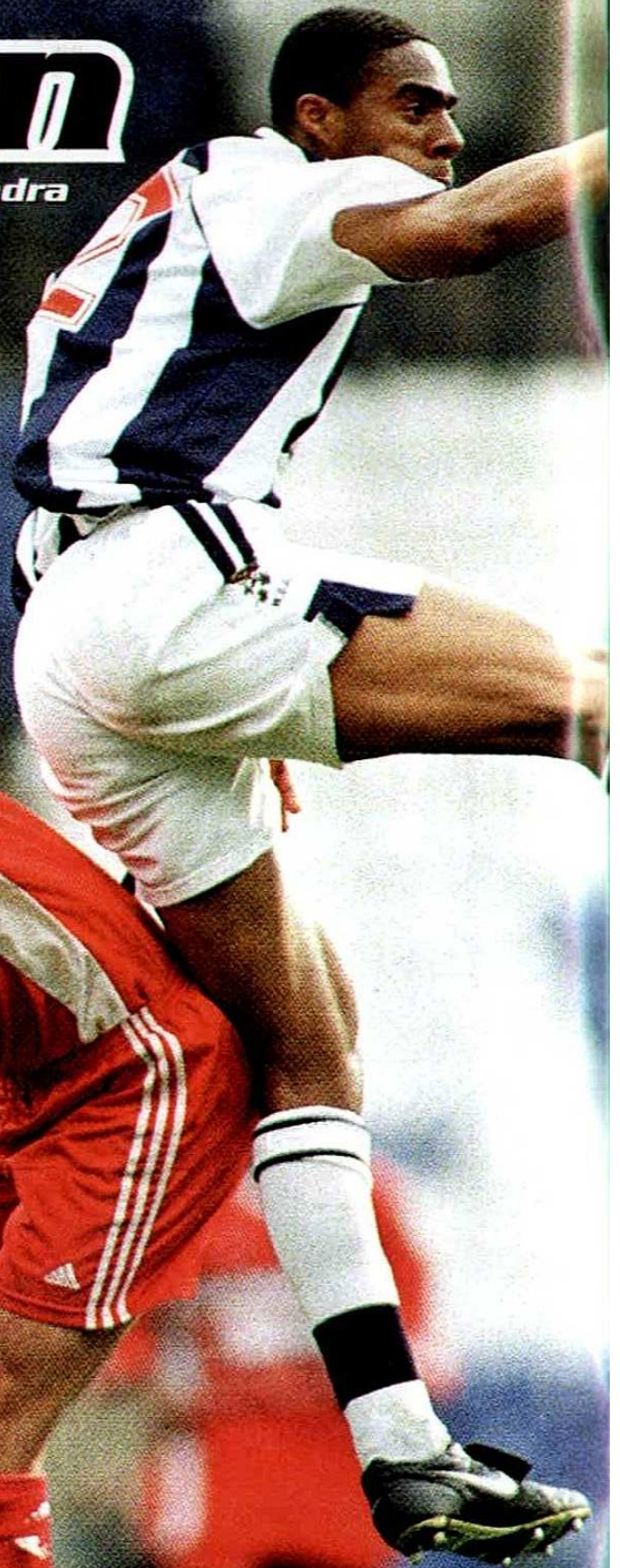
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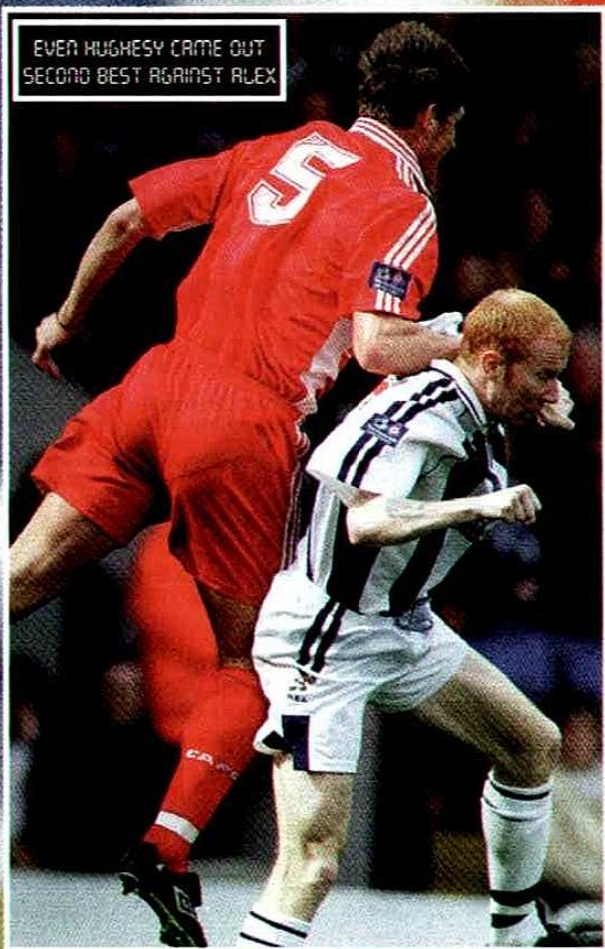
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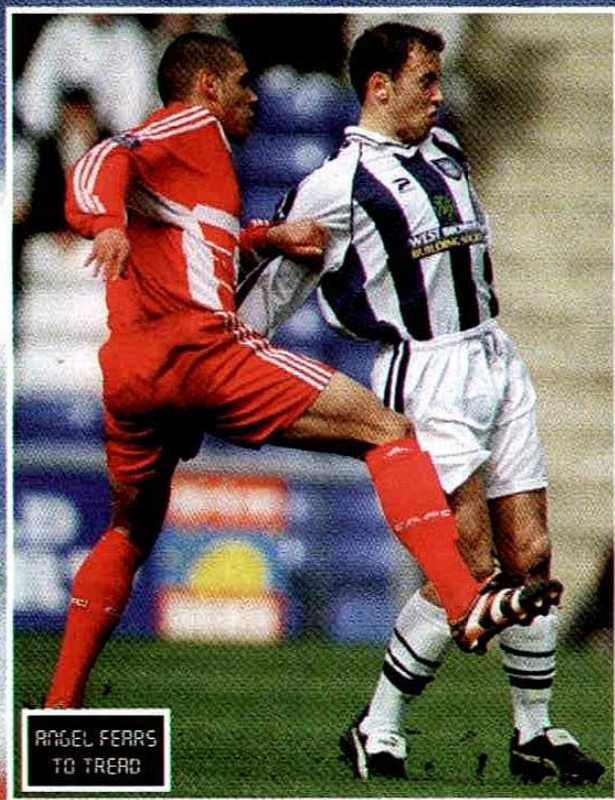
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What a chance to see former stars such as Cyrille Regis, Derek Statham and Bobby Hope pit their wits against some aged and unfit Supporters Club members! Arrive in plenty of time, for what should be an enjoyable spectacle.

Sutton Coldfield Branch

The next meeting of the Sutton Coldfield Branch will be held on Thursday April 29, in the Vesey Room, Royal Hotel, High Street, Sutton Coldfield, 8pm start. The special guest will be former Albion right-back and PFA administrator Brendon Batson.

Members from all branches are welcome.



South Birmingham Branch

The next meeting of the South Birmingham Branch will be held on, Thursday April 29, at The British Legion, New Road/Legion Road, Rubery, commencing at 8pm. Guests to be announced.

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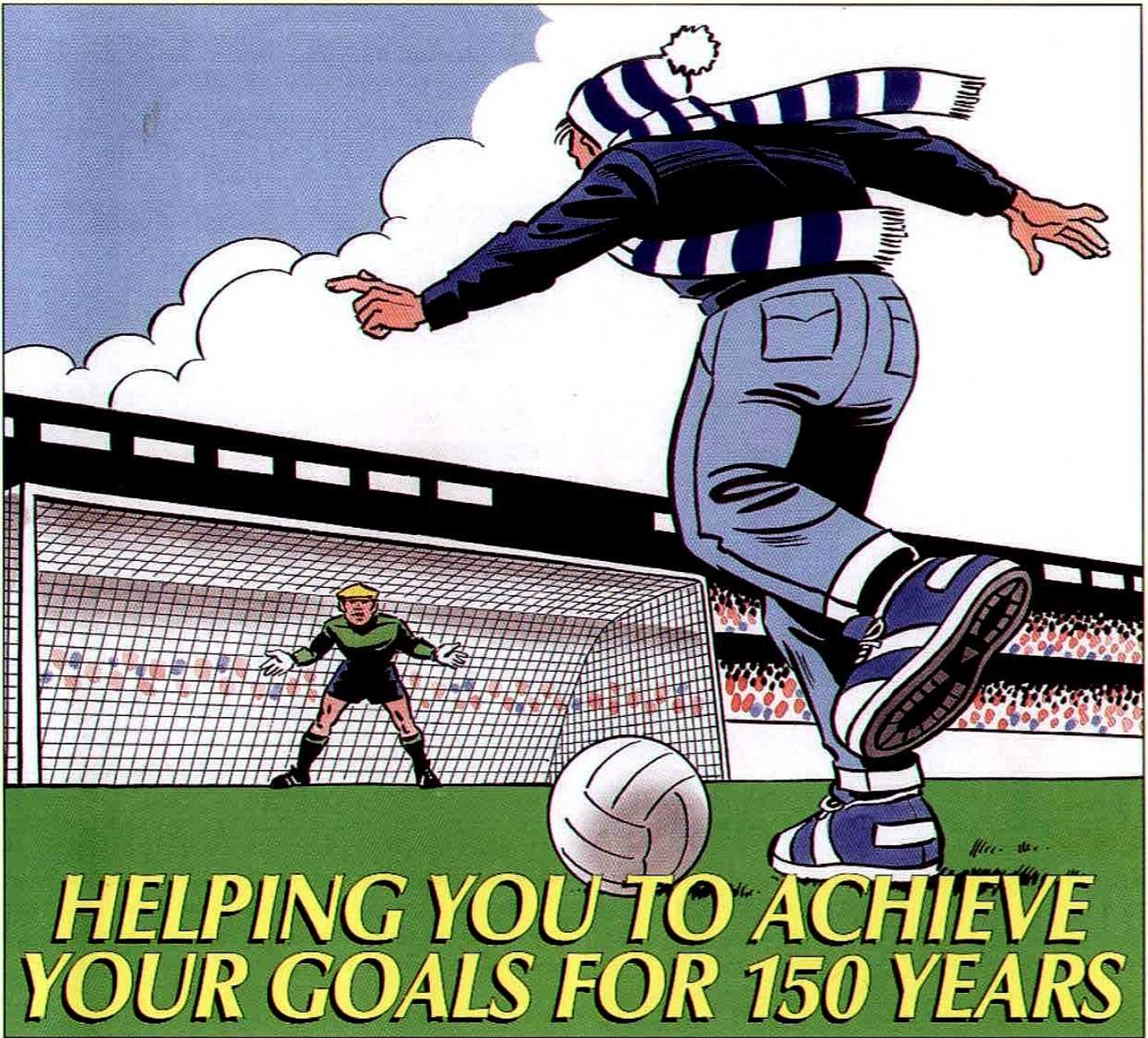
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Our Matchball Sponsors tonight are Baggies Travel. Dave Holloway, Vicki Ashfield and the rest of the Baggies Travel team continue to provide an excellent service, promoting the Club and making sure that all those using Baggies Travel get to and from away games safely.

