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# From the desk of Ken Beamish



This evening we welcome the players, officials and supporters from Walsall Football Club in the second round of the Associate Members Cup Competition. I am sure you will all agree with me what an excellent job Alan Buckley is doing this season for Walsall, having at one time been sacked as manager by the Club and then re-instated. What Walsall fan will ever forget their trip to Anfield this season when their team proved what a good side they are.

As we have shown in the past, our performances have been so much better in cup games this season and hopefully tonight will be no exception.

Over the last few weeks the Associate Members' Cup has taken more stick than I have but, in like manner to the League Cup (now the Milk Cup) I am sure that time will prove the critics of the competition to be wrong.

Last weekend we made the long trek to Hartlepool and came away with a welcome three points. The game proved to be a very physical encounter, especially in the second half, when a number of our players received heavy knocks from some dubious tackles. However their strong arm tactics could not undo all the good work we had done in the first half.

It was rather disappointing last week to learn that two boys from this area with promising football futures decided to sign for a Club outside of the district. It appears that the lads had already signed for Portsmouth before they and their families met us and accepted our hospitality last Saturday. I would emphasise that there is no better Club than this for young lads to receive their chance of playing league football as can easily be seen by the presence of so many young lads in the side at this time.

Tonight the Swindon schoolboys play at Rotherham in the semi final of the English Schools Trophy and we wish them every success in their efforts to reach the final of the competition.

Front Cover Inset Gary Fulbrook  
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# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Tonight we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Walsall F.C., Walsall are currently in third place in Division 3. They have had a wonderful Cup Run this season beating Arsenal at High-bury and drawing with Liverpool at Anfield finally being beaten 2-0 by Liverpool at Walsall. We therefore can expect strong opposition this evening and a hard and exciting game.

It is coincidental that we were drawn against the other Giant Killers of the season in the first round of this Associate Members Cup. Let us hope we can produce the sparkling form which gave us such a convincing win at Oxford and progress into the next round tonight.

The rules of this Competition are different from those of the Milk Cup and the F.A. Cup in that we must get a result tonight. If the scores are level after 90 minutes, extra time will be played and if no result then, penalties are to decide the tie.

The team will need all the vocal support you can give them so let's hear you tonight and cheer not jeer and maybe our name will be the first on this new Cup.

After Tuesdays goalless draw against Northampton, the win at Hartlepool on Saturday was a tonic to us all and of course, the 3 points were most welcome.

There is no doubt that the lack of goal scoring is prevalent in so many teams, even our National side seem unable to hit the net.

Our own Jimmy Quinn having scored 14 goals in 18 games, goes 6 league games without scoring.

I quite understand the feelings of the supporters when we promise so much and achieve nothing. In the last two home games we again had all the play, yet hardly a shot at goal. Ken Beamish changed the formation for the game at Hartlepool and although the result was satisfactory, the strikers did not score. Obviously we cannot continue without either some new faces or a change of tactics so you may rest assured that the Manager will do his utmost to improve matters.

Although we are in a mid table position, we have only been beaten 5 times in the last 25 games and as I've said before, the difference between success and failure is just one extra goal every game.

You will probably have seen mentioned in our previous programmes that a new Fund Raising Competition is to commence called "The Friends of Swindon Town 5000 Club".

