

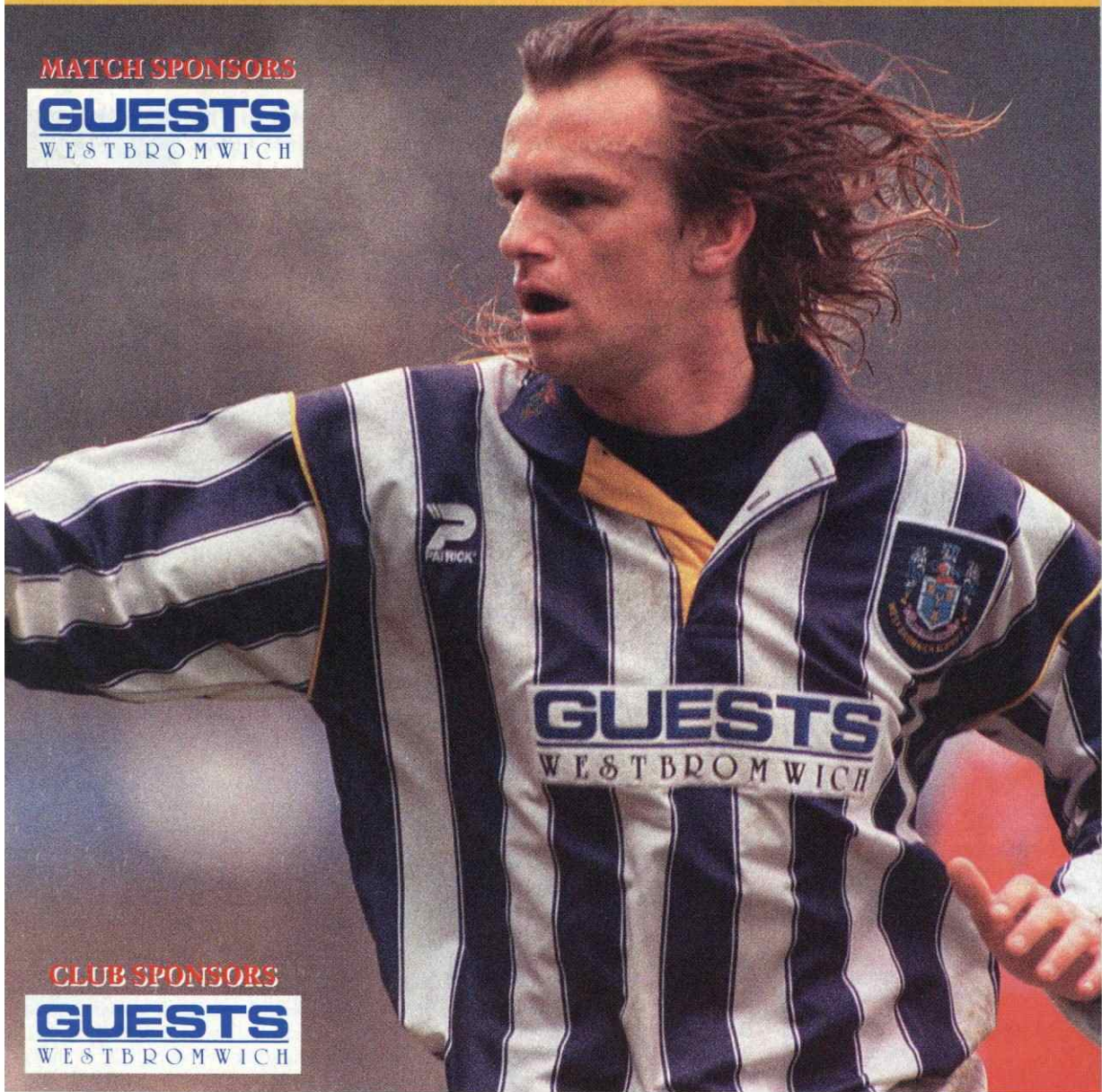


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Good evening everybody and welcome to The Hawthorns for tonight's game against Luton Town. We are approaching the vital Easter period that heralds the run in to the end of the season and are seeking our third double of the campaign, after having won 2-1 at Luton back in October. Tonight's match is a very important one with both teams requiring a victory to move themselves closer to safety. So please give the players your usual excellent support and help us obtain three points.

Tony Hale, Club Chairman.



Enjoy the game!

Deja Vu

Albion's record against Luton Town:

Venue P W D L F A Pts.

Football League

Home 18 13 2 2 37 10 32

Away 18 6 5 7 18 25 19

Totals 36 19 7 9 55 35 51

FA Cup

Home 1 1 0 0 4 0

Other matches

Home 5 4 1 0 20 5

Away 5 5 0 0 22 12

Totals 10 9 1 0 42 17

- The first meeting between the clubs was a friendly at Dallow Lane, Luton on 30 December 1891, which Albion won 4-0.

- Albion's best League win over the Hatters is also 4-0 — achieved twice — each time at The Hawthorns in First Division matches, on 23 February 1957 and 24 October 1959.

- Luton whipped Albion 5-1 at home in a First Division match on 14th December 1957 and so ended the Baggies' 17-match unbeaten League run.

- A then record crowd of 7,000 saw Albion beat the Hatters 1-0 in an FA Cup-tie at Luton on 30 January 1897. This was the game in which Albion arranged for a special train to take defender Tom Perry to Luton (from Birmingham)!

- Albion scored 14 goals in three games against Luton during the wartime season of 1939-40, winning 3-1 and 5-4 at The Hawthorns and 6-3 at Kenilworth Road when Harry Jones scored a hat-trick.

- 'WG' Richardson netted six of Albion's goals (including five in 25 min-

utes: 55th-79th inclusive) in a 10-1 win over Luton on 22 November 1941. Eight of Albion's goals came in the space of 32 second-half minutes.

- Albion League debutants versus Luton: Meynell Burgin (1938), Billy Elliott (1938), Geoff Richards (1946), Gilbert Williams (1947), Joe Kennedy (1949), Derek Hogg (1958), Mike Phelan (1994), Craig Herbert (1994).

- Players with both clubs: Jack Bannister, Lewis Bedford, Ian Benjamin, Louis Bookman, Eli Bradley, Eddie Connelly, Andy Dibble, William Ford, Tony Godden, Tony Grealish, Billy Gripton, Abe Jones, Derek Kevan, Andy King, Magnus Nicholson, Stacey North, Bruce Rankin, Imre Varadi.

- Also associated: Brian Whitehouse (Albion player in 1950s, Luton trainer 1968). Andy King returned to Luton on the commercial side.

Baggies Bonanza

Congratulations to Ashley Kemshall of Handsworth Wood our latest lucky winner. Ashley took home £805 after



our midweek game with Watford and is seen here alongside Stewart Holmes of the Promotions Department and Baggies Bonanza seller Louise Grint who drew the winning ticket.

Get your ticket and then listen out for the half-time draw for your chance to win today's jackpot.

On the move

Albion defender Tony Brien has joined Chester City.....former Baggies' reserve team striker Les Palmer has signed for Hereford United as a non-contract player.....and Adrian Foster has gone on loan from Gillingham to Exeter City until the end of the season.

Schools of the Week

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Hall Green Primary School is situated on the northern outskirts of West Bromwich close to the Walsall border.

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In 1994 over 100 children visited The Hawthorns and embarked on a project with football as its focus. The project included mathematics, English, art and science and was much enjoyed by the children who took part.

The school has benefited from its close links with West Bromwich Albion and hopes to maintain them in the future.

Hargate Primary School is situated right at the heart of West Bromwich, alongside the very busy A41 and next door to the Fire Station and Ambulance Station, so we are well placed to study "People who help us"!

We are a Junior and Infant School with a Nursery Class, therefore, we have children with us from the age of three until they leave us at 11 to go to their Secondary Schools.

Hargate is lucky in being the only primary school in Sandwell with a Unit for Hearing Impaired children. This adds another dimension to the school, where everyone learns to live together and to make allowances for each others' special needs.

The staff believe in encouraging our children to develop in as many ways as possible, so they run after-school clubs. These include choir, signing, French conversation, hockey, netball, football and art and craft.

For years four, five and six the highlight of the school year is when West Bromwich Albion's 'Football in the Community' team come to run the football training sessions. All the children, both girls and boys take part and we often discover hidden talent that no-one suspected were there.

Ronnie Allen scrapbooks

A couple of weeks ago an Apollo 2000 carrier bag containing some much valued Ronnie Allen scrapbook photographs was picked up in error in the new Club Offices reception area.