Finally, I would again like to draw your attention to the West Bromwich Albion Golf Day. On page 45 you will see the full details of this exciting event.

Albionites From Penzance



Jamie Edwards Mom wrote to us to say that Jamie and his Dad, Cousin and Uncle were travelling from Penzance in Cornwall to watch the game against Ipswich Town as a Special Treat for his 6th Birthday.

The Commercial Department invited all of the Edwards up to the Sponsors Lounge to meet the Man of the Match, Richard Sneekes, after the game. Jamie also met Paul Holmes who had come up to the Sponsors Lounge to draw the raffle.

Although it was probably a long drive back down the M5 after the defeat, we hope you enjoyed your afternoon at The Hawthorns, Jamie.

Inside the Hawthorns with TOM CARDALL

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Birmingham Cable kindly sponsored the recent match against Ipswich Town. In the first picture Simon Price, Director of Sales, is pictured receiving cut-glass whisky tumblers from Matchday host Richie Woodhall to commemorate their Sponsorship.



In the second snap, Keiron Broadbent from Birmingham Cable's Marketing Department is pictured presenting their Man of the Match Award to Baggies midfielder, Richard Sneekes.

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Stylish Celebration



We were delighted to help Radio 5 Live's, Adrian Chiles, celebrate his birthday with style in the Boardroom at The Hawthorns following the Ipswich match.

West Bromwich Albion fanatic Adrian, also appears on BBC2's 'Wheeler Dealers' and 'Working Lunch' and he is pictured with his wife, Jane Garvey, who co-hosts Radio 5 Live's excellent, 'Drive Time' programme with Peter Allen.

Also pictured in the Boardroom are Club Chairman, Tony Hale, and (L-R): Davina Pearce, Paul Sweeney and Jon Mellor.

Baggies Birthday Surprises – Ipswich Town



Doug Tarbett receives an autographed ball from Shaun Murphy and our Baggie Birds. Also pictured with Doug is his daughter, Sarah Middleton, who organised the Surprise for her Dad.



Philip Jones had a last-minute Birthday Surprise organised for him by his wife, Helen, for his 40th Birthday. Philip is pictured with his friends Andy Hodgetts and David Foden.



Glyn Poole is a local Sandwell Sunday League Referee and he received a 40th Birthday Surprise, courtesy of his wife Beverley. Also pictured is their daughter Natalie.



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Helen Scholes from Tivendale takes the signed West Bromwich Albion away shirt for an effort that suggests Paul Gerrard's contretemps with Hughesy was a deliberate attempt to debilitate the Albion striker. We're glad you're the one who made the libellous suggestion and not us, Helen!

This week's pic comes from the recent Ipswich home game. Now we know the result of the game may lead to some slightly disparaging captions, but please try to keep your submissions suitable for print!

The incentive to send us captions of high quality comes in the form of another *West Bromwich Albion red away shirt signed by the whole first-team squad* available for the most erudite, entertaining effort.

You don't have to submit your captions in readiness for the Portsmouth programme, we can give you a little longer than that, as this issue's winner will feature in the Bury programme.

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Hughesy: "You'll have to stretcher me off to stop me scoring 'Keeper."
Gerrard: "Now there's an idea..."



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Half Time Ten – Bunch Of Girls

We now have women officials; TV pundits; footy journalists and Managing Directors and it goes without saying that Albion News has a suitably enlightened attitude towards females in football. Indeed, we would like nothing more than to see the first female footballer in the male pro' game.

Unfortunately, it could be a long wait for this momentous event, meanwhile we'll have to satisfy ourselves with blokes bearing girls' names. Below is a list of players who suffered the tittering at school register time. On the right are their Clubs, jumbled of course. Match them up please. (Answers on stats page)

- 1) **Marcus Gayle**
- 2) **Wayne Allison**
- 3) **Matthew Gill**
- 4) **Stefan Leoni**
- 5) **David Kelly**
- 6) **Chris Billy**
- 7) **Adam Rachel**
- 8) **Dave Carroll**
- 9) **Mark Jules**
- 10) **Chris Hope**

- a) **Wycombe Wanderers**
- b) **Chesterfield**
- c) **Wimbledon**
- d) **Huddersfield Town**
- e) **Peterborough United**
- f) **Bristol Rovers**
- g) **Scunthorpe United**
- h) **Aston Villa**
- i) **Tranmere Rovers**
- j) **Bury**



**Prize Caption Quiz
& Half Time Ten**

**Football
Historian Leigh
Edwards
focuses on four
players who
have played for
Albion &
today's visitors**

Shared Memories

JIMMY COOKSON

Centre-forward Jimmy Cookson was West Brom's leading marksman in three successive seasons.

Initially with Clayton and Manchester North End, he signed professional for Manchester City in November 1923 but failed to secure a First Division slot at Maine Road and joined Chesterfield in July 1925. 'Cooky' impressed with his prolific goalscoring and moved to The Hawthorns in June 1927, netting a club record six goals at home to Blackpool three months later and setting the record for the quickest individual century of goals from the start of a player's League career that season.

He helped Albion to regain top-flight status in 1930/31, scoring an incredible 103 goals in 122 League outings before being displaced by WG Richardson. Moving to Plymouth Argyle in August 1933, he joined Swindon Town in July 1936 and was leading marksman in 1936/37. He scored 31 times in 50 Third Division (South) games for today's opponents, then became a local publican and died in Warminster in December 1970.



Jimmy scored almost a goal-a-game for the Albion

	L	FAC	LC	T
ALBION	27/28	38(38)	1	39(38)
	28/29	31(21)	16(7)	37(28)
	29/30	34(33)	1	35(33)
	30/31	18(11)	1	19(11)
	31/32	1		1
Total		122(103)	9(7)	131(110)
SWINDON	36/37	33(25)	2(2)	35(27)
	37/38	17(6)		17(6)
Total		50(31)	2(2)	52(33)

PETER EASTOE

Former England Youth international striker Peter Eastoe partnered Cyrille Regis in West Brom's attack.

Signing professional for Wolves in June 1971, he gained top-flight experience prior to joining Swindon Town for a record £88,000 in November 1973. He was leading marksman in two successive seasons for today's visitors, scoring 43 times in 91 League outings



Peter arrived from Everton in exchange for Andy King

before being sold to QPR for £80,000 in March 1976 as Swindon legend Don Rogers moved in the opposite direction. Netting their extra-time equaliser in the 1976/77 League Cup semi-final second-leg, he also played in that season's UEFA Cup quarter-final and was Rangers' top scorer in 1977/78. Swapped for Everton's Mickey Walsh in March 1979, he helped to reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1979/80 and was leading goalscorer in 1980/81. Moving to The Hawthorns in exchange for Andy King in August 1982, he had loan spells at Leicester City, Huddersfield Town, Walsall and Wolves and netted eight goals in 31 First Division games for Albion prior to joining Sporting Farense in July 1985. He subsequently assisted Atherstone United, Bridgnorth Town (P/C), Alvechurch (P/M) and Nuneaton Borough (A-M) and is now a van driver in Hagley.

	L	FAC	LC	T
SWINDON	73/74	19(8)	2	21(8)
	74/75	46(26)	5(5)	1 52(31)
	75/76	26(9)	5(1)	4(2) 35(12)
Total	91(43)	12(6)	5(2)	108(51)
ALBION	82/83	31(8)	2(1)	1 34(9)
Total	31(8)	2(1)	1	34(9)

JIMMY MURPHY

Welsh international right-half Jimmy Murphy was capped 15 times while at The Hawthorns.

He impressed with Mid-Rhondda Boys prior to joining West Brom in February 1928 and made his League debut at Blackpool in March 1930. Displacing Tommy Magee during the 1931/32 campaign, he featured in the 1935 FA Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday and played 204 League games alongside the likes of Bill Richardson and Jimmy Edwards prior to joining Swindon Town in March 1939.