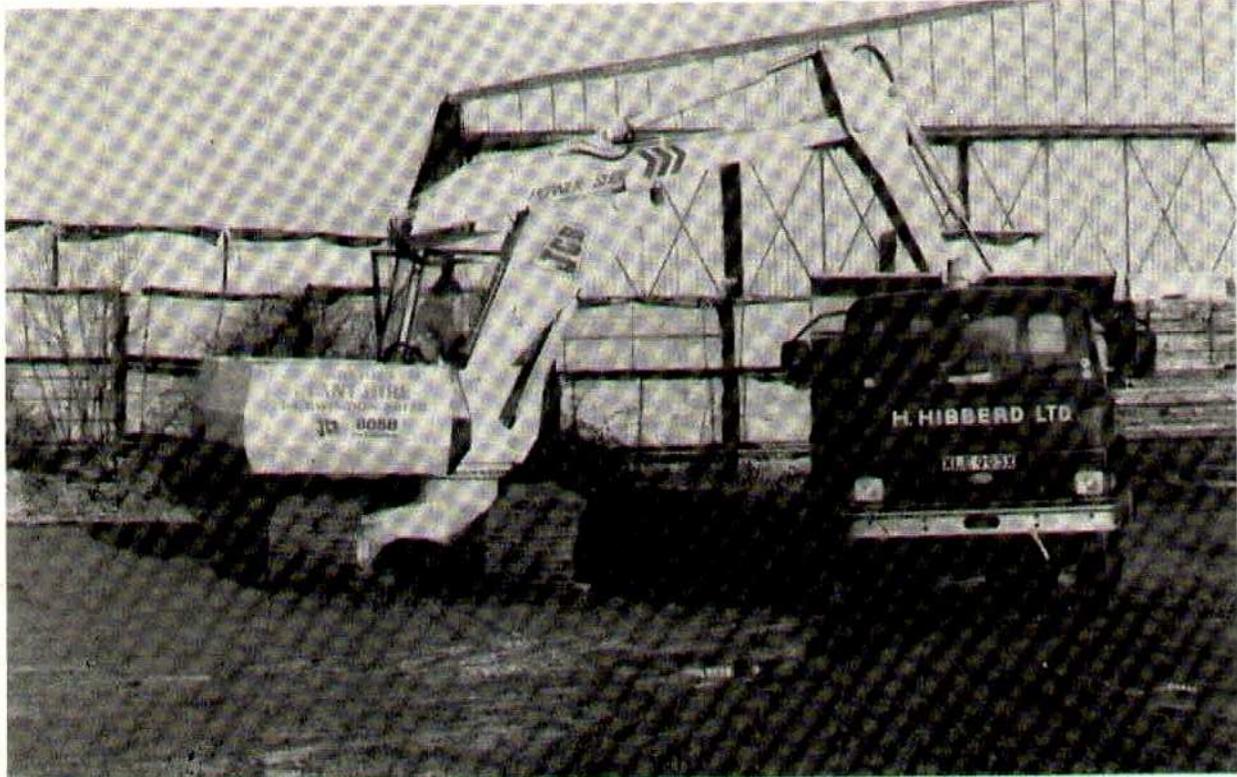
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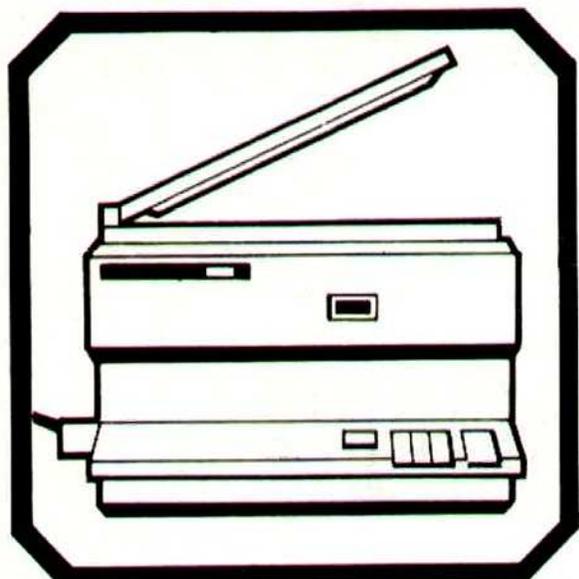
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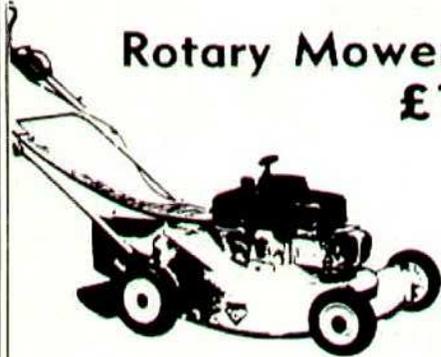
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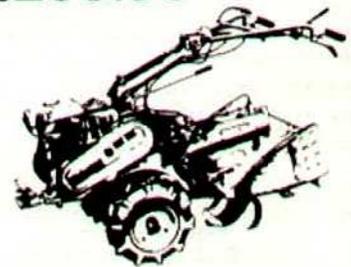
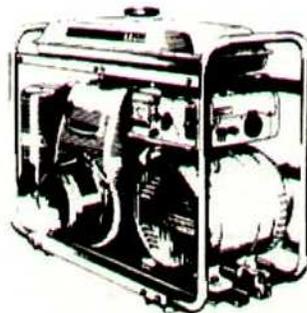
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## IN NORTH WILTSHIRE



# Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

Tonight another chapter is written into the history of the club when, for the first time, a match in the Associate Members' Cup Competition is played on the County Ground. Some of you may ask who are the Associate Members and they are of course the Third and Fourth Divisions of the Football League. The Full Members needless to say are the First and Second Division clubs and in all matters relating to the alteration of the rules and regulations of the Football League the Full Members each are entitled to one vote per club, the Associate Members, being the poor relations receive only eight votes in total, or as the Articles state, one vote for each six Associate Members.

It was originally intended that this new competition would be played early in the season to benefit those clubs who were knocked out of the Milk Cup in the early rounds but, for one reason or another known only to the Football League, it has not been possible to stage it until the latter months. As a result, the successful clubs who go on to the later rounds will have somewhat of a fixture problem trying to fit in the extra matches together with League games postponed for one reason or another. Nevertheless, I sincerely hope that this is a problem that I have to wrestle with.

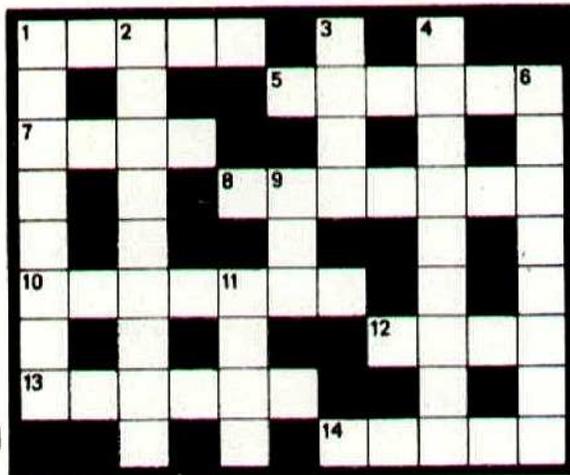
I have spoken about the competition in previous articles but for those who are not conversant with the rules I will give a brief outline of them. Firstly, the games are played as follows:-

- First Round      24 Clubs from the North – 12 winners.  
                         24 Clubs from The South – 12 winners.    Oxford United 1    Swindon Town 3
  - Second Round    12 Clubs from the North – 6 winners.  
                         12 Clubs from the South – 6 winners.    Swindon Town v Walsall
  - Quarter Finals    6 Clubs +\*2 from the North – 4 winners.  
                         6 Clubs +\*2 from the South – 4 winners.
- \*Four Clubs to qualify by virtue of scoring most goals in competition. If more than four Clubs qualify the following conditions shall apply:
- 1) goal difference    2) highest score in one match,
  - 3) least number of goals conceded    4) a ballot.
- in all cases, goals scored in penalty competition shall not count.
- Semi Finals      4 Clubs from the North – 2 winners.  
                         4 Clubs from the South – 2 winners.
  - Area Finals      2 Clubs from the North – 1 winner.  
                         2 Clubs from the South – 1 winner.
  - National Final    One Club from the North and one from the South – one winner.

