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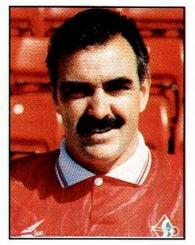
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# FROM THE TOP With JOHN CORMAN



The visit of West Bromwich Albion this evening gives me the opportunity to say hello again to Keith Burkinshaw, a man for whom I have the greatest respect.

Keith was the manager who took me to Tottenham Hotspur from Carlisle United as a player. He was also the manager who told me to quit

when I suffered a bad knee injury. That was the only time I really ignored his advice and went on to get a couple of more years in as a player.

On my return from America I worked for him for a while at Gillingham. Then when I came here the roles were reversed with Keith operating as our Chief Scout.

So this evening I suppose we meet on level terms for the first time in our career. It should be a good match for Keith also believes in producing teams that play quality football.

Talking of quality we were very disappointed with our show against Atalanta here last week. We let ourselves down badly.

There are no excuses. On the night they were the better side. They were sharper on the ball and their technique is far superior to that seen in this country.

They showed us just how far British football has to go. I think we are under a false illusion in this country that our standard of play is better than it is.

The same night we lost to Atalanta, Rangers were beaten at home by AEK Athens. The quality of these teams was there for all to see and we would be foolish not to recognise the gulf.

We need to work harder at improving the technical side of our game if we are to catch up with the Continent. There was no British involvement in the World Cup Finals in the USA summer and that surely is not just a coincidence.

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Our first hectic month of the season culminates this evening as we welcome to The County Ground the players, officials and supporters of West Bromwich Albion Football Club for tonight's Endsleigh League fixture - our fourth home game of the campaign.

**Endsleigh League** 

Meadow Lane, Nottingham is the next venue on our travels in the Endsleigh League when we meet Notts County this Saturday afternoon kicking off at 3.00pm. Travelling supporters are advised that there is no advance booking for this game, just pay on the turnstiles on the day with admission at £12 adults and £6 concessions. We then have two home Endsleigh League fixtures against Derby County on Sunday 11 September in our second live televised game of the season kicking off at 3.00pm followed on Wednesday 14 September by our first derby fixture of the season as we welcome Reading to The County Ground in an all ticket clash which kicks off at 7.45pm. Tickets for both games are now on sale from the Advance Ticket Office.

## **Anglo Italian Cup**

We leave the pressures of the League behind after Saturday's game at Notts County when we fly out to Venice where we are due to play Venezia on Tuesday 6 September in our second game in the Anglo Italian Cup. Kick off is at 8.30pm local time. Our next home game in the competition is on Wednesday 5 October when we entertain Lecce.

## Coca-Cola Cup

The second round draw for the Coca-Cola Cup has again paired us with the team we are also scheduled to play in a League fixture the same week - Charlton Athletic. The first leg is to be played at The County Ground on Wednesday 21 September with the second leg at The Valley on Tuesday 27 September. Both games kick off at 7.45pm. Season Ticket holders are advised that they have until 4.45pm on Tuesday 13 September to claim their tickets for this game. Cup Voucher 'A' should be produced with the remittance when booking. Seats for the away leg will shortly be on general sale price £10 each.

## Reserves

This afternoon the Reserves were at Watford in the Avon Insurance Combination and this Saturday visit Arsenal kicking off at 3.00pm at Highbury. Their first home game of the campaign is on Wednesday 28 September when Brighton & Hove Albion visit The County Ground kicking off at 7.30pm.

## Youths in Cup Action

The Youth Team have an away draw in the first round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup and will meet Ipswich Town at Portman Road on Monday 12 September kicking off at 7.30pm. Another Cup tie still to be dated is a home tie against Nottingham Forest in the first round of the Midland Youth Cup. The tie has to be played by the end of October.



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# WEST BROMWICH ALBION By JOHN NOLAN

Albion manager Keith Burkinshaw settled for one summer signing when he took Mike Phelan to the Hawthorns on a free transfer from Manchester United and it already looks like the signing of the year.

West Brom experienced a very similar season to us in 1993-94. Much praised for the quality of their football they suffered from poor results and found themselves fighting a rearguard action to stay in Division One.

Sixty-nine goals were conceded by "The Baggies" defence as they slipped to 21st place, just pipping rivals Birmingham City on goal difference. It was a surprise situation for a side that had been tipped as potential challengers for promotion.

Phelan, a former England International, has been brought in and installed as captain and quickly showed his worth on the opening day of the season when he held the side together at Luton.

Bob Taylor fired the Albion ahead in the opening minutes but Mr Burkinshaw admitted he was worried by the panic in his defence after Luton had equalised.

Still it was a welcome away point which they were not able to build on the following week due to development work at the Hawthorns which necessitated the postponement of their home fixture.

Indeed, this fixture today should be away but we offered to switch it to the County Ground to avoid further disruption to the League programme.

It is certainly not an ideal situation for West Brom who played only their second game of the season, at Wolves on Sunday. Still to play at home this sesson, their League position is obviously a misleading indicator of what their true potential is.



Back Row - John Trewick, Scott Darton, Daryl Burgess, Andy Hunt, Paul Mardon, Gary Germaine, Stuart Naylor, Derek Dudley, Tony Lange, Gary Strodder, Carl Heggs, Paul Raven, Lee Ashcroft, Derek Mann.

Middle Row - Danny Thomas, Ronnie Allen, Simon West, James McCue, Roy Hunter, Mike Phelan, Ian Hamilton, Daniel Marshall, Brett Love, Craig Herbert, Stacey Coldicott, Bob Taylor, Norman Bodell, Mark Ashton.

