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Pictures Wanted

Albion Statistician Tony Matthews is compiling another book entitled 'Images of West Bromwich Albion: 1999-2000' and to be published by Tempus Books in the summer as part of The Hawthorns' Centennary.

He is seeking a few more pictures — which have not been featured in previous Baggies books some you may have taken with your own camera while travelling abroad, attending reserve team games or functions, etc.

If you have anything which

you feel could be used in the book, please contact Tony c/o the Club or on 01803 762 500.

Attendance Facts

Speaking of Tony M, he's furnished us with some stats on you the fans.

The average League attendance at The Hawthorns this season currently stands at 14,566 – the ninth best in the Nationwide League Division One.

The figure is only slightly down on last year's average of 14,585 but we still have some intriguing games to come including the visits of promotion-chasing Birmingham City, Charlton Athletic, Huddersfield Town and Ipswich Town, plus Crewe, Grimsby and, today, Swindon.

Albion's best average in recent years has been 16,662 in season 1997/98. There's no reason why we couldn't try to beat that though!

Well Done & Thanks Baggles

You may remember that before our last home game the bucket



Some of our young pros got a break from duties before Christmas to take part in a Carting Day

rattlers were out in force on behalf of Oxfam.

The charity have contacted us to say thank you to everyone who donated. All told they raised £253.23. Well done to everyone.

From A Fan

Whilst I appreciate that the last couple of months haven't been too great aboard the 'Good Ship Albion' I firmly believe that WE as supporters can play a big part in helping to change the Club's fortunes. As a supporter for some 25 years and a season ticket holder for about 20 of those. I've become increasingly disappointed by the lack of support coming from our beloved Birmingham Road End.

your help it will!

Under the guise of the 'Ultras' (derived from the fanatical groups of supporters in Italian football) I'm getting supporters together in a section of the Brummie Road that are prepared to do just that ...

SUPPORT THE TEAM! I want our lads to feel 'lifted' when they come out onto the pitch and hear the Brummie Road in full voice once again.

There are between 30 and 40 of us so far which is a good foothold, but I would really like to hit that magical 100 mark and then better it.

So, what do you say? Do you want to be amongst Baggies fans that really care enough to POSI-TIVELY get behind the team week in and week out?

Come on. Jump on board. Give me a ring and I'll tell you more. We could even meet up before games in some previously quiet pub to discuss all matters Albion.

Up for it? I don't watch through That has to change and with rose coloured spectacles and don't expect that of others. But I know the song doesn't lie:

ALBION 'TIL WE DIE.

Keep the faith. Get ringin' to get singin'

Darren Ward 0121 601 0193

David Davies

It is with great sadness we report the death of David Davies after a short illness at the age of 44.

He was a lifelong Albion supporter whose son Ben currently plays for WBA School of Excellence.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends, including his mates on the Brummie Road End

David S. Nicholis

It is with great regret that we report the death of lifelong Albion supporter David Nicholls who passed away on 11th January 2000 aged 55.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Judith, son Andrew and daughter Katherine.

Travel in Style

Star of Baggies TV and purveyor of the Black Country's finest lunches, Dave Holloway, has teamed up Baggies Travel with the Commercial Department to bring you the opportunity to enjoy top nosh, a private bar and luxury travel for our forthcoming trip to Blackburn Rovers.

Full details of this very reasonably priced executive day out appear on page 35 (Dave's regular hiding place).

If you just can't wait that long, ring Dave on 07887 928083 or buzz Stuart Curtis at the club on: 0121 525 4714.

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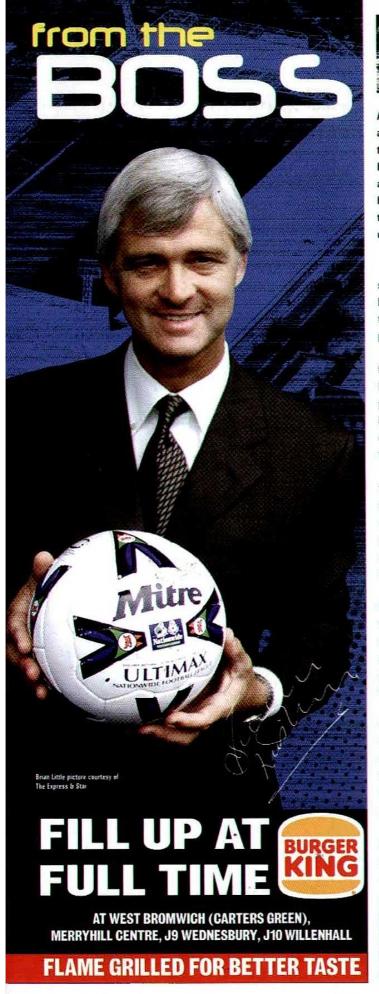
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A few weeks back we had quite a lengthy team meeting following the defeat at the hands of Barnsley. We had plenty to talk about as we faced a two week break from action and changes at the Club, as well as what faced us in the coming months.

One of the most pleasing things since we all sat down together has been the way we have focussed on the things which we tried to put into place at the start of the season.

In the two games which have followed Barnsley's visit to The Hawthorns, we have seen the players work extremely hard. The level of commitment has been outstanding. We now need to follow this up with a good victory.

I'm not papering over the cracks though. We've gone twelve games since our last win and we are very aware of this. What we are now aiming for is to put together a section where we go unbeaten, along with a few victories.

Our last two performances have been solid and there are certain things we can take from those games. Following up those kinds of performance with a win would be good for everyone connected with the Club.

Today we find ourselves against a Swindon side who, like ourselves, find themselves in the wrong half of the table. In such games, we need to maintain the commitment level which has been in evidence in our most recent League games.

In the period over Christmas and New Year we faced a lot of injuries and suspensions. It is important to point out that this is not meant as an excuse, especially as in the case of the suspensions we have to accept our share of the responsibility.

However, the unavailability of certain members of the squad has meant that younger, less experienced, players have been handed their chance.

Adam Oliver has figured along with Mark Angel and the Chambers twins. Chris Adamson has kept two consecutive clean sheets and Justin Richards came on as sub at Blackburn.

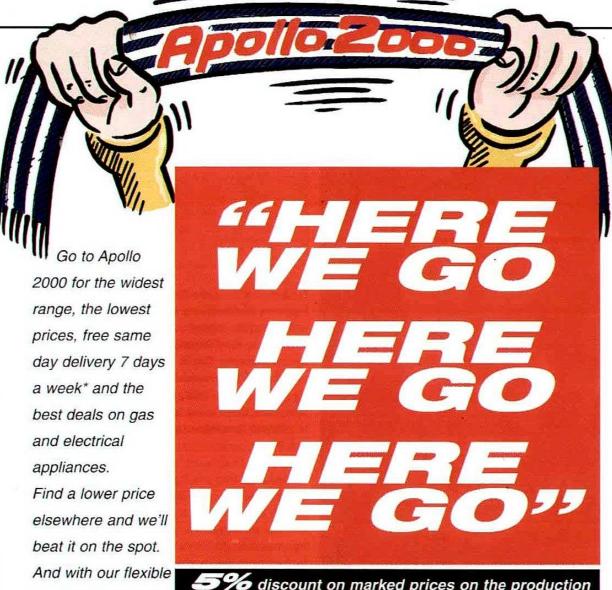
So lately we have seen a considerable number of youngsters in the side, remembering that Enzo Maresca and Daniel Gabbidon are still young. Despite having to come in in a difficult situation for the Club, these lads have played their part well. I am very encouraged by what I have seen from these players.

It has been brought to my attention that we face some stern challenges ahead in February and March from teams higher than us in the table. But in our current situation we have to concentrate on the next game rather than look too far ahead.

No game is easy, especially as we get closer to the end of the season. The teams near the top may play with more confidence, but those near the bottom really do fight. Regardless of where our opponents lie in the table, the hard work which comes to the fore when you are in the wrong half can be just as difficult to deal with.

At this stage of the season commitment starts to play a major part in games. We must ensure that we too display the determination so necessary to achieve our aims.





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Jimmy Quinn has a battle on his hands

SWINDON TOWN SWINDON TOWN

For Swindon Town, the Premier League is fast becoming a dim and distant memory. An astounding 4-3 Play-off win against Leicester City in 1993 took them to the promised land for just a single campaign. Since then, they have struggled to establish themselves in Division One.

Their drop from the Premier League was rapid. They passed through Division One, suffering successive relegations which took them down to Division Two a mere twelve months after they had been mixing it with the big boys.

Fortunately, though, the slide stopped there. At the first attempt they won the Division Two title and are now in their fourth campaign back with us.

Looking on the positive side, Swindon's League placings have been steadily improving. In 1997 they finished, nineteeth. A year later it was eighteenth and last season, seventeenth.

There is no doubt, though, that they want more. For much of their history they have hovered around the bottom two divisions, but that taste of the Premiership only makes clubs hungry for more. Swindon Town are no exception to this rule.

The Same Old Familiar Problem

The reason behind Swindon's fall from grace is that common ailment, lack of cash. There have been boardroom changes in the six years since the top flight beckoned, but they have been unable to compete with the big spenders.

When you look at it, teams which come up tend to struggle a bit unless they have the spending power of a Fulham or a Manchester City. Swindon don't and this has been reflected in their League position.

Mighty Quinn

Former Town player and fans favourite JIMMY QUINN has gathered a wealth of experience over his career playing at the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Leicester City, West Ham, managing Reading and picking up 48 caps for Northern Ireland. During his time as a player at Swindon he scored over a goal a game and went on to score 94 for Reading. He took over the hot seat from



Steve McMahon in October 1998 and is still playing occasionally.

Keepers

FRANK TALIA was spotted playing for Australia's Under 21 team and after trials with several English clubs, eventually signed for Blackburn Rovers in August 1992. He was brought in on loan at Swindon before signing in November 1995. He was back-up to Fraser Digby until he broke through with some terrific displays to earn him a regular place, and the No. 1 shirt. Frank has an infectious character with plenty to say both on and off the field.

