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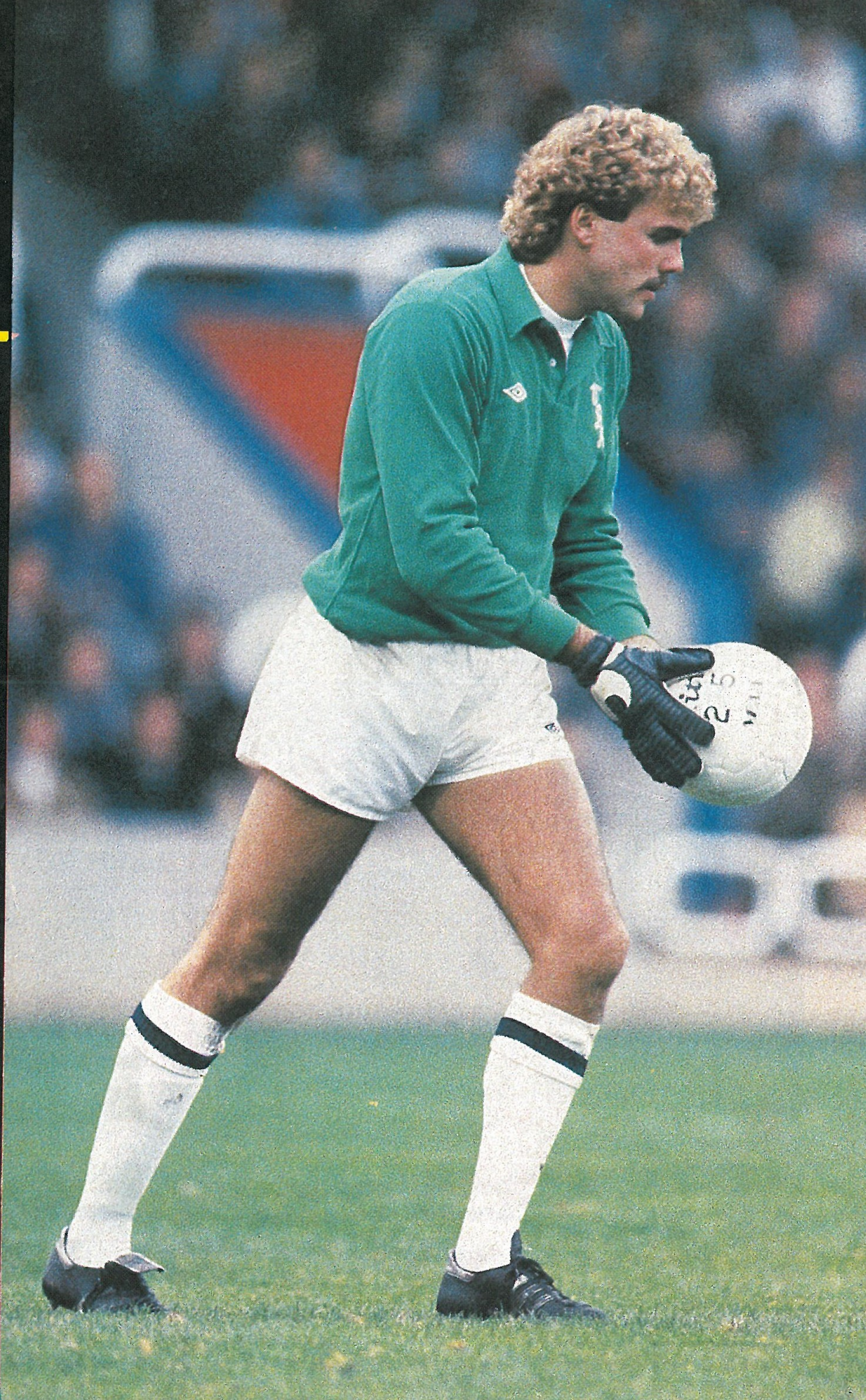
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TEAM TALK



RON WYLIE

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. We hope you enjoy today's match against Luton. But don't forget there has been a lot of behind-the-scenes activity before a game gets underway. Take last week's trip to Arsenal, for instance. We lost 2-0, but that was only half the story. I am not making excuses for the defeat, but we were hit by a couple of problems at Highbury.

We very nearly had to take the field without experienced defender Ally Robertson who was ill just before the kick-off. In fact, the team sheet had been sent through to the referee—that was how late it was. So it was all credit to Ally that he still went out and put 100 per cent effort into his game.

Then we suffered that injury blow to 'keeper Mark Grew. So, all in all, things did tend to pile up a bit at Highbury. After the game, people asked why I had not brought on substitute Derek Statham earlier? The answer was simple. I could not afford an early substitution while there were question marks over the fitness of two players.

