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A TREAT TO REMEMBER!

Once again this season Albion are affording the treat of a lifetime to young members of the Junior Throstle Club. Those lucky enough to be chosen will meet the players and lead out the team before the kick-off. Peter Quinton Jones, from Bridgnorth, was the mascot, or should we say 'lucky' mascot for the win against Everton last Monday. Peter is pictured with Micky Perry.

=FROM THE TOP=

THAT was the week that was! The last seven days has certainly made its mark...what with the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, Board Meeting Friday, and the week-end games, away at Queens Park Rangers and home to Everton.

The Hawthorns has been the scene for a great deal of activity, but the show has now got under way and will be rolling along for the next eight months.

Talking about rolling along reminds me to thank our Everton Match Sponsors, *Wednesbury Motor Services* and *Freight Rover*.

Our Junior team will be rolling along in great style, travelling to away games in our own mini-bus supplied by the aforementioned.

Decked out in Club livery the bus will enable the young players to travel in comfort whilst the good name of our Club will be on show wherever we are travelling.

Nobby Stiles looks like adding another string to his bow as driver so we can all be certain that we get to where we are going on time and well prepared for the scheduled match.

Unfortunately we cannot say the same for Nobby's own personal mode of transport. The AA breakdown service men and Nobby are on first name terms so well do they know each other!

Contrary to the belief of some, our Club always pays heed to supporters and a case in point led us to amending the kick-off time on Monday last to 7-30pm.

Although originally scheduled for 3-00pm, in the light of our investigations and for many reasons it was decided to go for an evening kick-off.

There was competition from the excellent show taking place in Sandwell on the Sunday and Monday and by kicking off later it enabled Dads to attend the show with Mum and the kids and then come to the game later.

We also were informed that not everyone was taking the day off as a holiday and were working which could have prevented them coming to an afternoon game.

All in all I do believe we made the correct decision but apologise to the one or two who



● A warm welcome to Albion's two new boys, elected to the Board last week. Mr John Silk (left) and Mr Trevor Summers. We wish them every success.

turned up at 3-00pm...and I do mean one or two!

Every effort was made to notify supporters via the media of the change of time and as you turned up in your thousands at the appointed hour the decision was made justifiable. Thanks for that and do keep coming...we need you!

May I give you an early intimation that, subject to the approval of the appropriate authorities, we hope to be taking part in the Swedish F.A.'s celebrations to mark their 50th Anniversary.

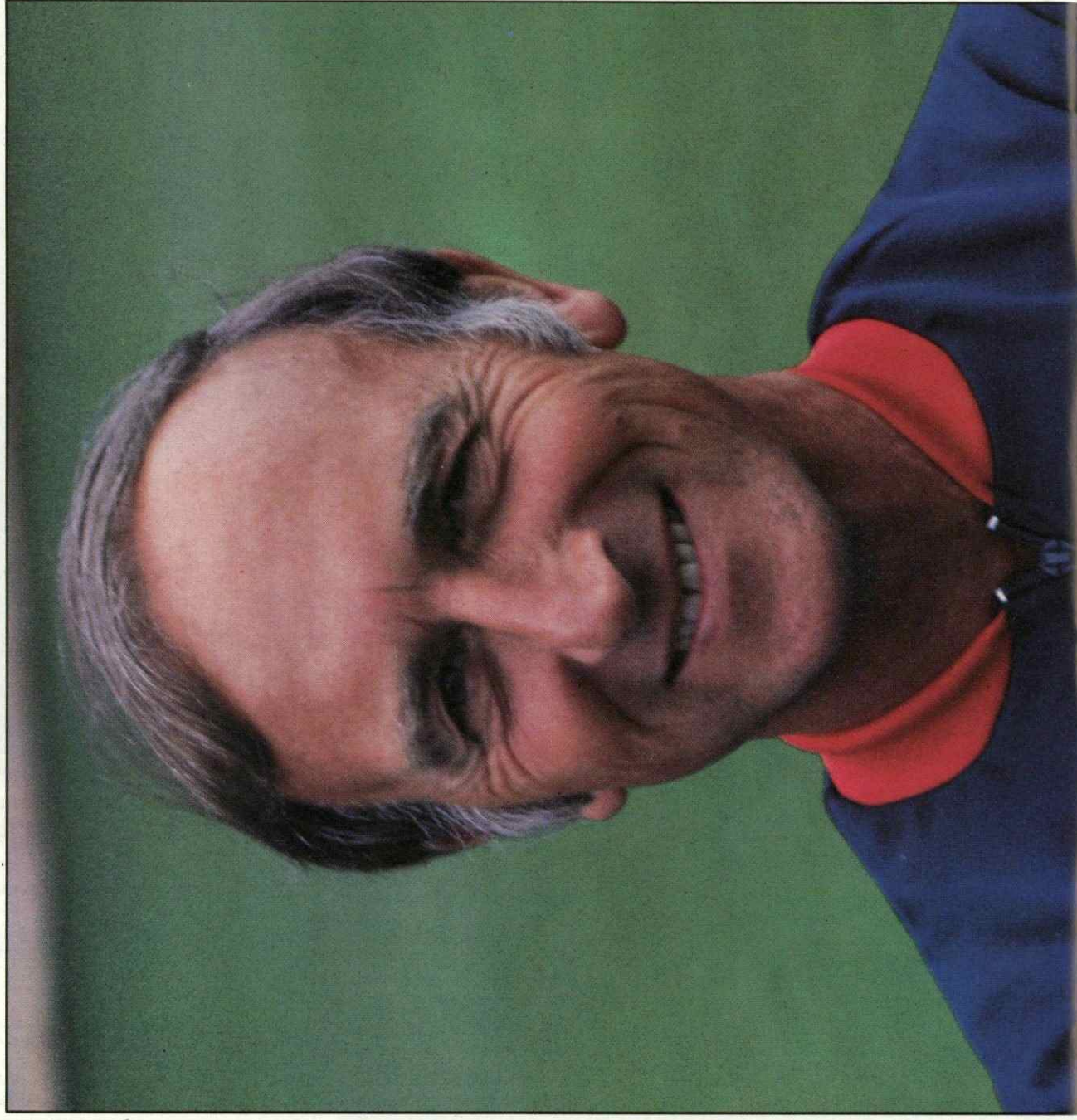
Details are in the final stages, such that we could be playing in one of the major cities in

Sweden on Tuesday, 2nd October, against

opposition from the First Division over there, I'll keep you posted.

Meantime stay happy and well...well enough to go to Norwich or Sunderland (or both), but in any case I'll see you on the 15th. Till then, cheers!

G. Dimbleby
Albion Secretary.



-GEORGE WRIGHT-

After four years with Vancouver Whitecaps in Canada, Albion physiotherapist George Wright is now well under way in his second spell at The Hawthorns in charge of the limping, wounded and sick. He points out that the game hasn't changed but players' attitudes are a little less urgent.