Making four Third Division (South) appearances for today's visitors before the outbreak of war, he befriended Matt Busby during war-time service overseas in the



Jimmy played 223 games without scoring for WBA

Eighth Army and subsequently assisted him at Manchester United. He was caretaker-boss at Old Trafford following the Munich Air Disaster and also managed the Welsh national side for seven years, guiding them to the World Cup quarter-finals in 1958. After resigning at United in 1971, he continued in a scouting capacity until 1982 and died in Stockport in November 1989.

	L	FAC	LC	T
ALBION	29/30	2		2
	30/31	2		2
	31/32	27	1	28
	32/33	34	2	36
	33/34	35	2	37
	34/35	41	7	48
	35/36	16		16
	36/37	21	5	26
	37/38	23	2	25
	38/39	3		3
Total	204	19		223
SWINDON	38/39	4		4
Total	4			4

RAY TREACY

Eire international striker Ray Treacy was capped six times during two spells at The Hawthorns.

Signing professional for West Brom in June 1964, he scored on his League debut to clinch a 2-2 draw at Sunderland in October 1966 and made a further four First Division appearances prior to joining Charlton Athletic for £17,500 in February 1968. Leading marksman in three consecutive seasons at The Valley, he moved to Swindon Town for £35,000 in June 1972 and was top scorer in 1972/73 with 16 goals in 55 League outings for today's opponents before being sold to Preston North End for £30,000 in December 1973.

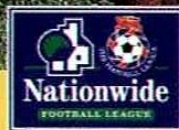
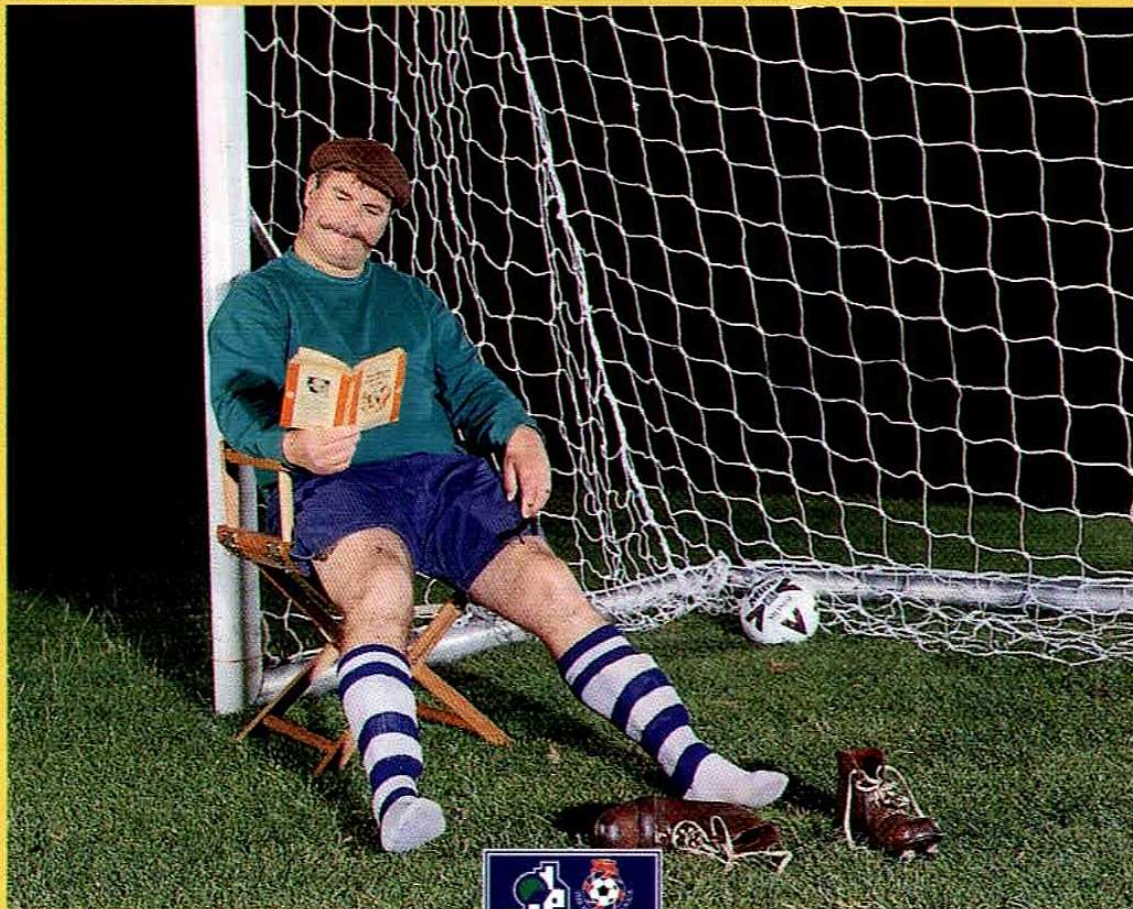


Ray enjoyed two spells at the Albion

He partnered player-manager Bobby Charlton in their attack and was loaned to Oldham Athletic before his Eire international teammate Johnny Giles brought him back to newly-promoted Albion in August 1976. Scoring a further six goals in 21 First Division games, he followed Giles to Shamrock Rovers in July 1977 and starred in that season's Irish Cup triumph. Subsequently Shamrock's manager, for the past 21 years he has run his own travel agency in Dublin.

	L	FAC	LC	T
ALBION	66/67	1(1)		1(1)
	67/68	4		4
	76/77	21(6)	2	23(6)
Total	26(7)	2		28(7)
SWINDON	72/73	40(13)	2(1)	1 43(14)
	73/74	15(3)		3(1) 18(4)
Total	55(16)	2(1)	4(1)	61(18)

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junior baggies page



Good evening to all you Junior Supporters!

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and are looking forward to this evening's game with Swindon.

By now, you should all have received your newsletter, which contains some brilliant competitions, including your chance to vote for the Junior Baggies Player of the Year, where you could present the winning player with his trophy. You could

also be having your photograph taken with the team at the pre-season photo-shoot by entering another of our exclusive competitions featured in the newsletter, so get writing. Baggie Bird and I are looking forward to receiving them!

Baggie Bird has been really busy recently visiting local hospitals along with West Bromwich Albion midfielder, Michael Garrity and



our Community Programme. Baggie Bird really enjoys these visits and loves to spend time with the children. Let's just hope he was well behaved for the nurses! The mailbag has been pretty full over the past couple of weeks. I have had some great correspondence, including the letter below from Adam Long who was our mascot for the game against Blues. Despite the result, Adam still says he had a great day and got to meet some of his Albion heroes - I'm glad you enjoyed it, and thanks to Blues for looking after you.

I hope you all enjoy the match and thank you for your continued support

**Jemma Gibbard,
Junior Baggies Co-ordinator**

Dear Jemma,

Thank you for arranging my day as mascot for the WBA versus Blues. I arrived with Mom and Dad at St. Andrews at 12.30. We were shown round the Stadium which included the trophy room, security room and press box, where I met Tom Ross the radio presenter who gave me one of the famous Bronx Hats.

A special thank you to Denis Smith, who let me into the dressing room to meet the players, getting autographs at the same time. I also had my picture taken with Richard Sneekes, Lee Hughes and Baggie Bird.

I really had a great day, apart from the result.

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Player Profile

Des Ray Of In Darkness

...I'm desperate to get back now, get back

Prior to his home debut against Ipswich, many Albion fans' knowledge of Daniel Gabbidon was similar to Robbie Fowler's capacity for common sense – pretty much non-existent. But after an assured debut and mature performance at the Stadium of Light, the young Welshman has been hailed as Albion's right back of the future.

The stomach injury that crept up on 'Des' over the Bank Holiday weekend was therefore a blow for both the 19 year-old and the Club...

"Yeah, I'd played two games, thought I'd done all right, and was hoping to be in for the rest of the season and then I go and get injured." He explains.

"I was fine after the game, travelling back and all that, it was basically when I tried to get to sleep that I felt it. I couldn't turn over in bed without it hurting.

"Nick (Worth) says it's to do with my back. Something's tight at the side of my back and that's affecting how my stomach feels like."

Denis Smith can thank the Albion Scouting system for unearthing Gabbidon from the Welsh valleys and Des explains how a lad who should really be playing for the Bluebirds of Cardiff is thankfully a Throstle.

"I'm from Cwmbran in South Wales. My Mum's from Barbados and Dad comes from Jamaica but I was born in Wales."

"How did I get to the Albion? There was an Albion Scout called Dave Harry, who unfortunately died recently, and he saw me play for my Sunday team in a local Welsh League. I'd known him for a few years because he used to be a Scout for someone else as well. Anyway, he came to watch me and brought me up to the Albion for a week's trial and that's where it all started really."

It can't be much fun at 16, leaving your family for a career many miles away, but Des explains that he was lucky to have a good friend when he needed one...

"When I got here I was in digs with Dominic Heath and when we had to move we moved together. Dominic's a great mate so it wasn't too bad, he can talk to absolutely anyone, he's so friendly, and he really helped me, making it easier to be away from home.

"I now live with Clint, (Clint Roberts, Community Department) Clint's a top man. He's the best landlord I've had and I've had four or five before him."

Des may be an adopted son of the Black Country, but his broad Welsh accent remains and he is obviously proud to be part of the Welsh Under-21 set-up – even if the coaches do give the Young Dragons a bit of a hard time...

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Sunshine Of Defeats

in the team and cement my position."

"Tom Whalley manages the team, he's also a coach at Watford. The Under-21 coaches really shout at you and get on your back and get a bit aggressive really, trying to intimidate you. They like to see how you react which is all pretty good experience I suppose."

Good experience for what? For playing in front of 41,000 at The Stadium of Light for a start. Des tells us about Sunderland, but first explains his surprise when he first got the nod from Denis Smith...

"I was shocked to be honest! I'd been training all week and thought I'd done all right, but to be honest I thought it was going to be the same as every other week; the Gaffer would name the squad, and I wouldn't be in it and I'd just come down and watch the game from the stands on Saturday.