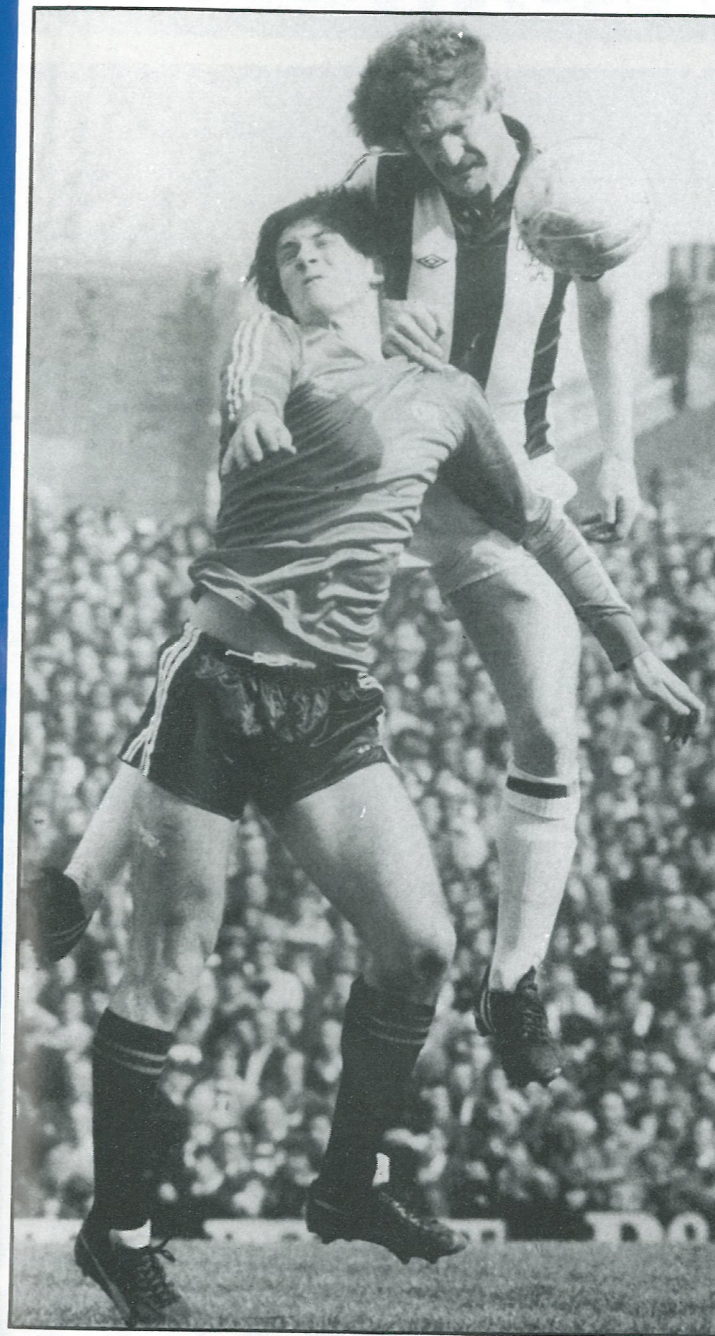
Talking about Derek Statham, it was great to see him back in action after his cartilage operation. It was his first taste of senior football this season. Usually, when players have been out for some time, it takes them quite a while to pick up the tempo of the game. But not so with Derek. He slotted in straight away. It was as if he had never been away. Mind you, that is not taking anything away from Clive Whitehead who has done such a good job as stand-in full-back over the past two months.

Derek's return gave us the ideal chance to compare him with Arsenal defender Kenny Sansom. Derek and Kenny have been involved in a continual struggle for the England left-back berth, so it was interesting to see how they shaped up against each other. In my view, Derek won the contest hands down last week and on that showing, he will not have to wait long before breaking into the full England set-up.

Not that he is the only Albion player who is nudging Bobby Robson's elbow at the moment. Fellow defender Martyn Bennett had yet another magnificent game last week, and he too should not have to wait very much longer before getting a phone call from the England manager.

After the Arsenal game, I had the chance to have a chat with Tony Woodcock, scorer of the 'Gunners' second goal. The last time our paths crossed was in a friendly when he was player for FC Cologne and I was manager of Hong Kong club Bulova. Tony made sure I would not forget the re-union in a hurry by scoring that second Arsenal goal. It was, without doubt, one of the best goals I have seen this season.

RON WYLIE



500 UP FOR ALLY!

At Highbury last Saturday afternoon Ally Robertson made up the 'elite trio' of players who have appeared in 500 senior competitive matches for Albion.

Ally, club skipper who is in his fourteenth year with the club, joined Tony Brown and John Wile in the '500 club'—and now wants to go on and overtake the 'Bomber's' record of 693 first team games!

Ally made his League debut for Albion exactly thirteen years ago today—in the home First Division match with Manchester United which Albion won 2-1 in front of 45,120 supporters.

During that '69-70 campaign, Ally made ten League appearances and in 1970-71 he played in just four matches. This was due to him breaking a leg in the League Cup tie with Charlton Athletic at The Hawthorns on 8th September 1970.

He recovered slowly but surely and regained his first team place in 1971-72, when he turned out in 32 League and Cup games.

The next two campaigns saw Ally as a regular in the team alongside John Wile but then in 1974-75 he lost his place to young Dave Rushbury. Determined to regain his senior place Ally buckled down to hard work in the Central League side and in 1975 he was back in the senior defence once more. In fact he became a permanent fixture in the ranks—making a record-breaking 171 consecutive League appearances from 2nd April 1975 to 8th May 1979 inclusive. (This feat has since been bettered by Tony Godden).

He was an ever-present in the First XI in seasons 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78, and he only missed three games in 1978-79 and four in 1979-80.

Ally is a Scot from Philipstoun, a town situated between Falkirk and Edinburgh in West Lothian. He is 30 years of age and he joined Albion as a lad in July 1968, turning professional a day after his 17th birthday in September 1969.

He is now the club captain, having taken over from John Wile this season. But skipping the side isn't something new to hard-man, Ally. Back in November 1972 he actually became the youngest player ever to lead Albion in a League match when he skippered the side at Norwich at the age of twenty years, two months.

So, it is congratulations all round to you, Alistair, and may you continue to stack up the appearances for West Bromwich Albion Football Club.

★ Breakdown on Ally's 500 outings for Albion...

Season	League	FAC	FLC	UEFA Cup	Milk Cup	Totals
1969-70	10	—	—	—	—	10
1970-71	3+1	—	1	—	—	4+1
1971-72	31	1	—	—	—	32
1972-73	35+1	1+2	3	—	—	39+3
1973-74	40	4	2	—	—	46
1974-75	21	—	3	—	—	24
1975-76	42	4	2	—	—	48
1976-77	42	2	3	—	—	47
1977-78	42	4	3	—	—	49
1978-79	39	6	3	8	—	56
1979-80	38	2	5	2	—	47
1980-81	28	1	6	—	—	35
1981-82	33	5	8	2	—	48
1982-83	10	—	—	—	1	11
Totals	414+2	30+2	39	12	1	496+4

★ Ally has scored a total of eight goals (six League, one League Cup, 1 UEFA Cup). His overall appearance total for Albion (all games, including friendlies etc) currently stands at 584+5.

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ALBION-FOREST

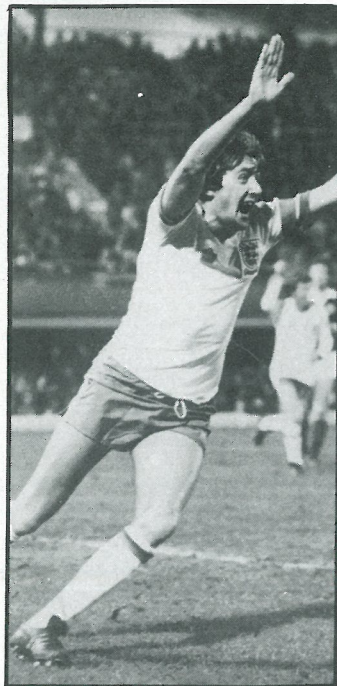
Our away game against Forest in the Milk Cup went all the wrong way, though Cyrille Regis did find the net in the opening minutes to score our only goal (see left).