STEVE MILDENHALL is one of Swindon's home grown talents. He's in his third year as a professional after coming through the Club's YTS system. Made two first team appearances in



Gareth Hall was a Bosman acquisition from Sunderland

1995/96, came off the bench to play as an outfield player in 1996/97 and made his full League debut between the posts for Swindon in October 1997. In this match he suffered a terrible groin injury but with no keeper on the bench, he bravely played on to earn the 'Man of the Match' award in front of the Sky cameras and put Swindon on top of the 1st Division for 24 hours.

At The Back

GARETH HALL signed from Sunderland under the Bosman ruling. Best known as a full-back. he's versatile enough to play anywhere across the back. Started his career at Chelsea where he flourished under ex-Swindon boss Glenn Hoddle. Moved to Sunderland in 1995 and was a regular in the Premiership for the Wearsiders. Capped nine times for Wales.

ALAN REEVES guit Wimbledon's "Crazy Gang" in search of first team football with Swindon. Tall central defender, who cost the Dons £300,000 from Rochdale five years ago when he was signed as a replacement for John Scales. Excellent header of the ball, 31-year-old Reeves can be an asset in attack on set pieces, scoring 2 goals in 24 appearances last season.

MARK ROBINSON started his career here at the Albion, joined Barnsley on a free in June 1986 and such was his form there that Newcastle snapped him up for He made the trip down the M4



Skipper Leitch

£450,000 in March 1993. After losing his place in the first team through injury, Swindon paid a Club record £600,000 for his services in July 1994 and he has been a regular and consistent performer ever since. Mark can play at full-back, central defence and also as a sweeper.

GARETH DAVIES was signed on a free transfer in March 1999,

from Reading and despite being a firm favourite with the fans, he did not figure in Tommy Burns' plans. Gareth is well known for his commitment and aggressive style, but the Town fans only caught glimpses of him in action due to several injuries wrecking the end of his campaign.

SOL DAVIS is a left-sided fullback who was offered his first pro contract in the summer of



Former Crazy Alan Reeves

1998 after a series of impressive performances in the reserves. Made his league debut as a substitute at home to QPR, shortly after his 18th birthday. First start in a Swindon shirt came six months later in the derby clash at Oxford United. Last season he established himself as reliable first team player making 23 appearances.

ANDY WILLIAMS moved from Southampton in October 1999 in a £65,000 deal after an impressive loan spell at the County Ground. Andy is an extremely versatile player and has featured in both wing-back positions though Andy admits he usually plays on the left wing. A regular Under21 international he made his debut coming on as substitute against Brazil in Sao Poalo's Maracana Stadium.

Centre Field

SCOTT LEICH, the former Dunfermline and Hearts midfielder, signed for Swindon in the summer of 1996 for a bargain price of £15,000. Enjoyed a successful loan spell at the County Ground during the Second Division Championship season and former manager Steve McMahon was quick to bring him in on a permanent basis. Scott was named 'Club Captain' by Jim Quinn in the close season after the retirement of Brian Borrows. He works hard in the Town's engine room, possesses a strong tackle and is capable of spreading the play.

Gifted young midfielder ROBIN HULBERT made his first team bow as a substitute against QPR in the Coca-Cola Cup tie at Loftus Road in September 1996. He gained Premiership experience on-loan with Newcastle Utd and showed much improvement last season. Six full starts last season gave him added experience and incentive. This season Robin will be looking to become a regular in Jimmy Quinn's side.

LEE COLLINS joined Swindon from Scottish Club Albion Rovers for £15,000 in November 1995. Lee was probably Swindon's most improved player in 1997-98. After being banned for seven games and told to clean up his act, he successfully channelled his aggression and energies into developing as a player and his



Bobby Howe rises high as he joins the attack from his midfield position



The County Ground

tough tackling remained, but with control.

Gifted Frenchman PHILIPPE CUERVO impressed during a trial period and was quickly signed on a three-year contract from Sochaux. He has not had the best of luck with injuries and missed all but two games of last season due to a broken ankle.

BOBBY HOWE is an attacking midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 1998 from Nottingham Forest, where his first team opportunities had dried up. He made 17 appearances for Forest and has had loan spells at Kettering and Ipswich Town.

Striking Out

CHRIS HAY is a pacy young striker drafted in from Scottish giants Celtic for £330,000. He quickly made a good impression scoring 13 goals in 18 appearances before Christmas 1997. A number of niggling injuries hampered his last campaign but he is raring to go this season. He still managed to notch six goals in 18 starts last season.

GIUILIANO GRAZIOLI was signed by manager Jimmy Quinn in June 1999 on a free transfer from his former club Peterborough United. Giuliano's last visit to the County Ground was in 1997 with Stevenage Town in the

FA Cup 3rd round. His winning goal dumped Swindon out and handed Stevenage a money making 4th round tie against Newcastle Utd. He scored 15 goals last season for Peterborough and Jimmy Quinn is certain that his former strike partner will continue his good form with Swindon. However, a broken foot sustained in October has seen him sidelined for some time.

Like manager Jimmy Quinn, CHARLIE GRIFFIN started his career in non-league football. He was signed for £10,000 from Chippenham Town where he was top scorer in the Screwfix League with 30 goals. At nineteen years old he is a prospect for the future and the coaching staff believe that with a handful of reserve games under his belt he will be ready to step into first team football. His first start in the first team came in the final game of last season against Barnsley, where the dream start occurred when he opened his account after only seven minutes.

STEVEN COWE will be a familiar name to Brian Little having been with the Albion boss at Villa Park. Having risen through the Witton ranks Steven moved to the County Ground for £100,000 in March 1996 having found competition tough in the Premier.

ENZO MARESCA V SCOTT LEITCH

There's much work to do for both sides in today's big Hawthorns clash.

Rock bottom Swindon are reportedly losing £30,000 a week and have had to sell several of their star names just to survive. They haven't won for 14 games and in their last match were trounced 4-2 by Grystal Palace. Staying up has become a massive challenge for Jimmy Quinn. It's a similar story for the Baggies so neither side will want a slip up this afternoon.



Two of the stars of the show go head-to-head in midfield, where £5million-rated Italian Enzo Maresca squares up to highly-rated Swindon skipper Scott Leitch, who now finally seems to be over his injury nightmare as he runs the show in the centre of the park at the County Ground. Both players have been a bit wayward with their shooting, with plenty of shots missing the target, but the Baggie has scored three times, including a 35-yard belter against Palace which will live long in the memory of the travelling fans that night.

He's also set up three goals with his scheming passing and crossing, and as one of West Brom's regular corner takers, he has swung in 87 centres this season, finding a team-mate with a well-above-average 34 per cent of them.

Maresca has also been difficult to dispossess when running with the ball. He's successfully completed three-quarters of his 75 dribbles and helped out in defence with 18 clearances and 20 interceptions.

One area where he may be disappointed is discipline. He's picked up too many bookings, six already this season to Leitch's two, but in fairness he has played a lot more football than his Robins opponent.

	MARESCA	LEITCH	
MINUTES ON PITCH	1802	980	
GOAL ATTEMPTS			
Goals	3	0	
Shots on Target (incl. goals)	18	1	
Shots off Target	25	6	
Blocked Shots	19	2	
PASSING			
Goal Assists	3	0	
Total Passes	845	368	
Pass Completion %	68	69	
CROSSING	1.3449		
Total Crosses	87	7	
Cross Completion %	34	14	
DRIBBLING			
Dribbles & Runs	75	5	
Dribbling Completion %	75	100	
DEFENDING			
Tackles Made	43	30	
Tackles Won %	47	50	
Blocks	8	3	
Clearances	18	10	
Interceptions	20	0	
DISCIPLINE			
Fouls	26	16	
Offside	4	0	
Yellow Cards	6	2	
Red Cards	0	0	





Throstles V Robins

by Tony Matthews (Albion Statistician)

Albion's League record against Swindon Town reads:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	9	3	2	4	13	14
Away	10	3	3	4	11	12
Totals	19	6	5	8	24	26

- As you can see the Robins have had the better of the changes here at The Hawthorns and in fact have remained unbeaten on Albion soil since 1991.
- In March 1995, with both teams battling against relegation, Swindon came to The Hawthorns and whipped Albion 5-2 with Peter Thorne, now of Stoke City, grabbing a second-half hat-trick. Come the season's end, Albion stayed but Swindon went down.
- Albion were awarded three penalties in six second-half minutes of their home League game with Swindon in December 1989. Bernard McNally and Graham Harvbey both missed their spot-kicks but Don Goodman scored. However, the Robins still won 2-1!
- Albion's left-winger Willie Johnston was sent-off in the first league meeting between the two clubs at Swindon in September 1973 (Division 2). The Robins, fielding ex-Baggies centre-forward Ray Treacy, won the contest 1-0.
- Albion debutants v. Swindon Town: David Powell (1988), Stacey North (also in 1988) and the evergreen Tony Ford (1989).
- Players who have served with both clubs include: Jimmy Cookson, Peter Eastoe, Phil King, Mark Robinson, Hugh MacLean, Jimmy Murphy, Kieran O'Regan, Ron Potter, Bill Richardson and Ray Treacy, while Swindon's Australian goalkeeper Frank Talia was a trialist at Albion earlier in his career.
- Ossie Ardiles managed both Albion and Swindon and two other ex-Albion bosses, Keith Burkinshaw and Jack Smith were also associated with Swindon Town. John Gorman has also been attached to both clubs.



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Albion notched up the first point of the new millennium thanks to a goalless draw with Vale at the Hawthorns. Due to suspensions to both Raven and Sigurdsson, Man of the Match James Chambers made his debut at the back, whilst his twin brother Adam, who has yet to make his debut, was on the bench.

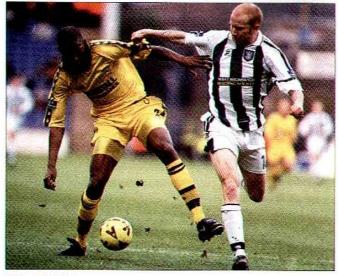
Chris Adamson, making only his third appearance of the season, twice saved Albion with brilliant saves, and in doing so kept his first clean sheet for the club.