Front Row - Paul Edwards, Bernard McNally, Steve Lilwall, Micky Mallon, Dennis Mortimer, Darren Bradley, Keith Burkinshaw, Kevin Donovan, Neil Parsley, David Smith, Kieran O'Regan.

# WEST BROMWICH ALBION ALBION

**LEE ASHCROFT** - Winger. Talented England Under-21 International who can play on the right or left flanks. Still only 21, Lee cost £250,000 to sign from Preston North End in August 1993. Scored the vital winning goal in the last game of the season at Portsmouth, that kept West Brom in Division One. Born: Preston 7-6-72.

**DARYL BURGESS** - Defender. Graduated through the YTS ranks to make his League debut at Port Vale at the end of August 1989. A strong forceful player who is strong in the air. Born: Marston Green, Birmingham 24-1-71.



KEVIN DONOVAN



IAN HAMILTON

**KEVIN DONOVAN** - Midfield. Signed from Huddersfield Town in October 1992 for £70,000, has proved a real capture with 24 goals in 90 appearances for the Albion; including one against Port Vale in the 1993 Wembley Play-Off Final. Nicknamed "Jason" by his team-mates, he scored one in 17 League appearances for Huddersfield and had six games for Halifax on Joan. Born: Halifax 17-12-71.

PAUL EDWARDS - Left Back. Paul came into football with Altrincham where he was spotted by Crewe. Made 86 League appearances for the Alexandra before transferring to Coventry City but did not establish himself at Highfield Road - making 36 League appearances before joining Wolves in 1992. They let him go to West Brom in January 1994 for £80,000. Born: Birkenhead 25-12-63.

Southampton but was given his League chance by Cambridge United who signed him in 1987. Ian made the first of his 24 League appearances for the Fourth Division side v Darlington (1-4-88). Moved on to join Scunthorpe United where he scored 18 goals in 145 League games before signing for West Brom in a £160,000 move in June 1992. Has now played over 100 times for Albion. Can also operate as a sweeper. Born: Stevenage 14-12-67.

**CARL HEDGES** • Forward. Had spells with Derby County and Doncaster Rovers as a youngster and was signed by West Brom from non-League Leicester United in August 1991. Still only 23 he has yet to establish himself in the side having made 15 starts and 26 sub appearances.

**CRAIG HERBERT** - Central Defender. A strong tackling defender who will not be 19 until November 1994. Was signed from Torquay United for £10,000 in February 1994 he made his League debut in the 1-1 draw at Luton on 13th August 1994.

**TONY LANGE** - Goalkeeper. First choice last season he has now made 50 odd appearances for the Albion since moving to the Hawthorns from Molineux. Served his apprenticeship with Charlton Athletic, who he joined in 1982, and kept a clean sheet on his League debut, at Fulham, in December 1983. In 1986 he moved to Aldershot and two years later Wolves recruited him at the cost of £150,000. In 1992 he was loaned to Torquay and Portsmouth. Born: West Ham 10-12-64.

# WEST BROMWICH ALBION ALBION

#### BERNARD McNALLY - Midfield.

Experienced Irish International who made over 350 appearances for Shrewsbury Town before arriving at the Hawthorns in the summer of 1989 for £325,000. Claimed a Welsh Cup winners' medal in 1984 having made his League debut for the Shrews v Preston in February 1981. Won the first of his five caps for Northern Ireland against Morocco in 1986. Born: Shrewsbury 17-2-63.

with Leeds United in 1977 but it was Lincoln City who offered him an apprenticeship in 1978. Won England Youth honours and actually played at centre-forward for Lincoln, against Newport County, in October '82. In 1989 Stuart played for the England 'B' team. Had spells on loan with Peterborough United, Crewe and Kettering Town before eventually signing for West Brom in February 1986 for £110,000, to become the most expensive custodian signed by the Albion. Born: Leeds 6-12-62.

Huddersfield Town in August 1993 for £25,000, Neil joined Leeds United from Witton Albion but did not get a chance of a League outing. That came while on loan to Chester City and he also had a run with Doncaster Rovers before moving to the Midlands. Born: Liverpool 25-4-66.

GARY STRODDER - Central Defender. The son of former Huddersfield and Halifax Town defender Colin Strodder, Gary was introduced to League football by Lincoln City v Wigan in August 1982. He was then a raw 17-year-old and it was the first of 132 League appearances (6 goals) before games for the Hammers and in August 1990 he transferred to West Brom. Born: Spenborough 1-4-65.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SWINDON TOWN V WEST BROMWICH ALBION HEAD TO HEAD

#### LEAGUE GAMES

1990/91	Home	2-1	W	Division 2	
1990/91	Away	1-2	L	Division 2	
1989/90	Home	2-1	W	Division 2	
1989/90	Away	2-1	W	Division 2	
1988/89	Home	0-0	D	Division 2	
1988/89	Away	1-3	L	Division 2	
1987/88	Home	2-0	W	Division 2	
1987/88	Away	2-1	W	Division 2	
1973/74	Home	1-0	W	Division 2	
1973/74	Away	0-2	L	Division 2	

#### LEAGUE MEETINGS (10)

Swindon Town 6 Wins West Brom. 3 Wins 1 Draw Swindon Town 13 Goals West Brom. 11 Goals Swindon Town at Home - Wins 4 Losses 0 Draws 1 Swindon Town at Home - Goals for 7 Goals against 2