In all matches, if the score is level at the end of ninety minutes, an extra half an hour will be played (fifteen minutes each way). If the score is still level at the end of extra time the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with the laws of the game. Up to two substitutes may be used in each match. A player serving a suspension outside of this competition will not be allowed to count any match in this competition as part of his suspension.

It was hoped to stage the Final Tie at Wembley Stadium but the only day available for this season was Saturday, 26th May, the day on which the Scotland v England British Championship match is to be played and, as this match is likely to be transmitted live on television, this date was discounted. The arranging committee therefore decided that the date and venue for the final of this year's competition would be left to a later stage when it would be possible to consider the views of the clubs in the final stages with a view to selecting a venue best suited to the circumstances. However, enquiries are being made with a view to staging the 1984/85 Final at Wembley Stadium, when hopefully, a wider choice of dates may be available.

# Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



## ACROSS

1. "We all agree that (the name of our club here) are - - -!" (5)
5. Even a slow motion replay may not identify him. (6)
7. Aristocratic-sounding midfielder who had around 300 games for Hull in the 1960s and 1970s. (4)
8. Full-back Colin - - - reached Torquay, where he was a regular for many seasons, from

Crewe via an unproductive stop-over at Birmingham. (7)

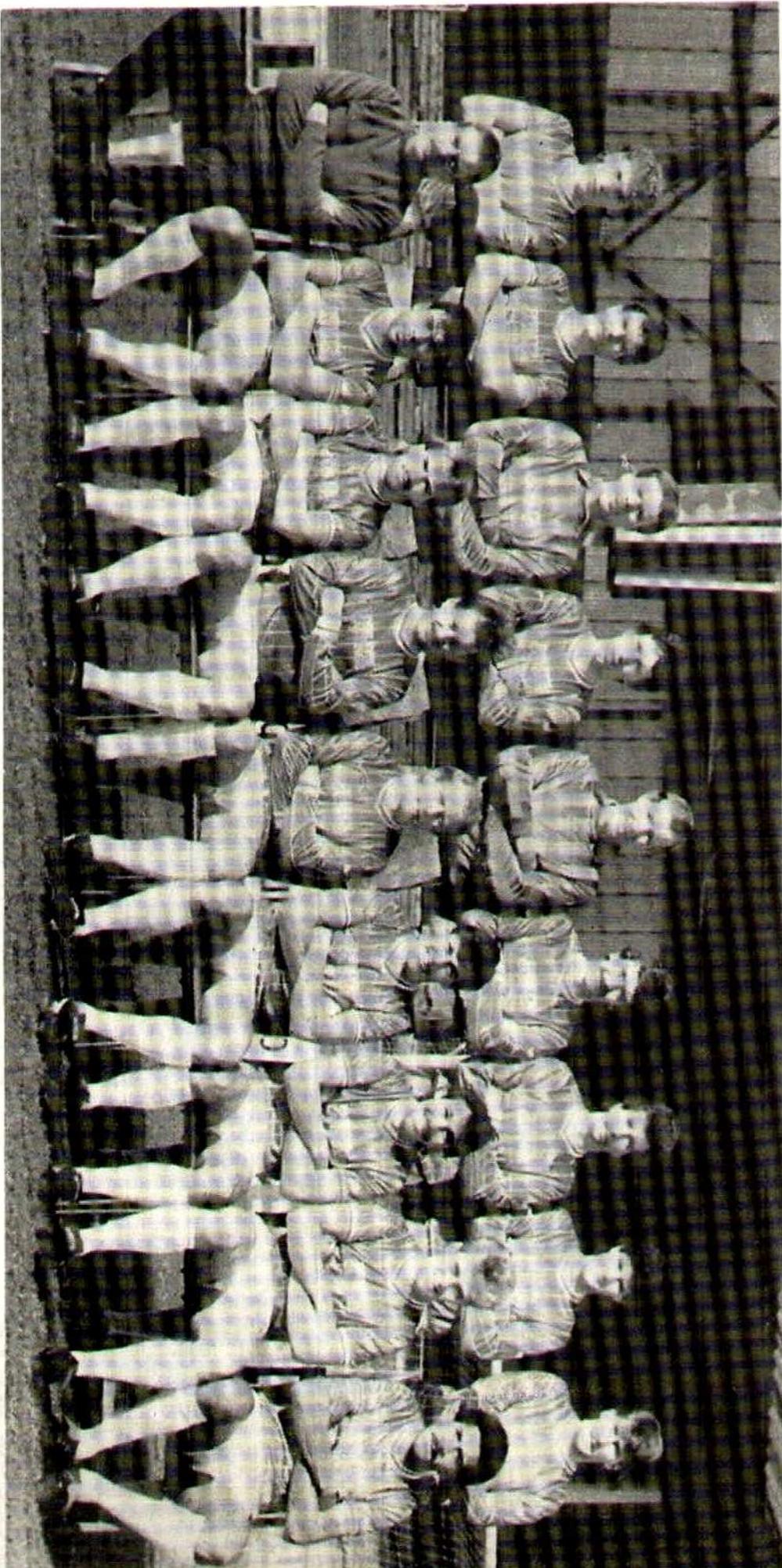
10. Molineux - - -, the lair of Wolves. (7)
12. The number of Scottish League clubs with names beginning with D. (4)
13. - - - Bullock, old England striker who managed Bury (two spells) and Leicester. (6)
14. & 1 dn. Eire man who won caps with Shamrock Rovers before and after others with Chelsea, Crystal Palace and West Bromwich Albion. (5, 8)

