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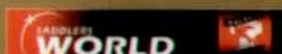
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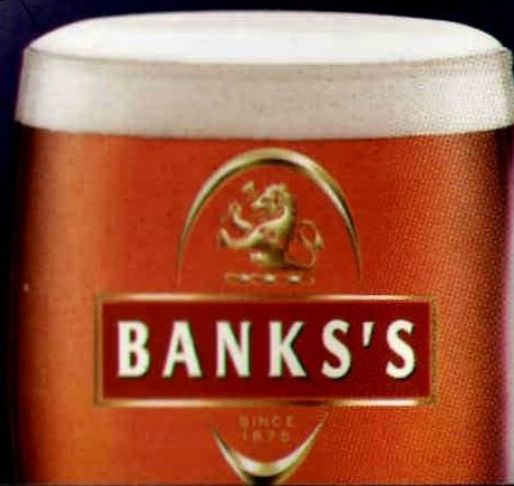
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the views of saddlers' boss, richard money

WELCOME to the Banks's Stadium as we play host to Swindon Town.

I thought that we displayed all the qualities needed to win any football match on Tuesday evening at Yeovil Town.

The conditions were extremely difficult and the pitch was heavy, but we remained solid, dug deep and everyone did their jobs to come out with a well-deserved three points.

The fact that the wind dropped in the second half allowed us to get the ball down and play. We kept our shape and everyone, to a man, can be proud of their efforts and commitment to the cause.

An outstanding spirit and togetherness exists within the squad. We have some talented young players here and we've given them the faith and belief that they need. Allied to this, the experienced heads in the squad have played their part in our ongoing progression.

The players are enjoying their football at the moment and can't wait for the next game to come along. We will remain confident, committed and strong as a group and do all that we can to finish as high as possible.

We will be well tested this afternoon by a Swindon Town side who gained promotion alongside ourselves last season. They have made a solid start to life at a higher level and will come here determined to put the effort in to get some reward.

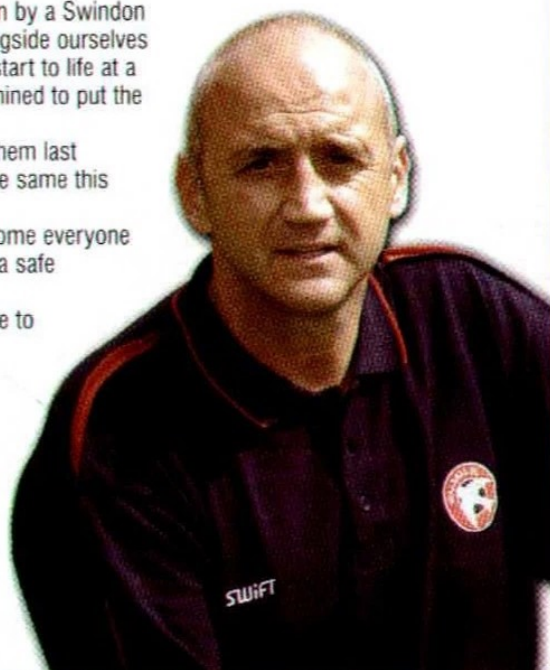
We had two tough games against them last season and I am expecting more of the same this time around.

May I take this opportunity to welcome everyone connected to the club and wish them a safe journey home.

I would like to offer a word of praise to the travelling supporters who braved the elements at Yeovil on Tuesday evening to play their part in our victory.

With the games coming thick and fast, your backing is much appreciated and I hope that it will continue today.

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# the chairman

jeff bonser writes exclusively for you...

LOOKING back at last weekend's FA Cup tie against Millwall, it was pleasing to see so many young home-grown players in action.

The likes of Scott Dann, Mark Bradley and Ishmel Demontagnac have all become regular fixtures in Richard Money's side this season and they were joined by Troy Deeney and Alex Nicholls, who are also pushing hard for regular starting places.

That's five of the starting XI who have come up through our ranks. If you add Ian Roper into that group, the majority of the side that competed so well last weekend were products of our thriving Centre of Excellence.

That is a credit to everybody involved at youth level but credit should also go to the manager for giving these youngsters a chance at first-team level.

As well as those players I have mentioned, the likes of Richard Taundry and David McDermott have also contributed on the first-team stage.

I think it was last season when I spoke about the day when our entire starting XI could be made up of players who have come up through our ranks. Well, we are half way there already!

With this in mind, we were delighted to announce that Bradley, Deeney and Anthony Gerrard had all signed long-term contracts at the turn of the year. That was arguably the best bit of business we will do during the January Transfer Window.

We are building for the future and, as I am sure you will agree, that future could well be a very bright one.

I think it is incredible that, on a Tuesday night in January, 147

supporters made it down to Yeovil. After so many games over the festive period, that really is a great effort.

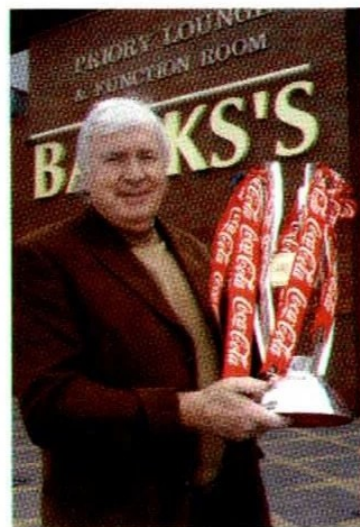
The weather at Huish Park was terrible and for the first 30 minutes or so, they must have wondered what they had let themselves in for.

Common decency prevailed and the supporters were moved to a covered area, which was some consolation I suppose. Although in my opinion this could have been done earlier.

It was an excellent performance in terrible conditions and I would like to personally thank each and every supporter who made the journey down to Somerset.

The backing was much-appreciated and it was even more pleasing to see their support rewarded with all three points.

Thank you for your support. Enjoy today's game...



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# news

a round-up of the latest club news with roy whalley...

## GOOD DAY FOR THE FA CUP

I thought that last Saturday was a very good day for the FA Cup.

There have been recent comments that the competition was losing its interest amongst supporters, and one of the main reasons for this was the lack of shock results that bring a lot of romance to the competition.

Last Saturday changed all that. Results like those achieved by Oldham Athletic, Huddersfield Town and Havant & Waterlooville made it a great day for the FA Cup.

Well done also to Chasetown for their magnificent run and all the publicity that it has brought to the area.

With so many Premier League clubs falling at the third round stage, it raises the real possibility that a club outside the 'big four' can get to the final or even win the competition and that too would be very good news for the FA Cup.

As far as we were concerned, although it would have been nice to have won at the first attempt, it was still good to be involved in the fourth round draw on Monday. We look forward to Tuesday's replay at Millwall with cautious optimism that we can finish off The Lions in their own Den.

I said before the fourth round draw was made that it would be good to be paired with one of the big Midland clubs because that would give us a bigger incentive in the replay than Millwall.

While Coventry City may not have been the first choice for many of our supporters, it would be an attractive tie. A local derby, played in a superb new stadium, which we have not played at before, and these days we give ourselves a chance of winning whoever the opposition.

Let us not get ahead of ourselves, however. We need to beat Millwall first. If we do that, the tie at the Ricoh Arena will take place on Saturday, January 26th and ticket arrangements will be announced via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) and the local press. Any replay would take place at the Banks's Stadium on Tuesday, February 5th (kick-off 7.45pm).

## LIVERPOOL RIGHT TO SAY 'NO'

It was something of a cheek for the Administrator of Luton Town to ask Liverpool to forgo their share of the gate receipts for last Sunday's televised FA Cup tie at Kenilworth Road.

No-one wants to see Luton Town, or any other club, go under, but clubs, like we have done, need to survive through living within their means.

Liverpool were correct to refuse the request. They may be a big club with huge resources, but they also have big overheads and why should they be asked to subsidise a club that has fallen into difficulties through mis-management?

Our stance here at Walsall FC is that clubs who 'chase the dream', and as a result of living beyond their means hit financial difficulties, have to face up to their responsibilities and shouldn't expect other clubs to bail them out.

It is unfair on those clubs like ourselves who try to live within their means.

Taking this theme further, I feel very uncomfortable about clubs who have come out of Administration, having paid off their creditors a few pence in the pound to cover outstanding debts, then start splashing out on substantial transfer fees.

It is morally wrong and gives football a bad name.

## NEW BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP DATE AT RUSHALL

Our FA Cup replay commitments at Millwall on Tuesday evening means that we have had to move our Birmingham Senior Cup third round tie with Rushall Olympic to Wednesday, January 16th.

The game will be played at Dales Lane with a 7.45pm kick-off and the tie has to be decided on the night.

## START DATE FOR THE NEW SEASON

For those of you who like to plan your summer holidays at times which will not clash with football games, the following information may be useful.

The 2008/09 fixture lists are expected to be released on Monday, June 16th and the season itself will start on Saturday, August 9th.



## FOOTBALL MEMORABILIA AND PROGRAMME FAIR

The Big Midlands Football Memorabilia and Programme Fair takes place on Sunday, January 20th in The Lotus Suite at Stafford Rangers FC.

It commences at 10.30am and admission is just 50p (school children free).

## THE DAY WE BEAT ARSENAL

We've had many great days at Walsall Football Club. That memorable day at the Millennium Stadium in 2001, matches when we have knocked Manchester United and Newcastle United out of the FA Cup and that night at Shrewsbury in 1961 when we clinched promotion into the old Division Two.

There are so many wonderful memories, but there is one date, however, that even after 75 years seems to be forever linked to Walsall FC and that is the day we beat Arsenal on Saturday, January 14th 1933.

When I first started supporting The Saddlers as a youngster in the mid-1950s that was always regarded as being the clubs great red-letter day when a humble third division outfit defeated the best club side in the world.

It created what is still regarded as the greatest FA Cup giant-killing act of all time.

Sadly, our heroes of that day have all passed on, but there is still a small band of supporters who were there at Fellows Park on that fateful day and can still recall the magic of this famous victory.

We welcome some of these supporters, all now in their 80s, to the Banks's Stadium today to celebrate this 75th Anniversary.

Amongst the guests are members of Gilbert Alsop's family and during the afternoon, we will be renaming Executive Box One, the Gilbert Alsop Box in memory of a true Saddlers' legend.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support...



# what's on at the banks's stadium

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## **The Syd Lawrence Orchestra** **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd 2008**

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## **The Billy Fury Experience** **SATURDAY, MARCH 1st 2008**

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## **Sporting Dinner with Jack Charlton** **THURSDAY, MARCH 6th 2008**

Featuring the ever-popular former Leeds United and England defender who went on to achieve much



*Former Liverpool man, Jan Molby will be here in April...*

success as manager of the Republic of Ireland. Also on the bill is comedian, Billy Bean. Tickets are **£30**, including a five-course meal.

## **Magic of the 80s** **FRIDAY, MARCH 14th 2008**

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## **Joe Brown Cabaret Show** **SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 2008**

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## **Sporting Dinner with Jan Molby** **THURSDAY, APRIL 17th 2008**

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# in profile

ANTHONY Gerrard delivered a timely New Year boost by putting pen-to-paper on a new contract, which runs until the summer of 2010, after an impressive first half of the season, which saw him play a key role in our solid defensive unit.

The 21 year-old has been in good form this term and was delighted to get his immediate future sorted out. "I was pleased to get things agreed and sign a new contract," he said. "It means that I can now concentrate on helping the club continue the tremendous progress that we have made.

"There are some very talented young players here, both in the team and waiting in the wings ready to step into the side. The future of this club is bright and in very safe hands and I am delighted to be part of it.

"After a poor start to the season in terms of results, we have gradually started to show what we are capable of. The main thing is that everyone is working together as a team and that is why I feel we have progressed as well as we have.

"From a personal point of view, I feel that I have done well so far this season. Last year I tended to cruise through matches, but this season it has been more of a challenge and I have found myself a lot more focussed and switched on.

"It has certainly helped to bring the best out of me and the aim is to maintain those high standards and push on.

"There are a lot more teams in League One who like to play football and that suits us. We have picked up some good results and put in some impressive performances during the first half of the season, so now the challenge is to carry that on in the months ahead.

"We don't want to get too carried away, but a place in the play-offs or beyond is certainly not out of the question if we keep working hard and believing in ourselves."

As well as Gerrard, Mark Bradley and Troy Deeney, two players who have really come of age this season, also agreed new deals, with more expected to follow shortly, so watch this space!

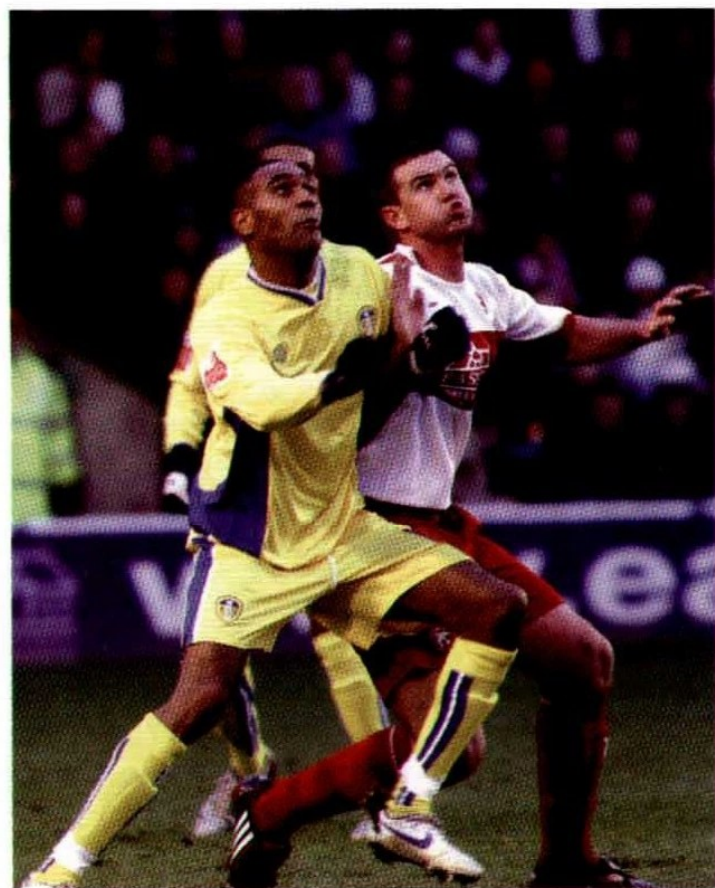


ANTHONY GERRARD



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU –

- **LAUGHED:** That was on Christmas Day when I was given a fake moustache.
- **CRIED:** After the Hartlepool game. It was for personal reasons because I'm a bit of a girl!
- **WENT ON HOLIDAY:** I went with the missus to Cyprus in the summer for three and-a-half weeks.
- **PAID TO SEE A FOOTBALL MATCH:** I can't remember. I used to go and watch Everton regularly when I was a kid.
- **WERE RECOGNISED IN PUBLIC:** The other day at The Bull Ring.
- **PLAYED A PRANK:** No comment!
- **WENT TO THE CINEMA:** I went to see Golden Compass recently. It had a bad ending!
- **BOUGHT AN ALBUM:** That was David Gray's Greatest Hits
- **MET ONE OF YOUR HEROES:** That was when Michael Ricketts came to the club (ha! ha!).
- **WERE TOLD OFF BY THE MANAGER:** I can't remember, it was that long ago... Only joking! Thankfully it's been a while, so long may it continue.