#### CUP GAMES

1991/92	Away	2-2	D	League Cup Rnd I
1991/92	Home	2-0	W	League Cup Rnd I
				FA Cup Rnd 4
1966/67	Home	0-2	L	League Cup Rnd 4

#### **CUP MEETINGS (4)**

Swindon Town 1 Win West Brom. 2 Wins 1 Draw Swindon Town 4 Goals West Brom. 6 Goals

#### **OVERALL MEETINGS (14)**

Swindon Town 7 Wins West Brom. 5 Wins 2 Draws Swindon Town 17 Goals West Brom. 17 Goals



**EOB TAYLOR** • Striker. 68 goals in 133 games for West Brom is an impressive record since a £300,000 transfer from Bristol City in January 1992. Bob was playing for the Horden CW when Leeds United spotted him and gave him a go. Made the first of his 42 League appearances for them (9 goals), v Millwall, in april 1986. Two years later he was at Bristol where he scored 50 goals in 106 League games for City. Became the first Albion player for 60 years to score more than 35 goals in a season when he notched 37 in 1992-93.

## THE MAN



## Manager Keith Burkinshaw

Took charge of West Bromwich Albion in June 1993 after Bobby Gould walked out on the club. A straight talking son of a Yorkshire miner he was the creator of one of the most exciting Spurs teams during his reign as manager there between 1976 and 1984.

Wolves threw him on the scrapheap as an 18-year-old and he drifted into non-League football with Denby in the Midland League before Liverpool spotted potential and signed him. National Service interrupted his progress and on returning to Anfield he found the first team doors firmly closed.

"The impatience of youth," he says, took the upper hand and in 1957 he joined Workington. He went on to become player-coach then manager - the latter lasting but three months.

Keith then signed for Scunthorpe United and played for three years before assuming the role of caretaker manager and, at the age of 33, was taken on by Newcastle United as reserve team coach. Three years later he was first-team coach and helped Newcastle reach the 1974 FA Cup Final where they were destroyed by a Keegan inspired Liverpool.

Burkinshaw was to return to Wembley with Spurs to win the FA Cup twice and finish second in the Milk Cup.

He has served several clubs since then, including Swindon, as chief scout under Ossie Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle.

## UNDER THE

## SPOTLICHT

Midfielder Mike Phelan

A cultured midfield general whose vision and precision of delivery earned him International recognition.

Off the field Michael is a quiet unassuming individual, he joined Burnley as a 14-year-old schoolboy and made his senior debut at 17, when he played the last ten-minutes at Chesterfield. The following week he played the whole game against Exeter City at Turf Moor.

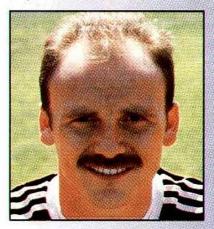
At that stage of his career Mike was employed as a sweeper and says he was greatly influenced by Martin Dobson and Tommy Hutchinson, the senior pros.

Burnley were a yoyo team and Mike experienced promotion and relegation during his five years "apprenticeship."

Tottenham Hotspur sought his services but Burnley were not willing to trade. Then John Bond arrived at Turf Moor and moved Michael into midfield to do the running for elder statesman Hutchinson. It worked well and Phelan became a target for Norwich City.

He was out of contract the choice was his. Stay at Burnley or sign for QPR or Norwich. He chose the Norfolk club and at first was looked upon as a utility player. In at leftback one week, midfield the next. He then decided to concentrate on midfield and established himself as captain, leading the Canaries to the top of the old First Division for a while, and to the semi-final of the FA Cup.

Michael eventually made Wembley, following his unexpected transfer to Manchester United in July 1989, when he appeared in the twice played FA Cup Final v Crystal Palace in 1990. A winners medal then but a



runners-up medal a year later when he made a substitute appearance against Sheffield Wednesday in the 1991 League Cup Final.

For England he made one sub appearance, against Italy, in 1990. Born: Nelson 24-9-62.



This season is just over two weeks old but already the First Division is beginning to take shape. There were 20 clubs in action last night and four of us involved this evening but already Middlesbrough are setting the pace.

While we try to enhance our position by beating West Brom, Bryan Robson's 'Boro hopefuls will be looking to maintain their impressive record at the Baseball Ground. It is a big night for Derby County who haven't enjoyed the best of starts.

We take on the Rams here on Sunday 11th September, and that will be a game not to miss, but before that we have a very important date with Notts County at Meadow Lane this coming Saturday.

There is also the pleasant trip to Venice to come. The lads were desperately disappointed with the result last week against Atalanta in the Anglo Italian Cup and they are determined to make amends against Venezia.

It will not be easy though, as the results last week suggest. Middlesbrough lost their hundred percent record when they were held to a goalless draw at Aryesome Park by Piacenza, while

Sheffield United were beaten 2-1 at Bramall Lane by Udinese.

Venezia opened their campaign with a well earned point at Tranmere Rovers who were two goals up, through Aldridge and Malkin in 45 minutes, but the Italians showed great character to respond with a penalty from Serbone and a fine equaliser by Bonaldali - this just three minutes from time.

So after the first round of this intriguing competition the

Italians, you might say, are ahead overall on points, though of course we are not racing them for points at this juncture but are in direct competition with the other English contestants.