At the other end Lee Hughes had by far our best chance to break the stalemate, but he shot straight at opposing 'keeper Paul Musselwhite.

MATCH STATS	WBA	Vale
Shots on target	5	7
Shots off target	11	6
Corners won	7	3
Free kicks won	4	8
Caught offside	2	6
Bookings	0	0
Sent off	0	0
Attendance	10,831	



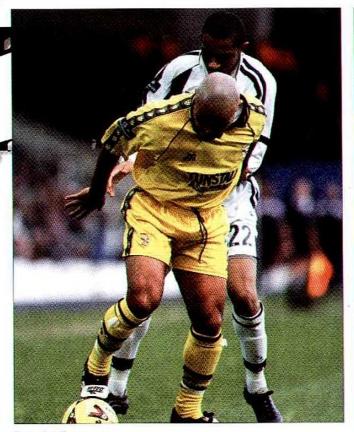
The Vale defender could only stand back and admire the skill



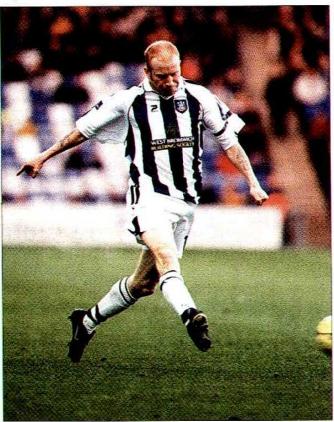
Didn't work this time



Time for some chasing back



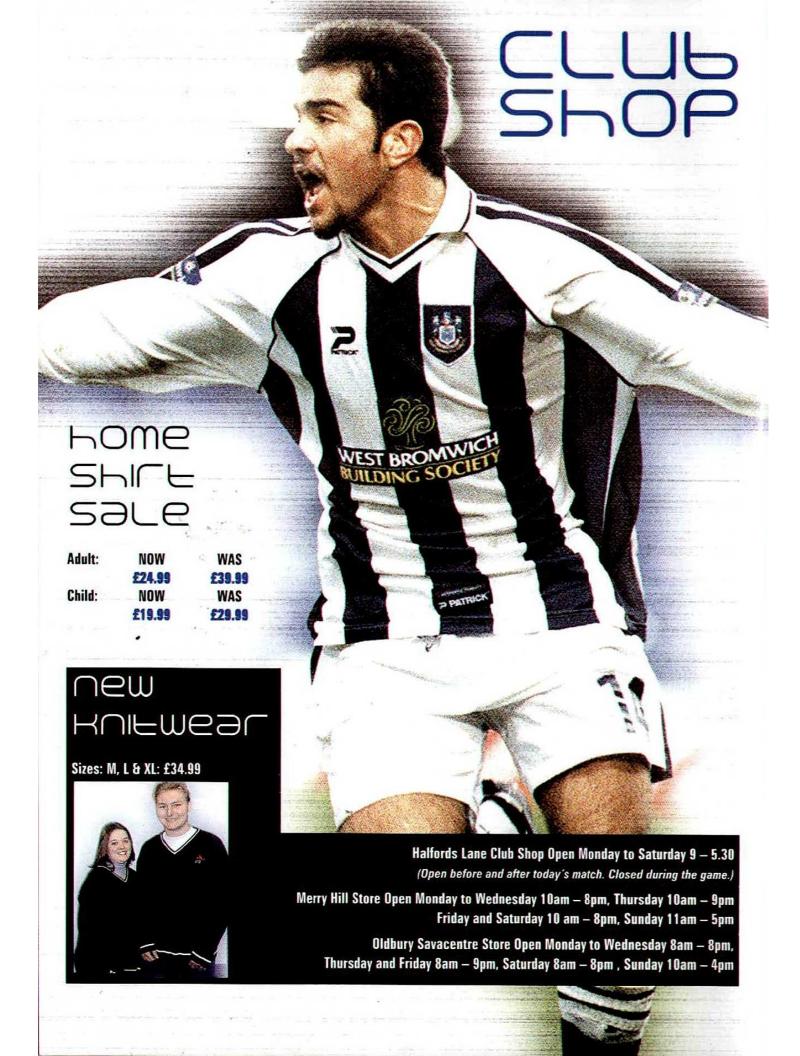
No way through



Lee's shot was too quick for the photographer



Hughesy does what he does best, but to no avail





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Paul Raven Testimonial

There will be a GOALKEEPERS NIGHT in aid of Paul's Testimonial held on Thursday 3rd February at the Throstle Club in Halfords Lane, commencing at 8pm. Guests to hopefully include Alan Miller, Stuart Naylor, Tony Godden, Mark Grew and Jimmy Sanders. Cost will be £2 on the door, so come along and support the final instalment of these popular forums. For further information contact Alan Cleverley on: 0121 551 6439

Warwick Branch

The Warwick Branch will be holding a Race Night in aid of the Paul Raven Testimonial on Monday 7th February (7.30pm) It takes place at the Nelson Club in Charles Street and several first team players will be in attendance. More information from Jane Connolly on: 01203 368 472

Manchester Branch

The Manchester Branch will be holding their next meeting at 8pm on Thursday 10th February at Britons' Protection, Great Bridgewater Street in Central Manchester. The special quest will be Chief Executive John Wile. A buffet will be provided. For further information contact Martin Dunn on: 01204 412386

Kidderminster Branch

The next get together of the Kiddy Branch will take place on Monday 21st February at Kidderminster Cricket Club on Chester Road North at 8pm. The special guests will be Lee Hughes and Paul Mardon. Members only, but you can join on the night.

East Birmingham Branch

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st February at The Stirrup Cup, Horrell Road, Sheldon. Kicking off at 8pm, the special guest will be Tony Brown. All welcome.

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Good afternoon ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys and welcome to today's fixture against Swindon Town.

I would like to welcome Club Sponsors, West Bromwich Building Society, who are also sponsoring today's match. A special hello is extended to Chief Executive Andrew Messenger, members of the board and General Manager Tony Dubberley.

I would also like to welcome today's Matchball Sponsors, Geoff Owen and guests from Clubcall. I hope you all enjoy your day at The Hawthorns.



Supporters' Support

Our Match Sponsors for the recent game with Blackburn Rovers were WEST BROMWICH ALBION SUPPORTERS' CLUB. The committee got together to present Goalkeeper Chris Adamson with his well deserved Man of the Match Award (top right). You may also spot WBASC President and Albion legend Tony Brown lending his support as always.

Society Thanks

Brian Little recently popped along to Club Sponsors WEST BROMWICH BUILDING SOCIETY's Executive Box to meet and thank them for their continued and much appreciated support of the Club. Brian is pictured middle right with General Manager Tony Dubberley and guests after the FA Cup game against Blackburn Rovers.

One for Hughesy

Lee Hughes was voted WEST BROMWICH BUILDING SOCIETY'S Man of the Match for that FA Cup clash with Blackburn. Hughesy is shown (below) being presented with his bottle of champagne by Leanne Dubberley. Looking on are Tony Dubberley and former Regional Director of Sun Life of Canada Mike Elliott along with guests of the Building Society.









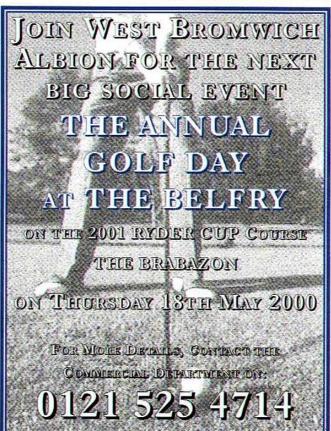
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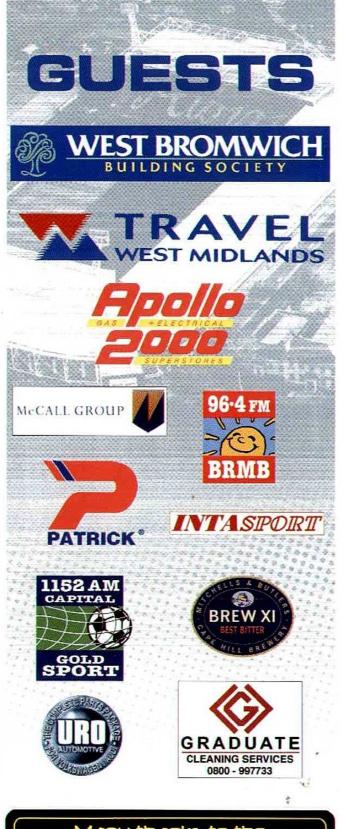
Our Matchball Sponsors for the Blackburn tie were CLEMENT KEYS. The remaining picture on page 14 shows Andy McDermott and Jason Van Blerk presenting an autographed ball as a memento. Also pictured (from left to right) are lan Yorke, Roger Parsons, Michael Meakin and Gavin Whitehouse. We hope you all enjoyed your day at The Hawthorns.

Thanks to Firkins

Many thanks to Martyn Cavill and Neil Garrity from FIRKINS who were our Matchball Sponsors for the game against Barnsley. Neil Garrity is pictured below along with his wife Julie and children Thomas and Ellen receiving an autographed football from Andy McDermott and Jason Van Blerk.







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Last Time Out

Goals by Lee Hughes and Kevin Kilbane gave West Brom a 2-1 First Division win at Port Vale five months ago. Goals by Shaun Murphy, Mario Bortolazzi and Lee Hughes' penalty gave Albion a 3-2 victory on Vale's last visit to The Hawthorns on Boxing Day 1998. Port Vale last triumphed here 1-0 in October 1992 with a goal from Ian Taylor.

Leading Marksman

Big striker Ally Brown was leading marksman at both West Brom and Port Vale. Joining Albion from Leicester City for ¶61,111 in March 1972, he was top scorer in the 1975/76 promotion success and in 1978/79

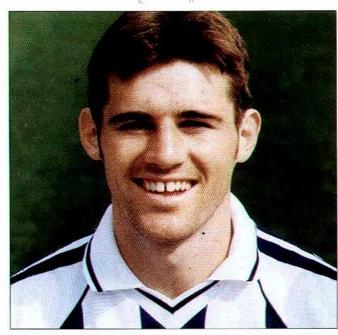
when UEFA Cup quarter-finalists under Ron Atkinson with 72 goals in 279 League games while at The Hawthorns. He moved via Crystal Palace and Walsall to Vale in July 1984, topping their goalscoring charts in 1984/85 and netting 22 times in 67 Fourth Division outings for today's opponents.