Ronnie would be very grateful for the return of these scrapbooks as they are of irreplaceable sentimental value to him. If you know the whereabouts of the books please contact either Ronnie himself at the Club on 0121 525 8888 or the Commercial Department on 0121 525 4714.

Museum open 12th April

The Albion museum will be open for two hours (12 noon-2pm) on Friday 12th April (at the end of the school holidays). The prices will be £1 juniors/OAPs and £2 adults. Telephone the club's reception to book your place (0121 525 8888).

Away Support

There were almost 4,000 Albion supporters at St. Andrew's for the local derby with Birmingham City and 1,965 fans made the trip to Watford.

All new Junior Baggies

All you Junior Baggies out there should have now received the latest soccer course form and also a Player of the Year form.

The votes for Player of the Year have been pouring in, but I won't say who's leading yet!!

The winner will be chosen on Friday 26th April, so all votes must be in by that date. I will then pull the names of two lucky Junior Baggies "out of the hat" who will present the winner with his trophy before a home game later in the season.

If you haven't yet received your forms, please call me on 0121 525 0226, and I will send them out to you.

Best Wishes
 Wendy Dellicott
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FROM

THE BOSS



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Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to tonight's game against Luton Town. For most clubs in the country the next few days are very important. Including last Saturday, most teams have to play four games in around eight days. Think about how many points are at stake overall and you will see what I mean.

Our own start to the period could not have been better — a 2-0 win at Portsmouth. After our victory over Barnsley we were left with three consecutive away games. Before playing them (at Birmingham, Watford and Pompey) I would have been delighted with five points from nine. But for a lapse in concentration in the final few seconds at Watford our tally would have been seven. The players deserve every credit for the recent run of only one defeat in the last eleven games.

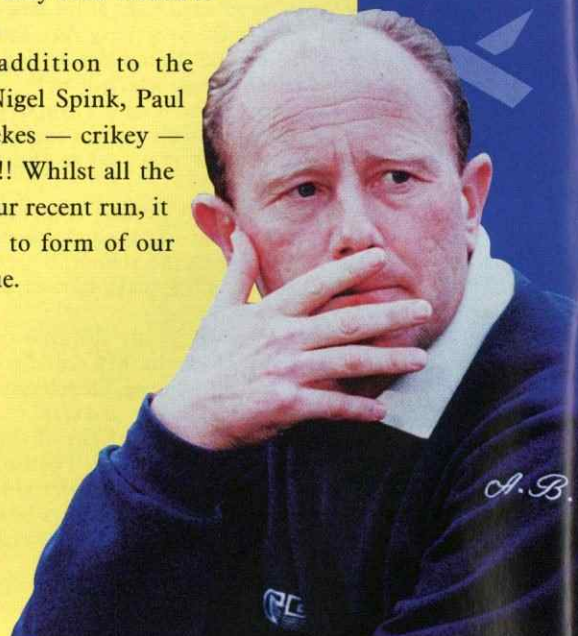
Transfer deadline day looked like being very quiet in regard to ourselves. However, one phone call set the ball rolling and a crazy workload over three and a half hours resulted in Lee Ashcroft joining Notts County on loan, Peter Butler, Brett Angell and Andy Comyn joining us until the end of the season, Neil Cutler going to Chester along with Tony Driver — to add to Gary Germaine and Chris Hargreaves, who have already been loaned to Scunthorpe United and Hereford respectively.

Over the last couple of months, in addition to the aforementioned, we have, of course signed Nigel Spink, Paul Holmes, Shane Nicholson and Richard Sneekes — crikey — that's what comes of mixing with Barry Fry!!! Whilst all the new lads have of course played their part in our recent run, it has also been most pleasing to see a return to form of our 'longer serving' players — long may it continue.

Once again, thanks for your support.

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Alan Buckley



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Luton boss, Lennie Lawrence arrived at Kenilworth Road in November 1995 after the departure of Terry Westley — and under his leadership the team embarked on an eight match unbeaten run. This purple patch, which included five victories, looked to have pulled the Hatters away from the dog-fight in the Division One basement. However, five defeats and one draw later Lawrence's men are once again firmly embroiled in the fight for survival.

With only two points from the last 21, it looks like too high a mountain to climb. However, the spirit on the side is excellent, and any side managed by Lennie Lawrence is bound to try and play their way out of trouble.

Playing good football is the Lawrence trademark. His sides usually score freely, but tend to leak goals at the back, which makes for an exciting, if nerve-wracking, spectacle for the fans. This time round, however, the problem is reversed; defensively the Hatters have been mean but in front of goal they have disappointed. Since the middle of February they had, before last Saturday, conceded only eight goals — but had scored only a miserable total of three.

One of the contributing factors in the Hatters goal-drought has been the absence of top-scorer, Dwight Marshall. He will miss the rest of the season after breaking a leg in the game up at Roker Park — after which, the Hatters slide began. Dwight had netted 13 times before the injury — the same total as he achieved last season, when injury also curtailed the number of appearances he made. The Jamaican-born forward will be sorely missed for his pace and for the way he makes space.

In addition to the loss of Marshall, Luton have suffered another major blow on the injury front. Highly-rated midfielder, Ceri Hughes was on his way back to fitness after a hamstring injury when he picked up a torn thigh muscle in a reserve games two weeks ago. He, too, will miss the rest of the season. This is his second campaign in a row that has been wrecked by injury — in November 1994, after an impressive start, he damaged knee ligaments and played no further part in the Hatters season.

One man at Kenilworth Road who knows all



Marvin Johnson

about relegation is player/reserve team coach, Trevor Peake. The man who led Coventry City through a couple of dog-fights in the old Division One, has played almost two hundred games for Luton since his move from Highfield Road in the summer of 1991. The Supporters' Club Player of the Year 1994/95 signed a one-year contract last August, and joined the coaching staff when Lennie Lawrence took over in November. His first team appearances have been limited to 15 this season but his experience in this sort of situation will be invaluable.

The man who became the oldest player ever to play in the League for Luton when he turned out against Reading in February, says: "For that game we had injuries and suspensions, so they had to get the old man out — but I'm here now to concentrate on the coaching side of things.

"When Lennie Lawrence took over in November, he didn't bring any coaching staff with him — which is a bit unusual — so he promoted reserve team manager, Wayne Turner, to assistant manager. He asked me if I'd like to step up from being a player and try things on the other side, by taking over the reserve team."

The move is a logical one, Peake has always been an excellent reader of the game and he would appear to have the right credentials to make his mark as a manager in his own right, at some time in the not too distant future. "At my age it is the right move — you can't keep playing for ever," he says. "I thought this was

the perfect opportunity to see how things worked on the coaching side. I've been in the game a long time, and you do learn quite a lot along the way. Hopefully some of it has sunk in — and, hopefully, I can pass that on."

Peake knows that Luton are in a perilous position, but he believes that the spirit at the Club is as good as it can be. "The spirit is excellent here", he says. "The manager was talking to Steve Davis who was in a similar position last season when he was at Burnley, who were eventually relegated. Steve told the boss that the spirit here is twice as good as it was at Burnley last season. So that sort of thing is encouraging. We are working very, very hard — it's just that we can't seem to score any goals."

The tradition of Luton playing good football will, according to Peake, continue under Lawrence. "He insists that we continue to play football. We haven't got they players within the club to just smash the ball upfield, even if we wanted to. Our game has been tailored to playing the game through the middle — and the players who have been brought in, fit in with that

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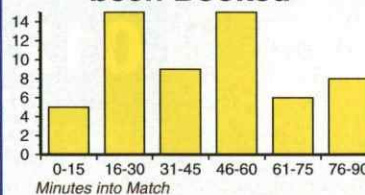


Ceri Hughes

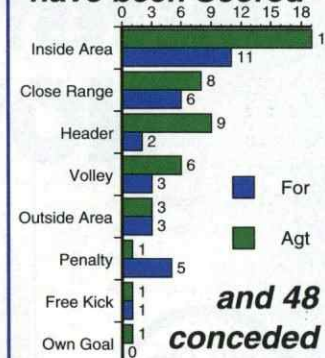
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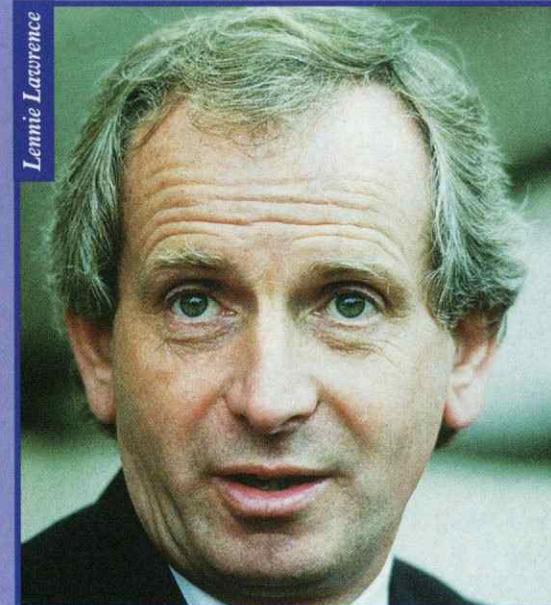


How 31 Goals have been Scored



and 48 conceded

Lennie Lawrence



style. We are not going to change that in any way, nor will we hit the panic button. We just need a couple of breaks in front of goal."