The result of the meeting on the 9th October, however, was a little better, with Albion beating Forest 2-1. Scorers were Cyrille Regis (see above) and Gary Owen (see right).

Derek Statham made a welcome return to the side when he came on as 'sub' last Saturday at Arsenal. Derek is pictured far right.

More action from this game can be seen on page 11.





Well played Gary Owen ...and England!

Earlier this month England's young footballers won the European Under-21 Championship when they defeated a strong West German team 5-4 on aggregate in the Final. In that England side was our own Gary Owen, who at 24, was one of the 'over aged' players allowed in that competition. Indeed, Gary played a vital part in that win, performing majestically in both legs, the first in Sheffield, the second over in Bremen. And in doing so he pushed his total of Under-21 appearances up to a record-breaking 22. In fact, as well as setting a new British record

he might well have created a new European record at the same time.

Gary's first Under-21 outing was against Scotland in 1976-77 when, of course, he was a Manchester City player. Since then the appearances have flowed thick and fast, as follows: two more in 1976-77, v Finland and Norway; five in 1977-78 v Norway, Finland, Italy (2) and Yugoslavia; four in 1978-79 v Denmark, Wales, Bulgaria and Sweden (as sub.); four more in 1979-80 v Denmark, Scotland (2) and East Germany; two in 1980-81 v Switzerland and Rumania; two last season v Norway and Hungary, and the last two against the West Germans.

Gary acted as skipper in ten of those 22 games and he's scored three goals. He has played ten games in England—all of which have been 'home' wins—and 12 away, and the results have gone thus: 16 wins, four draws and only two defeats, with a goal average of 46 for and 12 against. Ten of his outings came as a Manchester City player and twelve whilst with Albion.

Gary, incidentally, has also played 9 times for the England 'B' team; twice for the Youth XI (1975-76) and he has also represented the Football League (v Glasgow in 1977).

Those facts must surely have found their way into Bobby Robson's office drawer by now. How can he ignore the talents of a player who has been the backbone of the young England side for five full years? Robson's policy seems to be based on throwing youngsters forward into the big time international arena. Gary Owen now must be in line for a call-up pretty soon—shouldn't he?

★ Gary by the way, played his 150th senior game for Albion in the 1-0 derby win over Aston Villa

on the second of this month, and the player whose 'Young England' record Gary beat in terms of minor international appearances, was Martin Chivers, the former Southampton and Spurs forward who won 17 Under-23 caps in the late 1960's and early 70's.

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Birmingham Boys Division Two...

JUNIOR THROSTLES 1,
REDNAL RANGERS 3

This was a fine game, a credit to both teams. The Throstles were 2-1 down at half-time, scorers Rednal Jason Phillips and Paul Davis, Glyn Ashcroft scored the Throstles goal.

We were caught again late in the second-half while pressing for an equaliser. Derek Cole was the referee's choice for 'Man of the Match.'

News of Former Albion men...

Gerry Summers who was coach at The Hawthorns during last season and before that a player with Albion in the 1950's, has been appointed coach to Leicester City, and Ron Bradley, a full-back with Albion in the early '60's, and who later managed Scunthorpe United and Olympiakos of Greece, is now on the coaching staff at Wolves, looking after the youngsters with John Jarman, himself a former coach with Albion. Fred Horne who was a player at The Hawthorns for five years (1954-59) and thereafter assistant-secretary until the mid-seventies, is now Licensee of the Mason's Arms in Solihull, while former winger Alan Scarrott is now with Cheltenham Town, and Joe Mayo has joined Blackpool on loan from Cambridge United.

Albion all-Stars...

The last two games involving the Albion All-Stars never started. The match at Gloucester was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch and the one last Sunday at Alvechurch was called off because the opposition—and organisers, the Redditch Police—failed to turn up in full. The All-Stars have a day off tomorrow—again—but next weekend (Sunday 31st October) they play West Midlands Police at Tally Ho! Edgbaston, kick-off 11-00 am.

6-1 and all that...

That crushing defeat at Nottingham Forest in the Milk Cup earlier this month was in fact the first time Albion had ever conceded half-a-dozen goals in a major cup competition. It was their heaviest defeat, at first team level, for over five years. Not since February 1977 when they lost 6-1 at Sunderland, has Albion been beaten by five goals.

★ Albion's heaviest League Cup setback has been a 5-0 downfall versus Tottenham in 1970 and their worst FA Cup defeat has been a 5-0 drubbing at Leeds in 1966-67.



Halesowen Branch of the Supporters Club, who donated the Match Ball for our game with Aston Villa, held a raffle, with the ball as a prize.

The joint winners, seen here receiving the ball from Cyrille Regis, were Ann Sullivan from the Lottery Office and Andrew Fletcher of the Halesowen Branch.



Cyrille Regis, John Wile and Derek Statham joined guests of Davenports after the game against the Villa. Noted Villa supporter, Dave Ismay forced a grin for the picture, and as we were the winners this time around we allowed the scarf to be flourished.

SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PROGRAMME'S HALF-TIME TEASERS

On the Ball... Billy, Simon, flags, Rough.

Mixed Doubles... Dennis, Rees.

Club Clue No. 5... CSKA (Sofia) (anagram).

Quick Quiz No. 5... Crewe Alexandra (all contain 'x'), Manchester United (v Anderlecht '56), Peru, Hornets (Wattford), Kevin Keegan (26).

Crossword... Across: 1—Jones, 4—Barnes, 6—Albiston, 7—Irwin, 8—Untie, 9—Hull City, 11—Exeter City, 13—Leeds, 16—Norman Hunter, 19—Lions, 22—Nicolson.

Down: 1—Jordan, 2—Noel Brotherton, 3—Gatting, 4—Brownlie, 5—Antic, 9—Howe, 10—Crewe, 12—Coy, 14—Angle, 15—Brown, 17—Mann, 18—Toss, 20—Six, 21—Jol.

Calling all Programme Enthusiasts...