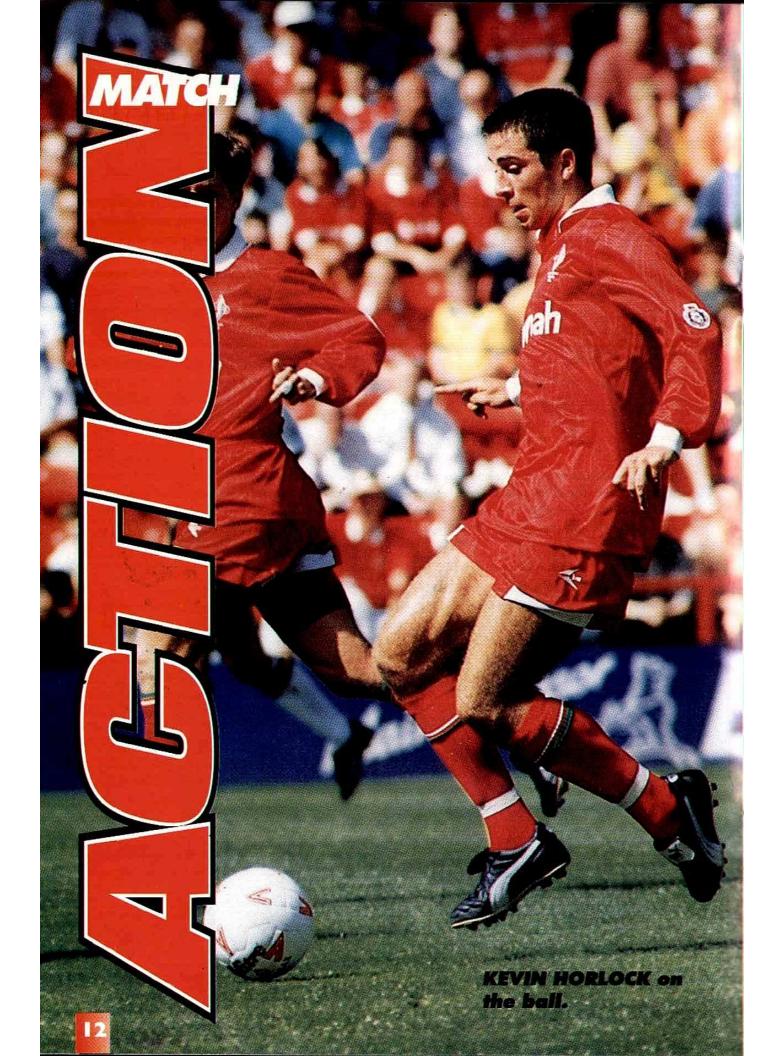
The game here with Atalanta however suggested there is a gap between the skill factors of English and Italian teams and manager John Gorman believes it is something English football needs to acknowledge and address as quickly as possible.

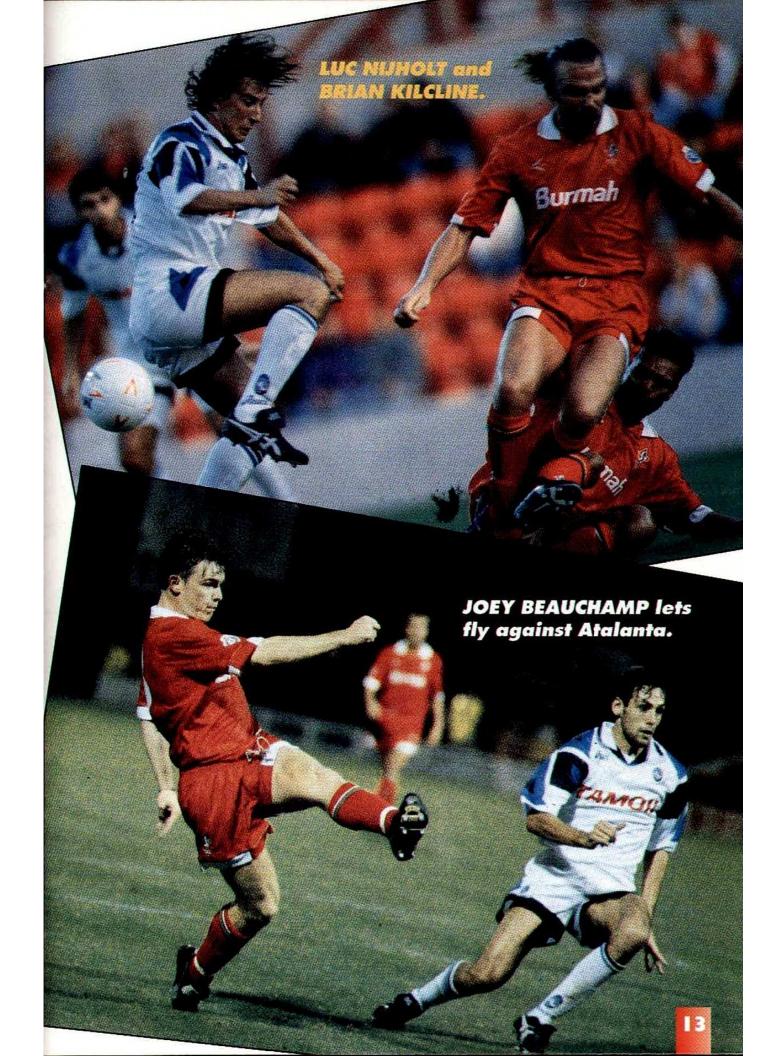
The game in Venice, next Tuesday, is very important to us. A win there will put us right back in the hunt for another Wembley final. That same night Wolves play hosts to Ascoli and Notts County are home to Lecce, while Tranmere Royers visit Atalanta.

It will be another great night of Anglo Italian competition.