"Then in the morning, when I came in, he said I was in the squad and I was quite pleased like, I thought I still might not make sub but I was just pleased to be in the squad. Then by the time I got to the training ground Denis had called me over and told me I was playing, which like I said was a real shock. That got me thinking then, and I was a little bit nervous, but then I was fine once it came to the game and you run out on the pitch. " ...and as for The Stadium of Light?

"Sunderland was amazing, you can't explain really how it feels. The crowd's so noisy, you couldn't hear yourself think - I've never experienced anything like it before. When we arrived and went to have a look at the pitch, there was no-one there and you don't go back on the pitch till the game's about to start and then it's just amazing."

Des's taste of the big time has made him determined to nail down the right back slot at the Club...very determined!

"I think there's a chance of me making that spot my own. The two games I played I thought I'd done OK and now I want to be the number one right back here.

"That's my aim and that's what I'll be trying to do. When I get back fit I don't want it to be how it was earlier in the season - not being able to get in the reserve team because of other players. I want to be first choice. That's why I'm desperate to get back now, get back in the team and cement my position."

Albion manager Denis Smith has likened him to a young Carlton Palmer; Des Walker is the source of his nickname and the permanent smile and friendly, easy-going nature are reminiscent of Dwight Yorke, but you get the feeling that West Bromwich Albion supporters will soon be content that there's, 'only one Daniel Gabbidon'.

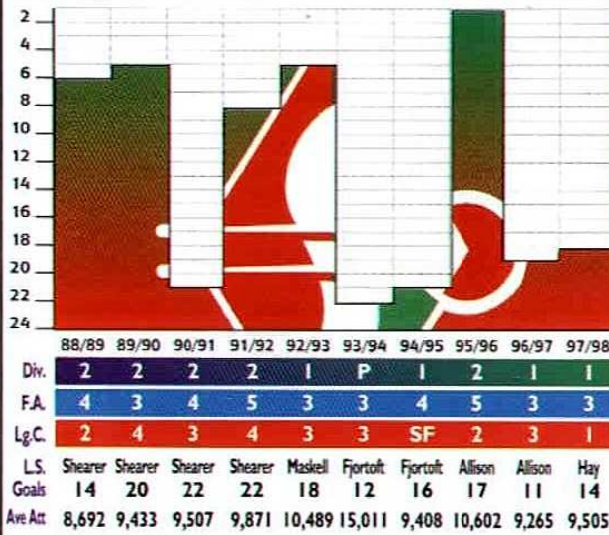




Daniel Gabbidon

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Swindon Town's last ten years - the full record



When Swindon have scored goals... and conceded them



ROBINS' ROGUES

Ballock...9	Kerlake...3	Taylor...2
Walters...9	Hall...2	Borrows...1
Leitch...7	Willis...2	Davis...1
Ndah...7	Davies...1	Hulbert...1
Reeves...6	Glass...1	Leitch...1
Davis...5	Howe...1	
Borrows...4	Taylor...1	
Hulbert...4	Miller...1	
O'Connor...4	Wright...1	
Robinson...4	Mckenzie...1	
Gooden...3	Thomson...1	

BAGGIES' BAD BOYS

Flynn...7	Sneekes...3	Flynn...1
Hughes...7	Holmes...1	
van Blerk...7	Kilbane...1	
Bortolazzi...5	Mardon...1	
Carbon...4	Whitehead...1	
Quinn...4	Strong...1	
Burgess...3	Wallace...1	
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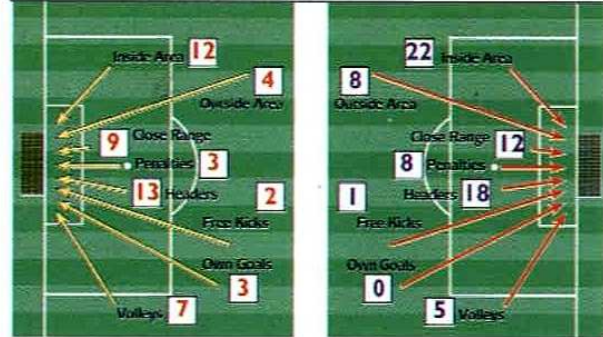
When The Baggies have scored goals... and conceded them



Who's played for The Robins this season...

Player	Pos	Lge Apps	Lge Gls	Age	Ht	Weight	Prev. Club	Int.
Frank Talia	G	37		26	6'1"	13'06"	Blackburn	
Brian Borrows	D	36		38	5'10"	11'12"	Coventry	Eng B
Iffy Onuora	F	34(3)	17	31	6'0"	13'01"	Gillingham	
George Ndah	F	34(1)	9	24	6'1"	11'04"	Palace	
Gareth Hall	D	33(2)	1	30	5'8"	12'00"	Sunderland	Wales
Ty Gooden	M	32(2)	1	26	5'8"	12'06"	Wycombe	
Mark Walters	M	30(4)	10	34	5'9"	11'05"	Southampton	England
Scott Leitch	M	23(1)		29	5'10"	12'00"	Harts	
Alan Reeves	D	23(1)	2	29	6'0"	12'00"	Wimbledon	
Mark Robinson	D	22(3)		30	5'9"	12'04"	Newcastle	
Sol Davis	D	21(4)		19	5'7"	11'00"		
Darren Bullock	M	17(5)	1	30	5'9"	13'04"	Huddersfield	
Chris Hay	F	14(8)	6	24	6'0"	12'05"	Celtic	
Stephen Howe	M	14(3)	3	26	5'7"	10'06"	Forest	
Craig Taylor	D	14(3)		25	6'1"	12'03"	Exeter	
David Kerlake	D	12(2)		32	5'9"	12'04"	Ipswich	Eng U21
Adam Willis	D	11		22	6'1"	12'02"	Coventry	
Robin Hulbert	M	7(9)		19				Eng Yth
Kevin Watson	M	6(6)		25	5'9"	12'08"	Tottenham	
Neale Fenn	F	4		22	5'10"	12'08"	on loan from Spurs	Eire Yth
Jimmy Glass	G	3		25	6'1"	13'04"	Bournemouth	
Phillipe Cuervo	M	2(4)		29	5'11"	11'03"	St Etienne	
Steve Cowe	F	2(3)		24	5'7"	10'02"	Villa	
Lee Collins	M	2(2)		25	5'9"	11'02"	Albion	
Gareth Davies	D	3		25	6'1"	11'03"	Reading	Wales U21
Des Linton	D	2(1)		27	6'1"	13'10"	on loan from Peterborough	
Shayne Bradley	F	2		19	5'11"	13'02"	on loan from Southampton	
Charlie Griffin	F	(4)		19	6'3"	12'00"	Chippenham Town	
Sam Campagna	D	(1)		18	6'0"	12'00"	Kidderminster	
Fraser McHugh	M			17	5'11"			

How The Robins have scored goals... and conceded them

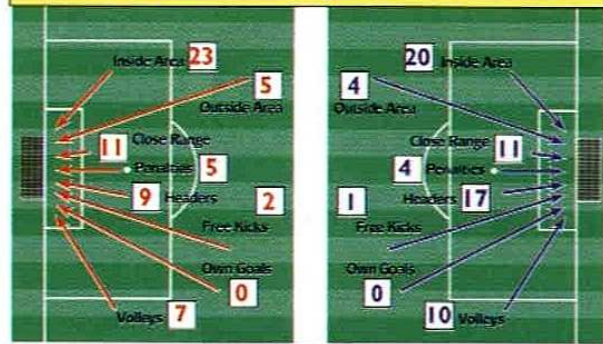


Baggies v Robins

Form Guide	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	Sequence
West Bromwich Albion	3						
Swindon Town	1	1	4	7	18	4	WLLLLD

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How West Brom have scored goals... and conceded them



Better...

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It's tough finding relevant, and exciting odds for Tuesday night games, due to the majority of the programme – including this page – going to print prior to the weekend games. We've even had to resort to thinking about the team that everyone loves to hate – Manchester United.

After the Red Devils 1-1 draw against Juventus, **United can now be backed at 11-4 to win the Champions League.** Favourites for the competition are now **Bayern Munich at 13-8** with **Juventus** now second favourites at 7-4. The best bet by a country mile looks to be the exciting Ukrainians, **Dynamo Kiev at 8-1.** Surely with Shevchenko and Rebrov in attack they've got a chance of victory in the return leg in southern Germany.

In a seamless Man Utd link to Lee Hughes, Dwight Yorke is now the man most likely to pass Hughesy in the **goalscoring charts.** Yorke currently has 26 goals to Hughesy's 31, with Marcus Stewart next on 24 and. William Hill will give you **5-1 on anyone overtaking Hughesy in all competitions before the end of the season.**

Talking of the end of the season, **Sunder-**

land may well be assured of Premiership status by the time you read this, Hills are one step ahead as usual and will already give you odds of **4-1 for them to come straight back down,** whilst **they are 10-1 to claim a European spot next term.** Local rivals **Blues are Evens to make an immediate return if promoted,** whilst **Wolves are 6-4 for the same bet.** Incidentally **Blues are 33-1 to get into Europe with Wolves at 25-1.**

Again looking at next season, the doomed **Nottingham Forest have already been installed as one of the favourites for the First Division title next year at 6-1 – Albion are 16-1** for the same wager.

Finally, how about this for a seasonal snifter? If you and your partner are planning a baby but are worried about the extortionate cost of nappies, why not invest on Hills **20-1 for your baby to be born on 'Millennium Day'** (the first day of the year 2000)!