George, who had a long association with the club from 1971 — when he came from Arsenal with Don Howe — until 1980, was asked to 'come back' to West Bromwich Albion by manager Johnny Giles, and without hesitation George said: "OK."

"I'm happy to be back with the club," smiled George, who added: "There are just eight players left on the staff who were here when I was last at The Hawthorns — 'Robbo', Derek Statham, Gary 'O', Martyn, big 'C', Barry Cowdrill, 'Crossy' and Tony Godden."

He also mentioned about promotion in 1976, and from that great day's winning team there is only Ally Robertson still on the staff.

Going back to his days with the Whitecaps, George enjoyed his stay over in Canada, and among the players who climbed on his treatment table while he was physio there were some big names — Rudi Krol, Frans Thijssen, Alan Ball, Dave Watson, Terry Yorath, David Harvey, Peter Lorimer, Kevin Hector and John Wile, to name but a few, and he sends his apologies if he's missed someone who feels he should have got a mention!

Football in the N.A.S.L. was different to what it is over here in England, although it's 50-50 as far as the types of pitches are concerned...half of them (including the Whitecaps) are astro-turf, while the other half are good old grass, albeit not quite as good as the British turf!

"Injuries did crop up — they always do — in whatever sport you take part in," said George. "And the injured players had to be treated just like they are over here."

At this point I asked George if he had found any new machinery and treatment apparatus which was different to what he had seen before. "I certainly did," was the reply. "The Albion Directors have told me that 'yes' I can have it. I hope it will be here at The Hawthorns pretty soon."

The two machines which interested George most of all were both of the Electro-Medical types — one similar to acupuncture (for pain-relief) and the other for healing injuries very much quicker than instruments can over here. "I was



George in action last Monday attending to a knock to Tony Grealish.

able to see these in operation regularly while I was in Canada, and although both are European-made, they were utilised in the States more than anywhere else I had seen. I was most impressed, so I just had to get them here at the Albion.

Now 'back home' with his wife and family in Sutton Coldfield, George hopes to see Albion striving for honours with a full squad to choose from. The only casualties at the moment are midfielder Gary Owen and one or two reserves, although there are other players still struggling to get 100% fit following minor injuries, strains, twists, etc. But with George 'in charge' of the treatment room, then I'm sure these limp-a-longs will soon be back in full swing out on the park.

• Words...TONY MATTHEWS

• Picture...BILL GOULDEN

ALBION NEWS

● IMPORTANT NOTICE

May we appeal to all our supporters to see that they have the correct admission in order to save the Club having to handle an enormous amount of change. This is particularly important with the 'Brummie Road Enders' where admission is £2.50 or £1.50.

Please help the Club as it also helps you to ensure a much easier passage into the ground.

● LOOKING BACK TEN YEARS AGO...

On 7th September 1974—Albion beat Portsmouth 3-1 at Ratton Park in a Second Division game. Over 9,000 saw David Shaw, Alan Merrick and Willie Johnston score the vital goals.

● TWENTY YEARS AGO...

On 2nd September 1964—A crowd of 52,177 at Roker Park witnessed a fine Albion performance as they drew with Sunderland. Tony Brown and Clive Clark were on target.

● THIRTY YEARS AGO...

On 1st September 1954—Two goals for Johnny Nicholls and one each for Ronnie Allen and Paddy Ryan enabled Albion to defeat Newcastle 4-2 at The Hawthorns in front of a 36,414 crowd.

● FORTY YEARS AGO...

On 2nd September 1944—in a Wartime Regional League game Albion beat Northampton 3-1 at home before 6,000 fans. Sammy Leaselgrave (2) and Frank Lodgetts were the marksmen.

● FIFTY YEARS AGO...

On 1st September 1934—over 5,800 turned out at Ayresome Park to see Middlesbrough and Albion play out a 0-0 draw.



● J.T.C. MASCOT

The mascot for today's match is eight-year-old Alexander Matthews of Halesowen.

● HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings this month, September, go to... Defender Ally Robertson (9th), goalkeeper Paul Barron (16th) and midfielder player Tony Grealish (21st).

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CUP

With all the League clubs receiving Byes in the First Round of this season's Birmingham Senior Cup, the Second Round has been made and it produced these ties involving our local teams:

Walsall versus Coventry City; Hurley Daw Mill or Wolverhampton United versus West Bromwich Albion; Birmingham City versus Nuneaton Borough; Paget Rangers or Stratford Town versus Aston Villa; Tividale or Atherstone versus Wolverhampton Wanderers.

★ *The ties are to be played on or before 27th October 1984.*

★ MATCHDAY SELLERS WANTED

Would you like to sell Lottery Tickets for 'The Albion' on matchdays and earn yourself a Complimentary Ticket to the game and commission on sales. Active Senior Citizens would be welcome.

Apply to the Lottery Office, The Club Shop, Birmingham Road, West Bromwich or telephone 021-553 1728.

● ALBION ALL-STARS

The ex-players begin their 1984-85 campaign of charity matches a week tonight when they take on the Walter Somers Sports & Social Club, Halesowen, kick-off 6-00pm. All the old stars will be there—Tony Brown, Garry Pendrey, Bobby Hope, Stan Jones, Campbell Crawford, Dave Butler, Derek Kevan, Graham Lovett and so on.

Come along and see the action.

At the tail-end of last season the 'All Stars' rounded off their programme with a crushing 18-3 win over Tamworth Ambulance/Firebrigade FC (hat-tricks and more for Ian Smith, Garry Pendrey and Tony Matthews), and then drew 3-3 with a powerful Bounders XI at Cannock.

★ *On Sunday 9th September the 'All Stars' play Bradfords Bakery FC at Allen Everetts Sports Ground, Birmingham Road (next to the Dartmouth CC): kick-off at 11-00am.*



Tony Morley congratulates Steve Hunt on opening the home season's goals.

● WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Several former Albion players are still currently attached to Football League clubs, and here is a detailed list of their present whereabouts...

John Anderson (Newcastle United), Ian Benjamin (Peterborough), Peter Barnes (Leeds), Ally Brown (Port Vale), Gary Childs (Walsall), John Deehan (Norwich), Peter Eastoe (on-loan to Walsall), Mark Grew (Ipswich), Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool), Andy Goram (Oldham Athletic),

ALBION AWAY BY ROAD

NORWICH v ALBION

Leave West Bromwich by M5 to join M6 (South) at junction 1. Leave M6 following A426 towards Lutterworth. Turn right onto A427 to Oundle. From Oundle take A605 to Peterborough, then A47 to Kings Lynn/Norwich. Turn right onto Norwich Ring Road, into Guardian Road. Continue into Farrow Road, Colman Road, Mile End Road, Daniels Road, Lakenham Road, Barrett Road and Martineau Lane. Turn left at roundabout into Bracondale. Fork right into Carrow Road. The Football Ground is on the right.



