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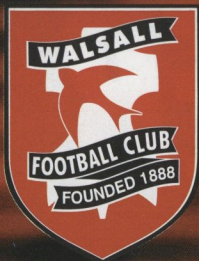
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# BESGOT BEAT

Roy Whalley brings you all the latest club news....



**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR MATCHBALL SPONSOR – PJ ARNOLD LTD.**

Today we welcome back a company that have given us a lot of support in the past, PJ Arnold Ltd.

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A warm welcome to Paul and Tracy Arnold, and their guests. We hope that you enjoy your day here at Bescot Stadium.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR MATCHDAY MASCOTS – PAUL TONKS & DANIEL STEVENS**

We welcome two mascots for today's game, Paul Tonks and Daniel Stevens, who are both sponsored by Albany Property and Construction Services from Great Wyrley.

Paul is 10 years old and attends Moat Hall Primary School. He enjoys playing football for Magnetti Marelli Junior under-11's and is a keen member of The Junior Saddlers. Jimmy Walker is his favourite player.

10 year-old Daniel Stevens also attends Moat Hall Primary School. He is also a football enthusiast and plays for both his school team and Magnetti Marelli under-11's. Leading scorer, Andy Rammell is his top Saddlers star.

We hope that both boys enjoy their special day.

Thank you for your support this afternoon. Roy Whalley



## CUP FRENZY – BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF TODAY'S MATCH

Tuesday evening will be a huge occasion in the history of Walsall FC.

Every Saddlers supporter wants to follow the team to Wembley Stadium.

However, we also want promotion to the first division and we have a very good chance of achieving that ambition this season.

All that matters today is to pick up three points in order to strengthen our promotion challenge.

Forget Millwall. Put Wembley out of your mind. Treat today's game as the most important game of the season. Only when it is over should we start to turn to matters at The New Den this coming Tuesday.

One game at a time, that has to be our approach for the remainder of the season and may prove to be the best way to keep both our promotion and Wembley dreams alive....

## TRAVEL PLANS FOR MILLWALL

Tuesday evening's Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area Final 1st leg at Millwall is an 'all-ticket' affair, with a capacity crowd expected. Our allocation is just 2,000 and ticket prices are £11.00p for adults and £5.00p for juniors.

Remaining tickets can be purchased from Bescot Stadium and The Football Shop. Please do not travel to Millwall without a ticket. There will be no cash turnstiles and no tickets sold on the day of the game.

A £75.00p Executive Package is available including pullman coach travel, three-course meal, match programme, half-time refreshments, access to licensed bar facilities and a cushioned executive seat for the match.

For those who would like to enjoy a good meal before you travel, we are serving a three-course carvery meal in The Bonser Suite for just £10.00p from 1.00pm on Tuesday, leaving you with plenty of time to catch your coaches or travel independently to Millwall.

And if you can't make it to The New Den on Tuesday, remember that you can keep up-to-date with all the events throughout the evening as they happen on Walsall ClubCall 0891-555 800.

## THE NIGHT OF DESTINY

If we are going to get to Wembley it will be great to do it in front of our own fans. We have just that chance on Tuesday, March 16th with the second leg of our Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area Final tie.

I have painful memories of the scenes at Dean Court last season when AFC Bournemouth fans celebrated their victory over ourselves which clinched their Wembley place.

Perhaps this time it will be our turn to celebrate. Make no mistake there will be a full house. The atmosphere will be electric, the stakes will be high.

The match will be 'all-ticket', with any remaining tickets available from Bescot Stadium and The Football Shop. There will be no cash turnstiles or tickets sold on the day of the game.

Admission rates have been pegged at usual first-team advance ticket prices.

A £35.00p package is available which includes car parking, four-course meal, match programme, centre stand ticket, cup of tea at half-time and access to licensed bar facilities.

## BLACKPOOL GAME 'ALL-TICKET'

We visit Blackpool on Easter Saturday, April 3rd. You do not need to be a clairvoyant to recognise that there will

be a mass exodus of Walsall fans to this game, many of whom will seek to make a weekend of it.

On grounds of spectator safety and in order to prevent wasted journeys, we fully support the decision made by Blackpool FC to make this fixture 'all-ticket'.

Walsall have received an allocation of 2,240 tickets for the game. These are all terrace tickets, for the Kop and East Paddock sections of the Bloomfield Road ground. Admission prices are £10.00p for adults and £5.00p for senior citizens and juniors under the age of 16.

These tickets will be on sale to season-ticket holders only until Friday, March 12th and thereafter available for general sale.

## 50/50 DRAW

Results of the 50/50 Matchday Draw Competition for the match against Chesterfield on Saturday, February 20th were as follows:

1st PRIZE: £268.90p, No: 2110,  
WINNER: Samantha Jones, Wednesfield.  
2nd PRIZE: £25.00p, No: 1530,  
WINNER: Phil Baker, Great Wyrley.  
3rd PRIZE: £25.00p, No: 1801,  
WINNER: Not yet claimed.

The competition continues today. Tickets are 50p each, and will be on sale inside and outside the stadium. Results are announced at half-time, and winnings can be collected from the Reception Office immediately after the game.

## BIG GAME AT BESGOT ON WEDNESDAY

Bescot Stadium is host to the British Universities Cup Final on Wednesday, March 10th (kick-off 7.30pm).

This year the two finalists are the University of Manchester and the University of Luton. Admission is £3.00p.

## SADDLERS YOUTH TEAM EARN PLACE IN PREMIER DIVISION

Walsall's youth team, enjoying a fine season in League and Cup competitions, finished second in the Midlands Conference section of The Football League Youth Alliance.

This means that they will now play the remainder of the season in the Premier Division of The Football League Youth Alliance, competing against the likes of Wolves, WBA, Sheffield United and Preston North End.

The young Saddlers play their home games at Aston University Recreation Centre, on the A34 Birmingham Road. Games have an 11.00am kick-off.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR MATCH SPONSOR – HALLMARK LTD.

Today's Match Sponsors, Hallmark Ltd. have been playing a very important role on behalf of Walsall FC for the past five seasons.

They are the company that provide the Walsall FC team coach and have given a faultless service throughout this period.

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While the company is based in Luton and their official party is likely to have some divided loyalties today, their local base is in Coleshill.

A warm welcome to Brian Foster and his colleagues and guests for today's game. We hope that you have an enjoyable afternoon with us.



# BESGOT BEAT

## KEATES CLAIMS HIS MATCH PRIZE

Pictured below we see Dean Keates picking up his prize after being named as MATCH Magazine's Division Two Matchman of the Month for January.

Kevin Hughes was on hand to present the award on behalf of the top selling weekly football magazine just prior to our last home game against Chesterfield.

MATCH Managing Editor, Chris Hunt sums up the value of the award; "You can't really have one flash game, score a couple of goals and win this award. You've really got to earn it the hard way by grinding out a series of consistent performances. That's just what Dean Keates has been doing - and he's weighed in with a few goals too!"

Well done, Deano here's to many more!....



## SPECIAL DAY FOR JULIE

Walsall FC Operations Manager, Julie Callaghan is seen here with a bouquet of flowers presented to her as she celebrated her Birthday at our last home game.

Unfortunately, Julie wouldn't tell us how old she was but we hope that you had a great day nonetheless....



## 12 YEARS AND COUNTING FOR MR & MRS RAMMELL

Someone else with a reason to celebrate at the Chesterfield game was star striker, Andy Rammell. Not only did the big man bag our equalising goal but the following day he and his wife Wendy celebrated their 12th Wedding Anniversary.

Here we see Andy and Wendy along with children Liam and Kayley.

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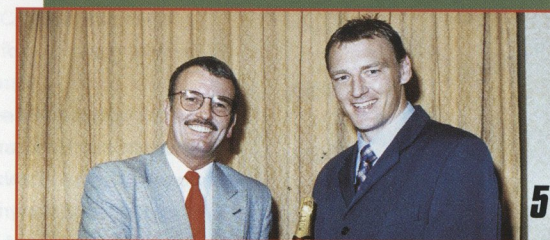
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# PRESENTATION TIME....



1) Dean Keates picks up his Man of the Match prize from Match Sponsors for the Wigan game, Banks's Brewery. 2) The guests of Banks's were certainly in high spirits and buried within this lot is a rather nervous Dean as he presented them with their signed Walsall FC football. 3) Matchball Sponsors, Kirton Healthcare Group were a little more gentle with Dean as he presented them with their Walsall FC football! 4) It was next stop The Swifts Club for Dean as he claimed his second Man of the Match prize. 5) Andy Rammell was voted Man of the Match by Match Sponsors for the Chesterfield game, Choice Personnel. Steve Salt is seen handing over his prize. 6) Andy joins the guests of Choice Personnel. 7) It was also Rambo's day in The Swifts Club where he was on hand to carry home the Banks's

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Manager Ray Graydon shares his thoughts....

# BOSS TALK

*"We have some very big matches on the horizon, but for the time being at least it is vital that we keep any thoughts of the Auto Windscreens Shield and Wembley out of our minds until we have done a professional job this afternoon."*

*Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to today's game which, like all matches between now and the end of the season is another important one for us. After last Saturday's disappointing display at Notts County it is essential that we bounce back with a better performance and more importantly three points.*

I would like to bid a warm welcome to everyone connected with Luton Town Football Club, especially Lennie Lawrence, a manager whom I have a great deal of respect for. Lennie is an experienced man who has done a fine job at whatever club he's been involved with. He likes to see his teams get the ball down and play good football, something which I am trying to do here, so by all accounts it should be a good quality game this afternoon.

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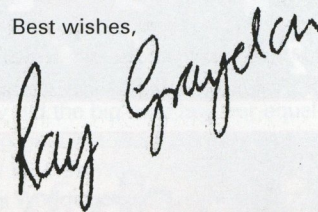
It was disappointing last Saturday to see too many of our players give a level of performance which was well below what they have achieved generally this season. Today I will be looking to see our professionalism come to the fore as we attempt to get back to winning ways on home soil.