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Three Horse Race

With 3 games left, it looks like a three horse race for the inaugural 'Better with the Baggies' Trophy. Stu Harpem scored a solid two points after a shocking run of form that corresponded with his incarceration at the Betty Ford Clinic. The coaching staff keep their noses in front but unfortunately it looks to be all over for the players, whilst the office staff have to hit a couple of maximums to get back in contention. With only four First Division games tonight, Bournemouth and Walsall become our first Division Two prediction of the season tonight.



Stuart Curtis, Corporate Sales Executive – Office Staff

Grimsby Town 2 Queens Park Rangers 1

"Grimsby will shade this typical end of season mundane, meaningless match."



Brian Quailey – Playing Staff

Bolton Wanderers 2 Bristol City 1

"Bristol City are desperate for the points but out of form Bolton will still be too good for them."



Bobby Hope, Youth Development Officer – Coaching Staff

Bury 0 Sunderland 2

"Bury play it tight at home, but as has been the case with most sides in this division, Sunderland are just too strong for them."



Carl Scott, Quarry Bank – Baggies Fan

Port Vale 1 Bradford City 2

"Port Vale put up a Valiant fight but head further towards relegation as Bradford close in on the Premiership."



Stu Harpem, Tipster – Editorial Staff

Bournemouth 2 Walsall 1

"I fear that the excitable Saddlers are destined for play-off heartache. Never mind, it was good while it lasted."

Crewe Predictions

1998/99 Tally

Maureen Brookes P'dicted
Sheff United 0 Wolves 2
Actual Score
Sheff United 1 Wolves 1
Points 0

18

Michael Garrity Predicted
Blues 3 Watford 1
Actual Score
Blues 1 Watford 2
Points 0

14

Richard O'Kelly Predicted
Palace 1 Sunderland 2
Actual Score
Palace 1 Sunderland 1
Points 0

24

Mark Willetts P'dicted
Grimsby 2 Norwich 1
Actual Score
Grimsby 0 Norwich 1
Points 0

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Stu Harpem Predicted
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Actual Score
Ipswich 3 QPR 1
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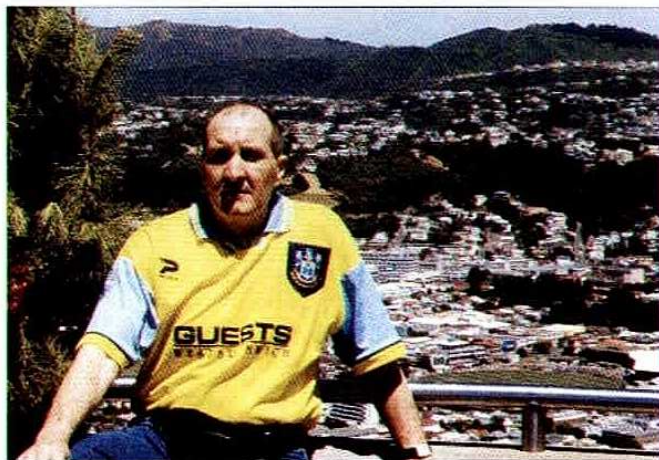
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Wellington Beaut



Rob Whitehouse spent the Christmas and New Year touring New Zealand and sent us a couple of snaps from his Antipodean adventure.

In the first pic, Rob is relaxing with the beautiful backdrop of Basin Reserve, Wellington, where New Zealand and India were engaged in a Test Match.



In the second, we see Rob at the Albatross Centre, Dunedin. Rob tells us that WBA are well known across New Zealand, but In The Blood suspects Wolves aren't so popular in a country so dominated by sheep.



Wills It Ever Happy Again?



Regular, valued contributors, Terry and Dot Wills, recently sent us these two snaps; one taken when Albion last won the Cup in 1968, the other when the Cup was 'on tour' at Moor Green before Christmas.



Terry says he hopes it won't be another 30 years before Baggies fans get the chance of holding the most famous trophy in football again.

In The Blood is sure that if it is another 30 years, the well preserved pair will still be going strong and be first in the queue to make it a unique hat-trick of snaps.

Weaver West Bromwich Albion Winner

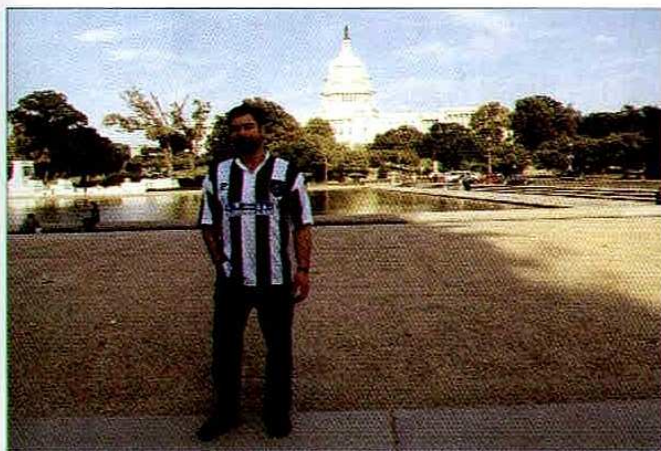


Stewart Weaver is a resident at St. Anthony's Cheshire Home, Penn, and, despite living on the Old Gold side of the Black Country, he has been a lifelong Baggies fanatic.

Stewart, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy, is currently undertaking a project at Bilston Community College on, you've guessed it, WBAFC and this super picture of his good self surrounded by some of his Baggies paraphernalia is one of the excellent photographs included in his college work.

Good work Stu. In The Blood hopes you'll be able to slip on one of those shirts and parade through the streets of Wolverhampton a week on Sunday, after another stunning Black Country derby victory against the old enemy!

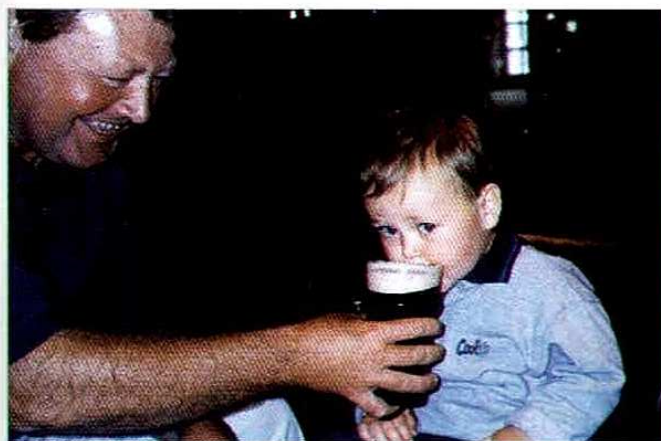
Aston Thriller



Steve Aston spent a recent holiday in Virginia and was quick to sport the Albion shirt and persuade his wife, Marilyn, to take a snap of him in front of the Capitol Building, Washington D.C.

Steve, from Walsall, surely caused quite a stir in Washington, where all those Bullets and Red Skins fans must have been envious of the blue and white stripes. The Capitol Building looks mightily impressive, let's just hope Steve explained that in the Bull Ring and the Rotunda, he too lives in the shadow of elegant edifices, when he returns home.

Par For The Course



Young Billy McGovern looks a chip of the old block as he samples his first-ever mouthful of Guinness. Dad Peter is not only an Albion supporter but also The Belfry's golf professional, where he always proves a huge help with the Club's Annual Golf Day at the Ryder Cup Course.

Don't worry, Billy's Guinness intake was restricted to the merest mouthful, forcing dad to undertake the arduous task of downing the rest of the black stuff. Though we heard that he managed it OK!

Camera On Cameron



Cameron Kewley is just 6 weeks old in this colourful snap. The youngster is a third generation of Baggies exiled in North Wales, but he already looks thrilled to be wrapped up in the blue and white stripes.

His mum tells us that Cameron's dad and grandad are both Baggies fanatics and his first Christmas presents were the Baggies bib and an Albion kit, setting him on the road to a long and fruitful love affair with the Albion. We get the impression from the letter that Mum is perhaps not as enthusiastic about the Club as the men in the family. Never mind Mum, sometimes you have to accept that 'Dads know best'!

Pride Of Derby

Adrian Hayden is from the intriguingly named, Spondon, near Derby. Admirably, with no history of



the Albion in the Hayden family, Adrian eschewed the advances of Derby County's swanky new stadium and foreign legion and decided West Bromwich Albion were the team for him.

Good work Adrian, it's nice to see the blue and white stripes still prove the most magical colours across the whole Midland region.

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I've got a feeling that the Swindon fans are not going to get as wet tonight as we did at the County Ground in October, although there was talk of us removing the Smethwick End roof just to get our own back!



Dave Holloway

I don't think I've ever been so wet and uncomfortable in my life, although I do keep the Nationwide rain jacket (that Swindon gave us) in the boot of the car, just to remind me of that wonderful afternoon!

Anyway, only 2 more away matches to go, both of which are scheduled for Sunday afternoons. Let's hope we can maintain our 100% away record on the Sabbath this season, having won our only other match last September, 3-1 at Bristol City.

Bookings are currently being taken for both trips and don't forget that Wolves Kicks-off at 1pm and Tranmere 1.30pm!

And finally, don't forget to get your beach-wear ready for the annual end of season party, this year it's Tranmere. It's a pity it's not Swindon, as I could take my wet suit and goggles with me!

See you on the coaches,

Dave Holloway, Travel Organiser

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Ian Hendrie
Daniel Nicholls
Adam Wardley
Luke Finnigan

Corngreaves School
Grace Mary School
Great Bridge School
Jubilee Park School
St. Huberts School

The eventual winner was **Ian Hendrie** of **Grace Mary School** who won a fabulous trophy which was presented by David Price of West Bromwich Building Society.

Special thanks go to our goalkeepers for the day Peter Pawelczyk and Duncan McDonald and everyone who took part in this year's competition. Watch this space for details of next year's competition.