SUNDERLAND v ALBION

Leave Birmingham by A38(M) to Gravelly Hill. Take A38 to Derby via Sutton Coldfield and Lichfield by-passes. Turn right onto Derby Ring Road and leave by A52. Join M1(North) at junction 25 and continue to junction 32. Take M18(North) and continue along A1(M) and A1 to Scotch Corner. Take A1(M) to junction with A690 at Carrville and follow A690 to Sunderland. Turn left into Riverdale Terrace, New Durham Road, Crowtree Road, St. Mary's Way, North Bridge Street, Roker Avenue. Turn left into Fulwell Road and Roker Baths Road. The Football Ground is on the left. Total mileage: 205.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST TEASER PAGE

Crossword: Across... 1—Paul Cooper, 7—Italy, 8—Shirt, 9—Blues, 12—Larry (Reds), 13—Allen, 14—Grandstand. Down... 2—Ajax, 3—Loyalty, 4—Phil, 5—Rothmans, 6—First Leg, 8—Stewart, 10—Area, 11—Alan.

Quick Quiz: 1—Norwich City, 2—Elton John, 3—Reading, Brentford and Fulham, 4—Poland and Norway, 5—Birmingham City, Bristol Rovers.

On The Ball: David, Angle, Billy, Danny.

Mixed Doubles: Senior, Edwards.

Ground Rules: Hereford.

Fitness Test: Suggested answers... Tall, Lone, Trim, Mine.

● HE PLAYED FOR BOTH

Eddie Connelly was a truly wonderful inside-forward, potent, brainy and dangerous near goal. But his displays from time to time were marred by a flaming temper.

A Scot—born in Dumbarton in December 1916—Eddie began his footballing career with Rosslyn Juniors in 1933 and from there he went to Newcastle United for £90 in March 1935.

Made his League debut for the 'Geordies' versus Manchester United at Old Trafford in January 1936, at the age of 19 and at the time seemed destined for great feats.

Made a total of 30 League and Cup appearances for Newcastle (nine goals) before transferring South to Luton Town in March 1938, for a fee of £2,100.

Buzzed a little bit for the 'Hatters' and netted three goals in nine League games at the end of that 1937-38 season.

The following campaign he scored six times in 23 League outings and just prior to the ill-fated 1939-40 season he was sold by Luton to Albion for £2,000.

Would have surely gained international honours for Scotland had not the war interrupted his—and all the others players'—careers from 1939 to 1945. But he did play 68 games in Albion's colours during the hostilities, scoring 16 goals.

He returned to Kenilworth Road, home of Luton Town, in April 1946—again £2,000 changed hands—and in his second spell with the 'Hatters' Eddie conjured up some more skills in making a further 38 League appearances (eight goals).

He then switched his services to Leyton Orient (June 1948) and after adding another 32 League matches and five goals to his overall tally he left Brisbane Road for Brighton in October 1949.

Made only six appearances for the 'other' Albion (one goal) before he retired from competitive football in 1951, at the age of 34.

Yes, there is no doubt at all that Eddie Connelly was an excellent footballer. At times he was criticised for over doing the fancy tricks but he certainly had craft and indeed there was a lot of good in Edward Connelly.

H.A.T.S

Wednesday 5th September...

NORWICH CITY

Coaches depart at 1-30pm

Fare £4.50

Saturday 8th September...

SUNDERLAND

Coaches depart at 8-30am

Fare £5.00

Please note all Coach Bookings are now being taken at the Halfords Lane Throstle Club, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, any evening from 7-30pm onwards.

For further information, please come along to the Club or contact (Joe) Brian Wilton on 021-553 1514.

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ACTION



ALBION WIN THEIR FIRST HOME GAME!

● After a goalless first half Albion stormed Everton to go two up with goals from left: Steve Hunt and top right: Garry Thompson. Everton made the score 2-1 from the penalty spot in the dying minutes. Far left: Cyrille fights it out with Everton's Gary Stevens. Right: Tony Morley heads for goal.

Pictures: Bill Goulden, Peerless Photography



ALBION FULL SQUAD 84-85

Back row, left to right... Michael Perry, Garry Thompson, Martyn Bennett, Paul Barron, Darren Carmel, Tony Godden, Ken McNaught, Barry Cowdrill, Michael Forsyth, Gary Robson.

Second row, left to right... Gary Leonard, Joe Tortolano, Clive Whitehead, Cyrille Regis, Steve MacKenzie, Nicky Cross, Wayne Ebanks, Michael Lewis.

Third row, left to right... Nobby Stiles (Coach), Alistair Robertson, Derek Statham, Gary Owen, John Giles (Manager), Steve Hunt, Tony Grealish, Tony Morley, George Wright (Physiotherapist).

Front row, left to right... Carlton Palmer, Hector Wynter, Mark Housego, Wayne Dobbins, Stephen Bell, Andrew Thompson, Michael Icke, Ian Hathaway, Karl Addis, Phillip Walker.

Annual General Meeting Report...



**Albion Chairman
Mr Lucas opens the
94th Annual
General Meeting.**

The 94th Annual General Meeting of the Company did not pass off without incident. However, in keeping with the customary family spirit of the Club all certainly ended well, particularly for Mr John G. Silk and Trevor Summers.

With Mr Millichip's and Mr Gordon's retirement from the Board leaving the way open for two new Directors and with six eminent business men, Baggies each and every one, seeking election, it was no surprise that on a hot humid evening the Spring Road gymnasium was humming with expectancy with a 'gate' some 50% up on the norm, when Mr Lucas opened the meeting.

Mr Lucas was happy to report a drastic reduction in the operating loss but he was quick to point out that unlike the past year or two the Club could not enjoy the buffer of having monies still to come in for the transfer of players; consequently, belts would have to be tightened still further.

Mr Millichip was elected President, with retiring President Mr Gaunt becoming a Life Member of the Club, both appointments being seconded by loud applause from the Shareholders.

Mr Hall was re-elected Vice-President for a further term in office. As previously reported, Messrs Silk and Summers were the two candidates voted in as Directors and for Messrs Foster, Andrews, McGinnity and Allen it was commiserations.

All six candidates had to endure an hour long count before the results were announced.

The only real sad note came when those present were requested to stand for a few moments silence in memory of departed friends.

The deceased were Shareholders Frank Evans, George Stevens, Dennis Hodgetts and Harry Palmer; ex-player Norman Heath, Groundsman Stan Darby and H.A.T.S. organiser for many years Harold Whitehouse.

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MACKENZIE, BACK IN BUSINESS!

From 28th August 1982, until 4th October 1983—a period of 402 days, Steve MacKenzie was absent from Albion's first-team through injury. And during that long, agonising break, the 22-year-old, Essex-born, midfielder was perhaps the most unhappiest footballer anywhere in the country, never mind around The Hawthorns.