Again I would like to take the opportunity to stress the importance of getting rid of the swearing on the terraces. It is not an easy task I know, but if you could come up with some chants of a non-swearing nature that would be great.

I would like to thank Gary Porter for everything that he has done for this club during his time with us. I know that he was not always a favourite with the fans but he was a true professional with an outstanding attitude both on and off the pitch. The opportunity for him to move on was right for both of us and I am sure that I speak for you all when I wish him well as he faces a completely different challenge at the wrong end of The Football League with Scarborough.

Enjoy the game this afternoon and I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Millwall on Tuesday evening.

Best wishes,



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Calls charged at 50p per minute at all times



# SETTING THE SCENE

*After grinding out three more valuable points at Northampton, it was disappointing that we couldn't do something similar at another of the division's struggling clubs, Notts County in our next game last Saturday.*

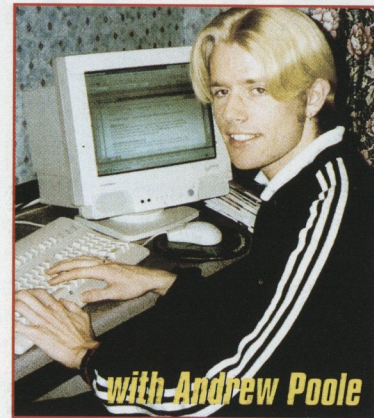
After getting our noses in front during the first half we failed to go on and kill the game off and County hit us with two killer blows in the final 15 minutes which sent the large and vociferous Saddlers following home unhappy.

Our game at Northampton gave us a first glimpse of new Icelandic signing Siggí Eiyólfsson who came on at the start of the second half and showed one or two nice touches before being withdrawn near the end as we looked to hold on for the points. Like Darko Mavrak, Siggí will need time to settle in so hopefully he will get it and go on to prove a key figure in our bid to claim a memorable promotion and Auto Windscreens Shield 'double'.

There was another debut at Notts County as Colin Cramb made his first appearance after signing on loan from first division Bristol City. Cramb is a big bustling striker who should form a strong forward line with Andy Rammell.

Luton come into today's game locked in mid-table but on the back of a 1-0 triumph over Blackpool last weekend. Their side is full of youthful exuberance and as such we will need to stay focused if we are to pick up our first three points on home soil since the 2-1 defeat of Gillingham back on January 9th.

March is going to be a massive month for this club so let's start as we mean to go on by getting behind the lads right from the off and roaring us on to another victory.



with Andrew Poole

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# SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

## THE JOHN WILSON MEMORIAL SHOW

This will take place in The Saddlers Club on Thursday, April 1st commencing at 8.00pm.

It was on January 10th 1947 that John first became a member of the then Supporters Club committee and for the following 50 years he worked continually for The Supporters Club and Walsall Football Club. During those years he held the positions of assistant secretary, general secretary and entertainments secretary of The Supporters Club. He died on October 8th last year and in his memory The Concert Hall will be known as The John Wilson Suite on and after April 1st when a sign denoting this will be unveiled.

At least six top line artists will appear in the show for which tickets are priced at £5.00p each and can be obtained from the duty doorman as soon as possible.

At the request of Mr. Robin Wilson, John's son, all proceeds will be donated to The Mary Elliott School.

## COACHES TO AWAY MATCHES

Coach tickets to the forthcoming important away matches at Millwall on March 9th (Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area Final 1st Leg) and March 13th (Nationwide League Division Two) and the trip up to Blackpool on April 3rd are now on sale from The Travel Office at the rear of The Saddlers Club. The tickets will be on sale today and Tuesday & Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. The Travel Secretaries can be contacted at the abovementioned times by telephone on 01922-632 9240.

## ATTRACTIONS AT THE SADDLERS CLUB

This evening - The Ivy League Show. Commence 8.00pm. Very few tickets remaining at a price of £6.00p each.

Tomorrow - Soul band show with 'Committed' plus one-house bingo. 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Admission £3.00p.

Monday, March 8th - Ballroom dancing to 'The Breeze and I' (live band). 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Admission £1.00p.

Wednesday, March 10th - Line Dancing. 8.00pm - 11.00pm. Admission £2.00p.

Friday, March 12th - Tea Dance. 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Admission 75p.

Saturday, March 13th - Disco night with 'Pegasus Disco'. 7.30pm - 11.00pm. Admission £2.00p.

Sunday, March 14th - Cabaret Show with Bobby Diamond (comedian), Paul Lane (vocalist), resident duo & MC. Commence 8.00pm. Admission £2.50p.

Bernard Johnston

Thursday, May 13th 1999  
**THE BERNARD MANNING SHOW**  
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# COMMERCIAL NEWS

## THE BONSER SUITE - THE IDEAL VENUE FOR YOUR NEXT FAMILY CELEBRATION

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### CABARET NEWS

The Bonser Suite is the only venue in the area where you can enjoy a drink and a meal, and watch top stars perform in salubrious surroundings.

There are two big Cabaret Nights booked for The Bonser Suite in March and April.

**Thursday, March 11th** - The UK's top rhythm 'n' blues band, King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys are back in town. The band were formed in Walsall and have gone on to achieve national and international acclaim. Tickets are £9.50p or £25.00p to include a four-course meal.

**Friday, April 9th** - Britain's top cabaret act, The Grumbleweeds will be back at Bescot. They proved a huge success in The Bonser Suite in December and are sure to attract another full house.

Tickets are £13.00p or £25.00p to include a four-course meal. **Tickets for Cabaret Nights at Bescot Stadium can be purchased from Mike Lloyd Music, Queen Square, Wolverhampton - 01902-423 939, Bescot Stadium - 01922-651 412 or The Football Shop - 01922-613 356.**

### BESCOT DIARY FOR MARCH 1999

If you enjoy a good meal, and like to be entertained by some of the top names in sport and showbusiness, then make a date for Bescot in March.

There are some superb dinner shows to choose from.

**Friday, March 19th** - the Beacon Football League are staging a Dinner Show featuring former Coventry City FA Cup-winning manager and TV personality, John Sillett, with comedian Sid Tate. Tickets are £25.00p.

**Tuesday, March 23rd** - Walsall Rotary Club are holding a Dinner Show featuring top TV comedian and gameshow host, Don McLean. Tickets are £30.00p.

**Thursday, March 25th** - Walsall FC present one of our famous sporting dinners with fabulous entertainer Eddie Large plus former Manchester City and England star, Mike Summerbee. Tickets are £25.00p.

**All prices are inclusive of a delicious meal. You can book places at any of these events by telephone, with credit card, on 01922-651 410 or 01922-651 412.**

## BOOK NOW FOR MOTHERS DAY

Mothers Day is next Sunday, March 14th. If you are looking to give your Mum and the rest of the family a special treat why not bring her along to The Bonser Suite at Bescot Stadium for a very special 'Mothers Day' carvery lunch.

The price is £14.95p per person and that includes a gift for Mum.

To reserve places please call Carol Deakin on 01922-651 418 or 01922-651 420.

## BIG DISCOUNTS IN THE FOOTBALL SHOP

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# WALSALL WELCOMES



**Luton Town FC 1998/99. Back Row (left to right): Dwight Marshall (now Plymouth Argyle), Terry Sweeney, Richard Clarke, Mathew Spring, Emerson Boyce, Steve Augustine, Gavin McGowan, Russel Lawes, Stuart Fraser, Stuart Douglas, Jimmy Cox, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett. Middle Row (left to right): Clive Goodyear, Paul Lowe, Cherry Newberry, Andrew Fotiadis, Simon Davies (now Macclesfield Town), Paul Showler, Gary Doherty, Alan White, Kelvin Davis, Nathan Abbey, Julian James, Chris Willmott, Paul McLaren, Graham Alexander, Lee Lough, Les Shannon, Mandy Mallins, John Moore. Front Row (left to right): Liam George, Phil Gray, Steve Davis (now Burnley), Chris Green, David Kohler, Lennie Lawrence, Cliff Bassett, Nigel Terry, Mitchell Thomas, Marvin Johnson, Sean Evers.**

## LUTON LOOK TO BREAK FREE FROM MID-TABLE MIRE

Currently marooned in the mid-table mire, it has been another season of sheer frustration for Luton Town, a club who during the 1980's were regular members of the top flight and enjoyed two consecutive League Cup Final appearances in 1988 and 1989 – lifting the trophy in the former.

After last season's ultimately successful battle against the dreaded drop it was hoped that lessons could be learned this time around, but although The Hatters currently sit some ten points clear of the relegation zone, recent form would tend to suggest that Lennie Lawrence and his boys have some sleepless nights ahead between now and the end of the season.

On home soil they have won seven and lost five of their opening 15 League games – with ourselves being the first side to take home all three points courtesy of Andy Rammell's late winner back in September. Their last two appearances in front of the Kenilworth

Road faithful have seen them firstly allow struggling Notts County to go home with maximum points for only the third time this season before they registered a narrow 1-0 win over Blackpool last Saturday with Stuart Douglas notching the all-important goal.

Away form has also been nothing to really shout about with seven defeats and four wins – against Burnley (2-1), Fulham (3-1), Wigan Athletic (3-1) and Wycombe Wanderers (1-0) – from 16 games. Goalscoring however hasn't been a problem away from home, and the 21 goals that they have bagged to date is bettered only by Preston North End in the whole of the division.

With injuries and poor form combining to make it a miserable time on the pitch, there are also unsettling events occurring off the field with a recent fire-bomb attack on the home of Chairman, David Kohler leading to him announcing his intention to resign. Plans for a move to a new stadium have also recently been rejected.

In a similar vein to their League position, The Hatters are also stuck in the middle of the attendance and disciplinary league tables. They have an average attendance of 5,495, which is slightly better than ours, whilst they have picked up 49 yellow and five red cards so far.

