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SETTING THE SCENE



IT SEEMS a long time since our last home League game against Gillingham, and a lot has happened in that time, most of it extremely encouraging for The Saddlers' faithful.

Our last two away games have yielded four very welcome points, garnered in a variety of ways, all of which suggesting that a corner might have been turned for our season.

After the rather muted response to an indifferent game and performance at our last League outing here at the Banks's Stadium, few would have held out much hope of getting anything from a resurgent Norwich City at Carrow Road. As the travelling band of Saddlers would testify, a committed and determined display not only yielded a very valuable point, which might well have been three with a bit of luck in front of goal, but the performance as a whole laid down a marker that we are more than able to hold our own against any team in the League, and that, defensively, we are a tough nut to crack.

The Carrow Road display engendered a substantial increase in the team's confidence, which enabled us to take three very welcome points from Prenton Park last Saturday with a fine 3-2 victory over the Merseysiders. Amongst a host of positives to take from the game was the return to scoring form on the part of Darren Byfield and Troy Deeney (who could have ended up with four goals to his name!), and the character shown by the team to win a match in which we were first trailing, and then pegged back by a rather cruel deflection.

In the last ten minutes, there was only one team prepared to go ahead and win the game, and we got our reward when a superb run from Alex Nicholls set up Deeney to fire in the winner.

The manager's recent forays into the transfer market have been very well judged, with the acquisitions of Darren Byfield and Clayton McDonald giving us an added impetus at a key time, whilst improving the depth of the squad. With players such as Clayton Ince, Mark

Hughes, Rhys Weston Steve Jones and Sam Parkin not in last Saturday's starting 11, it shows we are gradually acquiring a strength in depth which will be vital if we are to really impose ourselves on this division.

One thing that we have to get right, of course, is our home form. Whilst this week's 'Times' newspaper puts us sixth in the list of League One teams in terms of our away results, it is fair to say that we have not yet delivered consistently for the home supporters. If we are to concentrate on matters at the top of the table, then we have to rectify this. We supporters have our own part to play in this respect, of course, by fully getting behind the team at all stages of the game this afternoon.

The team will need our backing this afternoon as we take on a Swindon Town team unbeaten since the first game of the season. That opening 5-0 reverse at the hands of Gillingham now must seem like a distant memory to The Robins' faithful as victories over Southampton, Southend and Yeovil have supplemented draws against Milton Keynes Dons and, last Saturday, when a Temitope Obadeyi's goal in first-half injury time earned Swindon a draw with fellow promotion-chasers Colchester. Indeed, Alex Revell could have won the game for The Robins after the break with a shot that cannoned back off the U's bar. Both players will need to be watched this afternoon, in addition to Billy Paynter who has grabbed three goals already this season.

It is fair to say that experienced Robins' boss, Danny Wilson is pretty content with the way that the campaign has gone so far, and we will have to be at our best to end Swindon's unbeaten run. However, a win this afternoon will see us leapfrog our opponents and possibly be around the play-off places, setting us up for the next key series of games, two out of three of which are here at the Banks's Stadium.

It is time to get it right at home - starting today!

ANDY SMITH

WALSALL CURRENT FORM

based on last six league matches

			F-A
H	SOUTHEND UNITED	D	2-2
H	LEEDS UNITED	L	1-2
A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	L	0-2
H	GILLINGHAM	D	0-0
A	NORWICH CITY	D	0-0
A	TRANMERE ROVERS	W	3-2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
WALSALL	6	1	3	2	6	8	6

SWINDON TOWN CURRENT FORM

based on last six league matches

			F-A
H	MK DONS	D	0-0
H	SOUTHAMPTON	W	1-0
A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	D	2-2
H	SOUTHEND UNITED	W	2-1
A	YEOVIL TOWN	W	1-0
H	COLCHESTER UNITED	D	1-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SWINDON TOWN	6	3	3	0	7	4	12

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Date	Comp.	Result
27/1/2009	FL1	Swindon Town 3 Walsall 2
29/11/2009	FL1	Walsall 2 Swindon Town 1
23/2/2008	FL1	Swindon Town 0 Walsall 3
12/1/2008	FL1	Walsall 2 Swindon Town 2

ONE TO WATCH

The combative midfield man was a summer arrival from Leeds United and has slotted into the engine room of the side extremely well. Appeared in the top-flight with Blackburn Rovers prior to moving to Elland Road in August 2006 following a successful loan spell. A Republic of Ireland International, he has added quality to the Swindon side and will be looking to pull the strings this afternoon.





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HUTCH

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WELCOME to the Banks's Stadium as we return to home soil after two games on the road with the visit of Swindon Town.

First and foremost I was pleased to bring home the three points from Tranmere Rovers last weekend.

It was a hard-fought victory for us and it was good to see both Troy Deeney and Darren Byfield get their names on the scoresheet for the first time this season.

Our opening goal came at a good time for us and we went on to create a number of decent chances during the course of the second half.

The victory came on the back of an impressive performance at Norwich where we passed the ball well and defended resolutely as a team when we had to.

I was particularly impressed with our organisation and discipline at Carrow Road and we can take a lot of heart from these last two games.

We are moving in the right direction and I think that these two performances have emphasised that. The players are in confident mood and have set the standard for us to follow.

Good sides are consistent in their performances and I will be looking for us to extend our unbeaten League run today against a Swindon Town side who haven't lost since their heavy opening day set-back at Gillingham.

Danny Wilson is an experienced manager and is building a solid and hard-working team who are sure to pose us a number of questions during the course of the 90 minutes ahead.

It is up to us to be at it right from the very first whistle to the last and, as supporters, you have a key role to play in this as you have done in our last couple of games on the road.

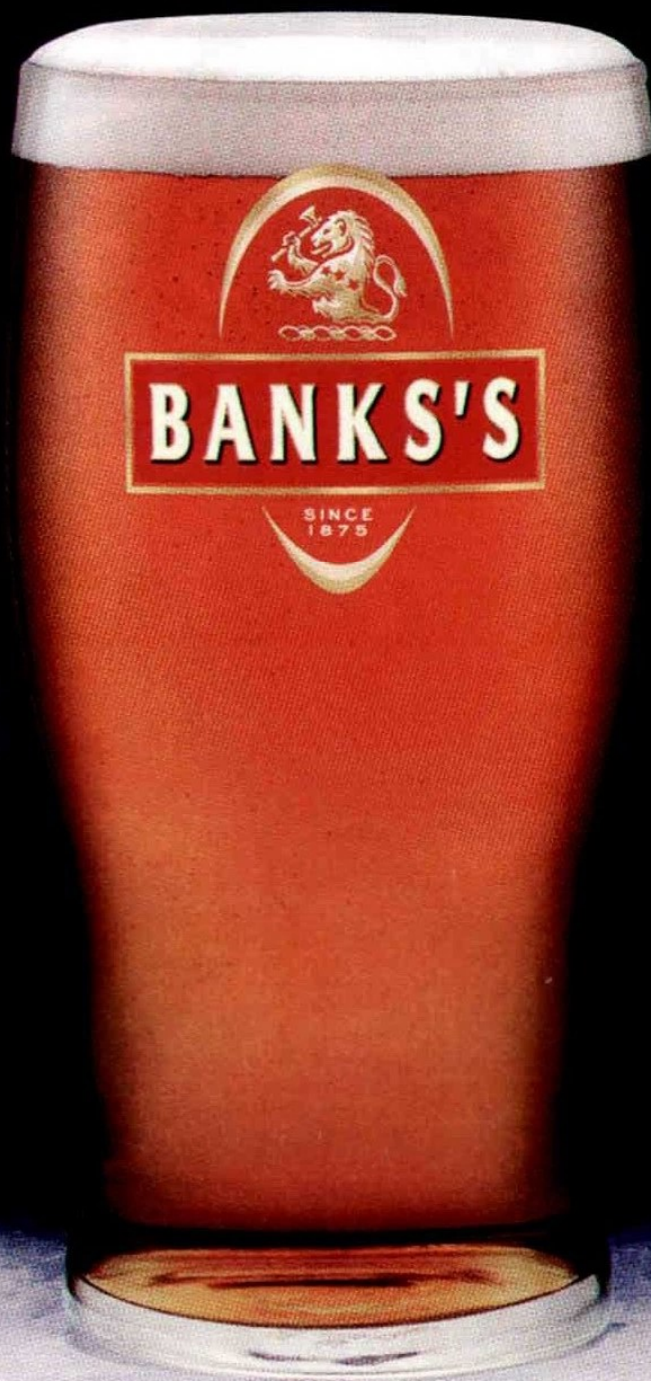
We thank you for that support and look forward to a good atmosphere today.

