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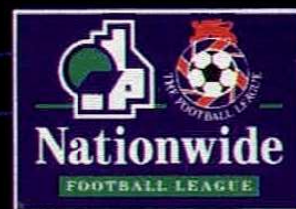


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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to this afternoon's match against Swindon Town.

I'm sure all Albion fans will join me in welcoming Ray Harford to The Hawthorns. We have all been working hard to find an experienced manager to take over the reigns at the club and I firmly believe that in Ray we have a

man with the necessary pedigree. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him 'all the best' in what will hopefully be a successful stay at The Hawthorns.

Expect more news concerning the club's management in the near future, when Ray decides on his back-room staff.

Tuesday's excellent result against Blues has helped consolidate our mid-table position and hopefully we can build on this with another three points today.

It will be nice to sit back and concentrate solely on 90 minutes of football after such a hectic week and I hope you continue your superb support and inspire the lads to victory today.

**ATTENDANCE FACTS & FIGURES**

The average league attendance at The Hawthorns this season (15 games played) is: 15,106 (aggregate 225,240). This figure is down by 60 on last season's average. Albion's away support at Ipswich Town was almost 1,000, at Port Vale it was 1,988 and at St. Andrew's last Tuesday evening it was 3128.

**TO THE RESCUE**

Albion's reserve team coach Richard O'Kelly has been assisting Halesowen Harriers. Richard is used to visiting Halesowen Town's ground with Albion's second string, but now he's pulled on their rival's strip answering the non-League club's SOS call.

**RE-ARRANGED GAMES**

Albion's Nationwide League games against Bolton Wanderers at Burnenden Park and Birmingham City here at The Hawthorns will now both take place a day later than planned as they are being televised live by ITV. The game at Bolton will now take place on Sunday 2nd March (kick off 2.10pm) and the Blues fixture will be played here on Sunday 16th March (also with a 2.10pm kick-off).

**STOP PRESS: REGIS RETURNS**

Hero of The Hawthorns, Cyrille Regis, has returned to the Albion in a coaching capacity. Having started his playing days



with the Baggies, Cyrille now begins his coaching career at The Hawthorns. Let's hope that one of Albion's greatest ever players will have similar success in his new position.

**TESTIMONIAL FOR JOE**

On Monday, 10th March 1997, Albion will play FA



# HORNS news

## HEAD TO HEAD V SWINDON TOWN

● Albion first played Swindon (away) in a friendly match in March 1897 and ran out winners 1-0.

● The first league game between the clubs took place at The County Ground on 8 September 1973 (Division Two). Albion lost 1-0 and had Willie Johnston sent-off!

● A crowd of 16,254 saw holders Albion beat Swindon 2-0 at The County Ground in a League Cup tie on 25 October 1966 — on their way to the Wembley Final.

● Albion were awarded three penalties in six second half minutes of their home league game against Swindon Town on 17 December 1989. Bernard McNally and Graham Harbey both missed from the spot before Don Goodman scored. Albion lost 2-1.

● Albion lost 5-2 to Swindon in a bottom-of-the-table clash at The Hawthorns on 19 March 1995. Peter Thorne scored a second half hat-trick for Swindon who were relegated to the Second Division while Albion stayed up!

● Paul Holmes, with a curling centre, scored his first goal for Albion against Swindon earlier this season when the Baggies registered their first league win at The County Ground (3-2).

● Albion League debutants versus Swindon: David Powell (1988), Stacey North (1988) and Tony Ford (1989).

● Players with both clubs: Mike Betteridge, John Chadburn, Jimmy Cookson, Paul Crichton, Peter Eastoe, Fred Fenton, Phil King, Mark Robinson, Hughie MacLean, Jimmy Murphy, Kieran O'Regan, Ron Potter, Bill Richardson, Andrew Smith, Sid Swinden, Ray Treacy and Harry Webster.

● Also associated: Ossie Ardiles managed both clubs; Albion reserves Kenny Allen, Peter Hilton and Stan Horrocks all played for Swindon's first team; Jack Smith played for Swindon 1934-37 and was Albion's manager 1948-52; Keith Burkinshaw was Swindon's chief scout (1989-92) before joining Albion as assistant manager and current Swindon goalkeeper Frank Talia was a triallist with Albion in 1991-92.



*Kieran O'Regan*

### ALBION'S PLAYING RECORD AGAINST SWINDON: FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	6	3	0	3	11	11	8
Away	7	1	2	4	5	9	5
Totals	13	4	2	7	16	20	13

### FA CUP

Home	1	1	0	0	2	0
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### LEAGUE CUP

Home	1	0	1	0	2	2
Away	2	1	0	1	2	2
Totals	3	1	1	1	4	4

### OTHER MATCHES

Away	4	3	0	1	10	5
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Cup giant-killers Hednesford Town (away) in a Testimonial for the 'Pitmen's' striker Joe O'Connor (7.30pm kick-off).

### PROGRAMME PLEA

If anyone has or knows the whereabouts of a Leeds v WBA 1965/66 League Cup programme, Mr D. Hitchen would be most grateful if you could get in touch with him.

Mr Hitchen can be contacted at: 15 Lilac Street, Lee Mount, Halifax, West Yorks, HX3 5BT.

### DANIEL CROWLEY

It is with regret that we report the death of Daniel Crowley, an Albion supporter for over 50 years. Daniel was an avid Albion fan ever since arriving from his home town of Cork during the Second World War and has left a legacy of a further two generations of Albion supporters.

Although he will be sadly missed, his passion for the Albion will remain in the hearts of his two sons and grandson and let's hope further generations.



**A** warm welcome to Ray Harford who is the new manager of West Bromwich Albion. The announcement was made at a press conference on Thursday morning, ending a period of intense speculation since the departure of Alan Buckley on Wednesday 22nd January.

Ray Harford started his managerial career at Fulham before a successful spell at Luton Town where he won the League Cup and Simod Cup. He then had a brief spell at Wimbledon before becoming coach and later manager at Blackburn Rovers, where he was involved in their Premiership Title. Ray becomes only the second Albion manager in post-war history to have previously managed a First Division/Premier League Championship winning side — the other being Ron Saunders.

A Sponsor's Lounge teeming with the local press was the venue for Ray's introduction, as Chairman Tony Hale outlined the reasons for his appointment on a three year contract:

"Ray was a prime-mover in Blackburn's recent success and we saw many good qualities in him as both a manager and a man."

Tony Hale confirmed that there would be funds for Ray to use if he felt it necessary to strengthen the squad. Adding, in an effort to play down recent speculation about the coaching staff at The Hawthorns:

"Ray is the new boss and what goes on with staff — on and off the field — is his affair."

Ray Harford was quick to emphasise what a good job he thought John Trewick had done in recent weeks — a sentiment that is surely echoed by all Baggies' fans. He also commented on the financial state of the club and new personnel:

"I'm impressed by the financial budgeting at the club and as far as players are concerned I'll have to assess what we've got on the staff then possibly go out and spend."

On his decision to return to football Ray admitted that:

"After two weeks out of the game I was already itching to get back, I feel like I've had my sabbatical and I now want to get back on the job, with Albion."

With the full management structure of the club to be decided in the near future — and Tony Hale inferred that this structure could be quite different to what we are used to at The Hawthorns — these are exciting times at West Bromwich Albion.

The appointment of Ray Harford is an outstanding one for Albion. Indeed, it must be considered something of a coup to attract to The Hawthorns a man who has so recently been basking in the glory of a Premiership Title. If Ray Harford can bring a measure of the success he achieved at Ewood Park to The Hawthorns there will be few grumbles from Baggies' fans in the forthcoming years.



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**Last season Swindon were far and away the best team in Division Two so it was no surprise to anyone that they bounced back into Division One as Champions after their relegation the year before. The Robins, under player-manager Steve McMahon, finished nine points ahead of runners-up Oxford United and their impressive record of only four defeats in 46 games gave notice that they would not just be making up the numbers in Division One.**

## SWINDON

## TOWN

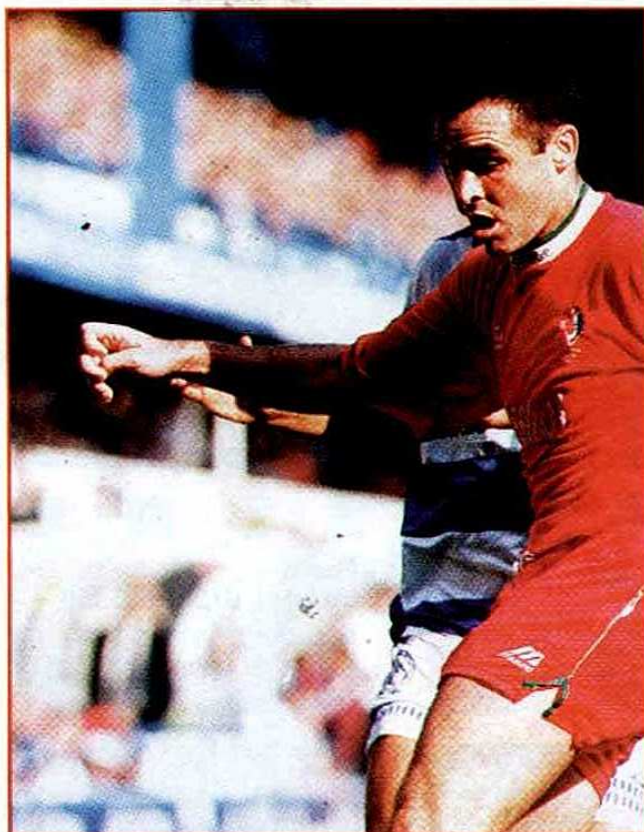
That Swindon are a footballing side which played its way to promotion is testimony to the 'pass and move' style Steve McMahon learnt in his time at Anfield, where he was Kenny Dalglish's first signing, after the Scot became player-manager of Liverpool, in September 1985. A spell of six years at Anfield was undoubtedly the most successful of his career and he won both FA Cup and League Championships under Dalglish, as well as the first of 17 England caps. He is still adding to his total of well over 600 senior appearances at club level,

though his current dual-role at Swindon, not to mention recent injuries, has curtailed the playing side of his duties, although he has figured in the last few games.

Liverpool-born McMahon began his career with Everton as an apprentice in 1977, but his impatience for success drove him to leave Goodison just before Howard Kendall began the most successful spell in Everton's history. That was in 1983 when, despite Liverpool being favourites for his signature, he opted for Aston Villa. Two years later he finally arrived at Anfield and brought with him the aggressive midfield ball winning skills that made him an instant hit at Liverpool. It was while at Anfield that Steve made his last England appearance in the third place World Cup play-off against Italy in 1990, when he was coming to the end of his Liverpool career.

After Graeme Souness became manager there were often clashes of personality between the two and in 1991 Steve took his boots down the East Lancs Road to Manchester City. Though he gave 100%, as always, Macca will probably be the first to admit that Maine Road never worked out so, three years ago, he took the plunge and became player-manager at Swindon. Though he was unable to prevent relegation for the second successive season the style with which he brought Swindon up last year augers well for one of the brightest young managers in the game.