## DOWN

1. See 14 across.
2. Striker who started with Sunderland and went on with Grimsby, Southend, Colchester, Chester and Swansea, finishing in 1978. (4, 5)
3. "Roary Super - - -", old Gaelic World Cup mascot. (4)
4. Centre-half who began in the early 1960s and split 500 or so appearances between Palace, Orient, Colchester and Workington. (5, 4)
6. Defender with two 'first' names who campaigned with Coventry and Palace. (3, 5)
9. The Stretford - - - is at Old Trafford. (3)
11. In October he missed playing in a League match - something he hadn't done since 1974! (4)



# WALSALL



**Back Row (L-R):**  
Paul Jones, Peter Hart, Ron Green, Colin Brazier, Mick Kearns, Ally Brown, Kevin Summerfield, Phil Hawker, Brian Caswell  
**Front Row (L-R):**  
Gary Pandry (Coach), Mark Rees, David Preece, Richard O'Kelly, Alan Buckley (Play/Man.), Craig Shakespeare, Gary Childs,  
Mark Bates, Kenny Mower

# Introducing.... The Saddlers from Fellows Park

This evening we welcome Third Division promotion contenders Walsall for this Second Round Associate Members Cup, along with our near neighbours Oxford United they have claimed fame and most of the sports headlines with their Cup exploits this season.

After defeats in the two opening matches of their league home programme to Orient (0-1) and Sheffield United (1-3) followed by an away defeat in their second away match of such a comprehensive beating as the Saddlers suffered at Bolton by (1-8!) and closely followed by another heavy defeat at Oxford United (3-6), you would have had to be an eternal optimist to believe that come February of this year that the same Club would be leading Division 3 and also 90 minutes away from a Wembley appearance!

But such was the transformation wielded by Alan Buckley as manager and his coach former Birmingham City defender Gary Pendrey that this became fact, and since those troubled days of August and September the Club has not looked back. With a magnificent run of results in the League Cup, that saw them commence with a 4-3 aggregate win over Blackpool in the First Round, losing 2-1 at Blackpool but winning the return leg 3-1. They were then drawn against Second Division Barnsley in the next round, a 1-0 home win was further improved with a 2-0 away win enabling the Saddler to progress on aggregate 3-0.

Now the excitement began to mount among all the Club's followers. A home draw with another Second Division Club Shrewsbury saw the Saddlers scrape a narrow 2-1 win. An away draw with First Division giants Arsenal was to hold no terror in the Saddlers camp, a magnificent victory of 2-1 was to send all the Club followers wild with excitement, now only one match away from the semi-final. Another away tie at fellow Third Division Club Rotherham saw the Wembley dream come closer when a 4-2 away win enabled Walsall to enter the two legged semi-final.

The fact that they drew 2-2 at Anfield against Liverpool is now part of soccer's folklore, being drawn against the finest and strongest Club side to dominate Europe in recent seasons was probably the only reason that the Saddlers gallant failure to emulate Queens Park Rangers and ourselves by winning the League Cup and gaining promotion in the same season, for the Liverpool side gained a 2-0 win at Fellows Park to end the hopes and aspirations of the West Midland Club.

The F.A. Cup 1st Round defeat at Dean Court against Bournemouth (4-0) seems almost incidental in retrospect.

A 3-1 home win over Northampton brings the Saddlers to the County Ground tonight, for in the 1st Round of the Associate Members Cup the Saddlers trailed 0-1 at the interval and it was only three goals in the last eleven minutes that ensured Walsall of a visit into Wiltshire.

Since those early season defeats by Orient and Sheffield United it was not until two weeks ago that Walsall lost at home again when Bradford City took the points in a 1-2 defeat. Eleven home wins have been obtained over Newport (3-2), Port Vale (2-0), Wimbledon (4-0), Bournemouth (3-1), Bristol Rovers (2-1), Gillingham (3-1), Brentford (1-0), Plymouth (3-2), Exeter (4-1), Bolton (1-0), and Southend (4-0). They have shared the points with Millwall (1-1) and Burnley (1-1).

They have taken maximum points on six occasions away from Fellows Park recording victories at Exeter (1-0), Rotherham (1-0), Wigan (1-0), Preston (1-0), Orient (1-0) and breaking the habit of single goal victories at Port Vale (2-0). Draws have been earned at Southend (0-0), Bradford City (0-0), Hull (2-2) and Scunthorpe (0-0).

Since those early season defeats at Bolton and Oxford United they have since lost to Lincoln (1-2), Newport (1-3) and in their last two away matches at Bristol Rovers (2-4 and again at Bournemouth (0-3). These two last away defeats had the home defeats with Bradford City sandwiched between them. These reversals have all come since their Milk Cup defeat with Liverpool. These notes are written before the home match with Scunthorpe and last Saturday's away match at Gillingham but a return to earlier form is required to maintain their promotion challenge. These recent defeats prompted Walsall to bid £20,000 for Wolves goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw, bought for £150,000 from Blackburn where he had made 85 appearances, the England Under 21 International had made over 240 appearances at Molineux.

The squad of players at Walsall contain one of the few remaining player/managers in Alan Buckley, whose appearances are somewhat rare these days due to the excellence of his squad. Alan, born in Mansfield, first played for Notts. Forest; after nineteen games and one goal he joined Walsall for a fee of £20,000, in his first spell with the Club he played 276 matches scoring a prolific 145 goals! This tempted First Division Birmingham City to part with £175,000 for his services but after 29 games and 8 goals Alan was to move back to Fellows Park with the fee recouped. Since his return he has netted a further 53 goals in 190 matches, bringing his Club total to just over 400 games with 200 goals, a truly magnificent record.

Town fans may recall that in our relegation from Division 3, we became the doomed Club after defeat in the last match of the season at Newport, this enabled Walsall to survive, after leading the Third Division at Christmas they had to pray for our defeat and subsequent relegation.

Since those days Alan Buckley has strengthened his team by recruiting Kevin Summerfield, Phil Hawker, and Ian Handysides from Birmingham City, Colin Brazier from Lincoln City, Ally Brown from Crystal Palace, and Gary Childs from nearby West Brom.