Luton have had a couple of breaks go their way. For example, the case of Bontcho Guentchev, the Bulgarian forward who was released by Ipswich Town at the end of last season because they thought that they would be unable to get a work permit for him.

Luton picked him up on a free transfer — expecting that he would have to be let go shortly after. However, Bontcho's wife managed to get a job at the Bulgarian embassy — thus ensuring that he was free to continue playing in the UK. Ipswich's loss is certainly the Hatters' gain — Guentchev has scored nine goals and is playing as well as he has done for a long while.

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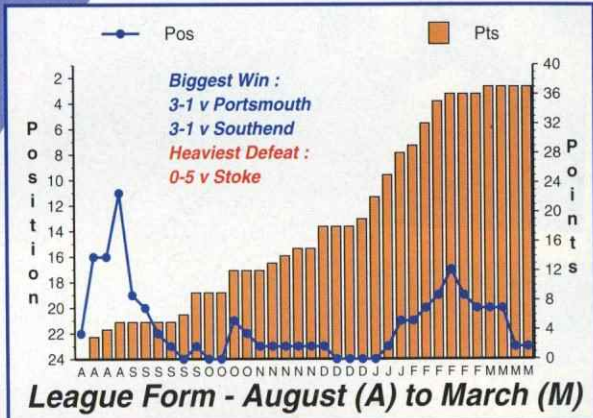


Another boost for Hatters has been the return to the side of the exciting and talented Scott Oakes. The 23 year-old midfielder missed the first six weeks of the season through a hamstring injury. He returned to the side for the game at Tranmere — and was only just getting back to the sort of form that had attracted interest from a host of Premiership clubs, when he picked up a back injury and was out for a further four weeks. Once again, he is returning to form — and the management team will be hoping that he can maintain his fitness for the remainder of the season.

One man definitely out of tonight's game is the experienced and combative midfielder, Gary Waddock, who is out through suspension — co-incidentally, Gary also missed last seasons meeting at the Hawthorns for the same reason.

Peake realises that the run-in is tough; there are a number of six-pointers coming up. "It's not the easiest run-in in the world," he says. "But it does involve some of the people down there. It's in our own hands, really. We finish up the season away at Oldham — there may be a lot hanging on that game, it might go right down to the wire."

As Peake says, there will be no hitting the panic button at Kenilworth Road. Whichever way this fascinating season finishes, it is certain that the Hatters will see it out playing a brand of football that will continue to win them friends.



Goal Scorers

Player	Lge	Cup
Marshall	9	2
Guentchev	7	0
Oakes	3	0
Thorpe	3	0
Davis S	2	0
Oldfield	2	0
Alexander	1	0
Douglas	1	0
Harvey	1	0
Hughes	1	0
Johnson M	1	0
McLaren	1	0

Hat-Trick Scorers none so far

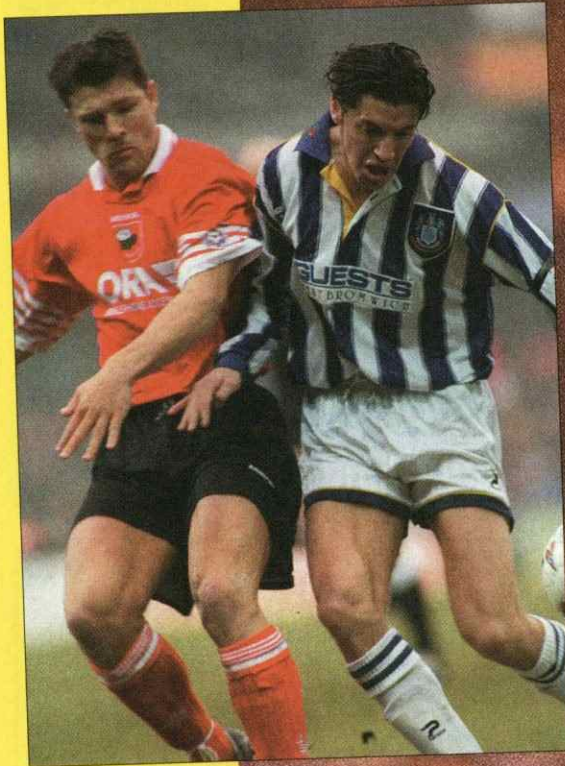
Luton's 10 Year League and Cup Record

Luton did not compete in the League Cup 86/87 due to their ban on visiting fans

Season	League	FA Cup	Lge Cup
85/86	10	9	2
86/87	14	7	2
87/88	10	9	2
88/89	16	16	2
89/90	17	17	2
90/91	18	18	2
91/92	20	20	2
92/93	20	20	2
93/94	20	20	2
94/95	16	16	2

Season	Top Scorer	Average Gate
94/95	Marshall	11,735
93/94	Dixon	9,787
92/93	Gray	19,823
91/92	Harford	12,971
90/91	Elstrup	15,10,275
89/90	Black	11,9,872
88/89	Black, Wilson	9,9,350
87/88	Stein M	11,8,162
86/87	Newell, Stein B	12,10,261
85/86	Harford	22,11,062

Saturday 16th March 1996
Albion 2 **Barnsley 1**
Raven 2 *Payton 57*
Sneekes 28



*Above:
Zeeuw later —
Andy Hunt
powers past
Arjen De
Zeeuw.*



*Main Pic:
Sneekes past
— Richard
Sneekes puts
the Baggies
two-up.*

*Below:
Paul Raven
celebrates his
early strike.*



BAGGIES ACTION

**Inside The Hawthorns
with Tom Cardall**



ALBION PEOPLE

Good evening everybody and welcome to Albion's last evening game of this season. I would like to make a special welcome to our match sponsors this evening Guests of West Bromwich, who are of course also our shirt sponsors. Everyone at Guests has given tremendous support to the Albion., none more so than Managing Director Ian Guest (pictured). Chris Greatbatch and Peter Harvey. I hope Guests of West Bromwich and their special invited guests enjoy themselves this evening. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our matchball sponsors Image Styles. Their Managing Director Mike Davies and his fellow Director Vic Bailey have given the Club tremendous support throughout this and many seasons. We are very grateful to Image Styles and we hope they and their guests enjoy themselves at the Hawthorns tonight.

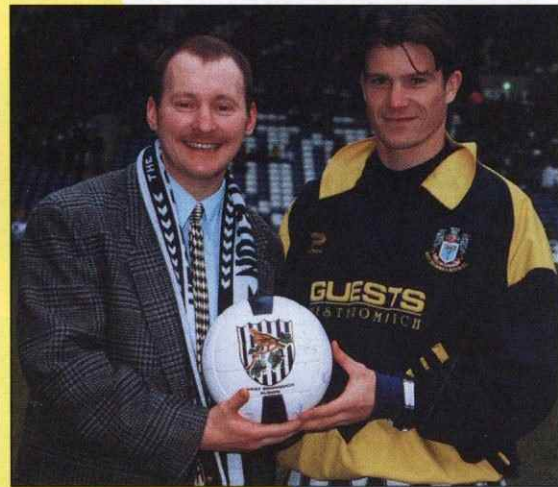


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At our recent Endsleigh League game against Port Vale, the Portland Hotel, Edgbaston were our match-

ball sponsors. Managing Director Andrew Wheatley from the Portland Hotel is also an Executive Club member, and was presented with an autographed football by Albion star Daryl Burgess. Daryl and Andrew can be seen with other members of the Executive Club (L-R) Clive Basford, Keith Herbert, Alan Davies and Trevor Wooding.

Birthday Surprises



Above: Stephen and Shane



We had two more Birthday Surprises at the Port Vale game. New signing Shane Nicholson was more than happy to present autographed footballs to Stephen Southwick and Bob Burgess.



Bob receives his football from Shane Nicholson.

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Match Sponsors for our game with Port Vale were Clark Whitehill. Commercial Director Barry Hurst was very pleased to present a silver salver to Clark Whitehill's John Dudley in appreciation of their sponsorship.