In winning the Second Division title last year Swindon scored 71 goals and Steve McMahon said, at the time, that he felt a significant factor in that triumph was the fact that so many of his players got on the score-sheet. But no one player made a more significant contribution than burly striker Wayne Allison who weighed in with 20 goals. Signed from Bristol City in 1995 for nearly

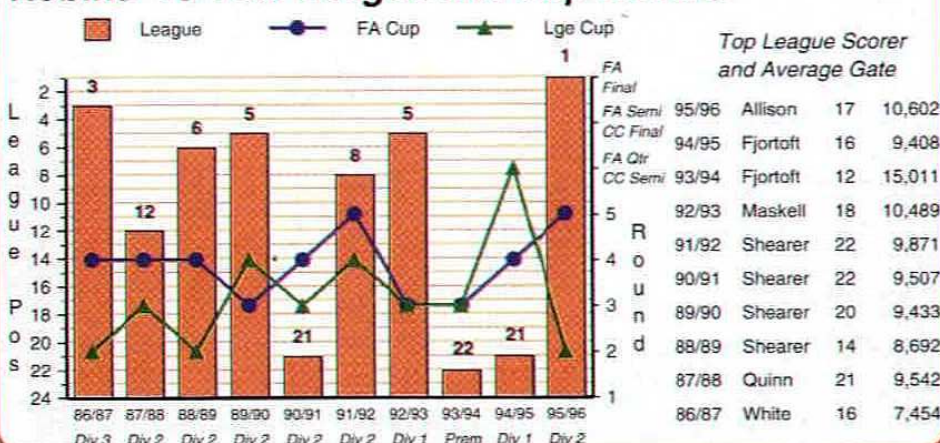


**MARK SEAGRAVES — THE ROCK AT THE BACK FOR THE ROBINS**



Original members of Division Three in 1920, Swindon had to wait until 1963 to get into the Second Division, but it was a short stay of just two seasons and down they went until that glorious season of 1968-69. This time the stay was two years longer before 1974 saw them once again relegated after

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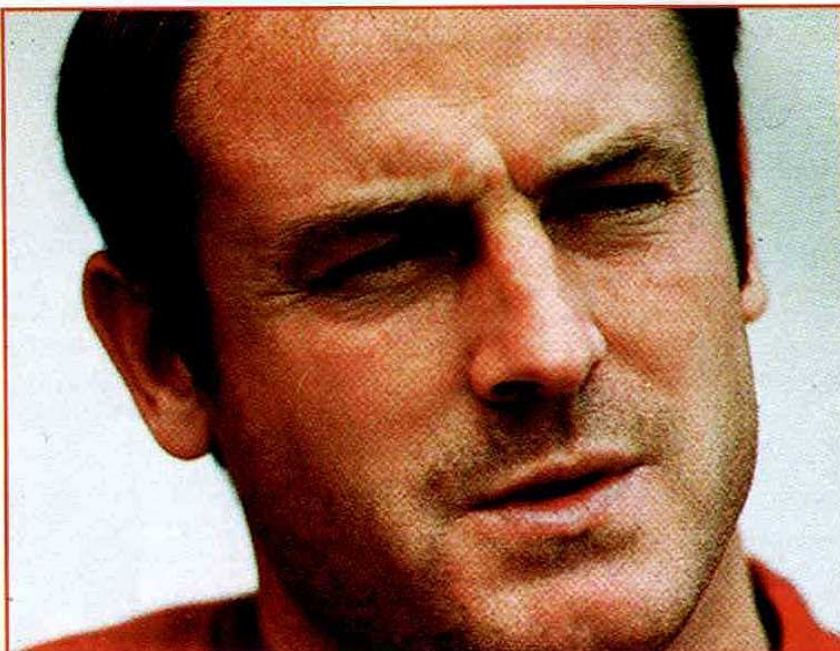
# ROBINS



into The Premiership, but they did gain promotion in 1993 and although they illuminated the top flight with their stylish football they were relegated in 1994. The following season saw the club relegated again, but Steve McMahon inspired them to the Championship to return them to Division One.

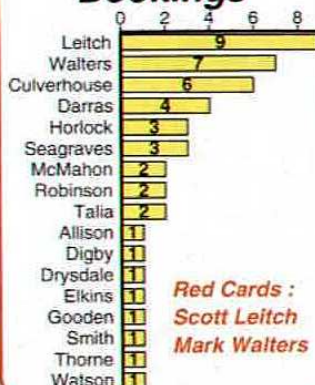
Swindon made a bright enough start to the current campaign giving Steve McMahon plenty of optimism for the season ahead though he himself admitted: "Having got back into Division One it would be nice to achieve consolidation and that has to be our main aim." They will have to consolidate without midfield star, Kevin Horlock who has joined First Division rivals, Manchester City in a deal worth just over £1 million. The loss of Horlock is sure to hit the Robins hard and they will need to muster all of McMahon's battling qualities to overcome it.

Early results indicated that The Robins even surpass that conservative objective as the team beat Tranmere on September 16th and drew at QPR a week later. With a third of the season gone Swindon were among the front-runners in the division and a 3-0 success over high-flying Barnsley took the side up to eighth in the table, that win came after a 2-0 victory against Macca's former club Manchester City. Home form wasn't the problem it was on the road that Swindon had troubles, as early as Christmas the boss was speaking of "relegation" to his embattled players. At the County Ground Swindon's record, following the 2-1 win over Sheffield United last week-end, was a pretty impressive eight wins and four draws out of 15 games played, but the away record is the worst in the division, eleven defeats in 15 outings. Despite that McMahon will be insisting his side doesn't roll over for the Albion today.

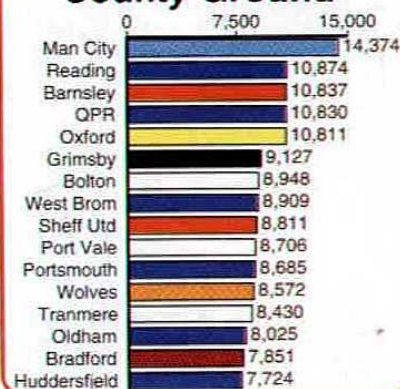


STEVE MCMAHON — DEVELOPING INTO ONE OF THE DIVISION'S BEST YOUNG MANAGERS

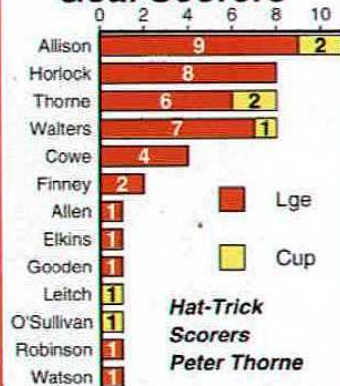
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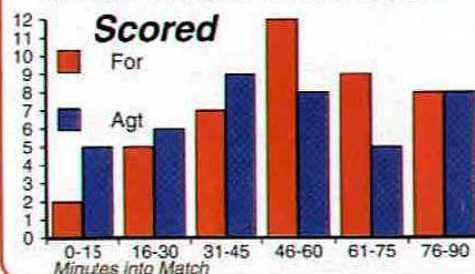
## Gates at The County Ground