I would like to welcome everyone connected to our visitors and wish you a safe journey home afterwards.

CHRIS HUTCHINGS



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MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

Make your visit to the Banks's Stadium a real social occasion. The VIP Matchday Hospitality Package includes:

- Car parking • Superb four-course meal in The Bonser Suite • Matchday Programme • Centre stand match ticket •
- Half-time refreshments • Access to licensed bar facilities before and after the game •

THE PRICE PER PERSON IS £50 (INC. VAT) FOR CATEGORY B GAMES AND £60 (INC. VAT) FOR CATEGORY A GAMES.

EXECUTIVE BOXES

Executive Boxes are available on a match-by-match basis, ideal for special occasions. The package includes:

- Five car parking permits • Seating capacity for ten guests •
- LCD television with satellite provision and access to Saddlers TV • Intercom to bar and waitress service •
- Refreshments at half-time • Use of The Priory Lounge • Full catering service available •

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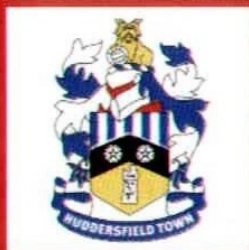
TICKET AVAILABILITY

The problem of long queues at The Ticket Office has been caused by too many supporters turning up to matches within half-an-hour of kick-off. Tickets for all home games are on advance sale around a month prior to matchday, with savings to be made if you purchase prior to the day of the game.

The Banks's Stadium Club Shop will be open after all Saturday first-team home games (closed after midweek fixtures) where tickets for forthcoming matches will be on sale.

THE BANKS'S STADIUM IS A NO-SMOKING VENUE

WALSALL v HUDDERSFIELD TOWN



Tuesday, September 29th – Kick-off 7.45pm

Tickets for this game are now on sale at the usual advance prices from the Banks's Stadium, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Friday and Saturday only), online via www.saddlers.co.uk or by telephone, with credit card, on 01922-651 414.



WALSALL v CARLISLE UNITED



Saturday, October 3rd – Kick-off 3.00pm

Tickets for this game are now on sale at the usual advance prices from the Banks's Stadium, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Friday and Saturday only), online via www.saddlers.co.uk or by telephone, with credit card, on 01922-651 414.



WALSALL v EXETER CITY



Saturday, October 17th – Kick-off 3.00pm

Tickets for this game are now on sale at the usual advance prices from the Banks's Stadium, The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre (open Friday and Saturday only), online via www.saddlers.co.uk or by telephone, with credit card, on 01922-651 414.



OPENING HOURS: Banks's Stadium Ticket Office – Monday to Friday, 9.00am until 4.30pm.

The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre – Friday and Saturday, 9.00am until 5.00pm.



with Roy Whalley

ROUND-UP

CHANGE TO THE BANKS'S STADIUM SKYLINE

If you take a look towards the Dains Stand today, you should notice a change in the skyline with the three advertising structures facing the M6 motorway all having been taken down.

The reason for this is that it was one of the planning conditions imposed by the Council to allow us to build the huge advertising structure that now dominates the skyline along the section of the M6, between junctions nine and ten.

When the three original signs were erected in the 1990s, we were ahead of the game because in those days you didn't see such signs alongside any motorway in England. We have to thank Walsall Council for their co-operation in allowing us to have these signs, which have brought in some good revenue for the club over the years.

These days, of course, such advertising signs can be seen at regular intervals along the motorway, so we had to move to a new level and by this I refer to the new advertising structure built on the Dains Stand car park, which we believe is the biggest illuminated motorway advertising sign in Europe.

Many of you will have seen the first major advertiser on the site, Sky TV, who used it to promote their coverage of the new Premier League season.

In between commercial advertisers, we promote our own facilities, which in itself has led to conference and event bookings that we wouldn't otherwise have.

A lot of interest is being shown in the site by Blue Chip companies and we expect the next big advertising order to be placed in the near future.

There is no doubt in my mind that as the economy improves, and companies are able to spend more money on advertising, that our own very special site, which is probably the best site on the country outside of central London, will earn good revenue for the club.

BESCOT SUNDAY MARKET

Many of our supporters will remember the tremendous battle that the club had to launch a Sunday Market in the early 1990s and how much resistance we faced from the local council and market traders.

It's incredible to think that our Sunday Market has now been operating for some 17 years and forms a very important part of the retail experience in Walsall.

Superbly operated by LSD Promotions, it doesn't cause any of the nuisance and inconvenience to local residents that was once feared and it continues to attract around 20,000 visitors each Sunday to the 200-stall market where you can buy a whole range of items.

It's Walsall's most popular tourist attraction, with people attending from all over the West Midlands area and it provides a real stimulus for the local economy.

The revenue it generates is very important for Walsall FC. It's our single most important commercial activity, so next time you are wondering where to spend an enjoyable couple of hours on a Sunday, why not sample the Bescot Sunday Market experience, a great trip out for all the family.

AWAY TRAVEL

We are delighted that we have been able to resume our Away Travel Service this season and are grateful for the response it has received from supporters.

The club is not looking to make any money out of this, all we want to do is cover our costs so that does mean we need to fill the coach.

We believe that this philosophy is appreciated by supporters. Next week the coach travel to Hartlepool is just £16 per person and you can book your place after today's game at the Club Shop or throughout the course of next week, whilst places are available.

WORLD CUP 2010

Many of you, I have no doubt, would love to travel to South Africa to watch England's World Cup campaign in 2010 and I expect we will be getting many requests about how to buy tickets for the tournament.

Probably the best way to do this is to join the Official England Supporters Club. It costs £68.51 for adults and £39.15 for juniors under the age of 16. You can join online at www.thefa.com.

As we get more information on tickets and travel to South Africa, we will keep you informed here in the Matchday Programme and on the Official Website - www.saddlers.co.uk.

I think all of us are absolutely delighted with England's success in qualifying for the tournament in such an impressive manner and whether we plan to travel to South Africa or watch the tournament on television, we are all looking forward to the World Cup next summer.

ENGLAND'S BID FOR THE 2018 WORLD CUP

As you know, we want to be part of Birmingham's bid to stage World Cup games in 2018, should England be successful in being able to host the competition.

We would like the Banks's Stadium to be a training base for one of the International teams who would be competing in the tournament and playing matches at Villa Park.

I can confirm that a FIFA and FA delegation have now inspected the stadium and were very impressed with our facilities.

They may also be returning to inspect our Broad Lane Training Ground.

Decisions about which facilities will be included in the Birmingham bid will be made later this year and all I can say at the moment is that it would be wonderful for both the club and the town to be involved in a World Cup finals tournament held in England in 2018.

RESERVES IN ACTION ON TUESDAY

Those 133 spectators who attended our recent 4-0 victory over Macclesfield Town were given a really enjoyable and entertaining evening and we hope to see more of you on Tuesday evening when Derby County provide the opposition in the totosport.com League Central Division.

Kick-off is 7.00pm and admission is £2 (adults), £1 (concessions) and free for 2009/10 season-ticket holders on production of your season-ticket booklet.

The Priory Lounge licensed bar is available to all supporters on the night.

Enjoy the game...



BOXING A BIG HIT AT THE BANKS'S STADIUM

Live boxing seems to have a particular appeal for the local sporting public in Walsall.

As you know, we work closely with Pleck ABC and this year we will be staging five live shows in The Bonser Suite, which will include boxers from a number of the local amateur boxing clubs.

These events are very well supported and the next one takes place here on Thursday, October 15th.