## INTRODUCING THE HATTERS

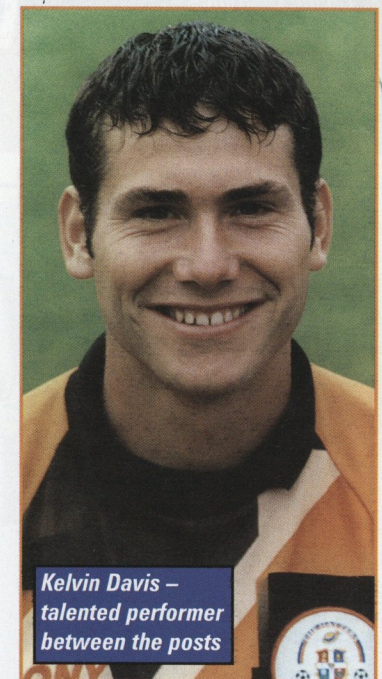
In goal, young KELVIN DAVIS won the battle to become first choice last season with some mature displays between the posts. A product of the Luton Town youth development programme, he has won England Under-21 caps and at 22 years of age he has some seemingly good years ahead of him in the game. Waiting in the wings is NATHAN ABBEY, an imposing young 'keeper who sampled his first taste of first-team action last season and has been called upon a few times this term.

In defence, GARY DOHERTY is a big and brave centre-half, who is also capable of filling in at centre forward as and when required. However it is the 19 year-old's defensive qualities which impressed everyone as he progressed through the youth ranks at Kenilworth Road. Capped at youth level by the Republic of Ireland. SEAN DYCHE is a vastly experienced defender who arrived from Bristol City in January to fill the gap left by Steve Davis who made a big-money return to Burnley. Dyche is best known for his time as the rock at the back for Chesterfield whom he helped reach the FA Cup semi-final in 1997, however his time at Ashton Gate was hampered by injury and now he is happy to be back playing regular first-team football. STUART FRASER is a stylish defender who skippered Luton's successful youth side last term. An outstanding prospect, the club are slowly but surely introducing him into the first-team frame. One of the most loyal players to grace a Luton shirt is JULIAN JAMES. The talented right-back has been a regular member of the side for the last decade, making his debut as an 18 year-old. Given a richly

deserved testimonial, the former England Under-21 man unfortunately broke his leg last April and is still on the comeback trail. MARVIN JOHNSON is a versatile defender who, like Julian James, has given good service to the club over the years. A one-club man, he has skippered the side this season and is a very well respected figure. GAVIN MCGOWAN made a permanent move to Kenilworth Road in June 1998 after two previous loan spells. Struggling to break into the first-team frame at Arsenal, he was quickly snapped up by Lennie Lawrence and the youngster has showed signs of promise. MITCHELL THOMAS is a player overflowing with experience. A tough, no-nonsense figure, he was appointed player-coach at the start of the season at the club where he launched his career before following former manager, David Pleat to Tottenham Hotspur and then linking up with West Ham in 1991. Returned to The Hatters on a free transfer in 1994 keen to restore former glories to the club. ALAN WHITE is an accomplished player whose game has continued to develop. Picked up for a bargain £40,000 from Middlesbrough to ease an injury crisis which was sweeping through Kenilworth Road early in the 1997/98 campaign, he has proved to be an astute capture by Lennie Lawrence who knows the player well after signing him as a 17 year-old whilst in charge of Middlesbrough.

In midfield, GRAHAM ALEXANDER is a versatile performer who can also fill in a more defensive role. The £100,000 signing from Scunthorpe United in 1995 has gone on to serve Luton well with some spirited displays down the right-hand side, weighing in

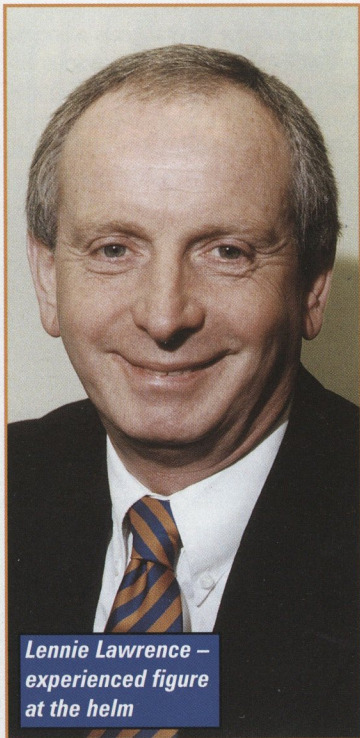
with a number of vital goals along the way. SEAN EVERS is a tenacious battler who has progressed through the ranks to earn a regular place in the side. Coping extremely well with the rigors of first-team football since coming into the side over the course of last season, the 21 year-old has a bright future ahead of him. RAY MCKINNON is a player of undoubted ability who is trying his luck in the English game for a second time after a previous unsuccessful spell with Nottingham Forest. The former Scotland Under-21 international has served both Dundee United and Aberdeen in the top flight, so he has the necessary experience and know-how in the middle of the park. MICHAEL McINDOE is a left-sided midfielder who was thrust into first-team duty early on in the season after



**Kelvin Davis – talented performer between the posts**

# LUTON TOWN





**Lennie Lawrence** –  
experienced figure  
at the helm

EW SPRING is a competitive midfielder who made his Hatters debut as a 17 year-old in September 1997. Highly regarded by the Luton management, he will no doubt have an important role to play in the side over the months and years ahead.

In attack, JIMMY COX is an old-fashioned winger who is not afraid to take his marker on. Another member of Luton's highly successful youth side of last season, he made his first-team breakthrough earlier this season and should expect more opportunities between now and the end of the campaign. STUART DOUGLAS is a pacey striker who has a tremendous scoring record at both youth and reserve team level. Sadly his opportunities were limited last term due to injury, but he has been a regular face in the side this time around. ANDREW FOTIADIS is another local lad who has broke through into the side. Gaining England Schoolboy honours, he is an old-style centre forward who rattles opposition defences with his rugged and determined style. LIAM GEORGE is a speedy forward who has very good skill on the ball. A regular on the scoresheet at both youth and reserve level, he has been unable to stake a claim for a regular first-team berth after breaking a leg shortly after getting into the first-team. Capped at youth level by the Republic of Ireland. PHIL GRAY is a much-loved figure on the Kenilworth Road terraces. Now in his second spell at the club, his career has taken him to Tottenham Hotspur, Sunderland, Nancy in the French league and Fortuna Sittard in Holland. Recalled to the Northern Ireland squad last November after a productive spell in front of goal for The Hatters. ANDRE SCARLETT made a dream debut against Oldham Athletic

injuries opened the way for him into the side. Grabbing his chance with both hands, the 18 year-old should carve out a good career for himself in the game if he continues to progress in the same vein. PAUL McLAREN is another player to have come up through the ranks, being offered a professional contract at just 17 years of age. A forceful and attack-minded player, he is a regular member of the side. PAUL SHOWLER has suffered greatly at the hands of injury during his Luton Town career. An attacking midfielder, who is more comfortable on the left-hand side, he helped Barnet during their early Football League days before linking up with Lennie Lawrence for the first time at Bradford City. An honest and hard-working performer. MATH-

in October, when the Brent-born youngster came on as a substitute to score the clinching goal. A tricky player who is very much in Lennie Lawrence's long-term plans. L'ANDRY ZAHANA-ONI arrived at the club in January after impressing whilst turning out for non-League Bromley. An exciting left winger, he is a French national who had six years with Le Havre before coming over to try his luck in Britain. Spending eight months up in Scotland with Strirling Albion prior to moving to Bromley, he cost Luton £2,500 with more installments to follow based upon appearances.

**AT THE HELM – LENNIE LAWRENCE**

With the club having invested heavily in new players but still struggling in the League, it was decided that an experienced manager was required to steady the ship and so in the Autumn of 1995 Lennie Lawrence was appointed into the hot-seat.

A non-League player who gave service to Croydon, Carshalton and Sutton United, his managerial career commenced as assistant boss at Plymouth Argyle and then Lincoln City. He went to Charlton Athletic initially as reserve coach before landing the top job and making his mark by guiding the unfashionable London club into the top flight and keeping them there for four years. He then guided Middlesbrough into the top flight before moving on to Bradford City where he stayed for 18 months before accepting the challenge at Luton within weeks of moving out of Valley Parade.

With a very young, up-and-coming squad at his disposal, it is hoped that he can lead them along the right lines to produce a fruitful future for Luton Town Football Club.

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**WALSALL:** Walker, Marsh, Pointon, Keates, Viveash, Roper, Wrack, Watson (Brissett), Rammell, Larusson, Mavrak. Subs not used: Evans, Thomas.

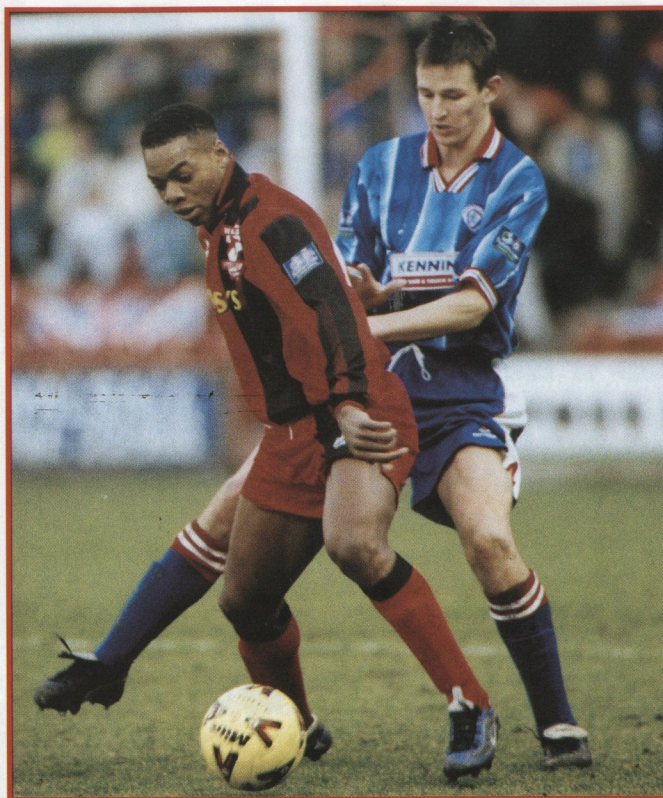
**CHESTERFIELD:** Mercer, Perkins, Nicholson, Curtis, Williams, Breckin, Howard, Holland, Reeves, Ebdon, Beaumont. Subs not used: Blatherwick, Wilkinson, Lee.