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AS THE games come thicker and faster, the season seems to be getting better and better!

After our goalless FA Cup third round draw with Millwall last weekend, we went to Yeovil on Tuesday evening and came away with an excellent 2-0 victory.

The draw with Millwall was disappointing by the high standards that we have set ourselves recently. We were slow to come out of the blocks, but turned it up after the break where chances to win the tie came and went.

The important thing was that we were able to keep our discipline at the back and record another clean sheet.

Looking at our recent defensive record, it shows how well we are defending as a unit. I believe that defending comes from the front, but I would give the back four and Clayton Ince most of the credit.

With an average age of 22, the back four has quite literally come of age in recent months and they have been putting in solid displays week in, week out. It does help when they have someone of the experience and stature of Clayton Ince who takes an awful lot of pressure off those defenders in front of him.

The game at Yeovil was played in the worst weather conditions that I can ever remember. We decided to play against the high winds and driving rain in the first half and it was a tactic that ultimately paid off.

We quite literally weathered the early storm at the start of the game but then managed to stamp our authority on proceedings after the break to run out comfortable winners.

Everyone worked hard on the night, but there were two particularly outstanding performances from Troy Deeney and Alex Nicholls. They were a credit to themselves and the club and their efforts must have impressed the watching England Under-21 boss, Stuart Pearce who has now been at our last two games.

It seems that whichever youngster the manager throws into the team, they settle in well and play like naturals. The future of this club appears extremely bright with the emerging talent that we have within our ranks.

I would also like to pay tribute to the Walsall fans who were present at Huish Park. Your commitment to the cause is much appreciated by the players.

**DARREN WRACK**

*\* Look out for details of Darren Wrack's brand new DVD (out now priced £9.99) plus future Testimonial events by logging on to [www.darrenwrack.co.uk](http://www.darrenwrack.co.uk).*

## FORMER WALSALL PLAYER PASSES AWAY

FORMER Walsall player, Harold Peace sadly passed away recently at the age of 84.

A player of great speed and skill, he served The Saddlers between 1944 and 1946, where he turned out alongside the likes of future England goalkeeper, Bert Williams and the legendary, Gilbert Alsop.

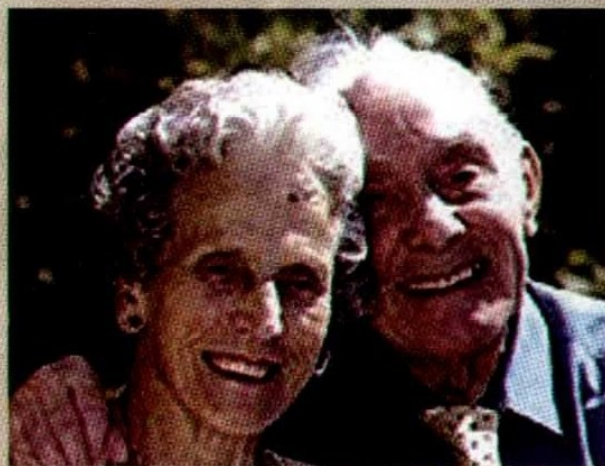
The diminutive front-man, who was a popular figure amongst the Walsall fans of the time and earned the nickname 'Nipper', had to retire from the professional game upon leaving Fellows Park due to a knee injury.

He went on to serve Hednesford Town before returning to his home-town club, Darlaston Town.

A humble and gentle man, he was living locally in Willenhall with wife Nora at the time of his death.

His funeral takes place this coming Monday at All Saints Church in Darlaston, commencing at 1.45pm. The family has requested no flowers, preferring instead for donations to be made to Macmillan Cancer Trust.

Everyone here at Walsall Football Club would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Peace at this sad time.





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## WALSALL v GILLINGHAM SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH 2008 - KICK-OFF 3.00pm

*\*This match is subject to our involvement in the FA Cup.*

## WALSALL v LEYTON ORIENT TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH 2008 - KICK-OFF 7.45pm

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- Concession (Blocks J & K only) £12.00 (advance price), £14.00 (matchday price).

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- Family Ticket (1 Adult / 1 Junior) £20.00 (advance price), £22.00 (matchday price) (Blocks NM1, NM2, NM6, NU1, NU6, NU7 only).
- Adult £17.00 (advance price), £19.00 (matchday price).
- Additional Junior for Family Ticket £6.00 (advance price), £7.00 (matchday price).
- Senior citizen / unaccompanied junior £11.00 (advance price), £13.00 (matchday price).

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### ADVANCE MATCH TICKET SALES

Savings are available if you buy your match tickets in advance of matchdays. Match tickets are usually available four weeks prior to each League game.

In a bid to ease the congestion at the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office on matchdays, a cash-only turnstile in the Floors-2-Go Lower Tier is open.

340 seats will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis in Block 6 of the Floors-2-Go Stand Lower Tier. Supporters are asked to please note that they must sit in the seat allocated on the ticket that they will be issued with at the turnstile.

Prices are, as follows: £15 (adults) and £11 (concessions) and access will be gained via Turnstiles 11 and 12.

The problem of long queues has been caused by too many supporters turning up to matches within half-an-hour of kick-off time. Tickets for all home games are on advance sale around a month prior to matchday, with savings to be made if you purchase prior to the day of the game.

Tickets for all other areas of the ground must be purchased from The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre or the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office. Alternatively you can purchase on-line via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk).

The Ticket Office is open after all Saturday first-team home games (closed after midweek home games).

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## away with the saddlers

### MILLWALL v WALSALL (FA CUP, SPONSORED BY E.ON, THIRD ROUND REPLAY) TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH - KICK-OFF 7.45pm

Walsall supporters will be accommodated in unreserved seating in the North Stand Upper Tier.

This game is NOT all-ticket. Tickets are now on general sale from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office and Club Shop plus The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre.

Tickets will be available up until 11.00am on Tuesday, January 15th, however it WILL be possible to purchase tickets at The New Den on the evening of the game.

Ticket prices are, as follows: £15 (adults), £10 (senior citizens aged 65+), £5 (juniors under the age of 16).

The Official Walsall FC Away Travel Service will be running coaches to the game at £16.50 per person, departing the Banks's Stadium at 2.30pm.

### BRISTOL ROVERS v WALSALL SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH - KICK-OFF 3.00pm

Walsall supporters have been allocated 1,000 side view uncovered terrace

tickets and 290 behind-the-goal covered seats.

This game is NOT all-ticket. Tickets are now on general sale from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office and Club Shop and The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre at the following special advance prices:

TERRACE: £15 (adults), £8 (juniors under the age of 16, seniors over the age of 65 and NUS students).

SEATS: £17.50 (adults), £9.50 (juniors under the age of 16, seniors over the age of 65 and NUS students).

PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKET PRICES WILL INCREASE BY £2 PER PERSON ON THE DAY OF THE GAME.

Any ambulant disabled supporters wishing to travel to The Memorial Stadium may purchase tickets at an advanced price from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office at a cost of £8 for the ambulant disabled supporter and free of charge for the helper.

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The Official Walsall FC Away Travel Service will be running a coach to the game at £16 per person, departing the Banks's Stadium at 11.30am.

**OPENING HOURS: Banks's Stadium Ticket Office - Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.30pm.  
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**PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE  
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FIXTURES & RESULTS  
2007/2008**

○ AUGUST 2007

Mon 27 Coventry a 2-1

○ SEPTEMBER

Wed 5 Wolves h 2-1

Tue 11 WBA h 1-2

Mon 17 Shrewsbury a 3-1

Tue 25 Nottm Forest a 0-2

○ OCTOBER

Wed 10 Oldham h 2-2

Tue 23 Huddersfield a 1-0

Tue 30 Port Vale h 0-1

○ NOVEMBER

Mon 12 Leicester a 3-4

Tue 27 Bradford City h 5-2

○ DECEMBER

Wed 5 Stoke City a 2-0

Tue 18 Wolves a 0-2

○ JANUARY 2008

Wed 9 Coventry h 1-1

Wed 23 Oldham A

○ FEBRUARY

Tue 5 Huddersfield h ko2

Mon 18 Port Vale a

Tue 26 Leicester h ko7

○ MARCH

Tue 18 Bradford City a

Tue 25 Stoke City h ko7

○ APRIL

Mon 7 WBA a

Tue 22 Shrewsbury h ko7

TBA Nottm Forest h ko2

All home games are played at the Banks's Stadium, unless notified otherwise. Admission to evening games is £2 (adults) and £1 (concessions), otherwise it is free of charge.

**PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE  
CENTRAL DIVISION (as at 06/01/2008)**

	P	W	D	L	P	A	GD	Pts
Nottm Forest	11	10	1	0	28	5+23	31	
WBA	12	6	3	3	30	25+10	21	
Stoke C.	11	6	2	3	14	18 -4	20	
WALSALL	12	6	1	5	21	18 +3	19	
Coventry C.	12	6	0	6	21	19 +2	18	
Port Vale	10	5	2	3	17	15 +2	17	
Wolves	10	5	1	4	23	16 +7	16	
Leicester C.	11	4	2	5	23	22 +1	14	
Shrewsbury T.	12	4	1	7	16	23 -7	13	
Bradford City	10	3	1	6	14	24 -10	10	
Huddersfield T.	11	1	3	7	7	18 -9	6	
Oldham Ath.	8	0	1	7	8	26 -18	1	

# in reserve



Bertrand Bossu has been a regular between the posts for the second-string

**PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE CENTRAL DIVISION APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/2008**

PLAYER	APPS	GOALS
Bertrand Bossu	12	0
Richard Taundry	13	0
Netan Sansara	11	0
Manny Smith	12	0
Ian Roper	8	2
Edrissa Sonko	1	0
Mark Bradley	4	0
David McDermott	11	1
Alex Nicholls	12	5
Troy Deeney	10	5
Joao Batista Mawete	10	3
Chris Hanna	3 (6)	1
Richard Davies	1 (3)	0
Harry Harris	2 (5)	0
Charlton Davies	9 (1)	1
Scott Dann	1	1
Tom Schwarz	2	0
Alan Wilkes	0 (2)	1
Leon Quarless	1 (1)	0
Ishmel Demontagnac	6	0
Michael Dobson	1	0

Gylfi Einarsson	1	0
Darren Wrack	1	1
Hassan Bacchus	1 (1)	0
Paul Hall	4	0
Joel Skeldon	1	0
Dexter Ravenhill	2 (1)	1
Andrew Bentley	0 (1)	0
Paul Boertien	2	0
Jamie Silver	0 (2)	0
Cameron Jones	0 (2)	0
Martin Brittain	1	0
Yankuba Ceesay	1	0

\* Due to our involvement in the FA Cup on Tuesday evening, The Saddlers will now be in Birmingham Senior Cup third round action on Wednesday, January 16th when we take on Rushall Olympic at Dales Lane (kick-off 7.45pm).

Check out [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) for all the latest reserve team match reports and statistics.



## STAT'S IT

Name:  
**PAUL HALL**

Position:  
**MIDFIELD**

07/08 Reserve  
Apps:  
**4**

07/08 Reserve  
Goals:  
**0**



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# youth on our side

## STAT'S IT

Name:  
**WILL  
GRIGG**

Position:  
**WINGER**

07/08 Youth  
Apps:  
**5 (2)**

07/08 Youth  
Goals:  
**0**

THE SADDLERS' youth team made a winning start to 2008 with a 3-2 victory over Wrexham.

"It was a good game with both sides trying to play the right way," said Head of Youth, Mick Halsall. "We managed to get our noses in front on 35 minutes with a well-worked goal as we displayed good movement and passing to set up Josh Craddock to fire home.

"Both sides tended to cancel each other out at the start of the second period, but we managed to increase our lead through Rory Curtis.

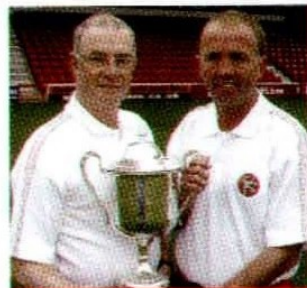
"We allowed Wrexham back into the game shortly afterwards as we were guilty of not tracking properly, but after making a few changes, we were able to restore our two-goal advantage through Mark Lowe.

"The game was petering out until our visitors managed to pull another one back to set up a tense finish.

"I was pleased with our overall performance and it was nice to return to action with a win after a long break.

"Now is the time when we are going to have to start making changes to the team as we look to give the current first-year boys more experience with an eye towards next season."

**WALSALL:** Skeldon, Woollestone, D. Schwarz, T. Schwarz, Bacchus, Lowe, Curtis, Bentley, Adkins (R. Davies), Craddock (Ryan), Grigg (Jones). Subs not used: Wilkes, Westlake.