Promotion Play-Off

Second-half goals by Andy Hunt, Nicky Reid and Kevin Donovan gave the following West Brom team a 3-0 victory over Port Vale in the Second Division playoff final watched by 53,471 at Wembley on 30th May 1993: Tony Lange, Nicky Reid, Steve Lilwall, Darren Bradley, Paul Raven,



Jeff scored on route to Wembley



Killer helped kill off Swindon last time

Gary Strodder, Andy Hunt (Simon Garner), Ian Hamilton, Bob Taylor, Bernard McNally, Kevin Donovan. Vale had won the Autoglass Trophy at Wembley eight days earlier and their side included former Baggies Kevin Kent and Nicky Cross.

England International

Former Port Vale centre-forward Ronnie Allen was capped five times by England while at West Brom. Signing professional for Vale in April 1946, he was top scorer in 1947/48 and netted 34 goals in 123 League games before moving to The Hawthorns for a record £20,000 in March 1950. He was leading marksman five times for Albion, starring in the 1954 FA Cup final triumph and netting 208 goals in 415 First Division games prior to joining Crystal Palace in May 1961. He subsequently had two spells as West Brom's manager.

Title Triumph

One-time West Brom insideforward Stan Steele was leading marksman in Port Vale's 1958/59 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional for Vale in May 1955, he was ever-present in three consecutive seasons before moving to The Hawthorns



by Leigh Edwards

for £10,000 in March 1961. His sole appearance for Albion was at Blackburn Rovers a month later and he rejoined Vale for a similar fee in August 1961, then returned from a spell with Port Elizabeth to score 90 goals in 335 League games overall prior to joining Eastwood in February 1968.

In Safe Keeping

Ex-West Brom goalkeeper Mark Grew was ever-present and 'Player of the Year' for Port Vale in 1991/92. Signing professional at The Hawthorns in June 1976, he made 33 First Division appearances before joining Leicester City in July 1983 and played a further game on loan to Albion in 1985/86. He moved to Vale in June 1986 and was 'Player of the Year' as they clinched promotion via the play-offs in 1988/89, making 184 League appearances prior to joining Cardiff City in May 1992. He is now Port Vale's youth team manager.

Road To Wembley

Trailing to Albert Leake's goal at half-time, Jimmy Dudley's equaliser plus Ronnie Allen's penalty against his former club gave the following West Brom team a memorable 2-1 FA Cup semi-final win over Port Vale in front of 68,221 at neutral Villa Park on 27th March 1954: Norman Heath, Stan Rickaby, Len Millard, Jimmy Dudley, Jimmy Dugdale, Ray Barlow, Frank Griffin, Paddy Ryan, Ronnie Allen, Johnny Nicholls, George Lee. West Brom also beat Vale 2-1 in the FA Cup third round en route to the Wembley final in 1934/35.

Promotion Winner

Ex-West Brom right-back Alan Webb featured prominently in Port Vale's 1985/86 and 1988/89 promotion campaigns. Signing professional for Albion in January 1980, he made 24 First Division appearances and had a spell on

loan to Lincoln City prior to joining Vale in July 1984. He was ever-present and 'Player of the Year' in 1984/85, netting twice in 190 League games for today's visitors before injury ended his League career in June 1992. Fellow defender Wayne Ebanks also featured in Vale's 1985/86 promotion success.

Vale of Tears

Goals by Albert Pynegar (3), Reg Jones (2), Jack Mandley, Jack Simms and Wilf Kirkham gave the following Port Vale team an amazing 8-1 Second Division win over West Brom in front of 11,538 at the Old Recreation Ground on 9th March 1929:

Alf Bennett, Jack Maddock, Jimmy Oakes, Bert Smith, Bob Connelly, Billy Briscoe, Jack Mandley, Albert Pynegar, Wilf Kirkham, Reg Jones, Jack Simms.

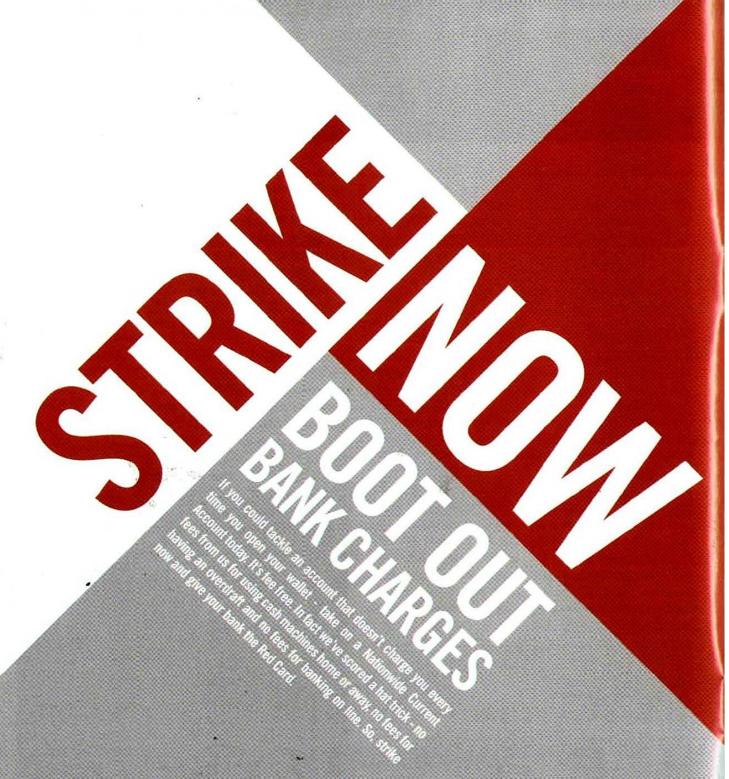
It remains Port Vale's biggestever win over West Bromwich Albion but they won't do it again as they paid a heavy price and were relegated at the end of that season.



Jimmy Cookson on the mark for both



WG had a double celebration



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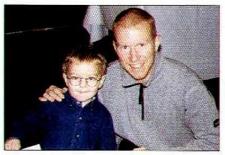
As you will know, the Junior Baggies Christmas parties were held at the end of the last millennium, and they were all a great success. The under 5's enjoyed a magic show from the brilliant clown Will E Droppit whilst the older children enjoyed the Star Wars themed

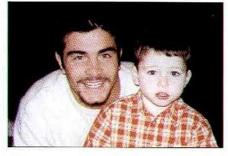
disco's. All of the children had the chance to meet some of their Albion hero's and pictured below are just some of the children who had a fantastic time.

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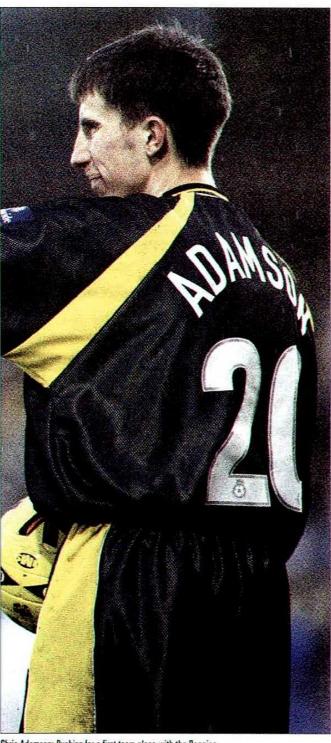


'Watch your back Big Al, I want that green jersey' - no that isn't a threat from a militant group of Wolves fans - in fact it's the message that rising Baggies star Chris Adamson has spelt out to his best mate following a recent run in the first team that has left the Geordie shot stopper yearning for more of the action!

Recent injuries to Albion's number one keeper Alan Miller, have presented Chris with his best chances to date to break into the first team under Brian Little's leadership, and it was the FA cup third round tie against Blackburn last month that proved to the gaffer that Chris can cut it with the best.

Since then another couple of starts have seen the 21 year old's confidence grow enough for him to realise that he has a realistic chance of making the spot between the sticks his own. It must seem a far cry from the start of the season when a loan spell at third division Halifax Town nearly developed into a more permanent move:

"It was brilliant at Halifax because I had coaching from Tony Parks every day, it was something different for me. I was playing League football which was a good and a new experience for me. Starting from preseason and working into the season was something I had not really done before but it was a good learning curve.



Chris Adamson: Pushing for a first team place with the Baggies

"The club wanted to buy me but whatever came as a result of that was at the awkward time between Denis Smith and the Halifax manager, so I didn't get a chance to find out what went on there.

"Obviously the new manager has come in here and he wanted me back, so I have just taken it from there. Obviously now Phil Whitehead has gone, so I am just looking to stabilise my position as number two.

"I couldn't be any happier here, I like it around here and the club has been good to me so far. I don't want to but it would be a sad day if I ever did leave, I am really more than happy around here."

It would seem that having achieved that objective though, any understudy's job is to push the top man to his limits and Chris feels that he is more than capable of doing that at this point in time:

"I feel as if I am at the stage now where I have had a few games and I have got the taste of it and I want to push Alan as much as I can. I don't want anyone to think that Al's having an easy ride as number one thanks to me.

"It's a nice few games that I have had in the first team and I am up for whatever games I can get. I have waited and I will still be waiting once Alan comes back but as soon as I get in there I am going to grab every single chance I can.

"I am sure Alan knows that and I couldn't fault him. We are best of mates off the field and we get on great but there is only one person that will play. Al's number one at the minute and I am not going to argue with that, but hopefully I can put pressure on him so he knows that I am around and he has to watch himself."

And the experience of being around such a great 'keeper who has played at the highest level for teams such as Arsenal and Middlesborough must be a blessing for any youngster eager to learn his trade?

"Oh, yeah! He's brilliant and he has been since he came to the club. We used to be roommates when we went away. We are good friends and whatever he says I listen to because he has got plenty of good advice, he's a top man! What more can you say!"