ATTENDANCE: 5,268.

After two successive League wins on the road, The Saddlers went into the game fully expecting to take another three points from a side who had only tasted victory on two occasions away from Saltergate.

However, Chesterfield's direct and robust style unsettled The Saddlers in the opening period and it came as little surprise when Mark Williams bundled home following a corner after just 11 minutes. The Spireites proceeded to have the better of the first half but just on the stroke of half-time Andy Rammell met a Darko Mavrak cross with a classic far post header to send the sides in at the break on level terms.

Walsall lost the services of Andy Watson with a groin injury on the half-hour mark and his replacement, Jason Brissett played his part in a much better second half display which saw visiting 'keeper, Billy Mercer come to the fore with a string of fine saves to frustrate the home faithful.



Brissett keeps his marker at bay by cunningly shielding the ball

Adrian Viveash thrusts himself into the thick of the action



New-boy Darko Mavrak brushes aside the attentions of Chesterfield's Tom Curtis

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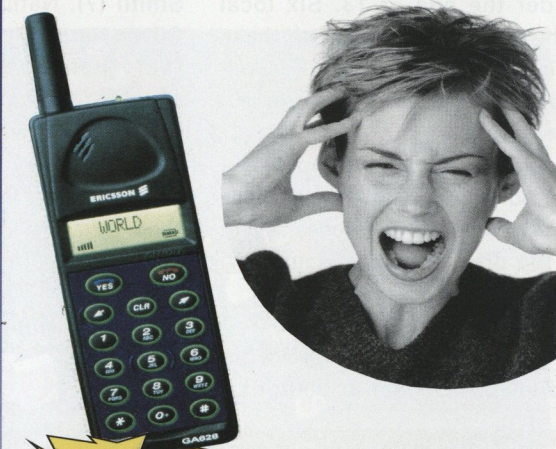
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

with Mick Kearns & Billy Bescot



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## GIRLS FINAL TAKES PLACE TODAY

Last Wednesday we held a six-a-side tournament especially for girls under the age of 13. Six local schools were represented, these being; Pool Hayes, Barr Beacon, Alumwell, Willenhall, Aldridge and Sneyd.

The Final of the competition, sponsored by Adidas Predator, will be played on the pitch today as part of the pre-match entertainment. Good luck to those involved.

## BALL BOYS

Today's ball boys are from Woodlands School in Bedford. I

hope that they had a good journey and enjoy the game this afternoon.

## JUNIOR SADDLERS BIRTHDAYS

Junior Saddlers members celebrating Birthdays recently are as follows: **Matthew Fereday (9)**, **Matthew Hearsey (8)**, **Paula Thompson (13)**, **Anil Kumar-Kattri (9)**, **Matthew Allen (14)**, **Adele Gould (9)**, **Jason Allmark (9)**, **Jack Smith (7)**, **Nathan Buckley (10)**, **Oliver Hannah (10)**, **Helen Banks (12)**, **Richard Swann (11)** and **Martin Robinson (10)**.

Birthday wishes go out to each and every one of you from everyone at Walsall Football Club.

*I hope that all junior supporters enjoy this afternoon's match.*

Mick Kearns

As part of their Birthday Treat, a number of youngsters have been on the pitch prior to recent games to receive their autographed Walsall FC footballs. Here we see Lee Hardwick, Jon Chadwick and Robert Preston all with Andy Rammell, whilst Dean Partridge opted for Dean Keates as his Saddlers hero.



As reported in the last issue, young Katie Ford will be representing the club in a competition which gives the winner the opportunity to put a sporting question to The Prime Minister. Here we see Katie with Ray Graydon.

## JUNIOR SADDLERS GALLERY

Here are The Junior Saddlers members who have celebrated recent Birthdays....



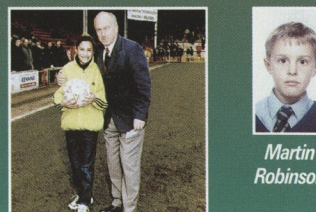
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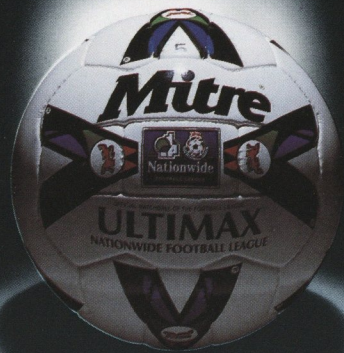


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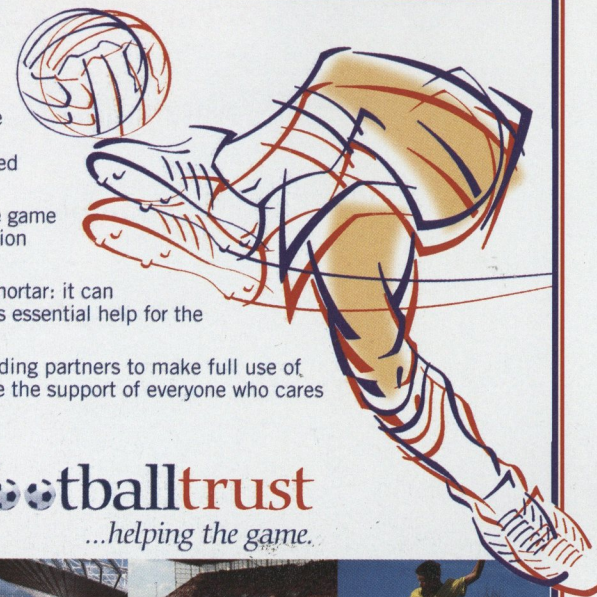
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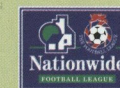


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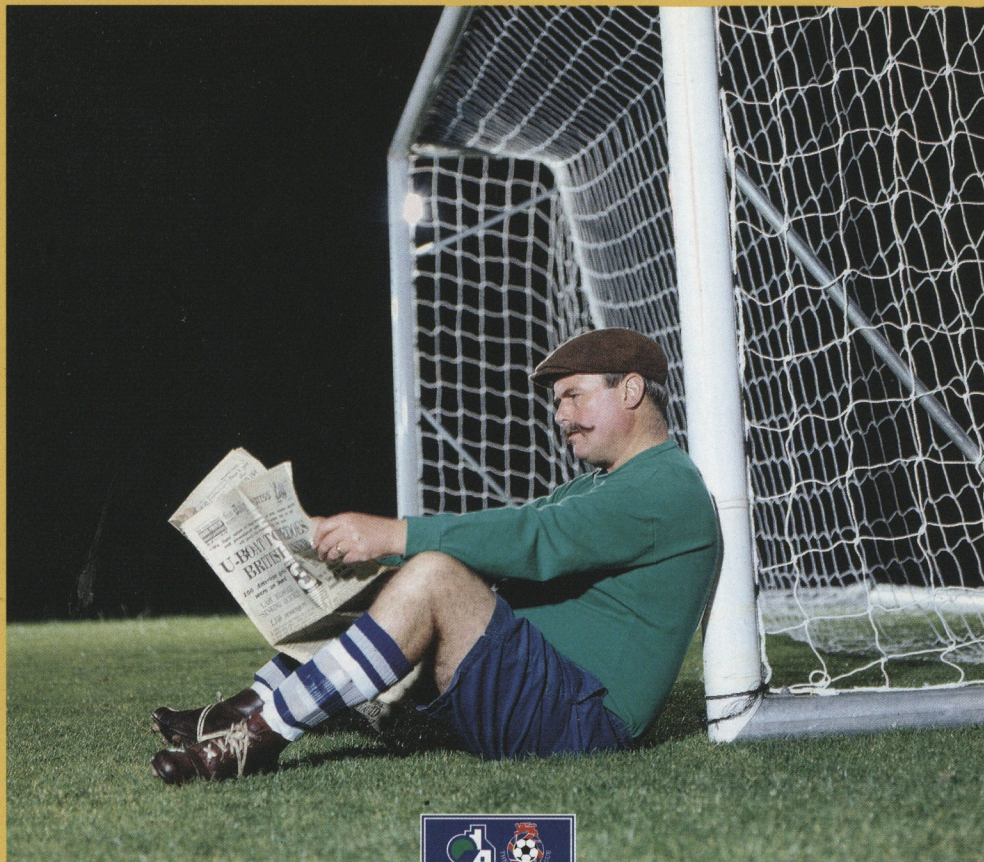


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# THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

*Geoff Allman  
takes a  
trip down  
memory lane....*

## THE GOOD

*Walsall 4 Luton Town 0  
Division Three, December 14th 1963*

This game was played mid-way through our first season back in the old Division Three after we had been relegated alongside Luton in the previous May. We were at the time in mid-table with Luton several places below us as they battled to avoid being sucked into a relegation battle.

Before the start of the game the new 'Saddlers Song' was played over the loudspeaker. The lyrics went something like this; 'Up, up The Saddlers.... there's a job to be done.... there's a game to be played.... there's a match to be won.'

The 3,800 present were maybe too cold to do much singing, but they soon warmed up and found their voices as we tested former England 'keeper Ron Baynham several times in the opening minutes before finally taking the lead mid-way through the first half.

It was a real textbook move as Ken Hodgkisson wrong-footed the defence with a perfectly weighted ball and Ray Wiggin timed his run superbly to flick the ball into the net. By half-time it was 2-0 as Wiggin's shot was blocked by Baynham and as Trevor Foster followed up his shot appeared to be going wide before it hit Gordon Fincham and found the net.