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## PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE FIXTURES & RESULTS 2007/2008

AUGUST 2007			
Sat 18	Carlisle	h	2-3
Sat 25	In Service Training		
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 1	Tranmere	a	3-3
Sat 8	Wrexham	a	0-1
Sat 15	Stockport	h	4-2
Sat 22	Wigan	a	2-1
Sat 29	Shrewsbury	h	5-1
OCTOBER			
Sat 13	Port Vale	h	3-2
Sat 20	Rotherham (NC1)	h	0-3
Sat 27	Tranmere	h	2-1
NOVEMBER			
Sat 3	Chester City	a	0-0
Wed 7	Nottm F. FA/C1	a	2-1
Sat 10	Shrewsbury	a	8-0
Sat 17	Wigan	h	0-0
Thu 22	Leeds FA/C2	h	1-2
Fri 30	Port Vale	a	0-0
DECEMBER			
Sat 15	Stockport	a	1-0
JANUARY 2008			
Sat 5	Wrexham	h	3-2
Sat 12	Chester City	h	
Sat 19	Burnley	a	
Sat 26	In Service Training		
FEBRUARY			
Sat 2	Oldham	a	
Sat 9	Preston NE	h	
Sat 16	Rochdale	a	
Sat 23	North Cup 3		
MARCH			
Sat 1	Accrington	h	
Sat 8	Blackpool	a	
Sat 15	Burnley	h	
Sat 29	Bury	a	
APRIL			
Sat 5	Carlisle	h	
Sat 19	Morecambe	a	
MAY			
Sat 3	In Service Training		
TBA	Macclesfield	h	
TBA	Macclesfield	a	

All home games are played at the Birmingham County FA Ground, Ray Hall Lane, Great Barr.

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## PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE TABLE (as at 07/01/2007)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Wigan Ath.	15	8	3	3	29	13+16	16	30
Stockport	14	7	2	5	35	25+10	10	23
WALSALL	14	6	4	4	38	18+20	20	22
Bury	14	5	1	8	31	3+28	28	16
Carlisle U.	13	8	2	3	38	18+20	20	28
Oldham Ath.	15	6	1	8	35	34+1	1	19
Burnley	14	6	0	8	36	28+8	8	19
Macclesfield T.	14	7	3	4	27	17+10	10	24
Preston NE	13	7	1	5	33	23+10	23	22
Chester C.	16	6	4	6	21	19+2	2	22
Wrexham	14	6	3	5	18	19	0	21
Stockport Co.	16	6	3	7	23	31+2	2	20
Tranmere R.	15	5	4	6	24	25+1	1	19
Port Vale	15	4	4	7	21	24+3	3	16
Rochdale	13	2	2	9	8	27	38+11	5
Accrington S.	14	2	2	10	17	41+24	24	8
Shrewsbury T.	16	2	2	12	14	45+31	8	8
Morecambe	13	2	1	10	24	38+14	7	



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# X BOX

## BYFIELD HELPING ROBINS FLY HIGH

HAVING joined Bristol City earlier in the season, former Saddlers' striker, Darren Byfield has played his part in helping The Robins mount a promotion challenge.

Despite failing to establish a regular starting place in Gary Johnson's side so far, the 31 year-old's early goal in the 2-1 New Year's Day victory over Coventry City was his eighth of the campaign.

"If I show the right attitude and continue to score goals, I will keep my place in the side," he said. "I've done well when coming off the substitutes' bench on a number of occasions this season, but you don't really want the tag of 'supersub'.

"Obviously if I am on the bench and come on to help the team get three points, I will be delighted, but I want to be playing regularly.

"There is healthy competition in the squad and that can only be a good thing. We've all found ourselves out of the side at some point and it helps to keep you on your toes.

"We're all fighting to get in and if we are fighting and doing well, it means that the team is doing well."

Birmingham-born Byfield joined The Saddlers in the summer of 2000 after failing to make the break-through at Aston Villa. During his time at Villa Park he was loaned out to a number of clubs in order to gain valuable experience, but it was at Bescot Stadium where he really came to prominence.

He scored 11 goals during his first season at the club as we secured an immediate return into what is now known as The Championship, with his 109th-minute strike against Reading clinching promotion at the Millennium Stadium in that never-to-be-forgotten play-off Final.

The goal immediately gave him a place in Walsall FC

folklore and he went on to notch a further six strikes for the club at the higher level before a transfer deadline day switch to Rotherham United in March 2002.

His performances for The Millers prompted a move to Sunderland just under two years later where he hit five goals in 17 outings - most of which came off the bench.

His next port of call was Gillingham before going on to serve Millwall last season where he hit an impressive tally of 16 goals.



## Score Predictor

EACH issue the Walsall FC players, staff and supporters battle it out to discover who are the top tipsters.

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Representing the players today is skipper, Tommy Mooney, whilst coach, Eric McManus represents the staff and Darren Morrison is our supporters' representative.

The matches are as follows:

Players	Staff	Supporters
Arsenal v Birmingham		
3-1	3-0	3-1
Man Utd v Newcastle		
4-0	4-1	1-0
Cardiff v Sheff Wed		
2-0	1-0	1-2
Ipswich v Stoke		
2-1	2-2	1-0
Nottm Forest v Leyton Orient		
4-0	1-1	4-2
Oldham v Brighton		
1-2	1-2	2-0
Darlington v Bury		
3-0	2-1	3-1
Stockport v Accrington		
2-1	1-1	0-1

Things are hotting up following the latest set of results after a five-point haul from David McDermott took the players on to 66 points, just behind the supporters who mustered just a single point from Carly Wilson. The staff cling on to their lead thanks to Andrew Poole's two points.

GROUP	TOTAL POINTS
Staff	74
Supporters	69
Players	66

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**CARL ROBINSON:** Welsh International midfielder who joined Walsall on loan from Portsmouth in July 2002, scoring once in 11 League outings while at Bescot Stadium. He moved to Sunderland in March 2004 and helped them win The Championship title in 2004-05, since playing for Norwich City and Toronto FC.

**DAVE ROBINSON:** Former Birmingham City central defender who helped Walsall reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1974-75, netting three goals in 165 third division games prior to joining Tamworth in July 1977 and also managed Oldbury United. He now works for West Midlands Hire, living in Sutton Coldfield.

**JOHN ROBINSON:** Irish wing-half who was a Wolves reserve prior to joining Walsall in March 1947. He made his League debut in that month's 2-2 draw at Port Vale, playing five third division (south) games before being released in May 1948. Later living and working in Wolverhampton, he died in October 1981.

**MARVIN ROBINSON:** Ex-England Schoolboy striker who played for Derby, Chesterfield, Notts County and Rushden & Diamonds before joining Walsall in December 2004. He netted four goals in ten League games, moving to Stockport in March 2005, then playing for Lincoln, Macclesfield, Oxford United and Cambridge United on loan. Currently out long-term injured having been involved in a car crash late last year.

**SIMON ROBINSON:** Midfielder who joined Walsall from Alvechurch in December 1991 and made his solitary League appearance as a substitute in the following month's 0-0 draw at home to Cardiff City. He moved to Halesowen Town in January 1994, then played for Worthing, Wealdstone and Worthing again.

**DARREN ROGERS:** Skilful, overlapping left-back who overcame a cruciate ligament injury to make 58 League appearances for Walsall prior to joining Stevenage Borough in October 1997. He suffered further injury soon afterwards and was released but subsequently revived his career with Evesham United.

**ALAN ROPER:** Versatile right-back who turned professional for Walsall in May 1959 and made his League debut in the 3-2 victory at Middlesbrough in September 1962. He scored twice in 53 League outings for The Saddlers before joining Dudley Town in July 1965 and is still living in his native Tipton.

**IAN ROPER:** Long-serving central defender who was a trainee at Walsall before turning professional in May 1995. A promotion winner with The Saddlers in 1998-99, 2000-01 and 2006-07, he also helped reach the FA Cup fifth round in two consecutive seasons and has now scored six goals in 312 League outings.

**LOUIS ROSS:** Irish left-back who joined Walsall from Queen of the South in August 1948 and made his League debut in the following month's 2-0 defeat at Bournemouth. He was one of five different players who appeared at left-back that season, playing eight League games for The Saddlers. He died in April 1990.

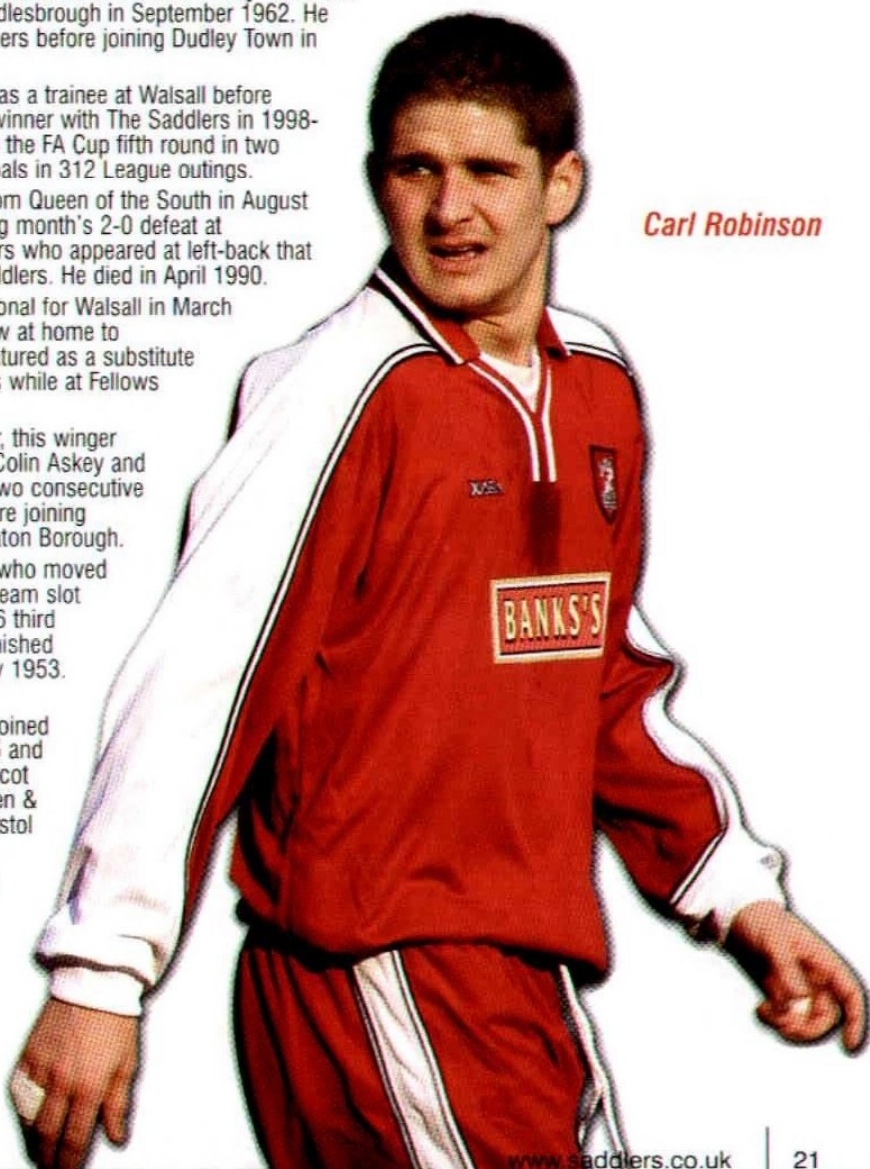
**STEVE ROUND:** Young striker who turned professional for Walsall in March 1980 and made his League debut in the 1-1 draw at home to Chesterfield in September 1981. He regularly featured as a substitute and netted three goals in 24 third division games while at Fellows Park. Now living in Rushwick, Worcester.

**NORMAN ROWE (1):** A former Aston Villa amateur, this winger joined Walsall in March 1959 and understudied Colin Askey and Colin Taylor as The Saddlers won promotion in two consecutive seasons. He made six League appearances before joining Rugby Town in July 1961, then played for Nuneaton Borough.

**NORMAN ROWE (2):** Ex-Derby County right-back who moved to Walsall in August 1952 and contested a first-team slot with fellow newcomer Harry Freeman. Making 26 third division (south) appearances as The Saddlers finished bottom of the table, he joined King's Lynn in July 1953. He died in September 1988.

**JOHN RUDDY:** Ex-England Youth goalkeeper who joined Walsall on loan from Everton in September 2005 and made five League One appearances while at Bescot Stadium. He has since had loan spells at Rushden & Diamonds, Chester, Stockport, Wrexham and Bristol City, also appearing in the Premiership.

**RON RUSSON:** Former Wolves reserve centre-half who joined Walsall from Hednesford in May 1948 and scored once in 141 third division (south) games for The Saddlers before moving to Stourbridge in July 1955. He later played for Brierley Hill Alliance and lived and worked locally until his death in April 1981.

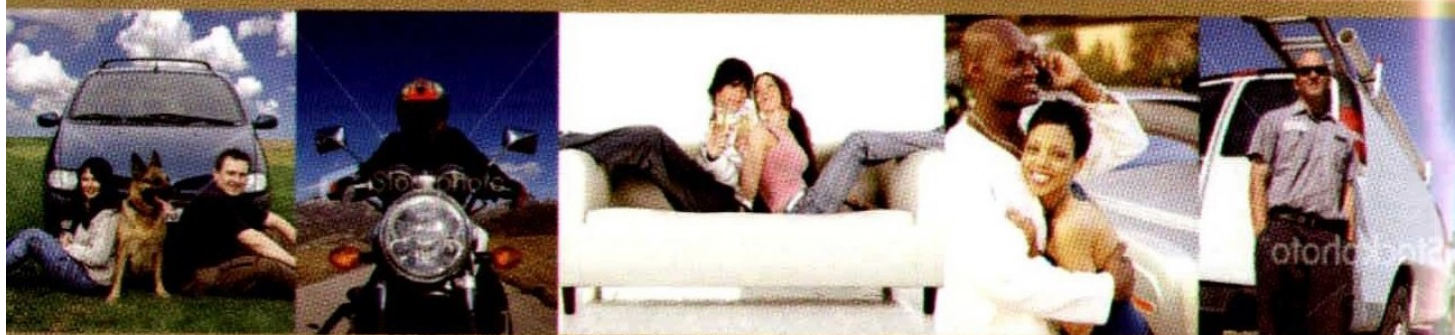


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# 75 YEARS ON

## The result that shook the world...

ON JANUARY 14th 1933, third division Walsall took on the aristocrats of Arsenal, arguably the greatest club side in the world at the time, in the third round of the FA Cup.

Few gave Bill Slade's men a chance as we stepped out at a chilly and decidedly muddy Fellows Park, but the events that were to unfold over the next 90 minutes sent shockwaves throughout the footballing world.