Anglo Italian Cup opposition Venezia





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Our Senior Robins Social Club kicks off again on Tuesday 13
September after the summer break. A Tea Dance is to be held in the Supporters Social Club at the County Ground commencing at 2.00pm for all you over 50's. Light refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.
Subsequent meetings will be held fortnightly from 2.00pm -4.00pm with activities ranging from bingo and skittles to horse racing afternoons. We would like to see as many of you there as possible - there is no membership, just turn up.

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# ATROME WIRDAU



Paul at
home with
wife Janet
and children
Kate, Stacey
and Billy.

Paul Bodin cuts an image of a quiet caring man, and I suppose that is how he is. Yet there is something authoritative about his presence, a sort of reassuring quality that suggests he knows what he is about. He generates an ambience of confidence within those about him.

Softly spoken, modest, and genuinely friendly, Paul hardly fits the image of an International football star. Even on the field his performances are far from flamboyant. He simply does his job quietly and efficiently, and above all, Consistently well.

Away from the glare of publicity this Welshman, from Cardiff, loves nothing better than spending his time with his wife, Janet, and children Kate, eight; Stacey, seven and Billy, two, at their four-bedroomed detached house on the outskirts of West Swindon.

Says Paul: "We live in a nice quiet close which is brilliant for the kids to play in safely. Our neighbours have three girls and they are always dressing Billy up in dresses. It is okay now but I'll be a bit worried about it in ten-years time," he jokes.

"I spend all the time I can with the children. They come to games but don't really understand what it is all about. When people ask me for autographs they find it strange. They ask me to do it for them too so I have to sign something for them so they can be like the other kids."

Once he gets home Paul is able to switch off completely yet sport is never far away in the Bodin household. Janet is a fully fledged International in her own right having played 40 odd games for Wales at basketball; and Kate is into golf and Stacey has her tennis.

"We don't push the girls but we encourage them because we feel it is important to have an outlet," says Paul whose won escapism can be found on practically any golf course in the area.

"I love golf," he claims with a note of deep passion in his voice. "I know the pro at Marlborough and play there a lot. I have a 10 handicap and go around with the lads; 'Lingy' and 'Mutchy' are just as keen. John Moncur was very good - he played off four and we never won any money when he was around. He was real nuisance. Robbo, our new signing, is also keen so has joined the gang."

But what of home. Is Paul good around the house?

"Well there is always something to be done of course. I try and do a few things - nothing too dangerous like electrics. But I have put up the odd wall.

"Then there is the garden and the car. I like to look after the lawn, Jan loves (I wonder if she would use this word) doing the weeding and so on. It was strange when we first came here for the people we bought the house from took every plant from the garden with them. We put seeds in and nothing seemed to happen, so we put in more, and suddenly everything came up. It was like a jungle!



"In the past I have been known as a bit of a mechanic. When I had the old Mark I Escort everything seemed to go wrong at some stage. Brakes, exhaust, anything. I liked tinkering - having a go. With the club cars we have now hardly need to do anything, particularly as we don't do that much mileage.

"Some Sundays we will go down to Cardiff to visit the family but we don't go out much. I'll take Janet out for a meal and a quiet drink on a Saturday night but nothing too much. My disco days are over.

"We are friendly with Tom Jones and his wife so sometimes we go out with them."

Tom Jones: Um. Quite impressed by that one Paul. Now whose name dropping! Does he ever get up and sing? I ventured enthusiastically.

Paul laughed..."Not that Tom Jones," he chuckled. "Tom Jones who plays for Reading."

Ah well, I suppose "The green grass of home," is still appropriate.

Perhaps Paul might go into showbusiness himself when he hangs up his boots. He tells a good joke or two.

Well I'm 30 in September," he says, "and people are always asking me what I will do when I finish. I passed the FA Preliminary Coaching badge when I was 18 and always intended to go for the full badge but you spend so much time playing it gets pushed to one side. I suppose I will go for that.

"At the moment though I am feeling very fit and hope I have got over the niggles that hampered me last season. I had a toe which kept flaring up but this seems to be cleared up at last."

"This summer I have had a welcome break for the first time in ages. Six weeks, some of which we spent on holiday in Florida, which was very pleasant and relaxing. Normally I am involved in a summer tour. I have played in Japan and places like that and last year it was the Faroes. But this year, as Wales failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals in America, we had a break and I am feeling much fresher because of this."

Before he goes I must ask Paul who his sporting heroes are?

"Glenn and George Best from football. Sevy and Ian Botham. They are the people I have always admired."

Who then is the most important person he has ever met?

"Interesting question," reflects Paul..." I suppose my wife really."

Good answer from the defender whose one big ambition this season is to win promotion with Swindon Town. He says: "Success with Swindon has to be the priority of us all. "I am still very hopeful of being part of the Welsh squad for the European Championships of course. To do this I need to be playing well for Swindon so your club is always your top priority. Get it right here and the rest will follow."

Burmai





# BENNO

Sky Sports, who have introduced another piece of gadgetry to their football coverage this season, that enables them to measure - to within half-a-yard they claim - distances on the field of play, are now trying to wire up referees for their comments on decisions.

It is, we are told, all in the interests of assisting the viewers to understand the more intricate facets of the game.

Sounds plausible I suppose and I am all for getting things right when it comes to decisions that can influence a result or a manager's job. But I don't know. I just can't come to terms with this one I'm afraid. There seems to be too many grey areas. I might be old fashioned but I have a feeling about this one. A feeling that it renders the game too vulnerable to outside pressures.