Soon after the break it was 3-0 as Hodgkisson moved out to the right wing, shook off a challenge by John Bramwell and crossed perfectly for Wiggin to

head home. As the crowd chanted 'we want six!' we did at least manage to grab another goal as George Meek crossed to the far post where Trevor Foster was on hand to hurl himself forward and score with a spectacular diving header. There were still 20 minutes left on the clock but we couldn't add to our score.

Alas we did not show the same sort of form again that season and ended the campaign just two points clear of relegation. Luton meanwhile finished two points above ourselves.

**WALSALL:** White, Roper, Sharples, Palin, McPherson, Wills, Meek, Matthews, Wiggin, Hodgkisson, Foster.

**LUTON TOWN:** Baynham, Morton, Bramwell, Pacey, Fincham, McGuffie, Fairchild, Smith, Turner, Reid, McKechnie.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,863.

## THE BAD

*Walsall 0 Luton Town 1  
Division Three (south), March 21st 1931*

Though we began this game third from bottom of Division Three (south), whilst Luton were sixth from top, we had hopes of getting vital points to keep us out of the danger zone as we had taken a point from Kenilworth Road in the previous November and we had beaten fifth place Crystal Palace in our previous home game.

We began brightly enough in the opening minutes. Jackie Barnes mis-kicked when well placed, then John Bartley fully extended visiting 'keeper George Harford with a couple of low shots. For all our pressure we

looked in danger on the occasions when Luton broke and we owed much to Tom Godfrey for a last-ditch clearance after George McNestry had beaten Charlie Houldey.

The second half began badly when Bartley was injured in our first attack. He was off the field for some time and never in fact played for the first-team again. Soon after his injury Luton scored the winning goal when Bob Bryce crossed from the left for Buster Brown to turn the ball home.

We continued to dominate the play after that but couldn't find a way through. Then to put a lid on a truly frustrating day a Barnes cross found the injured Bartley right in front of goal, his weak header seemed to have been forced over the line with the referee ready to blow for full-time, however Harford managed to grab the ball and clear. Despite our protests the referee failed to award a goal and duly blew for the final whistle.

**WALSALL:** John, Walters, Houlday, Godfrey, W. Bradford, Archer, Parle, Bartley, Mays, Eyres, Barnes.

**LUTON TOWN:** Harford, Kingham, Hodgson, Clark, Richards, Fraser, Heslop, McNestry, Brown, Rennie, Bryce.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,937.

## THE UGLY

*Walsall 2 Luton Town 3  
Division Two, March 28th 1998*

It was almost a year ago that we disappointed our fans by failing to take even a point from a Luton side who came here under a relegation shadow with

only Southend United below them.

A week earlier both clubs had made loan signings but while Gijsbert Bos, our new man from Rotherham United, did not even make the substitutes bench, Luton's loanee from Tottenham Hotspur, Rory Allen, not only started the game but laid on the opening goal after 35 minutes when he chipped the ball in from the right for David Oldfield to bag his seventh goal of the campaign.

We began the second half on a livelier note with Michael Ricketts on for Clive Platt and after 52 minutes we were level as Adrian Viveash powered home a header from a Dean Keates

corner. Our fans now looked for us to take control of the game, but we were rocked back just six minutes later as Oldfield beat Ian Roper only to see his shot cannon off the post and fall nicely into the path of Rory Allen who gratefully accepted the chance to notch his first goal for Luton.

Roger Boli desperately looked for what would be his first goal since that memorable FA Cup tie at Old Trafford two months earlier. Twice he went close as we piled on the pressure, but we were caught on the break and with 73 minutes gone Oldfield set up Dwight Marshall for the latter to round Jimmy Walker and stroke the ball into an empty net.

# THEY PLAYED JUST ONCE

*Geoff Allman continues his look  
at the Walsall one-game  
wonders....*

Paul Coton was one of those players who graduated via our reserve team ranks to make his first-team debut as a teenager. It seemed that he had a substantial Football League career before him, however those of us who were at Fellows Park on April 8th 1967 were to see what was not only his first ever Football League game but also his last.

Born in Birmingham in 1949 he came to us as an apprentice and after some impressive reserve team games in The Football Combination against the likes of Arsenal and Chelsea, he signed professional on his 18th Birthday in February 1967.

He seemed to be going from strength to strength not only as a well-built right flank defender but also as a most useful attacking force when going up for set pieces.

It was no surprise therefore when he came into our first-team number two shirt to take over from Frank Gregg who had pulled a groin muscle in an unhappy 5-1 defeat at Colchester a week earlier. Shrewsbury Town were our opponents for Paul's debut. They were on the edge of the promotion race at the time and decided to put Paul through his paces by switching tricky winger Trevor Meredith to the left wing. Paul was beaten once or twice but kept battling away in a goalless first half.

Within a minute the determination of Viveash pulled us back into it as his header was stabbed home by Didier Tholot. Sadly we couldn't force the equaliser and the result left us with a real relegation battle on our hands. We did however manage to pick up eight more points before the end of the season to stay up with four points to spare, whilst Luton went on to record three more wins in a row and ended the campaign three points and two places above us.

**WALSALL:** Walker, Evans, Marsh, Viveash, Roper, Peron, Boli, Keates (Eydelie), Platt (Ricketts), Porter, Tholot.

**LUTON TOWN:** K. Davis, James, Thomas, Waddock, S. Davis, White, Marshall, McLaren (Evers), Oldfield (Doherty), Allen, Alexander.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,922.

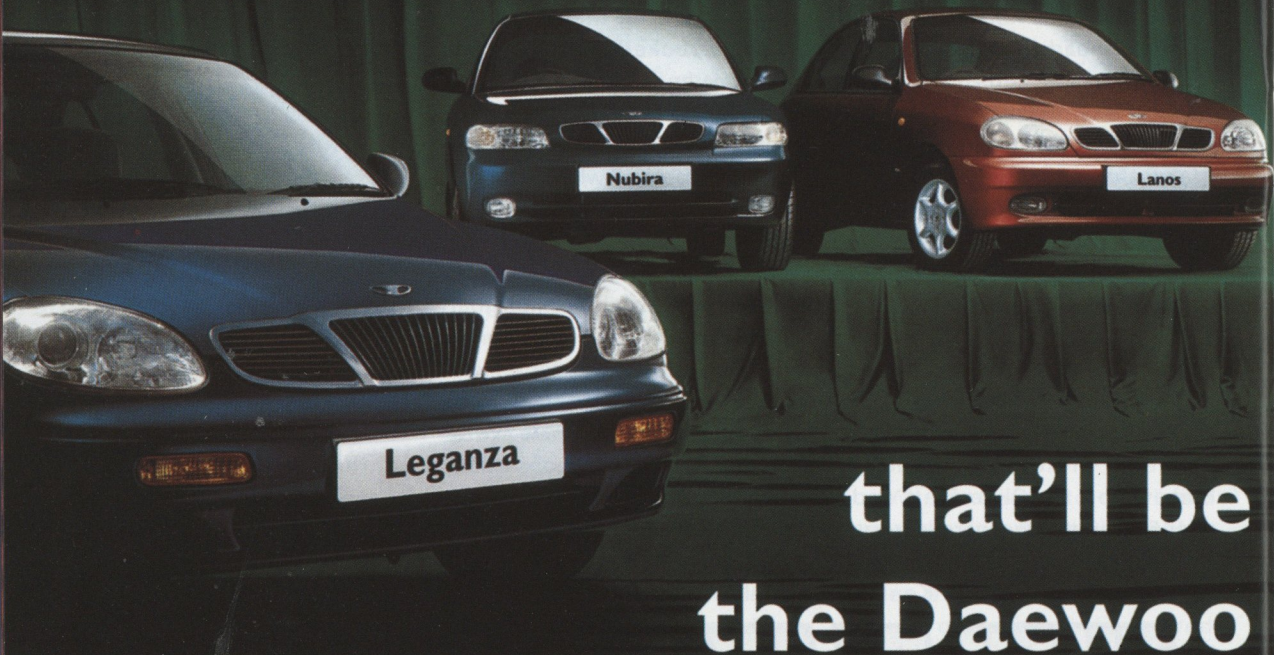
Sadly though he was caught out late in the game at a time when the score was locked at 1-1. He attempted a back-pass to Keith Ball but Eric Brodie nipped in to set up Trevor Meredith who made no mistake to give The Shrews the lead. Though we later went on to equalise and take a point out of the game Paul still felt badly about his error.

Ken Hill came into the team for the next game and so Paul was back in the reserves in time to be sent off in a game against Bristol City.

Paul went on to spend one more season in our reserve team before making a move to local non-League outfit Telford United. He later decided to emigrate to Australia.



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## GIRL TALK

*Following the excitement of our dramatic penalty shoot-out against Cambridge United in the Auto Windscreens Shield, our big rivals Chesterfield brought us crashing down to earth with a bang.*

At least The Spireites didn't beat us and one point is better than none, although three would have been nice, and I think that we would have got them had 'keeper Billy Mercer not been in such fine form. He made some very good saves, particularly the one from Rambo in the second half.

I must say that I was impressed by Roy McFarland's Cambridge. They fought for every ball and look good enough to earn promotion at the end of the season.

I was delighted to hear that The Saddlers will play the second leg of the Area Final against Millwall here at Bescot. It's got to be an advantage – just as long as we can come away with a decent result from the first leg at The New Den.

What a party we will have on March 16th if we win through to Wembley. It's going to be mighty tough but the lads will never have a better chance than this. I'm glad that Millwall removed Gillingham, as the Kent side are flying high in the League just like ourselves and would have possibly been tougher opposition.

It was nice to record another win on the road as we came home from Northampton with a sweet 1-0

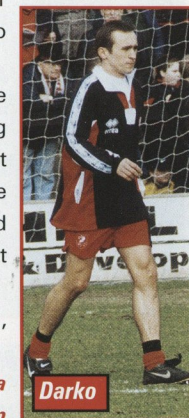
triumph. The result kept us right up there, but Fulham are on something of a roll at the moment, however that second automatic promotion place is a distinct possibility.