75 years on and that 2-0 victory for The Saddlers is still talked about as one of the greatest Cup shocks of all-time and an extremely significant day in the history of Walsall Football Club.



We join together this afternoon to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of that classic FA Cup giant-killing act with memories from those supporters who were actually there plus stories from some of the personalities involved...



# BELIEVE IT OR NOT - WALSALL HAVE BEATEN ARSENAL

Staggering blow to London Stars -  
Football history made in the second half  
*Sporting Star, Saturday, January 14th 1933*

## WALSALL - THE WONDER CUP FIGHTERS

Walsall bustle triumphs over Arsenal skill  
*Sunday Mercury, Sunday, January 15th 1933*



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**Sports Argus**  
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**GREAT CUP SENSATION:  
WALSALL BEAT ARSENAL**

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## THE STORY OF OUR SUCCESS

THOUGH we had beaten Mansfield Town 4-1 and Hartlepool 2-1 in the first two rounds of the FA Cup, there was little to suggest that we could seriously trouble our third round opponents, Arsenal, who were on their way to the first of three successive Division One Championships.

Our League form was not particularly good and in our previous four games we had lost 5-0 at Stockport, drawn the return game 0-0, achieved another goalless draw at Hull and had been held to a 1-1 home draw by Barnsley.

Our prospects did not seem to be helped either by an injury to skipper, Sammy Langford, who had been an ever-present up to that point. Sadly, he did not play League football again, rounding off his career with Dudley Town.

Manager, Bill Slade had moved Jack Bennett back from midfield to defence where he had previous experience from his days with Birmingham City and Blackburn Rovers. Arsenal meanwhile were without England defender, Eddie Hapgood and manager, Herbert Chapman also made changes in midfield and attack with Norman Sidley and Billy Warnes being tried out. However, with stalwarts like Alex James and Cliff Bastin in their side this was not expected to make any real difference.

How wrong such thoughts were. Nearer the truth was the dream of one of our directors, Harry Lake, who a few days before had 'seen' us winning 3-0.

Sid Bird took over as captain and won the toss, choosing to kick 'down the slope' towards the Laundry End. Away we went in blue and white striped shirts borrowed from Coventry City and though the gate of 11,149 was lower than expected (increased prices seemed to have taken their toll), they were soon soaring as our right-winger, Billy Coward threatened the visitors' goal in the opening minutes.

Shortly afterwards Arsenal goalkeeper, Frank Moss appeared to handle outside his area as we launched another attack. Referee, Arthur Taylor did not see it that way, though, and in all fairness, he didn't penalise some of our defenders' tackles about which winger, Cliff Bastin complained about in his book which was published over a decade later.

Bastin did get in at least one powerful shot in the opening exchanges that our goalkeeper, Joe Cunningham brilliantly saved, but we had our fair share of the early play.

Could we stay the pace after a pulsating first half that ended goalless? The answer soon came. With just 14 minutes gone in the second period we forced a corner on the right. Visiting defender, George Male mis-kicked Freddie Lee's flag-kick and so Lee was given another opportunity to deliver.

This time our wingers' kick reached the head of Gilbert Alsop who made no mistake in front of the Hilary Street end. Alsop was having a fine game and a few minutes later he bore down on goal again. Although goalkeeper, Moss cleared on this occasion, young defender, Tommy Black reacted to what he felt to be Alsop's unduly robust style.

He kicked out as the ball was cleared and Alsop went down. Chris Ball squared up to Black and mayhem reigned for the next minute or so. Referee Taylor managed to restore order and awarded The Saddlers a penalty.

In what was only his third game for us since arriving from Coventry, Bill Sheppard stepped up to drive the ball low and hard into the back of the net.

Once again hats and programmes were flung into the air in celebration and the roar continued almost non-stop for the remainder of the game.

Cunningham made another great save from Bastin and kept out a fierce drive from Black who was trying to make amends for his earlier error. We continued to have our fair share of the play with Ball hitting a shot just over.

It had just turned ten past four (the kick-off was 2.30 in those pre-floodlight days) when the final whistle sounded. Those fans inside the ground and the many that had gathered outside celebrated and rushed to tell everyone the fantastic news. In those days there was no television and radio results did not come on air until 6.20pm.

Just a few days later we beat Mansfield Town 8-1 in the League game that has been rearranged because of this FA Cup tie. A fortnight later, 52,085 were at Maine Road to see us take on Manchester City in the fourth round, but there was to be no repeat of our heroics as we went down by four goals to nil.

We did, however, lose only four more League games and ended the season in fifth place in the old Division Three (North).



# SUPPORTERS RECOLLECTIONS



I WAS ten years of age at the time and used to attend matches with friends of the family who looked after the refreshment kiosk near the Laundry End.

For this particularly game they refused to take me because of the larger-than-normal crowd that was expected and they couldn't guarantee my safety, as they would be working.

Instead I positioned myself on the grass bank behind the Laundry End. There were supporters on the railway track waiting for the opportunity to try and sneak in. It was very dangerous but people just couldn't afford the admission fee.

I can recall the noise that went up when the goals went in and the joy on the faces of everyone after the game.

**KEN GREENWELL (86)**

I WAS just eight years of age at the time and went to the game with my friend, Ray Perry and his dad. It was one of the first matches that I had attended and I was extremely excited in the build-up.

We positioned ourselves on the half-way line as Ray and I were pushed down to the front so that we could see properly. There were lots of youngsters at the game and more girls than usual. In fact, my future wife, Irene, attended the game with her father. I didn't know her then but 12 years later we were married and later discovered that we had both been at the game!

I don't recall too much about the actual match but when we scored the crowd surged forward and I ended up on the running track around the pitch and had to be helped back over the wall!

There was such a roar at the final whistle and we stayed behind for around half-an-hour to celebrate with the other supporters. I am glad to have been a part of it.

**ROBERT NEWTON (84)**

I WAS 12 years of age at the time and although I followed the club, I couldn't afford to attend the Arsenal game.

Instead I went to the old picture house in Station Street where the final score was displayed on the screen and everyone cheered!

I have followed the club home and away since the 1930s and despite moving around the world during the war I have always kept a keen interest and attended matches whenever possible. I am still coming along to matches today and take great pleasure out of seeing the team performing well under Richard Money.

**MR. GODWIN (87)**

I WAS 11 at the time. I went to the game with my dad who was a staunch supporter and had been so most of his life. He even used to go to away games.

My dad was only 5'2" tall and I recall that he took along a block to stand on so he could see the game properly. We stood near the Laundry End and I went to the front with the other kids.

We rattled the boards at the front so much that the noise scared the Arsenal players. We never stopped making noise all game and my hands were sore at the end!

We left pretty sharpish at the final whistle and walked home to Darlaston. My brother went to celebrate in Walsall Town Centre where the butcher was giving out free meat in Walsall Market.

My dad was tee-total so he didn't have a drink to celebrate but I can still see the smile on his face to this day!

Gilbert Alsop was my favourite player and I was fortunate to meet him on a number of occasions over the years.

**TED MUNFORD (85)**

AT THE time of the game I was 17 years of age and actually a West Bromwich Albion supporter!

People used to go and see all the local games in those days and I was keen to see what was a big match for the area, particularly as Arsenal had numerous International players in their side.

Unfortunately I couldn't afford the admission fee so had to be content with watching the events unfold from the Wallows Lane bridge.

I can seem to remember an Arsenal player falling over the wall around the perimeter of the pitch and into the crowd.

Even today, at the age of 91, I take a keen interest in all local clubs.

**ALBERT HARRIS (91)**

IT WAS only the second game that I had been to and watched from my brother-in-law's shoulders.

I can still vividly recall the Walsall line-up from that day and Arsenal had a few players that I had heard of.

We thoroughly deserved our victory and I have never seen so many hats thrown into the air at the final whistle.

**FRANK HUGHES (86)**

I WAS born in Hilary Street, right next to the ground, and was nine years of age at the time of the match.

My friends and I knew that something special was happening and had heard of the likes of Gilbert Alsop and Cliff Bastin, so four or five of us went along to the match and managed to get in.

I had never seen such a crowd and whilst it is fair to say that we didn't pay too much attention to what was happening on the pitch, I started following the club regularly after that and have been a supporter ever since.

After the game I can recall following some of the players back to Pleck. They were obviously in very high spirits and had toasted their victory with the odd beer or three!

Apart from a time away in the Royal Navy during the war, I have followed the club closely both home and away over the years and still have a season-ticket.

The club has played a big part in my life and I have many happy memories of past matches and former players.

**GEORGE THOMAS BATES (83)**

I RECALL that the club put the admission prices up for the game and as a result, the unemployed in the area couldn't afford it so they stood outside and were let in for free at half-time to swell the crowd, as the ground was only about half-full in the first half.

Our penalty came about following a blatant and cynical foul that sparked an angry reaction amongst the Walsall players and crowd. It certainly added a 'needle' to the game after that with retribution in the minds of the Walsall players.

Arsenal brought with them a drake as mascot and at the end of the game it was caught and most probably ended up on someone's dinner table!

The Walsall players were carried home shoulder high later in the evening after celebrating their fantastic victory.

**RONALD ADEY (90)**



# THOSE ELEVEN

**JOE CUNNINGHAM:** Our 6'1" goalkeeper was a Scotsman who had previously played for Aberdeen, Newport County and Queens Park Rangers before joining us in the previous summer. He played in 53 successive games before linking up with York City early in the following season. Later playing for Dartford where he shared in another giant-killing act as they beat Cardiff City 3-0 in the FA Cup first round in November 1935.



**JACK BENNETT:** Hailing from Nottingham, he had reserve team experience with Birmingham City and Blackburn Rovers prior to joining The Saddlers in the summer of 1932. His early games for us came in midfield, but from the Arsenal game onwards, he played on the right flank of defence. He stayed with us until the summer of 1938, totalling 210 games before ending his playing career with Wellington and Long Eaton.



**SID BIRD:** Our skipper and left-flank defender played non-League football in the north-east before joining Fulham in 1928. He came to us in the summer of 1932 and was ever-present in the next two seasons, totalling 97 games before returning north to play for Spennymoor and Brandwood.



**GEORGE LESLIE:** A strong central defender who was a native of Slough. He also arrived at the club in the summer of 1932 and totalled 97 games over the next three seasons, though laid low by injury in his latter career with The Saddlers.



**JOHNNY REED:** Provided a powerful presence on the right side of midfield, he was another north-easterner before settling in the Midlands and playing just once for Wolves in 1930/31. He came to us in the latter part of 1931/32 and played mainly on the left flank of midfield before moving over to



the right just three months prior to the Arsenal game. He had a full-blooded reputation and, in fact, was sent off in the next round of the FA Cup. He totalled 141 appearances for us before injury ended his career when he was still in his 20s. He later scouted for us during Ron Jukes' time as Chief Scout of the club.

**HARRY SALT:** He had League experience with Brighton, Queens Park Rangers, Crystal Palace and Brentford before joining the influx of new players to arrive at Fellows Park in the summer of 1932.



He played in the opening games of the new season but was battling away in the reserves when the call came for him to replace Jack Bennett in midfield as the latter moved into defence. He held his place for a few more games and then lost it to new signing, George Wiles. He later played for Yeovil and worked as a school caretaker. Though he only played ten first-team games for The Saddlers, one of them was the most famous in our history.

**BILLY COWARD:** A right-winger who was born in Windsor and played for his hometown club before breaking into League football with Queens Park Rangers in 1927. He was yet another new arrival in the summer of 1932 and played regularly in his one-and-only season with us, scoring eight goals in 39 games. He then moved on to Yeovil Town and then Bath City.



**CHRIS BALL:** He was born in Leek and played for Coventry City, Bristol Rovers and Bristol City before joining The Saddlers in February 1932. Wearing the number eight shirt, he played a mainly midfield role and in only his fifth game for the club was sent off at Crewe. Just a year later he was sent off once more against Crewe - and by the same referee, a certain H. N. Mee! In between he had a prominent part to play in the victory over Arsenal. Totalling 122 outings and 23 goals by the time he moved on in 1935, he later served Colwyn Bay, Cradley Heath and Brierley Hill.





# TEN HEROES

**GILBERT ALSOP:** Hailing from the West Country, he played for Bath City and Coventry City before joining us in October 1931 and scoring on his debut against Doncaster Rovers. He got 15 goals by the end of that first season and was on 13 by the time of the Arsenal game. Going on to notch 29 goals in 1932/33, 40 in 1933/34 and an amazing 48 in 1934/35. Early the following season he moved to West Bromwich Albion, but he had very little opportunity at The Hawthorns and moved on to Ipswich in May 1937, where he helped them gain a Football League place in the summer of 1938. Our fans were delighted when he returned to Fellows Park in November 1938 and though we had to apply for re-election in that first season back, he scored 29 times in 34 games, scoring 16 goals in five games at one stage, including four hat-tricks. He was equally prolific during war-time games both for us and a number of other clubs. His tally was 61 goals in 101 games and by the time he retired from League football in 1947, his tally for The Saddlers was an incredible 169 goals in 222 League and Cup games. He was player-coach of our third-team for a time and then played for FH Lloyds where he was employed as the goals continued to flow. Later he served us as groundsman and attended games right up until his death in 1992. Standing at just 5'9", he was a handful for any defence and his service to the club is being marked today with the unveiling of Executive Box 1 as The Gilbert Alsop Box.



**BILL SHEPPARD:** A County Durham lad, he played for Crook Town before signing for Liverpool in 1925. He moved on to Watford without breaking into the first-team at Anfield, but started to score regularly and this continued during spells with Queens Park Rangers and Coventry City. He had been with us only a month when he played such a dramatic part in the win over Arsenal. He found the net regularly for us in 1933/34 then moved on to Chester City only to come almost straight back to us and continued scoring. Five of his 29 goals in 82 games for The Saddlers were from the penalty spot - the first of them against Arsenal. He left us in 1935 and later played for Tunbridge Wells Rangers and we were saddened to hear of his death in 1950 at the age of just 43.