# The Associate Members Cup by DAVE KING

Well it's here, the New Cup Competition designed for Third and Fourth Division Clubs has started amid a lambasting from the press and some managers. One national newspaper who condemned the new Cup before it had commenced then decided to offer a bottle of champagne to anyone who could suggest a name to replace 'The Associate Members Cup'. It is noticeable that if a competition does not carry a sponsor's name the national newspapers seem to criticise any arranged title.

But not one comment is passed over a snooker competition carrying the banner of 'The Yamaha Keyboards International Masters'. Any revenue is welcomed these days by financially beleaguered clubs, no one can possibly tell whether it can be a success or not, but every competition has to be given a chance, it is not or cannot be held in comparison with the F.A. Cup, or the Milk Cup. A final thought for all Town fans who witnessed the previous round match at Oxford United and an early season 1st leg match with Plymouth Argyle in this season's Milk Cup at the County Ground, with the amount of chances and penalty area action at the Manor Ground far in abundance of the Plymouth match, for fans the excitement exuded is about the entertainment value provided by players not the title or sponsor's brand name, and that was more in evidence at Oxford than in the Milk Cup match with Plymouth early season.

In the first round the distinction of scoring the first ever goal in the Cup competition went to Glenn Pennyfather who scored the first of the five goals Southend registered in their 5-0 home defeat of Reading, in the same match Billy Kellock scored the competition's first penalty, adding another goal later. Ex-Ipswich striker Trevor Whymark and Chris Turner who had a brief spell with us added to Royals night of misery. The attendance was 1,597.

Steve Elliott of Preston scored the only hat-trick of the round in a 3-0 away win at Rochdale before 1,300.

The highest crowd of the 1st round was at York where 5,674 watched Hull City reply to Yorks first half goal scored by Senior with one each from Taylor and McLaren.

The lowest gate and the only one below a thousand was at Tranmere where only 937 watched second half goals from Hilditch and Hutchinson defeat Halifax Town.

One of the high points of the round was the six goals scored in the confrontation of Devon Clubs Plymouth and Torquay, Argyle scoring a resounding 5-1 home win with goals from Tynan (2), Hodges (2) and Rogers (1), Torquay's solitary reply coming from Dawkins. Argyle held a two goal lead at the interval in front of 3,962.

Tonight's visitors Wasall scored three goals in the last eleven minutes from Childs, Handsides and O'Kelly to defeat Northampton who held an interval lead through Austin before the 3,190 who attended at Fellows Park.

John Wiles' decision to include eight reserves in the Peterborough team at Wrexham still enabled the Posh to finish all square at 2-2 after 90 mins. Trevor Quow had given Peterborough a half-time lead, but Steel and Arkwright put Wrexham in front before Pike equalised for the London Road Club, but Dave Gregory popped up with the winning goal in extra time, the attendance was 1,018.

The only game played in daylight was at Valley Parade where Bradford City defeated Hartlepool 3-2, all the goals were scored in the first half. 1,178 saw Campbell, Ellis and Abbott score for Bradford with Linighan and Dobson replying for Hartlepool.

Bristol City fielded four reserves at bottom placed Exeter City of the Third Division and goals from Ray Pratt (2) and Steve Neville (1) proving too much for a penalty from Tom Ritchie for City. The crowd of 1,754 saw Exeter lead 1-0 at half-time.

A second half goal by Colin Tarrt was enough to send Hereford United tumbling out of the competition at the expense of Port Vale. A crowd of 1,605 watched this tie at Edgar Street.

Bottom placed Chester were surprise winners over Blackpool in a Fourth Division Club tie goals from Zelem for Chester and Serella for Blackpool ensured a draw at half-time, and another goal in the second half from Dave Serella ensured a win, not for Blackpool but for Chester! His second goal of the match was an own goal, but that did not matter for 1,046 fans who are only too glad to see any victory at Sealand Road these days, whoever scores.

The 3,396 who watched the all Yorkshire tie between the two Uniteds, Rotherham and Sheffield saw a first half goal from Colin Morris proving the only and decisive goal in the Sheffield victory at Millmoor.

Scunthorpe welcomed a respite from their struggling League form to record a 2-1 home win over Chesterfield. A Mike Brolly goal in the second half added to the first half goal from Steve Cammack for the Irons, Alan Birch replied with a penalty for Chesterfield. A crowd of 2,507 watched the match.

The first half penalties from Tony Adcock were too much for Wimbledon in Colchester's 2-1 home win in front of 1,888. Fishenden scored for Wimbledon.

The 2,301 who watched the all London tie saw Brentford gain a 3-2 win at Griffin Park over Orient after Joseph with 2 goals and new signing Irish International Tom Finney from Cambridge United had given the Bees a 3-1 interval lead, Peter Kitchen adding a second half goal to the first half effort he had made on Orient's behalf.

Four second half goals from Williams, La Rone, Morgan and Savage, gave Bournemouth a 4-0 home win over Aldershot before 1,706.

Winston White's first ever goal for Bury was enough to beat Third Division Wigan Athletic before 1,613.

Darlington gained a 3-1 away win at Mansfield, Honour had given Darlington a solitary goal lead at half time, he added a second goal to the other second half goal scored by Kevin Todd. A Stuart Barrowclough penalty was all that Mansfield could muster in front of the 1,086 present.

Goals in the second half by Harle and Woods gave Doncaster a 2-0 away win at Lincoln. 1,941 witnessed the Sincil Bank Clubs defeat.

All our three goals came in the second half at Oxford United's Manor Ground in our 3-1 win; two from Jim Quinn and one from Alan Mayes saw the Swindon contingent travel home happy from among the 4,744 present who saw a Colin Bailie own goal bring Oxford's lone reply.