## Goal Scorers

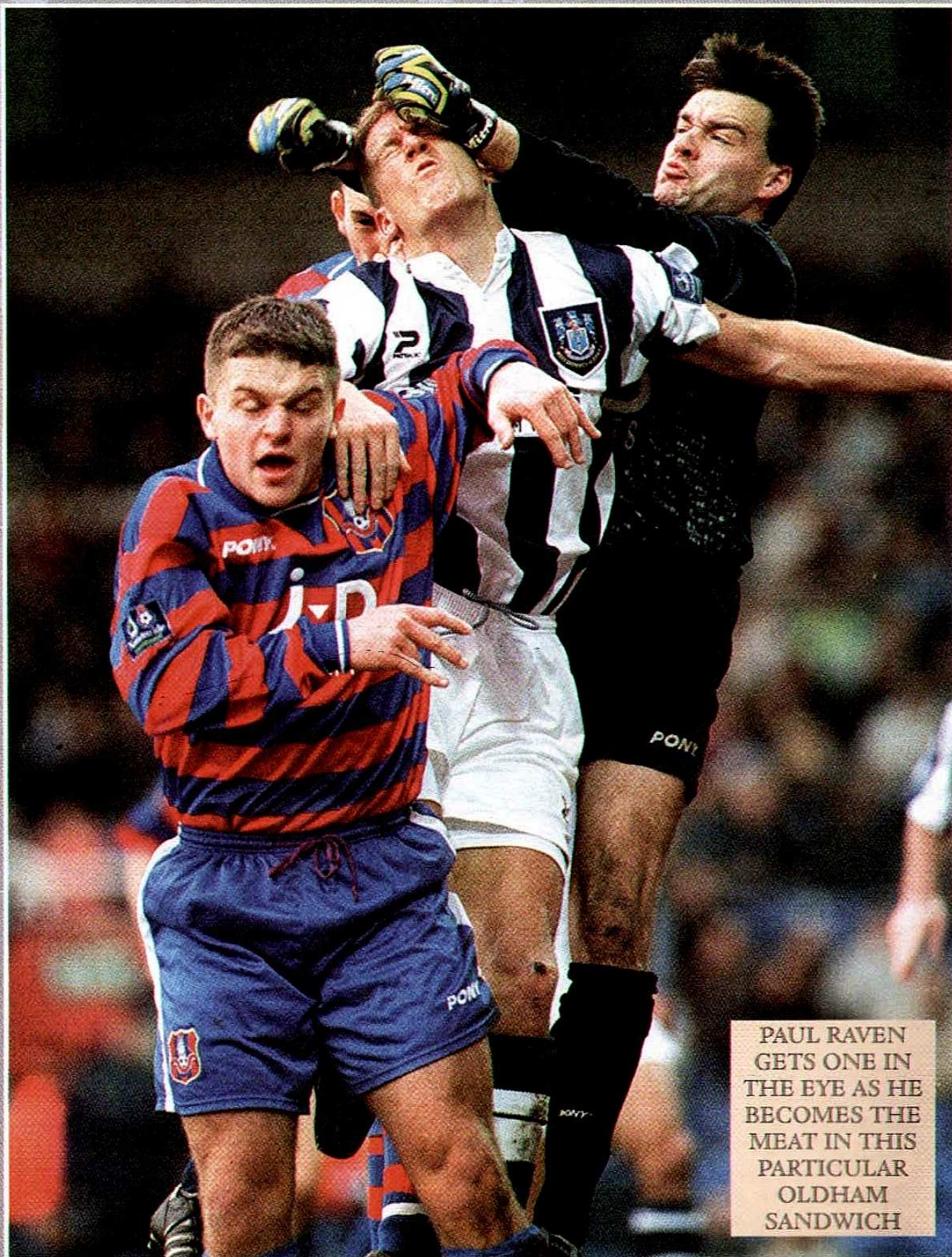


## When Goals have been Scored





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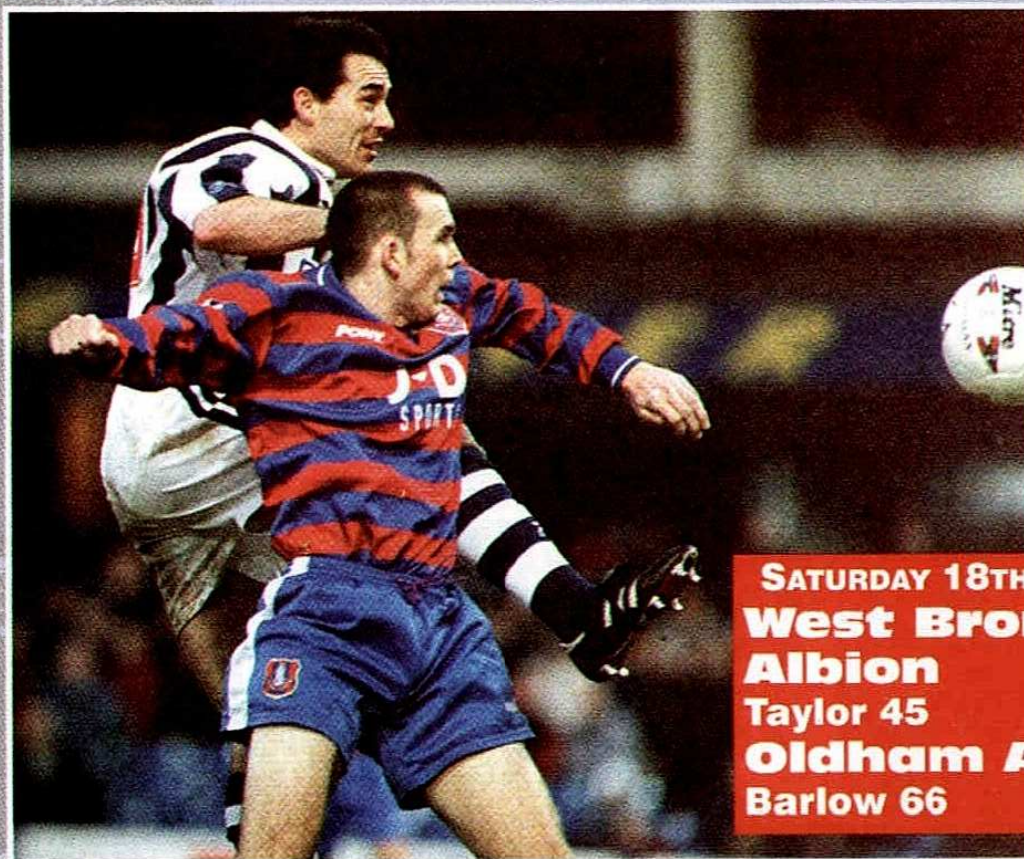
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Paul Agnew handed over a silver salver on behalf of the club as a thank you to Evenort for their Match Sponsorship of the Bradford game. Paul is seen with Carl McGuire and Michelle Habberley.



### ANDY BAGS EVENORT AWARD

Evenort chose Andy Hunt as their Man of the Match against Bradford. Carl McGuire and Michelle Habberley presented Andy with his award. This was the first game that Evenort have sponsored at The Hawthorns. Their guests told us they had a lovely day, and we were delighted they could join us. Hopefully we can look forward to welcoming them on another occasion in the near future.





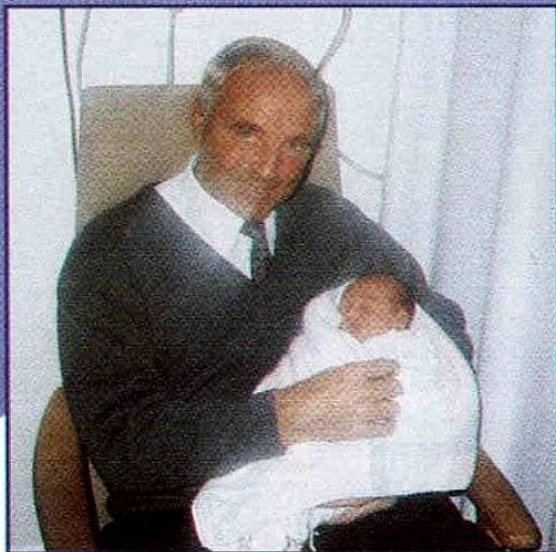
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## HANDY ANDY WINS AGAIN

Andy was also voted the Man of the Match by Club Sponsors Guests of West Bromwich. Doing the honours and presenting the bottle of bubbly to Andy are L-R: Andrew and Kath Bentley who were Bradford fans and Gurdip Singh from Guests.



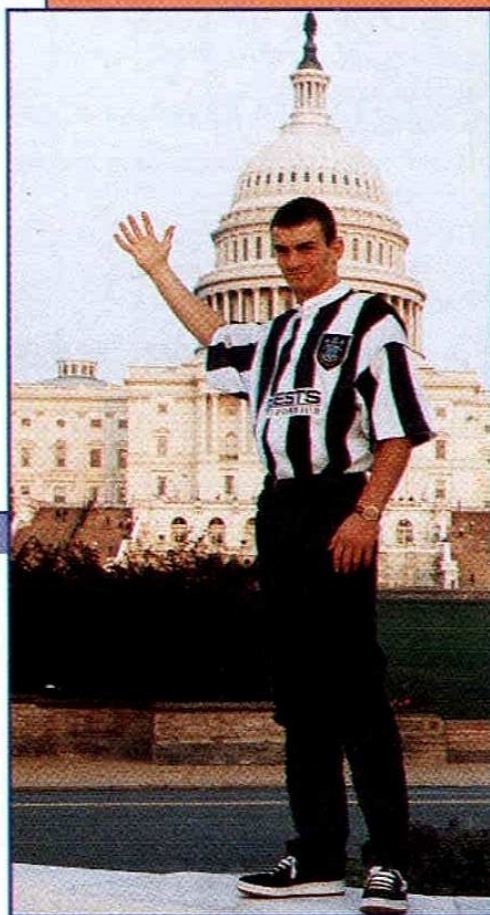
## PROUD GRANDAD JEFF

Albion legend Jeff Astle is seen in our photo cuddling his first grand-daughter Taylor Claire. Jeff's daughter Dawn had little Taylor at Queens Hospital in Burton last November. Waiting to make a fuss of Taylor was Jeff himself. Jeff recently opened the Throble Club with one of his brilliant roadshows, he will also hold a roadshow at the Player of the Year night on Sunday 27th April. Congratulations to Dawn, I think we can see how pleased Jeff is by the photo.

## PATRICK SUPPORT FOR RICHIE

Albion kit suppliers Patrick UK sponsored Richie Woodhall and his training team, when Richie fought for the World Title in America recently. Richie and his team were so pleased with the Patrick gear that they wore it everywhere they went throughout America.

Richie can be seen in our first photo with (L-R): his father and coach Len Woodhall, Richie, his manager the legendary Micky Duff. Richie didn't forget the Baggies, and was constantly flying the flag as you can see from our second photo. Richie is currently recovering from an arm injury which needed a second operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery and the very best for the future.





# THE THROSTLE CLUB



**Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Hawthorns. Having recently been appointed manager of the re-furbished Throstle Club, I will be doing my best to keep you up-dated**

**with everything that's going on here.**

**There will be many forthcoming events to promote on this page as well as reflecting on entertaining nights from the previous weeks.**

**Don't forget that food is now available at the Club so why not come in and try our delicious selection of hot and cold snacks.**

**If you would like to hold a function or find out what's on offer at the Throstle Club, please contact me, Ally Brown, on 0121 553 1514.**

## THROSTLE CLUB

## Menu

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## NOBBY'S NIGHT

We were delighted to welcome to the Throstle Club the former World Cup winner and Albion manager Nobby Stiles, who made so many friends during his time at The Hawthorns.

Our first photo shows Nobby being welcomed back by (L-R) former Albion great Cyrille Regis, Nobby, Commercial Executive Tom Cardall, hard working laundry lady Maureen Brookes, long serving kit manager Dave Matthews and — fellow entertainer on the night — comedian Mick Walker.



Nobby delighted us with many stories of his playing days with Manchester United and England and at the end of the speech his question and answer session brought back memories of some great Albion versus Manchester United clashes, as well as England winning the World Cup.

Well done Nobby and Mick for giving us such a lovely evening.

As well as Cyrille Regis we were pleased to see former Albion stars Bobby Hope, Campbell Crawford, Paddy Grealish and Derek Statham, who were the special guests of John Philips.

Thankyou to everyone who attended on the night. As the picture below illustrates, The Throstle Club was "full to the brim" for this entertaining occasion.



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# **BAGGIES**



The Supporters Club enjoyed an excellent Christmas Dinner, and amongst the guests was Albion Chairman Tony Hale, who is pictured thanking the supporters club for their support of West Bromwich Albion. Also present was BBC personality Frank Skinner who is pictured with Baggies President's wife Lady Barbara Millichip.

## **KIDDERMINSTER**

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 10th February (8pm) at the St. George's Club, Radford Avenue. There will be two players in attendance but at the time of going to press we are unable to confirm who they will be.

## **WEDNESBURY**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th February at St Mary's Social Club (8pm) when our guests will be X-TRA AM's Tom Ross and A.N. Other!

## **DROITWICH**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th February (8pm) at the "Rifleman's Arms", Station Street when it is hoped the guests will be David Smith and Julian Darby.

## **SUTTON COLDFIELD BRANCH**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th February at the Sutton Lounge, Royal Hotel, High Street, Sutton Coldfield, starting at 8 pm our guest will be former manager (twice) Ron Atkinson.

Due to limited room capacity we have had to restrict this evening to tickets only. These were all snapped up at our last meeting when we had a record attendance of 60+ members present — possibly due to the fact that the guest was Mr Tony Hale the day after Alan Buckley's departure. We would like to sincerely thank Tony for turning out at such a hectic time for him and patiently answering questions as to the identity of the new manager for over two hours! We all appreciate his tremendous efforts for the Albion.

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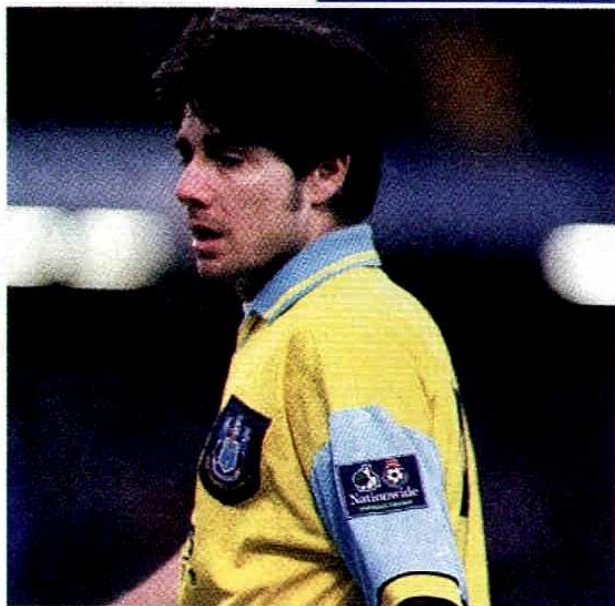
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**It is barely four years since Canadian Paul Peschisolido came to play in the Football League, yet he is about to start working for his seventh manager. That's quite a turnaround in bosses for the international striker, but Pesch also went through three moves of club in less than two years to arrive at The Hawthorns last July. Hectic, innit, this English football?**



**PAUL**

**PESCHISOLIDO**

**E**ven away from the game Paul has led a high-profile life, principally through his courtship of and marriage to Blues' managing director Karren Brady. It was in fact Paul's relationship with Karren which led to the first of his transfers, when he was sold by Blues to Stoke in August 1994.

