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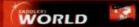
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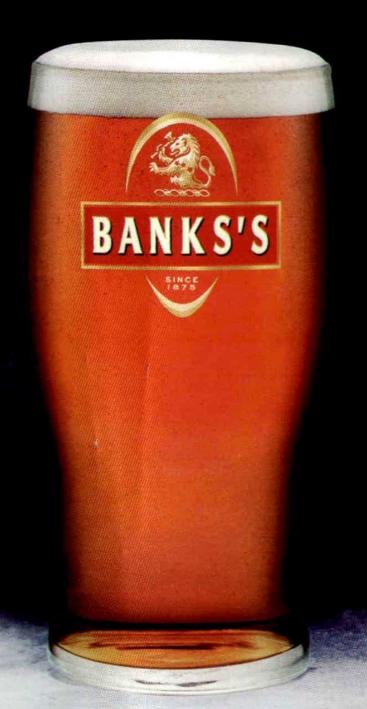




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MONEY TALKS

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the views of saddlers' boss, richard money...

GOOD afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Bescot Stadium for the visit of Swindon Town.

Once more my players displayed plenty of resilience, character and spirit to come home from Bury with three hard-earned points on Tuesday evening.

In tough conditions and against youthful and energetic opposition, we battled well and fully deserved our victory in the end. To be fair, both teams did well and if we are going to get promotion this season, it is nights like that where you really earn it by getting the right result.

The performance augurs
well for the future and we have
a great game in store today. Obviously
Swindon Town will be well up for it like
ourselves and I hope that we get a big

crowd and a big atmosphere inside the stadium.

That said, we have watched Swindon on a number of occasions and

they are a good side with some extremely talented players. They also have an experienced manager at the helm in Paul Sturrock and I fully expect them to be there or thereabouts in the promotion race come the end of the season.

We welcome everyone connected to the club to Bescot Stadium and wish them a safe journey home afterwards.

I feel that there is a real bond developing between our supporters and the players. Once again we were

given superb backing at Gigg Lane and the fans can see that this group of players is doing all that they can to get us back into League One at the first attempt.

I am lucky to have such a strong and talented group at my disposal and Tuesday evening proved that we have plenty of options within the squad. I am comfortable that whatever 11 I put out, they will do all that they can to get the right result for this football club.

The recent signing of Swedish striker, Par Cederqvist also adds to our strength. He is a player that I know all about from my time in Sweden. He is a big lad with tremendous pace and a real eye for goal; I am delighted that we managed to get him and the fact that he has a month to acclimatise and get to know his new surroundings will work in our layour.

Thanks for your support today and indeed over the first half of the season. You have played an important role in the progress that we have made so far and I look forward to seeing you all back here on Boxing Day.

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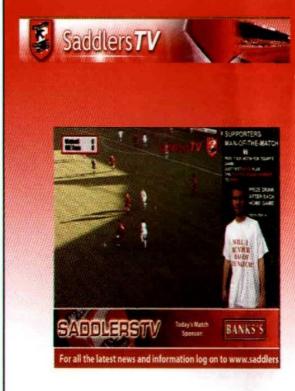
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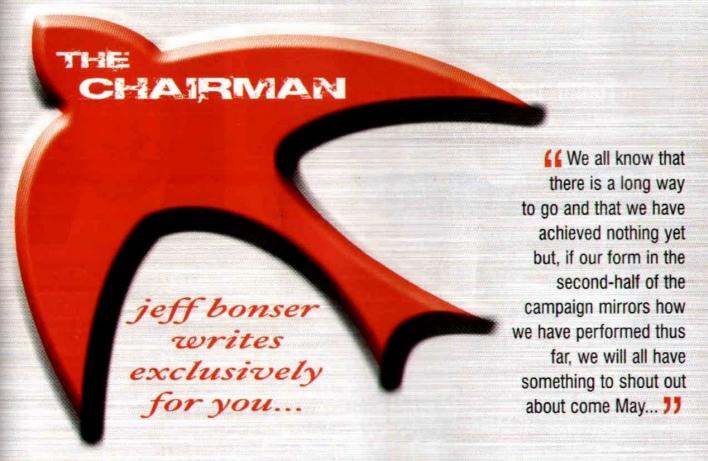
A MINI ROUND-UP OF ALL THE LATEST
GOINGS ON AT BESCOT STADIUM.

12.45pm - MAN UTD vs. MAN CITY FULL COVERAGE OF THE PREMIERSHIP CLASH.

2.45pm - WALSALL ROUND-UP.
A REPEAT OF THE EARLIER BULLETIN.

WALSALL vs. SWINDON

SADDLERS TV IS AVAILABLE IN THE BONSER SUITE, STADIUM SUITE, BESCOT BAR AND ALL EXECUTIVE BOXES - JUST GO TO CHANNEL 7!



TODAY we welcome Swindon Town to Bescot Stadium for what is sure to be another stern test.

Like ourselves, Swindon are flying high in League Two and today's game will be an intriguing contest.

We are almost at the half-way point in terms of our League season and, as it stands, we are on course to achieve our one goal for the season - promotion back to League One.

We all know that there is a long way to go and that we have achieved nothing yet but, if our form in the second-half of the campaign mirrors how we have performed thus far, we will all have something to shout out about come May.

Our home form in particular has been magnificent. To still be unbeaten in the League at this stage of the season, and to have only conceded one goal in that time, is a superb achievement. Long may it continue!

Off-the-field we have had a productive time during the opening months of the 2006/07 campaign as well. The acquisition of a new training ground in nearby Essington is a step in the right direction and I am sure that this new facility will play a major role in the future success of Walsall Football Club.

I spoke at the start of the season about the single-mindedness in and around the club to bounce straight back to League One and it is pleasing to see that everyone - players, staff, officials and supporters - are all still focussed on that one objective.

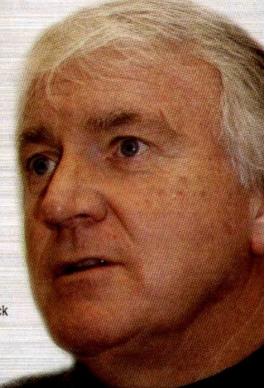
There are sure to be a few twists and turns during the course of the season but if we can stick together and remain focussed, we will reach our goal.

Today marks our last home game before Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

As I am sure you are aware, today we are holding a Walsall Winter Wonderland with a number of attractions taking place in and around the stadium before kick-off.

I hope you enjoy your afternoon with us and I look forward to seeing you back at Bescot on Boxing Day.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the festive period...



a round-up of the latest club news with roy whalley...

WALSALL WINTER WONDERLAND HERE TODAY

Today we host our third Fun Day of the season as Walsall Winter Wonderland comes to Bescot Stadium.

There is a Santa's Grotto for young Saddlers to visit, a whole-host of fairground rides along with face painters and magicians entertaining the crowds in and around the stadium from 1.00pm onwards

These themed occasions are great fun for all ages and I hope you all enjoy the day, which we all hope will end with The Saddlers picking up three crucial points against Swindon Town.

BBC WM TOY APPEAL HERE TODAY

The BBC WM Christmas Toy Appeal will also be present at today's Walsall Winter Wonderland so why not drop off a gift before you enter the stadium?

The Appeal sees toys and gifts collected which Social Services then distribute to local children up to the age of 16 who otherwise would have nothing this Christmas morning. BBC WM's Cayte Walker is here today between 12.00noon and 2.00pm.

Health and safety legislation means that everything collected has to be brand new. If you're unable to bring your gift along to the game, you can still drop it off at any West Midlands Fire Station or any branch of Express Dairies or Gregg's before Friday, December

SADDLERS' BOSS TO JOIN DAZ HALE ON TUESDAY EVENING

Carrying on with the BBC WM theme, it is worth noting that Richard Money will be the special guest of WM's Daz Hale next week.

He will join Daz on Tuesday, December 12th to talk about all things Walsall and Daz has also promised to take a few phone calls from Saddlers fans too. The show starts at 8pm and should provide an invaluable insight into the season so far.

RESERVE TEAM NEWS

Please note that our Pontin's Holidays League clash with Birmingham City, scheduled for this coming Monday, has been postponed.

A new date has yet to be arranged but information will appear on www.saddlers.co.uk as soon as it is available.

BIG CUP DATES AHEAD FOR YOUTH TEAM

Our youth team entertain Middlesbrough in the third round of the FA Youth Cup next Friday,

This is a mouth-watering encounter against one of the country's top Academy sides and I am sure that Mick Halsall and his lads would appreciate as much support as possible

Kick-off is 7.30pm and admission is £3 (adults) and £1 (concessions).

The youth team are back in Cup action the following Tuesday, December 19th as they entertain Chesterfield in the second round of the Midland Youth Cup.

This is another important game for the club and it would be nice to get as many people into Bescot Stadium as possible. Kick-off is 7.00pm and admission is £3 (adults) and £1 (concessions).

SADDLERS HIGHLIGHT STANCE ON

There have been a number of high-profile incidents in recent weeks where players and a match official have been struck by coins thrown from the crowd.

Football clubs have a responsibility, under FA Rules, to take appropriate measures in order to provide a safe environment for spectators, players and match officials and to encourage good conduct by the supporters of both teams

Saddlers' supporters are reminded that the throwing of any object within any football stadium is a criminal offence. The strongest possible action will be taken against any Walsall fan who is identified and convicted of throwing objects, both at home or away matches, and this will include a life ban from Bescot Stadium.

VILLA RESERVES AT BESCOT DURING WINTER MONTHS

Aston Villa's second-string will play a number of Premier Reserve League fixtures here at Bescot Stadium during the winter period.

Tuesday 9th January Aston Villa vs. Fulham Wednesday 17th January Aston Villa vs. Portsmouth Tuesday 20th February
Aston Villa vs. Charlton Athletic Tuesday 6th March Aston Villa vs. West Ham United Monday 12th March Aston Villa vs. Watford

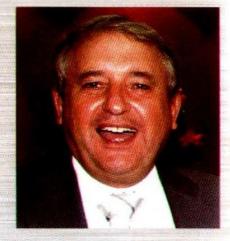
Kick-off for these fixtures is 7.00pm and admission is £2 (adults), £1 (concessions) and free to Walsall FC/Aston Villa FC seasonticket holders on production of their seasonticket booklet.

Please note, however, that the fixture with Arsenal, scheduled for this coming Tuesday, December 12th, has been postponed. A new date for this game, along with the postponed fixture against Chelsea earlier this week, has yet to be arranged. Stay tuned to www.saddlers.co.uk for the latest information.