Clark Whitehill — Man of the Match

The choice of Clark Whitehill's Man of the Match was Port Vale's Neil Aspin. Neil joined the guests of Clark Whitehill after the game and is seen pictured



with John Dudley receiving his Man of the Match trophy.

Paul Raven — Guests Man of the Match



Albion central defender Paul Raven was voted the Guests Man of the Match for the Port Vale game. Guests Body Shop Manager June Ford was on hand to present Paul with his award of a bottle of bubbly.

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be holding their next meeting this Thursday, 4th April at the British Legion, Redditch starting at 8pm. The guests are Alistair Robertson, John Wile and Brendon Batson.



Tamworth Branch would like to thank Stacy Coldicott for making their last

meeting so enjoyable. The next meeting will be held at the usual venue, The Anchor, Glas-cote Road, Tamworth starting at 8pm on Thursday 4th April. The guest will be testimonial man, Stuart Naylor.

Redditch Branch will also



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Mon 22nd July	Bohemians v Isle of Man	Peel	7.15p.m.
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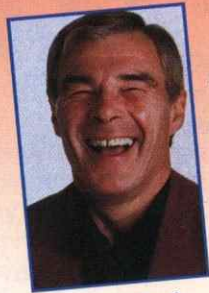
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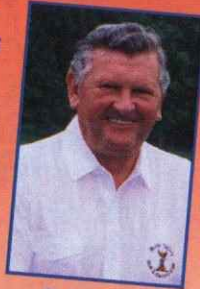


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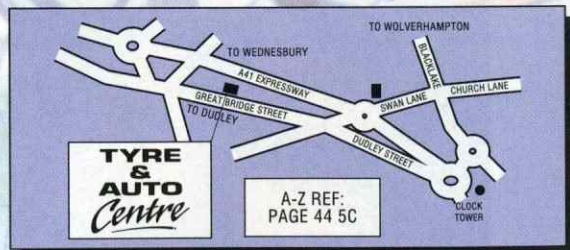
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TONY REES

Tony Rees certainly knows his way around the West Midlands. The Welsh international had spells at Aston Villa and Birmingham before his seven seasons at Grimsby Town and transfer to the Baggies — where he has been battling to secure a place in the starting eleven. Here he reveals that he was once infact an Arsenal supporter.

What was the last record you bought?

The 'Blues Brothers, Soul Sisters' compilation.

Do you think you're a good dancer?

Absolutely not — I never go anywhere near the dance floor.

How do you relax after training?

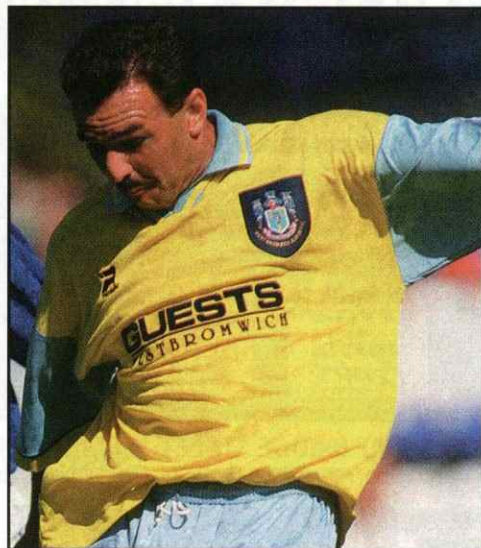
Playing with my two children Bleddyn, who's five, and Owain who's two.

Who is the toughest opponent you have ever faced?

Two spring to mind — Des Walker for his pace, and ability in the air, and Paul McGrath for his superb reading of a game.

What is your favourite pudding?

Ice cream.



What sort of music do you listen to?

I'm not particularly a music fan but I do listen to a fair variety, usually soul or rock music.

Who did you pretend to be in the playground?

Liam Brady, who I saw play for Arsenal Reserves at Cardiff when he was very young — and I was even younger. I thought he was brilliant on that occasion and always followed his career after that.

Are you useful around the house?

I'm useless, but thankfully my wife Sandra does a great job so I'm spared most of the chores.

Do you have any superstitions?

Not any more — I've run out of them.

What is your most irritating habit.

My impatience — come on, next question!

Who did you have a crush on when you were a teenager?

Olivia Newton John, and not for her singing.

What would you spend your last fiver on?

A McDonalds for the kids.

What makes you angry?

Motorists who drive in the middle lane of motorways with no intention of overtaking. Road-rage? I have been known to utter one or two words at these motorway morons.

Where is the nicest place you've ever lived?

Droitwich, where I live now, is a lovely

place. It's quite picturesque, nice and quiet and the people are very friendly.

Which team did you support when you were a kid?

Arsenal. I followed them from a very young age, mainly because my next door neighbour — a lad a few years older than me — was a supporter and got me interested.

What is your favourite animal?

The tiger. It's an animal I've always admired and now I've got the children interested too — I've promised to take them to the zoo to see some tigers in the summer.

How do you pass the time on the team coach?

I enjoy a game of cards, though sadly I rarely win — Diddy Gilbert is the card sharp who takes most of the loot.

What tapes do you keep in the car?

My selection at the moment includes Rod Stewart, Simple Minds and the 'Blues Brothers, Soul Sisters' tape.

What was the worst game you ever played in?

An end of season game for Birmingham against Southampton. We lost 2-1, I missed a goal and — because Coventry won on the same day — we got relegated. A bad, bad day.

And what was the best game?

Another end of season game, this one for Grimsby against Exeter. We won 2-0 to clinch promotion and the atmosphere at Blundell Park was absolutely tremendous.

Who do you most admire in the game?

Peter Beardsley, who just keeps on turning in top class performances week in, week out despite his age. A great player.

Who is your room mate and what annoying habits does he have?

I've roomed with several of the lads, Diddy Gilbert and Daryl Burgess among them, but I couldn't tell you about annoying habits because the first thing I do when I get to an hotel is go to bed and sleep.

What would you buy if you won the national lottery?

A big house with an indoor swimming pool, a couple of cars for the wife and me — and that's just for starters.

ON THE SPOT

Describe your most embarrassing pair of shoes.

An old pair of black basketball boots, which I've got stuck for from the lads whenever I've worn them.

What was the first gig you went to see?

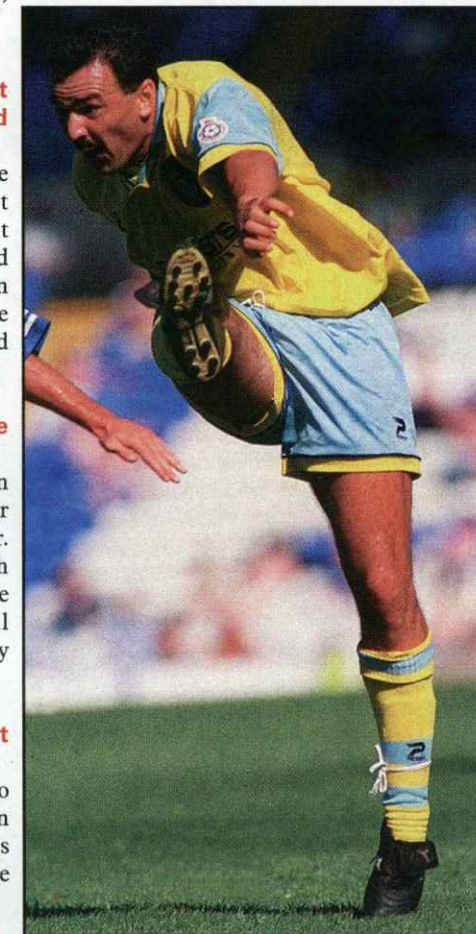
When I was playing for Blues I went along with some of the lads to see a band called A Flock of Seagulls.

Which young player do you rate highly?

Robbie Fowler, who scores goals for fun and has an incredible future in front of him.

Do you get recognised on the street?

Not in Droitwich, although I often got recognised in Grimsby which is one of those small places where everybody seems to know everybody else.



**TONY
RES**



1949 — Albion in Seventh Heaven

Signed from Altrincham four months previously, centre-half Joe Kennedy made his home debut for West Brom in the 7-1 thrashing of Bradford PA at The Hawthorns on 16th April 1949. Watched by 39,241 Irish international centre-forward Dave Walsh scored four times for the following Albion team: Jim Sanders, Jim Pemberton, Len Millard, Joe Kennedy, Jack Vernon, Paddy Ryan, Billy Elliott, Ray Barlow, Dave Walsh, Jack Haines, Hughie Morrow. It was the first time that a West Brom player had scored four goals in a League match since Ike Clarke achieved the feat in Albion's 7-2 win at Newport County in September 1946. Destined to be Bradford's last-ever League visit to The Hawthorns, West Brom maintained their promotion push with a vital 1-1 draw at rivals Southampton a week later.