Pesch observed wryly: "It's been an interesting first few years over here. Luckily I adapt quickly to new situations, otherwise I might have had problems with all the changes I've seen since Terry Cooper signed me for Blues from Toronto Blizzard.

"I really enjoyed my first spell at Blues, but after Terry was sacked Barry Fry came in and he eventually decided there was a conflict between my job as a footballer and my relationship with Karren.

"That was why I was sold to Stoke, but within a month or so of me moving there Joe Jordan got the sack. I didn't have time to get to know Joe, but he seemed a very professional and well organised manager.

"Lou Macari came in and I really enjoyed working for him and his assistant, Chic Bates. They believe in fitness, organisation and 100 per cent commitment and that suits me — wherever I've played I've given everything and I'm sure supporters, as well as managers, appreciate that.

"Lou had to sell me because

of financial problems at Stoke, and it was Barry Fry who took me back to Blues — he obviously felt there was no longer a clash of interest between football and my marriage.

"But a couple of months later Barry got sacked and Trevor Francis took over. Right out of the blue one morning, I got a call from Trevor telling me I wasn't in his plans because he had signed Mike Newell and Paul Furlong — so would I like to go along and talk to Alan Buckley?

"That's what I did, I liked what Alan had to say and from first arriving at The Hawthorns I've enjoyed being an Albion player. It's been like my first 12 months at St Andrews, when I loved the club, the supporters were fantastic to me and I felt I did a good job.

"I'm just hoping now that I get to stay here for a long time to come. I'll give the new manager the best I've got to offer and hopefully, if I also carry on scoring goals, that will keep me in the team as well as at The Hawthorns."

Unfortunately for Paul, he was not in the team at Birmingham on Tuesday night due to an injury he sustained at Port Vale last Saturday.

His two goals in the 2-2 draw at Vale Park brought his





season's tally to 11, and he was relishing the prospect of playing against his former club in midweek.

But the knock he took to his knee proved more serious than it had first seemed. He explained: "It didn't feel too bad after the match and I drove home with no problem.

"But the knee swelled up so badly around 9.00 pm that Karren had to rush me to hospital. There was damage to the top of the fibula and at first they thought it might be broken, but when I had a scan it was diagnosed as an old injury which had taken another knock.

"The kick just below my knee had caused bleeding in the joint, so on Monday morning I had it drained and I thought I might be OK for Tuesday night.

"But I ran out of time to get match-fit and I was absolutely gutted — I had been looking forward to the match at Blues more than any other game this season.

"What makes it worse is that I won't even be able to play against them when they come to The Hawthorns next month, because I'll be on international duty with Canada that weekend.

"But you can be sure I'll be on the telephone to find out how we've done — and hopefully that Sunday night I'll be toasting a double against my old club."

**Which overseas player in England do you most admire?**

Georgi Kinkladze

**What is your favourite holiday destination?**

Bermuda

**Name your all-time top record.**

'Ten', by Pearl Jam

**What is your ideal pre-match meal?**

Ham and cheese omelette

**Who would you most like to be stranded on a desert island with?**

My wife Karren and daughter Sophia

**What car do you drive?**

Land Rover Discovery

**Recall your fondest footballing memory.**

Playing for Canada against Mexico in the Azteca Stadium, Mexico, in front of 130,000 screaming spectators. It was a World Cup qualifying match and the atmosphere was absolutely incredible. Unfortunately, so was the score — we lost 8-0!

**Name you favourite soap opera.**

Eastenders

**What is your most treasured possession?**

My little girl, who is nine months old







**JULIAN  
DARBY**



Jack Smith became West Brom's first team-manager in July 1948 after long-serving Fred Everiss relinquished his job as Albion's secretary-manager and the positions were divided. A former Swindon Town left-back, Smith made 114 league appearances while at the County Ground before joining Chelsea for £4,000 in March 1938 and returned to Wolves as trainer-coach when his playing career was ended by a road accident.

Young, enthusiastic and modern in his approach to coaching, he was charged with the task of getting Albion back into the top-flight alongside Midlands rivals Aston Villa, Birmingham City and Wolves. He inherited a talented squad, strong in key positions with Jim Sanders in goal, record-signing Jack Vernon at centre-half and fellow Irish international Dave Walsh leading the attack.

Other influential figures included right-back Jim Pemberton, Len Millard, Harry Kinsell, Glyn Hood, outside-right Billy Elliott and inside-forwards Jack Haines and Cyril Williams. Emerging youngsters like Ray Barlow and Joe Kennedy

## WBA'S ROUTE TO PROMOTION GLORY

	Home	Away
Fulham	1-2	2-1
Southampton	2-0	1-1
Cardiff City	2-0	2-2
Tottenham Hotspur	2-2	0-2
Chesterfield	0-0	0-0
West Ham	2-1	0-1
Sheffield Wednesday	1-0	1-2
Barnsley	2-0	0-2
Luton Town	2-1	1-0
Grimsby Town	5-2	0-1
Bury	2-3	0-4
QPR	1-1	2-0
Blackburn Rovers	2-1	0-0
Leeds United	1-0	3-1
Coventry City	1-0	0-1
Bradford Park Avenue	7-1	1-4
Brentford	2-0	0-0
Leicester City	2-1	3-0
Plymouth Argyle	3-0	2-1
Nottingham Forest	2-1	1-0
Lincoln City	5-0	3-0

staked a claim to regular first-team places during the 1948/49 season, while no fewer than nine different players were tried out in the left-wing position.

Albion's Second Division campaign kicked off with a fine 1-0 victory at Nottingham Forest but the next four games yielded just two points from two goalless draws against Chesterfield. Smith

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## FOOTBALL LEIGH EDWARDS ALBION'S 1948/49

brought in Paddy Ryan at right-half as Dave Walsh's hat-trick and two goals by Jack Haines gave West Brom an emphatic 5-0 home win over Lincoln City in early September.

This victory launched a 12-match unbeaten run that included nine wins and established Smith's team among the early pace-setters. The run ended with a surprising 4-1 defeat at lowly Bradford PA in mid-November. Albion's goalscorer Jack Haines learned of his selection for England on Bradford station and scored twice on his international debut against Switzerland 11 days later.

West Brom immediately returned to winning ways as goals by Len Millard and Billy Elliott gave the following side a vital 2-0 victory over



1948/49 PROMOTION WINNERS — BACK ROW (L-R): FRED REED (TRAINER), EDDIE WILCOCK, JOE KENNEDY, HARRY KINSELL, RAY BARLOW, BOBBY BARKER, GLYN HOOD, JACK HAINES, PADDY RYAN, 'WG' RICHARDSON (COACH). FRONT ROW (L-R): LEN MILLARD, BILLY ELLIOTT, CYRIL WILLIAMS, DAVE WALSH, JACK VERNON, JIM SANDERS, JIM PEMBERTON, ARTHUR SMITH, JACK BOYD.



# WAR ectives

## HISTORIAN FOCUSES ON PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

promotion rivals Southampton in front of 47,028 at The Hawthorns: Jim Sanders, Jim Pemberton, Harry Kinsell, Len Millard, Jack Vernon, Glyn Hood, Billy Elliott, Cyril Williams, Dave Walsh, Jack Haines, Hughie Morrow.

Cyril Williams netted a hat-trick in Albion's 5-2 home win over Grimsby Town a fortnight later, the same week that reserve centre-forward Arthur Rowley moved to promotion rivals Fulham in exchange for outside-left Ernie Shepherd. Rowley had deputised for Dave Walsh in Albion's 2-1 win at Fulham two months earlier and was dissatisfied with second-team football.

The ideal successor to Ronnie Rooke at Craven Cottage, he spearheaded Fulham's promotion push and was destined to score an all-time record 434 league goals during his career that continued at Leicester City and Shrewsbury Town. Shepherd failed to solve Albion's left-wing problem and made just four appearances prior to joining Hull City where he helped to clinch the Third Division (North) title.

A fortnight after scoring twice in West Brom's 3-1 FA Cup fourth round victory at Gateshead, Dave Walsh netted a hat-trick as Albion gained a 3-0 fifth round win over First Division Chelsea in front of 57,843 at The Hawthorns. Two weeks later, Albion were narrowly beaten 1-0 at Wolves in the sixth round watched by 55,684 and Stan Cullis' team went on to win the FA Cup.

Following five successive away

## 1948/49 LEAGUE APPEARANCES/(GOALS)

Jim Sanders	42	
Len Millard	41	(1)
Dave Walsh	41	(23)
Billy Elliott	40	(7)
Jack Haines	38	(14)
Jim Pemberton	38	
Jack Vernon	38	(1)
Glyn Hood	34	
Cyril Williams	31	(9)
Harry Kinsell	30	
Ray Barlow	22	(4)
Bobby Barker	14	(2)
Paddy Ryan	14	(1)
Joe Kennedy	8	(1)
Arthur Smith	8	(2)
Frank Hodgetts	5	(1)
Hughie Morrow	5	(2)
Ernie Shepherd	4	
Roy Finch	3	
Sammy Cox	2	
Eddie Wilcox	2	
Jack Boyd	1	
Arthur Rowley	1	
Own Goal		(1)

defeats, pressure mounted on West Brom in the promotion race when Albion reject Arthur Rowley gave rivals Fulham a shock 2-1 victory with the last shot of the match in a blizzard at The Hawthorns. Smith's team responded by winning 2-1 at Plymouth Argyle a week later, as goals by Dave Walsh and Billy Elliott enabled Albion to take their first-ever points from Home Park.

Smith had switched Ray Barlow from inside-forward to wing-half with great success and as the promotion race reached a critical stage, he risked giving a debut to inexperienced reserve centre-half Joe Kennedy in the vital game at Luton Town. The gamble paid off as Albion won 1-0 and Kennedy retained his place.

At the start of April, the championship looked an absolute certainty for Southampton as they beat Spurs at White Hart Lane to go eight points clear. But in scoring the winning goal ace marksman Charlie Wayman was injured and put out of action for the rest of the season. Saints failed to win another match and their amazing loss of

form gave West Brom and Fulham the chance to overhaul them.

Dave Walsh scored four goals in Albion's 7-1 win over Bradford PA at The Hawthorns, then came two hectic battles with Coventry City over Easter and Jack Haines' goal gave West Brom a 1-0 win at The Hawthorns on Easter Monday. The following day, Dave Walsh missed a second-half penalty at Highfield Road where struggling Coventry gained revenge with a 1-0 triumph.

In a thrilling match at Southampton four days later, the home forwards bombarded Albion's goal in the first-half but little outside-left Arthur Smith slipped away to score against the run of play and Saints went to pieces. Despite Eric Day managing to head an equaliser in the dying seconds, the 1-1 draw handed West Brom the advantage in the tight promotion race.