FESTIVE OPENING HOURS FOR THE TICKET OFFICE

Here are the Bescot Stadium Ticket Office opening hours for the festive period:
Friday, December 22nd - 9.00am until

- Saturday, December, 23rd Closed Sunday, December 24th - Closed
- Monday, December 25th Closed
- Tuesday, December 26th 10.00am until 3.00pm and then after the game v Shrewsbury Town from 4.45pm until



- Wednesday, December 27th Closed Thursday, December 28th Closed
- Friday, December 29th 9.00am until
- 4.30pm
- Saturday, December 30th 10.00am until 3.00pm and then after the game v Bristol Rovers from 4.45pm until 5.15pm
- Sunday, December 31st Closed
- Monday, January 1st Closed Tuesday, January 2nd Closed
- Wednesday, January 3rd Closed
- Thursday, January 4th 9.00am until

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT WALSALL FC

Today marks our last home game before Christmas Day and, on behalf of everyone at Walsall Football Club, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Your support has been tremendous. Not just this season but throughout the year.

We are back in action at Bescot Stadium on Boxing Day when we play host to local rivals, Shrewsbury Town. Tickets for this game, along with our forthcoming away trips to Wrexham and Boston United, are on sale now. More information can be found on page 41 of today's Matchday Programme.

Merry Christmas one and all....

ROY WHALLEY



WHAT'S ON AT BESCOT STADIUM

Simon Abbotts is Tom Jones

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th 2006

A night of real entertainment with all those favourite songs from the Welsh wonder, plus disco and late bar. Tickets are £25 each, including four-course meal.

Walsall Business Breakfast Club Pete Waterman

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th 2006

Your chance to network with business leaders from across Walsall. The session starts at 7.30am until shortly before 9.00am in The Priory Lounge.

The cost is £10 per person, to include a delicious breakfast and guest speaker.

Gary Pease is Rod Stewart

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th 2006

Festive fun all the way with some classic hits plus disco and late bar.

Tickets are £30 each, including four-course meal.

Harry Cambridge is Luther Vandross

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st 2006

Get into the festive spirit with some fine music, disco and late bar.

Tickets are £30 each, including four-course meal.

Christmas Lunchtime Special

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd 2006

Put yourself in the festive spirit with one of Britain's funniest comedians, Johnnie Casson, plus a delicious meal.

Tickets are £25 each, including five-course meal.

New Years Eve Celebration In The Bonser Suite JOE BROWN

A night not to be missed, including buck's fizz reception, comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees, disco and late bar.

Tickets are £90 each, including five-course meal or £127.50 per person to also include one nights' accommodation and breakfast at the Ramada Encore Hotel.

New Years Eve Celebration In The Stadium Suite BACKBEAT BEATLES

All those never-to-be-forgotten classics, plus disco and late bar.

Tickets are £50 per person to include a four-course meal or £87.50 per person to also include one nights' accommodation and breakfast at the Ramada Encore Hotel.

The Billy Fury Story - Halfway To Paradise

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th 2007

The story of one of the most cool rock and rollers ever, recreated starring Colin Gold as Billy Fury and the original members of Fury's Tornadoes.

Tickets are £28 each, including a four-course meal.

Syd Lawrence Orchestra

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd 2007

Featuring the music of the Big Bands and including a tribute to Matt Monro.

Tickets are £30 each, including four-course meal.

Sporting Dinner with Graham Poll

THURSDAY, MARCH 1st 2007

The Premiership referee has certainly been in the news recently and will be joined by a top-quality comedian for a great night of entertainment.

Tickets are £30 each, including a five-course meal.

The Four Tops

FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd 2007

This superb band of vocalists will bring you all the classic Four Tops hits, including: 'Loco in Acapulco', 'Baby I Need Your Loving', 'Reach Out, I'll Be There', 'I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)' and many more.

Tickets are £28 each, including four-course meal.

For further information, please call 01922-651 418 or log-on to www.m6j9.com. Bookings can be made, with credit card, on 0870-442 0111 or on-line via

www.saddlers.co.uk.... Discounted room rates are available at the new Ramada Encore Hotel, situated here on the Bescot Stadium site, for all events. Call 01922-639 100 for details.

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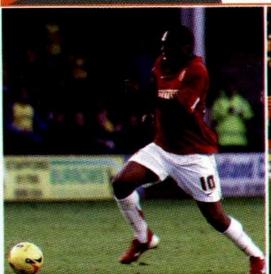


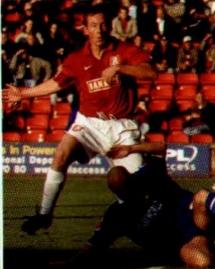


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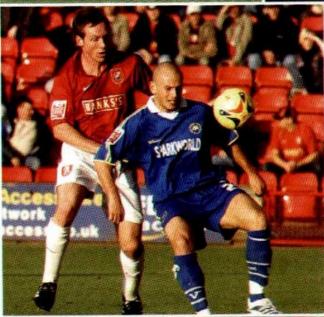
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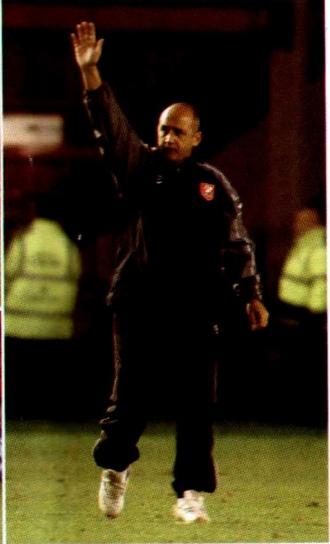


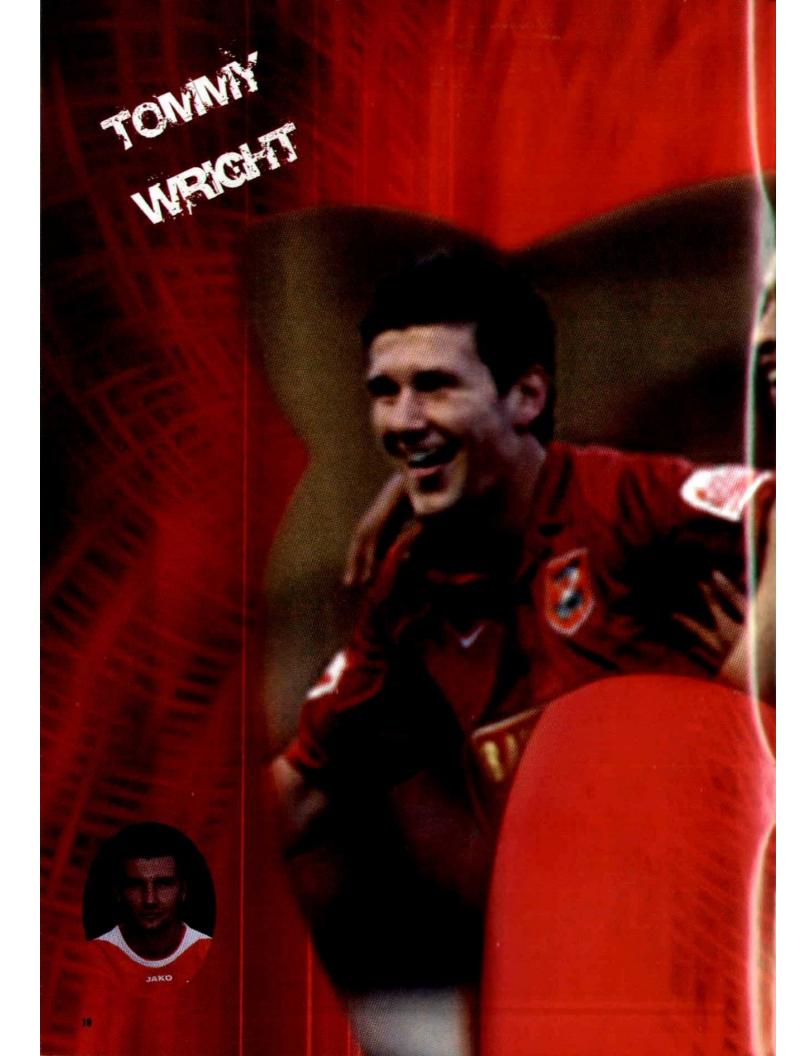














66It doesn't bother me dropping down into League Two; I just want to get as many goals as I can and help the club stay at the top of the table...?

LOAN signing, Tommy Wright made an immediate impact on his Saddlers' debut as he fired in our opening goal in the 2-1 victory over Notts County a fortnight ago. "I was absolutely delighted with the start," he beamed. "To get off the mark straight away was nice from a personal point of view, but the main thing was that the team picked up three points.

"I only found out that I was coming here on the Thursday prior to the game, then trained with the lads on the Friday. It was a case of being thrown in at the deep end, but I got my head down, concentrated hard and I am pleased with the start that I have made."

Once it became clear that Barnsley were willing to let the 22 year-old go out on loan, there were a number of clubs interested. "I had a few options," he admitted. "In the end I chose Walsall because the club is flying high in the table and I have heard some good things about Richard Money. It is also quite local to where I live, so that was another factor in my decision.

"I still have 18 months left on my contract at Barnsley and had played in their previous four games before being told that I could go out on loan. I just want to play regularly, so when I was told that I knew the writing was on the wall.

"It doesn't bother me dropping down into League Two; I just want to get as many goals as I can and help the club stay at the top of the table."

Wright's no-nonsense play certainly unsettled the Notts County back-line and also earned him a yellow card - his fourth of the season. "It's fair to say that I have a physical element to my game," he went on. "I like to put myself about and be involved in the thick of the action.

"The Notts County fans wanted me to get sent off, but let's just say that I would have been very disappointed had the referee decided to show me a red card."

The Leicester-born front-man has put pen to paper on a two-month loan deal here at Bescot Stadium and is looking forward to today's big game. "It's a massive match," he went on. "These are the sort of occasions that I relish and the aim is to increase the gap at the top of the table even further.

"We were delighted to come away from Bury with all three points on Tuesday evening even though we didn't perform as well as we would have liked.

"The conditions weren't the best and I thought that we got into the game more as it went on, but the main thing was that we came out of it with a win."

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Send your questions to members of the first-team squad via e-mail to: a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk



What are your initial thoughts on the club?

It is a very wellorganised and professional club. I have been extremely impressed with the Gaffer.

- From Steve Watson



What did you think of the reception that you got from the fans on your home debut?

The fans were brilliant and made me feel at home straight away. I was particularly touched by the reception that I got as I was substituted.

- From D. Foster



How much did you know about the club prior to coming here?

I've played against the club a few times during my career, so I knew quite a bit. I was also well aware of how well the club has started the season.

- From Mike Wilkins



How would you describe your style of play?

I always give 100%, physical, run the channels well and can score goals.

- From B. M.



Which player did you admire most whilst growing up and why?

I always admired Alan Shearer for his goalscoring and allround play. I used to watch him closely whilst I was growing up and learned a lot from him.

- From Maureen Bennett

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January 13th 2007 - Walsall v Grimsby Town, Saturday, January 27th 2007 - Walsall v Boston United, Saturday, February 3rd 2007 - Walsall v Rochdale

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Review

THE SADDLERS' second-string slipped to a disappointing 3-1 defeat at the hands of Huddersfield Town.