For £30 you get a four-course meal, be entertained by comedian, Micky Gunn and then can enjoy live boxing action with a minimum of ten bouts.

There is a second option to pay £5 on the door just for the boxing part of the evening.

Other Boxing Dinner Shows this year are lined up for Thursday, December 10th and Thursday, December 17th, where ticket prices will be £35 per person.

Bookings can be made on 01922-651 416.

JOHN CONTEH TO STAR HERE IN OCTOBER

Continuing our boxing theme, the celebrity speaker at our next Sporting Dinner on Thursday, October 8th will be former World Light Heavyweight Champion, John Conteh.

He's a very entertaining speaker and will be joined by one of the country's top comedians, Mick Miller.

Tickets are £30, inclusive of a four-course meal. Book now on 01922-651 416.

BRUCE REPLACES BRYAN ROBSON

We have a change of speaker to our Sporting Dinner on Thursday, December 3rd when the colourful and controversial former Liverpool goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar replaces Bryan Robson as our celebrity speaker.

The reason for this change is that Bryan Robson has contractual obligations in his role as an ambassador for Manchester United.

However, Grobbelaar, with his fascinating stories from both on and off-the-pitch, will be a great replacement and, along with comedian Jed Stone, will provide an entertaining evening.

Tickets are £35, including a five-course meal. Call 01922-651 416 to book.

WBBS TO PRESENT CHEQUE AT CARLISLE GAME

We are very grateful to those 1,400 Saddlers Saver Account Holders with the West Bromwich Building Society for their support, which will enable the WBBS to present a cheque for £28,000 to the Walsall FC Youth Development Fund.

The presentation will take place on the pitch at half-time during our game against Carlisle United on Saturday, October 3rd.

The Saddlers Saver Account continues to be a very important source of revenue for our Youth Development Programme and those of you looking for a safe nest for your savings, why not talk to the WBBS.

Accounts can be opened for as little as £25 and the nearest branch is situated in Bridge Street, Walsall Town Centre.

HOLIDAY DEALS WITH THE SADDLERS HOLIDAY CLUB

There are still some Walsall supporters who are unaware about the relationship that the club has with Thomas Cook to operate The Saddlers Holiday Club.

If you want to book a holiday, simply go into ANY branch of Thomas Cook, tell them you are a Saddlers' supporter (you don't have to be a season-ticket holder) and you will receive a 5% discount off the price of your holiday.

Moreover, the Walsall FC Youth Development Programme will also receive a donation for each booking made.

So far over 2,000 bookings have been made this way, but we don't want you to miss out through a lack of awareness about this benefit.

Local branches can be found in Park Street, Walsall Town Centre, within Sainsbury's on the Reedswood Retail Park, at Aldridge, Brownhills and Stone Cross.

CABARET SEASON BACK IN ACTION

Our Autumn cabaret programme continues on Friday, September 25th with the Magic of the 80's - a must for those of you who enjoyed the music of that colourful decade.

This will be followed on Friday, October 2nd with Magic of Motown.

Both events are professional theatre shows. There will be a licensed bar in operation throughout the evening and each night ends with a disco.

Tickets are £30, including a four-course meal, or £18 for the show only. Call 01922-651 416 to book.

50/50 MATCHDAY DRAW

The 50/50 Matchday Draw continues today. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will be made on the pitch at half-time.

Prizes can be collected from the Main Reception straight after the final whistle.

Profits from the 50/50 Draw are donated to the Walsall FC Youth Development Fund and last season over £8,000 was raised.

The latest results are, as follows:

• WALSALL v GILLINGHAM (29/8/2009)

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WINNER: Phil Stead, Walsall

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WINNER: Julie Boughton, Great Barr

THIRD PRIZE: £25 - WINNING NUMBER: 03012 -
WINNER: Mr. Rutter, Darlaston.

We urgently require 50/50 sellers, so if you are over 16 years of age and would like to earn 10% commission as well as being given free admission to home games, we'd like to hear from you.

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During the summer they moved to premises on the Empire Industrial Park in Aldridge and now have an ever-expanded portfolio of football clubs who take advantage of their expertise in this field.

Should you have any print or design requirements, please call 01922-715 080.

We thank Managing Director, Mark Sylvester for arranging today's sponsorship and hope that he and his guests have an enjoyable afternoon with us.

PROUD TO WELCOME OUR MATCHBALL SPONSOR - CAT COMMUNICATIONS

CAT Communications are another company who are good friends of Walsall FC.

They specialise in the installation of telephone systems in both large and small companies throughout the UK and Europe and installed the system here at the Banks's Stadium.

We thank Craig Lang for organising today's sponsorship. He is a Walsall lad who now lives in the Wiltshire area, but has never lost his love of The Saddlers.

We are indebted to him for the wonderful support that he gives to the club and hope that he, Penny, Jessica and their guests have an enjoyable afternoon with us.

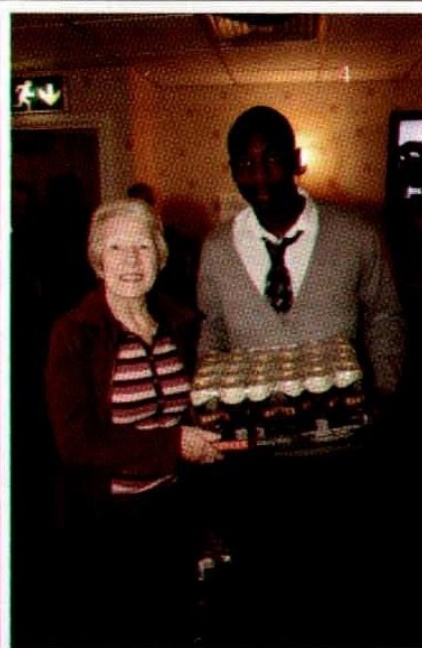
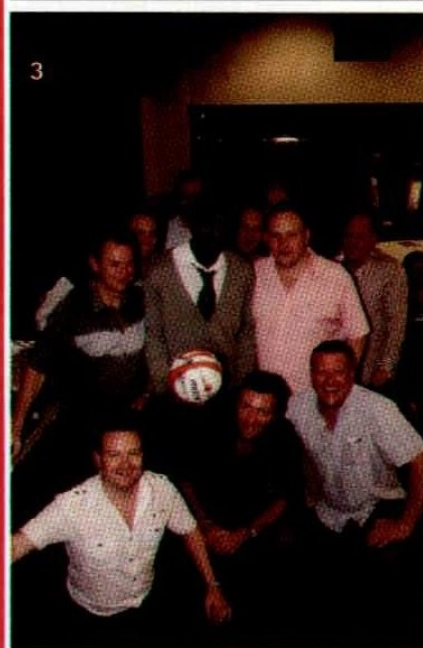
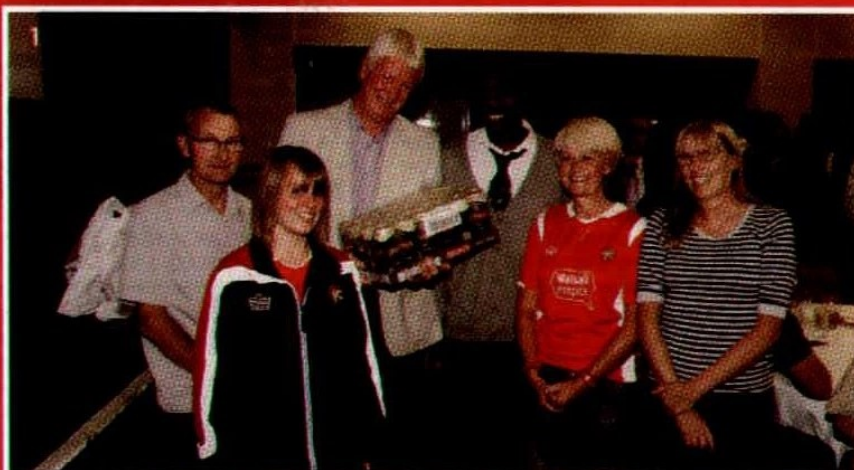
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CAPTIONS

- 1 Match Sponsor for our game against Leeds United last month was Banks's and here we see some of their guests alongside Man of the Match, Manny Smith
- 2 Matchday Mascot was Abbie Johnston who is seen here alongside the Match Officials and team captains just prior to kick-off
- 3 Matchball Sponsors were Scottish Motor Auctions who received a signed Walsall FC football from Manny Smith
- 4 The talented young central defender also took the Man of the Match honours in The Swifts Club



DAINS DELIGHTED TO BE AWAY STAND SPONSORS

THE NEW signage for the recently renamed away stand here at the Banks's Stadium - the Dains Stand - is now complete.