1954 — Nicholls' England Debut

West Brom's inside-left Johnny Nicholls scored on his full England debut as the following team beat Scotland 4-2 at Hampden Park on 3rd April 1954: Gil Merrick, Ron Staniforth, Roger Byrne, Billy Wright, Harry Clarke, Jimmy Dickinson, Tom Finney, Ivor Broadis, Ronnie Allen, Johnny Nicholls, Jimmy Mullen. His Albion striking partner Ronnie Allen also scored and they partnered each other again in England's next international, a 0-1 defeat against Yugoslavia in Belgrade six weeks later. Joining West Brom from Heath Town United initially as an amateur in August 1950, Nicholls had established his deadly partnership with Allen the previous season and also gained England U-23 and 'B' recognition. The pair netted 55 First Division goals between them in 1953/54 as West Brom chased a League and Cup double.

1958 — Hogg Joins West Brom

Albion manager Vic Buckingham paid £20,000 to Leicester City for outside-left Derek Hogg in April 1958 to replace George Lee. Joining

Leicester from Chorley in October 1952, Hogg had represented the Football League and helped to win the Second Division title in 1953/54 and 1956/57. His final game for Leicester was the vital 1-0 win at Birmingham City that ensured First Division safety at the end of the 1957/58 season. Hogg recalls: 'Vic Buckingham watched the game, although I didn't know it until afterwards and the next day I was asked if I would like to move to The Hawthorns. I met him at Filbert Street that morning and he shocked me by saying I should fly with the Albion party to Bilbao that afternoon to play in a match against the Spanish club'. West Brom won 1-0 in a benefit game for Athletic Bilbao's captain.



Graham Williams

1960 — Williams' Wales Debut

West Brom's left-back Graham Williams made his full debut for Wales alongside Albion team-mate Stuart Williams as goals by Terry Medwin (2) and Phil Woosnam gave the following team a 3-2 win over Northern Ireland at Wrexham on 6th April 1960: Jack Kelsey, Stuart Williams, Graham Williams, Vic Crowe, Mel Nurse, Colin Barker, Terry Medwin, Phil Woosnam, Graham Moore, Roy Vernon, Cliff Jones. Initially an outside-left, Graham Williams played for Rhyl prior to signing professional for West Brom in April 1955 but had limited opportunities before displacing his namesake alongside Don Howe in Albion's defence during the 1959/60 campaign. He was capped 26 times by Wales while at The Hawthorns, compared to Stuart Williams' club record 33 Welsh caps.

1963 — Hagan Appointed Manager

Controversial manager Jimmy

Hagan succeeded Archie Macaulay in charge of West Brom on 10th April 1963. A former England inside-forward, Hagan had played for Liverpool, Derby County and Sheffield United where he starred in the 1952/53 Second Division title success, then managed Peterborough United to their record-breaking 1960/61 Fourth Division title triumph. Only a few hours before his appointment at The Hawthorns on a three year contract,



Jimmy Hagan

Major H. Wilson Keys resigned as Albion's chairman to be succeeded by vice-chairman Jim Gaunt who declared: 'We made a mistake in having a rigid wages policy... there can be no doubt that it did not pay off in the matter of getting new players. What we saved in wages we lost in gate receipts... our aim is to bring back the image of the Albion in its best day's.

1968 — United Hit For Six

Two days after West Brom beat Birmingham City 2-0 in the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park, the following Albion side faced reigning League Champions Manchester United in front of 45,992 at The Hawthorns on 29th April 1968: John Osborne, Dennis Clarke, Gra-

second-half goal, West Brom were left rooted to the foot of the table with just two matches left to play. Three days later, Ron Saunders' Norwich beat Crystal Palace 2-1 at Carrow Road in another vital clash and Albion's 2-1 home defeat by Manchester City on 25th April 1973 confirmed relegation with Palace after 24 consecutive seasons in the top-flight. Albion's 28 points left them four short of safety.

1976 — Albion's Youth Cup

After beating Coventry City, Charlton Athletic, Ipswich Town, Manchester United and Crystal Palace, West Brom's youth team faced their Wolves counterparts in the two-legged FA Youth Cup final in 1976. Goals by youth interna-

Loveridge and Monaghan adding to George Berry's own goal to clinch a 5-0 aggregate victory. Albion had previously been losing FA Youth Cup finalists in 1954/55 and 1968/69.

1982 — FA Cup Semi-Final Shock

West Brom beat Blackburn Rovers, Gillingham, Norwich City and Coventry City en route to an FA Cup semi-final clash against Second Division QPR at neutral Highbury on 3rd April 1982: Mark Grew, Brendon Batson, Derek Statham, Romeo Zondervan, John Wile, Ally Robertson, Martyn Bennett, Andy King (Gary Owen), Cyrille Regis, Nicky Cross, Steve Mackenzie. Watched by 45,015, a dour affair was notable for Bob

HEADLINES

Football historian Leigh Edwards selects

AT THE HAWTHORNS

headline stories from this month over 50 post-war years at The Hawthorns.

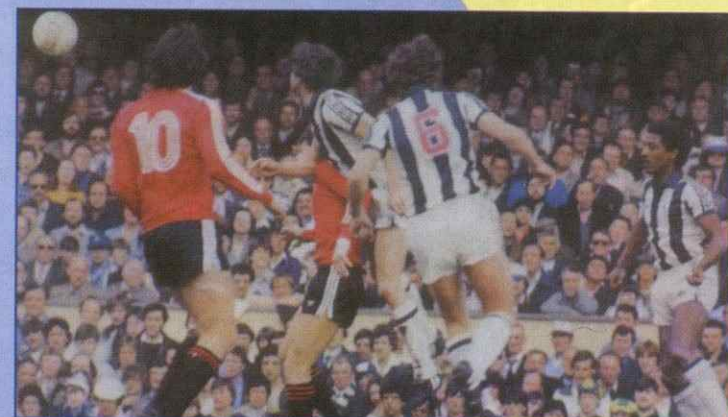
ham Williams, Tony Brown, John Talbut, John Kaye, Ronnie Rees (Dick Krzywicki), Ian Collard, Jeff Astle, Bobby Hope, Asa Hartford. Goals by Astle (2), Rees and Brown's penalty gave Albion a 4-0 lead against a team including Denis Law, George Best and Bobby Charlton, before Law reduced the deficit with another spot-kick. Hartford and Astle scored again, then Brian Kidd netted two late goals to make it 6-3. West Brom went on to win the FA Cup, while United became the first English team to lift the European Cup.

1973 — West Brom are Relegated

The following Albion team faced fellow First Division strugglers Norwich City in a crucial relegation match in front of 23,263 at The Hawthorns on 21st April 1973: John Osborne, Roger Minton (Ally Robertson), Ray Wilson, Len Castello, John Wile, Alan Merrick, Tony Brown, David Shaw, Jeff Astle, Asa Hartford, Willie Johnston. Beaten 1-0 by David Cross'

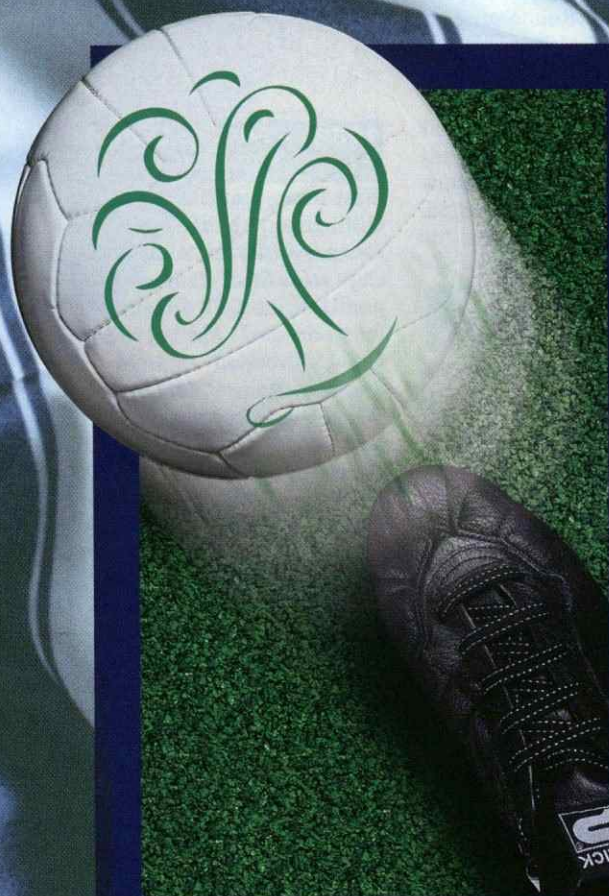
tionals Kevin Summerfield and Mark Trenter gave the following team a 2-0 first-leg victory at Molineux on 27th April: Mark Grew, Tony Cooper, Derek Statham, John Loveridge, Brian Clarke, Martyn Davies, Steve Lynex (Derek Hood), Colin Gregson, Mark Trenter, Wayne Hughes, Kevin Summerfield. Six days later, with Derek Monaghan replacing Lynex, West Brom won 3-0 in the second-leg at The Hawthorns with

Hazell's outstanding performance as he blotted out Albion's powerful England striker Cyrille Regis and a stroke of misfortune in the 62nd minute proved decisive. Ally Robertson's attempted clearance struck Clive Allen's knee and rebounded into the net to give QPR the lead. Terry Venables' team defended resolutely in the closing stages to clinch a 1-0 victory and reach the FA Cup final for the first time, facing holders Spurs.