The home side came out of the blocks brightly and threatened early on when some good play down the right ended with an inviting cross to the far post that Bertrand Bossu did well to claim.

Our first real effort on goal saw Mark Kinsella's long-range drive flash just wide before we fell behind as McAliskey's shot rebounded to Jamie Hand who beat Bossu with the aid of a deflection.

On 27 minutes Hand bagged his second as he volleyed home sweetly from 25 yards, but we didn't let our heads drop and managed to pull a goal back just past the half-hour mark when Darren Wrack cleverly linked up with Graham Deakin whose effort found its way past the home 'keeper.

Youngster, Troy Denney replaced Kinsella during the interval but it was Huddersfield who had the first opening of the second period only to find Bossu in good form to make the save.

There was a chance for James Constable shortly afterwards, but David Mirfin was able to get back and put in a timely challenge.

Constable then set up Deakin in the next attack, but the first-year professional, who has recently returned from a loan spell at Tamworth, was denied by Paul Rachubka.

After Bossu had made another good save, the home side went close again as another inviting ball flashed across the face of goal with no-one on hand to get the vital touch.

With the home side well in control, Bossu had to save with his legs from McAliskey before The Terriers' third goal finally arrived on 68 minutes when

Hand's left-wing cross was expertly swept home by Akins.

David McDermott went close for Walsall on 81 minutes before Charlton Davies' last-minute header from close range produced a fine, point-blank save from Rachubka.

In between, Bossu made another stop as he tipped an effort wide, but in the end it wasn't to be The Saddlers' day.

WALSALL: Bossu, Bedeau, Demontagnac, Deakin, Smith, T. Schwarz, McDermott, Kinsella (Deeney), Constable (D. Schwarz), Nicholls, Wrack (C. Davies). Sub not used: McKeown.

* Please note that our Pontin's Holidays League clash at Birmingham City, which was due to take place on Monday, has been postponed with no new date confirmed as yet.





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Progress

THE SADDLERS' youth team continued their impressive form with a convincing 2-0 victory over Tranmere Rovers.

Both teams began in a competitive fashion by playing some attractive football at a good pace.

The first half was pretty evenly matched throughout and it was no surprise that the scoreline was locked at 0-0 going into the interval.

We started the second period with a quicker tempo and it didn't take long for us to start to take a hold of the proceedings.

There was a blow in the 50th minute when Peter Doran was forced out of the action through injury, but his replacement, Alan Wilkes didn't take long to make his mark as he headed home from an Andrew Bentley cross to give us a deserved lead.

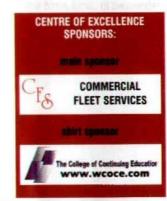
Shortly afterwards we managed to double our advantage when another inviting cross from Bentley found the head of Troy Denney who managed to beat the Rovers' 'keeper to the ball.

We were well in command for the remainder of the half to pick up three points against decent opposition. "It was a good, all round display," beamed Youth Development Officer, Bill Jones. "The lads richly deserved the win and responded well to what Mick Halsall told them during the half-time interval.

"Richard Money was also in attendance and he was similarly impressed by what he saw."

WALSALL: McKeown, D. Schwarz, Sansara, T. Schwarz, Taundry, Doran (Wilkes), Jones (Ryan), C. Davies, Hanna, Bentley, Denney. Subs not used: Woolleston, Curtis, Skeldon.

* The Saddlers youngsters have plenty of Cup action to look forward to this month. On Friday, December 15th we play host to Middlesbrough in the third round of the FA Youth Cup. The game will take place here at Bescot Stadium with a 7.30pm kick-off. We then take on Chesterfield in the second round of the Midland Youth Cup on Tuesday, December 19th. Again the game. will take place here at Bescot Stadium and will kick-off at 7.00pm. We urge as many of you as possible to come along and cheer on our boys...





PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST B **FIXTURES 2006/2007**

O AUGUST 2006

| Sat 12 | Preston NE | 3-1 | | |
|--------|------------|-----|--|--|
| Sat 19 | Burnley | 2-0 | | |

O SEPTEMBER

| Sat 2 | Carlisle Utd | 2-1 |
|--------|--------------|-----|
| Sat 9 | Blackpool | 1-1 |
| Sat 16 | Accrington | 2-1 |
| Sat 23 | Wrexham | 5-0 |
| Sat 30 | Port Vale | 1-3 |

O OCTOBER

| Sat 7 | Bury (LC1) | 1-3 |
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| Sat 21 | Chester City | 2-0 |
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| Sat 18 | Macclesfield | 1-1 |

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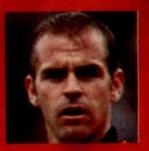
PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST B TABLE AS AT 1/12/2006

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| WALSALL | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 8 | +13 | 324 |
| Chester City | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 9 | +13 | 220 |
| Stockport County | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 13 | +7 | 20 |
| Tranmere Rovers | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 14 | +3 | 20 |
| Port Vale | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 22 | -6 | 13 |
| Macclesfield Town | 112 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 17 | -7 | 12 |
| Strewsbury Town | 112 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 24 | -8 | 12 |
| Wrexham | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 20 | -10 | 12 |



Dream Team

Former Swindon Town man and Saddlers' legend, Adrian Viveash picks his Walsall FC Dream Team....



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Wrack

Goalkeeper

James Walker: No surprise really. Fantastic goalkeeper, who is now playing in his rightful place - the Premiership. Brilliant shot-stopper and tremendous with his feet, he is one of best characters you are ever likely to meet in a dressing room.

Chris Marsh: Obviously another Saddlers' legend. Marshy scored some very important goals and was a great character in dressing room. He gave ten years of sterling service to the club and fully deserved his

testimonial. Easily gets into my team.

lan Roper: We both made our Walsall debuts in the same game against Fulham. 'Ropes' is a real unsung hero and I was delighted to see him get a testimonial. He won't ever shirk away from putting his head where most won't put their feet. By his own admission he's not the most gifted player on ball, but nonetheless he's a superb defender with a lot of pace

for a big man.

Adrian Viveash: I've put myself in because who wouldn't want to play in such a great team?!

Neil Pointon: The impact he made in the season we got promoted was just immense. He was a top-drawer captain with brilliant leadership skills which made him a big influence in the dressing room. He possessed a sweet left-foot and was hard in the

Darren Wrack: It's wonderful to see him back playing after his horrific injury. A versatile performer who can use both feet, he is technically tremendous. He weighed in with more than his fair share of goals in the year we won promotion and is a player of real quality.

Martin O'Connor: An outstanding footballer. In his prime, Martin was the ultimate midfield player. A true powerhouse who scored some excellent goals, he was a key figure in the engine room of the side.

Dean Keates: He has a wonderful range of passing and it is great to see him doing so well this season back at Bescot Stadium. Fantastic at set-pieces, he works his socks off for the team.

Jeff Peron: In my opinion, the best player to ever wear a Walsall shirt. Brilliant all-round ability and the most dedicated professional I've ever known. Despite not speaking much English, Jeff influenced everyone at the club.

Martin Butler: Some might see this as a controversial decision. Martin got a lot of unjust stick from the fans in his first spell but he is proving them wrong now. He is a top centre-forward who gives his all.

Kyle Lighthourne: 'Killer' scored a ridiculous amount of goals for Walsall – it was inevitable that he was going to play at a higher level. Not the best strength-wise, but he was a brilliant finisher. Scorer of all types of goals with lightning pace and consistently produced the goods.

Trevor Wood, Wayne Evans, Tom Bennett, Roger Boli, Andy Rammell

Management Style

My team would play attractive football where we keep the ball on the deck and not just lump it up from the back. I would be honest with them and tell them how it is. As long as the players gave me 100% I think I would be satisfied.







- 1. JAMES WALKER
- 2. CHRIS MARSH
- 3. NEIL POINTON
- 4. MARTIN O'CONNOR ©

Peron

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- 5. ADRIAN VIVEASH
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DANISH MIDFIELDER

Matt Long and Andy Van Hagen profile some of the foreign players who have turned out for The Saddlers over the years...

THOMAS Thogersen began his career at BK Frem in his native Denmark, breaking into the first-team as a 21 year-old playing two games during the 1989/90 season. The following year he cemented his position starting 17 times in a central midfield role.

In 1991 the Danish season was reorganised over two years, adopting the 'normal' European season rather than the Scandinavian single year. The season was a success with him playing 20 times and weighing in with five goals. The following campaign he made 18 appearances, scoring twice, and his performances caught the eye of Brondby IF manager, Ebbe Skovdhal who saw enough to take him to the Danish giants.

His first season at Brondby yielded the biggest return of his career, and 11 goals in 32 goals ensured that he became an instant hit with his new club. He became a regular in the side that won three consecutive titles and a Danish Cup between the years 1996 and 1998.

In the summer of 1998 Portsmouth manager Alan Ball took
Thogersen to Fratton Park. In his first season he played 34 games
but not in his natural position; Thogersen was used as a rightback and being uneasy in his new role he became a target for the
boo boys.

The following season Ball kept faith with his signing and moved him to his favoured centre midfield position. Immediately Thogersen settled and in October 1999 Walsall felt the full brunt of his quest to keep that role. The Dane scored his first goals for Pompey in our 5-1 drubbing on the south coach. He went on to score five times that season and became a fans' favourite, pressing Steve Claridge hard for the 'Player of the Season' title.

After a couple of seasons, a few injuries and two new managers, Ray Graydon brought Thogersen to Bescot Stadium on loan. At Walsall he impressed, scoring two goals in seven games. His first goal came in a late October win at Stockport County, our first away victory of the season. In his penultimate game he scored with a volley in our first attack against Wimbledon, as Walsall fought hard to secure a 2-2 draw.

After returning to Fratton Park appearances became few and far between and at the end of the 2001/02 season he was one of 16 players placed on the transfer list. His final move took him back to where it all began at BK Frem. The side were now playing a division below where Thogersen had left them, but his first season was promotion success back to the Superligaen.

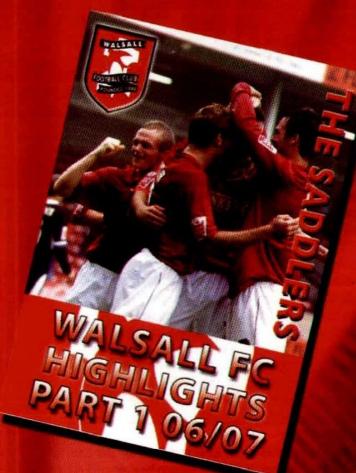
In the 2003/4 he was forced to retire through injury.