**FREDDY LEE:** He was born in Yardley and played for Yardley White Star before joining Coventry City in 1930. He then joined the influx of players who arrived at Fellows Park in the summer of 1932 and scored on his debut against Hull City. Netting in the first two rounds of the FA Cup against Mansfield and Hartlepool to set up the tie with The Gunners, it was his cross that provided Gilbert Alsop with the opening goal on that historic day. A skilful little player who could also score goals, he netted 28 times in 93 outings before leaving us in 1935. He then had short spells with Blackpool and Mansfield without breaking into their first-teams.



## AND NOT FORGETTING...

**BILL SLADE (Manager):** He was born in Walsall in 1898 and had served Coventry City as director and acting manager before succeeding Peter O'Rourke as our boss in February 1932. Within months he had signed Joe Cunningham, Sid Bird, Jack Bennett, George Leslie, Johnny Reed, Harry Salt, Billy Coward, Chris Ball and Freddy Lee, all of whom were destined to play against Arsenal. He led us to fifth place in Division Three (North) in 1932/33 and 1933/34, but as his signings started to drift away, he was replaced by Andy Wilson in October 1934, just 18 months after the Arsenal win. But what an achievement it was!



**HARRY WAIT (Trainer):** Joining us from Darlaston in 1923 aged 31, he proceeded to miss only four games over the course of the next six seasons. A talented goalkeeper, he later became trainer of the club (the old word for physio) and was on the trainers' bench for that game against Arsenal. In 1935/36 he played five more games in goal for The Saddlers at the age of 44 and on one remarkable occasion played in our first-team whilst his son (also Harry) turned out for our reserves. He later served us as groundsman until 1960 and lived in Wallows Lane right up until his death in 1975. We are pleased to have his son, Bert, here today as a guest of the club.





# SUPPORTERS RECOLLECTIONS...

I WAS certainly at Fellows Park on the day of the game, but unfortunately, as you will see, I don't have any personal recollections of the match.

My father was a lifelong supporter of The Saddlers and made sure that he obtained his Arsenal ticket early because a full house of over 20,000 was expected.

Because of the anticipated crush, my mother stayed at home with a neighbour whose husband was also at the match but as they had no radio, television or telephone, they had no way of finding out what was happening.

Therefore they decided to walk to the ground from our house in Pleck and arrived to find out from the man on the gate that Walsall had just scored their second goal! He also told them that there was no danger of a crush as the gate was half of what they expected and so let them in for free.

Where do I fit in to all of this? Well, my mother was six months pregnant at the time and I wasn't born until three months later but I have always been able to say truthfully that I was at the match, even though I didn't see any of it!

I still have my father's original programme and fondly remember one story that he always recounted.

An Arsenal supporter was standing next to him (there was no segregation in those days) and this man was obviously confident of a big win for his team. So much so that he had brought along a cribbage board and pegs to make sure that he didn't lose count of the number of goals they scored!

50 years later we beat Arsenal 2-1 at Highbury in the Milk Cup - a game which I do remember seeing! I started watching the club regularly at the start of the 1937/38 season, when I was just four years old, so this is my 70th year of watching Walsall.

I am pleased to say that my son and grandson also have season-tickets and have been regulars at matches from an early age like myself, even though they both live in the wilds of Shropshire!

**MALCOLM H. GILBERT**

I have my late father, Donald to thank (!) for my lifelong obsession with Walsall FC ever since we made the short journey from the Yew Tree Estate (which technically is over the border in WBA territory) to see an FA Cup game in 1966. Was it down to the fact that The Saddlers were in sparkling form or was it because as a country we were still bathing in an after glow of being crowned World Champions? I will leave you to decide.

In the event, Walsall won 2-0 against St. Neots Town, with Colin Taylor and Alan Baker on the scoresheet. It did not matter that we had scraped home against a non-League outfit, or that Frank Gregg had missed a penalty, I had the bug and I am still afflicted. I have a season-ticket to prove it.

In terms of the Arsenal game, dad related how the prices of both admission and the Matchday Programme had been jacked up to double in the light of the quality of the opposition. Looking at the gate it is obvious that Fellows Park was only half full so the ploy to get extra revenue must have backfired. Not surprising really when you consider the state of the economy at the time.

Nevertheless a young Donald went to the game (paying a double schoolchild entrance fee) and bought a programme (which he subsequently lost - worst fortune!). If the price increase smacks of modern day commercialism then to illustrate a more homely side of the era, it was decided that both sides would change colours. Walsall had to loan Coventry City's blue kit for the occasion!

I think that the events of the game are well chronicled. What is not so easily gauged is the impact of the result. Apparently the BBC radio announcer for the first and only time in broadcasting history stopped reading the football results to confirm a second time the correct score. As for my dad, his school (Edward Shelley High in The Pleck) granted a days holiday the following Monday, possibly because the excitement caused would prevent the schoolboys concentrating on their studies.

**BOB PERRY**





# SADDLERS SENT TO COVENTRY... FOR NEW SUITS

POWER-house wing-half, Jack Reed gave excellent service to the club over the course of five years.

He played a significant role in our FA Cup victory over Arsenal. "The family recall my grandfather commenting on the state of the Fellows Park pitch for that game," said Reed's granddaughter, Pam Pedley. "It was extremely muddy and Arsenal just weren't used to playing on a surface like that."

"He also used to tell the story of how a radio show broadcast on the evening prior to the game said that Arsenal would slaughter Walsall 12-0 and this certainly fired up the players who listened to it."

"At the time he lived in Palfrey and as he walked to the Arsenal game, supporters were offering him cigarettes and chatting away excitedly. He used to walk to and from all home games, as did many of the players at the time."

"After the win, the team were taken to Coventry and were all bought new suits as a reward for their fantastic achievement."

Reed's performances for The Saddlers alerted the attention of a number of top-flight clubs, but injury brought about his premature retirement from the game in 1936.



## SILENT EXIT FOR GUNNERS

WALSALL FC Historian, Geoff Allman sadly wasn't at the game, but over the years he has spoken to a number of people who were involved in that historic event. "I will always remember Harry Wait, our trainer at the time, telling me how embarrassed he was at the tatty old bench that the Arsenal trainer, Tom Whittaker, had to sit on," recalled Allman. "Whittaker's response was that 'if it's good enough for you Harry, it's good enough for me'."

"Wait also recalled that Cliff Bastin had a powerful shot in the opening minutes which Joey Cunningham managed to punch clear, had it gone in he was sure that a goal spree would have followed."

"I have been told by a number of players that after the match, the Arsenal manager, Herbert Chapman, shook hands with each of the Walsall players before ordering the team coach to be backed right up to the entrance as his players and staff were ushered on board, heads bowed, to make their silent exit."



# BLACK GRAPES AND DARTS THE ORDER OF THE DAY FOR ARSENAL STARS

HARRY Wait was a fine clubman who spent 37 years with Walsall FC, firstly as a player, then as trainer and finally as groundsman.

It is amazing to note that the talented goalkeeper didn't actually arrive at Fellows Park until he was 31 years of age!

He was trainer on the day that Arsenal came to town and his ten year-old son, Bert, sat on the bench beside his dad for the famous game. "Pathe News had a camera crew at the game and set up in the centre circle to film the players running out onto the pitch," recalled Bert. "I can be seen on the pictures standing next to the bench."

"I had a permanent place on the bench as it was my job to retrieve the ball when it was kicked over into Orgill's Laundry."

"I was fortunate enough to be taken into the Arsenal dressing room before the game and it was quite daunting being in the presence of so many big-name players."

"To relax they had drawn a circle on the whitewashed wooden wall of the dressing room with a target in the middle and were throwing darts at it."

"In the build-up to the game, the Arsenal trainer asked my dad where he could get some black grapes from. He was told of a fruit and veg shop in The Pleck and I was given the task of showing him the way and helping him carry back the black grapes."

"The Arsenal players then ate the grapes just before they went out for the game."

"It was such a big occasion for the club and holds so many special memories for me."



**WE ARE delighted to have some of the people featured on these pages at today's game as VIP guests of the club.**

**We also have members of Gilbert Alsop's family here this afternoon as we officially name Executive Box One, the Gilbert Alsop Box in recognition of the fantastic goalscoring service that he gave to the club.**

**The remaining 12 Executive Boxes will be renamed during the summer as we give you, the supporters, the opportunity to cast your vote via the Official Walsall FC Website - [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk).**

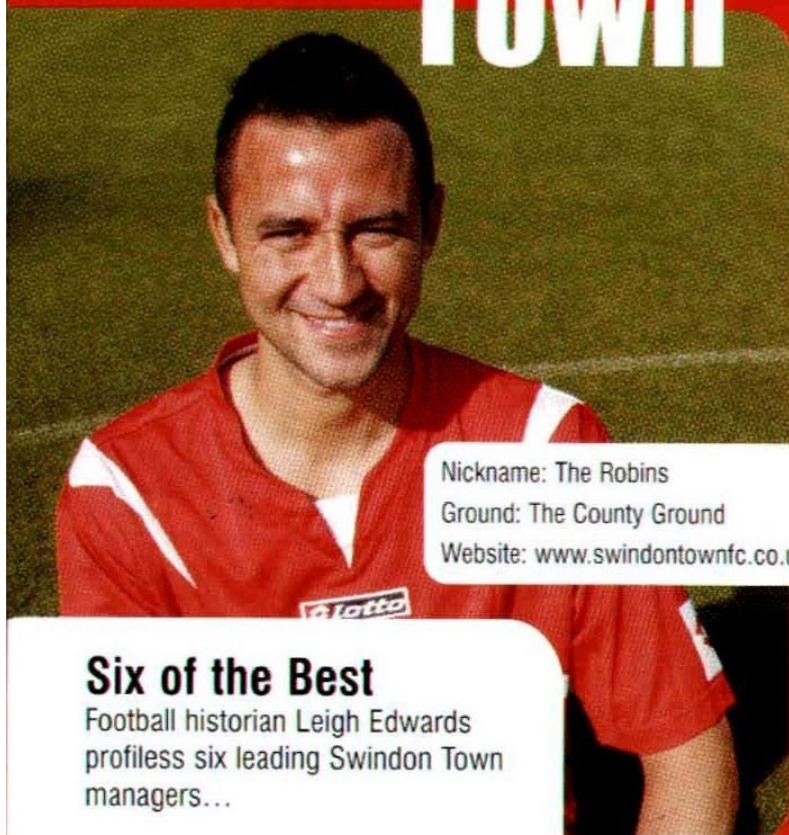




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## Six of the Best

Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles six leading Swindon Town managers...

### SAM ALLEN

Sam Allen gave Swindon Town outstanding service in various capacities. Previously a clerk in the GWR offices, he spent seven years as a Swindon director before becoming their secretary-manager in July 1902. He made several shrewd signings and guided Swindon to the Southern League Championship in 1910-11 and 1913-14, also twice leading them to the FA Cup semi-finals. Taking Swindon into The Football League in 1920, he plotted further FA Cup runs and remained in charge of team affairs until becoming secretary only on the arrival of Ted Vizard in April 1933. He held that post until his death on New Year's Day 1946.

### BERT HEAD

Bert Head plotted Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional for Torquay United in October 1936, the defender moved to Bury in February 1952 and was assistant-boss before becoming Swindon's manager in October 1955. He produced several fine players including Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Don Rogers and Rod Thomas before returning to Bury as manager in August 1965. Appointed Crystal Palace's boss in April 1966, he guided them to the top-flight for the first time in 1968-69 and had a spell as general manager. He was later manager and director at Bath City and died in February 2002.

### DANNY WILLIAMS

Danny Williams guided Swindon Town to a promotion and League Cup 'double' in 1968-69. A former wing-half, he turned professional with hometown Rotherham in October 1942 and starred in their 1950-51 third division (north) title triumph. He made a club record 459 League appearances for The Millers before becoming trainer-coach in July 1960, then was manager prior to taking charge of Swindon in August 1965. Leaving the County Ground in July 1969 to manage Sheffield Wednesday, he then managed Mansfield Town before rejoining Swindon as boss from March 1974 until May 1978. He now lives in Bournemouth.

## DAVID BYRNE & ADY WILLIAMS – Caretaker Managers

DAVID Byrne and Ady Williams took joint caretaker control of the club following the departure of Paul Sturrock in November 2007.

As a player, Byrne served a whole host of clubs, including a brief loan spell with The Saddlers in February 1994.

His coaching career began at Albion Rovers where he was appointed player-coach in 1996.

He then took on the role of youth team manager at Plymouth Argyle before eventually taking up a similar position at Swindon Town via a brief spell with Torquay United.

Former Welsh International Williams has been an influential figure at the club since his arrival in August 2006.

He served home-town club, Reading with great distinction whilst also turning out for Wolves, Coventry City and Millwall during a playing career that has amassed over 500 senior appearances and is still rising.



### LOU MACARI

Former Scotland International midfielder Lou Macari managed Swindon Town to the fourth division title in 1985-86. He won all three major Scottish honours with Celtic before moving to Manchester United in January 1973, featuring in three FA Cup finals including their 1977 triumph. Joining Swindon as player-boss in July 1984, he also guided them to promotion in 1986-87 and second division play-offs in 1988-89. He left in July 1989 to manage West Ham and briefly Birmingham before leading Stoke City to the second division title in 1992-93. Rejoining Celtic as boss, he later managed Stoke again and Huddersfield Town.

### GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England International midfielder Glenn Hoddle plotted Swindon Town's 1992-93 first division play-off Final triumph. Signing professional for Spurs in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup Final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup Final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

### PAUL STURROCK

Former Scotland International striker Paul Sturrock guided Swindon Town to promotion in 2006-07. A legend at Dundee United, he starred as they won the Scottish Premier title in 1982-83, Scottish League Cup twice and were Scottish Cup finalists four times. He became their coach in June 1989, was St Johnstone's boss and rejoined Dundee United as manager in September 1998. Taking charge of Plymouth in October 2000, he plotted two promotion campaigns, then managed Southampton. He led Sheffield Wednesday to promotion in 2004-05, then was Swindon's boss for a year until rejoining Plymouth in November 2007.



## VINCENT:

**"It seems more teams in this League are trying to pass the ball rather than play a physical game. And as that is the way we like to play, I think we've adapted quite well to this level of football..."**

SWINDON Town defender, Jamie Vincent is delighted with the way things are panning out at the Wiltshire club. "This is only my second season at Swindon, but it feels like we have achieved a lot in the face of quite a bit of turmoil," he said. "In my time here I've already played under two permanent managers, soon to be three [Maurice Malpas is expected to be confirmed as Swindon's new manager shortly], but the club has still made steady progress. Getting promoted last year was a real achievement and, despite a few set-backs this term, we're certain we can establish ourselves at this level."