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Reserves &

Pontins League Division 1 Fixtures for 1998/1999

Wednesday 12th Aug	Port Vale	1-0
Wednesday 19th Aug	Grimsby Town	3-0
Wednesday 2nd Sept	W'ton Wanderers	0-5
Wednesday 16th Sept	Middlesbrough	5-2
Wednesday 23rd Sept	Bolton Wanderers	1-2
Wednesday 30th Sept	Oldham Athletic	0-2
Tuesday 6th Oct	Coventry City	1-1
Wednesday 14th Oct	Barnsley	0-0
Wednesday 28th Oct	Tranmere	1-3
Tuesday 17th Nov	Manchester City	1-1
Wednesday 25th Nov	Burnley	2-2
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Sheffield Wed	0-0
Wednesday 9th Dec	Port Vale	1-2
Tuesday 15th Dec	Grimsby Town	2-2
Monday 4th Jan	W'ton Wanderers	3-0
Thursday 14th Jan	Man City	2-3
Wednesday 3rd Feb	Middlesbrough	2-2
Wednesday 17th Feb	Bolton Wanderers	2-3
Wednesday 3rd Mar	Coventry City	1-0
Wednesday 31st Mar	Tranmere Rovers	0-3
Tuesday 6th April	Barnsley	2-1
Thursday 15th Apr	Manchester City	H
Monday 19th Apr	Oldham Athletic	A
Wednesday 21st April	Burnley	H
Tuesday 27th Apr	Sheffield Wed	A

Home games played at either The Hawthorns or Halesowen Town.

Admission: Adults £3 Concessions: £2

Reserve team fixtures are FREE to Season Ticket Holders and Junior Baggies.

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(as at Mar 17)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coventry City	19	9	6	4	20	12	33
Oldham	19	10	2	7	26	23	32
Sheff Wednesday	20	7	7	6	24	20	28
Middlesbrough	18	8	4	6	32	30	28
Port Vale	19	8	3	8	21	23	27
Manchester City	17	7	5	5	36	26	26
Wolves	19	8	2	9	32	33	26
Tranmere	19	8	1	10	33	27	25
WBA	18	6	7	5	28	23	25
Bolton	20	7	3	10	21	30	24
Barnsley	19	5	8	6	19	25	23
Burnley	18	6	5	7	15	22	23
Grimsby	19	4	5	10	15	28	17

On Wednesday March 31, the reserves entertained an experienced Tranmere Rovers side and after holding them in the first-half, our young side eventually went down to a 3-0 defeat.

Our last reserve team match had been way back on March 3, and it was good to get back into action although the circumstances in which we played the game weren't ideal.

Four experienced players, who could expect to have been involved, were suspended and three young players who have done well for the reserves recently – Adam Oliver and the Chambers twins – were off with the England Under-20 squad, prior to travelling out to Nigeria.

Of course this kind of situation gives opportunities to others and on this occasion the reserve team was bolstered by a number of players from the First Year YT Ranks. We even fielded Ross Adams a 16 year-old Schoolboy who will not join the WBA Youth Trainee scheme until next season.

In the first half I thought the young team performed superbly. Dean Joynson showed some lovely creative touches in the middle of the park and young Ross Adams marked himself out as an outstanding prospect with an eye-catching performance at centre-half. Anthony Watson can also be pleased with his performance at the back and Mosiah Blake will have learned a lot from playing in an unaccustomed left-back role.

At half-time the game remained goal-less and I was delighted with how the young team – marshaled by some more experienced players, notably Jason van Blerk playing in midfield – were coping with playing more experienced opposition.

Unfortunately, in the second-half we ran out of steam a little and conceded three goals. In a game like this however the result isn't all important.

The overall performances of the young players proved a major plus and I'd also like to highlight Dean Joynson's contribution to the match. Dean has not been taken on by West Bromwich Albion after his two years as a Youth Trainee, but that doesn't mean to say he's not talented and he showed this with another clever, creative performance for the reserves.



Dean Joynson:
creative display



Jason van Blerk:
steadying influence

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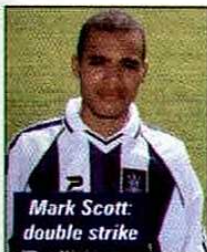
On Saturday, April 3, we travelled to Scunthorpe to play a Merit League Premier Division fixture and played in a game that in many ways I wished we had not been involved in. Nevertheless it was good to return west with a 2-1 victory under our belts.

The reason I say we'd rather not have played was the attitude of the Scunthorpe team towards the match. They turned the game into what seemed like a Sunday Pub League fixture with their over aggressive play and unfortunately in the first-half our young left-back was stretchered off and Ross Adams suffered a nasty gash to the head. Our side was mainly comprised of Under 16's and First Year YT's and their lads looked considerably older than us and they did their best to try and bully us during the entire contest.

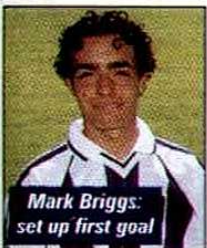
At half-time the score remained 0-0 and we started the second-half expecting another physical ordeal. Ross Adams remained on the pitch with his head heavily bandaged, in a normal game I would probably have substituted him, but Scunthorpe's approach made me think that we were likely to have other players stretchered off during the course of the half, and we'd need all the subs we had.

We deservedly went ahead in the second-half after some superb work from Mark Briggs and Ashley Pulisciano which allowed Mark Scott to put us into the lead, but Scunthorpe drew level when we failed to provide adequate cover at the back and left the goal at their mercy.

At this stage I thought we needed some fresh legs up-front and Josh Perry joined the fray. Josh will be one of our First Year YT's next year and he could make a big impact on this performance. His strong and aggressive running changed the course of the game and our overall superiority was rewarded with a winner when Mark Scott grabbed his second.



Mark Scott:
double strike



Mark Briggs:
set up first goal

Overall I was just relieved that the lads finished the game in one piece. I must admit, I was so disappointed with Scunthorpe's approach that it prayed on my mind for the rest of the weekend. I would go so far as to say that if English Youth football degenerates into what the opposition had to offer at Scunthorpe, I see little hope for the game.

Finally a quick word of praise for Josh Perry for his performance in an U-16 game against Boldmere St. Michaels. Josh grabbed a superb hat-trick in our victory.

Richard O'Kelly.

Football League Youth Alliance Midland Division '98/99

Saturday 15th Aug	Mansfield Town	1-0
Saturday 22nd Aug	Stoke City	3-0
Saturday 29th Aug	W'ton Wanderers	1-1
Saturday 12th Sept	Shrewsbury Town	1-2
Saturday 19th Sept	Chesterfield	1-1
Wednesday 23rd Sept	Hereford (Midland YC)	4-1
Saturday 26th Sept	Birmingham City	2-0
Tuesday 29th Sept	Brist. Rovers (SJFC)	0-1
Saturday 3rd Oct	Walsall	3-1
Saturday 10th Oct	Port Vale	1-1
Saturday 17th Oct	Northampton Town	1-2
Saturday 31st Oct	Notts. County	0-2
Tuesday 10th Nov	Stoke City (Midland YC)	2-0
Saturday 14th Nov	Mansfield Town	2-1
Saturday 21st Nov	W'ton Wanderers	0-0
Saturday 28th Nov	Shrewsbury Town	1-0
Saturday 5th Dec	Walsall	2-3
Saturday 12th Dec	Lincoln City	1-2
Saturday 19th Dec	Port Vale	3-1
Wednesday 6th Jan	Nott'm Forest FA YC)	1-1
Saturday 16th Jan	Stoke City	5-3
Wednesday 20th Jan	Nott'm Forest FA YCR)	1-2
Saturday 23rd Jan	Notts. County	4-0
Tuesday 26th Jan	Northampton	2-2
Saturday 30th Jan	Birmingham City	1-0
Tuesday 9th Feb	Lincoln City	0-0
Saturday 13th Feb	Chesterfield	1-0

Merit League Premier Division

Saturday 27th Feb	Wolves	2-2
Saturday 6th Mar	Preston North End	1-0
Saturday 20th Mar	Stockport County	2-2
Saturday 27th Mar	Rotherham United	1-4
Saturday 3rd Apr	Scunthorpe United	2-1
Saturday 10th Apr	Bury	H
Saturday 24th Apr	Walsall	A
Saturday 1st May	Sheffield United	A

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Youth Alliance Merit League - Premier Division