Anyone interested in collecting football programmes (all varieties, including many Albion and Luton homes and away) can obtain a sales list from Tony Matthews, by simply sending a large SAE to the Albion Club Shop, c/o The Hawthorns, West Bromwich, B71 4LF, as soon as possible. The November list will be out very shortly—and there are plenty of items available.

H.A.T.S

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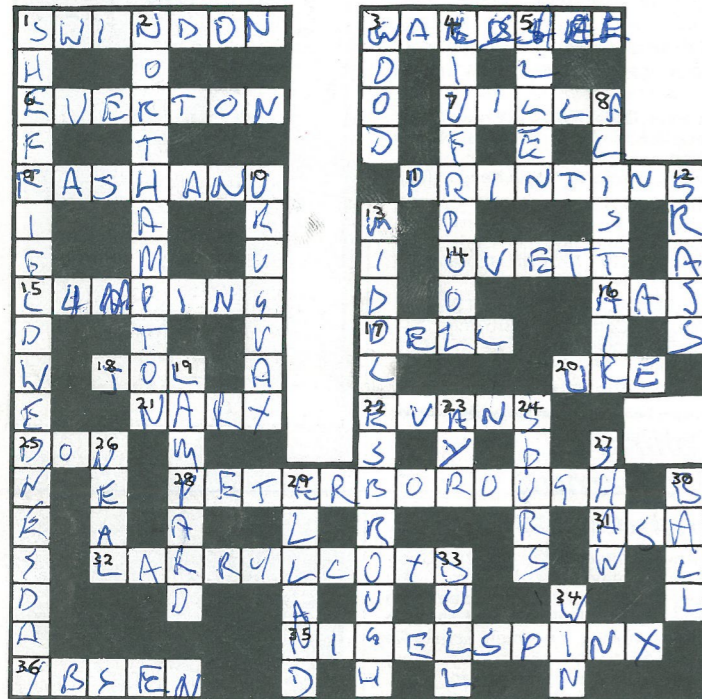
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Mr R. Hammond and his son James are pictured here receiving the Match Ball sponsored by Firststeel Hadfields Ltd, for our game with Manchester United, from Cyrille Regis.

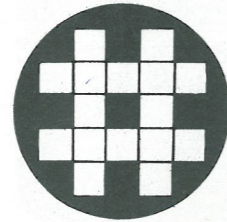
HALF-TIME TEASERS

FROM
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AND
DAVID PECK



ON THE BALL No. 6

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.



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Re-order the letters in each of the words **IRONER** and **DAMNED** to find the names of two men called **Craig**.

CLUB CLUE No. 6

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club. Trying to beat each other in Buenos Aires.

QUICK QUIZ No. 6

- 1—Which Charlton brother played last for England?
- 2—Who was voted Man of the Finals in Spain?
- 3—Which was the only club unbeaten at home in a League match during 1981-82?
- 4—Which two men each netted ten penalties in 1981-82 League matches?
- 5—How many players did Aston Villa call on in winning the League championship in 1980-81?

● Solution to these puzzles will be given in the next programme.

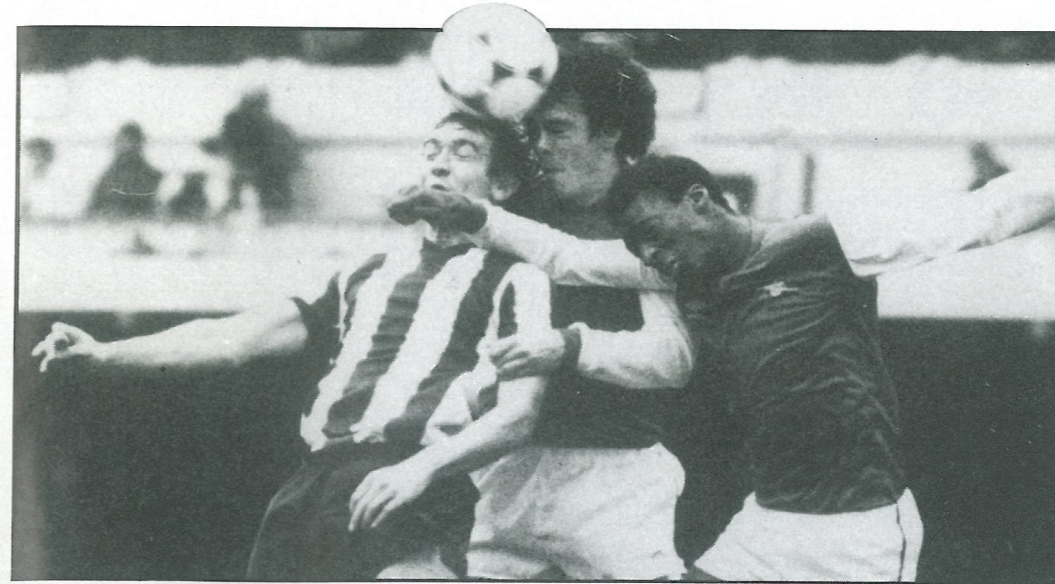
ALBION ACTION

ARSENAL 2, ALBION 0
Saturday 16th October

Left: Albion's Ally Brown, out-numbered two-to-one in the air, beats Arsenal's David O'Leary and Chris Whyte to the ball.

Below: Ally again in the thick of it as he narrowly misses scoring—beaten only by the quick reactions of George Wood.

Photographs: Geoff Wright—Express and Star.



NICKY CROSS—SUPER SUB



Nicky Cross in action against Forest's Chris Fairclough.

by acknowledging the cheers from the packed Brummie Road terraces.

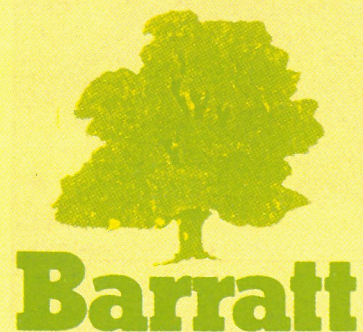
There is no doubting Nicky's ability on the ball. He has skill, he has pace and he can shoot, from all angles.

Born in Birmingham in February 1961, Nicky arrived at The Hawthorns straight from school in the summer of 1977. He turned professional on his 18th birthday two years later and now he's part of the first-team squad under Ron Wylie.