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| Player | Team | Lge | Cup | Ttl |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Jermaine Easter | Wycombe | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Richard Barker | Mansfield | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Jamie Forrester | Lincoln City | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Izale McLeod | MK Dons | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| Andy Bishop | Bury | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Mark Stallard | Lincoln City | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Robert Purdie | Hereford | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Trevor Benjamin | Peterborough | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Michael Symes | Shrewsbury | 5 | 4 | 9 |
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WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

| Ground | Home Team | M | Gls | G/Mt |
|----------------------|---------------------|----|-----|------|
| London Road Ground | Peterboro | 10 | 44 | 4.40 |
| Underhill Stadium | Barnet | 9 | 34 | 3.78 |
| Sincil Bank | Lincoln City | 9 | 34 | 3.78 |
| The Moss Rose Ground | Macclesfield | 9 | 33 | 3.67 |
| Field Mill Ground | Mansfield | 9 | 30 | 3.33 |
| Fraser Eagle Stadium | Accrington S | 10 | 32 | 3.20 |
| Blundell Park | Grimsby | 10 | 29 | 2.90 |
| National Hockey Stad | MK Dons | 9 | 26 | 2.89 |
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| Gigg Lane | Bury | 9 | 25 | 2.78 |
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| York Street | Boston Utd | 10 | 25 | 2.50 |
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| Meadow Lane | Notts County | 9 | 18 | 2.00 |
| Edgar Street | Hereford | 9 | 18 | 2.00 |
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| The Memorial Stadium | Bristol Rvs | 10 | 15 | 1.50 |
| Plainmoor Ground | Torquay | 9 | 13 | 1.44 |

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most...

shots on target 130 Hartlepool, shots off target 129 Hartlepool. corners 133 Stockport. hit woodwork 8 Darlington. offsides 84 Boston Utd. fouls 315 Boston Utd. yellow cards 41 Accrington Stanley, red cards 4 Boston Utd.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most...

Shots 58 Tommy Mooney (Wycombe). Shots on target 26 Jamie Ward (Torquay). Shots off target 34 Tommy Mooney (Wycombe). Assists 9 Jamie Forrester (Lincoln City). Crosses 89 Matthew Hamshaw (Mansfield). Offsides 32 Andy Bishop (Bury). Fouls 69 Jason Lee (Notts County). Free-kicks won 47 Anthony Grant (Wycombe).

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By a substitute after coming on Izale McLeod (MK Dons vs Wrexham) 0:38

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2.9 cards per match

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QUICK-FIRE BOOKINGS From the start of a match

0:24 Kevin Hill (Stockport vs Torquay)

By a substitute after coming on 2:40 Michael Welch (Accrington S vs Bury)

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SADDLERS ADD TO ATTACKING OPTIONS

SADDLERS' boss, Richard Money has added to his attacking options with the capture of Swedish front-man, Par Cederqvist.

The 26 year-old, who stands at 6'2", has signed a contract with the club that will begin

on January 1st after leaving Norwegian outfit, Raufoss for whom he scored ten goals in 11 matches to help them secure promotion into the first division.

A player of pace and strength, he first came to the attention of Richard Money during his time in Sweden and he has kept tabs on him ever since. "I am pleased that he has agreed to come to Bescot Stadium," said Money. "Because of his goalscoring record in Norway, there was plenty of interest in him, but he was keen to try his luck in England.

"I think that his game is well-suited to English football and he will be a good addition to the squad. He is a tall lad who makes his presence felt and is quick off the mark.

"Football in Scandinavia is similar to that over here, so I can't see him having any problems adapting to our style of play.

He is a player that I know all about and had a good goalscoring record during his time with IF Osters in the Swedish League.

"I tried to bring him over here during the summer, but the deal didn't happen for one reason or another. Now I am delighted that he has agreed to join us and I am looking forward to working closely with him."

Because of the transfer window, Cederqvist will not be able to play competitive football for The Saddlers until January 1st, but he arrived on these shores last weekend and met his new team-mates for the first time on Monday. "He will train with the group between now and the New Year," added Money. "We will also get him involved in a number of behind-closed-doors matches to keep him sharp and ready to be considered for first-team duty from January."

For the player himself, it was a dream come true to be given the opportunity to show what he can do in England. "I am excited to be here," he said. "I have always wanted to play in England and this is an excellent opportunity for me.

"It is good that I have a month to settle down, get my fitness levels up and get to know my new team-mates. The season ended for my last club in October, so I will be working hard during the weeks ahead to get my sharpness back and be ready to make my debut.

"I regularly watch English football on television, but I have to admit that I don't know too much about Walsall at the moment. The fact that I know Richard Money and he knows all about me will help and is a bonus as I look to settle in.

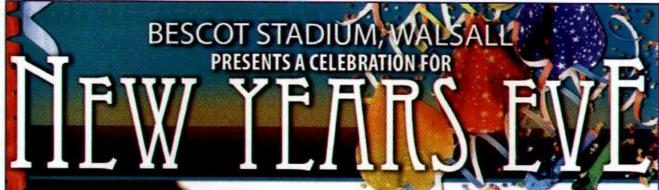
"I am determined to do well and stay here longer term; I would say that I am a good box player and hopefully I will score plenty of goals to keep the club at the top of the League.

"There were offers for me to stay in Norway and go back to Sweden, but I was keen to come over here and try my luck. Now I want to repay the faith that Walsall have shown in me and can't wait to get started."









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The Ultimate Saddlers A-Z

Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles every Walsall player from 60 post-war League seasons...

ANDY DORNAN: Former Scotland Youth right-back who was an influential figure in Walsall's 1987-88 promotion campaign. He also helped take Watford to an FA Cup fifth round second replay in 1986-87 and scored once in 118 League games prior to joining Worcester City in July 1990, then played for and managed Montrose.

ALLENBY DRIVER: Experienced inside-forward who scored twice in 26 third division (south) games prior to joining Corby Town in July 1953, then played for Frickley Colliery. He was a sales rep for a confectionery firm, then worked for Union Carbine, residing in Sheffield until his death in March 1997.

JIMMY DUDLEY: Former Scotland B International who starred in Walsall's 1960-61 promotion success and ever-present in 1961-62. He netted three goals in 167 League games before joining Stourbridge in July 1964, then was a sales rep for Guests in West Bromwich where he resided until his death in April 2006.

JOHN DUGGINS: Former Portsmouth reserve forward who joined Walsall in August 1952 and netted three goals in 16 third division (south) games before moving to Burton Albion in July 1953. He later played for Kidderminster, Atherstone, Rugby and Tamworth. Now living in Netherseal in retirement.

JOBY DYAS: Christened Gordon, this young wing-half joined Walsall from Hednesford Town in June 1955 and made 12 League appearances before moving to Brierley Hill in June 1956. He later played for Halesowen, Burton Albion and Hednesford again while a bricklayer. Now living in Cannock in retirement.

WAYNE DYER: Midfielder whose solitary League appearance was as a substitute in Walsall's 2-1 win at Wycombe in August 1998. The Montserrat International has played for Hereford, Bedworth, Chesham, Kettering, Solihull, Stourbridge, Stevenage, Bedford, Sutton Coldfield, Hinckley United and Bromsgrove.

BILL EALING: Former Blackburn Rovers reserve centre-forward who joined Walsall in July 1952 but suffered a career-ending knee injury on his League debut in the following month's 3-0 defeat at Millwall. Working at Alvecote Colliery, then for Stoneware, Foseco and Smurfit, he lives in his native Tamworth.

PETER EASTOE: Ex-England Youth striker who joined Walsall on loan from West Bromwich Albion in August 1984 and scored once in six League games. Later with Sporting Farense, Atherstone United and Bridgnorth Town, he was Alvechurch's player-boss before coaching Nuneaton and since been a van driver in Hagley.

TONY EDEN: Former Aston Villa reserve centre-half who understudied Ken McPherson, featuring in Walsall's 1960-61 promotion campaign. He made 14 League appearances for The Saddlers prior to joining Kidderminster Harriers in July 1963, then played for Tamworth. Now living in Great Barr in retirement.

DAVE EDWARDS: Midfielder who turned professional in January 1992 and his only goal in 27 League outings came in Walsall's 2-1 victory at home to Scunthorpe two months later. A serious injury ended his League career and he attempted a comeback with Stafford Rangers in 1996-97 before being forced to retire.

PAT EDWARDS: Teenage outside-left whose solitary League appearance was in place of Colin Taylor in Walsall's 0-0 draw at home to Hartlepools United in February 1959. He joined Chesterfield in July 1959, then played for Hinckley Athletic, Hednesford, Kidderminster Harriers, Burton Albion and Dudley Town. Went on to run a cabinet factory and is currently a semi-retired surveyor of Quality Kitchens.

TOMMY EDWARDS: Welsh outside-left who played for Fulham, Southend, Leicester and Bath City before joining Walsall in May 1952. He contested a first-team slot with Phil Giles, making 12 League appearances for The Saddlers before joining Oswestry in July 1953. He died in Lambeth in October 2000.

RONNIE EKELUND: Danish Under-21 midfielder who briefly played for Southampton and Manchester City on loan from Barcelona. He joined Walsall from Toulouse in December 2000 and scored once in nine League outings before moving to San Jose Earthquakes in April 2001 where a back injury ended his career.

STEVE ELLIOTT: Striker who scored 21 goals in 69 League games prior to joining Bolton Wanderers in July 1986, then played for Bury, Rochdale and Guiseley. Now living in Fulwood, he has since managed Lostock Hall, Penwortham and now Bamber Bridge Leisure Centres for South Ribble Borough Council.



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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

Swindon Town

Formed: 1881

Ground: County Ground

Nickname: The Robins

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IN THE mid-19th Century, the Great Western Railway company established their locomotive works in Swindon on the main line between London, Bristol and South Wales. The resulting influx of labour brought a population explosion and it was only a matter of time before a professional football club was formed to attract the crowds on a Saturday afternoon.

Officially Swindon Town were formed in 1881 but recent research suggests that in December 1879 the Rev. William Pitt, generally accepted as the founder of the modern club, played for a Swindon Association Football Club in a game against Rovers FC.

Further research has unearthed an after-dinner speech from 1911 when the Rev. Pitt, in his latter years, described how he

had 'formed the present club back in 1879'.

The club became Swindon Town in 1883 and the following year moved to a new ground known as The Croft. In 1894 they turned professional and joined the Southern League. Two years later Swindon took out a lease on the County Ground where they remain to this day.

In 1910 Town reached the semi-final of the FA Cup where they were knocked out by Newcastle. The following season they won the Southern League Championship and went on to lose 8-4 to Manchester United in the Charity Shield.

In 1921 Swindon, along with the rest of the Southern League first division, became founder members of the third division (south) of The Football League. They were rarely in contention for promotion, generally finishing in mid-table.

In 1958, when the regional divisions were abolished, Swindon were placed in the new national third division and won promotion to Division Two in 1963.

Two years later they were back in the third division, but 1968-69 was without question Town's finest season to date. Against all odds they reached the League Cup Final and on a mud-bound pitch beat Arsenal 3-1 in extra-time to take the trophy. Six weeks later they clinched promotion to Division Two.