The idea is that the referee will be fitted up with a one way microphone what will be heard by the commentators alone. They in turn will relay the referee's reasons to the television public.

Obviously it would be nice to know why certain decisions are made, particularly when they are controversial. But in my experience half the time the man in black is not too freely disposed to even advise the players involved in the thinking behind specific deliberations, never mind disclose his reasons to millions of faceless viewers.

How the communication will be conducted is another worry. Will the referee pause to relay his ruling to the gantry or try and do it as the game continues? If it is the former then it could be just what the Americans have been looking for.

The promotion of sport in America is dependant upon lucrative TV contracts. "Soccer" doesn't appeal to the marketing moguls evidently because it doesn't have enough natural breaks to enable them to get adverts in the screen. But if referee's are forced to stop and disclose crucial elements of their officiating - as is the case in American Football - it could be just the break they are looking for to role that advertising jingle.

There is also the question of the paying public. If TV viewers are going to be a party to these intimate revelations surely the fans in the ground have a right to know what is going on as well. This means that the referee would need to be wired to a public address system or someone there who, like the TV commentator, could enlighten all.

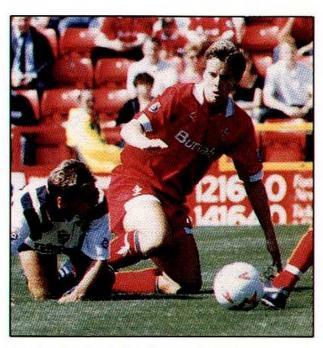
If, on the other hand, it is proposed that the referee just relays his comments in the course of his duties there would be a great danger of his losing concentration; might even be distracted at a crucial moment and fail to observe an incident.

I strongly believe television can play a part, and an important one at that, in improving the running of the game. I was never in accord with the late Alan Hardacre's doctrine that whatever a referee ruled was the gospel. My submission is that one should always try and get the right decision and in this respect if television evidence proves conclusively that wrongful interpretation has been made then it should be corrected.

Last season Jan Aage Fjortoft had a perfectly good goal ruled out at Maine Road for alleged pushing. Again the cameras disclosed that he made no contact at all. The referee's decision in this case cost us the game and much more. That match should have been replayed.

There was an incident in the Bundesliga at the end of last season when a referee, following a signal from a linesman, awarded a goal. He later realised from the TV re-runs that it was an incorrect decision, the ball had not crossed the line. Having acknowledged his mistake the game between Bayern Munich and FC Nuremberg was replayed.

It is a decision that has created controversy in UEFA circles but at least justice was seen to be done.



Jan Aage Fjortoft - his goal ruled out against Manchester City



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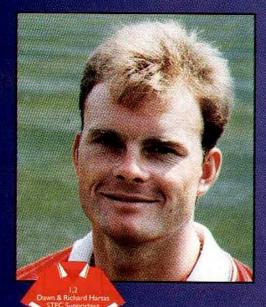




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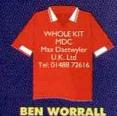


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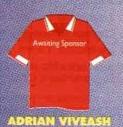
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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Jimmy Allan By Paul Plowman

Albion first visited Swindon on League business on a sunny September afternoon 21 years ago. Town's goalkeeper that day was Jimmy Allan whose career was tragically terminated in October 1983 when a collision with Rochdale's Steve Johnson left him with a shattered left arm.

limmy signed on as an apprentice at the County Ground two weeks before his 17th birthday, having previously played in his native Scotland for Highland League club Brora Rangers. He made his League debut for Swindon 23 years ago this week - coincidentally on the day the new North Stand was officially opened. Queens Park Rangers were the visitors and the young Scot impressed by keeping a clean sheet. But he was third choice keeper at the time, behind Peter Downsborough and Roy Jones and had to wait three months before getting a second chance, again when Rangers were Town's opponents.

When the long-serving Downsborough fell out with new manager Les Allen in November 1972 Jimmy seized his chance, until Rangers again played a part and a 5-0 reverse at Loftus Road put the Yorkshireman back in the driving seat. But when the next season arrived, Downsborough was still in dispute and Jimmy played 32 successive games before being presented with a personal dilemma.

With a three-day working week during a nationwide power crisis, clubs were turning to Sundays in an attempt to attract larger gates. Being a committed Christian, Jimmy stuck to his beliefs and became the first professional to opt out of playing on the seventh day - and consequently lost his place to Alan Spratley.

Jimmy had to play a supporting role again in 1974/75, this time to Jim Barron. But Barron's experience seemed to rub off on the Scotsman - still only 21 - and when the former Oxford and Forest keeper left to take up coaching in the States, Jimmy went from strength to strength and eventually completed in the 450 first team appearances for the Town. More than sixty came in 1979/80 when he was a member of an inspired side which reached the semi-finals of the League Cup.

And it should have been more than 450.

But that fateful day of the Rochdale game changed it all. "It ruined my life for almost ten years," says Jimmy, who believed that as a goalkeeper his best years should still have been ahead of him. "But finishing early did have one advantage as it meant that I had to knuckle down and get a job." And

for the last six years he has worked as a rep for a packaging firm.

Remarkably, however, Jimmy has now started playing again.

Last season, at 40, while coaching keepers at Western League Torrington, he played a couple of games for the North Devon club and now turns out for his local village team, Merton. "The arm still doesn't straighten so I can't fully extend my left arm," he said. "I have to make one-handed saves which I manage to cope with. But I still have the enthusiasm and I have no weight problems!"