A stand sponsorship deal was agreed over the summer with Dains Chartered Accountants, who secured exclusive rights to the away stand (previously known as the Homeserve Stand) for the 2009/10 season.

"We are grateful to Dains for their support," explained The Saddlers' Commercial Director, Roy Whalley. "We already have an excellent relationship with Dains, who are the clubs Official Accountants and Auditors.

"This sponsorship deal further enhances this relationship and we are delighted that they have chosen the Banks's Stadium as a vehicle to promote their business. As well as the stand

sponsorship, they will also be taking advantage of our matchday and corporate hospitality.

"They have strong ties with the local area and we are looking forward to our partnership going from strength to strength."

Richard McNeilly, Head of Business Development for Dains added: "Our sponsorship deal with Walsall FC confirms our commitment to the West Midlands and we are delighted to continue our relationship with The Saddlers. They are a great club and we wish them all the best for the season."



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David Bathurst

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Stadium Announcer

YEARS AT THE CLUB:

32 years

MY ROLE AT THE CLUB IS:

Matchday announcements and the provision of information for spectators. Ensuring the proper co-ordination of related activities, including: pitch-side announcements (Gavin Drake), musical entertainment (Mike Day) and the electronic scoreboard (Nick Adshead). I also participate in the management of ground safety in emergency situations (as required by the Safety Officer, Dave Storr).

These duties are required for all home first-team and reserve matches as well as end of season Cup Finals and International matches that are staged at the stadium.

MY FAVOURITE PART OF MY JOB IS:

As a lifelong Saddlers' supporter, just being part of the 'team'. The Announcers' Box members enjoy the social side of the job – it helps keep us sane when results on the pitch don't go our way!

MY FAVOURITE WALSALL MEMORY IS:

Although the Millennium Stadium is obviously high on the list, the most lasting memories are the matches at Gay Meadow when we beat Shrewsbury Town to clinch promotion from Division Three in 1961 and then our 4-3 victory over Sunderland on the opening day of the following season in the second division.

A BIT ABOUT ME:

I am the Chairman of Chasewater Railway and was an International water polo referee between 1977 and 1999, including the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games. I don't have time for anything else!



WILLIAM

MELLORS-BLAIR

BIRTHPLACE & DATE:

Nottingham, 3/11/1992

POSITION:

Right-wing

PREVIOUS CLUB(S):

Leicester City,
Manchester United and
Notts County

BEST ATTRIBUTE:

Pace, crossing and running with the ball

WHAT AREAS OF YOUR GAME WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE UPON:

Endurance

MOST MEMORABLE FOOTBALLING MOMENT SO FAR:

Scoring a cracking goal in an 8-1 victory over Bradford City

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE BY THE END OF THE CURRENT SEASON:

To hopefully break into the reserves and show what I can do at that level

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER:

Graham Biggs as his motivation has got me to this position

WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT AND WHY:

Nottingham Forest as I am a Nottingham lad

YOUTH PROFILE



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**TOTESPORT.COM LEAGUE
CENTRAL DIVISION
FIXTURES 2009/2010**

SEPTEMBER 2009

Tue 8	Macclesfield Tn.	H	4-0
Tue 15	Shrewsbury Tn.	A	2-1
Tue 22	Derby County	H	
Wed 30	Sheffield United	A	

OCTOBER 2009

Tue 27	Sheffield Wed.	A	
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NOVEMBER 2009

Tue 10	Port Vale	H (KO 2pm)	
Wed 25	WBA	A	

DECEMBER 2009

Tue 8	Burton Albion	H (KO 2pm)	
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JANUARY 2010

Wed 13	Derby County	A	
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FEBRUARY 2010

Mon 1	Port Vale	A	
Tue 16	Sheffield Wed.	H (KO 2pm)	

MARCH 2010

Tue 2	WBA	H	
Tue 16	Burton Albion	A	
Tue 30	Sheffield United	H	

APRIL 2010 **

Wed 7	Macclesfield Tn.	A (KO 2pm)	
Tue 20	Shrewsbury Tn.	H	

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CENTRAL DIVISION TABLE as at 13/9/2009

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Derby County	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
WALSALL	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	3
Burton Albion	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Sheffield United	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Shrewsbury Town	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
Macclesfield Town	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Port Vale	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
Sheffield Wed.	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0
WBA	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

Reserves



TWO GOALS from Sam Parkin helped the Walsall reserves to a 4-0 victory over Macclesfield Town in our first totesport.com League Central Division game of the season.

Both sides had excellent opportunities to take the lead within a minute of each other. Firstly, Netan Sansara did well to set up Richard Davies whose firm strike was pushed out by the 'keeper as Steve Jones failed to turn the loose ball home.

Straight away at the other end, Emile Sinclair was denied by a fine block from Cooney as Mukendi blazed the rebound wide with the 'keeper stranded.

The Saddlers took the lead on the 20-minute mark when some more good work by Sansara saw him deliver a low ball invitingly into the path of Sam Parkin who made no mistake at the far post.

Some good play by Nicholls, who looked sharp to win the ball before feeding Parkin, ended with the experienced front-man doubling our advantage on 29 minutes.

The second half started with Steve Jones showing good skill to cut inside and curl an effort onto the crossbar.

Some excellent work on the left by Sam Adkins saw him cross for Nicholls who just failed to make proper contact with a diving header.

It wasn't long before Nicholls got his name on the scoresheet with an excellent goal as Brain came a long way out to head clear only for Nicholls to pick up the loose ball and curl home on the turn from 35 yards.

It was 4-0 within two minutes when Parkin broke through only for his effort to be pushed out by Brain into the path of O'Keefe (pictured) who tucked the loose ball home.

On 70 minutes Cooney did well to block from Mukendi before Jones defended well to block Tom France's follow-up.

In the closing stages substitute, Will Grigg brought a good save from the 'keeper at his near post as Walsall chalked up an impressive win.

WALSALL: Cooney, Weston, Sansara, Partridge, Hickman, Davies, Jones, O'Keefe, Parkin (Grigg), Nicholls, Adkins (McCourt). Subs not used: Wren, Wood, Bowerman.

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LEAGUE APPEARANCES & GOALS

2009/2010

PLAYER APPS/GOALS

Tim Cooney	1 / 0
Rhys Weston	2 / 0
Netan Sansara	2 / 0
Dan Partridge	2 / 0
Alex Hickman	1 / 0
Richard Davies	2 / 0
Steve Jones	1 / 0
Josh O'Keefe	2 / 1
Sam Parkin	1 / 2
Alex Nicholls	1 / 1
Sam Adkins	2 / 0
Will Grigg	0 (1) / 0
Jordan McCourt	0 (2) / 0
Clayton Ince	1 / 0
Mark Hughes	1 / 0
Mark Bradley	1 / 0
George Bowerman	1 / 2
Jamie Paterson	1 / 0
Sean Geddes	0 (1) / 0



In memory of Danny White and Anton Reid

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

APPEARANCES & GOALS

2009/2010

PLAYER APPS/GOALS

Tim Cooney	3 / 0
Rory Wood	5 / 0
Louis Keenan	5 / 0
Alex Hickman	5 / 1
Dan Partridge	5 / 0
Tom Overfield	5 / 0
Jordan McCourt	5 / 1
Aaron Forde	2 (2) / 0
Sean Geddes	5 / 0
George Bowerman	5 / 3
Jamie Paterson	4 / 3
Jack Cresswell	0 (2) / 0
Joey Butlin	1 (1) / 1
Tom Hayes	0 (3) / 0
Jake Jones	3 (1) / 0
Jon Haynes	0 (1) / 0
Will Mellors-Blair	0 (2) / 0
Connor Deards	0 (2) / 0
James Wren	2 / 0

Youth



WALSALL FC and the Express & Star have teamed up to help the next generation of Saddlers' youngsters.