In 1974 Swindon dropped back into the third division and in

1982 they dropped into Division Four for the first time. In 1986, however, they won the fourth division title and a year later they made their way through the play-offs to return to Division Two.

In 1990 they earned the right to play in Division One by winning the play-offs but, owing to irregularities over payments to players, they were punished by having their promotion cancelled. In 1991 the board appointed ex-England star Glenn Hoddle as player-manager; two years later, having finishing in fifth place, Swindon won promotion to the top-flight via the play-offs. Hoddle departed to manage Chelsea and the inevitable season of struggle followed.

After conceding 100 goals they finished bottom and were relegated. They were relegated again the following season. In 1999 the club was forced into administration and were

relegated to Division Two (the old third division).
Inconsistency on and off-the-pitch has remained a feature of Swindon's existence but the club's spirit has never been in doubt.

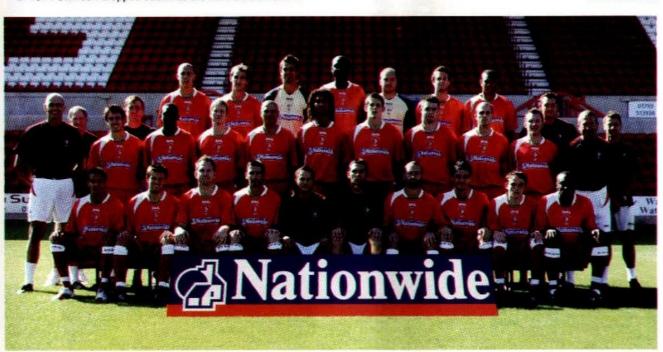
The Robins were the first League club to install floodlights in 1951, beating Arsenal by a couple of weeks.

As way of recompense for not being allowed to enter the Fairs Cup in 1969, the Anglo-Italian Cup was arranged between the winners of the League Cup and the Coppa Italia. Swindon stunned Italian football, beating AS Roma 5-2 on aggregate.

Having started watching The Saddlers in the early 1970s, Swindon are right up there with the likes of Gillingham, Brentford and Chesterfield as our most regular opponents in this period. One of the memories from early on is a 2-0 home win which attracted the Star Soccer cameras, while the following season our 4-1 home win was a rare beacon in the gloom of the relegation campaign.

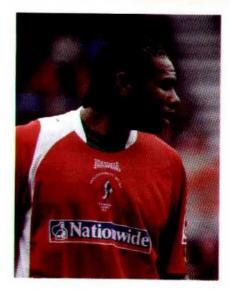
In the autumn of 1981 we produced a delightful 5-0 win at Fellows Park against The Robins. 'Rees goes Brazilian' was how the Walsall Observer described one of the goals! Let's hope for more of the same today...

NEIL MORRIS



SWINDON TOWN

ONES TO WATCH



DEFENCE

Jerel Ifil

Born: London DOB: 27/06/1982

Previous Clubs: Watford, Huddersfield Town (loan)

Town (loan) Squad Number: 5

A powerful and accomplished defender who arrived at the County Ground on a permanent basis in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three previous loan spells with the club.

He became a firm favourite amongst the supporters during his temporary stays, putting in some assured performances in the heart of the backline.

Coming through the ranks at Watford, he made a total of 11 first-team appearances for the Vicarage Road outfit as well as having a brief spell out on loan at Huddersfield Town at the end of the 2001/02 campaign.

With over 100 senior appearances for Swindon under his belt, the 24 year-old has been a key figure so far this term.



MIDFIELD

Curtis Weston

DOB: 24/01/1987 Previous Clubs: Millwall Squad Number: 23

A summer capture from Millwall, where he became the youngest-ever player to appear in the FA Cup Final at just 17 years and 119 days when he replaced Dennis Wise against Manchester United in 2004.

A busy, hard-working midfield man who likes to get forward at every opportunity, he has settled in well at the County Ground after only making a handful of appearances for his previous club.

His combative displays have been one of the driving forces behind The Robins' positive first half of the season.

With pace, strength in the tackle and awareness that belies his tender years, the 19 year-old is expected to go on and enjoy a very fruitful career in the professional game.



ATTACK

Christian Roberts

Born: Cardiff DOB: 22/10/1979

Previous Clubs: Cardiff City, Hereford United (loan), Drogheda (loan), Exeter City, Bristol City

Squad Number: 9

The talented Cardiff-born striker arrived at the County Ground in a £50,000 switch from Bristol City in October 2004.

An aggressive and pacy front-runner, with a real eye for goal, he has seven strikes to his name so far this term, including a brace in the FA Cup first round victory over League One side, Carlisle United.

His performances have certainly attracted plenty of higher level interest as he has overcome off-the-field problems to get his career back on track in no uncertain terms.

Coming through the ranks with hometown club, Cardiff City, he was allowed to link-up with Hereford United and Irish outfit, Drogheda on loan before joining Exeter City on a permanent basis in the summer of 2000.

His goals for The Grecians prompted a move to Bristol City for whom he notched a total of 26 goals in just over 100 senior outings.

He is now a very important figure in Paul Sturrock's side. ADI
CONCERNS
FOR
ROBINS

FORMER Walsall defender, Adrian Viveash has spoken of his concern for Swindon Town after his home-town club announced they will be asking its Wills family owners to bail them out of another potential financial predicament.

The Robins agreed to reimburse creditors £1million within five years when they came out of administration in 2002, but the Wiltshire outfit are yet to pay the next instalment of £100,000 which has now been outstanding for five months.

Swindon have declared when they made the financial agreement they believed the team would now be playing in a new stadium, so the board are presently asking shareholders to purchase shares in Sir Seton Wills' recently-established holding company before making further investment in the club.

Viveash, who launched his career at the County Ground, hopes they will survive their

latest financial fright. "Being Swindon born-and-bred it's very sad to see the club in its current financial state," he disclosed. "I was there during one of the most successful spells in their history, playing in the old first division under Glenn Hoddle, and it's such a shame to see them literally paying for the mistakes they have made off-the-field. I bump into fans today and the situation is just heartbreaking for them.

"You also have to give a lot of credit to Sir Seton Wills because without him I'm certain the club would have dropped out of The Football League and gone out of business a long time ago."

The 37 year-old, who is currently halfway through the second year of his UEFA 'A' Coaching Licence, will be keeping a close eye on proceedings at Bescot Stadium this afternoon having turned out for both clubs during a playing career spanning nearly 17 years.

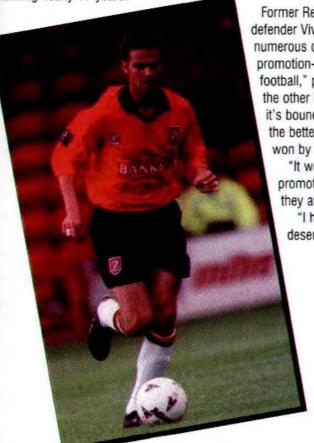
disappointing if both sides didn't win promotion because from what I've seen they deserve to be where they are in the table...

Former Reading, Oxford United, Barnsley and Kidderminster Harriers defender Viveash has already seen Walsall and Swindon in action on numerous occasions this campaign whilst scouting for fellow promotion-chasers Milton Keynes Dons. "It should be a brilliant game of football," predicted Viveash. "Walsall are very strong at home but on the other hand, Swindon have won a lot of away games this season so it's bound to be a tight affair. I reckon it'll come down to who defends the better and, like many first-versus-second matches, is likely to be won by a piece of terrific individual skill.

"It would be hugely disappointing if both sides didn't win promotion because from what I've seen they deserve to be where they are in the table.

"I have an affinity with both clubs and both sets of supporters deserve success."

BEN LOWE



MEMORY

Walsall FC Historian, GEOFF ALLMAN

reflects upon some memorable encounters with today's visitors...



MY EARLIEST memories of Swindon Town's visits to Fellows Park in the late 1940s and early 1950s were of low scoring encounters, albeit interesting ones.

There was the late-season match-winner from Dennis Wilshaw in April 1948, then a season later, Tommy Dawson's only goal of the game on Easter Saturday gave Swindon victory.

Goalless draws came on Good Friday 1950, when Ron Crutchley was seriously injured in his last game for us before moving to Shrewsbury, and in September 1951 when the visitors' goalkeeper made a string of fine saves to earn his side a point.

We did, however, pull off a convincing 4-0 win in January 1956 when Dave Walsh bagged a brace and I wonder, nearly 50 years on, how many travelled to Swindon in March 1958 to be amongst the 11,202 who saw us pull off one of our greatest away wins.

With the score 2-2, John Savage, our giant goalkeeper, conceded a penalty and was sent off. Our striker, Tony Richards bravely went in goal and saved the resulting spot-kick. Then to cap it all, our winger, Brian Taylor broke clear to give us a remarkable 3-2 victory.

In our 1960/61 promotion campaign, Swindon fielded such names as Bobby Woodruff, Ernie Hunt and future Manchester City star, Mike Summerbee - a recent guest speaker at a Sporting Dinner here at Bescot Stadium. But we actually beat them twice at Fellows Park as the first game was abandoned with us leading 3-0. When the game was replayed, two goals from Tony Richards saw us win 2-1.

Back in Division Three in February 1966, we romped home 5-0 after Ken Satchwell had opened the scoring after just 15 seconds!

And so to September 1981 when we chalked up our sixth win in eight games and again the margin was 5-0 with Alan Buckley and Mark Rees both getting two goals apiece as John Loveridge hit the other. Despite the commanding victory, we only just avoided relegation at the end of that season as The Robins went down.

Our most recent games were as recent as last season. In early September Matty Fryatt got the only goal to claim maximum points, whilst the scoreline was reversed at the County Ground in January with Jamie Cureton on target. Both clubs ended up being relegated but go into today's game flying high and hopeful of an immediate return to League One.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

Swindon Town

Football Historian, Leigh Edwards selects seven Swindon Town 'classic campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons....

1962/63

Swindon Town won promotion to the second division for the first time in 1962/63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

1968/69

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the third division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley Final: Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

1969/70

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969/70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14-match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the second division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup Final.

1985/86

Swindon Town stormed to the fourth division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round.

Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and one-time Saddler, Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

1986/87

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986/87 third division play-off Final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off Final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

1992/93

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992/93 first division play-off Final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross MacLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley Final.

1995/96

Swindon Town stormed to the second division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the top-flight to second division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders. winning seven of their first nine games. and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.

NEW TRAINING CROUND PLANS CATHER PACE LEASE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED LATER THIS MONTH.



PLANS for Walsall FC's first-ever training complex will take a major step forward later this month when the club are expected to sign a 33-year lease on the Broad Lane Pavilion site in Essington.

Negotiations have been taking place between the club and the local council for several months and a planning application has been submitted to South Staffordshire District Council which would transform the sports ground and its facilities. "It's a great location and will provide an excellent working environment for our players," said Saddlers' Chief Executive, Roy Whalley. "There is a lot

of work that needs to be done and we are already getting advice from contractors in readiness for when the lease is signed.