Albion lost to QPR in the 1982 FA Cup Semi-Final

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IN THE BLOOD

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Double Trouble



Baggies fan Jeff Prestridge has been getting through a few stamps recently. After sending us a picture of his youngest son Mark, who is 16 months old, he felt that in an attempt not to cause any inter-son jealousy he had better send us a picture of his eldest, Matty, to avoid any trouble. He is a mad bad Baggies fan who's favourite saying is 'West Brom' and, although Mark is still only very young, he also loves the Baggies and it won't be long before he's shouting out the name and cheering them on.



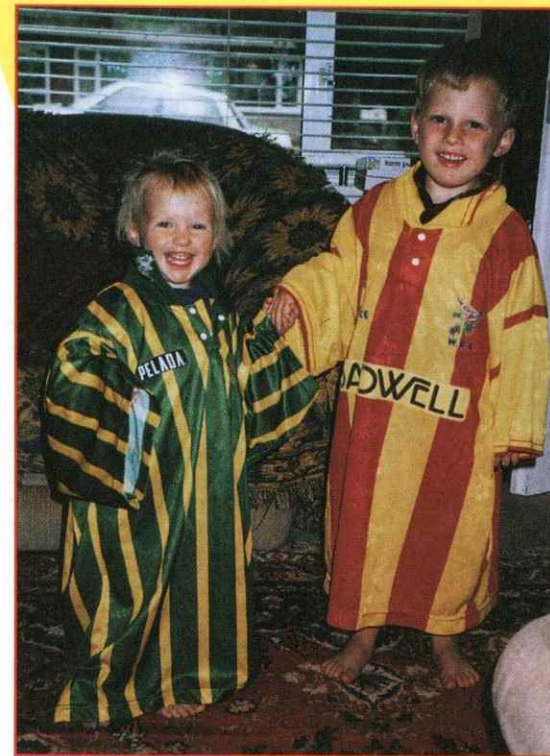
Ann the fan



It may have been well below freezing, but Ann Rosser was still brave enough to sport her favourite football team's colours. Ann the Baggies fan is pictured in Austria where she spent her Christmas holiday, but she was soon back home to watch her beloved Albion. However, she had to wait a little because the snow followed her to the Midlands and the matches were postponed.

Baggy Baggies

Jamie Rowe (aged four) and Olivia (two) are looking forward to growing into their Albion tops and wearing them, down at the Hawthorns. For the time being they have to remain baggy Baggies fans at home but Jamie has already been teaching his



younger sister to say 'Boing Boing! Baggies Baggies!' ready for a trip to The Hawthorns.

Thumbs up for the Albion

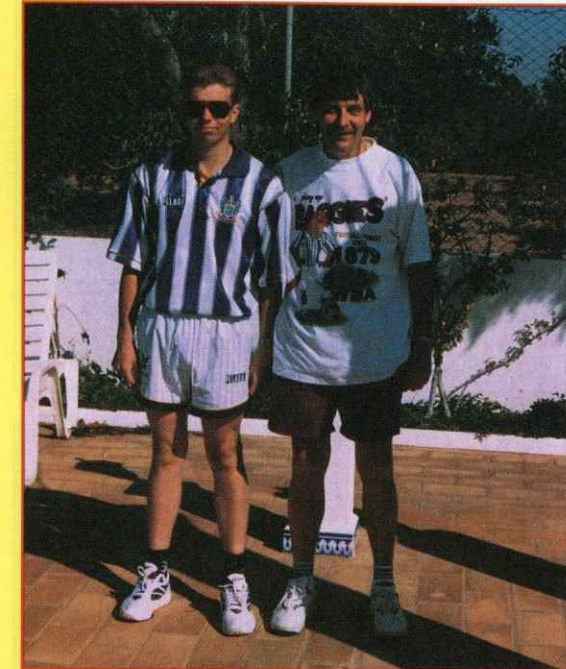


Baggies fan Martin Dawes bumped in to Albion mad disc jockey Malcolm Boyden while presenting his radio show for Radio WM. Martin got the thumbs up for his tasteful attire while visiting West-Super-Mare for the August bank holiday weekend last year.

Top Hole

Pictured sunning themselves on holiday in Portugal are Lee Grainger and his father Roger who are both ardent Baggies followers from Rowley Regis. When

not supporting the Baggies they like nothing better than playing their second favourite sport which is Golf. Here they are after just playing a round on holiday. Golf clubs are renowned for their strict dress code but obviously a Baggies top is considered de rigueur at the 19th hole in Portugal.



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Derby County	24	13	5	6	43	32	44
Liverpool	24	13	3	8	47	31	42
Stoke City	24	12	5	7	47	34	41
Everton	24	12	4	8	34	26	40
Leeds United	22	10	5	7	26	21	35
Tranmere Rovers	22	10	3	9	49	43	33
Oldham Athletic	23	9	6	8	35	36	33
Sheff Wednesday	24	8	7	9	43	43	31
Nottingham Forest	23	8	6	9	34	37	30
Notts County	23	8	5	10	39	43	29
Newcastle United	24	8	5	11	37	42	29
Birmingham City	22	9	2	11	40	50	29
Bolton Wanderers	24	6	9	9	33	40	27
Sheffield United	24	6	9	9	27	38	27
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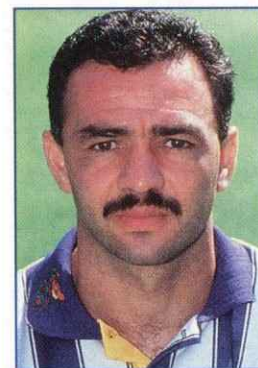
PONTINS LEAGUE 1995-96

Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A
1995			
Wed 16 Aug	Wolves	(H)	0-3
Wed 23 Aug	Bolton Wanderers	(A)	0-0
Wed 30 Aug	Leeds United	(A)	0-2
Mon 4 Sep	Liverpool	(A)	1-4
Mon 18 Sep	Newcastle United	(H)	2-3
Thu 28 Sep	Stoke City	(A)	0-3
Thu 5 Oct	Sheffield Wednesday	(A)	1-3
Thu 12 Oct	Manchester United	(H)	2-4
Wed 18 Oct	Notts County	(A)	1-2
Wed 25 Oct	Sheffield United	(H)	1-2
Tues 31 Oct	Birmingham City	(H)	1-2
Thu 9 Nov	Stoke City	(H)	1-1
Mon 13 Nov	Hednesford (BSC)	(A)	3-2
Wed 15 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	(A)	0-5
Wed 29 Nov	Derby County	(H)	0-7
Mon 4 Dec	Newcastle United	(A)	0-4
Wed 20 Dec	Nottingham Forest	(A)	3-1
1996			
Wed 3 Jan	Everton	(H)	0-3
Wed 10 Jan	Oldham Athletic	(A)	2-3
Wed 17 Jan	Bolton Wanderers	(H)	2-4
Sat 20 Jan	Knowle (BSC)	(H)	2-0
Mon 22 Jan	Wolves	(A)	1-1
Wed 21 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	(H)	2-1
Mon 4 Mar	Birmingham City	(A)	0-3
Thu 12 Mar	Everton	(A)	2-2
Mon 18 Mar	Oldham Athletic	(H)	0-1
Wed 20 Mar	Nottingham Forest	(H)	2-2
Wed 27 Mar	Sheffield Wednesday	(H)	
Wed 10 Apr	Manchester United	(A)	
Tue 16 Apr	Sheffield United	(A)	
Wed 24 Apr	Notts County	(H)	
Tue 30 Apr	Derby County	(A)	
Wed 8 May	Blackburn Rovers	(H)	
TBA	Liverpool	(H)	
TBA	Leeds United	(A)	
TBA	Blackburn Rovers	(A)	

The reserves go chasing Cup glory tomorrow night, when they travel to Villa Park to meet Aston Villa in the semi-final of the Birmingham Senior Cup.