He suffered a serious, long drawn-out, pelvic injury and he had to undergo long spells of physiotherapy treatment, dogged training sessions—a lot of the time on his own—and then, after a couple of visits to see specialists in London, he gradually began to claw himself back into top-class competitive soccer action. And now thankfully 'Macka' is back in business—and he's hoping that season 1984-85 will see him show his full potential as a strong running, creative midfielder with the 'Baggies'.

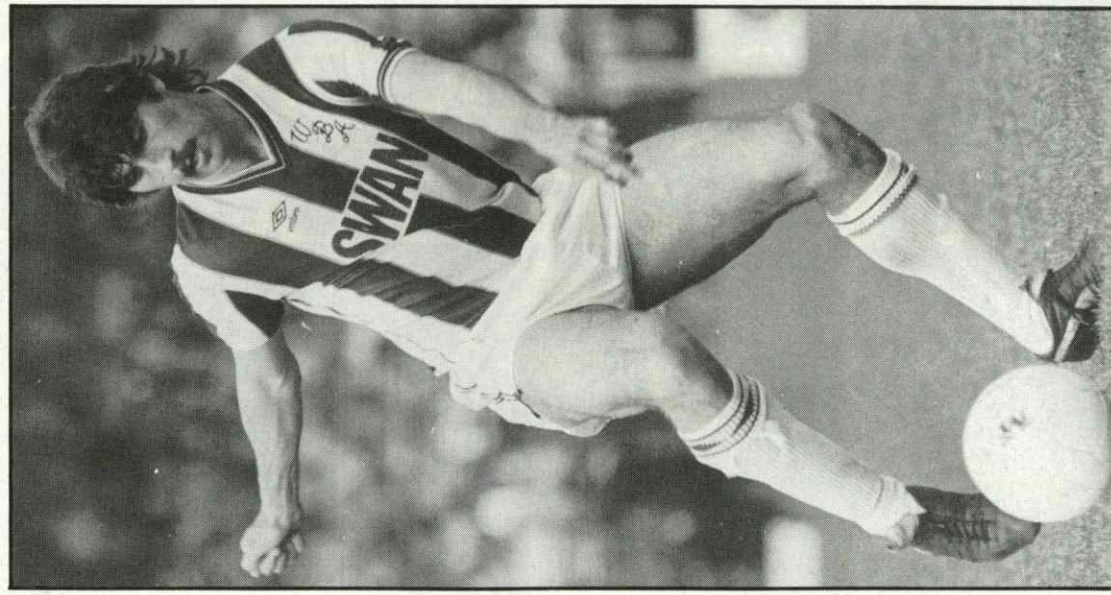
He's already collected caps for England Under-21's but Steve's aim right now is to go one better and follow his fellow midfielder colleague Steve Hunt into England's senior squad.

There's no reason at all why he shouldn't. He's got ability, stamina and a cracking good shot. He's fighting fit right now and eager to go places. At present his career has seen him serve with three clubs—Crystal Palace, Manchester City and Albion.

For the Londoners (Palace) he appeared in a total of just four first-team games—none of them at League or Cup level. He was then transferred from Selhurst Park to Maine Road for a fee of £250,000 in July 1978—the same month he turned professional. He was only 17 at the time and became one of the costliest teenagers in the game.

Under Malcolm Allison, Steve had a total of 77 senior outings for Manchester City, scoring ten goals including a block-buster against Tottenham Hotspur in the 1981 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

During the summer following that Cup Final appearance he left City to join Albion for £650,000 and in his first season at The Hawthorns (1981-82) Steve turned out in 37 First Division games, five F.A. Cup-ties, nine League Cup-ties and two U.E.F.A. Cup-ties, scoring seven goals in all. The next season—that disastrous one of 1982-83—he made just the one appearance—in the opening fixture at Liverpool—and last term he managed to play in 22 League and Cup matches, scoring four goals.



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ASTON VILLA	Villa Park	48,000	£2.50 (Jnrs: £1.50)	£6.00, £5.00, £4.50, £4.00
CHELSEA	Stamford Bridge	45,000	£3.00	£8.00, £6.00, £5.00
COVENTRY CITY	Highfield Road	20,500	(All Seating)	£5.30, £4.50, £3.50, £3.20, £2.70
EVERTON	Goodison Park	53,400	£2.20	£4.40, £4.20
IPSWICH TOWN	Portman Road	37,000	£2.20 (Jnrs: £1.10)	£5.25, £4.70
LEICESTER CITY	Filbert Street	32,000	£2.50	£5.00, £4.50, £4.00, £3.50
LIVERPOOL	Anfield	45,000	£2.50	£5.00, £4.50, £4.00
LUTON TOWN	Kenilworth Road	22,600	£3.00, £2.50 (Jnrs: £1.50)	£5.00, £4.00, £3.00
MANCHESTER UNITED	Old Trafford	58,500	£2.50, £2.20 (Jnrs: £1.50)	£4.50, £4.00 (Jnrs: £3.00)
NEWCASTLE UNITED	St. James's Park	37,750	£2.00 (Jnrs: £1.00)	£6.50, £5.50, £4.50 (Jnrs: £3.00)
NORWICH CITY	Carrow Road	29,000	£2.50 (Jnrs: £1.00)	£5.00, £4.50, £4.00, £3.50
NOTTINGHAM FOREST	The City Ground	35,000	£2.50	£5.50, £5.00, £4.00
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	Loftus Road	30,000	£3.00, £2.50	£8.00, £6.00, £5.00, £4.00
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	Hillsborough	50,150	£2.50	£5.00, £4.50
SOUTHAMPTON	The Dell	25,000	£2.70	£4.50 (limited number)
STOKE CITY	Victoria Ground	35,000	£2.50	£5.00, £4.00 (in advance only)
SUNDERLAND	Roker Park	47,000	£2.70, £2.40 (Jnrs: £1.50)	£4.50
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	White Hart Lane	48,000	£3.00 (Jnrs: £1.50)	£7.00, £5.00
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WEST HAM UNITED	Upton Park	35,500	£2.50	£6.50, £6.00, £5.50, £5.00

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Albion Chairman Sid Lucas was presented with a Freight Rover Mini-Bus by sponsors of last Monday's game against Everton, Wednesbury Motor Services Limited and Freight Rover. The vehicle, a fifteen seater, will be used for transporting Club personnel including the youth team. Presenting the keys is Freight Rover's Managing Director Sandy Mathieson with John Wallet, Sales Director of Wednesbury Motors. Our thanks to both their Companies for valued and continued support.

by IAN
JOHNSON

PROBE

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ARGUS

Having a long-range swipe at our head-in-the-sands TV administrators will have as much effect as trying to irrigate the Sahara with a watering can.

But that isn't going to stop me giving them a blast over coverage of the European Football Championships in France during the summer. A jelly fish could have put more muscle into it.

Just because none of the Home Countries qualified, and that was also a disgrace, there was no need to treat such a prestigious event with such contempt.