The left-sided full-back is looking forward to former Scotland International, Maurice Malpas taking charge and also has been impressed with the caretaker work of former Saddlers' loanee, David Byrne and Ady Williams. "David and Ady have really carried on from where Paul Sturrock left off," he admitted. "It was disappointing to lose Paul to Plymouth but we could understand his motivation. Now we have a new manager coming in, who looks to have a clear vision of what he wants and expects."

"I'm sure he'll be a success here and the players are all looking forward to working with him."

The festive period is always a busy time for football clubs and their players, but it has been a particularly exciting time for Vincent. "It's been non-stop football for the last fortnight, a period where we've only been able to do the minimum of training as the games are coming on a regular basis. Added to that, my wife gave birth to our third child early in the New Year so it's been a very hectic time all round!"

Adjusting to League One has been a challenge, but one the 32 year-old has relished. "It seems more teams in this League are trying to pass the ball rather than play a physical game. And as that is the way we like to play, I think we've adapted quite well to this level of football."

Indeed Vincent respects Walsall as a side that also likes to pass the ball around and has fond memories of both playing for and against The Saddlers. "Last season we had two great results against Walsall. We performed really well away, and I think we surprised a

few people with that 2-0 win. The game at our place was fantastic; there was a real electric atmosphere and I thought we had the better of it, but to draw and both be promoted was personally a very fitting end to a great season."

Swindon's stand-in captain looks back fondly on the short loan spell he had with The Saddlers during the 2003/04 season. "I wasn't getting much first-team football at the time with Portsmouth, so I took the opportunity to link up with Walsall," he recalled. "I had a great spell there which really re-ignited my career and played a big part in my move to Derby. I will always be thankful to Walsall for that."

Not too thankful, though, as he approaches this game as one that he feels is really winnable. "I'm looking forward to today's game," he went on. "It will be nice to be back at Walsall; it's a tidy ground and somewhere I enjoy playing. We expect an open, passing game that should also be good for the fans. Especially those following Swindon, I hope!"





# The Rising Star...



A HIGHLY-rated midfielder who recently celebrated his 19th Birthday.

He has emerged through the ranks at the County Ground and has started to make an impact on the first-team this season.

His first two outings came in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, whilst he also appeared as a second half substitute in The Robins' FA Cup second round victory over Forest Green Rovers.

He was given his League debut at Southend early in December and went on to figure in a total of four games last month.

One very much for the future, big things are expected of the local lad during the course of the year ahead as he cuts his teeth in the professional game.

SWINDON TOWN -

CHRIS ALLEN

# Between the Posts



THE GIANT 'keeper, who hails from the Czech Republic, arrived at the County Ground in the summer of 2006, initially on a one-year loan deal from FC Brno in his homeland.

Making an impressive initial impact with a string of outstanding performances early on - including two penalty saves on his League debut - he sustained an injury in October 2006 which ruled him out for the remainder of The Robins' promotion-winning campaign.

He signed a two-year permanent deal with the club in March 2007 and made a return to action earlier this season to establish himself as first-choice between the posts once more.

An extremely popular figure both on and off-the-field.

## AT-A-GLANCE

DATE-OF-BIRTH: 03/01/1989

PREVIOUS CLUBS: -

SQUAD NUMBER: 24



SWINDON TOWN -

BILLY PAYNTER

# The Hot Shot...



JOINED the club for an undisclosed fee from Southend United earlier in the season as The Robins looked to come to terms with the added demands of life in League One.

A front-man of undoubted talent and ability, he started his career with Port Vale where he scored 30 goals in 119 League starts before moving on to Hull City for a six-figure fee in January 2006 following a successful loan spell.

He failed to make the expected impact at the KC Stadium and eventually joined Southend United in readiness for the 2006/07 campaign.

Again he found goals hard to come by, but a fruitful loan spell at Bradford City in the second half of last season revitalised him and gave his confidence a boost.

A player with an impressive scoring record at League One level, he notched 14 goals in 2003/04 and followed that up with 13 strikes during the next season.

He hit a hat-trick in the 4-1 victory over AFC Bournemouth back in September and will be on the hunt for more goals in 2008.

## AT-A-GLANCE

DATE-OF-BIRTH: 13/07/1984

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Port Vale, Hull City, Southend United, Bradford City (loan)

SQUAD NUMBER: 20

SWINDON TOWN -

PETER BREZOVAN

## AT-A-GLANCE

DATE-OF-BIRTH: 09/12/1979

PREVIOUS CLUBS: FC Brno

SQUAD NUMBER: 12



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# community news

## EVENING CENTRES, SPONSORED BY TARMAC

Once school is finished and homework is done, reward yourself with a place on a Walsall FC Evening Centre, sponsored by Tarmac.

The centres operate around the local area and run for ten weeks at a time. During these ten weeks our qualified coaches will teach you football skills and techniques in fun sessions and games.

The centres are held here at the Banks's Stadium as well as in Aldridge and Shelfield.

Winter and New Year courses are held indoors with the exception of The Banks's Stadium sessions, which take place on the field turf.

Participants need to bring appropriate footwear and clothing for their venue.

Book ten weeks for just £30 or attend weekly at one venue for only £3.50 per session - family booking discounts are also available, please call 01922-644 742 for information.

Boys and girls aged six to 14 years are welcome. Our New Year courses take place as follows:

- **BANKS'S STADIUM** - Monday, 7th January to Monday, 17th March 2008 - Field Turf - Outdoor - 5.00pm to 6.00pm.
- **SHELFIELD** - Monday, 7th January to Monday, 17th March 2008 - Shelfield Sports College - Indoor - 5.00pm to 6.00pm.
- **ALDRIDGE** - Wednesday, 9th January to Wednesday, 19th

March 2008 - Aldridge Comprehensive School - Indoor - 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Please note that these ten-week courses do not include the half-term week.

It's still not too late to book. Contact us now: EMAIL: [community@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:community@walsallfc.co.uk) TELEPHONE: 01922-644 742.

## SATURDAY CLUB

Saturday soccer sessions are a popular activity for children in the local area.

Everyone is welcome to join in our informal sessions that are fun-based, relaxed and also improve footballing ability.

To cater for all, sessions are split into three age groups so that children are playing with others of a similar age.

The sessions are, as follows:

- **MINI KICKERS**  
9.00am until 11.00am - ages four to six years
- **JUNIOR KICKERS**  
9.00am until 11.00am - ages six to nine years
- **SENIOR KICKERS**  
11.00am until 1.00pm - ages nine to 14 years

All of our sessions are coached by FA-qualified staff who hold Child Protection Certificates and are police-checked.

These fun sessions are available every Saturday on the Banks's Stadium Field Turf. Register in the Community Room before each session - appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

The cost is £3 per coaching session. Anyone participating can upgrade their coaching package to include a ticket to a Walsall FC home League game. This will cost £5 to include two hours coaching and your match ticket.

For further details, log-on to [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk) or call 01922-644 742.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

**WEBSITE** - [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk)

Have you checked out the Walsall FC Community Programme's Official Website yet?

It is dedicated purely to the activities carried out by the Community Programme and contains a vast amount of information.

Why not take a look for yourself? Log-on to [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk).

## JOIN THE JUNIOR AND MINI SADDLERS

Join the Junior and Mini Saddlers and begin a passion for life.

The Junior and Mini Saddlers, sponsored by Asda, are a great way to cheer on The Saddlers and join in with all of the activities on offer here at the Banks's Stadium.



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#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- All members receive Birthday and Christmas cards from their favourite Saddlers' player,
- Junior Saddlers receive £15 worth of WFCCP gift vouchers,
- Mini Saddlers receive FREE ADMISSION to Coca-Cola League games.

#### MINI SADDLERS

For youngsters up to seven years of age - £5 membership fee.

#### JUNIOR SADDLERS

For youngsters between the ages of seven and 16 years of age - £10 membership fee.

Pick up an Application Form from The Junior Saddlers Room or download via [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk)

#### BALL BOYS, SPONSORED BY TARMAC

The ball boys and girls for today's game, sponsored by Tarmac, are provided by St. Joseph's Primary School in Rugeley.



We hope that everyone involved has a memorable afternoon with us and keeps the game flowing freely.

#### BIRTHDAY TREAT

On the pitch prior to our recent game against Doncaster Rovers was Adam Wilkes who received a signed Walsall FC football from Daniel Fox as part of a Birthday Treat.



#### JUNIOR SADDLERS GALLERY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jayson Hicken (7).



## STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING

#### GETTING READY FOR THE NEW TERM

THE Study Support Centre is preparing for a new term with local schools.

Future events include:

\* Enterprise Days in schools and at Walsall Football Club,



\* Playing for Success Programme with eight schools – five primary and three secondary. These are 'After School Sessions', which will run until March,



\* Launch of the Walsall FC Stadium Tour DVD with Millfield School.



The above are some of the events planned for the term ahead – WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE EXCITING PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE!

For information on  
The Study Support Centre,  
please contact Sue Lane on 01922-629 238.



## CABARET SEASON STARTS ON JANUARY 25TH

The Banks's Stadium is about the only place you can go to in the West Midlands where you can safely park your car, enjoy a first-class meal in salubrious surroundings and be entertained by star performers.

We have a real niche in the market and attract customers to these events from throughout the Midlands.

Just to emphasise how successful these Cabaret Nights are, our first event of 2008, 'Thank You For The Music' on Friday, January 25th, is already sold-out.

This is a theatre show featuring the music of Abba and The Bee Gees.

We can promise some really big names during 2008.

We have the Syd Lawrence Orchestra here for two nights on Friday, February 1st and Saturday, February 2nd.

They are regarded as the best big band in the UK. Their Friday concert will feature a tribute to Matt Monro and on the Saturday evening, their performance includes a tribute to the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Tickets are £18 for the show only or £30 to include a delicious four-course meal.

For lovers of rock 'n' roll, The Bill Fury Story featuring Colin Gold as Billy Fury and the original Tornados, is a real must on Friday, March 1st.

If your musical tastes are a little more up-to-date, then the two-hour Magic of the 80s show on Friday, March 14th will provide some great entertainment.

Coming up on April 5th we have Joe Brown, then on May 17th, for fans of Elvis, we have Lee Memphis King.

On top of that, there are two Joe Longthorne concerts on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st.

To book for any of these events call 0871-663 0111 or log-on to [www.m6j9.com](http://www.m6j9.com).

## BIG SPORTING NAMES BOOKED FOR BANKS'S STADIUM

Our season of Sporting Dinners, which all include a five-course meal, starts on Thursday, March 6th with England 1966 World Cup winner, Jack Charlton plus comedian, Billy Bean.

Then on Thursday, April 17th we feature former Liverpool and Denmark midfield maestro, Jan Molby with comedian Mick Walker.

On Thursday, May 8th, the player who ate all the pies, former Newcastle United and Coventry City striker, Mick Quinn is here with comedian, Josh Daniels.

The cost of each show is £30 per person. Tickets can be purchased via [www.m6j9.com](http://www.m6j9.com) or by calling 0871-663 0111. Alternatively call into The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre.

## BOXING ACTION LINED UP

In 2008 we will be working with Pleck ABC to present four Amateur Boxing Dinner Shows.

The boxing season starts on Thursday, February 21st with a five-course meal, comedian Jed Stone and a full night of live boxing – all for just £30.

Book now on 0871-663 0111.

## ARE YOU BUYING A CONSERVATORY IN 2008?

A reminder to Saddlers' supporters that if you purchase a conservatory from Easy Fit in 2008, you will be offered a free Walsall FC 2008/09 season-ticket.

The Easy Fit showroom is situated in West Bromwich Road, Tamebridge. Why not pop along and take a look. Their staff will be delighted to meet you and offer a great deal.

## OTHER BENEFITS FOR SADDLERS' SUPPORTERS

A reminder that a number of our commercial partners offer real benefits for Walsall supporters.

If you are buying new glasses, Dollond & Aitchison in Bradford Street, Walsall will give you an excellent deal.

If you are looking for a safe home for your savings, open a Saddlers Saver Account with the West Bromwich Building Society.

When your car or home insurance needs renewing, look no further than WFC Insurance Services. Call 0800-294 6678 and you may make substantial savings.

And finally, when you are looking for your summer

holiday, look no further than The Saddlers Holiday Club, in association with Harvey World Travel. There are some excellent deals available by calling 08704-101 347 or logging on to [www.harveyworldtravel.co.uk/saddlersfc/](http://www.harveyworldtravel.co.uk/saddlersfc/)

## 50/50 DRAW SELLERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

If you are over the age of 16 and are interested in becoming a 50/50 Draw ticket seller on matchdays, we would like to hear from you.

10% commission is paid on all sales and you get free admission to the match.

Interested? Call Gemma on 01922-651 412.

The ever-popular 50/50 Matchday Draw continues today. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale before the game. Results are announced on the pitch at half-time and winnings can be collected from the Main Reception Office immediately after the game.

Not only are there some great cash prizes up for grabs, but the Walsall FC Youth Development Fund also receives a donation from the money received.

The results from our New Year's Day clash with Doncaster Rovers are, as follows:

- **FIRST PRIZE:** £372.30 – No.: 22608 – WINNER: Robert Gee, Rushall.
- **SECOND PRIZE:** £25 – No.: 22667 – WINNER: Mr. Wainwright, Willenhall.
- **THIRD PRIZE:** £25 – No.: 22173 – WINNER: Mr. Hudson, Walsall.

The results from last weekend's FA Cup third round clash with Millwall are, as follows:

- **FIRST PRIZE:** £341.70 – No.: 23368 – WINNER: Mr. J. B. Mason, Aldridge.
- **SECOND PRIZE:** £25 – No.: 23399 – WINNER: Mr. Large, Walsall.
- **THIRD PRIZE:** £25 – No.: 23453 – WINNER: Mrs Jones, Bloxwich

## MATCH SPONSOR – CAT COMMUNICATIONS LTD.

A warm welcome to CAT Communications Ltd.

We are delighted to be able to welcome back a company who have given us huge support in recent seasons.