An appearance in the final would be a welcome end-of-season boost after the disappointments of their first division campaign in the Pontins League.

Arthur Mann's bottom of the table team collected only one point from two home games in quick succession, losing 1-0 to Oldham then drawing 2-2 with Nottingham Forest after being two goals in front.



Tony Rees— provider turned goalscorer

They went down to Oldham despite having more of the possession and creating enough chances to have won the match.

Lee Ashcroft had an early effort saved before the visitors went ahead through David McNiven, who shot home from 15 yards after a Rob Hayter mistake.

RESERVES REPORT

As Albion hit back Tony Brien sent two headers over the bar then, just before half-time, Simon Buckley missed the best opening of the match when he shot straight at goalkeeper Lee Darnbrough from a Lee Knight cross. Michael Rodosthenous headed the rebound against the near post, but the chance was lost.

Rodosthenous was unlucky in the 66th minute, working his way along the byeline to send in an angled drive which was cleared off the goal line.

But although both Ashcroft and Scott O'Brien went close to equalising in the closing stages, McNiven almost got a second Oldham goal when he finished a breakaway with a cross-shot which Knight hooked off the line.

At the Forest match central defender Hayter was sent off five minutes from the end, a second bookable offence leading to the youngster's dismissal.

It was a sad end to a game which had started so brightly for the Baggies, who went two up in the opening six minutes. Lee Ashcroft fired in the first from 20 yards after a neat one-two with Tony Rees, who bagged the second himself when goalkeeper Richard Clarke fumbled a Dave Smith corner.

But Albion were gradually forced back and Kingsley Black reduced the arrears four minutes before the interval, shooting home after Lee Knight had blocked a cross.

Forest were in control for most of the second half and equalised through substitute Lee Stratford, who slammed in a rebound after goalkeeper Neil Cutler had palmed aside Black's 68th minute drive.

But despite late pressure from Forest, Albion held on thanks to Cutler, who stopped goalbound efforts from Steve Guinan, Justin Walker and Steve Blatherwick.

Six points from three matches was the encouraging return as the Youth team continued their busy programme in these closing weeks of the season.

Victories over Peterborough and Port Vale sandwiched a disappointing defeat at Grimsby. Goals from trialist Brian Quailey and defender Lee Knight gave the young Baggies a home win against Peterborough.

Half-time arrived goalless, but Quailey gave Albion the lead when he charged down a back pass and headed the ball home.

The second goal came from a well worked set-piece, Scott O'Brien taking a free-kick and Knight rising to head the ball into the net.

Peterborough pulled a goal back with a penalty five minutes from time, but they never threatened to force a draw.

Albion team: Jonathan Simpson, Dean Bennett, Darren Bowman, Lee Knight, Dean Craven, Dominic Heath, James Corns, Scott O'Brien, Adam Buckley, Brian Quailey, Carl

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Lee Knight— defender turned goalscorer



Tranter. Substitutes: Will Steadman, Andy Johnson, Chris Adamson.

With a couple of reserve games taking place in the same midweek as the youth team's trip to Grimsby, several first choice players were missing from the side which took on the young Mariners.

Albion were outplayed for long spells, but even so they created a number of good goalscoring opportunities without being able to put any of them into the net.

Trialist goalkeeper Jonathan Simpson, a youngster from Northern Ireland, performed creditably as he had done in the game against Peterborough.

Albion Team: Simpson, Bennett, James McWilliams, Tony James, Craven, Heath, Corns, Paul Wagstaffe, Buckley, Tranter, Quailey. Substitutes: Adamson, O'Brien, Lee Cockerill.

It was shades of Juninho when Albion visited Port Vale with a Brazilian trialist, Junior De Souza, in their ranks.

The 17 year old striker showed some lovely touches and hit the only goal of the game, cutting in from the right to score from a pass played in by O'Brien.

He also linked up well with fellow striker Tranter, who had his best game for the club in what was an excellent all-round team performance.

The only black spot was a sending off of Adam Buckley, who was dismissed for dissent early in the second half.

But the ten men more than held their own and De Souza, after impressing on his debut, is set to be invited back for more games.

Albion Team: Adamson, Bennett, Craven, James, Knight, Jamie Petty, Wagstaffe, O'Brien, Buckley, De Souza, Tranter. Substitutes: Corns, Heath, McWilliams.

MIDLAND MELVILLE YOUTH LEAGUE 1995-96












Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A
1995			
Sat 5 Aug	Coventry City	(H)	0-5
Sat 12 Aug	Derby County	(A)	0-4
Tue 22 Aug	Grimsby Town	(H)	1-1
Sat 26 Aug	Leicester City	(A)	1-1
Fri 1 Sep	Lincoln City	(H)	2-0
Mon 4 Sep	Watford (SJFC)	(A)	3-5
Fri 8 Sep	Mansfield Town	(A)	2-4
Wed 13 Sep	Hereford (MYFC)	(H)	2-1
Sat 16 Sep	Aston Villa	(A)	1-0
Sat 23 Sep	Notts County	(A)	1-2
Sat 30 Sep	Nottingham Forest	(H)	0-0
Sat 7 Oct	Peterborough United	(A)	0-3
Tue 10 Oct	Notts County (MYFC)	(A)	1-1
Sat 14 Oct	Port Vale (MYLC)	(H)	1-3
Sat 21 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	(A)	2-0
Wed 25 Oct	Bromsgrove (MYFC)	(A)	3-5
Sat 28 Oct	Lincoln City	(A)	1-1
Sat 4 Nov	Stoke City	(H)	2-1
Sat 11 Nov	Walsall	(A)	0-6
Thu 16 Nov	Notts County (MYFC)	(H)	1-1
Wed 22 Nov	Northampton T. (FAYC)	(A)	1-0
Sat 25 Nov	Aston Villa	(H)	0-1
Sat 2 Dec	Port Vale	(A)	3-1
Sat 16 Dec	Birmingham City	(H)	1-2
Tue 19 Dec	Sheffield United (FAYC)	(H)	1-2
1996			
Sat 6 Jan	Coventry City	(A)	1-4
Sat 13 Jan	Northampton Town	(H)	0-1
Sat 17 Feb	Northampton Town	(A)	1-1
Sat 24 Feb	Notts County	(H)	2-1
Mon 26 Feb	Leicester City	(H)	2-0
Sat 2 Mar	Nottingham Forest	(A)	2-3
Sat 9 Mar	Wolves	(A)	0-1
Sat 16 Mar	Peterborough United	(H)	2-1
Wed 20 Mar	Grimsby Town	(A)	0-1
Sat 23 Mar	Port Vale	(A)	1-0
Sat 30 Mar	Shrewsbury Town	(H)	
Sat 6 Apr	Stoke City	(A)	
Sat 13 Apr	Walsall	(H)	
Sat 20 Apr	Wolves	(H)	
Sat 4 May	Derby County	(H)	
TBA	Birmingham City	(A)	
TBA	Mansfield Town	(H)	