Thanks to the generosity of the Star, 10p from every sale of the newspaper sold at the Banks's Stadium on matchdays will be donated to the club's Youth Development Fund.

The money raised will be used to purchase a 'SMART board', which will enable the club's Head of Youth, Dean Smith, to provide in-depth feedback on match performances and tactical and technical analysis.

"We're delighted that the Express & Star have agreed to take the 'SMART board Challenge'," explained Smith. "This is an expensive but vital piece of equipment and it would be great to think that, by the end of the 2009/10 campaign, thanks to money donated, we will be able to purchase a SMART board."

The 'SMART Board' challenge kicks off this weekend. Express & Star sellers will be on hand, so make sure you purchase a copy of the town's most popular evening newspaper and do your bit to help the next generation of Saddlers.

"We fully recognise the importance for all football clubs to have a thriving youth programme," added Jason Bate, Group Head of Casual Sales Development for the Express & Star. "If we at the Express & Star can contribute in any way to help the set-up at Walsall FC, and give the fans the opportunity to be a direct part of that, we're more than happy to do so."

"I would urge all Walsall fans to get behind this initiative, take up the challenge and help Dean Smith and his team in their quest to produce The Saddlers' stars of the future."

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST FIXTURES & RESULTS 2009/2010

➤ AUGUST 2009

Sat 15	Chester City	A	0-0
Sat 22	Shrewsbury Tn.	H	3-2
<i>(to be played at Lilleshall)</i>			
Sat 29	Wigan Athletic	H	2-0
<i>(to be played at Lilleshall)</i>			

➤ SEPTEMBER 2009

Sat 5	Macclesfield Tn.	A	0-5
Sat 12	Tranmere Rovers	A	4-0
Sat 19	Port Vale	H	
<i>(to be played at Lilleshall)</i>			
Sat 26	Wrexham	A	

➤ OCTOBER 2009

Sat 10	Preston North End	H	
Sat 17	Shrewsbury Tn.	A	
Sat 24	Stockport County	H	
Sat 31	Port Vale	A	

➤ NOVEMBER 2009

Sat 14	Tranmere Rovers	H	
Sat 21	Bury	A	
Sat 28	In Service Training		

➤ DECEMBER 2009

Sat 5	Wrexham	H	
Sat 12	Macclesfield Town	H	

➤ JANUARY 2010

Sat 9	Wigan Athletic	A	
Sat 23	Stockport County	A	
Sat 30	Chester City	H	

➤ FEBRUARY 2010

Sat 6	Rochdale	A	
Sat 13	Preston North End	H	
Sat 20	Cup Semi-Final		
Sat 27	Oldham Athletic	A	

➤ MARCH 2010

Sat 6	Accrington Stanley	H	
Sat 13	Morecambe	A	
Sat 20	Carlisle United	H	
Sat 27	Bury	A	

➤ APRIL 2010

Sat 10	Burnley	H	
Sat 17	Blackpool	A	

➤ MAY 2010

Sat 22	In Service Training		
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All home games will kick-off at 11.00am and take place at the Birmingham County FA Ground in Ray Hall Lane, Great Barr unless otherwise stated.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE TABLE as at 17/9/2009

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Preston North End	5	5	0	0	23	2	+21	15
Stockport County	5	4	0	1	8	3	+5	12
Wigan Athletic	5	3	1	1	6	3	+3	10
WALSALL	5	3	1	1	9	7	+2	10
Rochdale	5	3	0	2	10	7	+3	9
Shrewsbury Town	5	3	0	2	9	8	+1	9
Carlisle United	5	3	0	2	10	10	0	9
Wrexham	6	2	2	2	8	3	+5	8
Tranmere Rovers	5	2	2	1	8	10	-2	8
Macclesfield Town	5	2	1	2	14	7	+7	7
Burnley	5	2	0	3	13	11	+2	6
Morecambe	5	2	0	3	6	14	-8	6
Oldham Athletic	5	1	1	3	9	9	0	4
Blackpool	4	1	1	2	9	12	-3	4
Bury	5	1	1	3	3	10	-7	4
Chester City	5	1	1	3	4	13	-9	4
Port Vale	5	1	0	4	8	12	-4	3
Accrington Stanley	5	0	1	4	7	23	-16	1



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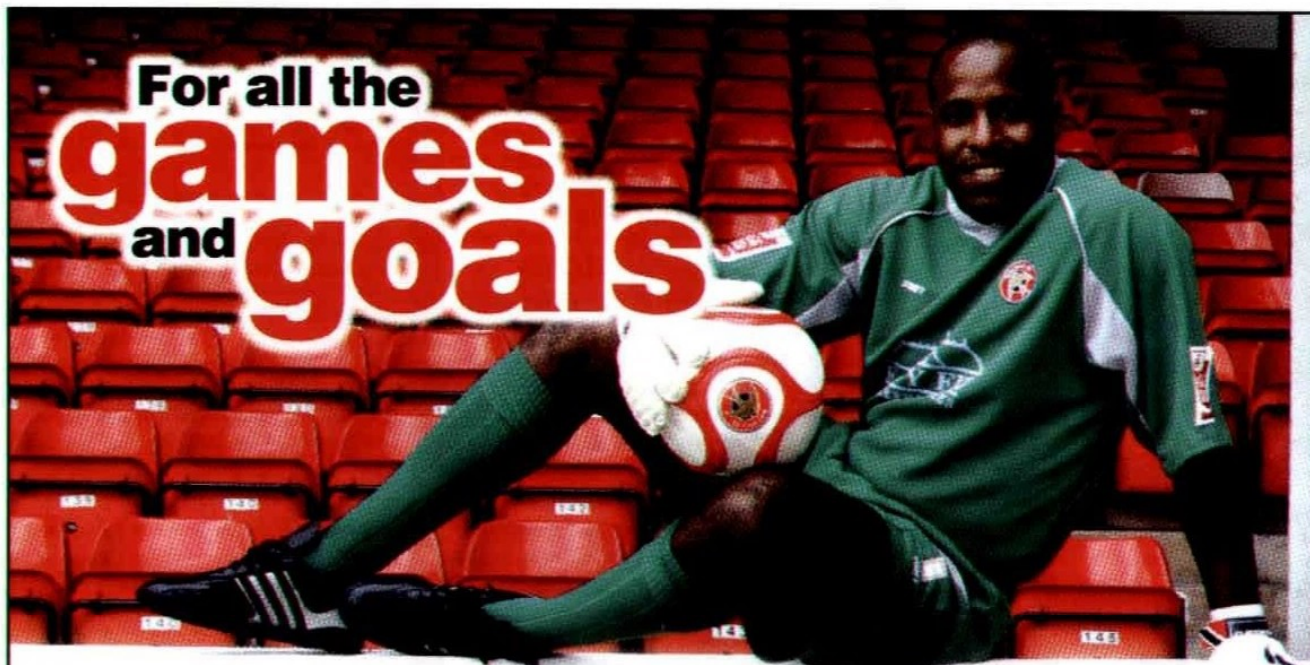
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LAST LINE OF DEFENCE

JOHN Savage was a larger-than-life character in more ways than one. At 6ft 4ins he was a veritable giant by 1950's standards and he must have appeared even taller than he actually was to a Fellows Park public used to the diminutive Jackie Lewis who was the regular custodian for most of the immediate post-War period.

His kicking was also legendary and he could kick the ball from one end of the pitch to the other with ease and this was in the days of the old leather ball which would terrify his modern day counterparts! He appeared 52 times in the Walsall goal and yet it is ironic that he is mainly remembered today for one game against Swindon Town and he never even finished the match.