Needing four points from their last three games to secure promotion, Albion won 2-0 at home to Barnsley and on 5th May 1949, the following team travelled to lowly Leicester City who had been FA Cup finalists five days earlier: Jim Sanders, Jim Pemberton, Len Millard, Paddy Ryan, Jack Vernon, Glyn Hood, Billy Elliott, Joe Kennedy, Dave Walsh, Ray Barlow, Arthur Smith.

Watched by 34,585, West Brom took a 12th minute lead when Paddy Ryan's free-kick was headed down by Joe Kennedy for Dave Walsh to score. Kennedy netted from Arthur Smith's corner in the 26th minute and Ray Barlow added a third in the 64th minute with a narrow-angled shot as Albion's 3-0 victory clinched a First Division return.

West Brom had to settle for the runners-up slot behind champions Fulham after a 1-0 defeat at Grimsby Town on the last day, with Southampton a further point behind Albion in third place. Achieving promotion success at the first attempt, Jack Smith had guided the club back to the top-flight after an absence of 11 years.





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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



*Pictured are children who kindly came along to the launch from Warley High School along with Telewest's Cable Cat.*

*Also pictured are Community Administrator Clint Roberts, Assistant Community Officer Brett Bensley and Community Officer Mark Ashton.*

West Bromwich Albion's Community Programme are proud to announce the overwhelming success of the new 'Learning Through Football' project. The launch was held at The Hawthorns prior to Christmas and many of the local schools attended. The evening was made complete with a visit from local radio station 'Radio WM'.

With the excellent help and support of local sponsor 'Telewest Communications' we have now turned the 'Learning Through Football' project from an idea into a reality.

Since the launch we have now had bookings from the majority of the local schools with visits beginning in February.

If your school is interested in taking part in this new project, please contact Clint Roberts on 0121 525 0226 for more details.



### BOLTON MASCOT

Hanna Green was a mascot for our game against Bolton in December. Unfortunately Hanna wasn't featured in 'Albion News' at the time of the game, but we're only too pleased to give her a mention today.

Hanna is 13 years old and attends Park Hall School, Castle Bromwich. Her hobbies include basketball, swimming and caring for all kinds of pets.

Hanna's favourite players are Richard Sneekes and Paul Peschisolido.



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## OH WE OF LITTLE FAITH



In The Blood? In The Dog-house, more like.

Pictured is Quinton Quayle, who also appeared in the Oldham programme complete with Baggies shirt and Union Jack. Unfortunately, his claims to be Deputy Ambassador and Consul-General of Indonesia were ridiculed on these pages, and yes — you've guessed it — Quinton really does hold this position of power in the fourth largest country in the world.

In The Blood can only salute a man who has unearthed Albion fans in Peru, Moscow and Washington DC.

Take a bow, Quinton Quayle. Take a plate of humble pie in the chops, 'In The Blood'.

The quest for the Baggies' highest powered dignitary is now on. If you know of an individual who wields more power than Quinton, In The Blood needs to know.

## HATS OFF TO BOALER



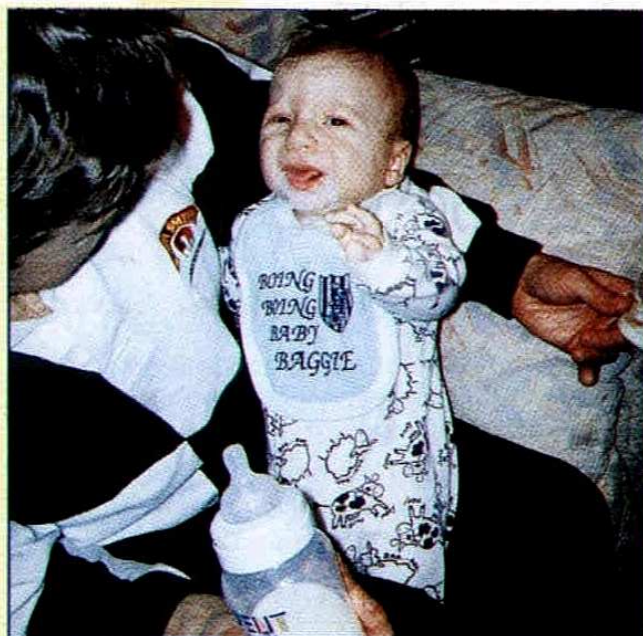
Continuing the theme of intelligent Baggies fans, Jo Boaler is pictured here whilst holidaying in Kenya. "Why does this make her intelligent?" I hear you cry. Well, her trip to Kenya was to celebrate a notable educational achievement, namely a PhD in mathematics education.

Although Jo lives in London, she manages to get to most home games with her partner Colin. He was an avid Man Utd fan until Jo introduced him to The Hawthorns — obviously he's now committed to The Albion.

# IN THE BLOOD FAMILY

Congratulations on the Mathematics PhD Jo — sorry, that'll be Dr Jo now. In The Blood has always maintained that, to sum, adding the Baggies to their lives is a definite plus.

## WILL'S NOT AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF



It's a tough life being a 'Baby Baggie' — as Edinburgh based William Goldberg, pictured here with dad Jerry, will testify. First you're told that Albion's chances of lifting the FA Cup have run to ground at Stamford Bridge, and then the milk bottle disappears before your very eyes!

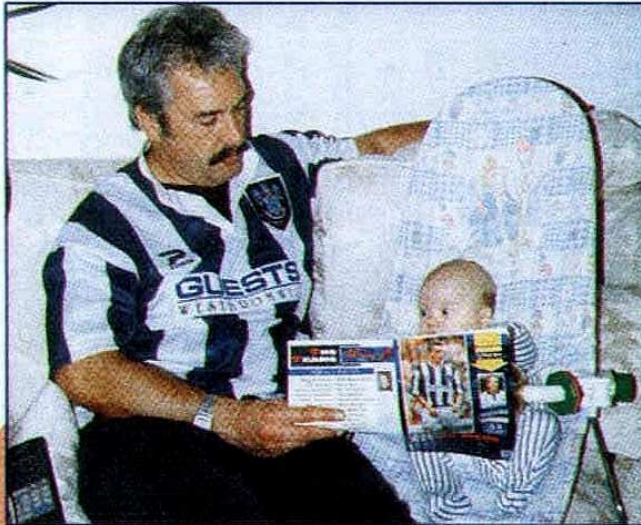
Despite being only eight months old, according to his father, William is already showing signs of being a real little Baggie boy. Apparently his favourite bedtime story is Red Riding Hood and he positively beams when the wolf gets his comeuppance from the woodcutter at the end of the tale (OOPS, sorry if you haven't read it yet).

## BOY GEORGE IN CULTURED CLUB

Baggies supporters may be renowned as the most intelligent and cultured football fans in the country, but this is getting ridiculous. 10 week old Danny George is seen here greedily digesting the



# THE BLOOD PAGES



scintillating prose in the Port Vale programme, whilst dad Graham admires his precocious son.

Peter and Jane books were what the infants of my generation were weaned on, however, Albion News is certainly an adequate modern alternative, with the added bonus of magnificent pics of all the Albion stars.

## WAG WALTON IN SOVIET SPOOF

Oh joy of joys, it's another Baggie with a — shall we say — less than reliable holiday snap. Pictured is Dean Walton 'in search of Red Square'. Regular readers will know that this trend of 'have scruffy

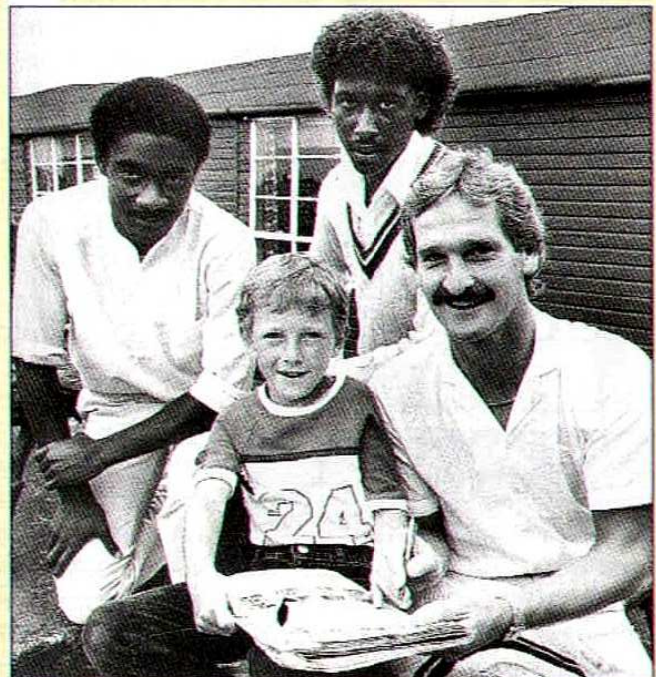


piece of A4, will travel' was started by Dave Foxall many programmes ago and has been perpetuated by a motley band of men ever since. In The Blood has tolerated — encouraged, even — Foxall and his cronies' shenanigans, but the time has come to draw a veil over this auspicious chapter in the life of In The Blood (unless a particularly hilarious offering is forthcoming).

## BAKER A BAGGIE BORN AND BREAD

Happy birthday to Duncan Baker who will be 21 on Monday. Duncan is a premier share holder with the Albion and has been a Baggies nut from a very early age. The birthday request was sent in by his girlfriend Joanne Bristow who enclosed this rather intriguing photo of Duncan at the age of seven (he's the small one at the front).

As all Baggies fans will doubtless know, Ally Robertson is the former player signing his autograph, but can you name the other two cricket clad former Albion players? Answer at the bottom of the page.



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Answer to 'Baker a Baggie Born And Bread' — Noel Luke and Micky Perry



**A late revival was not enough to prevent the reserves from going down 2-0 at Notts County on Wednesday evening.**

Albion had the better of the closing stages and had chances to save the match, but they were unable to pull back the two goals County had scored in the first half.

Before the home side took the lead Albion had made a bright start, Lee Knight forcing goalkeeper Michael Pollitt into a third minute save then Kevin Donovan hooking a shot wide of the near post from Simon Buckley's eighth minute cross.

The Magpies went ahead after 14 minutes, when Sean Farrell volleyed home Peter Kennedy's left wing cross from beyond the far post.

Michael Rodosthenous almost equalised within a minute, lobbing a shot over Pollitt but also just over the bar after Paul Groves had headed on a Shaun Murphy free-kick.



**Kevin Donovan — unlucky not to get his name on the scoresheet**

Just before the half hour Buckley had a 20 yard chip deflected for a corner with Pollitt stranded off his line; but five minutes later Tony Agana headed narrowly over the Albion bar then Farrell shot wide from a good position.

Two minutes before the interval Donovan sent a 15 yard snap shot past the far post as the Baggies once more looked for an equaliser.

County's crucial strike arrived 60 seconds later, however, Agana forcing the ball past Gary Germaine after Shaun Murphy's header back to the goalkeeper had fallen well short of its target. It was a sad moment for ex-County defender Murphy, who was making a quick return to Meadow Lane following his recent £325,000 move to The Hawthorns.

Germaine kept out a stinging 25 yard free-kick by Kennedy shortly after the break, but gradually Albion came more into the game and on the hour Rodosthenous went close with a spectacular bicycle kick from substitute Tony James' cross.