Whilst Chris' personal confidence grows with every match he is fully aware of the plight that the team is facing:

"We haven't had the best of results with what's been going on at the minute so we will just have to take today's game and give it all that we possibly can and hopefully we can get what we have been deserving.

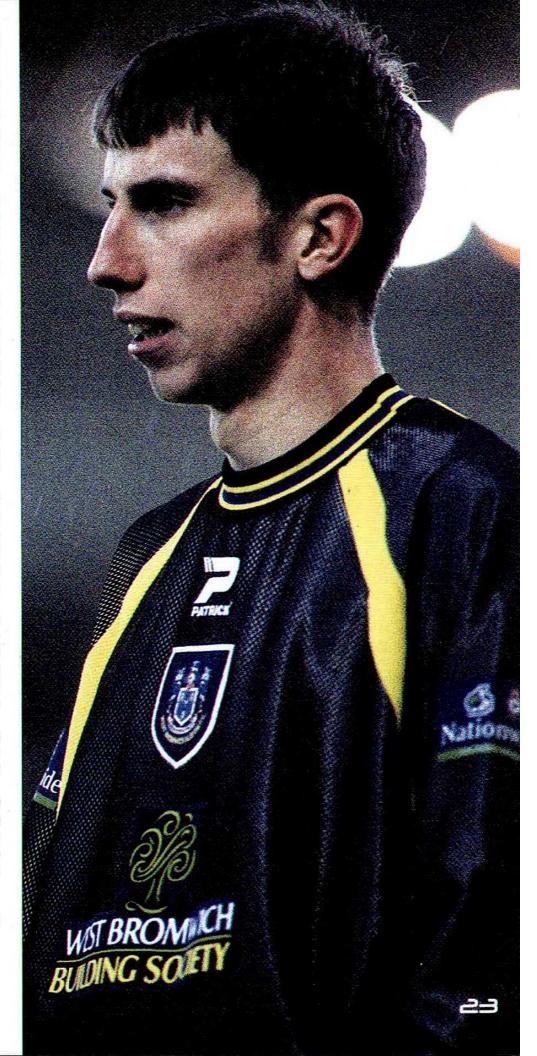
"There are a lot of things being written in the papers about our confidence and this and that. People will always read things into what they see in the papers, but at the end of the day it's what we do on the pitch that counts.

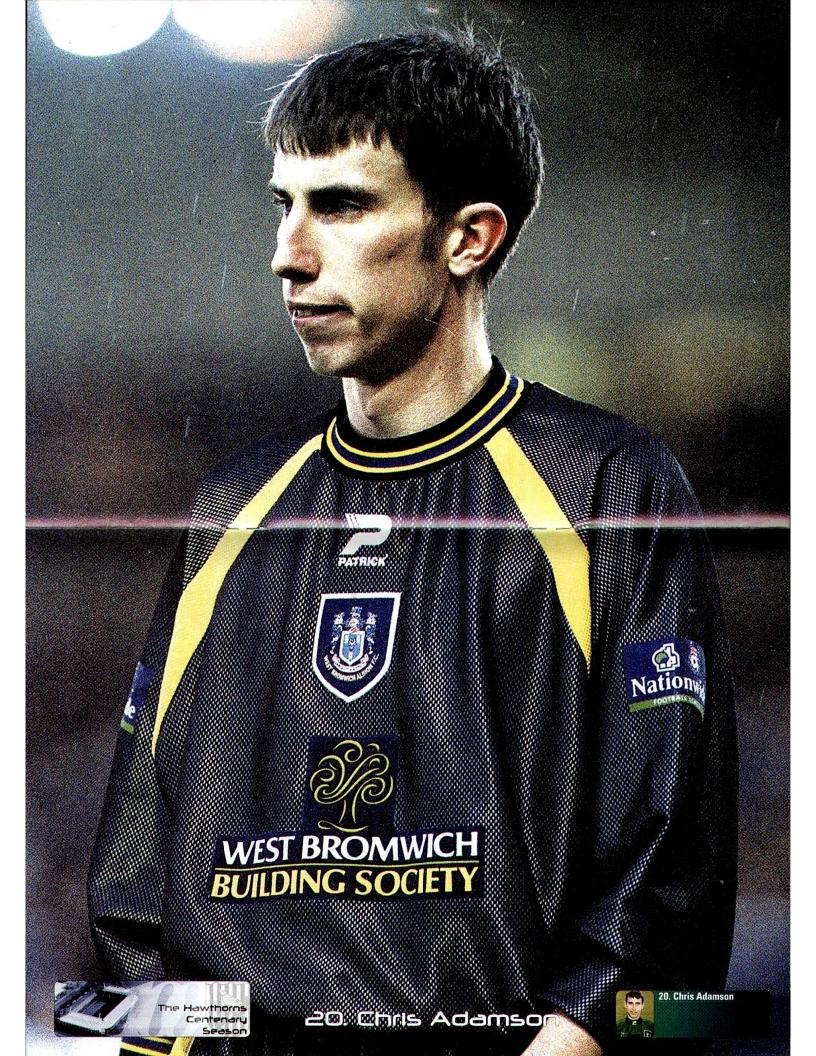
"We have got to go out and prove ourselves to the supporters. All I can say is don't believe everything that you read in the press."

So as Chris lines up for his next stint of first team action alongside the likes of the Chambers twins, Adam Oliver, Enzo and Daniel Gabbidon, make sure you remember one thing

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The race for promotion is already settled. At least it looks that way according to our old friends the turf accountants.

Charlton (11-10) and Man City (7-2) are going straight up. It has to be said that the pair of them are looking good for a trip to the Greed League. Good luck to them we say through gritted teeth.

Problem is, they are at poor odds so we need to turn a safe bet into a money spinner. We are adding Barnsley to the favourite duo. They have dropped to 8-1 since mullering Blackburn. Go for them with Charlton and City to go up and it's spond heaven... if they come in!

And what of the rest. It's hard to imagine Ipswich (5-1) reversing tradition. Failure in the Play-offs seems their lot (as if we know). They are playing disturbingly well at the moment though.

Huddersfield (14-1) are reverting to type.

They have lasted up at the top for longer than usual, but will require another storming run to get back in the race. Do you feel luck punter?

Blackburn (16-1) remain a mystery.

Favourites to go straight back up at the start, they had miserable early form. But the change of manager has seen them rise high despite the slaughter by Barnsley.

Let's ignore Wolves (50-1) shall we? It simply won't happen. Fulham (100-1) are allegic to League games and shoot-outs. Blues (125-1) should improve as their injuries clear, but the curse will prevent a rise.

So we reckon, after much use of science and advanced mathematics, that Charlton, Man City and Barnsley offer a good bet for promotion. Don't blame us if it goes horribly wrong though. No refunds!

CIBBARD IN OUT SHOCK

Top tipster Jemma Gibbard has shocked the world of punditry by sensationally quitting the WBA Prediction League. In a statement which is sure to rock the football world to its foundations, 'Jem the Max' said:

"There comes a time in every tipsters' career when he/she has to look for fresh challenges for him/herself. I've achieved everything I can in the Black Country and I have to do what's right for my future."

Speculation has been rife for many minutes about a big money transfer to the Italian 'Supa-Predictori League' and Gibbard confirmed this:

"It's long been my dream to test myself against the best and Italy offers that. I see myself spending three years out there before a stint back home in the Premier League and finally retirement in the League of Wales."

Top rival and alleged love interest, IB Budmeet said: "Thank God for that. It gives me a chance of winning."

Prediction

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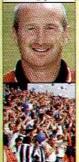
Kate Pyatt – Office Staff Birmingham City 2 Stockport County 1

"Blues have had a bad run and need a bit of luck. Even though Stockport have been doing well, I think Blues will win at home. And my dad agrees."



By Consensus – Playing Staff Walsall 1 Wolves 1

"The super soaraway Saddlers are a bit useful in derbies."



Richard O'Kelly – Coaching Staff
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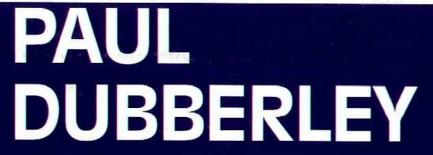
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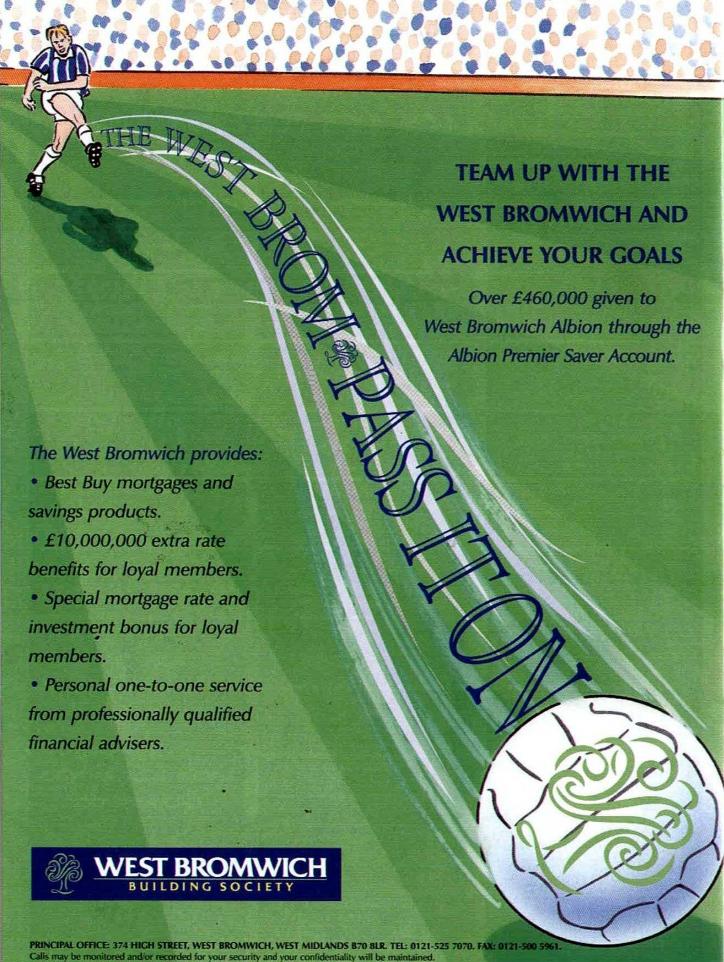




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The History of the Birmingham Senior Cup Part One 1876-1905

Steve Carr.