It was nice to see Darko Mavrak notch his first goal for the club to clinch the points at the Sixfields Stadium, even if it wasn't a classic goal! New Icelandic star Siggj Eyjolfsson came on for 40 or so minutes in the second period and looked quite lively. He's bound to get better and better as he settles in to our style of play.

Things are certainly looking rosy at Bescot Stadium at the moment – and long may it continue!

Good Luck, Walsall!

*Bianca Middleton*



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## A SIDEWAYS GLANCE

*Neil Morris takes an alternative view of the wonderful yet sometimes weird World of football...*

Another crazy tale reaches us from South America where Palmeiras coach Luiz Felipe Scolari made the headlines by claiming that his players were overweight after a narrow win in the Copa Brasil (Brazilian Cup). His team squeezed home 3-1 against the minnows Sao Raimundo from the Amazon rainforest; although they had won the first leg 2-1 they fell behind after nine minutes and only scored three in the last 20 minutes when the visitors 'keeper banged his head against a post and was carried off. The coach, known as 'Big Phil', claimed his players were 2 - 3 kilos overweight and Palmeiras even gave the media a list of their players with current and ideal weights – stats which showed midfielder Rogerio to be 4.5 kilos overweight!

On the transfer front it now seems inevitable that Italian striker Marco Simone will be leaving Paris St. Germain at the end of the season. He is upset by the club's poor performances in the French League and will make use of the get-out clause in his contract. He clashed with coach Artur Jorge in training recently and has also been critical of the club's training facilities and management. The 30 year-old joined Paris from AC Milan in 1997 on a four-year contract but will be able to leave at the end of the season for around £5 million. With the club in 11th spot in an 18-team league he said the main aim now was to avoid relegation.... sounds like the ideal character to have in any dressing room!

What a shame that Paul Danson, who refereed our last home game, can't be here to read this final item. He would

have chuckled at the display of one Moreno Delgado, who had a particularly busy time in charge of a Spanish second division game a couple of weeks ago. Senor Delgado brandished the red card to no fewer than five players in the match between Atletico Madrid Reserves and Toledo, with the visitors playing the whole of the second half with just eight men and going down 2-1. It all began in the 24th minute when Toledo's Luis Manuel Arias took an early bath, then on 40 minutes Juan Carlos Carcedo (Madrid) and Pedro Cordero (Toledo) went for fighting and right on half-time Toledo's Miguel Angel Munoz received his second yellow card. The second half was peaceful up until the 88th minute when Atletico's South African Quinton Fortune also picked up a second booking and walked....



# WAITING IN THE WINGS

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

AS AT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 1999

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scunthorpe United	16	9	5	2	39	21	32
Hartlepool United	15	8	3	3	29	17	27
<b>WALSALL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>
Bury	14	7	3	4	30	22	24
Rochdale	14	5	6	3	25	20	21
Chesterfield	15	6	2	7	16	26	20
Darlington	15	5	2	8	24	28	17
Carlisle United	13	5	0	8	25	26	15
Halifax Town	14	4	3	7	23	29	15
Wigan Athletic	12	4	2	6	15	21	14
Hull City	12	3	4	5	15	23	13
Chester City	13	2	3	8	14	28	9

The second string are still handily placed in the Pontin's League Division Three table despite drawing both of their February fixtures. Mick Halsall takes a look back at both games....

After an horrendous five-hour journey up to the north-east to face fellow Pontin's League Division Three high-flyers Hartlepool United, we found upon our arrival that we were forced to play on a non-League ground which quite frankly was not up to standard.

However the attitude of our boys was absolutely first class and we rolled our sleeves up and got on with the task in hand, enjoying most of the play in the first period and really we should have gone in at the break with more goals to show for our efforts than a single strike by trialist Mendy Danlaba.

With conditions not conducive to good football, the hard, grassless pitch combined with high winds to make it an unpleasant experience and Hartlepool forced the issue after half-time and eventually hauled themselves back into it with a goal. It was nice from a personal point of view to see another accomplished performance at the back from youth team skipper Dion Scott.

It's a shame that we have to play in conditions like that at this level, but thankfully it hasn't happened too often this season.

**WALSALL:** Naisbitt, Evans, Gadsby, Thomas, Jacques-Olivier, Scott, Mavrak, Ricketts, Danlaba, Eyjolfsson, Platt. Subs not used: Turner, Carter, Osborne.

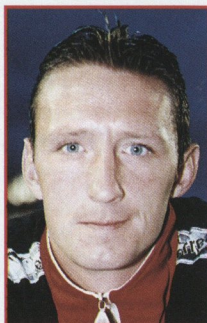
We then travelled to Chesterfield and found ourselves up against a very strong Spireites second string.

Generally I thought that we acquitted ourselves well and more than matched our hosts, however in the first half I was a little concerned that we weren't setting about them enough and not playing with the same pace as in previous games.

Thankfully we upped the tempo after the break and could have gone on to claim maximum points. Sadly Alfie Carter was guilty of missing a good chance and in the end we had to settle for a share of the spoils.

The game saw Richard Hurst, a trialist from QPR, play in goal and Richard Green return to action after injury.

**WALSALL:** Hurst, Evans, Gadsby, Thomas, Green, Scott, Platt, Ricketts, Danlaba, Osborne (Gozzard), Brissett (Carter). Sub not used: Turner.



Richard Green - back in action for the reserves at Chesterfield

The youth team finished their Midlands Conference fixtures in fine style by bagging 14 goals in their final three games. Mick Halsall and Bill Jones look back on the games....

Firstly we came up against Shrewsbury Town and totally dominated the game, going into the half-time interval with a 5-0 lead.

Lee Osborne was outstanding, creating many problems and set up Gary Birch's first goal. Birch then notched the second, following up after the 'keeper had spilled a shot. Alfie Carter then took over by bagging a brace of his own with Osborne once more providing the assists. Just before the break that man Birch claimed his hat-trick with a fine solo effort.

We switched the team around dramatically at half-time and as a result the momentum of the game slowed down. Shrewsbury managed to score a good goal before two more solo Gary Birch efforts taking his total to five, however his day was ruined as he picked up a knock which meant that we played the remainder of the game with just ten men. Karl Hawley completed our scoring before The Shrews hit two consolation efforts as we eased off.

**WALSALL:** Bate, Turner, Hunt, Gaunt, Scott (Wright), Edwards, Osborne (Perrier), Carter (Hawley), Birch, Davies, Gozzard. Sub not used: Smith.

We fielded a rather experimental line-up in our next game against Port Vale as we prepared for the West Ham cup tie. It worked well in the opening half as we played some good stuff. Paul Gozzard set up Karl Hawley for the first before Gozzard got his own name on the score-sheet just before the break. Right on half-time Ross Bate made an outstanding stop which saw us end the half with our two-goal lead still in tact.

The second period saw Vale force themselves back into it without really hurting us where it mattered. Lee Osborne then broke away to score a good solo goal and at that point we switched to a flat back four and ran out easy winners.

**WALSALL:** Bate (Smith), Turner, Bowen, Gaunt, Edwards, Gozzard, Hunt, Davies (Osborne), Hawley, Carter (Bishop), Wright. Sub not used: Scott.

In atrocious conditions we played our final game against Birmingham City. We fielded an extremely young side made up of players who we hope to form our youth team for next season.

Our youngsters acquitted themselves well and despite falling behind twice they eventually forced their way into a 3-2 lead. However, the extra strength and know-how of our opponents put us under great pressure in the final ten minutes and it came as little surprised when they equalised late on. Nevertheless a pleasing days work!

Bissell, Wright and Rowell were our scorers.

**WALSALL:** Bate, Garbett (Davies), Fitzpatrick, Perry, Ayres, Gaunt, Wright, Hunt, Teesdale (Edwards), Bissell, Hawley (Rowell).

We now move into the Youth Alliance Premier Division....

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE - MIDLANDS CONFERENCE FIXTURES 1998/99

DATE	OPPONENTS	KICK-OFF	F - A
<b>AUGUST 1998</b>			
Sat 15th	Northampton Town (Home)	11.00am	1-0
Sat 22nd	Chesterfield (Away)	11.00am	1-0
Sat 29th	Lincoln City (Away)	11.00am	2-0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sat 12th	Wolves (Home)	11.00am	1-4
Sat 19th	Notts County (Away)	11.00am	1-3
Sat 26th	Port Vale (Home)	11.00am	1-0
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Sat 3rd	WBA (Home)	11.00am	1-3
Tue 6th	Kidderminster H (MYC 1) (Away)	7.30pm	5-0
Sat 10th	Shrewsbury Town (Away)	11.00am	1-0
Sat 17th	Stoke City (Home)	11.00am	1-2
Fri 30th	Birmingham City (Away)	2.00pm	3-0
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Mon 2nd	Racing Club Warwick (RWC 1) (Away)	7.30pm	4-1
Sat 7th	Chesterfield (Home)	11.00am	1-1
Sat 14th	Northampton Town (Away)	11.00am	1-1
Thurs 19th	Chesterfield (MYC 2) (Home)	7.30pm	1-0
Sat 21st	Lincoln City (Home)	11.00am	3-2
Sat 28th	Wolves (Away)	11.00am	0-2
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Wed 2nd	Plymouth Argyle (FAYC 2) (Home)	7.00pm	1-0
Sat 5th	WBA (Away)	11.00am	3-2
Sat 12th	Mansfield Town (Away)	11.00am	2-1
Wed 16th	Tottenham Hotspur (FAYC 3) (Away)	7.00pm	0-0
<b>JANUARY 1999</b>			
Sat 2nd	Stoke City (Away)	11.00am	1-1
Sat 9th	Mansfield Town (Home)	11.00am	4-1
Mon 25th	Tottenham Hotspur (FAYC 3) (Home)	7.00pm	0-0*
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Sat 13th	Notts County (Home)	11.00am	2-1
Thur 18th	Shrewsbury Town (Home)	11.00am	0-3
Sat 20th	Port Vale (Away)	11.00am	3-0
Wed 24th	Birmingham City (Home)	11.00am	3-3
<b>MARCH</b>			
Mon 1st	West Ham United (FAYC 4) (Home)	7.00pm	1-3

\* = AET. Walsall won 4-2 on penalties.