Dave Gilbert shot wide from a Groves pass then, from a fine Gilbert through-ball, Donovan had a goalbound effort well saved by Pollitt in the 69th minute.

Albion's best chance to put themselves back into contention arrived 15 minutes from time, when a Gilbert corner was only half cleared and James crossed from the right — only for the unmarked Donovan to shoot wide from five yards.

**Albion team:** Gary Germaine, Lee Knight, Gareth Hanmer, Julian Darby, Shaun Murphy, Paul Groves, Kevin Donovan, Simon Buckley, Michael Rodosthenous, Shaun Cunningham, Dave Gilbert. Substitutes: Dean Bennett, Tony James, Carl Tranter.

The reserves are in action again on Wednesday, 19th February, when they entertain Port Vale at Halesowen Town's ground The Grove (7.00 pm).

**PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE**  
(Up to and including Thursday 6th February 1997.)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	16	8	5	3	34	26	29
Preston NE	13	8	4	1	22	9	28
Aston Villa	12	8	2	2	31	14	26
Sunderland	16	6	5	5	34	29	23
Leicester City	13	7	2	4	24	19	23
Notts Co	13	6	3	4	22	21	21
Huddersfield Town	14	6	3	5	19	19	21
Wolverhampton W	14	5	4	5	24	22	19
Port Vale	14	5	2	7	21	25	17
WBA	16	4	4	8	13	22	16
Coventry City	16	3	5	8	12	18	14
Sheffield Utd	14	4	2	8	15	27	14
Blackpool	15	1	3	11	9	29	6

**Pontins League Fixtures For Season 1996-97**

Aug	Thursday 22nd	Aston Villa	0-2
	Wednesday 28th	Coventry City	1-1
Sept	Wednesday 11th	Blackpool	2-1
	Wednesday 18th	Middlesbrough	1-3
	Monday 23rd	Wolverhampton W.	0-3
Oct	Wednesday 2nd	Preston North End	0-2
	Wednesday 9th	Huddersfield Town	0-0
	Wednesday 16th	Leicester City	0-3
	Wednesday 23rd	Notts. County	2-0
Nov	Wednesday 6th	Port Vale	0-1
	Thursday 14th	Sheffield United	0-0
	Wednesday 20th	Sunderland	2-3
Dec	Wednesday 11th	Blackpool	0-0
	Monday 16th	Leicester City	4-1
Jan	Wednesday 22nd	Middlesbrough	0-1
Feb	Tuesday 4th	Notts. County	0-2
	Wednesday 19th	Port Vale	(H)
	Tuesday 25th	Sheffield United	(A)
Mar	Wednesday 5th	Sunderland	(H)
	Wednesday 12th	Wolves	(H)
	Wednesday 26th	Aston Villa	(H)
Apr	Wednesday 2nd	Coventry City	(A)
	Wednesday 16th	Huddersfield Town	(H)
	Monday 28th	Preston North End	(A)

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## MIDLAND MELVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Birmingham City	12	9	2	1	23	9	29	+14
Aston Villa	12	8	1	3	24	12	25	+12
Wolves	11	7	2	2	28	11	23	+17
Leicester City	12	7	2	3	26	12	23	+14
Nottingham Forest	11	7	2	2	19	8	23	+13
Stoke City	12	6	3	3	25	14	21	+11
Notts County	10	6	2	2	24	18	20	+6
Port Vale	9	5	1	3	21	11	16	+10
Peterborough U.	14	5	1	8	24	30	16	-6
Coventry City	12	4	4	4	13	19	16	-6
Walsall	13	4	2	7	23	33	14	-10
Derby County	11	4	1	6	16	19	13	-3
WBA	13	4	1	8	16	29	13	-13
Grimsby Town	11	3	3	5	10	16	12	-6
Lincoln City	10	3	1	6	8	15	10	-7
Northampton Town	13	2	2	9	10	27	8	-17
Shrewsbury Town	10	2	1	7	15	28	7	-13
Mansfield Town	10	1	3	6	6	14	6	-8

## Midland Melville Youth League Fixtures For Season 1996-97

Aug	Saturday 10th	Coventry City	1-2
	Saturday 17th	Northampton Town	2-1
	Saturday 24th	Grimsby Town	0-0
	Saturday 31st	Leicester City	0-3
Sep	Saturday 7th	Mansfield Town	1-0
	Friday 13th	Aston Villa	0-3
	Saturday 21st	Notts. County (MFCR1)	3-2
	Saturday 28th	Nottingham Forest	2-5
Oct	Saturday 5th	Wolverhampton W.	0-1
	Saturday 12th	Birmingham City	0-1
		League Cup Round Two	
	Tuesday 15th	Stoke City (MFCR2)	1-4
	Saturday 26th	Shrewsbury Town	4-3
	Monday 28th	Notts County	1-2
Nov	Saturday 2nd	Stoke City	3-2
	Saturday 9th	Walsall	1-5
	Saturday 16th	Peterborough United	0-3
	Saturday 30th	Derby County	1-2
Dec	Saturday 7th	Coventry City	4-0
	Tuesday 10th	Everton (FAYC)	1-2
	Saturday 14th	Derby County	0-0
Jan	Saturday 25th	Notts. County	2-4
Feb	Saturday 1st	Nottingham Forest	0-3
	Saturday 8th	Peterborough United	(A)
	Saturday 15th	Shrewsbury Town	(A)
	Saturday 22nd	Lincoln City	(A)
Mar	Saturday 1st	Stoke City	(H)
	Saturday 8th	Walsall	(A)
	Saturday 15th	Aston Villa	(H)
	Saturday 22nd	Port Vale	(H)
	Saturday 29th	Birmingham City	(A)
April	Saturday 5th	Birmingham City	(H)
	Saturday 12th	Northampton Town	(A)
	Saturday 26th	Wolverhampton W.	(H)
May	Saturday 3rd	Mansfield Town	(A)
TBA		Grimsby Town	(H)
TBA		Leicester City	(A)
TBA		Lincoln City	(H)

The club's youth set-up added another feather to its cap this weekend, with the call-up of defender **Murray Brown** to the Scotland team's training camp at Stratford on Avon.

Like Gary Germaine, Murray has been drafted into the party, purely for the training weekend and will not be travelling to Monaco for the World Cup Qualifier against Estonia.

But having already been involved at Under-18 level for his country, the 17 year old left back has put himself firmly in the frame for future honours.

Murray scored in the 2-1 win over Gresley Rovers in the semi-finals of the Midland Youth Floodlit Cup, striking home a 30-yarder just before full time.



Murray Brown —  
Scotland calling

Adam Buckley had opened the scoring with a superb 25 yard effort, but then five minutes from time he was unfortunately sent off for a hand-ball offence which led to a penalty equaliser. The trusty Brown boot brought a well deserved victory, however, and the youngsters are now awaiting the draw for the semi-final.

Two days before that last-gasp win, incidentally, we had beaten Bromsgrove 5-2 after extra time to reach the quarter final. The three goal blitz in added time was inspired by Under-16 striker Justin Richards, who went on as substitute and scored a penalty then created goals for Marvin Blake and Gareth Sheldon.

Justin is one of seven youngsters who have so far been taken on as youth trainees for the 1997-99 period, commencing in June this year. The other six are Gary Abercrombie, twins James and Adam Chambers, Dean Joinson, Richard Ball and Adam Oliver.

The new recruits will be taking over from the current second year YT's who are now striving to earn themselves professional contracts for next season.

The last couple of Melville Midland Youth League matches have brought defeats, 4-2 by Notts County and 3-0 by Nottingham Forest.

A defensive error cost Albion a goal in the first 10 minutes at Notts County, but they came back well for Blake to equalise following a flowing move involving James Corns, Darren Bowman and Carl Tranter.

After looking the better side towards half-time, the young Baggies fell away after the break and conceded a further three goals before a Buckley cross led to an own goal by a County defender.

**Albion team:** Ricky McNamara, Danny Gabbidon, Tony James, Murray Brown, James Corns, Darren Bowman, Adam Buckley, James Cooper, Jamie Petty, Carl Tranter, Marvin Blake. Substitutes: Jamie Lowndes, Ben Smith, James Ince.

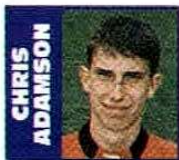
Against Forest it was a mad 15 minutes, midway through the first half, which cost Albion the match. They started brightly and created the better of the early chances, but effectively threw the game away by conceding three quick goals.

**Albion:** McNamara, Gabbidon, James, Brown, Jamie McWilliams, Bowman, Buckley, Cooper, Michael Garrity, Tranter, Darren Cunningham. Subs: Blake, Lowndes, James Ince.

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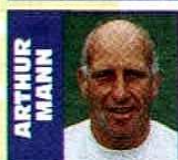
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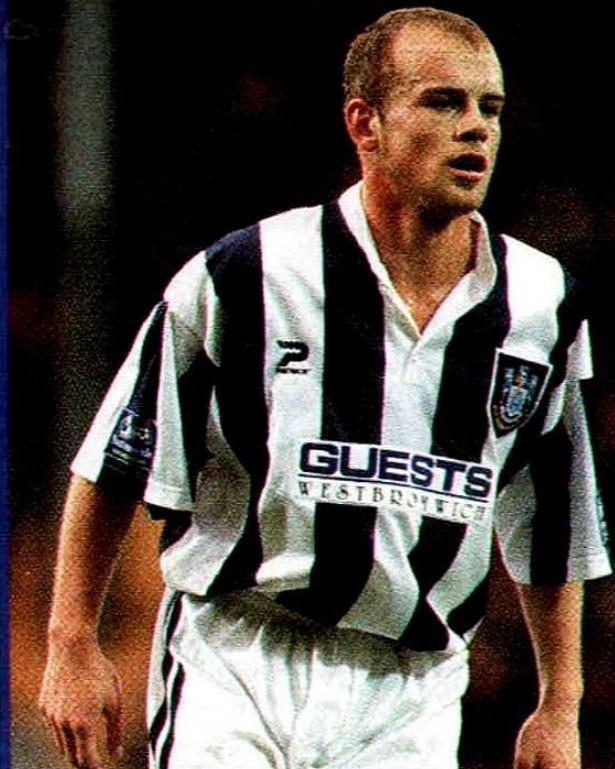
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<b>Saturday 15th February 1997 v Norwich City</b>					
3.00pm	8.30am	8.45am	9.30am	£10.00	£11.00
<b>Sunday 2nd March 1997 v Bolton Wanderers</b>					
2.10pm	9.00am	9.15am	10.00am	£8.00	£9.00
<b>Saturday 8th March 1997 v Oxford United</b>					
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# DIVISION

## Diary

● Bolton strengthened their lead at the top of the division at the week-end with a 2-1 win over Birmingham but they had to rely on a 78th minute penalty from John McGinlay to secure the points. For Wanderers Jamie Pollock scored his fourth goal in as many games to make it 1-0 but Paul Devlin continued his own impressive run when he equalised with his seventh goal in seven matches. When the penalty decider came it was due to Martin Graingers's foul on McGinlay and the Scot settled the game with his 23rd goal of the season after the Blue's defender was sent-off. Bolton's lead increased to twelve points over Wolves who won 2-0 at home to Stoke thanks to a brace of goals from Steve Bull.