He is still only 21—and he has many years ahead of him in the world of Association Football. He enjoys playing for West Bromwich Albion, and he hopes to continue to do so for some considerable time, popping in a vital goal (or two) here and there, at home and away, in this country and that.



Today's Sponsor



NICKY CROSS has been with West Bromwich Albion since June 1977 when he joined the apprentice staff. And since then—some five years or so—he has appeared in a total of 33 first-team games, 17 as substitute!

In fact, up to last Saturday at Arsenal, Nicky had been named as Albion's 'sub' in no fewer than 29 senior games, including 25 in the League alone.

He broke into the first-team, as substitute, against Manchester United at Old Trafford on 18th April 1981, when he replaced Ally Brown. It was a stern baptism especially with nearly 44,500 spectators present!

But Nicky came through the test with flying colours, and he wore the number

12 shirt in each of the last three games that season, versus Sunderland and Tottenham at home, and Leeds away. He netted his first goal for the Club in that fixture with FA Cup finalists of that year, Spurs. And it was a fine individual effort at the Smethwick End, filmed too by the television cameras.

Last season Nicky had 11 full League games plus 11 appearances in the First Division as 'sub' and he scored another two goals, both away, against Brighton and Arsenal.

This season he has bagged two more—a fine header versus Brighton and a superb match-winning chip over Aston Villa's Jimmy Rimmer earlier this month. That goal against the foe from down the road was clearly a memorable moment for young Nicky, who showed his delight

ALBION POSTBAG

● FRIENDLINESS

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about some of your supporters who overwhelmed my son and I with their friendliness towards us at Vicarage Road, Watford.

We have today, 24th September 1982, received a beautiful letter, banner and programme from a couple of your supporters—Glynne Garratt and his girlfriend and some of their friends—and I think that after aggravation between some teams' supporters this is a wonderful thing for football clubs.

I have mentioned this to Watford in the hope that they will publish it in one of their programmes and perhaps, if possible, you could mention this in one of your

programmes for the goodness of football and co-operation of supporters.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. IVES
69 Torquay Drive, Leagrave
Luton LU4 9LL
(A Watford fanatic!)

Editor: Thank you for your kind letter Mr Ives. It is nice to have a letter from an opposing supporter. We look forward to seeing you at The Hawthorns later in the season.

● BAD PUBLICITY

Dear Sir,

I feel I must write in support of Mr Lucas concerning the person who photographed a minor skirmish in the Birmingham Road End during

the Aston Villa game. The photograph subsequently appeared in a national newspaper.

The incident itself is the nasty side of football and Mr Lucas is quite right in not wanting very minor upsets highlighted in the national press, after all, good advertising only helps to sell the product.

Yours faithfully,
G. LUCKMAN
94 Beacon Street, Walsall

● HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,

Could you please wish two friends of ours Very Happy Birthdays?

Uwe Schnadelbäch will be 18 on the 4th November and Steve Whitehouse will be 21 on the 29th October 1982.

Steve is a member of the Walsall Branch of the Supporters Club and Uwe is the penfriend of one of our members and is an Eintracht

Frankfurt fan.

Jane, Tony and the gang
from Walsall

● MANY THANKS

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Staff and Fourth Year Boys of Hob Green Junior School, to say 'Thank You' for making our visit a resounding success.

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Wishing the Club every success in the future.

Yours faithfully,
Miss R. J. PORTER
Hob Green Junior School
Hob Green Road, Pedmore Fields
Stourbridge DY9 9EX

Editor: Thanks for your kind words Miss Porter.



● We continue our new series featuring each and every player who has donned the first-team jersey for West Bromwich Albion Football Club over the past 103 years.

1980-81, manager Tipton Town 1981-82. Plays for the Old Albion XI from time to time.

A goalkeeper, quick in movement and commendably smart, who was unlucky to be with Albion at the same time as some other fine custodians. He, in fact, only had one League outing for the club—at Preston in 1955, but for Plymouth he appeared in 132 games (1957-61), winning a Third Division championship medal in 1959.

Idris Charles Henry BASSETT

Born Brithdir, Glamorgan, March 1915. Died, Hamstead, Birmingham, September 1979. Career: Schools football, Sutton Town, Albion (October 1936-December 1943). Retired through ill-health 1944. 'Killer' or 'Yid' as he was nicknamed, was a big, strong, hefty full-back who exhibited a fearsome tackle. Managed just eight League games for Albion but totted up 108 during the war when he also performed adequately at centre-half.

William Isaiah BASSETT, J.P.

Born West Bromwich, January 1869. Died West Bromwich, April 1937. Career: Christ Church School, Oak Villa, West Bromwich Strollers, Old Church Club, Albion (August 1886-April 1899). Retired, and became club director, moving up to Chairman (September 1908), serving in that capacity until his untimely death in 1937, only days before Albion met Preston North End in the FA Cup semi-final.

Was a member of the Football League Management Committee (1930-37), an FA Council Member (1930-37), and a member of the International Selection Committee (1936-37).

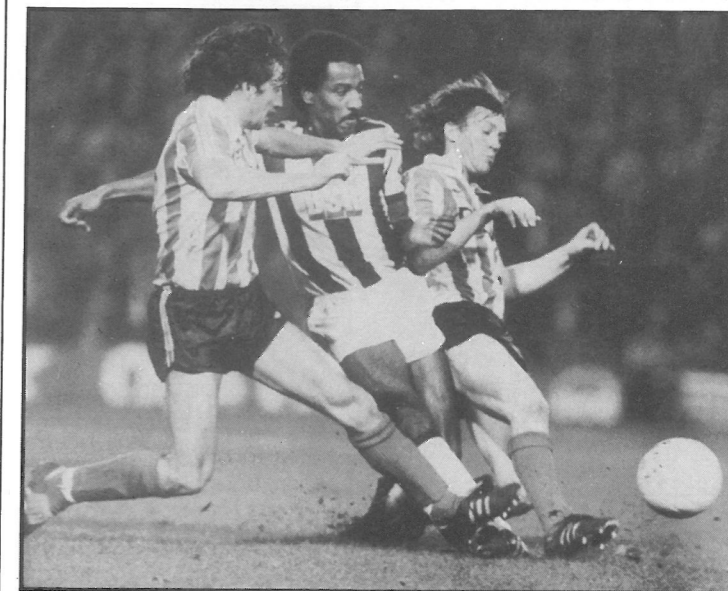
One of the great names in Albion's history, Billy Bassett was indeed a brilliant footballer, fast, clever and determined.