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE - PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENTS	KICK-OFF	F - A
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Sat 27th	Stockport County (Away)	11.00am	3-1
<b>MARCH</b>			
Sat 6th	Scunthorpe United (Away)	11.00am	
Sat 13th	Rotherham United (Home)	11.00am	
Sat 27th	Bury (Away)	11.00am	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sat 3rd	Sheffield United (Home)	11.00am	
Sat 10th	Preston North End (Away)	11.00am	
Sat 24th	WBA (Home)	11.00am	
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat 1st	Wolves (Home)	11.00am	

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE MIDLANDS CONFERENCE

	FINAL TABLE						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	22	14	6	2	41	9	48
WALSALL	22	13	4	5	44	30	43
WBA	22	11	6	5	36	22	39
Northampton Town	22	8	8	6	32	30	32
Port Vale	22	8	6	8	34	30	30
Mansfield Town	22	7	7	8	31	32	28
Stoke City	22	7	5	10	29	37	26
Lincoln City	22	6	7	9	28	40	25
Chesterfield	22	4	12	6	30	27	24
Shrewsbury Town	22	7	3	12	25	44	24
Notts County	22	4	10	8	20	26	22
Birmingham City	22	4	4	14	39	52	16



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# ON THE HORIZON

Our next three games see us take on Millwall in what is going to be a vital trio of matches for The Saddlers as we look to keep our promotion bid on track and reach the twin towers of Wembley Stadium for the very first time.

Our first meeting with The Lions takes place this coming Tuesday, March 9th (kick-off 7.45pm) as we play the first leg of our Auto Windscreens Shield Southern Area Final.

Like ourselves, Keith Stevens' boys have had a tricky passage through the competition. In the first round they took on third division high-flyers Cardiff City and beat them 2-0 before recording a tremendous

5-1 success at Brighton and Hove Albion in the next round. They then faced a trip to AFC Bournemouth who were undefeated at home and after a battling display for 120 minutes they came out victorious in the penalty shoot-out. The Southern Area semi-final paired them up with Gillingham who were in the midst of a good run of form. However, Richard Sadlier's golden goal after a goalless 90 minutes was enough to set up the tie with ourselves - and what a tie it is set to be!

The second leg will take place here at Bescot on Tuesday, March 16th (kick-off 7.45pm) where a red-hot atmosphere is guaranteed.

Next Saturday, March 13th the

two sides turn their attentions to the battle for important League points as we once more head south to The New Den where Millwall have won six out of 16 League games so far, going down on just three occasions (v AFC Bournemouth 2-1, v Burnley 2-1 and v Fulham 1-0). Both sides are going to learn a lot about each other over the next week or so, let's just hope that it is us who are smiling come the final whistle on March 16th!....

## AWAY TRAVEL DETAILS

Tuesday, March 9th.  
Auto Windscreens Shield  
Southern Area Final 1st Leg,  
Millwall v Walsall.

Fare: £10.00p.

Depart:

Bescot Stadium 3.00pm,  
Bridgeman Street 3.05pm.

Saturday, March 16th.  
Nationwide Football League  
Division Two,  
Millwall v Walsall.

Fare: £10.00p.

Depart:

Bescot Stadium 11.00am,  
Bridgeman Street 11.05am,  
Bloxwich High Street 11.15am.

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Goals	1	0




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Goals	0	0




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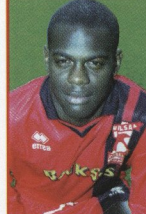
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## When Clubs have scored goals... and conceded them

0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	Club	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
2	9	7	12	11	10	Bournemouth	4	5	3	4	6	8
4	0	4	5	11	8	Blackpool	4	7	3	6	7	8
6	7	6	7	7	7	Bristol Rovers	8	2	7	5	4	8
6	5	6	5	6	8	Burnley	5	6	10	14	10	12
3	7	8	5	8	6	Chesterfield	2	3	2	6	8	8
7	7	1	5	4	11	Colchester United	8	8	5	5	9	11
3	10	10	12	9	6	Fulham	2	3	2	5	9	3
7	6	5	7	13	15	Gillingham	1	3	5	5	7	6
6	5	6	2	10	2	Lincoln City	3	6	5	11	13	14
6	4	6	7	6	10	Luton Town	5	5	6	5	9	10
2	6	3	3	2	5	Macclesfield Town	7	5	2	7	11	8
2	6	5	8	9	9	Manchester City	2	2	8	5	4	3
4	3	3	11	7	11	Millwall	6	4	4	4	9	13
2	4	4	4	6	6	Northampton Town	5	4	3	8	11	8
6	2	3	8	7	5	Notts County	5	8	6	9	8	9
5	4	2	8	5	7	Oldham Athletic	7	7	5	7	9	8
10	7	8	8	15	15	Preston North End	4	9	0	8	8	4
8	5	3	7	7	8	Reading	3	2	13	7	7	12
2	2	8	7	8	11	Stoke City	7	3	6	4	7	6
3	5	11	9	9	8	Walsall	7	2	3	4	11	9
6	5	3	7	12	12	Wigan Athletic	1	4	2	8	6	9
9	2	4	5	8	7	Wrexham	8	9	6	10	4	9
2	5	5	4	6	7	Wycombe Wanderers	6	6	5	4	11	10
7	5	2	7	11	8	York City	8	8	12	12	9	6

## Club's Top League Scorers

Gillingham	Asaba	16
Preston North End	Nogan	16
Walsall	Rammell	16
York City	Cresswell	15
Payton	Payton	14
AFC Bournemouth	Stein	13
Bristol Rovers	Cureton	13
Wigan Athletic	Barlow	13
Millwall	Harris	11
Northampton Town	Corazzin	11
Reading	Williams	11
Manchester City	Goater	10
Chesterfield	Howard/Reeves	9
Fulham	Horsfield	9
Colchester United	Gregory D	8
Luton Town	Douglas	8
Lincoln City	Battersby	7
Oldham Athletic	Allott	7
Wrexham	Connolly	7
Blackpool	Aldridge	6
Notts County	Hendon	6
Stoke City	Kavanagh/Lightbourne/Crowe	6
Wycombe Wanderers	Scott	5
Macclesfield Town	Sodje/Smith	3

## 1998-99 Season Division Two Campaign Records

<b>Highest/Lowest Gates</b> 32,134 Man City v Blackpool 8-Aug 1,998 Macclesfield v Millwall 26-Jan	<b>Biggest Away Win</b> Reading 0-6 Bristol Rovers 16-Jan
<b>Highest Aggregate Scores</b> Preston 3-4 Stoke 22-Aug Lincoln 3-4 Preston 29-Aug Bristol Rovers 3-4 Walsall 31-Oct Bristol Rovers 3-4 Burnley 9-Jan	<b>Consecutive Wins</b> Fulham, Stoke 6 <b>Games Unbeaten</b> Gillingham 17
<b>Biggest Home Win</b> Wigan 5-0 York 31-Oct Bournemouth 5-0 Burnley 21-Nov Preston 5-0 Lincoln 23-Feb	<b>Consecutive Defeats</b> Lincoln, Macclesfield 6 <b>Games without a Win</b> Wycombe 12

## Current Sequences

<b>Consecutive Wins</b> Wigan 3	<b>Games Unbeaten</b> Man City 10
<b>Consecutive Defeats</b> Stoke 4	<b>Games without a Win</b> York 8

## Div. 2 Stat Attack

In the table below the index represents the difficulty of the 6 games played. If the matches had been against the top 6 sides the index would be high, if against the bottom six sides the index would be low

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## Form Table based on last 6 games

Club	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Agt	Pts	Indx	Sequence
Wigan	5	0	1	13	4	15	44%	WWWLWW
Gillingham	4	2	0	14	5	14	44%	WWDWWD
Fulham	4	2	0	12	4	14	35%	DWWWDW
Preston	4	1	1	17	6	13	27%	WWLWDW
Wrexham	4	1	1	10	8	13	46%	WWDWWL
Man City	3	3	0	8	2	12	67%	DWDWWD
Colchester	2	4	0	10	8	10	64%	DDWWDD
Walsall	3	1	2	7	6	10	42%	LWDWWL
Lincoln	3	1	2	5	8	10	56%	WLWWLD
Bournemouth	2	3	1	10	5	9	64%	DWLDWD
Bristol Rovers	2	2	2	10	5	8	58%	LLWDDW
Chesterfield	2	2	2	7	7	8	70%	WDDLWL
Millwall	2	1	3	8	11	7	53%	LWWLLD
Luton	2	1	3	6	7	7	40%	WLLLWD
Notts County	2	1	3	5	8	7	68%	WWLLLD
Blackpool	2	1	3	3	6	7	18%	LLWDWL
Reading	1	3	2	6	8	6	62%	DLWDLD
Oldham	2	0	4	4	5	6	45%	LLLWWL
Burnley	1	2	3	5	12	5	44%	LLDLWD
Stoke	1	1	4	7	14	4	51%	LLLLDW
Wycombe	1	1	4	4	8	4	73%	LWLDDL
Northampton	1	4	2	6	4	5	59%	LLLWLD
Macclesfield	1	0	5	2	9	3	51%	LLWLLL
York	0	2	4	4	10	2	55%	LDLLLL