Crewe won 3-0 on penalties after extra time had failed to settle their away match with Stockport County at Edgeley Park. The actual match result was 2-2, all the goals in front of 1,692 came in the second half of normal time with Thorpe and Kerr scoring for Stockport and Waller and a King penalty netting in reply for Crewe.

The Severnside derby between Newport County and Bristol Rovers was settled by a second half goal by Rovers new signing striker Paul Bannon from Carlisle United. After a mistake by County's goalkeeper Mark Kendall, County with no recognised striker on their books apart from the prolific goalscorer John Aldridge, were forced to play our former midfield player Roy Carter up front due to

the hamstring injury that has sidelined Aldridge. How they must envy Rovers who have an embarrassment of strikers with Bannon and Steve White in this match, and Archie Stephens and the out of favour Paul Randall, both high scoring forwards. We had other connections in this match with former player Brian Williams an ever present in the Eastville Club's line up this season. One of the Newport substitutes was Robert Woodruff, the son of one of our most prominent players in the early 1960's Bobby. The crowd was 2,116.

The highest aggregate score of the 1st round was the 4-3 win after extra time by Millwall over Third Division rivals Gillingham, with the half time scores equal at 2-2 and again level at 3-3 after 90 mins it took an own goal by Gillingham's John Sitton to settle the match in Millwall's favour, he was a former Millwall player! First half goals by Neal and Martin for Millwall in front of 2,364 were cancelled out by Tony Cascarino's two goals, and with Sheringham for Millwall and Sparrow for the Kent Club scoring in the second half it took extra time to settle this high scoring match at the Den.

Burnley beat Bolton by the odd goal in three with the winner coming six minutes from time scored by new signing Wayne Biggs; most of the 3,355 were preparing for extra time, Willie Donachie had given the Turf Moor Club an interval lead but Bolton drew level in the second half with a goal from Caldwell, but that late goal settled the tie.

## INTRODUCING . . . . THE SADDLERS FROM FELLOWS PARK continued

Goalkeeper Ron Green joined the Club from Alvechurch and has been a regular since Walsall gained promotion from Division Four in 1979-80, costing a fee of £2,000 the Saddlers have gained their money back in just over 200 appearances.

Former Club apprentice Brian Caswell is now in his 11th season with Walsall making close on 400 appearances.

Another former apprentice is Kenny Mower; this tall full back has now made over 200 appearances in his seven years with Walsall. Central defender Colin Brazier was signed in August of last year after spells with Wolves and Birmingham, making 80 appearances at Wolves, Colin's next move was to America with Jacksonville. On his return he joined Birmingham where after only 14 games he moved to Lincoln and after only 9 matches joined Walsall.

The other central defender is Peter Hart who cost £65,000 in a transfer from Huddersfield Town in 1980, after 227 matches for the Yorkshire Club, has since played over 180 matches at Fellows Park.

Midfield duties are shared by the highly talented David Preece a much sought after player, still only 19 he made his debut at 17 years and is close to 100 appearances, and another developed protege in Craig Shakespeare, made his debut in 1982 and has now played just over 50 matches in Walsall colours.

One of the leading goalscorers in this seasons campaign is Richard O'Kelly who also joined the Club from Alvechurch, how this Club produces so many players! In 1979 nearing 150 appearances for the Club Richard has scored 14 goals this season.

Up front former England schoolboy international Mark Rees is one of the fastest wingers in league soccer, with 12 goals this season Mark has now appeared in over 130 matches for Walsall.

Ally Brown, who began his career with Leicester City, scoring 35 goals in 119 appearances, was then the subject of a £60,000 transfer to West Brom making 330 appearances at the Hawthorns scoring 79 goals. After a free transfer he moved to Crystal Palace but after 11 matches scoring twice he joined Walsall last August, his experience proving invaluable to the Saddlers this season. Kevin Summerfield spent a period on loan to Walsall from Birmingham before becoming a permanent signing. A former West Brom apprentice, he scored 9 goals in 21 matches for the Saddlers last season.

Former Birmingham apprentice Phil Hawker played 37 matches for City before his move to Fellows Park, seventeen year old Mark Taylor a defender and striker David Kelly made their First team debuts when appearing as second half substitutes in the last round of the Associate Members Cup.



## ALAN – ONE OF NINE' by DAVE KING

Alan Buckley, player manager of this evening's visitor Walsall, is one of that rare breed in today's soccer world, combining the dual responsibility of playing and managing. Although his appearances this season have been limited, for with the success enjoyed by his team this year, Alan's role as a player has not been needed quite so much, although recently he did appear as a substitute in the league match at Bristol Rovers and in fact netted against the Eastville Club. He also appeared in the 1st round tie of this cup competition against Northampton Town at Fellows Park.

Alan is one of only nine player managers operating in the football league, the others are with their clubs in brackets, from the Second Division Eddie Gray (Leeds United), Graham Turner (Shrewsbury). And in the Third Division besides Alan there are David Williams (Bristol Rovers), Trevor Cherry (Bradford City) and Gerry Francis (Exeter City). While from the Fourth Division there is Terry Cooper (Bristol City), John Wile (Peterborough) and Bryan Hamilton (Tranmere Rovers).

At the commencement of this current season only three players had accumulated more goals in their career than Alan and were still active. Goals scored in League, Milk Cup and F.A. Cup had left Mick Channon of Norwich City with 240 goals to his credit, there were from 210 goals in League matches, 14 in the Milk Cup, and 16 in F.A. Cup matches. He was followed by Frank Worthington of Southampton on 216, scored from 195 in the League, 9 in the Milk Cup and 12 F.A. Cup goals. In third place was Ernie Moss of Doncaster Rovers with 210 goals, scoring 182 in the League, 17 in the Milk Cup and 11 in F.A. Cup matches.