As an outside-right, he hugged the touch-line for most of the game, putting in many darting and telling runs. His centres were immaculate and his shooting red hot.

He was a wonderful club man who gained 16 England caps (8 against Scotland) as well as performing regularly for the Football League side and the FA. He participated in three FA Cup Finals (1888, 1892 and 1895), collecting winners medals in the first two. In all he made some 450 appearances for Albion, scoring 125 goals. He was associated with the club for 51 years. Over 4,000 people attended his funeral in West Bromwich!



BILLY BASSETT



Brendon Batson in action against Stoke City

Brendon Martin BATSON

Born St. George's, Grenada, West Indies, February 1953. Career: St. Mary's Junior School (Tilbury), McKenzie Technical (Walthamstow), Waltham Forest Boys, Arsenal (1968), Cambridge United (January 1974), Albion for £35,000 (February 1978).

Strongly built right-back or central defender, who was voted the best No. 2 in the Fourth Division in 1977. Won FA Youth Cup winners medal with Arsenal in 1971 and a Fourth Division championship medal with Cambridge in 1977.

Made his Albion debut at Birmingham in February 1978. Will soon hit the 350 mark in League appearances, having chalked up 163 with Cambridge and over 160 for Albion.

Represented England 'B'; v USA and Australia, 1980-81.

Richard BAUGH

Born Wolverhampton 1900. Career: Stafford Road School (Wolverhampton), Stafford Road FC, Wolves, Cardiff City, Albion (June 1924-February 1928), Exeter City, Kidderminster Harriers. Retired 1936.

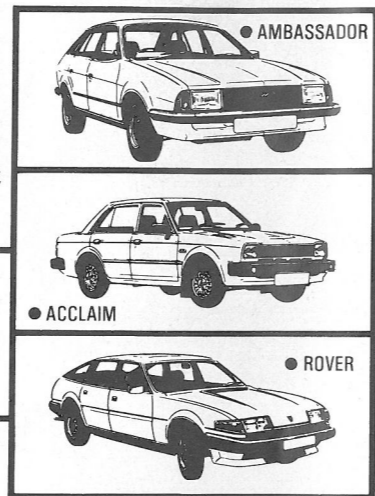
A full-back of stocky build who grafted hard and true in 65 senior games for Albion. Was a bit of a comedian in the dressing room.

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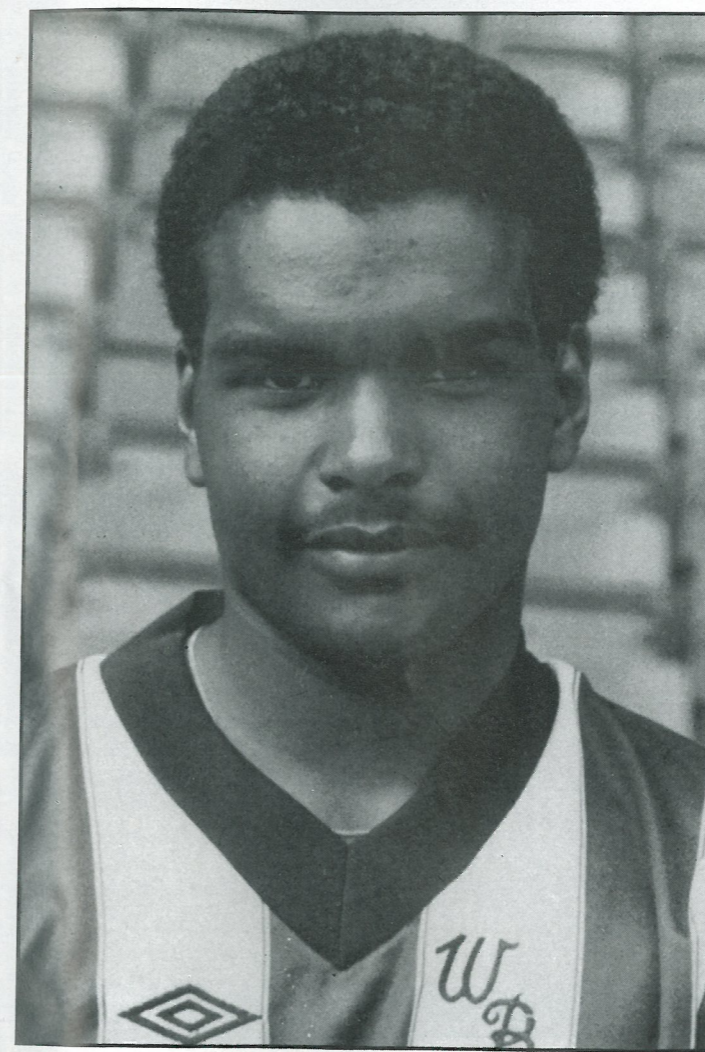
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YOUNG ALBION



Defender Wayne Ebanks was once jokingly referred to as the 'Black Bobby Moore' by youth team coach Ken Hodgkisson.

Wayne earned that nickname for the cool, calm and level-headed approach to his game. The stocky, coloured youngster is the type of player that makes defending look easy—even in the tightest situation.

Being compared to England's World Cup winning captain is a tremendous appraisal of Wayne's ability by Ken Hodgkisson—a man noted more for his acclaim of team effort rather than individual performances.

However it proves to be a bit of an embarrassment for Wayne who is a shy, modest lad.

Lately he has been appearing at right full-back in the Central League side, but he can perform equally as well as a central defender.

This was the role he occupied in the youth team's triumphant pre-season campaign in West Germany.

His compatability with a central defensive role was discovered somewhat by accident in his first season at The Hawthorns, when because of a crop of injuries, he was forced to become an 'emergency' centre-half.

But Wayne produced a performance good enough to suggest he had played in that position all his life and he appeared there several times more during that season and has continued to do so since.

His defensive versatility also took him to the brink of first team selection when he was named in a squad that travelled to Upton Park for a League Cup game with West Ham last season.

But it can't be too long before Wayne eventually gets his chance at senior level. His coolness, complemented by strength in the tackle, awareness and good distribution have earmarked him for a promising career in the game.