"We expect that to happen by the end of December, with work starting on redeveloping the site once planning permission has been granted in the New Year.

"The area will take three full-size football pitches, measured to exactly the same dimensions as the main pitch here at Bescot Stadium. There will also be an office for the manager, two changing rooms, shower areas, physio room, remedial gymnasium, a laundry/kit room, boot room, canteen and kitchen area plus a base for the full-time groundsman who will be responsible for the upkeep of the pitches and facilities on a daily basis.

"The work that will be carried out to the main building will add to the aesthetic value of the site and it also means that the greenbelt land will be protected for at least another 33 years.

"As a club we are also keen to play our part within the local community. This can be a very positive and mutually beneficial relationship; a committee will be set up between the club, the local council and residents to get together on a regular basis and discuss any issues that may arise as we move forward.

"As part of the agreement, the local council will be able to use the facility up to 12 times a year, whilst we will be building closer links with the local primary school.

"We are looking forward to coming to Essington and at long last having our very own training base. This is a major piece of the jigsaw in moving Walsall Football Club forward."

Chairman of Essington Parish Council, David Clifft added: "We are very supportive of the project, not just because of the financial aspect, but because of the good things that Walsall FC can do for the local community.

"St. Johns Primary School have already benefitted from receiving match tickets, which is a nice leap of faith from the club.

"It also means that the greenbelt land will be protected and well maintained for at least the next 33 years with the facilities improved, which can only be a good thing for Essington.

"There are lots of ways in which we can work together and we are excited by this development."

The Saddlers are looking to move onto the site by the start of pre-season training in July and have confirmed that it will be used purely as a training facility.





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Community News

CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS

Get in some last-minute Christmas or New Year Sale shopping WITHOUT the children!

The Walsall FC Community Programme will be running two Soccer Schools during the Christmas Holidays. Both courses are on the Field Turf here at Bescot Stadium and cost £20 per child for a two-day course or £35 per child for both courses.

The dates are:

- · Thursday, December 21st and Friday, December 22nd 2006,
- Thursday, December 28th and Friday. December 29th 2006.

Boys and Girls aged six to 14 are welcome. As with all Soccer Schools, there will be Prize Draw competitions, penalty shoot-outs and World Cup competitions.

Book early to guarantee your place. Bookings can be made by telephone on 01922-644 742 or E-mail at community@walsallfc.co.uk. Further information can be found on the brand-new Community Programme Web-site www.walsallfccp.co.uk, which is well worth a look!

JUNIOR SADDLERS AWAY DAY

There are still spaces available for the Junior Saddlers Away Day to Wrexham on Saturday. December 16th

The cost is £10 per person, which includes coach travel and match admission.

More information is available from the noticeboard in The Junior Saddlers Room or by calling 01922-644 742.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your special day in style with Walsall FC. We have various Birthday Party options available both during the week and on a Saturday.

- WEEKDAY OPTION 1 £50 to include one hour of football coaching and matches, one hour room hire and family Match Vouchers for all guests. Available Monday to Friday only,
- start time between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. WEEKDAY OPTION 2 £55 to include one hour of football coaching and matches, one hour room hire, a signed Walsall FC football and family Match Vouchers for all guests. Available Monday to Friday only, start time

- between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.

 WEEKDAY OPTION 3 £60 to include one hour of football coaching and matches, one hour room hire, a signed Walsall FC football, a free family Match Ticket and family Match Vouchers for all guests. Available Monday to Friday only, start time between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.
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- SATURDAY OPTION 2 £75 to include two hours of football coaching and matches, a signed Walsall FC football, a free family Match Ticket and family Match Vouchers for all guests. Available on any Saturday, coaching takes place between 11.00am and 1.00pm.
- SATURDAY OPTION 3 £75 to include a signed Walsall FC football, photo on the pitch with a Walsall player, entry for all to the Walsall FC home fixture on that day and family Match Vouchers for all guests. Available on home League fixtures only.

We also have various food options or alternatively you can supply your own food and drink to have in The Community Room.

Weekday food options include: Burger, hot dog, chicken nuggets or fish fingers, all served with chips. Ice cream or doughnut and one glass of lemonade or cola.

Please note that a five-day notice is required on all food orders and for all Saturday parties you must supply your own food and drink.

A £10 deposit is required to secure your booking, please make cheques payable to the Walsall FC Community Programme. Send written confirmation to: The Community Department, Walsall FC, Bescot Stadium, Walsall WS1 4SA or call 01922-644 742 for further information.

JOIN THE JUNIOR SADDLERS...

The Junior Saddlers continues to go from

strength to strength.

Membership of The Junior Saddlers continues to rise each year as youngsters take advantage of the following special offers and privileges:



 A Birthday and Christmas card signed by your favourite Walsall player,

 Exclusive admission to The Junior Saddlers Room - on presentation of your membership card. This is a membersonly room for Junior Saddlers and their parents to sayour the pre-match build-up.

The opportunity to be a ball boy/girl at a first-team match,

· Financial concessions on selected away trips through the course of the season.

An annual Junior Saddlers party for all members and their families - including special guests!

The opportunity to get your picture in the Matchday Programme,

The opportunity to take part in the half-time entertainment (if available).

NEW FOR THIS SEASON -

Three £5 Gift Vouchers off a Walsall FC community activity,

One free Saturday coaching youcher.

So, if you are under the age of 16 and a keen supporter of Walsall FC, The Junior Saddlers is the club for you. The membership subscription fee is £10.00 for the whole season (cheques to be made payable to The Junior Saddlers).

For a Membership Application Form you can either call into the Main Reception or The Junior Saddlers Room at Bescot Stadium. Alternatively why not give the Community Department a call on 01922-644 742 or write to The Junior Saddlers, Bescot Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA.

ON BALL BOY AND GIRL DUTY

Ball boys for today's game, sponsored by MC's Quality Packing Ltd., are provided by Blackwood Bullets Under-11s FC. We hope that everyone involved has a pleasant and memorable day and keeps the game flowing freely.

Blackwood Bullets currently play in the Tamworth Junior

League Division Two. This is the first season they have played 11 aside football and have taken to it very well, recently reaching the next round of the Invitation Cup.

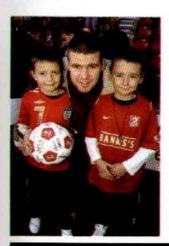
The lads were ball boys last season and are looking forward to doing it again this

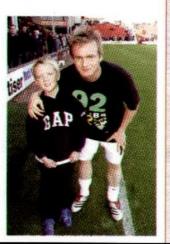


afternoon for what is such an important game.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

On the pitch prior to our game against Torquay United were Joel Burton and Matthew Cullen who each received a signed Walsall FC football from Martin Butler and Anthony Gerrard as part of a Birthday Treat.







CELEBRATION EVENT FOR PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

EIGHT Walsall Schools took part in the Autumn sessions of Playing for Success and were involved in a Celebration Event in the Stadium Suite earlier this week.

150 children, parents and staff took part in the event to

celebrate achievement by the children.

The pupils, aged between nine and 14, have been attending The Study Support Centre after school for the past several weeks.

They have been set various tasks in numeracy, literacy and ICT as well as problem-solving and team-building.

The emphasis has been on FUN whilst using the

football club as a medium for learning.

The children were presented with a pack of their work, a certificate signed by Richard Money and a couple of tickets for today's big match. Saddlers' players, Michael Dobson and Rene Gilmartin were also on hand to present these, have their pictures taken and sign many autographs.



Michael Dobson and Rene Gilmartin with children from Greenfield Primary School



Abdul Aslam from Bentley Drive Primary was presented with a special award

Many thanks go to Richard Money, Michael Dobson, Rene Gilmartin and the staff of Walsall Football Club for their continued support of The Study Support Centre.

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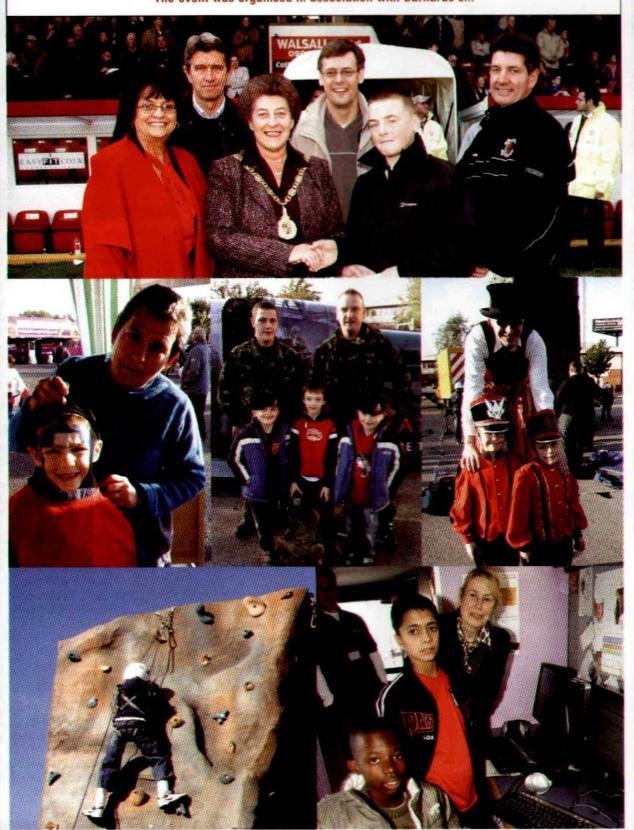


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Tickets for all other areas of the ground must be purchased from The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre or the Bescot Stadium Ticket Office.

The Bescot Stadium Ticket Office is open after all Saturday first-team home games (closed after midweek home games).

The problem of long queues has been caused by too many supporters turning up to matches within half-anhour of kick-off time. Tickets for all home games are on advance sale around SIX WEEKS prior to matchday. with savings to be made if you purchase prior to the day of the game.

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ON THE RECORD

The Saddlers' music man, Steve Jenkins waxes lyrical....



WELL, December has arrived, we have a comfortable lead in the race for promotion and Richard Money has been busy in the past couple of weeks signing strikers, which always thrills the supporters and fills us with expectation and excitement.

Tommy Wright could not have had a better start to his Bescot career. A goal on his debut is what all strikers dream of and let's hope it is the first of many for him in our colours.

The signing of Par Cederqvist looks to be intelligent business; he now has a full month to train with and watch the team play, which can only be a major help when he is able to play in January. Well done Richard Money, with great support from Jeff Bonser.

I was unable to attend the Notts County match as I was away in Dubai playing in the third Footballers' Dubai Golf Classic. It is always a truly fantastic experience. Some of the players involved this trip were Glenn

Hoddle, Alan Ball, Franny Lee, Matt Le Tissier, Mark Lawrenson, Graeme Sharp, Alan McInally, Liam Brady, Gary Owen and Russell Osman to name but a few. I'm sure that over the

coming programmes I'll feature a few of the photos from the trip.