(as at March 22)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	4	2	2	0	11	5	8
Sheff. Utd	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
WBA	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Walsall	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Rotherham Utd	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Scunthorpe Utd	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Bury	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Stockport County	4	0	1	3	5	11	1
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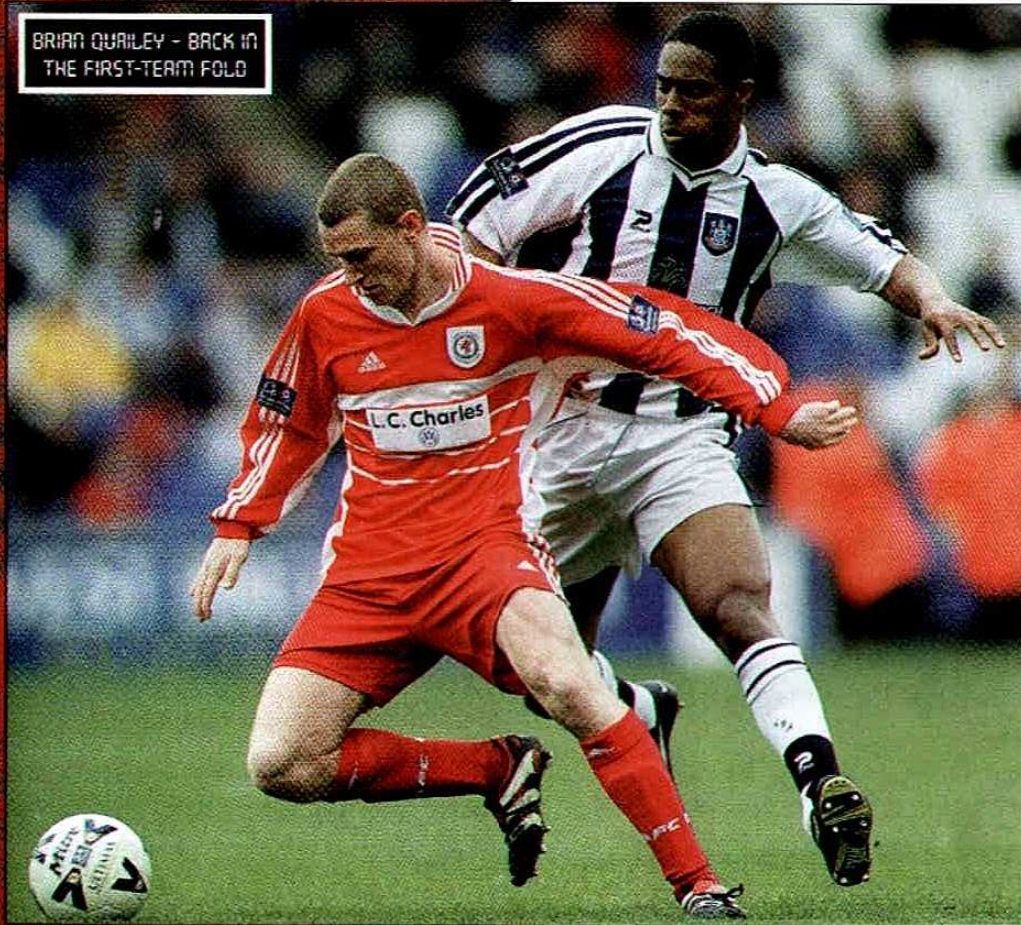


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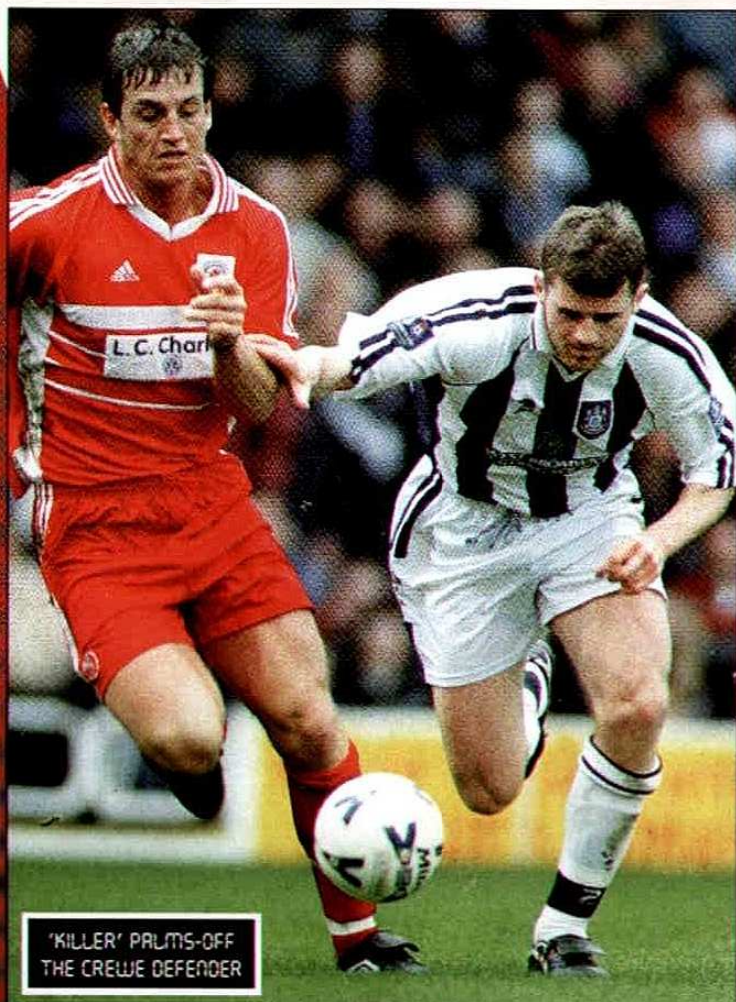
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Our next game here at The Hawthorns is in just four days time against Portsmouth, another side who are probably just about safe from the prospect of relegation to Division Two.

Like so many teams away from the Premiership promised land, Portsmouth FC has been rocked in recent times by desperate financial problems, that caused intense feeling from the south coast fans to former Chairman Martin Gregory and his Board.

Now the administrators are running Pompey and their job of stripping away all unnecessary costs appears to be being conducted with ruthless efficiency. The well documented removal of Alan Ball's Club car, may conjure up amusing images of Bally in the bus queue with the school kids, but the situation was a telling indicator of just how the purse-strings have been drawn at Fratton Park.

It's all a far cry from the halcyon days after the war when Pompey won the Division One title in 1949 and '50 with Jimmy Dickinson pulling the strings. But Pompey have also seen recent success. In 1987 they joined Division One, thanks to the goals of the portly Mick Quinn, but their time at the top lasted for the shortest possible period and they returned to Division Two where they have remained ever since.



**Former Saddler
Jeff Peron**

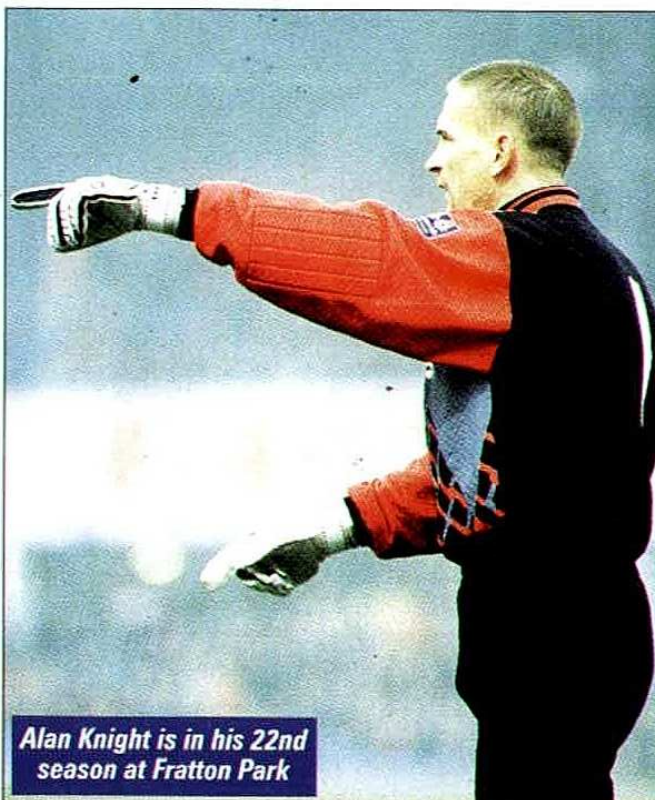


**Veteran Midfielder
Alan McLoughlin**

Last season Portsmouth flirted with the drop to Division Two, finishing just one point above Manchester City in 20th place and with the problems behind the scenes already apparent, this season wasn't viewed with a great deal of optimism by the fans. In many ways supporters' concerns have been justified as Pompey have rarely ventured into mid-table, never mind challenging for the play-offs. However, with the Club in such obvious turmoil, keeping their Division One status this term is perhaps as much as they could have wished for, and the Club can be thankful to the heart-on-sleeve attitude of Alan Ball, that imbues remarkable loyalty and character into his players.

Pompey's recent form has been poor. Prior to Saturday's game at Bradford they'd taken just two points from the previous five games, losing their last three; at Wolves and at home to Barnsley and Bristol City. The talent at Ball's disposal is, in the most part, of veteran status. Andy Awford, Jeff Peron, Fitzroy Simpson, Alan McLoughlin, John Durnin, Steve Claridge and Alan Knight – who was between Pompey's sticks when Marie Rose was still seaworthy – all provide the kind of invaluable experience that enables a team to keep its head above water in this division.

Of course, not all Portsmouth's players are the wrong side of 30. Sammy Igoe is a young midfielder consistently linked with Premiership Clubs and former 'Scummer' (Southampton player!) Matthew Robinson has settled in at full-back, but perhaps the most exciting talent to come out of Fratton Park since Darren Anderton is 18 year-old winger Luke Nightingale, who will have to be watched carefully by the Baggies defence, especially as he scored both goals against us at Fratton Park back in November.



**Alan Knight is in his 22nd
season at Fratton Park**

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The Smethwick End has been designated as an area for people wishing to support Jamaica but please feel free to purchase tickets in any stand, as we are sure the atmosphere will be great.