(Grorty Dick Publications £5.00)

Nowadays, the Birmingham Senior Cup is a minor competition with League clubs sending out reserve teams and crowds being sparse to say the least. But there was a time when only the English (FA) Cup was a bigger pot to the teams in this area and, for a while, even that national institution had a lesser relevance in these parts.

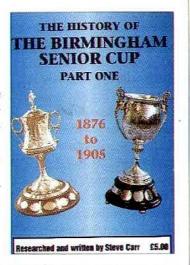
This book looks at the Birmingham Senior Cup in its glory days. Immense research has gone into providing what must be the most comprehensive volume on the competition with full stats covering the first three decades of the Senior Cup.

Along with the results, final line-ups and (where possible) crowd figures, Steve Carr gives a write up of each season s route to the final and a brief report of the glory game itself.

The book will particularly appeal to those with an interest in the era which, I have to admit, includes myself. As a straightforward read, you ll find more entertaining tomes, but this few will be more informative. Not only does it give insight into the early exploits of the region s giants, it also catalogues the

campaigns of some long-gone and oft forgotten names (Calthorpe, Wednesbury Old Athletic, Saltley College and St. George s to name a few) from the formative years of West Midlands football.

All told this is a book for history buffs. For that market, it is doubtful it could have been done any better. Well worth a fiver.



Book Review 2

Penthouse and Pavements

How to survive in football without sucking up to the Old Firm

Bill Leckie. (Mainstream £7.99)

Every now and then you come across a book written by a brilliant wordsmith who is truly at the top of his game. This is such a book.

It is about real foot-

ball. Or, as the blurb prefers to put it: It s... about being willing to accept a lifetime of frustration in return for one day of utter wonderment.

If Penthouse and Pavements occupied the same space as Fever Pitch, the game today (and more particularly its professed followers) would be much healthier. This is the genuineness of the Football League as opposed to the plastic insincerity and pomposity of the Premier League, in England as well as Scotland (which is what St. Mirren fan Leckie writes about).

In his career, Nick Hornby has written about football and fathers. By the end of the dedication and preface, Leckie has covered both and infinitely better he is at it.

Being overly picky, the one downside to the book comes when — and I m assuming here — Leckie tries too hard to find just the right phrase. He is at his best when he lets his words just flow. When that happens (often in this book) it is easy to tell why he is the Bank of Scotland Journalist of the Year.

You may feel as Albion fans that the story of supporting St. Mirren and covering the lower end of Scottish football has little relevance to your footballing life. But the tales Leckie so brilliantly records are familiar to every fan who genuinely supports their club. The blurb states quite clearly that this

...is not a book for glory-hunters , but *
there is no need to really. That sort of fan
wouldn t have a clue about the emotions which
lie beneath the words.

If you by one football book this year,

make it Penthouse and Pavements. In every possible way it is a top read and, if there s any justice, will one day become football s bible.







Random Blood Letting

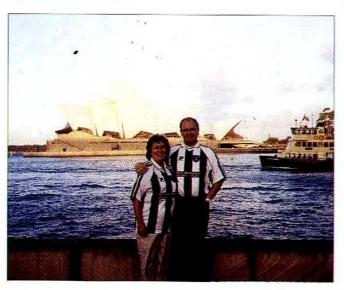
Where possible, we try to have a theme running through each In The Blood. This may take the form of 'babby' pictures, or Baggies in a particular contry or continent. Sometimes it might be dedicated to loving couples, whilst at other times it may be the best cheap laughs at the expense of our neighbours.

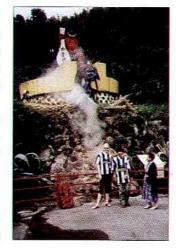
But, today, we have freed ourselves from such shackles. Some may call it laziness, but we lack to call it even handedness. For your viewing pleasure, we bring you *In The Blood*'s which are ordered by the scientific method of 'first out the hat, next in.'

Baggles go to the opera

Don't worry. We haven't decided to throw good money after bad down at Covent Garden. Cathy and John Maddox decided to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary in Australia. While they were there, they turned the noton of high culture on its head by showing that the Black Country has far more to offer than a night at the opera. Unless we're talking about the Marx Brothers film which, quite frankly, can only be bettered by Duck Soup. But we digress.

They do say that it isn't all over until the fat lady sings. But since this pic was taken plenty of final arias have passed and Cathy and John are still together. Opera not only can't compete with football as a cultural activity, but it's also particularly bad at forming and following a good old fashioned cliche.







Baggles Big in Japan

Ken Goodwin writes to us with a picture of his daughter Emma along with Kensai, a Japanese convert to the ancient faith of Baggism. Ken informs us that the place where the pictures were taken is called Hell in Kyushu. It is: "...smelly and full of reptiles." He then mentions something abour Custard which we won't go into! Emma is teaching English is Japan and already has her pupils schooled in phrases like "Boing Boing", "'ark at yow" and "bostin ar kid."

Yet another convert

It seems that Baggies' fans can't just go on holiday and leave it at

that. Everyone we meet must be coverted to our religion. Take Sebastian Segura. Mrs Heggie (pictured right with Seb) found him in his home town of Roquetas De Mar many years ago when he was happily minding his own business as a Forest fan but no, he had to be shown the light. The years of hard work finally paid off this summer and Sebastian is now a Baggie to the core. Mrs H will be taking this programme out to Spain on her next visit in February when she will



have to translate this write up Sebastian. So, in the spirit of helpfulness, we say 'Viva El Baggies.'

Med dogs and medder Baggies fans

Carl Jones of Stourbridge showed headcase tendancies (petrified ed.) by hurling himself out of an aeroplane. Still, the view's nice. Having raised £900 for the Mary Stevens Hospice and the Royal Trust for Carers with his crash landing over Las Vegas, he nipped off to San Francisco where he saw some padded girly version of football and visited the Mad Dog in the Fog in Haight Ashbury. This is an Albion and Villa bar in the city and is well worth a visit. Rumour has it that Stan Collymore first met his Villa team mates in that very bar, so whatever you do don't arrange any liasons there!



Passing on the tradition

Marie Woodgate has sent evidence that our conversion tendancies are not only evident abroad. We are just as prone to a bit of Baggie preaching here in dear old Blighty and even in our own homes.



Our picture shows Marie's dad Keith Melhuish explaining to her Marie's nephews, Jason and Dominic. The third generation is now guaranteed which is no real surprise as Marie confirms:

"My dad has supported the Baggies all his life and brought his family up to wear the blue and white stripes. Because we share his passion you will see us at the ground in all weathers just to cheer on the lads."

That's the kind of thing that is guaranteed to make a dad proud.

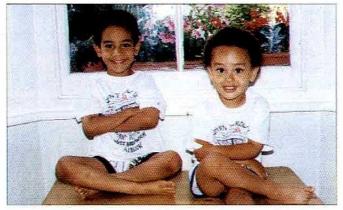
Rounding things off

Despite our attempts at randomness, everything seems to have been tied up very nicely by this our final offering for this issue. Here we have examples of both home and foreign conversions from the same source, John Solomos.



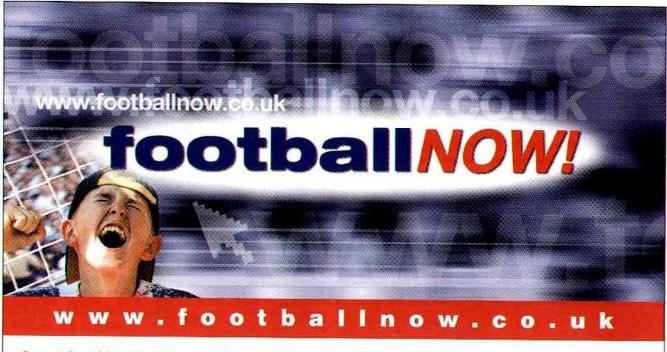
First up we travel to Mexico where Marco Martiniello was pictured in his colours. Marco is from Belgium and he is hoping to come and see the Baggies this year.

Domestic policy has not been neglected thankfully. Below we see John's sons Nikolas and Daniel. These Junior Baggies live in London so they remain a small beacon of hope in the sea of despondency which is the seedy metropolis. Good to see that not everything in the capital is as bad as we may think.



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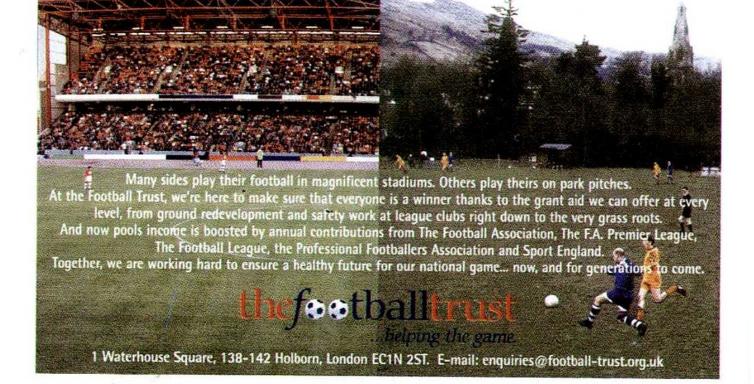


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Talking of Blackburn, as mentioned in the last programme, along with our normal coaches, we are also offering an executive trip. Full details appear below.

Finally, following successful trips to Raith Rovers and Kilmarnock in the past, we have decided that this season's Scottish venture will be to the far reaches of Perth



This will be on Saturday 13th May, to see what should prove to be an excellent encounter between St. Johnston and title-chasing Celtic.

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Every week you get to see the ugly mugs of both John Homer and yours truly, but today we can exclusively reveal the third member of the Baggies TV team. Chris Billingham films and edits every one of them for us and does a brilliant job. That's hiom in the picture. He's the one on the right wearing the flying jacket.