At 5' 10" tall and 11st 5lb, the Longbridge lad is certainly strong enough to survive in the big league.

Although more flamboyant performers may grab the headlines, it's people like Wayne Ebanks who are always first on the team sheets at most clubs.

And could Wayne become one of the next crop of black youngsters to take the soccer scene in this country by storm?

Then he'd really earn that nickname from Ken Hodgkisson...without the joking!

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LAST HOME MEETING

The last time Luton Town visited The Hawthorns was for a League Division Two game on Saturday 23rd August 1975. The scoreline was Albion 1, Luton Town 0—scorer Trewick. The attendance: 14,062.

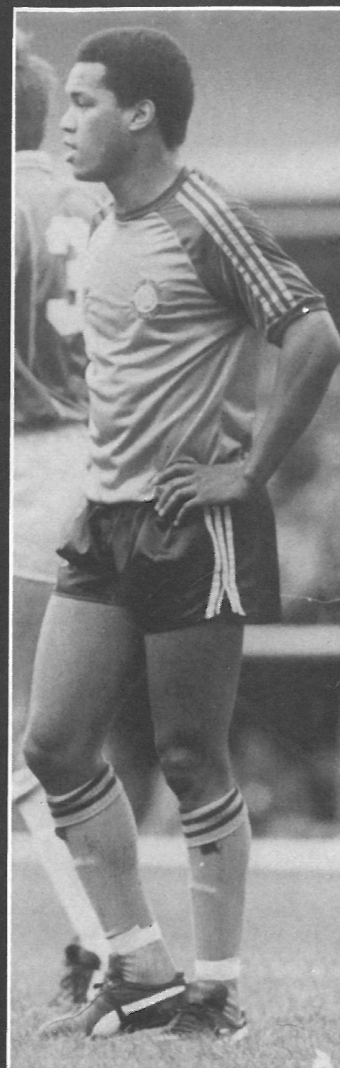
LUTON

Luton Town have burst on to the First Division scene with confidence, ability and above all, a goalscoring flair which has so far brought them a total of 25 goals in the Premier Section, including 13 away from home. Admittedly they have given a few goals away as well—but attacking football is what brings back the crowds, and honestly speaking, goals win matches.

Manager **David Pleat**, at 37 one of the youngest in his profession in the League, has been in charge of Luton since January, 1978—when he took over from Harry Haslam—and since then the 'Hatters' have progressed. They finished 13th in the Second Division at the end of that '77-78 campaign; took 18th place in 1978-79, came 6th in '79-80, 5th in '80-81 and then at last regained their Division One place in April, 1982 after a break of some seven seasons.

For those first eighteen months under Pleat's guidance, Luton struggled. Indeed they only just survived the dreaded drop into the Third Division in 1979. But gradually he got things sorted out—firstly behind the scenes, then out on the park—and realistically speaking since the start of the 1979-80 campaign Luton have improved beyond recognition.

A few players have been with Luton for quite a while now—and they have been the backbone of the side. Men like goalkeeper **Jake Findlay**, a Scot, who was signed from Aston Villa in November 1978. He has over 150 League outings



BRIAN STEIN

under his belt. And **Kirk Stephens**, the Coventry-born right-back who arrived at Kenilworth Road from Nuneaton Borough four years ago. Kirk went through the 150 League appearance barrier a month ago.

Midfielder **Lil Fuccillo** (Pasquale to his parents) has been with Town since 1973. He is 26 and has almost 200 senior games in his locker. Fuccillo's partner in the engine room is England star, **Ricky Hill**, a 23-year-old Cockney, who is now in his sixth full season with the club, having already clocked up 240 first XI appearances.

Ace striker **Brian Stein**, who was born in South Africa 25 years ago but spent his younger days in Edgware, London, became a Luton player in October 1977 and he is goal-happy right now! Last term he netted 21 goals in 42 Second Division matches and already he has put away eleven this term. His career record in League Football is 190 plus games and nearly 70 goals.

David Moss is one of Stein's striking partners, and he became associated with Luton in May, 1978, leaving the non-Leaguers Witney Town for pea-nuts. To date penalty-expert Moss has bagged a total of 95 goals in some 320 League and Cup matches.

Reverting back to the defence, Luton depend on **Richard Money** to wear the number '3' shirt. The former Scunthorpe, Fulham and Liverpool player joined up with Pleat last April and he has over 350 games to his credit on English soccer pitches.

Skipper **Brian Horton**, is perhaps the most experienced player currently at Luton.

The 33-year-old midfield grafter spent six good years with Port Vale before moving to Brighton in 1976. He then switched to Luton (August 1981) and is now fast approaching the 650 milestone in appearances at senior competitive levels.



David Moss is congratulated by team mates after scoring!
Left to right: Paul Walsh, Richard Money, Lil Fuccillo, and on David's right, striking partner Brian Stein.



DAVID MOSS



RICKY HILL

Clive Goodyear and **Mal Donaghy** form the rest of the Luton 'back four' division. Goodyear comes from Lincoln and has been with the club four years. He has almost 50 games under his wing.

Donaghy is much more established with around 200 outings to his name. He is an Irishman and represented his country in the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Paul Walsh, 'Raddy' Antic, **Mark Aizlewood** and **Mick Saxby** form the rest of the high-riding Luton Town squad who will be here at The Hawthorns today.

Walsh was snapped up in the close-season from Charlton Athletic in a player-exchange deal involving fellow striker, Steve White. Walsh scored 24 goals in 87 League games for the Athletic and he started this season off by banging in a hat-trick against Notts County in only his third game for his new club.

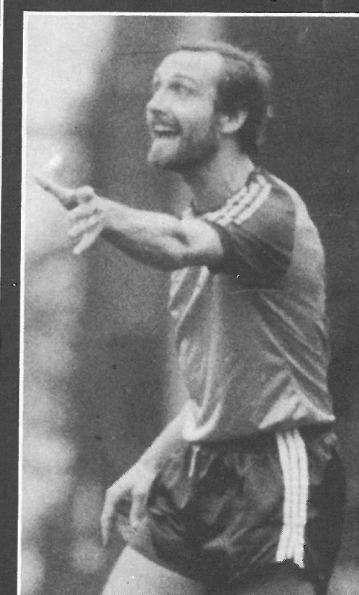
Antic is another schemer who became a Luton player in July 1980 having previously served with the Spanish club, Zaragoza. A Yugoslavian, Antic has 58 League games already tucked behind him.