He began his career with Hull

City in 1950 but made his name at Halifax and it was no surprise that a club of Manchester City's standing should want to sign him on the basis of his 57 appearances (and one goal) whilst he was at The Shay. He was never going to replace the legendary Bert Trautmann but he did play 30 games for the Lancashire outfit between 1953 and 1957 before coming to Fellows Park in January 1958.

Gordon Chilvers was coming towards the end of his career and with half the season gone, The Saddlers were sinking fast but Savage kept a clean sheet on his debut against Torquay and he gave stability to a defence which had looked fragile and leaked goals in the first part of the season. Four victories in March lifted the side

well clear of the re-election zone but the victory at Swindon on March 22nd was truly amazing due to John Savage being controversially sent off.

Reduced to ten men and with Tony Richards between the posts, Walsall went on to win the game 3-2 and Richards even saved a penalty!

Savage was chosen to represent Division Three (South) against the North in the annual challenge match and he looked set for an extended run in the side, but he found himself contesting a first-team place with Peter Woodward during the following season and despite playing 30 matches he was released in the summer of 1959 to join Wigan where he ended his career playing in the Lancashire Combination.

IAN CRICHTON

TODAY IN HISTORY

THE SADDLERS have played 17 times on September 19th and the vast majority of these games have been at home. Nevertheless our away record is quite good with two wins and a draw from our six fixtures.

Our first away fixture ended in a 2-0 defeat at Rochdale in 1925 and our first win came 11 years later when Landells and Dunderdale scored the goals which beat Reading 2-0. We were beaten 3-0 at Leyton Orient in 1951 but battled well to gain a point at Bournemouth in 1956 with a brace from Freddie Morris. The list is completed with a 3-0 defeat to Bristol Rovers in 1970 and a 1-0 victory at Oxford in 1981 when Brian Caswell grabbed the only goal.

Oxford are one of four ex-Football League clubs we have faced on this day. The first was against Gainsborough Trinity way back in 1896 when David Copeland was on target in a 1-1 draw and the game with Chester produced the same result in 1931 with Sid Helliwell's penalty giving us a share of the points. The home game with Newport County was far more clear-cut with Jackie Stewart and a brace from Tony Richards achieving a 3-0 victory.

Les Horne's goal ensured a 1-0 victory over Southampton in 1953 (our only victory in the first 13 fixtures of 1953-54) which was in marked contrast to the 3-1 win over Stockport in 1959, which was part of a fantastic start that produced only one defeat in our

first dozen games. Our goals on this occasion came from Faulkner, Richards and Taylor.

Our biggest win was 4-1 over Reading in 1964. Young striker, Allan Clarke, playing his first full season, scored a sparkling hat-trick with Graham Matthews also on target. The remaining home win was 3-1 win against Southend in 1972 when Harrison, Morris and Woodward scored to give us our fourth successive home win.

The last two fixtures on September 19th have both been League Cup ties. In 2000 we were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to West Ham in the first leg of a Worthington Cup tie here at Bescot and three years ago we looked like taking our Carling Cup tie against Bolton into extra-time, once Martin Butler had equalised, but The Trotters scored two late goals to triumph 3-1.

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Walsall FC are backing The Football League's 2009/10 Enjoy the Match campaign.

'Enjoy the Match' aims to promote a family friendly atmosphere here at the Banks's Stadium.

Last season it delivered a significant increase in the numbers of families attending matches. More than two million fans watched Football League matches with members of their family during 2008/09.

This season, there will be a renewed focus on removing abusive language and aggressive behaviour from family areas with clubs stewarding these parts of grounds.

For information about 'Enjoy the Match', please log on to www.enjoythematch.co.uk...

TALENTED & GIFTED

The Walsall FC Community Programme have recently restarted our Talented & Gifted coaching sessions, which develop local youngsters of above-average ability.

These courses are used as a pathway into the Walsall FC Centre of Excellence.

Last season, the Centre of Excellence benefitted from a number of children fed through from these Talented & Gifted groups and we are hopeful that this success will continue this year.

The Talented & Gifted sessions are taken by fully-qualified coaches from the Walsall FC Community Programme.

One such success story is Ryan Atkins (pictured) who was invited to join the Talented & Gifted sessions after being spotted on a Walsall FC Community Soccer School.

After improving his skills, he was put forward for a trial with the Centre of Excellence and is now an established member of our Under-11 squad.



JOIN THE JUNIOR AND MINI SADDLERS

Join the Walsall FC Junior and Mini Saddlers and begin a passion for life.

The Junior and Mini Saddlers Clubs, sponsored by Asda, are a great way to cheer on The Saddlers and join in with all of the activities on offer at the Banks's Stadium.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Junior Saddlers receive £20 worth of Walsall FC Community Programme gift vouchers.
- Mini Saddlers receive FREE ADMISSION to Coca-Cola League games
- Welcome Pack and Members Certificate
- Photo ID Card
- Exclusive Mini and Junior Saddler competitions

- Signed Christmas Card from your favourite player
- Signed Birthday Card from your favourite player
- Regular Newsletters
- Financial Concessions on selected away trips
- An exclusive meet the players party to meet the Walsall FC players

Mini Saddlers - up to eight years of age - £5 membership fee,

Junior Saddlers - eight years to 16 years of age - £10 membership fee.

Call 01922-644 742 for further information and to request an Application Form.

SATURDAY CLUB

Saturday Soccer Sessions are a popular activity for children in the local area.

Everyone is welcome to join in our informal sessions that are fun-based, relaxed and also improve footballing ability.

To cater for all, sessions are split into three age groups so that children are playing with others of a similar age.

The sessions are, as follows:

- **MINI KICKERS**
9.00am until 11.00am - ages four to six years
- **JUNIOR KICKERS**
9.00am until 11.00am - ages six to nine years
- **SENIOR KICKERS**
11.00am until 1.00pm - ages nine to 14 years

All of our sessions are coached by FA-qualified staff who hold Child Protection Certificates and are police-checked.

These fun sessions are available every Saturday on the Banks's Stadium Field Turf. Register in the Community Room before each session - appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

The cost is £3 per coaching session. Anyone participating can upgrade their coaching package to include a ticket to a Walsall FC home League game. This will cost £5 to include two hours coaching and your match ticket.

For further details, call 01922-644 742.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME WEBSITE - www.walsallfccp.co.uk

Have you checked out the Walsall FC Community Programme's Official Website yet?

It is dedicated purely to the activities carried out by the Community Programme and contains a vast amount of information.

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ON BALL BOY DUTY, SPONSORED BY TARMAC

The ball boys for today's game, sponsored by Tarmac, are provided by Bartley Green Falcons Under-13s FC.



We hope that everyone involved has a memorable day and keeps the game flowing freely.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

On the pitch prior to our recent home game against Gillingham was Liam Busher who received a signed ball from Troy Deeney just prior to kick-off.

Junior Saddlers member, Callum Braithwaite was the Matchday Mascot for this game and met his hero, Peter Till before the game.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elouise Rowlands (7), Jamie Dixon (8), Madeleine Jones (3), Lauren Sturgess (10), Christopher Gwillam, Ben Rogers (2), Ellie-May Cox (3) and twins Joseph and Ruth Rowley (7)



THE SADDLERS LEARNING CENTRE

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FRANK F. HARRISON TAKEOVER

FRANK F. Harrison Engineering College attended The Saddlers Learning Centre last term. In the next few Matchday Programmes the articles will be written by the students.

The Walsall Leaning Tower of Pisa!!!!!!

Students of Frank F. had a competition to build a tall tower out of six pieces of paper. Down below we have Joshua Peach, Chloe Ferguson, Vicky Brunyee and Jamie Roberts-Rogers. It was a hard piece of work but we still tried our best and completed the task.