Jimmy Allan



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Wed 29 Mar	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	
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## AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION DIVISION 1 AS AT 22 AUGUST 1994

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Luton Town	1	1	0	0	2	.0	3
Brighton & Hove Albion	-1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Swindon Town	- 1	-1	0	0	2	0	3
Bristol Rovers	1	10	0	0	1	0	3
Bristol City	-1	0	1	0	2	2	-1
Oxford United	- 1	0	1	0	2	2	- 1
Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Ipswich Town	0	0	0.	0	0	0	0
Milwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tottenham Hotspur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Ham United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Palace		0	0	1	-1	2	0
Norwich City	- 1	0	0	1	1	2	0
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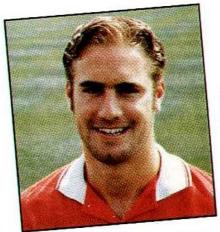
As we come to the end of the first month of the new season, we only played our second game of the programme this afternoon away at Watford - indeed the first five games are away and we have to wait until Wednesday 28 September before we are able to play our first home game of the season which is against Brighton &

Until then we have to travel to play Arsenal at Highbury this Saturday afternoon and visit Norwich City and Bristol City in the weeks following.

The Manager has made it clear that he is not going to be frightened to give the younger players their chance this season in the first team and they have therefore got everything to play for. Already this season Wayne O'Sullivan and Andrew Thomson have lined up with the senior pros and there is certainly no reason why others should not follow.

Because of the Anglo Italian Cup our Avon Insurance Combination games have been re-scheduled but unfortunately this means us falling behind the rest of the pack -something we can well do without but we will have to make sure that we make up for lost ground as and when they are played.

Even though the Cup requires us to have a large squad the younger players still need match practice and to this end we played a friendly game against Bristol Rovers and next week hope to play a team from the RAF when hopefully I will be able to have a run out after my pre-season injury.



Andrew Thomson



# YOUTH TEAM OF THE STATE OF THE

Our first home South East Counties League game of the season at Wanborough was against Bristol Rovers.

Early chances were created and we took the lead when Mark Jordan put Shaun Wimble through to chip over the visiting keeper.

Some good football should have produced more goals but sloppy finishing or sheer had luck kept Rovers in the game and in their first attempt at goal they equalised with a shot from at least thirty yards out.

Continuing to have all of the play it seemed only a matter of time when we would score again but just before the interval with only their second real effort at goal Rovers took the lead when a deflected shot looped over Chris Hamblin.

After dominating so much of the play we found ourselves trailing at the break and taking the game to Bristol on the restart soon equalised when a Shaun Wimble corner was headed down by Jonathan Holloway for James Fraser to score on the turn. From this point there was only to be one winner.

Jamie Laidlaw shortly afterwards restored our lead which was made greater with an own goal thanks to a little help from Ryan Souter.

We completed the rout with one of the best moves of the game with Mark Jordan putting Scott Medcroft through to score our fifth.

This was a much improved performance with our lads playing with more spirit and purpose.

However having conceded five goals in our first two games we must look to improve this part of our game.

#### Result:

south East Counties League Swindon Town 5 Bristol Rovers 2

Scorers: Medcroft, Fraser, Laidlaw, Wimble, og.

Team: Hamblin, Jordan, Souter, Holloway, Harvey, Thorne, Medcroft,

Pearce, Fraser, Laidlaw, Wimble.

Subs: Duff, McClean, Mildenhall.





## SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Sat 13 Aug Oxford United	A 2-3
Sat 20 Aug BRISTOL ROVERS	
Sat 27 Aug Colchester United	
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Sat 10 Sep Brentford	A
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Sat 17 Sep Wimbledon (LC 1)	
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Sat 08 Oct AFC Bournemouth	A
Sat 15 Oct TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
Sat 22 Oct LC 2	
Sat 29 Oct Crystal Palace	A
Sat 05 Nov WYCOMBE WANDERERS	
Sat 12 Nov Brighton & Hove Albion	
Sat 19 Nov LUTON TOWN	н
Sat 26 Nov LC 3	
Sat 03 Dec Reading	A
Sat 10 Dec SOUTHAMPTON	н
Sat 17 Dec Southampton	Α
Sat 31 Dec OXFORD UNITED	н
Sat 07 Jan Bristol Rovers	A
Sat 14 Jan COLCHESTER UNITED	н
Sat 21 Jan Wimbledon	Α
Sat 28 Jan BRENTFORD	Н
Sat 04 Feb Bristol City	A
Sat 18 Feb AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H
Sat 25 Feb Tottenham Hotspur	Α
Sat 04 Mar CRYSTAL PALACE	н
Sat 11 Mar Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat 18 Mar BRIGHTON & H.A.	Н
Sat 25 Mar Luton Town	Α
Sat 01 Apr READING	H

All home games are played at The Allied Dunbar Training Centre, Wanborough, and kick-off at 11.00am

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE 1993/94 SEASON

THE RESIDENCE REPORTS			100	all the last	ALC: NO.		-
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crystal Palace	26	15	5	6	56	32	35
Swindon Town	26	14	6	6	49	26	34
Wimbledon	26	15	1	10	61	44	31
Reading	26	10	9	7	39	36	29
Oxford United	26	11	6	9	46	38	28
Brentford	26	10	8	8	40	34	28
Luton Town	26	11	4	11	40	47	26
Brighton & H.A.	26	10	6	10	37	44	26
Southampton	26	8	7	11	29	30	23
Bristol Rovers	26	9	5	12	40	48	23
Bristol City	26	8	6	12	35	44	22
AFC Bournemouth	26	9	2	15	40	53	20
Tottenham Hotspur	26	8	4	14	35	49	20
Colchester United	26	6	7	13	33	55	19