Alan Buckley with a total of 207 career goals was in fourth place, his goals coming from 181 in League matches, 12 in the Milk Cup and 14 in F.A. Cup matches. These goals were scored with three League Clubs, a solitary goal with his first club Nottingham Forest, 198 with Walsall these coming in two spells. He scored 145 in his first spell before moving to Birmingham City and upon his return fifty three, that brief spell with City netted eight goals.

Born at Mansfield, on April 20th 1951, Alan joined Nottingham Forest as an apprentice in April 1968, making his League debut for Forest as a playing substitute in a 1-6 defeat at White Hart Lane against Tottenham Hotspur before a crowd of 35,746. The lone goal that day for Forest was scored by no other than our player/coach Paul Richardson. The first full league game of Alan's career was to come in the following league match at Huddersfield in a 0-0 draw with the Yorkshire Club. He went onto play in the following two matches before being left out of the team, he regained his place towards the end of that 1971/72 season but failed to score. Another of Alan's team mates in his first season with Forest was our former goalkeeper Jim Barrow, now assistant manager at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

It was in the following season that Alan scored his first league goal, in a Second Division match with Millwall in a 3-2 home win, he failed to score again for Forest. His first appearance against Swindon came in a 2-2 draw at the City Ground in that 1972/73 season. At the commencement of the following season Forest decided to accept a £20,000 bid from Walsall and he moved to Fellows Park in the August.

His first season with Walsall was most fruitful, ever present, scoring 24 goals, with 21 of them coming in the league and the other three from his first hat trick in a 6-1 home win over Shrewsbury Town in the League Cup.

The following season 1974-75 was to prove a repetition of the previous, being again ever present, and a further 21 league goals. Further goals were one in the League Cup and five in the F.A. Cup, bringing his total to 27 goals for the season.

It was in the season 1975/76 that Alan was to reach the peak in the most goals he would score in a single season, netting a staggering 35 goals. Thirty four of them in league matches, the other coming from a League Cup tie, during that season he scored four goals in a 5-1 home win over Rotherham, also scoring hat tricks in the home matches with Gillingham and Aldershot.

A reduction in goals the next season 1976-77 when he scored 23, twenty from league games and three in the Milk Cup. His run of 153 consecutive league appearances were to end, nevertheless he only missed two league matches that season, ending the season with forty-four appearances.

Normality was resumed during 1977/78 when Alan made the maximum league appearances once again, another massive haul of goals with 28, twenty-four from league matches and four in the F.A. Cup which included a hat trick against Swansea at Fellows Park.

Circumstances were to change, as they often do in a players career, for in October of 1978 after playing in the first fourteen matches the Walsall directors decided to accept a bid of £175,000 for this prolific scoring forward from Birmingham City, Alan was keen to prove that what he could manage in the lower leagues he could repeat in the First Division. Up to October he had scored 12 league goals. That same season Alan went onto make twenty four full appearances with a further four as substitute finishing top scorer for the St. Andrews Club with eight goals. His first goals in Division I were to come in City's defeat of Manchester United at St. Andrews, Alan scoring twice.

His days with City were short lived and the following July Birmingham recouped the transfer fee they had paid Walsall when Alan rejoined the Fellows Park Club as player manager, the forthcoming season was to show that Alan had still retained his goal touch for the Saddlers by scoring 18 goals, sixteen from league matches and two in the F.A. Cup.

In a season which saw Walsall just miss relegation at our expense, when they had to rely on a defeat for us in our final match of the 1980-81 season at Newport. Our dismay at Tommy Tynan's penalty for New-

Simon Gibson (left) heads a long throw into the Northampton penalty area but fails to help the Town break the deadlock in the 0-0 draw.

**Bottom Left**

16 year old Mark Hughes (left) appears in the Town's first team for the first time, coming on as sub against Northampton.

**Top Right**

Although goalkeeper Gleasure tips the ball over the bar, Swindon's Dave Hockaday was judged to have fouled the Northampton goalkeeper in the last home Town Match.

**Bottom Right**

Former Swindon player Russell Lewis clears for Northampton from Town's Gary Emmanuel in the goal-less draw at the County Ground.



# Photo Call

BY DAVE EVANS



port was Walsall's joy and in no way can the vagaries of football be mirrored than in the relief felt at Fellows Park and the disappointment experienced at the County Ground. Alan scored 13 goals that season, eleven in league games and one each in the F.A. Cup and League Cup.

It seemed that in 1981-82 that Alan's goalscoring powers were starting to wane, when he scored 7 goals, all from League matches. But last season 1982-83 Alan showed that not all these powers had disappeared when netting 15 goals, thirteen in the League and two in the F.A. Cup.

With the success enjoyed by Walsall this season Alan's appearances have been minimal, he has scored twice both in away matches at Blackpool in the Milk Cup and recently in a League match at Bristol Rovers.

The total of 209 goals that Alan Buckley has scored in League, Milk Cup and F.A. Cup are in each season:-

Club	Season	League Goals	Milk Cup Goals	F.A. Cup Goals	Total
NOTTS. FOREST	1972-73.	1	—	—	1
WALSALL	1973-74	21 (inc. 3 Pens.)	3	0	24
	1974-75	21 (inc. 1 Pen.)	1	5 (inc. 1 Pen.)	27
	1975-76	34 (inc. 5 Pens.)	1	0	35
	1976-77	20 (inc. 5 Pens.)	3 (inc. 1 Pen.)	0	23
	1977-78	24 (inc. 8 Pens.)	0	4	28
	1978-79	5 (inc. 1 Pen.)	3 (inc. 1 Pen.)	0	8
BIRMINGHAM CITY	1978-79	8	0	0	8
WALSALL	1979-80	16 (inc. 4 Pens.)	0	2 (inc. 1 Pen.)	18
	1980-81	11 (inc. 2 Pens.)	1	1	13
	1981-82	7 (inc. 2 Pens.)	0	0	7
	1982-83	13 (inc. 1 Pen.)	0	2	15
	1983-84	1	1	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>182 (inc. 32 Pens.)</b>	<b>13 (inc. 2 Pens.)</b>	<b>14 (inc. 2 Pens.)</b>	<b>209</b>

With 173 goals from League matches Alan is now twelve goals short of the Club record of League career goals held jointly by Tony Richards, who scored 184 between 1954 and 1963, and Colin Taylor, who scored his goals in two spells with the Club 1958 and 1963, again in 1969 to 1973.