For those on Coach 4 last week, John Homer informs me that he enjoyed his flying visit to Nottingham, but hopes he won't be travelling back soon. I'm just grateful we can make a joke of it, aren't you?



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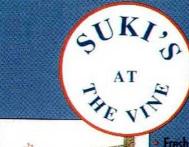
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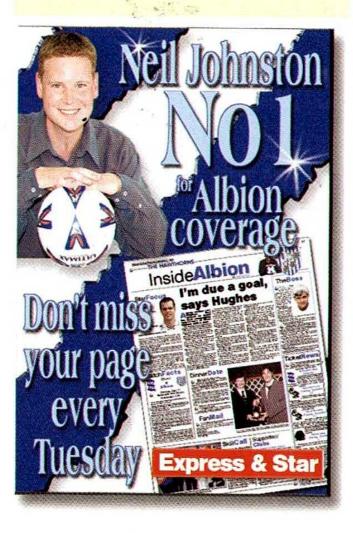
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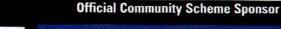
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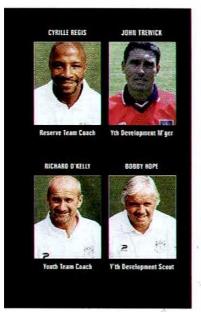












Midland Youth Floodlit Cup

Bedworth United O WBA 2

The midweek side progressed in the Cup with this win over an older, bigger and stronger Bedworth side. The Baggies team contained one U-15 (Peter Nightingale in goal), two U-17's and the rest came from the U-16 ranks.

The attitude and enthusiasm for the game evinced by the lads was exemplarary. I cannot praise them highly enough. A well deserved win was secured with

goals in the 80th and 85th minutes by Todd Fierro and Paul Oakey.

A special mention should go to the back line of Paul Nightingale, Josh Gowling, Andre Joseph and Darren Hadley who all played very well.

Youth Alliance Midland Division

Wolves 3 WBA 2

We took a young squad to Wolves which included a debut for U-16 'keeper Simon Brown and a place for associate school-boy Danny Smith.

For the first ten minutes we simply didn't play, but after that we produced some really good football, doing the things we'd worked on in training over the previous week. Unfortunately, a counter attack and some poor defending lead to Wolves taking the lead.

We equalised after Dwaine McFarlane was brought down by the last defender, who only received a yellow card. We thought it was in the box but a free-kick was given from which Jamie Ball found the top corner.

We continued to play well with Mark Briggs and Matt Collins prevalent in midfield. However, we went into the break 2-1 down after a good goal resulting from another defensive lapse.

In the second period we were again producing some fine play. All we needed was a good finish. It was Wolves though who found that thanks to another dubious decision.

A long ball came over the top and our centre back was fouled but the ref waved play on. It left Wolves with a simple finish.

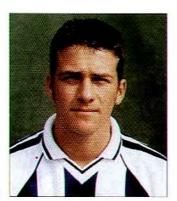
With eight minutes left, Mark Scott linked well with Josh Perry and produced a wonderful finish. Mark may well have brought us level near the end but Wolves managed to scramble clear.

There were plenty of plus points from the game, particularly our inventiveness and crisp passing. The downside were the missed chances and defensive lapse, but overall I was very pleased with the perfomance of the team.

Pontins League WBA 2 Huddersfield I

Senior Cup Evesham 2 WBA 0

The Reserves put up a good performance in the League to defeat the Terriers, despite going a goal down. Strikes from Mickey Evans and Fabian De Freitas



Todd Fierro put us on the way in the Cup

secured the points.

In the Cup, a young side of mainly 17 and 18 year olds lost out despite playing well. Brain Quailey at 20 was the oldest player on show for the Baggies.

Defensive mistakes at two set pieces allowed Evesham to progress, however, in difficult conditions. The enthusiasm and attitude shown by the youngsters will, however, see them do well if they continue to work at their game.

Cyrille in our thoughts

Finally I'd just like to pass on our condolences to Cyrille Regis. Around five weeks ago he lost his father and recently his mother has sadly passed away. Cyrille is obviously in our thoughts at this moment

Richard O'Kelly

Football League Youth Alliance Midland Division 1999/2000

Sat	Aug	14	Wolverhampton Wanderers	3-0
Sat	Aug	21	Luton Town	1-2
Sat	Aug	28	Oxford United	5-0
Sat	Sep	4	Cambridge United	1-0
Sat	Sep	11	Notts County	1-4
Sat	Sep	₫18	Northampton Town	5-0
Sat	Sep	25	Shrewsbury Town	2-0
Fri	Oct	8	Kiderminster Harriers (MYC)	3-3
Sat	Oct	16	Walsall	4-4
Sat	Oct	23	Oxford (Youth Alliance Cup)	2-0
Sat	Oct	30	Northampton (YAC)	2-1
Tue	Nov	9	Kidderminster (MYC)	4-2
Sat	Nov	13	Wycombe (YAC)	2-0
Sat	Nov	20	Wolves (YAC)	0-4
Wed	Nov	24	Hednesford (MYC)	5-0
Sat	Nov	27	Cambridge United	1-2
Tue	Nov	30	Liverpool (FAYC)	0-1
Sat	Dec	4	Notis County	0-3
Sat	Dec	11	Northampton Town	A(Post)
Sat	Dec	18	Shrewsbury Town	Н
Sat	Jan	8	Walsall	0-2
Sat	Jan	22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-3
Sat	Jan	29	Loyton Orient (YAC)	Н
Sat	Feb	5	Luten Town	н
Sat	Feb	12	Oxford United	A
Wed	Mar	1	Cup Quarter Final	
Wed	Mar	22	Cup Semi Final	
Sun	Apr	16	Cup Final	

Youth Alliance Cup Group Seven

Final Standings

Albion progress with Wolves to the last sixteen

Al-	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Wolves	4	4	0	0	13	3	12	
West Bromwich Albion	4	3	0	1	6	5	9	
Wycombe Wanderers	4	2	0	2	9	5	6	
Oxford United	4	1	0	3	3	8	3	
Northampton Town	4	0	0	4	4	14	0	

Youth Alliance Midland Division

up to and including 09/01/00

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge United	13	7	4	2	26	13	25
Walsall	14	7	3	4	26	20	24
Wolverhampton Wandere	rs14	6	4	4	22	20	22
West Bromwich Albion	13	6	1	6	29	21	19
Luton Town	14	4	5	5	16	23	17
Oxford United	11	4	4	3	15	18	16
Notts County	12	3	5	4	11	10	14
Shrewsbury Town	15	3	4	8	19	31	13
Northampton Town	12	3	2	7	18	26	11

Pontins Premier League 1999/2000

Mon	Aug	16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	0-0
Wed	Sep	1	Birmingham City	0-1
Wed	Sep	В	Manchester City	4-0
Wed	Sep	15	Port Vale	1-3
Wed	Sep	29	Huddersfield Town	0-1
Thu	Oct	14	Grimsby Town	1-3
Mon	Oct	25	Preston North End	1-0
Wed	Nov	3	Oldham Athletic	1-2
Wed	Nov	17	Burnley	1-3
Mon	Nov	29	Stoke City	1-1
Wed	Dec	8	Stoke City (PLC)	0-1
Wed	Dec	15	Tranmere Rovers	2-0
Tue	Jan	4	Grimsby Town	0-0
Wed	Jan	19	Huddersfield Town	2-1
Mon	Jan	24	Evesham (BSC)	0-2
Wed	Jan	26	Birmingham City	A
Wed	Feb	2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	н
Wed	Feb	23	Port Vale	Н
Tue	Feb	28	Manchester City	A
Wed	Mar	15	Tranmere Rovers	A
Wed	Mar	29	Stoke City	н
Wed	Apr	12	Preston North End	Н
Tue	Apr	18	Oldham Athletic	A
Wed	Apr	26	Burnley	Н

Pontins Premier League up to and including 19/01/00

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Port Vale	14	7	4	3	22	15	25
Manchester City	11	6	3	2	22	16	21
Wolves	12	6	2	4	14	13	20
Oldham	13	5	4	4	19	16	19
Birmingham City	12	4	6	2	13	7	18
Burnley	13	4,	6	3	18	19	18
Huddersfield	13	5	2	6	14	13	17
Tranmere	11	5	2	4	14	13	17
West Bromwich Albion	12	4	2	6	13	14	14
Grimsby	12	1	6	5	14	18	9
Stoke City	11	2	3	6	10	22	9
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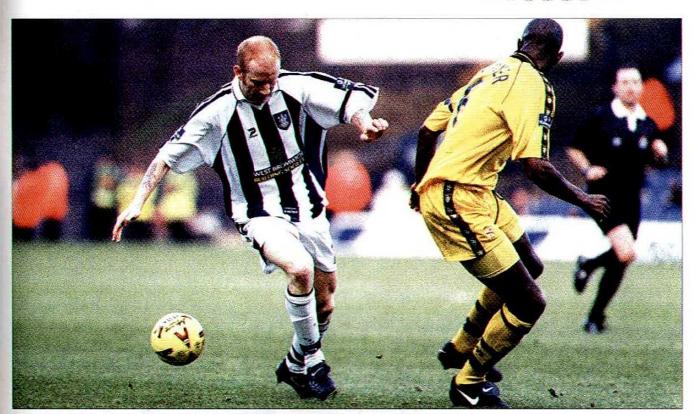
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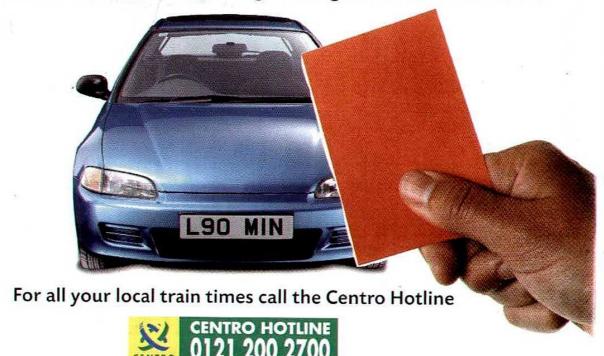
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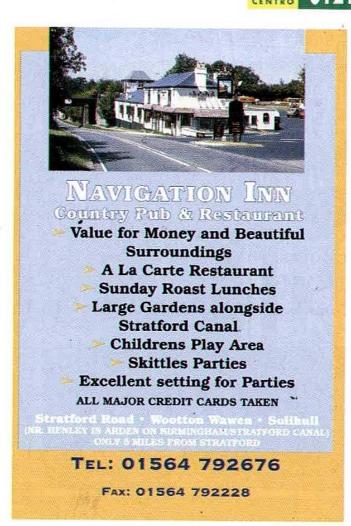
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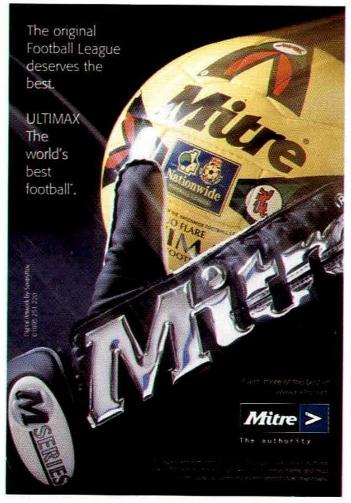