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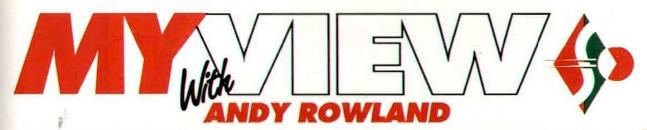
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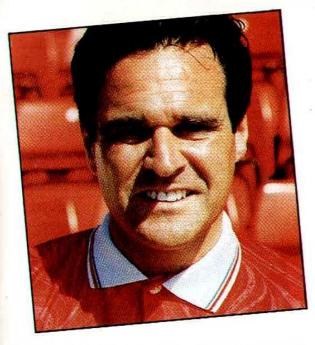


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## Although it is early days, I feel as though I have settled into my new role at the club quite nicely.



Pre-season went well and although our results weren't great, our build up was good and we won the game which mattered-the opener here at The County Ground against Port Vale.

The trip to Cyprus in July gave us all a chance to get together and build up a good working relationship and so far in training the response from the lads has been excellent. It's these games which really sharpen players up although rest assured we will be working really hard up at the training ground at Wanborough.

So far as the team are concerned players are still settling down, getting their strength, form and fitness together although some take longer than others, hence the team will show one or two changes particularly at this early stage. It might take a few games to discover the best starting line-up and this will give everybody their chance to stake their claim for a place.

The biggest difference I've personally found this season so far is the pressure to actually win on a Saturday. Nothing is more important to everybody involved at the club and in the town. It's up to us to deliver the goods.

Prior to last weekend we had played three competitive games. The two Endsleigh League games, one win and a defeat which we know should have been two wins, and the Anglo Italian Cup game which ended in a 2-0 victory for our visitors Atalanta. Lessons have been learnt and the mistakes will be rectified. All players have got to take responsibility for results as well as Managers and the Coaching staff, and will be working hard to this end.

One positive thing from the early stages of the season has been the introduction of some of the younger professionals into the First Team. John Trollope brought the players into the club as schoolboys, they progressed through the Youth ranks into the Reserves with me over the last few seasons. We have several other talented lads waiting in the wings for their chance and I am confident that when given it they will take their opportunity well and not let either themselves or the club down.

As well as our own crop of youngsters we have brought in two experienced players in Mark Robinson and Joey Beauchamp. Mark came to us in the summer and played a big part in the pre-season build up in Cyprus. Joey should have been with us but thought that his career was elsewhere but soon discovered otherwise and we are now sure that he has made the right decision in joining up with us. Already he has shown his worth in the short time he was on the field at Tranmere and what about the shot he had on goal in the Atalanta game?

Next Monday we are off to Venice where we continue our European campaign and have some very attractive games coming up in the next month, another TV game when we meet Derby County, our first derby fixture when we entertain Reading and of course there's the Coca-Cola Cup.

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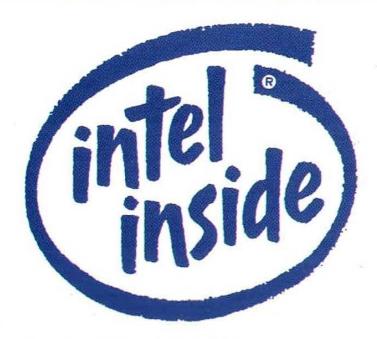
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## ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE AS AT 30 AUGUST 1994

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Millwall	3	2	0	0	7	2	0	1	0	1	1	7
Wolverhampton W.	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
Oldham Athletic	3	2	0	0	8	2	0	0	1	1	3	6
Swindon Town	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	6
Grimsby Town	3	-1	1	0	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Portsmouth	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
Bristol City	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5
Sunderland	3	0	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	-1	0	5
Notts County	3	0	1	0	1	10	1	0	1	4	3	4
Barnsley	3	-1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	2	4
Port Vale	3	1	0	0	3	1.	0	1	1	0	2	4
Reading	3	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	1	2	1	4
Stoke City	3	1	0	1	Ī	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
Sheffield United	2	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tranmere Rovers	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	× 1	4	3
Luton Town	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	3
Charlton Athletic	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Bolton Wanderers	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Southend United	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Derby County	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	1
West Bromwich Alb.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	/1
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Watford	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2	0	4	1

#### FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES AS AT 27 AUGUST 1994

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Joey Beauchamp	1(1)	0	1	0	2(1)	0
Paul Bodin	3	0	1	0	4	0
Fraser Digby	3	0	1.	0	4	0
Terry Fenwick	2	0	0	0	2	0
Jan Aage Fjortoft	3	3	41	0	4	3
Ty Gooden	0 /	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
Nicky Hammond	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)	0
Kevin Horlock	2(1)	0	1	0	3(1)	0
Brian Kilcline		0 🔻		0	2	0
Martin Ling	3	1 man	illia I	0	4	1
Andy Mutch	2(1)	0	0(1)	0	2(2)	0
Luc Nijholt	3	0		0	4	0
Wayne O'Sullivan	1(1)	0	0(1)	0	1(2)	0
Mark Robinson	3	0		0	4	0
Keith Scott	1(2)	1 /	1	0	2(2)	1
Shaun Taylor	3	0	0	0	3	0
Andrew Thomson	. 1	0	1	0	2	0
Adrian Whitbread	1	0	0	0	1	0
Steve White	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

#### **SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 1994/95**

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