Having played last year and finished runner-up in the one-day competition, this year I did manage a win, and a good showing of third place

in the three-day event meant a great week and some good form with the clubs.

At the beginning of the third round at the Al Badia course I had an opportunity to have a photo taken with Alan Ball. I mentioned that I wrote for the Walsall programme and I'd be writing a piece on the trip, to which Alan told me to include a little known fact. At the age of 39 and playing for Bristol Rovers during the 1982/83 season, he had a torrid afternoon playing against a young David Preece at Fellows Park. Alan sat in the bath afterwards and decided enough was enough and so one of England's World Cup winners ended his playing career in the bath at Fellows Park!

There's a great book out for Christmas this year that all Saddlers' fans should get a copy of.

Chris Marsh has noted a few of his career memories and life as a professional footballer in the Leagues outside the Premiership. I have not read it yet, but will be getting a copy as soon as it goes on sale, which is anytime now. You can order it via www.chrismarsh.biz or from selected retail outlets. I would urge all true Saddlers to get a copy, not only for the memories but also for all the effort Chris put in during all those games on our behalf. Thanks Marshy and good luck with the book.

It's another big game at Bescot today. Swindon will know only too well that should we win, it will put a big gap between us and our nearest rivals, so expect a tough afternoon. Only one of our best performances will do it today, so stay with the lads from start to finish no matter how tough it gets.

COME ON YOU SADDLERS!

STEVE JENKINS



Putting YOU in the picture....

Walsall supporters John Henn and John Severn are pictured here with orphans from a



remote village in Hydrabad, Southern India.

There are 18 orphans based in this particular orphanage, but there is only accommodation for 12 people. Therefore the kind-hearted duo are involved with a project to build more rooms and improve the way of life for the youngsters.

If you would like to help by sponsoring a child, you can contact John Henn or John Severn on 0797-146 9916.

As you can see, the children were delighted to be kitted out in Saddlers' merchandise.

Saddlers' fanatic, Joe Morroll will be hoping to



celebrate becoming a teenager in the best possible way today with three precious points for his beloved team against our promotion rivals.

Birthday wishes go out from mom, dad, Amy,

Adam and everyone here at Bescot Stadium.

Have a great day....

Happy Birthday
MATTHEW COOPER
Love from Lynda, Nicky and Claire xxxx

Happy Birthday
THERESA TAYLOR & BILL JONES
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- Wednesday, December 13th Mother Goose Panto with Steve Meradith (from TV's Born and Bred) and award-winning comedy duo, Straitjacket. Tickets are £4 (adults) and £2 (children aged two +). Friday, December 15th - Saddlers'
- Rock 'n' Roll with The Firebirds. Admission is £7 per person.
- Saturday, December 16th Live group, La Diva with Brian Benson's Disco. Admission is free to members
- and £2 (guests). Wednesday, December 20th Live on stage, Tribute To Meatloaf. Admission is £3 (members) and £5 (quests).

SUPPORTERS CLUB COACHES TO AWAY GAMES

- Saturday, December 16th v Wrexham

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- Monday, January 1st v Peterborough United The fare is £11.50 per person, departing Bescot Stadium at 11.40am.

Book today at The Supporters Club Travel Office, situated at the rear corner of The Saddlers Club, between 1.15pm and 2.45pm and also after the match. You can also book in the foyer of The Saddlers Club on a Tuesday (non-match nights) and Thursday evening between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Cash is required with bookings and NO telephone bookings are accepted. Passengers are collected from Bescot Stadium, Bloxwich, Bridgeman Street, North Walsall and Delves.

MEMBERSHIPS 2007

Memberships for 2007 are now available at last year's prices.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY NIGHT

Featuring live band, Private Eye with Brian Benson's Disco. Tickets are £12 (members) and £15 (quests).

ON THIS DAY

lan Crichton looks back at Saddlers' matches on this day in history...

On this relatively quiet day we have won five of our nine games but have reserved our best performances for the FA Cup with four ties being played.

The first of these was a goalless draw against Clapton Orient in 1933. but the two games in the 1960s were

more memorable.

In 1967 we faced a difficult trip to Leytonstone and whilst we were unbeaten in League games at Fellows Park and top of Division Three, our away form was rather indifferent and we were indebted to Tommy Watson for the goal which took us through to the next round by the skin of our

WALSALL: Wesson, Gregg, Evans, Simpson, Bennett, Atthey, Watson, Baker, Murray, McMorran,

Brighton visited Walsall two years later for a second round replay and it was the second of a four-game saga that finally ended with The Saddlers gaining a 2-1 third replay victory at Craven Cottage.

On this occasion, though we drew 1-1 with Colin Taylor's goal replicating the scoreline of the initial encounter at The Goldstone Ground.

WALSALL: Parkes, Gregg, Evans, Trevis, Jones, Atthey, Watson, Baker, Woodward, Train, Taylor.

Our most recent game was on December 9th 2003 and this first division fixture was to produce our first defeat on this date since losing our initial match at Liverpool way back in 1893.

Neil Warnock's Blades surged into an automatic promotion spot after goals from Paul Peschisolido and Nick Montgomery handed them a 2-0 victory at Bramall Lane.

James Walker's rare fumble produced the opener after 41 minutes and we never looked like saving the game although relegation seemed a long way off with the club sitting comfortably in mid-table at the

WALSALL: Walker, Bazeley, Vincent, Ritchie, Roper, Osborn, Samways, Corica (Leitao), Wrack, Merson, Birch.

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We are delighted to welcome our guests from both the West Bromwich Building Society and the Walsall Training Centre to Bescot Stadium as today's joint Match Sponsors.

The WBBS play a major role here at Bescot Stadium and are one of our Senior Commercial Sponsors. They are operators of the Saddlers Saver Account, youth team shirts sponsors, match sponsors and stadium advertisers and in particular, I would like to thank Rob Williams, Senior Manager (Operations) for all his support and encouragement.

We also welcome Walsall Training Centre to Bescot Stadium today. Walsall Training Centre are a specialist training organisation, which runs courses for Domestic Plumbing, Central Heating Training, Water Regulations (BPEC), Domestic Gas Training, ACS Gas Assessments and PAT Testing.

All courses are run from their main campus situated just one mile from Walsall Town Centre. For more information, why not give them a call on 01922-612 121 or visit www.walsalltraining.com

We appreciate the support of both the WBBS and Walsall Training Centre and hope they enjoy their afternoon here at Bescot Stadium

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What better Christmas gift for a loved one than tickets to see one of the many shows taking place here at Bescot Stadium in the New Year?

We have some superb shows coming up, including:

The Billy Fury Story - Halfway to Paradise

Saturday, 27th January 2007

Billy Fury was the 'British Elvis' and the most cool cat Rock 'n' Roller ever. Now his story is recreated starring Colin Gold as Billy Fury and the original members of Fury's Tomadoes.

Tickets are £28.00 and include a four-course meal.

Syd Lawrence Orchestra

Saturday, 3rd February 2007

Featuring the music of the big bands and including a tribute to Matt Monro with Chris Dean singing the songs made famous by Britains greatest crooner. Tickets are £30,00 and include a four-course meal.

The Four Tops

Friday, 2nd March 2007

Viscount Oliver's Legendary Four Tops. This superb band of vocalists will bring you all the classic Four Tops hits, including 'Loco in Acapulco', 'Baby I Need Your Loving', 'Reach Out, I'll Be There', 'I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)' and many more.

Tickets are £28.00 and include a four-course meal.

For more information on all these superb shows, just visit www.m6j9.com or call The Ticket Office on 0870-442 0111 to book your place.

SADDLERS SAVER ACCOUNTS.... ANOTHER CHRISTMAS IDEA!

On the subject of Christmas gifts, why not get your loved one a Saddlers Saver Account this year? It is the perfect gift for any Saddler. Not only does it mean



your money is in good hands, it also means that you will be helping the Walsall FC Youth Development Fund!

Opening an account couldn't be any easier. You can do so for as little as £25 and every time you open an account, you receive a free Walsall FC gift! Visit your local branch of the WBBS for more details.

JOHNNIE CASSON SET FOR LUNCHTIME SPECIAL

One of Britain's funniest comedians, Johnnie Casson, will be entertaining the crowds at our Christmas Lunchtime special on Friday, December 22nd 2006. Tickets are £25.00 and include a five-course meal.

POLL BOOKED FOR BESCOT

Premiership referee, Graham Poll has been in the news recently and we are pleased to announce that he will be celebrity speaker for our Sporting Dinner here at Bescot Stadium on Thursday, March 1st 2007.

Tickets for the event will be £30 to include a delicious five-course meal and entertainment from a top-quality comedian.

BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT IN THE MIDLANDS - JOE BROWN

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TWO GREAT BOOKS ON SALE AT BESCOT

We have two Walsall FC-related books available which would provide the perfect gift idea for that Saddlers-supporting loved one.

'In The Saddle For The Saddlers' tells the fascinating story of two teenage Walsall FC fanatics whose quest to see their heroes in action at Liverpool led them to embark upon a gruelling 184-mile round trip - on bicycle! It is a tale of never-say-die spirit, endeavour and sheer determination.

This is a must-read for Saddlers' supporters everywhere. Copies signed by Keith Ball, George Meek and Ken Hodgkisson, three players who were involved in that game, plus the author, Tony Davis, is available from Bescot Stadium at £4.95 each. Alternatively, E-mail a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk for further details of how you can get hold of a copy.

'Superscout - The Ron Jukes Story' is written by Walsall FC Historian, Geoff Allman, a lifelong friend of Ron Jukes, who has discovered a wealth of playing talent during an incredible scouting career.

For over 60 years the pair have shared the same infatuation for the beautiful game and this book will be of great interest to Saddlers' supporters and indeed fans of Midlands' soccer everywhere.

Copies are available at £12.99 each from The Programme Shop here at Bescot Stadium (situated outside the Homeserve Stand, at the corner adjacent to the Banks's Stand) or E-mail a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk for further details of how to get hold of your copy. The book is complete in over 200 pages, with more than 40 illustrations.

50/50 MATCHDAY DRAW

The result of the 50/50 Draw at our game against Notts County on Saturday, November 25th was, as follows:

- FIRST PRIZE: £324.15 No.: 18578 WINNER: Mrs Williams, Walsall.
- SECOND PRIZE: £25 No.: 18055 WINNER: Mr. Bullingham, Walsall.
- THIRD PRIZE: £25 No.: 18242 WINNER: Mr. Kirby, Lichfield.

The competition continues today. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale before the game. Results are announced at half-time and winnings can be collected from the Reception Office after the game.



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 Sponsors v
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▼ Below: Ian Roper was also The Swifts Club Man of the Match







✓ Left:
Youngsters who
completed the
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in the Community
coaching course
here at Bescot
Stadium receive
their awards from
the Mayor of
Walsall,
Councillor
Barbara
McCracken.