I would like to thank Craig Lang for the fantastic backing that he gives to the club, not only for today's matchday sponsorship, but for the support he gives to the Community Programme and the telephone service that he installed and maintains here at the Banks's Stadium.

Along with his daughter, Jessica, he travels from his Wiltshire home to Walsall matches and is a great guy.

We hope that Craig and his guests have an enjoyable afternoon with us.

## MATCHBALL SPONSOR – LORD PREMIER FOODS

A warm welcome to Lord Premier Foods.

They are a company who have been regular matchday sponsors over the years. They are based in Bradford Street, Birmingham.

As a major conference & banqueting venue, our reputation depends on the quality of food provided to us by our suppliers.

Lord Premier Foods are our main supplier of frozen food stuffs and provide us with excellent service and quality.

We look forward to continuing our ongoing relations with them for many years to come.

I would like to thank Paul Smart for arranging today's sponsorship and express the hope that he and his guests have a pleasant afternoon with us.

## MATCHDAY MASCOT

Leading out The Saddlers this afternoon is Jessica. She is being sponsored by CAT Communications Ltd.

A keen Saddlers' supporter, her hobbies include art & crafts, gymnastics and, of course, football. Darren Wrack is her favourite Saddlers' player.

We hope that Jessica and her guests have a memorable day with us.







1 Match Sponsor for our New Year's Day clash with Doncaster Rovers was BBC WM and here we see their guests alongside Man of the Match, Anthony Gerrard.

2 Tony Butler couldn't resist making an appearance on the pitch at half-time with his own New Year's message!

3 Over in The Swifts Club, Anthony Gerrard also took the Man of the Match honours.

4 Matchday Mascot was tiny Connor who we see here alongside the Match Officials and team captains.





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# BRITTAIN HOPING TO MAKE BIG IMPRESSION

THE SADDLERS completed the signing of Martin Brittain on a short-term contract earlier this month.

The 23 year-old right-sided midfielder is a diminutive player who possesses plenty of energy and pace.

A product of the Newcastle United Academy, he went on to make a total of eight first-team outings for the St. James' Park club before being released in 2006.

Linking up with Ipswich Town in readiness for the 2006/07 campaign, he found himself loaned out to Yeovil Town for much of the season where he made 16 appearances as The Glovers made it to the League One Play-Off Final.

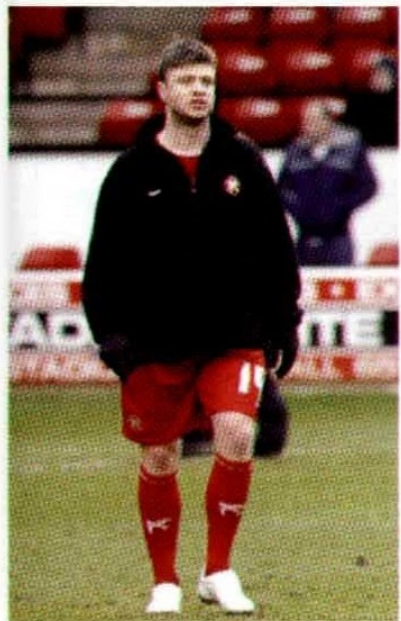
Upon his release by Ipswich, he started the current campaign with Carlisle United before latterly having a brief spell in The Championship with Scunthorpe United.

"Martin fits our profile perfectly," explained boss Richard Money. "He's young, has a good pedigree and has had a good upbringing at both Newcastle and Ipswich.

"He's our type of footballer and I am sure that somewhere he will really kick-start his career. We hope that we can give him the right environment to do that here."

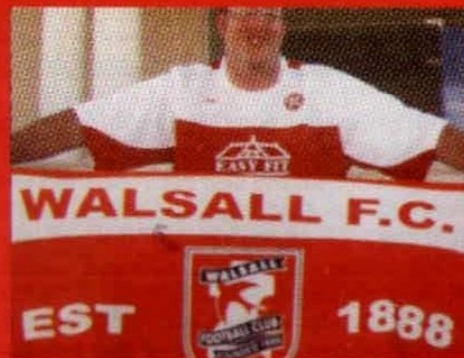
Brittain, who has been given squad number 14, made his Saddlers' debut as a substitute against Millwall in our FA Cup third round clash last weekend before entering the action late on in our fine 2-0 win at a wet and windy Yeovil Town on Tuesday evening.

We welcome him to the Banks's Stadium and hope that he goes on to have a long and successful association with us.



# barmy army

Putting YOU in the picture....



Ben Parkes is a regular here at the Banks's Stadium. He recently spent an enjoyable week in Zante where he made sure that his Walsall shirt and flag accompanied him for this photo opportunity.

## KEEP EM COMING IN 2008!

As the Barmy Army section of the Matchday Programme enters its tenth year, we ask you all to keep sending in your snaps of your Saddlers' colours in various weird and wonderful locations around the world.

Send them to Barmy Army, Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA. Alternatively email [a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk).

Happy Birthday  
**LEIGHANNE WALTERS**

Love from all your family and friends xxxx

Happy 29th Birthday  
**LES**

From everyone here at the Banks's Stadium

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Love from all at Walsall FC

Happy Birthday  
**ANDY DAVIES**  
Love from mom and family xxxx

Get your celebratory message FREE OF CHARGE in the Matchday Programme by emailing [a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk)



# into the hot seat

*Ian Crichton profiles the former Walsall players who went on to carve out a career for themselves in management*

## JOHN SMITH

JOHN Smith was born in London in 1939 and he was a product of the West Ham youth system. He made 136 appearances for the club between 1956 and 1960, playing right-half and inside right and scored 23 goals to help The Hammers win promotion from Division Two.

His performances were sufficient to attract the interest of the legendary Bill Nicholson but Tottenham Hotspur were a team full of stars and Smith found it difficult to establish himself in a side that was virtually unchanged, as they became the first team in the 20th Century to achieve The Double.

Although he went on to be capped for England at Under-23 level, he was limited to only 21 outings for Spurs in four years and he jumped at the chance to join Jimmy Hill at Coventry City in 1964.

Smith gave class to a side who were gradually working their way through the Leagues and his form during the

early part of 1964-65 was outstanding until injury struck and, although he recovered, he played only a few more games before returning to London with Leyton Orient.

He played one season at Brisbane Road before signing for Torquay in 1966 and went on to have a successful two years in Devon before joining Swindon for a bargain £7,000.

Smith turned out to be the final piece in the jigsaw that saw the Wiltshire club clinch promotion to the second division, win the Anglo Italian tournament and, best of all, sensationally defeat Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final.

He played in every match in that cup campaign and scored three goals, including two in the semi-final matches against Burnley.

This was probably the happiest time of his career and he reluctantly left the club in June 1971 to join The Saddlers.

We offered him the job of player-coach with a view to eventually succeeding Bill Moore as manager. He missed only one of the opening 14 games of the 1971-72 campaign and scored a goal in the 3-2 defeat at Plymouth before deciding it was time to bring his playing career to a end.

His coaching skills soon came to the fore, however, and The Saddlers made a superb start to the 1972-73 season and were looking good for promotion when Moore resigned in October after an apparent disagreement with Smith over a substitution. The bubble had truly burst and with the future looking bleak both on and off-the-pitch, Smith lasted just six months in the hot-seat before being sacked in March 1973.

He later joined Dundalk but soon turned his back on professional football and at the time of his death, at the tragically young age of 49, he was working as a Steward in a Social Club in London.

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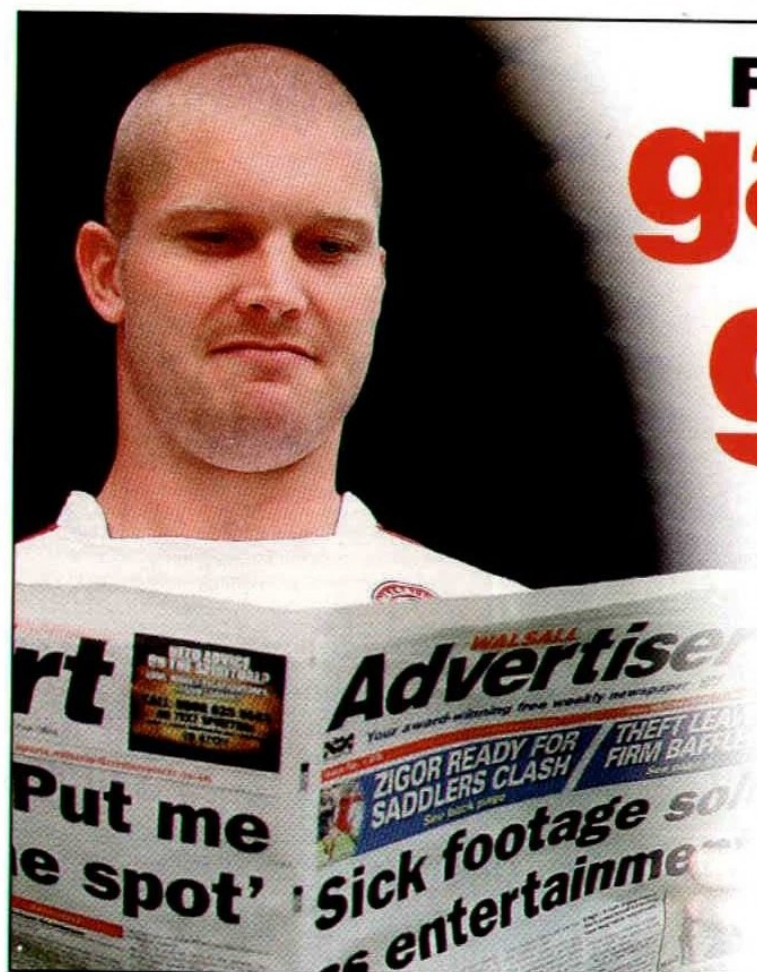
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# walsall boys

Andy Van Hagen and Greg Shilton look at the players who have emerged through the Walsall ranks to make it in the professional game...

BRIAN Caswell was born in Wednesbury in February 1956, and attended Wood Green High School, just around the corner from Fellows Park.

He joined The Saddlers in June 1971 and just over two years later he signed professional forms.

Caswell had already shown his early promise, as he had already made his senior debut for the club against Chesterfield in April 1973. He was signed initially as a full-back by manager, Ronnie Allen, and he made that position his own during his time at the club, but he was also well known for his versatility, due to his ability to slot into midfield.

In his first full season, 1973-74, Caswell made 15 appearances for Walsall, and he had to wait until the following season to open his goalscoring account for the team. That came in a 2-0 home win over Bournemouth. The team were in Division Three and finished eighth in the table, their highest finish for nine years.



He was beginning to make an impression on the first-team and became a fans' favourite for his no-nonsense midfield displays.

It was during the 1976-77 season that Caswell had his best term as a Walsall player. Making the number three shirt his own under Doug Fraser, he made 41 appearances in all competitions, and was voted Player of the Season by the fans. He also bagged two goals against Peterborough United and Sheffield Wednesday.

His efforts were, however, tarnished by a poor campaign overall, with Walsall struggling to finish in 15th place in the division.

The 1977-78 season proved to be one of highs and lows for Caswell. He scored three goals for the team, netting against Plymouth Argyle, Peterborough United and Portsmouth, and he also played in the 4-1 defeat by Arsenal at Highbury in the FA Cup fifth round. However, he broke his ankle during September and missed two months of the campaign as Colin Harrison and Henry Newton deputised.

Walsall went on to finish sixth in Division Three and with Alan Buckley surpassing the 100 goals mark, things were looking hopeful.

The optimism of the previous season quickly evaporated as the team made a poor start to 1978-79, and although Caswell made 45 appearances and scored a goal against Hull City, the team slumped to 22nd place and were relegated to Division Four.

This was all forgotten about during the following campaign as Buckley returned as manager and led the team to promotion and runners-up spot with Caswell making the number 11 shirt his own and netting six goals, the most prolific of his Walsall career.

Caswell continued to be a stalwart in the team and was also part of the famous Milk Cup squad of 1983-84.

He was transferred to Doncaster Rovers in August 1985, in a move which disappointed many. During his time at the Fellows Park he had amassed 458 senior appearances and netted 19 goals. Billy Bremner had made him a top target and paid £19,000 to secure his services.

After playing only 15 games and scoring twice, Bremner left Doncaster to manage Leeds United and promptly took Caswell with him for double the money that Walsall had received. It was a move that ultimately led his career into a downturn, as he spent much of his time at Elland Road on the injury table, making only ten senior appearances for the Whites.

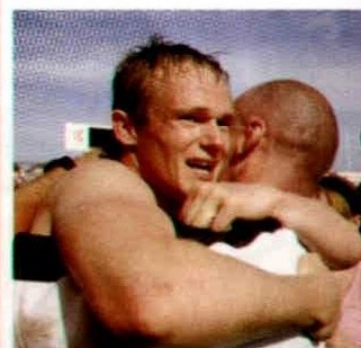
A loan spell at Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1987 proved to be the last football of Caswell's career and he announced his retirement as a player in the summer of that year.

He has since taken up a coaching role in the game, and joined the staff of Birmingham City in 1990. He has also coached at both Northampton Town and Shrewsbury Town, from whom he was released in 2002 as a youth coach.

## Back Tracking

Jack Edwards looks at previous League encounters between today's teams...

DATE RESULT	COMP SCORER(S)	H/A
5/5/07 Drew 1-1	Lge 2 Keates	Away
9/12/06 Lost 0-2	Lge 2	Home
31/1/06 Lost 0-1	Lge 1	Away
3/9/05 Won 1-0	Lge 1 Fryatt	Home
9/4/05 Won 2-1	Lge 1 Joachim, Wright	Away
30/8/04 Won 3-2	Lge 1 Leitao (2), Birch	Home
1/1/01 Won 1-0	Div 2 Leitao	Home
26/8/00 Won 4-1	Div 2 Wrack, Keates, Byfield, Leitao	Away
4/12/99 Drew 1-1	Div 1 Wrack	Away
7/8/99 Drew 0-0	Div 1	Home



Who can forget our last encounter with Swindon?