I simply do not accept that because England were not in there battling for supremacy that the tournament should suddenly become as magnetic as an unwanted 'B' side recording.

But that is what happened. Only the Final was shown 'live' by B.B.C. and the rest of the two-week long delicacies were sardined into as little space and time as possible.

Obviously those heads-in-the-sand felt that we were not particularly interested in events which do not figure British participation. If that be the case why did they show the Olympic Games Final of the 100 metres?

We weren't interested in seeing

the magnificent Carl Lewis in action. Not much we weren't!

It would have been just as captivating to watch the exciting French in full flow...the emergence of Portugal...the destruction of the Germans. And so much more.

But the heads-in-the-sands were probably trying to ease the financial pain inflicted by the massive cost of covering the Olympics. If that was the case, I could well have done without some of the weightlifting, rowing, or even the swimming (up to the Finals).

And how synchro-swimming can be described as a sport is beyond me. I must confess to amazement at the way the young things stick their feet in the air well out of the water for minutes on end when I can hardly get my big toe to the surface!

But a sport... No... No... No. Chipperfield's Circus, maybe!

Domestic football returned to our screens with the start of the season and brought with it likes of Jimmy Hill and John Motson. It was enough to make me want to switch off.

They should be called the 'Drone Brothers', who are doing for TV commentating what bad coaching has done for the game itself.

Why they do not simply allow the excellence of the camera work tell the story, punctuated by the odd word or two, is beyond me. You would think they were capable of seeing something which for ordinary mortals such as you and me was impossible.

The heads-in-the-sands need to freshen up their coverage of a game which speaks volumes for itself.

One thing for sure. We didn't need a high-powered description of Imre Veradi's first goal against Nottingham Forest. The sheer excellence of the finish should have silenced the commentator rather than have him break the decibel barrier.

And, making sure I don't fall into the same trap of wordy description...BRILLIANT.

Through the eye of the TV camera it was good to see that the three teams promoted to the First Division all made an excellent start.

That often happens and then the teams in question blow up after the first flush of excitement.

It would, indeed, be a pleasant change if Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United and Chelsea, with their fresh and direct football, are able to sustain a determined challenge among the English elite.

WELCOME

LUTON

LUTON TOWN—the 'Hatters' from Kenilworth Road—are some bookies' favourites to be among the First Division strugglers this coming season. But a modest manager, David Pleat, has other ideas!

He confidently believes that, given the breaks, his team can be a force to be reckoned with in 1984-85, and if things go according to plan, Luton Town could easily be chasing a European spot via the J.E.F.A. Cup next March and April.

During the close season there have been the usual comings and goings at Luton. A great club man, Brian Horton, has left to join Hull City as player/manager; Raddi Antic, the Yugoslavian international, has gone back home; young Paul Walsh has signed for Champions, Liverpool; Kirk Stephens has signed for Bobby Gould at Coventry City, and Trevor Aylott signed for Crystal Palace.

Horton's presence in midfield and Walsh's sharpness up-front will be sorely missed, and this term, a lot will depend on the form of England star Ricky Hill, new-signing for the midfield zone Ashley Grimes (from Coventry City), front men Vince Hilaire (from Crystal Palace) and young Steve Elliott (from Preston North End).

Hilaire, with his pace and ball control, should give good service to Brian Stein, Frankie Bunn, David Moss and Ray Daniel along with Elliott, who began his career with Nottingham Forest.

In defence Luton will rely on the services of Irish international Mal Donaghy, young Paul Elliott, Clive Goodyear, who can also play in midfield, Mitchell Thomas, Wayne Turner, another versatile performer and Tim

Breaker.

In goal three 'keepers will be contesting the number one spot...Les Sealey, Jake Findlay—once of Aston Villa and new-capture Andy Dibble, a £130,000 buy from Cardiff City.



The pictures on this spread are from 12th May, last season.
Above: Frankie Bunn tries to beat Paul Barron.

Looking more closely...

Goalkeeper Les Sealey was virtually an ever-present last season, while Jake Findlay lingered in the reserves. Sealey made 178 senior appearances for Coventry City before switching to Kenilworth Road prior to the start of last season, and Findlay has already made 200 appearances for Luton. Andy Dibble stands 6' 2½" tall, comes from Cwmbran and made over 60 appearances for Cardiff City.

Mal Donaghy, capped by Northern Ireland, has played nearly 300 games for the 'Hatters,' while Clive Goodyear has topped 100 appearances. 'Play-anywhere' Wayne Turner has been with the club nearly eight years and has yet to establish himself as a regular in the senior side.

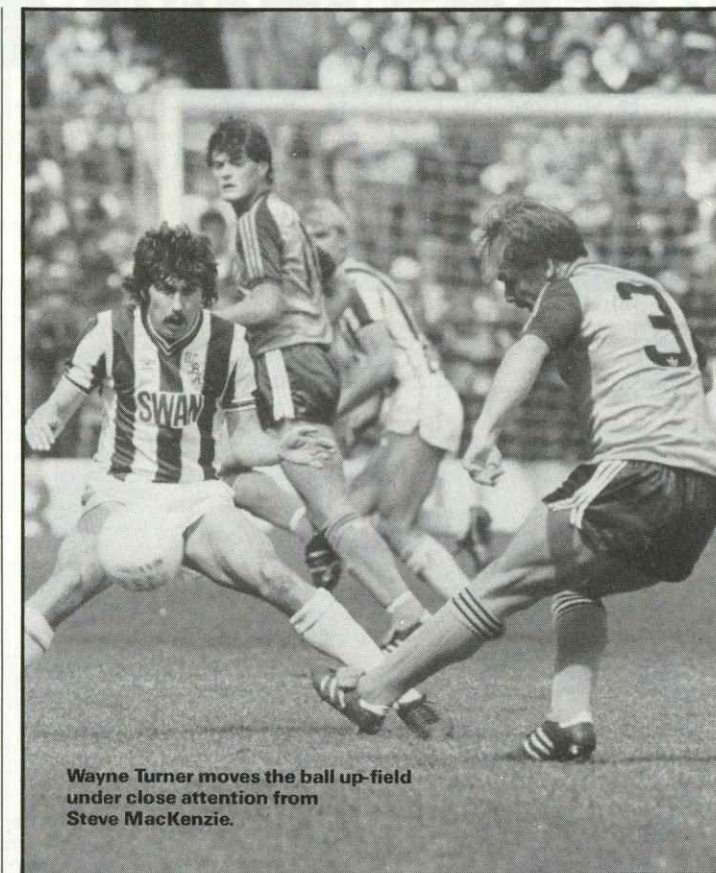
Full-back, Mitchell Thomas, a six-footer, broke into the team during the 1982-83 campaign and looks set for a sound future in the game. Ricky Hill, is 25 years of age and has amassed more than 300 outings for the club (50 goals). He has been at Kenilworth Road since leaving school in 1975.