Right: The contestants who took part in the half-time entertainment line-up



◆ Left: The lucky Matchday Programme prize winners were on the pitch to collect their prizes at half-time





COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO - as at 8/12/2006

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| Wycombe W. | 20 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 37 |
| MK Dons | 20 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 38 |
| Peterborough, U. | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 35 |
| Notts County | 20 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 31 |
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SADDLERS PLAYER INFORMATION

| | PLACE OF | DATE OF | 06/07 | | |
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| | BIRTH | BIRTH | APPS | GOALS | |
| Clayton Ince | Trinidad | 13/7/72 | 24 | | |
| Craig Pead | Bromsgrove | 15/9/81 | 14 (7) | | |
| Daniel Fox | Cheshire | 29/5/86 | 24 | 2 | |
| Anthony Gerrard | Liverpool | 6/7/86 | 15 (1) | | |
| Chris Westwood | Dudley | 13/2/77 | 16 (2) | • | |
| Ian Roper | Nuneaton | 20/6/77 | 22 | 3 | |
| Darren Wrack | Cleethorpes | 5/5/76 | 2 (3) | | |
| Michael Dobson | Isleworth | 9/4/81 | 18 | 2 | |
| Martin Butler | Dudley | 15/9/74 | 22 | 7 | |
| Hector Sam | Trinidad | 25/2/78 | 20 (4) | 4 | |
| Tony Bedeau | Hammersmith | 24/3/79 | 5 (9) | THE PARTY | |
| Dean Keates | Walsall | 30/6/78 | 21 (2) | 6 | |
| Mark Wright | Wolverhampton | 24/2/82 | 22 (3) | 2 | |
| Kris Taylor | Stafford | 12/1/84 | 21 (3) | 1 | |
| Mark Kinsella | Dublin | 12/8/72 | 8 (3) | 1 | |
| Altan Picken | Sydney | 17/9/81 | 1 (1) | | |
| Carlos Fangueiro | Matosinhos | 19/12/76 | 3 (3) | 1 | |
| Tommy Wright | Leicester | 28/9/84 | 2 | | |
| James Constable | Chippenham | 4/10/84 | 3 (6) | | |
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| Rene Gilmartin | London | 31/5/87 | | | |
| Alex Nicholls | Stourbridge | 9/12/87 | | | |
| Graham Deakin | Birmingham | 24/4/87 | | | |
| Scott Dann | Liverpool | 14/2/87 | 10 (6) | 3 | |
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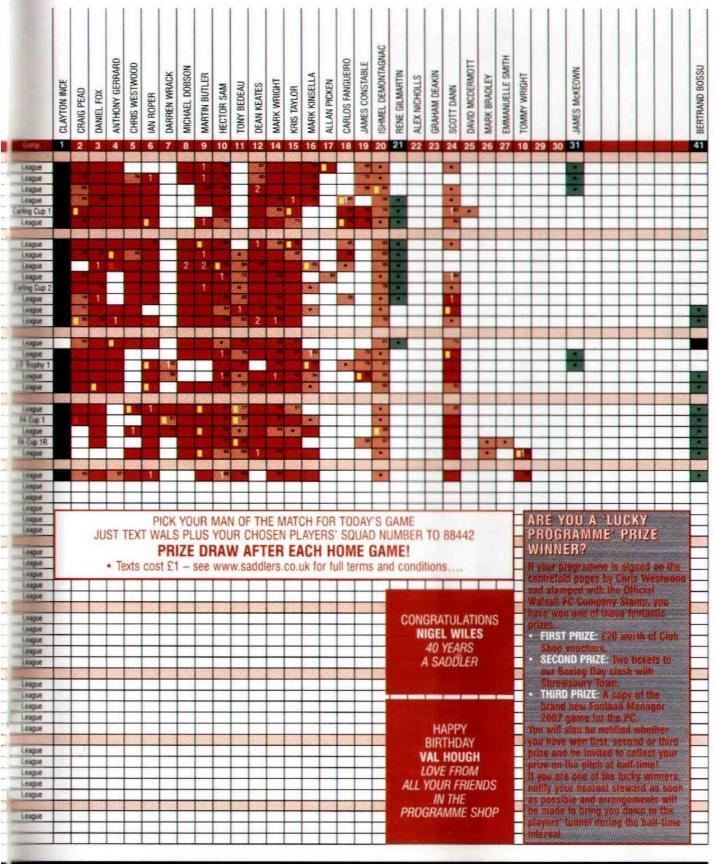
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| Date | Opponents | Venue | F-A | Att. (Away) | Pos. | Referee |
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| NUGUST 20 | | | | | | |
| Sat 6 | Rochdale County | A | 1-0 | 3,218 (987) | 9 | D. Foster |
| Tue 8 | Stockport County | Н | 2-0 | 4,877 (437) | 3 | R. L. Shoeb |
| Sat 12 | Hartlepool | Н | 2-0 | 5,637 (291) | 1 | F. Graham |
| Sat 19 | Lincoln City | A | 2-2 | 4,565 (679) | 3 | D. McDerm |
| Tue 22 | Plymouth Argyle | A | 1-0 | 6,407 (228) | - | C. Penton |
| Sat 26 | Darlington | Н | 1-0 | 4,651 (247) | 2 | J. Moss |
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| Sat 2 | Barnet | A | 1-1 | 2,356 (520) | 4 | A. Taylor |
| Sat 9 | Grimsby Town | A | 1-2 | 3,669 (430) | 5 | A. Woolmer |
| Tue 12 | Peterborough United | H | 5-0 | 4,070 (234) | 4 | J. Singh |
| Sat 16 | Macclestield Town | н | 2-0 | 4,657 (154) | 3 | K. K. Wright |
| Tue 19 | Bolton Wanderers | Н | 1-3 | 6,243 (604) | - | A. D'Urse |
| Sat 23 | Bristol Rovers | A | 2-1 | 5,260 (508) | 1 | P. Taylor |
| Tue 26 | Shrewsbury Town | A | 1-1 | 6,593 (1,865) | 1 | N. Miller |
| Sat 30 | Mansfield Town | н | 4-0 | 5,420 (651) | 1 | P. Armstron |
| CTOBER 2 | | Madiatio | DATE OF THE PARTY | | reasily terror | A PARTICIPATION |
| Fri 6 | Chester | A | 0-0 | 3,241 (1,028) | 1 | M. Haywood |
| Sat 14 | Wycombe Wanderers | н | 2-0 | 6,745 (749 | 1 | A. Bates |
| Tue 17 | Swansea City | Н | 1-1* | 2,557 (157) | | The second secon |
| Sat 21 | Accrington Stanley | A | 2-1 | | | D. S. McDer |
| Sat 28 | Milton Keynes Dons | Н | | 3,142 (1,265) | 1 | S. Tanner |
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| Sat 4 | Torquay United | Н | 1-0 | 5,806 (361) | 1 | D. Deadmar |
| Mon 13 | Macclesfield Town | A | 0-0 | 2,018 (405) | - | P. Joslin |
| Sat 18 | Hereford United | A | 1-0 | 4,462 (1,173) | 1 | P. Melin |
| Tue 21 | Macclesfield Town | Н | 0-1 | 3,114 (96) | - | A.P. D'Urso |
| Sat 25 | Notts County | Н | 2-1 | 5,402 (708) | 1 | N. D. Swarb |
| DECEMBER | 2006 | | | | 没有了 | |
| Tue 5 | Bury | A | 2-1 | 2.148 (TBA) - | 1 | J. Moss |
| Sat 9 | Swindon Town | H | 15:00 | | | |
| Sat 16 | Wrexham | A | 15:00 | | | |
| Sat 23 | Boston United | A | 15:00 | | | |
| Tue 26 | Shrewsbury Town | Н | 15:00 | | | |
| Sat 30 | Bristol Rovers | Н | 15:00 | | | |
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| Mon 1 | Peterborough United | A | 15:00 | | DATE OF STREET | |
| Sat 6 | Macclesfield Town | A | 15:00 | | | |
| Mon 15 | Grimsby Town | H | | | | |
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| Sat 20 | Mansfield Town | A | 15:00 | | | |
| Sat 27 | Boston United | Н | 15:00 | | | |
| EBRUARY | | | | | MARKEN | |
| Sat 3 | Rochdale | H | 15:00 | | | |
| Sat 10 | Hartlepool | A | 15:00 | | | |
| Fri 16 | Lincoln City | H | 19:45 | | | |
| Tue 20 | Stockport County | A | 19:45 | | | |
| Sat 24 | Barnet | Н | 15:00 | | | |
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CHRISTMAS seems to come earlier and earlier each year and it came as quite a shock to realise that this afternoon's game against Swindon Town is our last home game before Christmas.

Like most football supporters, the Boxing Day fixture is one of the first that I look out for each summer when the new schedule is revealed. This year, we have all been given a late Christmas present with a truly mouthwatering clash against our old rivals from Shropshire, Shrewsbury Town.

Boxing Day games usually attract a high turnout and I would be very disappointed if we didn't come close to the 8,000-mark this year. No doubt a lot of floating supporters take in a game over the festive period, and we must be an attractive option for the uncommitted fan when you look at the results which we have enjoyed at home this season. Add the fact that this game is a local derby, against a team I consider to be one of the better sides in League Two this season, and you can see why we should be looking forward to a cracking game with an extra special atmosphere.

If you have friends or relatives staying with you this Christmas, why not persuade them to leave the left

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over turkey, and even less palatable afternoon movies, and bring them down to Bescot Stadium to enjoy what could be one of the most fiercely contested clashes of the campaign.

Certainly, The Saddlers will need all of our support against a Shrews side who would love to put one over us at home after we battled out a gritty 1-1 draw in our last-ever visit to Gay Meadow back in September.

At that time, I felt that this would be one of our most valuable away points all season, as I fully expected Shrewsbury to be contesting a playoff place at the very least. Inconsistency, however, has so far blighted their season, and they currently occupy a mid-table berth, five points away from the final playoff place.

This inconsistency was exemplified in their recent game against Accrington Stanley, where they held the lead three times before finally having to settle for a point. With three points for a win, however, that five-point gap can soon be closed down, and I do believe that The Shrews will be in play-off contention next May. I just hope that they start their play-off push after their visit here Boxing Day, as there is nothing like a home win to keep the festive spirit going!

Gary Peters' side are a tough, uncompromising outfit who are not afraid to 'mix it' occasionally and I feel that this is one game where we will have to fight hard for the right to play our football. This season, however, we have shown that we are no shrinking violets and have come away from places like Shrewsbury, Accrington, Hereford and Lincoln with hard-earned points.



I don't suppose that we will enjoy a victory over Shrewsbury to match that of 33 years ago when a certain Alan Buckley made his debut for us in a League Cup clash and scored a hat-trick as we ran riot in a 6-1 romp. I have sent in my wish list to Father Christmas requesting a similar scoreline.... Merry Christmas to you all.

COME ON YOU SADDLERS!

ANDY SMITH

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