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## league one

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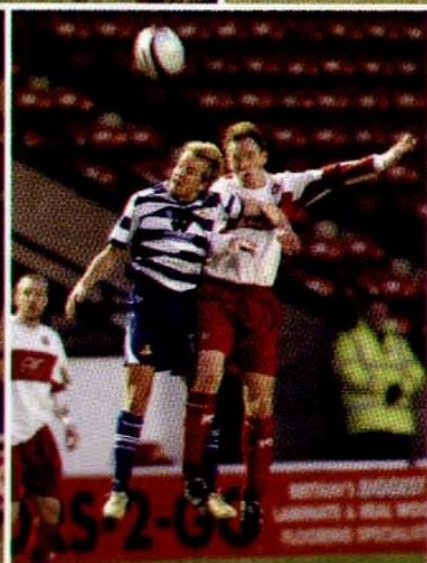
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## Walsall vs. Swindon

### What's on today:

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**12.45pm**

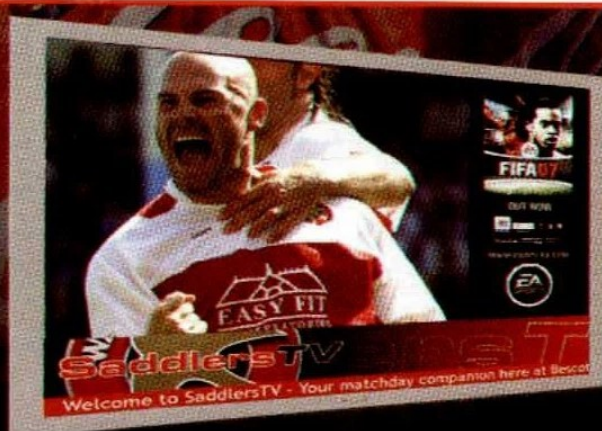
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**2.45pm**

Repeat of Walsall Round-Up.

**3.00pm**

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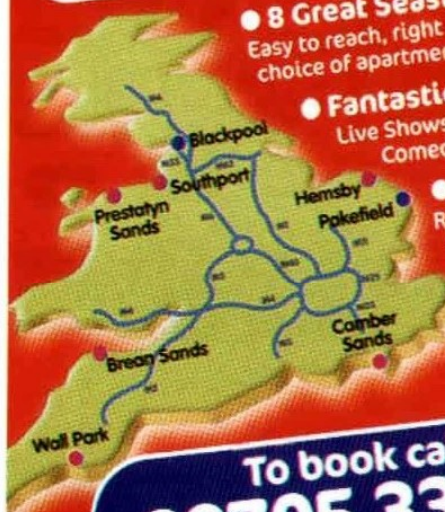
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# one vision

IT'S back to League One action this afternoon and most Saddlers will give a very warm welcome to Swindon Town with memories of last May still fresh when we claimed the League Two Championship and The Robins secured promotion.

Whilst the prize on offer is not so immediately glittering today, the three points are very much needed by us to consolidate our position in the top echelons of the table.

The Robins are currently occupying a mid-table berth in League One, which represents a successful first half of the season in the light of the financial crises that bedevilled them throughout the campaign, and has seen them flirt with the possibility of going into administration.

However, there seems to be a brighter future on the horizon for Swindon fans as a new consortium, headed up local businessman, Andrew Fitton, appears to have saved the club and a new manager is due to be appointed. The new man in the County Ground hot-seat was this week announced as Maurice Malpas.

Caretaker-boss, Dave Byrne will assist Malpas, who left his role as Motherwell boss last summer after one season.

A new era is opening for Swindon Town, nevertheless, our young team has, so far, met all of the challenges that have been thrown at them.

We turn back to FA Cup action, of course, next Tuesday when we travel to south London to take on Millwall in a third round replay. The prize at stake, should we progress, is a tantalising tie at the new Ricoh Arena against Coventry City.

It would be a great tie and a real opportunity to test the ongoing development of our young team against Championship opposition, but we have to dispense with Millwall first and this will not be easy as they are a formidable proposition at The New Den, especially on a cold January night.

However, we are the better side, having taken six points from The Lions so far this season, and there is no reason why we cannot rise to the occasion once more and book our place in the fourth round.

## Today's Fixtures

Cheltenham Town v AFC Bournemouth

Doncaster Rovers v Carlisle United

Huddersfield Town v Gillingham

Luton Town v Swansea City

Northampton Town v Hartlepool United

Nottm Forest v Leyton Orient

Oldham Athletic v Brighton & Hove Albion

Port Vale v Millwall

Southend United v Yeovil Town

## Playing Monday

Crewe Alexandra v Leeds United

There were no fewer than ten League One clubs that had a more than academic interest in the fourth round draw - and that excludes Leeds United and Nottingham Forest.

Pride of place must go to Oldham Athletic, who shrugged off the Goodison Park challenge of Everton to record a fantastic 1-0 win. Huddersfield Town was also celebrating lowering the colours of Premiership, Birmingham City. It is a fair bet to say that both sides were underwhelmed with being drawn against each other last Monday lunchtime!

Today's visitors, surprisingly held at home by Barnet last Saturday, have a further home tie to look forward to, against either Premier League Fulham or south-western rivals, Bristol Rovers, after the Gas performed heroics in securing a draw at Craven Cottage.

At least the excellent performances put up by our fellow League One clubs will show the Premier League-obsessed media that good, honest, skilful football exists outside the rarefied echelons of the top strata of the football pyramid. In fact, some of the football which has been played at the Banks's Stadium this season is as good as any I have seen on TV.



Outside the 'Big Four', there is a lot of mediocre football played, despite SKY TV's hype!

Today's match is one of seven that we will have to face during the month of January now that we have an FA Cup replay to contend with. Last month, we faced eight hard games, again with a Cup replay thrown into the equation. This works out at something like one game every four days for two months!

With a small squad, these are testing times and it is to be hoped that, during the course of this month, we are able to strengthen our squad and ensure that the inevitable injuries and suspensions which loom large at such a hectic period do not adversely affect our magnificent efforts of the first half of the campaign, where we have gone from rock bottom to play-off contenders.

Three points against Swindon today will set us up nicely for the FA Cup replay on Tuesday. Get through that, and a lucrative day at Coventry may enable Richard Money to secure additional manpower to turn our dreams of a second successive promotion into reality. We are facing a pivotal few days in our season and the team needs us fully behind them as we seek two crucial wins.

January has not been a good month for us over the last few years, so it would be nice to achieve a run of wins to nail this particular myth as well.

Much to play for this afternoon, and much for us to achieve in the months ahead!

**ANDY SMITH**





# Saddlers Progress 07/08



## COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE - Table (as at 11/01/08)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
Swansea	22	7	3	2	20	9	6	2	2	21	11	21	44
Carlisle	23	9	1	1	23	7	3	5	4	15	17	14	42
Nottm Forest	23	7	4	1	21	7	4	4	3	14	9	19	41
Leeds*	25	11	1	1	29	8	6	3	3	18	13	26	40
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>
Leyton Orient	25	6	4	3	17	15	5	3	4	16	17	1	40
Doncaster	24	6	3	3	19	10	4	5	3	18	14	13	38
Yeovil	25	6	2	5	14	15	4	3	5	10	12	-3	35
Tranmere	25	6	3	3	17	9	3	4	6	11	17	2	34
Brighton	23	5	3	3	18	14	4	3	5	12	13	3	33
Southend	24	6	1	5	20	13	4	2	6	13	21	-1	33
<b>Swindon</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>
Oldham	23	2	4	5	8	12	6	3	3	17	11	2	31
Huddersfield	24	5	3	4	16	13	4	0	8	8	25	-14	30
Hartlepool	24	5	5	2	20	12	3	0	9	14	22	0	29
Northampton	25	5	3	4	18	13	2	4	7	12	25	-8	28
Crewe	24	6	2	4	16	17	1	5	6	9	21	-13	28
Gillingham	23	6	4	2	19	13	1	2	8	6	24	-12	27
Bristol Rovers	22	2	5	3	13	15	4	3	5	10	11	-3	26
Millwall	23	6	1	5	19	14	1	4	6	6	19	-8	26
Luton*	23	8	2	1	18	8	1	4	7	7	16	1	23
Cheltenham	23	4	5	3	11	13	1	1	9	7	22	-17	21
Bournemouth	24	2	3	7	11	22	3	2	7	16	22	-17	20
Port Vale	25	2	3	7	10	16	2	2	9	10	22	-18	17

\* Leeds United deducted 15 points. - Luton Town deducted 10 points.

## SADDLERS PLAYER INFORMATION

	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	07/08 APPS	GOALS
Clayton Ince	Trinidad	13/7/72	31	
Rhys Weston	Kingston	27/10/80	27 (1)	
Daniel Fox	Cheshire	29/5/86	27 (1)	3
Danny Sonner	Wigan	9/1/72	7	
Anthony Gerrard	Liverpool	6/2/86	29	1
Ian Roper	Nuneaton	20/6/77	7	
Darren Wrack	Cleethorpes	5/5/76	28 (1)	1
Michael Dobson	Isleworth	9/4/81	12	
Martin Butler	Dudley	15/9/74	6	1
Tommy Mooney	Middlesbrough	11/8/71	22	9
Paul Hall	Manchester	3/7/72	11 (12)	1
Ishmel Demontagnac	London	15/6/88	13 (14)	3
Bertrand Bossu	Calais	14/10/80		
Carlos Carneiro	Pacos de Ferreira	27/12/74	4 (1)	
Scott Dann	Liverpool	14/2/87	30	3
Peter Sweeney	Glasgow	25/9/84	7	
Alex Nicholls	Stourbridge	9/12/87	2 (10)	1
Mark Bradley	Wordsley	14/1/88	21 (2)	3
Troy Deeney	Birmingham	29/6/88	9 (12)	1
Manny Smith	Birmingham	8/11/88	0 (1)	
David McDermott	Birmingham	6/2/88	1 (9)	
Rene Gilmartin	London	31/5/87		
Edrissa Sonko	Essau	23/3/80	18 (8)	1
Paul Boertien	Haltwhistle	20/1/79	8	
Richard Taundry	Walsall	15/2/89	3 (2)	
Dwayne Mattis	Huddersfield	31/7/81	4	
Michael Ricketts	Birmingham	4/12/78	16	5
Martin Brittain	Cramlington	29/12/84	0 (2)	

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† Down goal Unless otherwise stated all Saturday matches kick-off at 3pm and midweek matches at 7.45pm

Date	Opposition	Venue	F-A	Att. (Away)	Pts	Notes
<b>AUGUST 2007</b>						
Sat 11	Carlisle	H	1-1	6,933 (1,353)	-	A. Bates
Tue 14	Swansea City	A	0-2	6,943 (224)	-	J. Singh
Sat 18	Leyton Orient	A	0-1	4,524 (456)	-	C. Penton
Sat 25	Swansea City	H	1-3	5,673 (1,342)	21	P. Miller
<b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 1	Gillingham	A	1-2	4,806 (240)	23	D. Deadman
Tue 4	Bournemouth	A	0-2	2,206 (63)	-	R. East
Sat 8	Port Vale (ko 1pm)	H	0-0	4,967 (976)	23	M. P. Russell
Sat 15	Millwall	A	2-1	7,720 (273)	19	M. Thorpe
Sat 22	Oldham	H	0-3	6,202 (540)	24	J. Moss
Sat 29	Hartlepool	A	1-0	4,946 (210)	19	G. Salsbury
<b>OCTOBER 2007</b>						
Tue 2	Doncaster	A	3-2	6,038 (346)	13	M. Jones
Sat 6	Huddersfield	H	4-0	5,112 (670)	10	R. Lee
Fri 12	Tranmere	A	0-0	7,697 (644)	9	K. Hill
Sat 20	Southend	H	0-2	5,661 (502)	14	C. Boyeson
Sat 27	Bournemouth	A	1-1	5,144 (449)	14	F. Graham
<b>NOVEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 3	Cheltenham	H	2-0	4,810 (480)	13	M. Haywood
Tue 6	Brighton	A	1-1	4,717 (124)	12	P. Miller
Sat 10	Shrewsbury Town	H	2-0	4,972 (992)	-	R. Lee
Sat 17	Luton Town	H	0-0	5,056 (510)	12	A. Taylor
Sat 24	Northampton	A	2-0	5,767 (671)	10	D. Drysdale
<b>DECEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 1	Northampton	A	1-1	3,887 (1,021)	-	M. J. Jones
Tue 4	Nottm Forest	H	1-0	6,605 (1,673)	8	G. K. Hegley
Sat 8	Crewe	A	0-0	4,639 (822)	8	S. W. Mathieson
Tue 11	Northampton	H	1-0	3,066 (341)	-	R. L. Shoebridge
Sat 15	Leeds United	H	1-1	10,102 (2,891)	8	K. Stroud
Sat 22	Millwall	H	3-0 (+OG)	5,433 (217)	6	K. G. Evans
Wed 26	Port Vale	A	1-1	6,029 (1,814)	7	P. Joslin
Sat 29	Oldham	A	2-0	5,292 (510)	6	D. Foster
<b>JANUARY 2008</b>						
Tue 1	Doncaster	H	1-1	6,266 (1,007)	6	K. A. Woolmer
Sat 5	Millwall (2pm)	H	0-0	4,358 (527)	-	S. W. Mathieson
Tue 8	Yeovil Town	A	2-0	4,319 (147)	5	M. P. Russell
Sat 12	Swindon Town	H				
Tue 15	Millwall	A				
Sat 19	Bristol Rovers	A				
Sat 26	Gillingham	H				
Tue 29	Leyton Orient	H				
<b>FEBRUARY 2008</b>						
Sat 2	Carlisle	A				
Sat 9	Yeovil Town	H				
Tue 12	Swansea City	A				
Sat 16	Bristol Rovers	H				
Sat 23	Swindon Town	A				
<b>MARCH 2008</b>						
Sat 1	Luton Town	A				
Sat 8	Northampton	H				
Tue 11	Brighton	H				
Sat 15	Nottm Forest	A				
Sat 22	Leeds United	A				
Mon 24	Crewe	H				
Sat 29	Southend	A				
<b>APRIL 2008</b>						
Sat 5	Tranmere	H				
Sat 12	Cheltenham	A				
Sat 19	Bournemouth	H				
Sat 26	Huddersfield	A				
<b>MAY 2008</b>						
Sat 3	Hartlepool	H				

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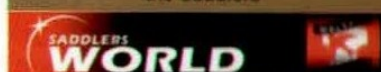
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