Ashley Grimes, a Republic of Ireland international, is 27 and he played over 100 games for Manchester United before moving to Coventry City last season. He began his career with Bohemians in Eire and cost United £35,000 in 1977.

- Last season Luton Town finished 16th in the First Division—one place above Albion.
- Their home record was the second poorest in the Division—nine defeats and five draws out of their 21 matches.
- Away from home they recorded seven wins and four draws from their 21 matches.
- Their visit to The Hawthorns, on 12th May, ended in a 3-0 defeat, but early in the season they had beaten Albion 2-0 at Kenilworth Road on a Sunday afternoon in December.
- Luton Town were formed in 1885 and turned professional five years later, becoming a Limited Company in 1897, when they were elected to the Second Division of the Football League.
- Honours...Division Two Champions: 1981-82, Runners-up: 1954-55 and 1973-74. Division Three Runners-up: 1969-70. Division Four Champions: 1967-68. Division Three (South) Champions: 1937-37, Runners-up: 1935-36. F.A. Cup Finalists: 1959.
- Record Attendance: 30,069, against Blackpool, F.A. Cup, March 1959.
- Top Score: 12-0, against Bristol Rovers, home, Division Three (South), April 1936.
- Heaviest Defeat: 0-9, against Small Heath, away, Division Two, November 1898.
- Top Scorer (career in League): Gordon Turner, 243, 1949-64.
- Leading Appearances (League): Bob Morton, 494, 1948-64.
- Most Capped Player: Mal Donaghy, Northern Ireland, 28.



Cyrille Regis slots one of Albion's three goals past Luton 'keeper Sealey.



Wayne Turner moves the ball up-field under close attention from Steve MacKenzie.

Paul Elliott, 26 later this month, left Nottingham Forest for Preston North End in a £95,000 in March 1979. He scored well for North End (around 90 goals) in his 200-plus appearances—topped 100 for Luton.

Frankie Bunn, a 'Brummie,' loves to play on the left wing. He is 21, keen as mustard and made a big impact last season when deputising for the injured Moss.

New-man, Vince Hilaire, an England Under-21 international, is talented—there's no doubt about that. Played around 300 games for Crystal Palace

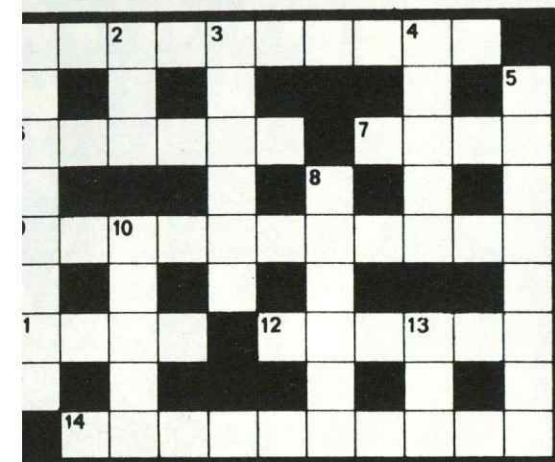
(40 goals) and will be 25 in October.

Brian Stein, capped by England last season—with his old colleague Walsh—is a prolific scorer with 100 already to his name for Luton, plus an appearance tally of over 275. Born in South Africa 26 years ago he has been with Luton since 1977.

Ray Daniel, is 19 and said to have a bright future ahead of him. He made his Luton debut in April 1983, as substitute against Sunderland.

● TONY MATTHEWS

HALF-TIME TEASERS



Across...

1—Club which in 1984 rejoined the division it had left in 1983 (10).

6—Hard shots (6).

7—The metal in the nickname of 1 across (4).

9—Founder-members of Division Two in 1892, they have never gone higher (and are now lower) (7,4).

11—Follow the Maine one to Manchester? (4).

12—Midfielder Keith ——— scarcely appeared with West Ham but had about 400 League games with Bournemouth in the 1970s (6).

14—It could be part of the route to, for example, the FA Cup final—for spectators, that is (7,3).

Down...

1—Walsall's nickname (8).

2—The famous one of the Hoeness brothers (3).

3—Storton, say (6).

4—Long-serving Real Madrid midfielder who debuted for Spain in the 1966 World Cup and skippered the country in the 1978 finals (5).

5—As a scorer in the 1984 FA Cup Final, he could be said to have found the 14 across (4,4).

8—...is *this* right? Yes! (6).

10—He joined 9 across from 1 across nearly ten years ago and has enjoyed a parallel career as a county cricketer of distinction (5).

13—Theoretically at least, a big keeper would have most difficulty with a --- shot (3).

QUICK QUIZ

1 On Saturday 10th September 1983 two neighbouring clubs each had a player score 5—can you name the players?

3 Which club last scored 100 in a First Division season?

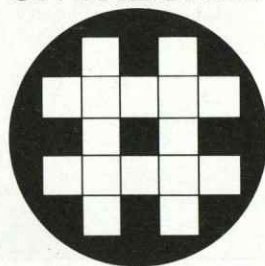
4 Who managed Barcelona before Terry Venables?

2 Also in September 1983 Pat Jennings won his 100th cap—against which country?

5 Which former League club topped the Northern Premier League in 1984?

ON THE BALL

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



200-goal Les
Niedzwiecki's
name
Manager Ken
Full-back Kenny

MIXED DOUBLES

Scamble the letters of each of these words:

PROTEIN
and
MEAL

to reveal two strikers.

GROUND RULES

If you had a map and ruled in the lines linking the grounds

GRIMSBY with
MANCHESTER UTD
IPSWICH
with LEEDS

they would cross on or by yet another ground. Can you name the club based there?



FITNESS TEST

Re-arrange all the letters of

OSSIE
ARDILES

to create four, four-lettered words, that fit down the edges of the diamond.

● Look for the answers in your next programme.

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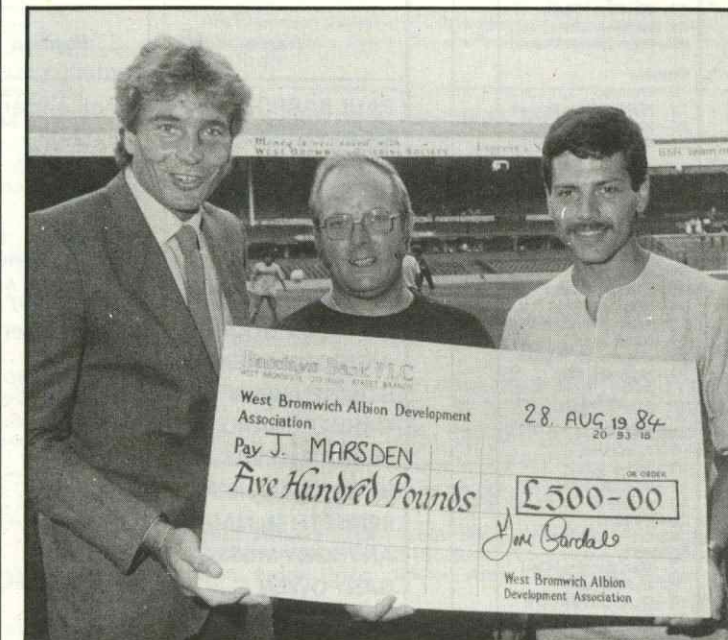
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Our £500 winning cheque was in the safe hands of the Albion 'keeper' Paul Barron until he presented it to the lucky winner Wayne Marsden. Wayne was joined on the picture by his father, Tom. Don't forget to buy your 'Super Striker' Lottery Ticket — you can't win it if you're not in it!