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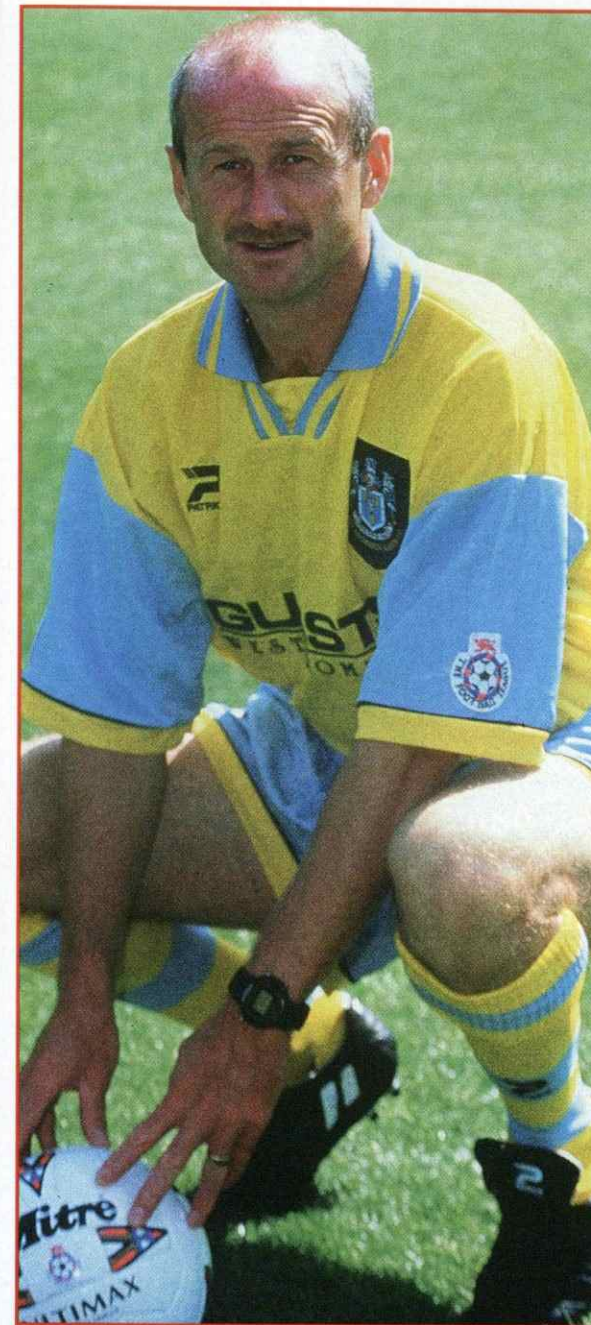
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Coventry City	18	13	2	3	46	27	41
Aston Villa	20	12	4	4	46	21	40
Leicester City	18	11	3	4	58	31	36
Wolves	19	10	5	4	38	29	35
Notts County	18	10	3	5	38	24	33
Birmingham City	17	10	2	5	37	31	32
Nottingham Forest	21	9	3	9	27	26	30
Port Vale	20	9	3	8	32	35	30
Walsall	18	8	5	5	34	27	29
Mansfield Town	17	8	2	7	30	28	26
Stoke City	23	7	5	11	39	44	26
Derby County	21	6	7	8	31	28	25
Peterborough Utd	17	6	4	7	18	27	22
Northampton Town	17	6	2	9	20	23	20
Lincoln City	20	5	5	10	22	33	20
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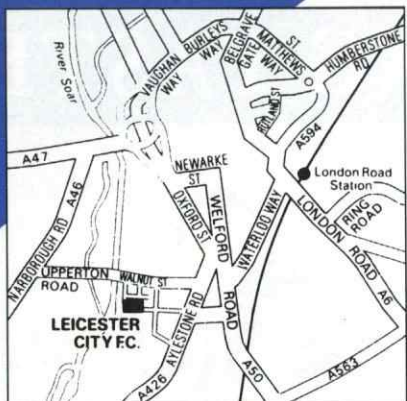
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COMING UP

Our next home game is on Saturday when one of the few teams in this division with little to play for come to the Black Country. The fact that Millwall look certainties for a mid-table position is a bone of contention in South London, given that the Lions topped the table up to the early part of December.

Home Matches

Tickets for all home matches are now on sale for the remainder of the 1995/96 season.

The catalyst for their sudden loss of form was a local derby with Charlton on December 5th, a game that Athletic won 2-0. A 6-0 drubbing at Sunderland followed four days later and Millwall were down to seventh place. Indeed a 2-1 victory at Grimsby in January ended a run of 12 matches without a win. Looking at the Lions away record you see the even statistics that demand a middle of the table placing. They have won at Palace, Grimsby, Port Vale, Portsmouth, Reading and Watford, drawn at Birmingham, Derby, Norwich Oldham and Wolves and lost at Barnsley, Charlton, Leicester, Luton, Sheffield United, Southend, Stoke and of course Sunderland. We must be optimistic of adding to that list given our rather more urgent need of points.

Given the disappointing form in the second half of the season, the main talking point since Christmas at the New Den has been the departure of Mick McCarthy to take charge of the Republic of Ireland international side. He had been in charge since

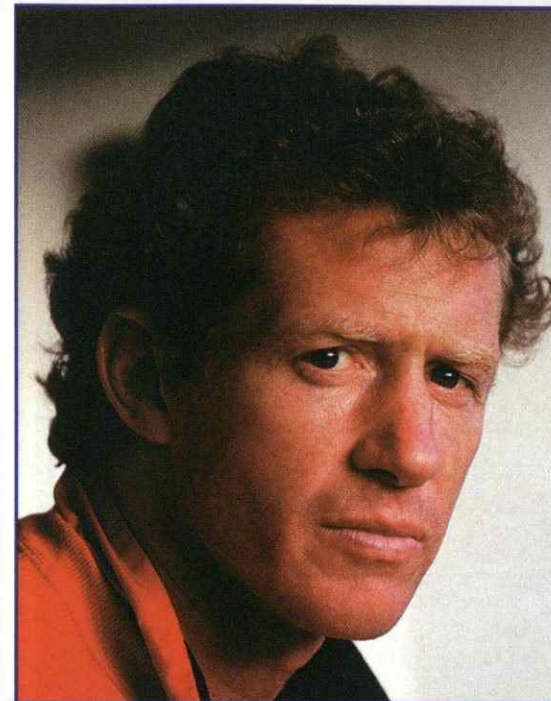


Ben Thatcher

March 1992, when he replaced Bruce Rioch, and had earned his side a reputation for playing attractive football even though they were unable to reclaim the top flight spot they lost in 1990. Clearly he faces a difficult job in trying to follow Jack Charlton, a task made no easier by rumours that he was not first choice for the post. Taking over from him in South London is Jimmy Nicholl, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland star (and one time Baggie) who had been achieving minor miracles at Raith Rovers. The culture shock between Kirkcaldy and New Cross must be quite overwhelming but Nicholl may well use the summer months to make a number of changes to his personnel.

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Players to look out for in the Millwall squad include the American goalkeeper Kasey Keller, one of the division's best, young hopefuls Ben Thatcher and Gerard Lavin and two recent arrivals from Russia, Vassili Kulkov and Sergei Yuran (the man who scored Spartak Moscow's winner at Blackburn earlier in the season). To celebrate the arrival of the two Eastern Europeans, Millwall now sell T-shirts with the words "No-one likes us" in Russian, although their fans have not learnt how to sing this yet. Last season we won this fixture 3-0 so let's hope that the Easter programme starts in similar fashion.

Leicester City — Away Tuesday 9th April

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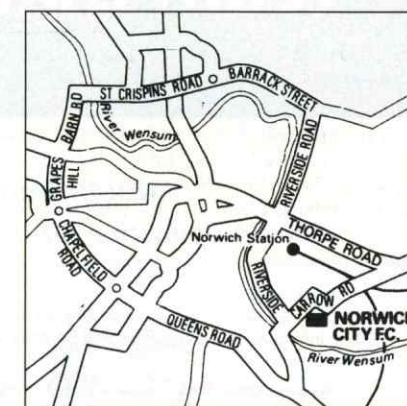
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NO. 22 JOHN KAYE

John 'Yorky' Kaye, born in Goole in 1940, was an out-and-out goalscorer when he first joined Albion for £44,750 from Scunthorpe United in the summer of 1963.

He made his debut against Leicester City on the opening day of the 1963-64 season and the following year teamed up with Jeff Astle. He netted regularly for the Baggies until being switched to a defensive position by manager Alan Ashman in 1968 following an injury to Scotsman Eddie Colquhoun.

From that moment on, until he left The Hawthorns for Hull City in 1971 in a £28,000 deal, 'Yorky' performed supremely well, taking his senior appearance tally with Albion to 361 games and his goals-haul to 54.

A Football League Cup and FA Cup winner with Albion in 1965-66 and 1967-68 respectively, and a League Cup runner-up in 1966-67 and 1969-70, Kaye played once for the Football League representative XI and was twice voted 'Midland Footballer of the Year' in 1966 and 1970.

On his retirement as a player at Boothferry Park in the summer of 1974, he was appointed coach of Hull City, taking over as team manager later in the year. He then became assistant-manager at Scunthorpe United his former club and managed Goole Town in 1979. In 1980 he took over non-League Brigg Town and he is still there albeit in a different capacity — and later this month Kaye will make a return trip to Wembley when Brigg Town play Clitheroe in the FA Carlsberg Vase Final.

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Paul Raven	6	Darren Patterson
Kevin Donovan	7	David Oldfield
Dave Gilbert	8	Scott Oakes
Bob Taylor	9	John Taylor
Andy Hunt	10	Graham Alexander
Ian Hamilton	11	Richard Harvey

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R. Gould



P. Walton

THE REF

John Lloyd is a Local Government Officer and is married with two children. He started his refereeing career in the Welsh National League in 1973 before moving onto the Northern Premier League and Football League Line in 1981/82. He was promoted to a Football League referee in 1985/86 and was a FIFA referee from 1984 to 1994. His hobbies include cricket, golf and gardening.

TODAY'S MASCOT

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