Alan's total of 34 league goals in 1975-76 left him six short of Gilbert Alsop's record of forty goals in 1933-34 and 1934-35 in Division 3 (North). Alan in his total of 209 goals has scored one hundred and thirty in home matches and seventy nine in away matches.

Swindon Town must rate among one of Alan's favourite Clubs having scored more goals against us than any other Club apart from Shrewsbury, he has scored against sixty-six different Clubs and the following shows those Clubs and the goals scored home and away:-

Shrewsbury 12 (9H, 3A), Swindon 9 (5H, 4A), Aldershot 8 (7H, 1A), Chester 8 (5H, 3A), Hereford United 8 (5H, 3A), Colchester 7 (4H, 3A), Southend 7 (4H, 3A), Gillingham 6 (4H, 2A), Grimsby 6 (5H, 1A), Brighton 5 (4H, 1A), Bury 5 (4H, 1A), Charlton 5 (3H, 2A), Halifax 5 (3H, 2A), Lincoln 5 (2H, 3A), Preston 5 (2H, 3A), Rotherham 5 (4H, 1A), Wrexham 5 (4H, 1A), Bristol Rovers 4 (1H, 3A), Chesterfield 4 (3H, 1A), Exeter 4 (4A), Huddersfield 4 (3H, 1A), Man. United 4 (4H), Plymouth 4 (3H, 1A), Portsmouth 4 (2H, 2A), Port Vale 4 (1H, 3A), Cardiff 3 (3H), Mansfield 3 (1H, 2A), Peterborough 3 (3A), Queens Park Rangers 3 (1H 2A), Swansea 3 (3H), Ashford Town 2 (2A), Blackburn Rovers 2 (2A), Blackpool 2 (2A), Bournemouth 2 (2A), Bradford City 2 (2H), Cambridge United 2 (2H), Darlington 2 (2A), Doncaster 2 (1H, 1A), Fulham 2 (1H, 1A), Hartlepool 2 (1H, 1A), Hull 2 (1H, 1A), Newport 2 (1H, 1A), Oxford United 2 (1H, 1A), Reading 2 (2H), Sheff. Wed. 2 (2H), Arsenal 1 (A), Barnsley 1 (H), Burnley 1 (H), Bolton 1 (H), Brentford 1 (H), Crystal Palace 1 (A), Everton 1 (H), Kettering 1 (H), Millwall 1 (H), Notts. Forest 1 (H), North Shields 1 (A), Northampton 1 (H), Orient 1 (H), Scunthorpe 1 (H), Sheff. United 1 (H), Southport 1 (H), Stafford Rangers 1 (H), Tranmere 1 (H), Wigan 1 (A), Wolves 1 (A), York City 1 (A).

## Answers 20

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# YOUTH TEAM FEATURE

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## Featuring the Youth Team

Due to our having to play three games last Saturday, the Reserve side was made up of six non contract players, three apprentices and three professionals. With the First team taking thirteen players to Hartlepool and my needing three apprentices to play in the Youth team we were really pushed to fulfill the Reserve fixture. Against such a side as Queens Park Rangers we knew we were in for a hard game and this is just what happened. We again played a sweeper system and this worked reasonably well and for an hour or more we managed to limit them to very few opportunities. Eventually we were beaten by two goals to nil, and both of their goals should have been prevented. The one disappointment from this game was our failure to keep possession in their half of the field and most of the blame must be taken by our strikers as we rely on them to keep the ball and, as with the First team, they did not have the ideas and know how in the opposing penalty area.

On the Youth front we entertained Reading last Saturday and came out worthy winners by four goals to one. This was a good all round team per-

formance highlighted by Mark Gardiners hat trick. Gone was the casual approach of the previous week and we played some good attacking football coupled with one hundred per cent effort. This win maintained our position at the top of the League and everything still points to our game at Brentford on the 7th April as being the crunch game. We can only hope that our good form of late continues as this would certainly give us every chance.

Some of the young lads in the Youth side are next seasons apprentices and, from the form they are showing, it looks likely that the present high standard of lads we have will be maintained and that can only be good for the future of the Club. The lads performing so well for Swindon boys this season will join us and, together with the Schoolboys of this year will make up our squad for the South East Counties side next season and as most of these lads are local proves that we have boys as good as most right on our own doorstep.

John Trollope

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### SEASON'S GOAL TALLY FROM THE YOUTH PLAYERS

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	Football Combination	South East Counties	South East Counties Cup	F.A. Youth Cup	Total
Mark Gardiner	3	22	4	8	37
Mark Hughes	3	11	2	6	22
Andrew Wollen		6	-	3	9
Mark Payne	1	3	2	2	8
Peter Osborne	1	-	-	6	7
Sheldon Lee	-	3	2	-	5
Roger Emms	-	3	-	-	3
James Reynolds	-	3	-	-	3
Sean Prowse	-	1	-	-	1
Andy Stone	-	1	-	-	1



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**Mike Graham**

**6**

**Peter Hart**

**David Hockaday**

**7**

**Ian Handyside**

**Gary Emmanuel**

**8**

**Richard O'Kelly**

**Andy Rowland**

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**10**

**David Preece**

**Charlie Henry**

**11**

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**12**

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