● Bolton minds were obviously on promotion because they surprisingly went out of the FA Cup in a mid-week replay at home to Chesterfield 3-2. It was 19-year-old Kevin Davies who did the damage with a hat-trick. Bolton's goals came from Scott Taylor and a late strike from Scott Green.

● Bradford City continued their resurgence with a 1-1 draw at home to Huddersfield but the game was marred by a double-fracture of the leg suffered

by City's record signing Gordon Watson in a challenge from Town's Kevin Gray. On the goal front Gary Crosby's opener was cancelled out by in-form veteran Chris Waddle.

● Grimsby took full advantage when two Charlton players were sent-off for bookable offences. Richard Rufus and Mark Kinsella were both dismissed before the interval. Clive Mendonca added to his growing reputation with his 13th goal of the season, from the penalty spot for The Mariners to lead 1-0 at half-time. Jack Lester made it 2-0 just after the break to take Grimsby to within a point of Oldham who lost 1-0 at Portsmouth to a Paul Hall goal in the seventh minute. Craig Fleming's sending-off for a foul on Hall, his second yellow card, didn't help the Latics' cause.

● Robert Fleck's dismissal at Carrow Road, just before half-time, seemed to have handed Barnsley a welcome victory as they led 1-0 with a Nicky Eaden goal but ten-man Norwich equalised through Darren Eadie in the 89th minute.

● Crystal Palace, who have slipped up in recent weeks, got a priceless 1-0 win at QPR thanks to a goal from skipper David Hopkin who was obviously inspired by the presence of Scotland boss Craig Brown. Hopkin's 13th goal of the season secured for The Eagles only their second victory in 14 games.

● Southend's goalless draw at home to Ipswich was notable only for the number of goal chances squandered by both teams, though the East Anglians will be happier with the point than Ronnie Whelan's side.

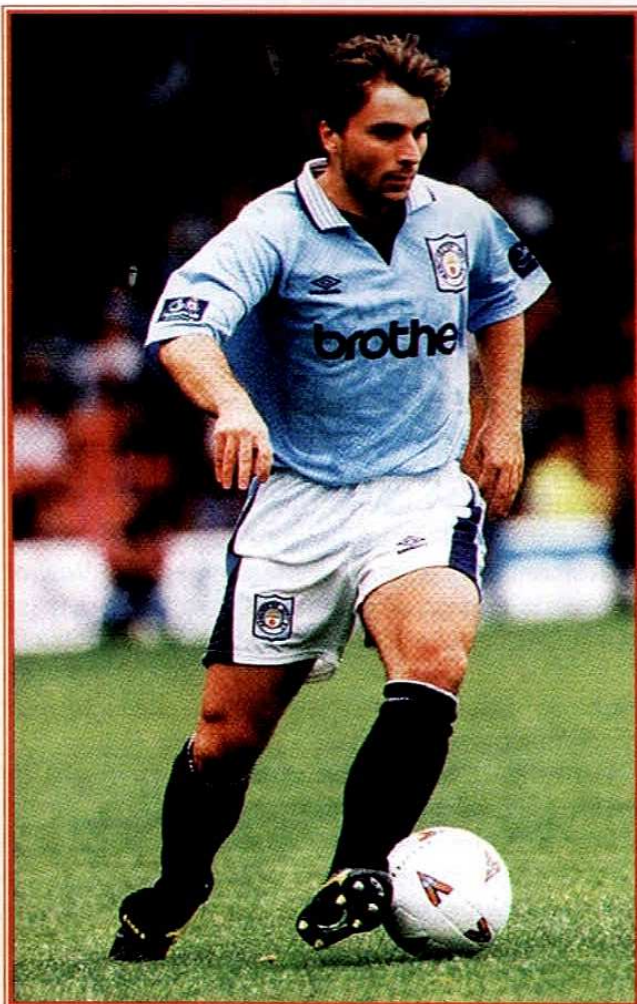
● Tranmere were another side who squandered good scoring chances when they shared four goals with Reading. Graham Branch's fine headed goal was cancelled out by Trevor Morley's opener for Reading. Morley put the visitors ahead early in the second-half but Ian Moore stole a point for Rovers with a 72nd minute equaliser.

● On Sunday Georgi Kinkladze inspired Manchester City to a 4-1 win at Oxford with two super goals in a stunning show. The Georgian also set up the other two to earn Frank Clark his first league victory. An own-goal from United's Phil Gilchrist set City on the way midway through the first-half and Kinkladze made it 2-0 soon afterwards. His tenth goal of the season came early in the second-half after a sizzling 50 yard run from the centre-circle, Uwe Rosler tapped in a fourth before Paul Moody's consolation ten minutes from time.



**Kevin Davies — young Chesterfield star scored the goals that knocked First Division leaders Bolton out of the FA Cup**





**Georgi Kinkladze — star of the show for Manchester City**

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● Mark Stein has returned to Chelsea after two months at Stoke who have been told by the London club that they will have to spend a million pounds if they want to sign the striker.

## Results and Fixtures in Division 1

Fixture dates are <i>italicised</i> (e.g. 28.3 is 28th March), results are in <b>bold</b> .	Barnsley	Birmingham	Bolton	Bradford	Charlton	Palace	Grimsby	Huddersfield	Ipswich	Man City	Norwich	Oldham	Oxford	Portsmouth	Port Vale	QPR	Reading	Sheff Utd	Southend	Stoke	Swindon	Tranmere	West Brom	Wolves
Barnsley		5.4	2-2	26.4	12.4	0-0	1-3	3-1	1-2	2-0	3-1	tba	0-0	3-2	8.2	1-3	3-0	8.3	3-0	4.3	3-0	29.3	22.2	
Birmingham	0-0		3-1	3-0	31.3	1-0	0-0	12.4	1-0	11.3	2-3	0-0	26.4	8.2	22.2	0-0	4-1	22.3	8.3	3-1	1-0	19.3	2-3	4.3
Bolton	2-2	2-1		2-1	26.4	2-2	6-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	3-1	3-1	12.4	2-0	29.3	5.4	2-1	15.2	3-1	1-1	8.3	1-0	1.3	3-0
Bradford	2-2	19.4	2-4		15.2	0-4	8.3	1-1	2-1	1.3	0-2	0-3	2-0	3-1	1-0	4.5	0-0	1-2	0-0	31.3	2-1	1-0	1-1	22.3
Charlton	tba	2-1	3-3	0-2		8.3	1-3	29.3	1-1	5.4	22.2	1-0	2-0	19.4	1-3	4.3	1-0	4.5	2-0	1-2	2-0	8.2	1-1	0-0
Palace	19.4	29.3	4.3	8.2	1-0		3-0	5.4	0-0	3-1	15.3	3-1	2-2	1-2	4.5	3-0	tba	0-1	6-1	tba	1-2	22.2	0-0	2-3
Grimsby	2-3	1.3	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-1		15.2	31.3	15.3	1-4	0-3	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-0	19.4	2-4	4.5	1-1	2-1	22.3	1-1	1-2
Huddersfield	22.3	3-0	22.2	3-3	2-0	1-1	2-0		2-0	1-1	2-0	3-2	4.3	15.3	0-1	1-2	1-0	31.3	0-0	2-1	4.5	0-1	19.4	8.2
Ipswich	1-1	4.5	15.3	4.3	2-1	3-1	1-1	1-3		28.3	19.4	5.4	22.2	1-1	2-1	8.2	5-2	tba	1-1	1-1	3-2	0-2	5-0	0-0
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Norwich	1-1	0-1	22.3	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	1.3	3-1	26.4		2-0	31.3	1-0	8.3	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	12.4	2-0	1-1	15.2	1-0
Oldham	0-1	tba	19.4	22.2	tba	22.3	8.2	1-2	3-3	2-1	4.5		2-1	0-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-2	31.3	4.3	1-1	15.3
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Port Vale	1-3	3-0	1-1	1-1	15.3	0-2	1-1	0-0	15.2	0-2	6-1	12.4	2-0	0-2		4.4	1.3	0-0	2-1	1-1	22.3	31.3	2-2	26.4
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Southend	1.3	1-1	5-2	12.4	0-2	2-1	1-0	26.4	0-0	2-3	tba	1-1	22.3	31.3	0-0	15.3	2-1	3-2		15.2	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-1
Stoke	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	2-2	5.3	3-2	8.3	2-1	1-2	29.3	8.2	3-1	19.4	22.2	5.4	0-4	1-2		2-0	2-0	4.5	tba
Swindon	3-0	15.2	2-2	1-1	1.3	26.4	3-3	6-0	12.4	2-0	29.3	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	5.4	15.3		2-1	2-3	1-2
Tranmere	15.3	1-0	4.5	4.4	4-0	1-3	3-2	1-1	3-0	15.2	3-1	1-1	0-0	4-3	2-0	2-3	2-2	19.4	29.3	28.2	2-1		2-3	0-2
West Brom	1-2	15.3	2-2	0-0	22.3	31.3	26.4	1-1	0-0	12.4	5-1	1-1	3-3	22.2	1-1	4-1	3-2	1-2	4.3	0-2	8.2	1-2	1-2	2-4
Wolves	3-3	1-2	1-2	1-0	1-0	15.2	29.3	0-0	1.3	3-0	5.4	0-1	3-1	4.5	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	19.4	2-0	1-0	8.3	2-0	



# COMING

**O**ur next two matches take us to Norwich next Saturday and then see us entertain Portsmouth on February 22nd. Clearly we need to see some return from these fixtures.

Carrow Road is never an easy place to go and City seem to be finding their form again after a rather suspect period which saw them slip away from the fray at the top of the table. They would seem to have as good a chance as anyone of making the play-offs at least and may yet prove to have the quality required for an automatic rise to the Premiership. They have a strong home record that has seen them defeat Bradford City, Grimsby, Ipswich, Oldham, Portsmouth, Swindon and Wolves. They have been held by Palace, QPR, Reading, Sheffield Utd, Southend and

Tranmere and lost against only Birmingham and Charlton.

However The Canaries are not the most prolific of scorers and we may be in for a tight game. They seem to be very strong in midfield, with the likes of Darren Eadie, Daryl Sutch and Ian Crook but lacking in firepower. Strangely many felt they missed out on honours not too long ago because, although they passed the ball magnificently, frequently there was no one at the end of the movement. The man in charge then, Mike Walker, is back in charge of course and presiding over an altogether happier club, at last "at ease with itself". They'd be happier still in the top flight but very few clubs with their goal difference are likely to ever reach that promised land.

Listen out for the chimes in a fortnight as Pompey come to The Hawthorns, no doubt bringing the man with the bell with them. He hasn't had much to ring about this season as they float in mid-table waters but recent weeks have shown improved form that will have the Fratton Park optimists delaying booking their holidays. Their form at home and away is pretty unremarkable but they have picked up four away victories (at Crystal Palace, Grimsby, Port Vale and Swindon). They have drawn at Ipswich, Oldham and Reading and lost at Barnsley, Bolton, Bradford, Norwich, Oxford, Sheffield Utd, Stoke and Tranmere.