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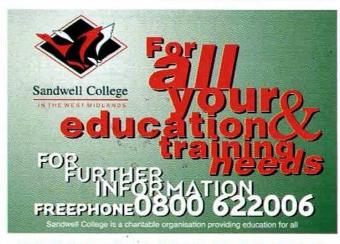
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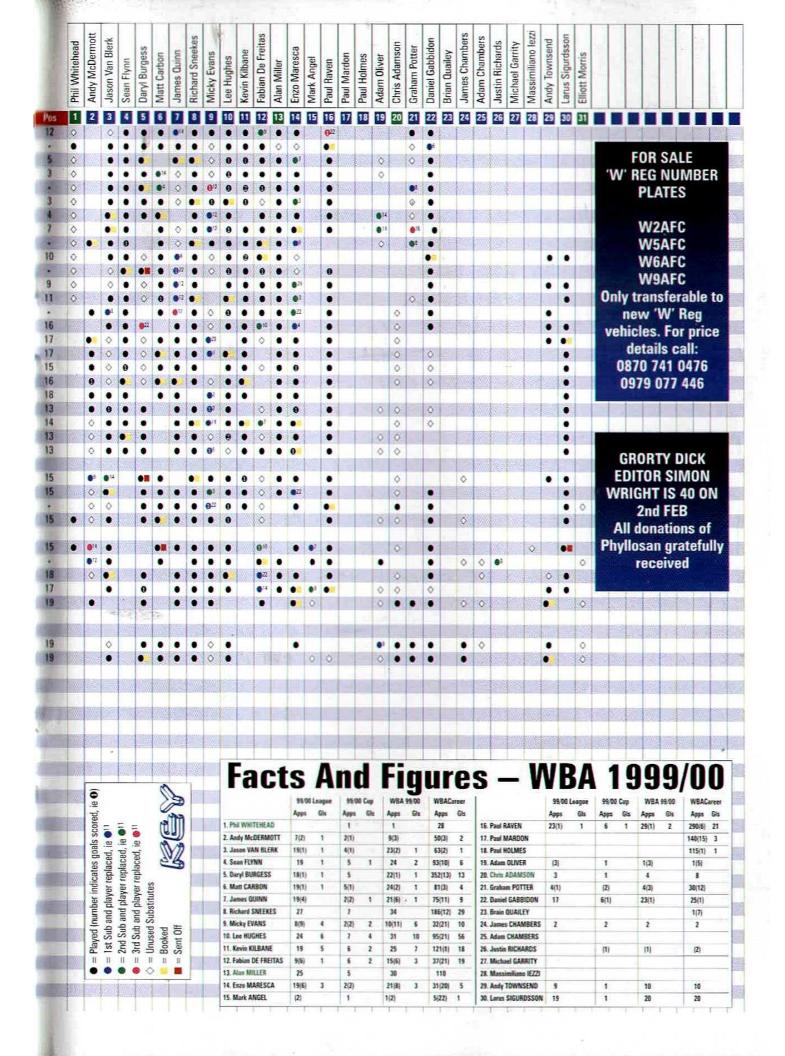
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As at Thursday 27th January 2000

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Charlton	28	10	2	2	25	11	8	3	. 3	27	17	24	59	
Man City	28	11	0	3	31	10	6	4	4	13	12	22	55	
Barnsley	28	11	1	2	36	14	6	3	5	23	25	20	55	
Ipswich	28	11	1	2	29	12	4	7	3	18	16	19	53	
Huddersfield	28	11	2	1	34	12	4	3	7	11	17	16	50	
Wolves	28	7	4	3	23	15	4	5	5	14	17	5	42	
Stockport	28	7	6	1	24	17	4	3	7	9	19	-3	42	
Blackburn	27	7	5	2	21	.11	3	5	5	14	19	5	40	
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Fulham	28	6	5	3	12	8	3	7	4	13	17	0	39	
Birmingham	27	8	3	2	-24	11	2	5	7	13	20	6	38	
Norwich	28	8	2	4	17	15	2	6	6	10	15	-3	38	
Bolton	27	6	5	3	23	17	3	4	6	12	14	4	36	
Tranmere	28	7	4	3	23	15	3	2	9	14	23	-1	36	
Palace	28	6	5	3	23	14	3	3	8	17	31	-5	35	
Sheff Utd	28	7	3	4	20	14	2	4	8	15	29	-8	34	
Grimsby	28	7	4	3	20	20	2	2	10	12	28	-16	33	
Forest	28	6	6	2	18	10	1	2	11	11	26	-7	29	
WBA	28	2	8	4	12	15	3	6	5	12	17	-8	29	
Crewe	28	5	5	4	14	13	2	2	10	13	24	-10	28	
Walsall	28	4	4	6	14	17	3	3	8	17	28	-14	28	
Port Vale	27	5	2	6	15	15	1	7	6	16	22	-6	27	
Portsmouth	 28	4	5	5	19	16	1	4	9	12	29	-14	24	
Swindon	28	2	6	6	14	24	1	3	10	6	25	-29	18	

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Date Sat 7th AUG 1999	Opponents	F-A	Att
Tue 10th Aug	Norwich (h) Halifax Town (a) WC 1(1)	0-0	16,196 2,451
Sat 14th Aug	Port Vale (a)	2-1	7,891
Fri 20th Aug	Nottingham Forest (h)	1-1	13,202
Tue 24th Aug	Halifax Town (h) WC 1(2)	5-1	8,316
Sat 28th Aug	Swindon Town (a)	2-1	6,565
Mon 30th Aug	Fulham (h)	0-0	17,120
Sat 11th Sept	Birmingham City (a)	1-1	25,495
Tue 14th Sept	Wycombe W (h) WC 2(1)	1-1	9,383
Sat 18th Sept	Blackburn Rovers (h)	2-2	16.902
Tue 21st Sept	Wycombe W (a) WC 2(2)	4-3	5,047
Sat 25th Sept	Crystal Palace (h)	0-0	13,219
Sun 3rd OCT 1999	Wolves (a)	1-1	25,500
Tue 12th Oct	Fulham (h) WC3	1-2	10,556
Sat 16th Oct	Walsall (h)	0-1	19,562
Tue 19th Oct	Queens Park Rangers (h)	0-1	9,874
Sat 23rd Oct	Charlton Athletic (a)	0-0	19,346
Tue 26th Oct	Crystal Palace (a)	2-0	12,203
Sun 31st Oct	Wolves (h)	1-1	21,097
Sat 6th NOV 1999	Tranmere Rovers (a)	0-3	6,623
Sun 14th Nov	Portsmouth (h)	3-2	11,483
Sat 20th Nov	Huddersfield Town (a)	0-1	14,244
Tue 23rd Nov	Stockport County (h)	2-0	9,201
Sat 27th Nov	Sheffield United (h)	2-2	12,278
Wed 1st DEC 1999	Worthington Cup 4		
Sat 4th Dec	Norwich City (a)	1-2	15,183
Tue 7th Dec	Crewe Alexandra (a)	0-2	5,419
Sat 11th Dec	Blackburn Rovers (h) FAC3	2-2	10,609
Tue 14th Dec	Grimsby Town (a)	1-1	4,036
Wed 15th Dec	Worthington Cup 5		
Sat 18th Dec	Ipswich Town (a)	1-3	14,712
Tue 22nd Dec	Blackburn R (a) FAC3R	0-2	11,766
Sun 26th Dec	Man. City (h) (Noon KO)	0-2	19,589
Tue 28th Dec	Bolton Wanderers (a)	1-1	16,269
Mon 3rd JAN 2000	Barnsley (h)	0-2	13,411
Sat 8th Jan	FA Cup 4		
Wed 12th Jan	Worth. Cup Semi Final (1)	4-1	
Sat 15th Jan	Port Vale (h)	0-0	10,831
Sat 22nd Jan	Nottingham Forest (a)	0-0	19,863
Wed 26th Jan	Worth. Cup Semi Final (2)		
Sat 29th Jan	Swindon Town (h) – (FAC 5)		
Sat 5th FEB 2000	Fulham (a)	rusonnano anarcu	
Sat 12th Feb	Crewe Alexandra (h)		
Sat 19th Feb	Sheffield United (a) - (FAC 6)		
Sat 26th Feb	Blackburn Rovers (a)		
Sun 27th Feb	Worthington Cup Final		
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Sat 29th Apr	Queens Park Rangers (a)		
Sun 7th MAY 2000	Charlton Athletic (h)		
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today's mascots



We begin with brothers Charlie and Sam Price who are from Halesowen and attend Lutley Primary School. Charlie was six yesterday while Sam is nine. They are both fans of Lee



We also welcome **Bradley Poole from** Gloucester who was six three days back. Named after Darren Bradley, he likes Enzo

Hughes and Richard

Sneekes.

Maresca and Alan Miller.

Next @ The Hawthorns



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