Frank F go shopping

Students had to go to Walsall FC Club Shop and choose five items to be the five top selling items for the year



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STATS

SEPTEMBER 1959

Sep 5	Crystal Palace (h)	WON 3-0 (Richards (2), Faulkner)	11,826
Sep 10	Carlisle United (h)	LOST 1-0	15,403
Sep 12	Bradford Park Avenue (a)	WON 3-1 (Billingham (pen), Taylor, McCalman (og))	8,048
Sep 15	Carlisle United (a)	DREW 1-1 (Taylor)	7,833
Sep 19	Stockport County (h)	WON 3-1 (Faulkner, Richards, Taylor)	11,309
Sep 22	Darlington (h)	WON 1-0 (Faulkner)	13,124
Sep 26	Exeter City (a)	WON 2-1 (Hodgkinson, Taylor)	8,142
Sep 30	Darlington (a)	WON 2-0 (Richards (2))	5,253

KEITH BALL

Young goalkeeper Keith Ball understudied John Christie as Walsall won the fourth division title in 1959-60. Born locally, he turned professional with Walsall in January 1959 and made his League debut in the 3-0 win at home to Exeter two months later. He had a spell with Worcester City before rejoining Walsall in May 1965. Making 45 League appearances, he moved to Port Vale in November 1968 and was ever-present in their 1969-70 promotion success. He joined Stourbridge in July 1972 and briefly returned to Walsall four months later, then played for Darlaston, Nuneaton Borough and Kidderminster Harriers before working for the local authority. Still living locally.

Supporters Club



WELCOME ONE AND ALL

AFTER two consecutive games on the road, it is good to be back on home soil this afternoon.

We welcome all supporters to the game and wish you a safe journey home afterwards.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE SADDLERS CLUB

TONIGHT - Top covers band, PRIVATE EYE with Brian Benson Disco. Tickets are £4 members and £5 guests. Adults only.

Saturday, September 26th - Top party band, MARKS BROTHERS with Mr. P's Disco.

Tickets are £5 for members, £6 for guests and £4 for kids.

Saturday, October 3rd - Three-piece 60s, 70s and 80s band, TIME TRIP with Brian Benson Disco. Tickets are free for members and kids and £2 for guests.

Saturday, October 10th - Top 60s harmony band, KRYSS with Brian Benson Disco.

Tickets are £2 for members, £3 for guests and £1 for kids.

SUPPORTERS CLUB COACHES TO AWAY GAMES

Saturday, September 26th - Hartlepool United. The fare is £17.50 each, departing the Banks's Stadium at 9.15am.

Saturday, October 10th - Milton Keynes Dons. The fare is £12.50 each, departing the Banks's Stadium at 11.55am.

Saturday, October 24th - Colchester United. The fare is £17.00 each, departing the Banks's Stadium at 10.10am.

Book today at The Supporters Club Travel Office, which is situated at the rear corner of The Saddlers Club, between 1.00pm and 2.45pm and also after the match.

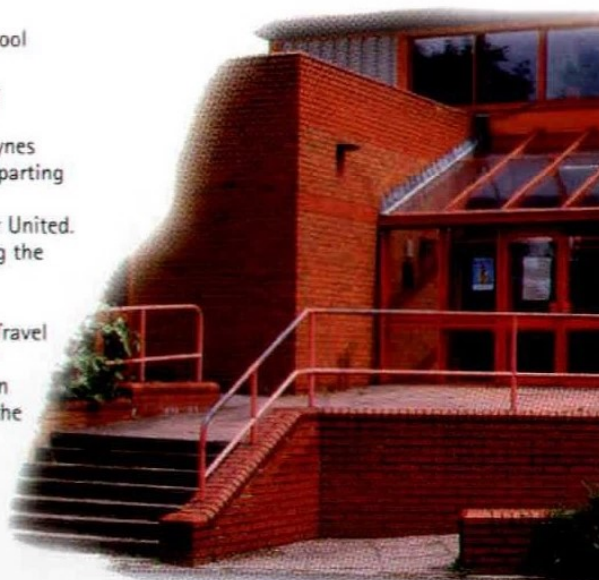
Bookings are also taken in The Saddlers Club reception foyer on

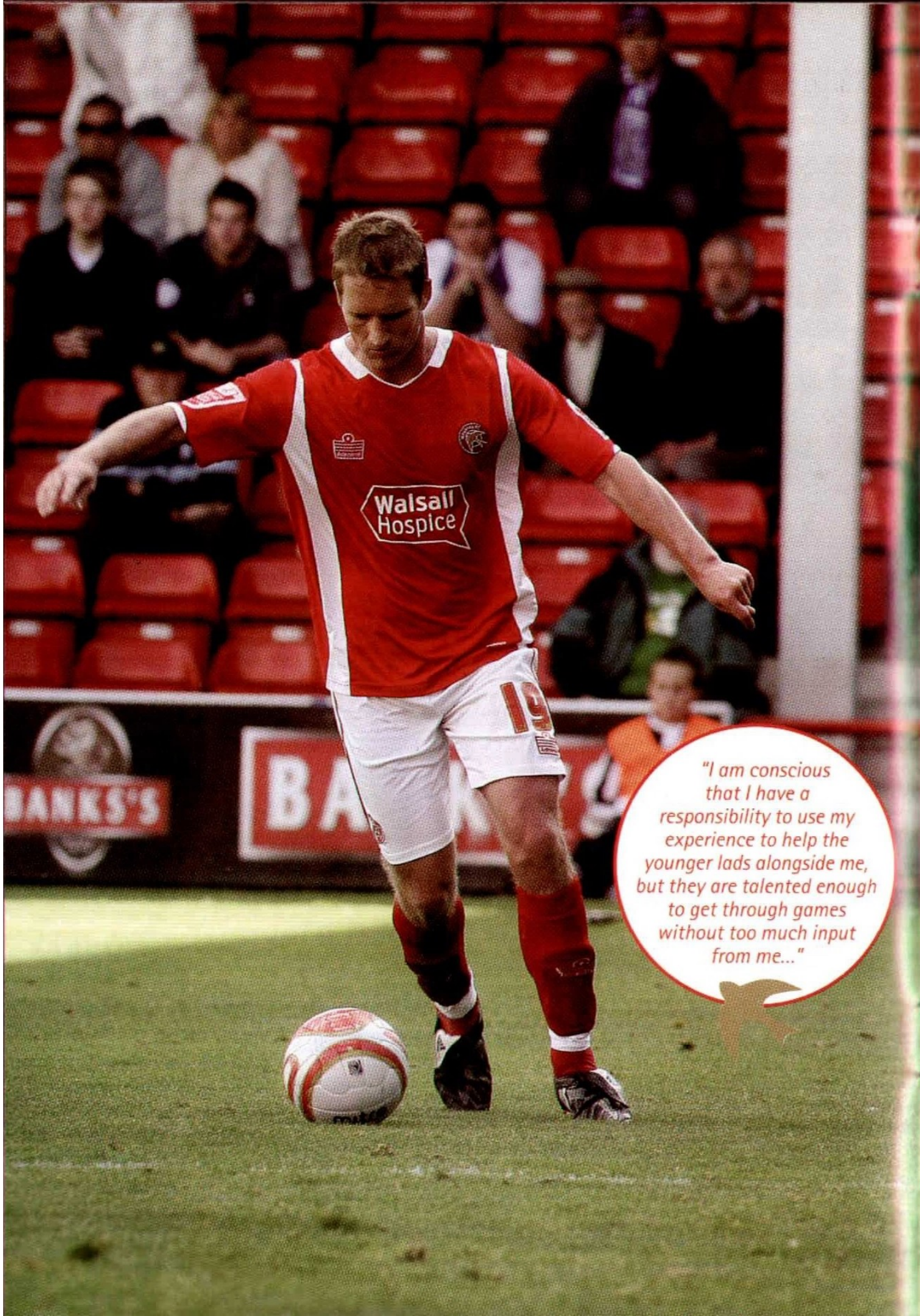
Tuesday (except match nights) and Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

The coach picks up at the Banks's Stadium as well as Bloxwich, Leamore, North Walsall and Delves.

Cash is required with all bookings - NO telephone bookings are taken.

ROYSTON RANDLE





"I am conscious that I have a responsibility to use my experience to help the younger lads alongside me, but they are talented enough to get through games without too much input from me..."

JAMIE VINCENT

FORMER Swindon Town man, Jamie Vincent is relishing his role as the elder statesman in an otherwise youthful Saddlers' defence that has kept four clean sheets in nine games so far this season.