## Average no. of goals scored home & away

Club	For	Home	Away	Agt	Home	Away
Bournemouth	1.65	2.06	1.20	0.97	0.50	1.47
Blackpool	1.00	1.20	0.82	1.09	1.00	1.18
Bristol Rovers	1.33	1.50	1.14	1.13	1.19	1.07
Burnley	1.09	0.88	1.31	1.73	1.29	2.19
Chesterfield	1.16	1.65	0.60	0.91	0.71	1.13
Colchester United	1.09	1.00	1.19	1.44	1.38	1.50
Fulham	1.56	2.00	1.13	0.75	0.63	0.88
Gillingham	1.66	1.88	1.40	0.84	0.71	1.00
Lincoln City	0.97	1.31	0.63	1.63	1.25	2.00
Luton Town	1.26	1.20	1.31	1.29	1.00	1.56
Macclesfield Town	0.68	0.67	0.69	1.29	1.13	1.44
Manchester City	1.22	1.53	0.94	0.75	0.60	0.88
Millwall	1.15	1.44	0.89	1.18	1.00	1.33
Northampton Town	0.79	0.81	0.76	1.18	1.13	1.24
Notts County	1.00	1.27	0.75	1.45	1.33	1.56
Oldham Athletic	0.97	1.07	0.88	1.34	1.33	1.35
Preston North End	1.91	2.29	1.50	1.00	1.06	0.94
Reading	1.19	1.35	1.00	1.38	1.18	1.60
Stoke City	1.27	1.47	1.07	1.10	0.93	1.27
Walsall	1.36	1.47	1.25	1.09	1.00	1.19
Wigan Athletic	1.45	1.64	1.29	0.97	0.57	1.29
Wrexham	1.09	1.00	1.19	1.44	1.25	1.63
Wycombe Wanderers	0.91	1.24	0.53	1.31	1.00	1.67
York City	1.21	1.24	1.19	1.67	1.41	1.94



# THE SEASON SO FAR

	OPPONENTS	F-A	Attn	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitutes
<b>AUGUST 1998</b>																
Sat 8	Gillingham	1-0	5,712	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keister	Roper	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Keates	Watson (7) Ricketts (11) Davis (8)
Tue 11	QPR (WLC1/1)	0-0	3,991	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keister	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Keates	Watson (11) Ricketts Davis Platt Gadsby
Sat 15	Northampton Town	0-0	4,360	8	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keister	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Watson	Rammell	Porter	Brissett	Keates (10) Platt (8) Ricketts (4)
Sat 22	Wycombe Wanderers	12-1	4,102	4	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Watson	Rammell	Porter	Brissett	Gadsby (2) Dyer (4) Ricketts (8)
Wed 26	QPR (WLC1/2)	1-3	5,052	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Watson	Rammell	Porter	Brissett	Roper (3) Dyer (4) Ricketts (8) Platt Gadsby
Sat 29	Burnley	3-1	4,599	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Ricketts	Watson Roper Dyer
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
Wed 2	Manchester City	1-3	24,291	6	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Ricketts	Watson (2) Evans (11) Dyer
Tue 8	York City	2-3	3,098	10	Walker	Evans	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Marsh	Watson Thomas (4) Roper
Sat 12	Chesterfield	1-0	4,169	8	Walker	Evans	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Marsh	Watson Thomas (11) Roper
Fri 18	Notts County	3-2	3,991	4	Walker	Evans	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson Thomas (10) Roper
Sat 26	Luton Town	1-0	5,830	5	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (8) Thomas Roper
Wed 30	Reading	0-2	3,729	6	Walker	Marsh	Gadsby	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (7) Porter Roper
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
Sat 3	Preston North End	1-0	5,802	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (9) Gadsby (2) Porter
Sat 10	Wrexham	1-2	3,842	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (9) Gadsby (2) Porter Roper (11)
Sat 17	Blackpool	1-0	4,728	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Porter	Rammell	Porter	Marsh	Watson Thomas (11) Roper
Tue 20	Colchester United	1-1	3,319	4	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Porter	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson Thomas (10) Roper
Sat 24	Fulham	1-4	8,319	5	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Roper	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (8) Thomas Roper
Sat 31	Bristol Rovers	14-3	5,753	4	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Simpson	Watson (7) Porter Roper
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
Sat 7	Millwall	3-0	4,237	4	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tues 10	Lincoln City	2-1	3,698	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (11) Otta (11) Porter Roper (6)
Sat 14	Gresley Rovers FAC 1	1-0	4,274	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (11) Porter (10) Thomas (8) Platt Gadsby
Sat 21	Macclesfield Town	1-1	3,183	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (11) Porter Ricketts (11)
Sat 28	AFC Bournemouth	1-0	3,895	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (11) Porter Ricketts (11)
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
Sat 5	Preston NE FAC 2	0-2	8,488	-	Walker	Evans	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tue 8	Bristol Rovers (AWS 1)	*2-2	2,210	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 12	Oldham Athletic	2-0	4,195	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 19	Stoke City	1-0	9,056	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 26	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	6,258	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Porter	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Mon 28	Wigan Athletic	0-2	4,579	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Porter	Green	Viveash	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
<b>JANUARY 1999</b>																
Sat 2	Burnley	0-0	10,892	2	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Porter	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tue 5	Luton Town (AWS 2)	3-0	1,870	-	Walker	Evans	Pointon	Keates	Green	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 9	Gillingham	2-1	5,495	2	Walker	Evans	Marsh	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tue 19	Brentford (AWS QF)	*0-0	2,048	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 23	Manchester City	1-1	9,517	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 30	Wigan Athletic	1-2	5,473	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																
Sat 6	Reading	1-0	9,481	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 13	York City	2-1	2,969	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tue 16	Cambridge United (AWS SF)	*1-1	5,087	-	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 20	Chesterfield	1-1	5,268	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Tue 23	Northampton Town	1-0	5,831	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
Sat 27	Notts County	1-2	6,172	3	Walker	Marsh	Pointon	Keates	Viveash	Roper	Wrack	Brissett	Rammell	Porter	Lambert	Watson (8) Gadsby (7) Otta (11)
<b>MARCH</b>																
Sat 6	Luton Town															
Tue 9	Millwall (AWS AF1)															
Sat 13	Millwall															
Tue 16	Millwall (AWS AF2)															
Sat 20	Bristol Rovers															
Sat 27	Fulham															
<b>APRIL</b>																
Sat 3	Blackpool															
Tue 6	Wrexham															
Sat 10	Colchester United															
Tue 13	AFC Bournemouth															
Sat 17	Macclesfield Town															
Sat 24	Lincoln City															
<b>MAY</b>																
Sat 1	Oldham Athletic															
Sat 8	Stoke City															
TBA	Preston North End															

Home matches in red. Goal scorers shown with a ● with number of goals scored. Substitutes used have players number they replaced in brackets next to them. WLC=Worthington Cup.

**Happy Birthday**  
**PETE POOLE**  
 Lots of love Lynn,  
 Leighanne, Andrew,  
 Keith & Val

### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

AS AT FRIDAY, MARCH 5th 1999

	Home					Away					Pts		
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A				
Fulham	32	13	2	1	32	10	8	4	4	18	14	50	69
Preston North End	33	10	4	3	39	18	9	4	3	24	15	63	65
Walsall	33	9	5	3	25	17	9	2	5	20	19	45	61
Gillingham	32	11	4	2	32	12	4	9	2	21	15	53	58
AFC Bournemouth	31	11	5	0	33	8	4	4	7	18	22	51	54
Manchester City	32	8	5	2	23	9	5	8	4	16	15	39	52
Chesterfield	32	12	2	3	28	12	2	6	7	9	17	37	50
Wigan Athletic	31	8	3	3	23	8	6	4	7	22	22	45	49
Millwall	34	6	7	3	23	16	7	3	8	16	24	39	49
Stoke City	30	8	3	4	22	14	7	0	8	16	19	38	48
Reading	32	7	6	4	23	20	4	5	6	15	24	38	44
Luton Town	31	7	3	5	18	15	4	5	7	21	25	39	41
Wrexham	32	6	4	6	16	20	5	4	7	19	26	35	41
Blackpool	32	5	6	4	18	15	5	5	7	14	20	32	41
Colchester United	32	5	6	5	16	22	3	7	6	19	24	35	37
Bristol Rovers	30	6	6	4	24	19	2	6	6	16	15	40	36
York City	33	4	7	6	21	24	5	2	9	19	31	40	36
Burnley	33	5	6	6	15	22	3	4	9	21	35	36	34
Oldham Athletic	32	5	2	8	16	20	4	4	9	15	23	31	33
Lincoln City	32	7	3	6	21	20	2	3	11	10	32	31	33
Notts County	31	5	3	7	19	20	3	4	9	12	25	31	31
Northampton Town	33	2	8	6	13	18	4	3	10	13	21	26	29
Wycombe Wanderers	32	6	3	8	21	17	0	6	9	8	25	29	27
Macclesfield Town	31	3	4	8	10	17	2	5	9	11	23	21	24



# FACE-2-FACE

**WALSALL**

**VS**

**Luton Town**

- James Walker 1*
- Chris Marsh 2*
- Neil Pointon 3*
- Dean Keates 4*
- Adrian Viveash 5*
- Ian Roper 6*
- Darren Wrack 7*
- Colin Cramb 8*
- Andy Rammell 9*
- Bjarni Larusson 10*
- Darko Mavrak 11*

**MEN IN BLACK**



**REFEREE:**

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**ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

A. C. Howells

D. C. Richards



**RESERVE OFFICIAL:**

P. Steer

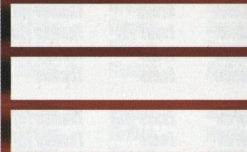
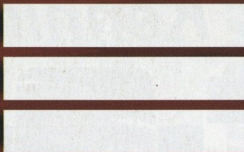
- 1 Kelvin Davis*
- 2 Graham Alexander*
- 3 Mitchell Thomas*
- 4 Mathew Spring*
- 5 Chris Willmott*
- 6 Alan White*
- 7 Gerry Harrison*
- 8 Ray McKinnon*
- 9 Stuart Douglas*
- 10 Phil Gray*
- 11 Liam George*

**Substitutes**

**12**

**13**

**14**



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