Albion Stat

Date/Opponents	F-A	Attn	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AUGUST										
Sat 8 Barnsley	2-2	18,114	-	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Tue 11 Brentford (WC 1/1)	2-1	8,460	-	Crichton	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 15 Sheff Utd	4-1	16,901	5	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Tue 19 Brentford (WC 1/2)	0-3	4,784	-	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 22 Port Vale	3-0	8,146	5	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 29 Norwich	2-0	17,401	3	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Mon 31 Grimsby	1-5	7,931	4	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
SEPTEMBER										
Tue 8 Bolton	2-3	15,789	7	Miller	Mardon	van Blerk	Flynn	Raven	Carbon	Quinn
Sun 13 Bristol City	3-1	13,761	6	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Raven	Carbon	Quinn
Sun 20 Bradford	0-2	12,426	9	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Raven	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 26 Stockport	2-2	8,804	9	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Raven	Mardon	Quinn
Tue 29 Oxford	0-3	7,437	11	Miller	McDermott	Carbon	Bortolazzi	Raven	Mardon	Quinn
OCTOBER										
Sun 4 Watford	4-1	11,840	9	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sun 18 Sunderland	2-3	14,746	11	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Wed 21 QPR	2-0	11,842	9	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 24 Swindon	2-2	8,967	9	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 31 Ipswich	0-2	15,568	11	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
NOVEMBER										
Tue 3 Crystal Palace	3-2	11,606	8	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 7 Birmingham	1-3	19,472	11	Miller	McDermott	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 14 Huddersfield	3-1	13,626	10	Miller	Holmes	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 21 Portsmouth	1-2	11,144	11	Miller	Holmes	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sun 29 Wolves	2-0	22,682	10	Miller	Holmes	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
DECEMBER										
Sat 5 Bury	0-2	5,007	12	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Tue 8 Crewe	1-1	5,007	12	Whitehead	Holmes	van Blerk	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 12 Huddersfield	3-0	11,947	9	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Flynn	Murphy	Mardon	Maresca
Sat 19 Tranmere	0-2	13,966	10	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Flynn	Murphy	Mardon	Maresca
Sat 26 Port Vale	3-2	14,969	10	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Carbon	Maresca
Mon 28 Crystal Palace	1-1	19,137	10	Whitehead	Mardon	Potter	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Carbon	Maresca
JANUARY										
Sat 2 AFC Bournemouth	0-1	10,881	-	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Carbon	Maresca
Sat 9 Barnsley	2-0	15,029	9	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Carbon	Maresca
Sat 16 Norwich	1-1	15,411	8	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 23 Watford	2-0	11,664	8	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 30 Grimsby	1-1	17,843	8	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
FEBRUARY										
Sat 6 Sheff Utd	0-3	16,566	8	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Bortolazzi	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 13 Bolton	1-2	20,657	9	Whitehead	Holmes	Potter	Flynn	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 20 Bristol City	2-2	16,490	9	Whitehead	Holmes	van Blerk	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Raven	Quinn
Sat 27 Bradford	0-1	14,278	9	Whitehead	Holmes	van Blerk	Bortolazzi	Murphy	Burgess	Angel
MARCH										
Tue 2 Stockport	3-1	11,801	7	Whitehead	McDermott	Potter	Flynn	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 6 Oxford (FA Cup 6)	2-0	13,875	6	Whitehead	McDermott	Potter	Flynn	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 13 Birmingham	0-4	29,060	8	Whitehead	McDermott	Potter	Flynn	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Sat 20 Ipswich	0-1	15,489	10	Whitehead	Gabbidon	Potter	Flynn	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
APRIL										
Sat 3 Sunderland	0-3	41,135	11	Whitehead	Gabbidon	Potter	van Blerk	Murphy	Carbon	Quinn
Mon 5 Crewe	1-5	12,308	11	Whitehead	Holmes	van Blerk	Bortolazzi	Burgess	Carbon	Maresca
Sat 10 QPR (FA Cup S/F)	1-2	11,158	12	Whitehead	McDermott	van Blerk	Murphy	Burgess	Carbon	Quinn
Tue 13 Swindon										
Sat 17 Portsmouth										
Sun 25 Wolves										
MAY										
Sat 1 Bury										
Sun 9 Tranmere										
Sat 22 FA Cup Final										

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Statistics

98/99

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SneekesⓁ	Evans	Hughes	Kilbane	Quailey	Burgess	Angel
Sneekes	EvansⓁ	HughesⓁ	Kilbane▲	Angel◆	Burgess■	Oliver▲
Sneekes	Evans	HughesⓁ	KilbaneⓁ	Angel	Burgess	Bortolazzi◆
Sneekes	Evans▲	Hughes	Kilbane	Quailey▲■	Burgess	Potter■
Sneekes	Bortolazzi	HughesⓁ▲	Kilbane	De Freitas▲	Burgess	Angel
Sneekes	Evans▲	Hughes	Kilbane	De Freitas▲Ⓛ	Burgess	Bortolazzi
SneekesⓁ	Evans■	Hughes◆	Angel	De Freitas◆	Burgess▲	Bortolazzi■
Sneekes	Evans■	Hughes	KilbaneⓁ	De Freitas■	Murphy	Bortolazzi
Sneekes	De Freitas■	HughesⓁ▲	Kilbane	Angel	Mardon▲	Bortolazzi■
Sneekes	De Freitas■	Hughes	Kilbane	Angel■	Mardon▲	Maresca◆
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Bortolazzi	De Freitas■	Hughes	Kilbane	Evans■Ⓛ	Sneekes	Mardon
Bortolazzi◆	Evans■	HughesⓁ	Kilbane	Angel■	Maresca	Mardon
Bortolazzi	Evans■	Hughes	Kilbane	De Freitas■	Maresca◆	Mardon
Bortolazzi	Evans▲	HughesⓁ1P	Kilbane	De Freitas▲	Maresca◆	Mardon■
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Bortolazzi	De Freitas■	HughesⓁ2P	Kilbane	Sneekes■	Angel◆	Mardon
Bortolazzi■	De Freitas	HughesⓁ	Kilbane▲	Sneekes▲	Angel■	Burgess◆
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Up to and including Sunday April 11th 1999

	Home					Away					Gls	Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Sunderland	41	18	2	1	48	9	9	2	32	15	80	92	
Ipswich	41	14	1	5	31	12	10	7	4	32	14	63	80
Bradford	41	15	3	3	46	17	9	4	7	27	23	73	79
Birmingham	41	10	7	3	30	14	10	5	6	31	19	61	72
Wolves	41	11	9	1	34	15	7	4	9	25	23	59	67
Bolton	40	11	5	4	40	24	6	9	5	29	30	69	65
Watford	41	10	8	3	27	18	7	5	8	30	34	57	64
Sheff Utd	41	10	6	5	37	28	5	6	9	26	32	63	57
Crystal Pal	42	11	9	1	41	23	3	6	12	14	37	55	57
Huddersfield	42	11	8	2	38	22	3	6	12	19	44	57	56
Norwich	41	6	10	4	28	23	7	5	9	24	30	52	54
West Brom	41	11	2	7	39	30	4	6	11	24	39	63	53
Grimsby	39	9	4	5	22	16	6	4	11	15	31	37	53
Barnsley	42	7	8	6	32	25	5	8	8	20	25	52	52
Stockport	41	7	8	6	22	18	5	8	7	24	30	46	52
Tranmere	42	7	6	8	33	28	4	12	5	24	28	57	51
QPR	40	8	7	6	27	19	3	4	12	18	33	45	44
Swindon	41	6	8	7	37	41	5	2	13	16	34	53	43
Portsmouth	42	9	5	7	31	23	1	8	12	20	42	51	43
Oxford Utd	42	6	8	7	24	26	3	5	13	17	40	41	40
Bury	41	7	7	6	19	21	1	9	11	11	32	30	40
Port Vale	40	8	2	9	17	25	3	4	14	22	45	39	39
Bristol City	40	6	8	7	33	34	2	6	11	19	37	52	38
Crewe	41	5	6	9	23	33	4	5	12	25	42	48	38

Facts And Figures - WBA 1998/99

Player	98/99 League		98/99 Cup		WBA 98/99		WBA Career	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Mark Angel	4(17)	1			8(10)	1	8(10)	1
Chris Adamson	25(7)	2			13(7)		139(15)	3
Mario Bortolazzi	9(4)				21		83	
Darryl Burgess	35(1)	2			29(7)	4	64(11)	7
Matt Carbon	21(2)	5			(1)		(1)	
Paul Critchton	12(2)	1			17(3)		23(8)	
Fabian De Freitas	12(2)	1			(2)		(7)	
Micky Evans	31(5)	2			40(1)	5	52(2)	7
Sean Flynn	2				6(1)		26(15)	19
Daniel Gabbidon	17				(1)		(1)	
Paul Holmes	37	30	3	1	31(5)	4	144(12)	29
Lee Hughes	38	5	3		26		32	
Kevin Kilbane	14				21		21	
Andy McDermott								

Half Time Quiz Answers
1c; 2d; 3c; 4f; 5i; 6j; 7h; 8a; 9b; 10g

West Bromwich Albion
[The Baggies]



1. Phil Whitehead	
2. Andy McDermott	
3. Jason van Blerk	
4. Shaun Murphy	
5. Daryl Burgess	
6. Matt Carbon	
7. Enzo Maresca	
8. Richard Sneekes	
9. Fabian de Freitas	
10. Brian Quailey	
11. Kevin Kilbane	
12.	•
13.	•
14.	•

Swindon Town
[The Robins]



1. Frank Talia	
2. Des Linton	
3. Gareth Davies	
4. Craig Taylor	
5. Gareth Hall	
6. Kevin Watson	
7. Bobby Howe	
8. George Ndah	
9. Iffy Onuora	
10. Shayne Bradley	
11. Ty Gooden	
12.	•
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14.	•

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Tonight's Mascots

One of tonight's Baggies Mascots has a quite unique name, here goes...

Cole Naylor Burgess Lilwall Bradley Mardon Raven Hunt Hamilton Taylor Donovan Smith



Strodder Webb Payne (we think Dad's probably an Albion fan!) is five years old and attends Glebefields School. Cole's favourite Baggies are Hughesy, 'Killer' and Richard Sneekes.



Roger Fildes is 11 years-old and attends St. Benedicts School. Roger enjoys football, cricket and fishing and his favourite players are also Hughesy and 'Killer'.



Tonight's Swindon Mascot is eight year-old Stuart Greener. Stuart is a keen footballer and top scorer for his local team! His favourite Swindon Town players are Ty Gooden, Kevin Watson and Iffy Onuora.

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