DROP US A LINE...

We receive letters here at the Albion from all over the globe, on all Albion subjects. If you have an interesting Albion tale to tell why not send it in? The address is inside the front page. If we feel other Albion supporters would enjoy reading your thoughts we will publish it on our Albion News page.

STATS 84°85

FIRST AND SECOND TEAM APPEARANCES,
GOALSCORERS, RESULTS AND ATTENDANCES
COMPILED BY TONY MATTHEWS

OPPONENTS	F A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB
August														
25—Queens Park Rangers	1-3	12,802	Godden	Whitehead	Statham	Hunt	Bennett	Robertson	Grealish	Thompson	Regis	MacKenzie 1	Cross	Robson
27—Everton	2-1	13,464	Godden	Whitehead	Statham	Hunt 1	Bennett	Robertson	Grealish*	Thompson 1	Regis	MacKenzie	Morley	Cross
September														
1—Luton Town														
5—Norwich City														
8—Sunderland														
15—Sheffield Wed														
22—Leicester City														
29—Manchester United														
October														
6—Liverpool														
13—Nottingham Forest														
20—Ipswich Town														
27—Southampton														
November														
3—Tottenham Hotspur														
10—Stoke City														
17—Chelsea (FA Cup 1)														
24—Coventry City														
December														
1—West Ham United														
8—Watford (FA Cup 2)														
15—Arsenal														
18—Luton Town														
26—Newcastle United														
29—Norwich City														
1984														
January														
1—Aston Villa														
5—(FA Cup 3)														
12—Sheffield Wed														
19—Q.P.R.														
26—(FA Cup 4)														
February														
2—Manchester United														
9—Sunderland														
16—Stoke City (FA Cup 5)														
23—Tottenham Hotspur														
March														
2—Southampton														
9—Ipswich T (FA Cup 6)														
16—Nottingham Forest														
23—Liverpool														
30—Leicester City														
April														
6—Newcastle United														
8—Aston Villa														
13—Everton (FA Cup S/F)														
20—Chelsea														
27—Coventry City														
May														
4—West Ham United														
7—Watford														
11—Arsenal														
*Substituted Player Scorers in BOLD +Own Goal														

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING STAFF—1984-1985				
Name	Position	Birthplace	Date of Birth	Total 1st XI appearances*
PAUL BARRON	Goalkeeper	London	September 1953	72
MARTYN BENNETT	Defender	Birmingham	August 1961	112+1
BARRY COWDRILL	Defender	Birmingham	January 1959	60+3
NICHOLAS CROSS	Forward	Birmingham	February 1961	61+31
PETER EASTOE	Forward	Tamworth	August 1953	33+1
WAYNE EBANKS	Defender	Birmingham	October 1964	6+1
MICHAEL FORSYTH	Defender	Liverpool	March 1966	9
ANTHONY GODDEN	Goalkeeper	Gillingham	August 1955	256
ANTHONY GREALISH	Midfield	London	September 1956	11
STEPHEN HUNT	Midfield	Birmingham	July 1956	12
GARY LEONARD	Defender	Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	November 1965	—
MICHAEL LEWIS	Midfield	Birmingham	February 1965	28+3
STEPHEN MacKENZIE	Midfield	Romford	November 1961	73+3
KENNETH McNAUGHT	Defender	Kirkcaldy	January 1955	50
ANTHONY MORLEY	Forward	Ormskirk	August 1954	30
GARY OWEN	Midfield	St. Helens	July 1958	207+1
MICHAEL PERRY	Forward	Wimbledon	April 1964	17+6
CYRILLE REGIS	Forward	French Guyanna	February 1958	288+5
ALISTAIR ROBERTSON	Defender	Philipstoun	September 1952	534+4
GARY ROBSON	Midfield	County Durham	July 1965	6+4
DEREK STATHAM	Defender	Wolverhampton	March 1959	282+1
JOSEPH TORTOLANO	Defender	Stirling	April 1966	—
GARRY THOMPSON	Forward	Birmingham	October 1959	57
CLIVE WHITEHEAD	Defender	Birmingham	November 1955	91+1
Apprentices... Carl Addis, Stephen Bell, Darren Campbell, Wayne Dobbins, Ian Hathaway, Mark Housego, Andrew Thompson, Hector Wynter. Amateur... Michael Giles.				
*Appearances up to the end of season 1983-84 only.				

CENTRAL LEAGUE

OPPONENTS	F A
August 29—Blackburn Rovers September 5—Sheffield Wednesday 11—Bradford City 19—Manchester City 25—Notts County October 3—Huddersfield Town 9—Liverpool 17—Nottingham Forest 24—Newcastle United 31—Stoke City November 7—Manchester United 14—Aston Villa 20—Everton 28—Sheffield United December 5—Coventry City 12—Barnsley 18—Derby County 1985 January 9—Blackburn Rovers 15—Sheffield Wednesday 23—Bradford City 29—Manchester City February 6—Huddersfield Town 13—Notts County 20—Aston Villa 26—Manchester United March 8—Stoke City 13—Newcastle United 20—Nottingham Forest 27—Liverpool April 3—Everton 10—Sheffield United 17—Coventry City 24—Derby County May 1—Barnsley	

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES 1984

Friday 3rd August 1984
Testimonial for John Ralish
NEWPORT COUNTY 2, ALBION 1
Scorer: Hunt. **Team:** Godden, Whitehead, Statham (Lewis), Hunt, McNaught, Bennett (Robertson), Grealish, Thompson, Regis (Cross), MacKenzie, Morley. **Attendance:** 1535.

Tuesday 7th August 1984
WALSALL 3, ALBION 1
Scorer: Lewis. **Team:** Godden, Whitehead, Statham, Hunt, McNaught (Bennett), Robertson, Lewis, Thompson, Regis, MacKenzie, Morley. **Attendance:** 200.

Wednesday 8th August 1984
Testimonial for Willie Boyd
DONCASTER ROVERS 3, ALBION 3
Scorer: Thompson 2, Regis. **Team:** Godden, Whitehead, Statham, Hunt, Robertson (McNaught), Bennett, Lewis, Thompson, Regis, MacKenzie, Morley (Robson). **Attendance:** 2,500.