Aizlewood left Newport County for Luton four years ago and has around 150 competitive matches to look back on, while Saxby has roughly the same number to reflect upon during his service with Mansfield Town and Luton as a steady central defender.

Luton like to attack—and manager Pleat preaches this, day in, day out, to all his players, first-teamers and the reserves.

He doesn't believe in defending for 75 minutes or more per game. "Get out and score goals" he says. "If we lose we will go down fighting." Yes, goals are what Luton love—they have already blasted five past Notts County and Brighton; four have gone into the Stoke net and they have knocked in three against Liverpool (at Anfield) and Birmingham City (at St. Andrew's). They will be searching for more goals this afternoon—so without hesitation, I can confidently say that we will see plenty of goal-mouth action during the coming 90 minutes.

Tony Matthews



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DOES CYRILLE NEED A WINGER?

Cyrille Regis started a full game for England for the first time when the World Cup runners-up, West Germany, visited Wembley for a friendly international ten days ago.

It turned out to be a disappointing night for the 'big fella', and for England, who were beaten 2-1 by the Rummenigge-inspired Germans in front of 68,000 fans.

The game provided Cyrille with his fourth cap but those of you who saw the TV highlights will agree, unanimously, that he, nor Ipswich's Paul Mariner, got much service from the rest of the players.

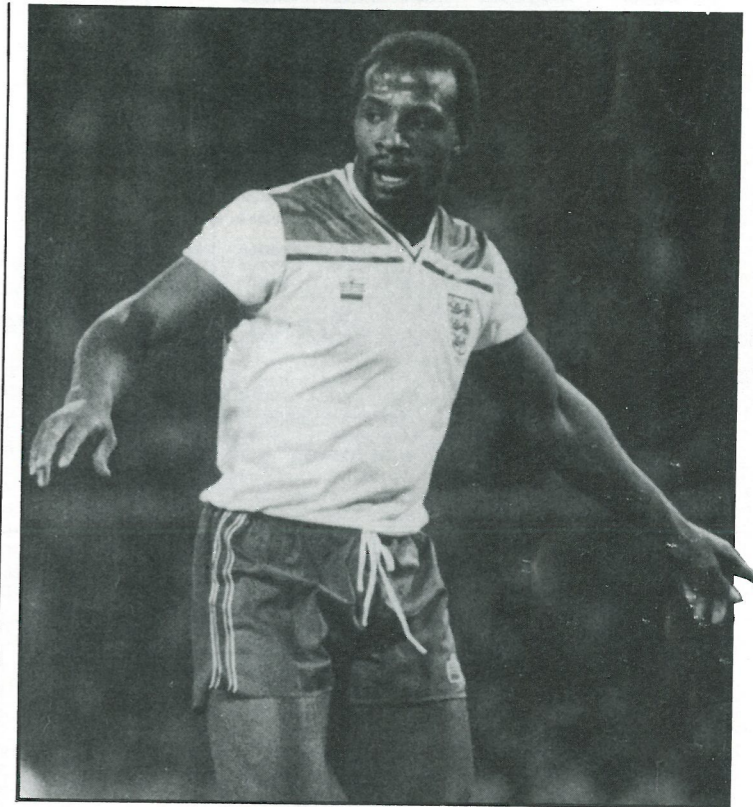
But surely there must be a future in the England set-up for Cyrille, and the other black footballers currently playing in the English First Division, men like Luther Blissett and 'Digger' Barnes of Watford, Stoke's ace-winger Mark Chamberlain, Luton's Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, who was in that international versus Germany, and Forest's Viv Anderson, who has already tasted the big time with England.

Wingers are needed on the international circuit—and needed urgently. How much longer can the slide-rule footballer be utilised in the top flight, continually measuring up and then relaying out the square, across the field pass from one touchline to the other? Big strikers, such as Cyrille Regis, want balls crossed into the middle from wide angles, near the byeline—and realistically speaking only wingers can do this with efficiency and at regular intervals.

I know new boss Bobby Robson is in the experimental stage of his England re-building plan, and I sincerely hope that when England meet Luxembourg ten days before Christmas, he uses a 4-2-4 system which will include two wingers, two fluent goalscorers and two different types of midfield men, one a destroyer, one a skilful, defence-splitting pass expert (if he can find one that is).

Ex-Albion man, Robson has always been an attack-minded person, and I feel he'll 'go for goals' against Luxembourg. Let's hope I'm right.


● TONY MATTHEWS



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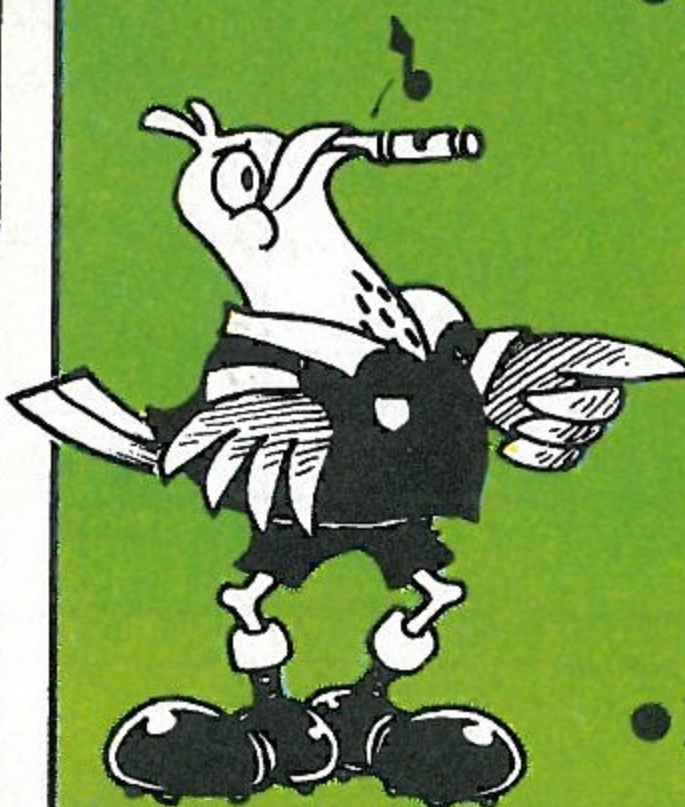
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