The side assembled by Terry Fenwick contains plenty of experience with Alan Knight in goal, Alan McLoughlin in midfield and one-time loan Baggie John Durnin up front. Throw in the names of Fitzroy Simpson, Paul Hall, Andy Awford and the former Arsenal midfielder David Hillier (who joined before Christmas) and you have a squad that should be higher in the rankings. Pompey are one of several south-coast clubs looking for a new home but if they want to inaugurate a new stadium with Premiership football they need to be more consistent. The highlight of their season could well come in the form of Southampton being relegated to provide a spicy local derby next term. This is a game we must look to win.



FITZROY SIMPSON — ONE OF THE PLAYERS WHO SHOULD BE LEADING POMPEY TO A HIGHER LEAGUE PLACING

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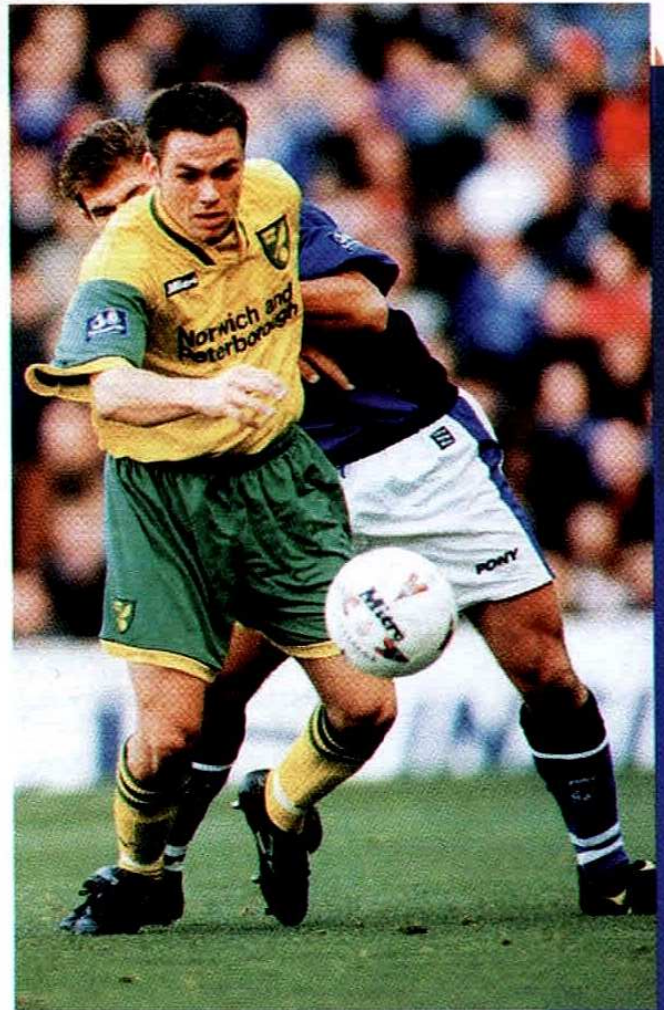
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# ALBION STAT

	Opponents	F-A	Attn	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>August 1996</b>												
Sat 17	Barnsley	1-2	18,561	-	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven	Hamilton	Mardon*
Tue 20	Colchester Utd. (CCC1/1)	3-2	3,521	-	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Raven	Hamilton●	Gilbert
Sat 24	Charlton Athletic	1-1	9,642	-	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven	Hamilton	Gilbert*
Tue 27	Crystal Palace	0-0	13,849	18	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven*	Hamilton	Gilbert
<b>September</b>												
Tue 3	Colchester Utd. (CCC1/2)	1-3	9,809	-	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson*	Sneekes*	Mardon	Burgess	Hamilton	Gilbert*
Sat 7	Queens Park Rangers	2-0	12,886	17	Spink	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess*	Raven	Hamilton	Mardon
Tue 10	Reading	3-2	13,096	8	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Raven*	Hamilton	Smith*
Sun 15	Wolverhampton W.	2-4	20,711	15	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon*	Burgess	Hamilton●	Smith*
Sat 21	Tranmere Rovers	3-2	7,848	11	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Burgess	Hamilton	Gilbert●
Sat 28	Ipswich Town	0-0	15,606	13	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Burgess	Hamilton	Gilbert*
<b>October</b>												
Tue 1	Oldham Athletic	1-1	5,817	12	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven*	Hamilton*	Mardon
Sat 12	Huddersfield Town	1-1	14,960	11	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Burgess	Hamilton	Gilbert*
Wed 16	Stoke City	0-2	16,501	15	Crichton	Holmes*	Nicholson	Sneekes	Mardon	Burgess	Hamilton	Gilbert*
Sat 19	Grimsby Town	1-1	7,187	17	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes●*	Burgess	Raven	Hamilton	Mardon*
Sat 26	Bradford City	0-0	14,249	14	Crichton	Holmes	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven	Donovan	Gilbert*
Wed 30	Swindon Town	3-2	8,909	11	Crichton	Holmes●	Nicholson	Sneekes●	Burgess	Raven	Darby	Agnew
<b>November</b>												
Sat 2	Portsmouth	0-4	7,354	14	Crichton	Holmes*	Nicholson	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven	Darby	Agnew
Sat 9	Port Vale	1-1	13,975	15	Crichton	Burgess	Nicholson	Sneekes	Agnew*	Raven	Donovan	Gilbert*
Wed 13	Sheffield United	1-2	12,167	15	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Hamilton	Burgess*	Raven	Donovan	Gilbert*
Sat 16	Southend United	3-2	5,120	12	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Coldicott	Groves	Raven	Donovan	Gilbert*
Wed 27	Manchester City	2-3	24,200	15	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Coldicott	Burgess	Groves*	Donovan*	Darby
Sat 30	Bradford City	1-1	12,003	17	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Coldicott	Burgess	Darby	Groves●	Smith
<b>December</b>												
Sun 8	Bolton Wanderers	2-2	13,082	20	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Sneekes*	Burgess	Darby	Groves	Smith
Wed 18	Norwich City	5-1	12,620	17	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Sneekes*	Burgess	Darby	Groves	Smith
Sat 21	Oxford United	3-3	13,782	16	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew*	Sneekes●	Burgess	Darby*	Groves	Smith
Thu 26	Reading	2-2	10,583	16	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Sneekes	Burgess	Darby	Groves●	Smith
Sat 28	Queens Park Rangers	4-1	19,061	11	Crichton	Holmes	Darby	Sneekes●	Burgess	Raven	Groves*	Smith●
<b>January 1997</b>												
Wed 1	Tranmere Rovers	1-2	14,770	15	Crichton	Holmes	Darby	Sneekes	Burgess●*	Raven	Butler*	Smith
Sat 4	Chelsea (FAC3)	0-3	27,446	-	Crichton	Holmes	Murphy	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven*	Groves*	Smith*
Sun 12	Wolves	0-2	27,336	15	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Sneekes	Burgess	Raven*	Groves	Murphy
Sat 18	Oldham Athletic	1-1	12,103	17	Crichton	Burgess	Darby	Sneekes	Murphy	Raven*	Donovan*	Gilbert
Sat 25	Ipswich Town	0-5	9,381	18	Crichton	Holmes*	Darby	Murphy	Burgess	Raven	Coldicott	Sneekes
<b>February</b>												
Sat 1	Port Vale	2-2	8,093	17	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew	Butler	Burgess	Raven	Coldicott*	Sneekes
Tue 4	Birmingham City	3-2	21,600	15	Crichton	Holmes	Agnew*	Butler	Burgess	Raven	Coldicott*	Sneekes●
Sat 8	Swindon Town											
Sat 15	Norwich City											
Sat 22	Portsmouth											
<b>March</b>												
Sun 2	Bolton Wanderers											
Tue 4	Southend United											
Sat 8	Oxford United											
Sun 16	Birmingham City											
Sat 22	Charlton Athletic											
Sat 29	Barnsley											
Mon 31	Crystal Palace											
<b>April</b>												
Sat 5	Sheffield United											
Sat 12	Manchester City											
Sat 19	Huddersfield Town											
Sat 26	Grimsby Town											
<b>May</b>												
Sun 4	Stoke City											

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## NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Up to and including Wednesday 5th February 1997

	Home						Away						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Bolton	31	12	3	1	36	14	6	7	2	29	25	64	
Wolves	30	7	3	6	20	14	8	4	2	22	14	52	
Barnsley	29	8	3	3	28	14	6	6	3	22	21	51	
Sheff Utd	30	7	5	3	28	16	7	3	5	22	17	50	
Norwich	30	7	7	2	20	11	6	0	8	21	31	46	
C Palace	29	6	3	4	25	13	5	7	4	28	19	43	
QPR	31	6	4	6	22	19	5	6	4	22	24	43	
Tranmere	30	8	4	4	31	22	4	3	7	11	17	43	
Port Vale	31	4	8	4	24	21	6	5	4	14	14	43	
Stoke	29	9	1	4	21	16	3	6	6	16	24	43	
Portsmouth	31	8	3	5	21	16	4	3	8	14	21	42	
Ipswich	30	6	6	2	26	17	4	5	7	15	22	41	
Oxford Utd	30	9	3	3	27	13	2	4	9	14	25	40	
Huddersfield	31	8	4	3	23	12	2	6	8	14	30	40	
Swindon	31	8	5	3	31	17	3	1	11	12	24	39	
West Brom	31	3	7	5	25	24	5	7	4	24	30	38	
Birmingham	28	7	4	2	20	9	2	6	7	12	21	37	
Charlton	29	6	4	4	18	16	4	1	10	12	24	35	
Reading	30	7	6	2	23	16	1	4	10	14	30	34	
Man City	29	6	3	5	17	16	3	2	10	16	27	32	
Bradford	31	6	5	5	18	22	1	5	9	11	24	31	
Southend	30	5	6	4	22	21	1	5	9	6	31	29	
Oldham	28	3	5	5	14	16	3	5	7	16	19	28	
Grimsby	29	4	4	8	19	28	2	5	6	16	25	27	

**Happy Birthday**  
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**JANE**  
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**Happy 65th Birthday**  
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<b>PAUL AGNEW</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>JASON DRYSDALE</b>
<b>PETER BUTLER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>STEVE MCMAHON</b>
<b>DARYL BURGESS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>GARY ELKINS</b>
<b>PAUL RAVEN</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>MARLON BROOMES</b>
<b>STACY COLDICOTT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>IAN CULVERHOUSE</b>
<b>RICHARD SNEEKES</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>ALEX SMITH</b>
<b>BOB TAYLOR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>STEVE COWE</b>
<b>ANDY HUNT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>WAYNE ALLISON</b>
<b>IAN HAMILTON</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>MARK WALTERS</b>

### TODAY'S MASCOT



Daniel Oliver is 8 years old and attends St. Mary's School in Kingswinford. He enjoys running, cycling and, of course, football. His favourite Baggies player is Paul Peschisolido.

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**Phil Richards** is 42 years old and commenced Refereeing in 1973 in junior football around the Liverpool area. He became a Linesman in the Northern Premier League in 1977, getting on to the Referee's list five years later. He became a Football League Linesman in 1987 before progressing on to the Referee's list last year. His interests include keeping fit, holidays abroad and gardening.



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