Wednesday 15th August 1984
ALBION 2, WALSALL 0
Scorers: Mower (own goal), Hunt. **Team:** Godden, Ebanks (Giles), Whitehead, Hunt, McNaught, Bennett, Grealish, Thompson, Regis, MacKenzie, Robson. **Attendance:** 150.

Saturday 18th August 1984
OLDHAM ATHLETIC 0, ALBION 1
Scorer: Bennett. **Team:** Godden, Whitehead, Statham, Hunt, McNaught, Robertson (Bennett), Grealish (Giles), Thompson, Regis, MacKenzie, Robson. **Attendance:** 3,000.

Monday 20th August 1984
STOCKPORT COUNTY 2, ALBION 3
Scorers: Thompson 2, McNaught. **Team:** Godden (Barron), Giles (Morley), Statham, Hunt, Robertson (McNaught), Bennett, Grealish, Thompson, Regis, MacKenzie, Whitehead. **Attendance:** 1,792.

FLASH BACK GAME...

4th February 1956 ALBION 3, LUTON TOWN 1 League Division One

On a bitterly cold frosty afternoon Albion and Luton put on a splendid show to entertain the 25,000 plus crowd who stood (and sat) in temperatures of around freezing point.

Snow was banked up around The Hawthorns pitch and although from time to time the ball got 'lost' in the white mounds, play generally was fast and fluent, albeit at times laughable with players slipping and sliding in all directions.

Albion, without Ronnie Allen who developed a 'tummy bug' on the morning of the match, inserted Stuart Williams into a forward role—and he duly said 'thank you' by scoring one of the goals. Wingers Frank Griffin and George Lee netted the others while Gordon Turner replied for Luton. Griffin's strike, incidentally, was a cracker—a brilliant sole effort, one player's always dream about!

The teams...

ALBION—Sanders, Howe, Millard, Dudley, Kennedy, Summers, Griffin, Setters, Barlow, S. Williams, Lee.

LUTON—Baynam, Dunne, Aherne, Pearce, Kelly, Pemberton, Cullen, Turner, Morton, Cummings, Adam.

MATCH FACTS...

ALBION v LUTON TOWN

This afternoon Albion and Luton meet for the twenty-seventh time in League Football—and at present Albion have the following record against their Bedfordshire opponents...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Home.....	13	11	1	1	30	7	25*
Away.....	13	3	4	6	11	16	10
Total.....	26	14	5	7	41	23	35*

*includes two home wins worth three points each

MILESTONE FOR ALLY...

Ally Robertson played his 450th League game of his career when he skipped Albion against Queens Park Rangers last Saturday at Loftus Road.

ALBION'S LEAGUE RECORD (1888 to 1984 inclusive)

Prior to the start of this current season Albion's full record in First Division Football was as follows....

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Home.....	1284	653	312	319	2474	1563	1646
Away.....	1284	315	306	663	1567	2510	947
Total.....	2568	968	618	982	4041	4073	2593

In Divisions One and Two, Albion's record prior to that away game with Queens Park Rangers last Saturday, was...

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Home.....	1663	889	388	386	3306	1946	2196
Away.....	1663	447	395	821	2094	3084	1301
Total.....	3326	1336	783	1207	5400	5030	3497

ALBION AND THE F.A. CUP

19th January 1959—Round Three v Sheffield Wednesday (away) 2-0. Attendance: 50,455. Team: Potter, Howe, S. Williams, Setters, Barlow, Griffin, Jackson, Allen, Kevan, Hogg. Scorers: Jackson, Hogg.

24th January 1959—Round Four v Brentford (home) 2-2. Attendance: 41,948. Team: Potter, Howe, S. Williams, Setters, Barlow, Drury, Griffin, Jackson, Allen, Kevan, Hogg. Scorer: Kevan 2.

14th February 1959—Round Five v Blackpool (away) 1-3. Attendance: 30,415. Team: Potter, Howe, S. Williams, Setters, Barlow, Drury, Griffin, Robson, Allen, Jackson, Hogg. Scorer: Robson.

9th January 1960—Round Three v Plymouth Argyle (home) 3-2. Attendance: 27,548. Team: Wallace, Howe, G. E. Williams, Drury, Kennedy, Robson, Jackson, Burnside, Allen, Kevan, Hogg. Scorer: Kevan 3.

30th January 1960—Round Four v Bolton Wanderers (home) 2-0. Attendance: 36,411. Team: Wallace, Howe, G. E. Williams, Drury, Kennedy, Robson, Jackson, Burnside, Allen, Kevan, Hogg. Scorers: Burnside, Jackson.

20th February 1960—Round Five v Leicester City (away) 1-2. Attendance: 37,753. Team: Wallace, Howe, G. E. Williams, Drury, Kennedy, Robson, Jackson, Burnside, Allen, Kevan, Hogg. Scorer: Kennedy.



STUB IT OUT!

LINE-UP

West Bromwich Albion

Colours: Blue and White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 TONY GODDEN
- 2 CLIVE WHITEHEAD
- 3 DEREK STATHAM
- 4 STEVE HUNT
- 5 MARTYN BENNETT
- 6 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON
- 7 TONY GREALISH
- 8 GARRY THOMPSON
- 9 CYRILLE REGIS
- 10 STEVE MacKENZIE
- 11 TONY MORLEY
- 12

uton Town

Colours: White Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 ANDREW DIBBLE
- 2 MITCHELL THOMAS
- 3 ASHLEY GRIMES
- 4 TIM BREACKER
- 5 STACEY NORTH
- 6 MAL DONAGHY
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 STEVEN ELLIOTT
- 10 FRANKIE BUNN
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12

OFFICIALS

● Referee...Mr R. BRIDGES, Deeside

Distribution Manager for a large supermarket company. Married with two boys. Progressed via the Cheshire League. Secretary of local senior and junior football league. Interested in gardening. As a FIFA official has refereed many European cup matches and last season refereed the final Home Championship match between England and Northern Ireland.

● Linesmen...

Mr G. R. ASHBY, Worcester
(RED FLAG)

Mr W. T. WILLIAMS, Cardiff
(YELLOW FLAG)

AFTER 45

A COVENTRY CITY LEICESTER CITY		K BARNLEY OLDHAM ATHLETIC
B IPSWICH TOWN MANCHESTER UNITED		L BIRMINGHAM CITY WIMBLEDON
C LIVERPOOL Q.P.R.		M BLACKBURN ROVERS CARLISLE UNITED
D NEWCASTLE UNITED ASTON VILLA		N BRIGHTON HUDDERSFIELD TOWN
E NOTTINGHAM FOREST SUNDERLAND		O CHARLTON ATHLETIC NOTTS COUNTY
F SOUTHAMPTON WEST HAM UNITED		P LEEDS UNITED WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
G STOKE CITY SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		Q MANCHESTER CITY FULHAM
H TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR NORWICH CITY		R MIDDLESBROUGH GRIMSBY TOWN
J WATFORD ARSENAL		S WALSALL BRENTFORD

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