Having spent time on loan at the Banks's Stadium in 2003/04, the 34 year-old returned to the club during the summer and is one of only two players (Manny Smith being the other) to have appeared in every minute of every game so far, bringing a solid assurance to the back-line. "As a team we have done okay so far and hopefully last weekend's victory at Tranmere will be the springboard to go on and get our first win on home soil today," he said. "It means we are now three League games unbeaten and have the opportunity to start making an impact in the top half of the table.

"As far as my own form is concerned, I feel the best way to describe it is 'steady'. I am conscious that I have a responsibility to use my experience to help the younger lads alongside me, but they are talented enough to get through games without too much input from me.

"Manny Smith has been in impressive form so far, whilst Darryl Westlake has broken into the side and done extremely well. Mark Hughes has proved to be good captain material and Clayton McDonald came in on loan from Manchester City at the start of the month and has slotted in really well.

"As well as that we also have Rhys Weston and Stephen Roberts waiting in the wings, so there is a real solid foundation for us to build upon."

Vincent appeared a

total of 90 times for today's visitors after arriving at the County Ground in the summer of 2006. "I enjoyed my time at Swindon," he added. "The obvious highlight was when we gained promotion from League Two alongside Walsall.

"I'm looking forward to the game; it's always nice to try and get one over your former club. Games between the two teams have been quite tight in recent years. I remember last year Swindon lost at Walsall then I played in the game where we won 3-2 at the County Ground.

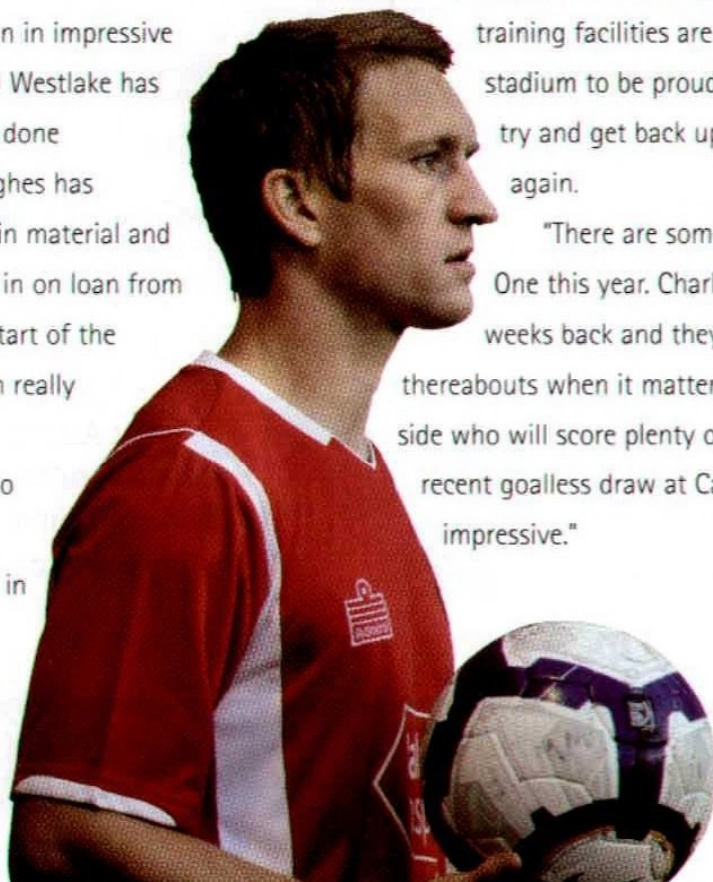
"After a heavy opening day defeat at Gillingham, things have gradually improved for Swindon since then, so it promises to be another tough game for us this afternoon, but one that we face with relish.

"There is a good spirit amongst the lads here. We have a number of talented young players who are starting to make their mark alongside some more experienced heads and it's a blend that is working well.

"Obviously since I was last at the club the

infrastructure has improved dramatically. The training facilities are first-class and we have a stadium to be proud of here. Now we have to try and get back up to Championship level again.

"There are some strong teams in League One this year. Charlton impressed me a few weeks back and they are sure to be there or thereabouts when it matters. Also Norwich are a good side who will score plenty of goals, which makes our recent goalless draw at Carrow Road even more impressive."



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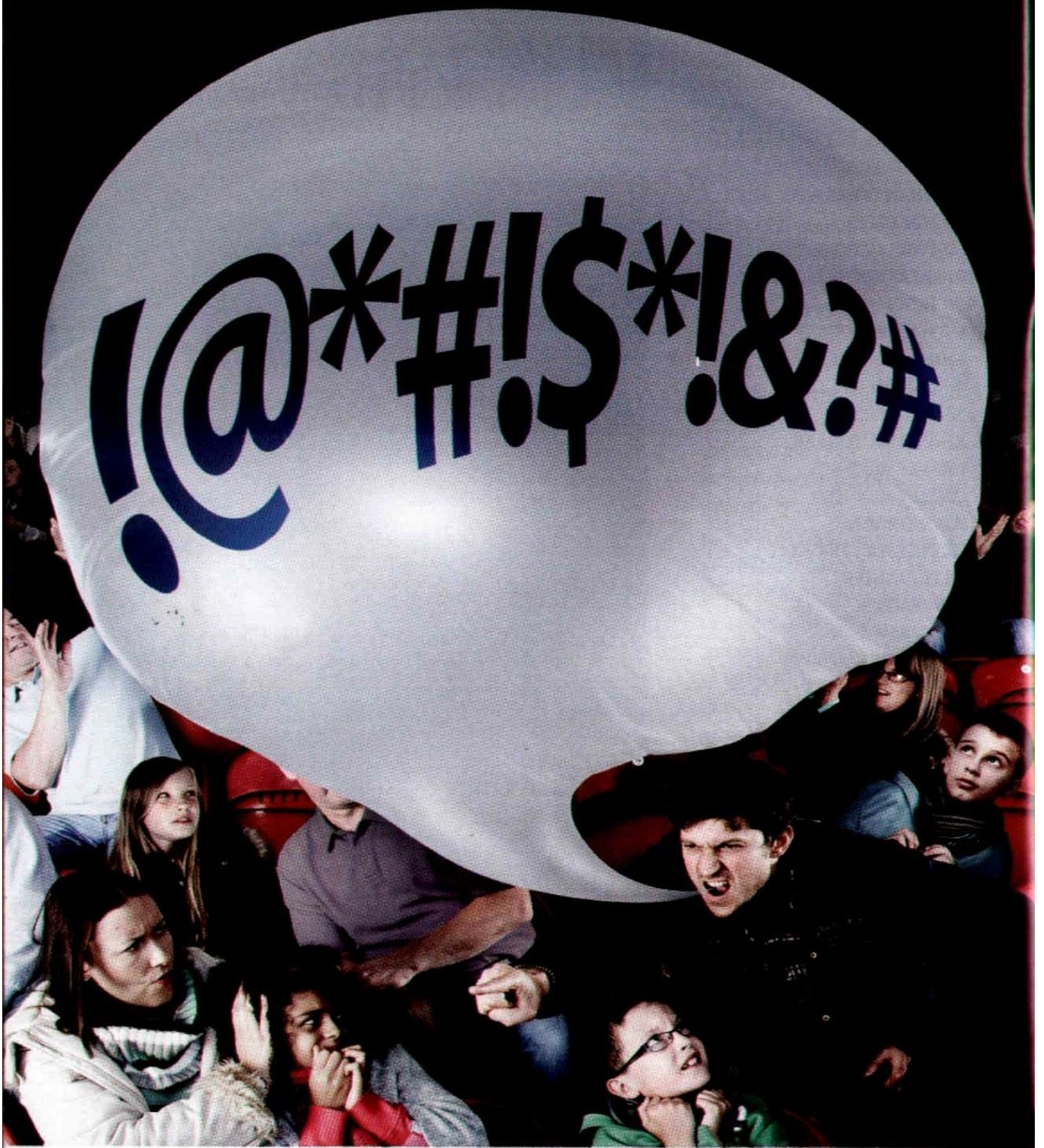


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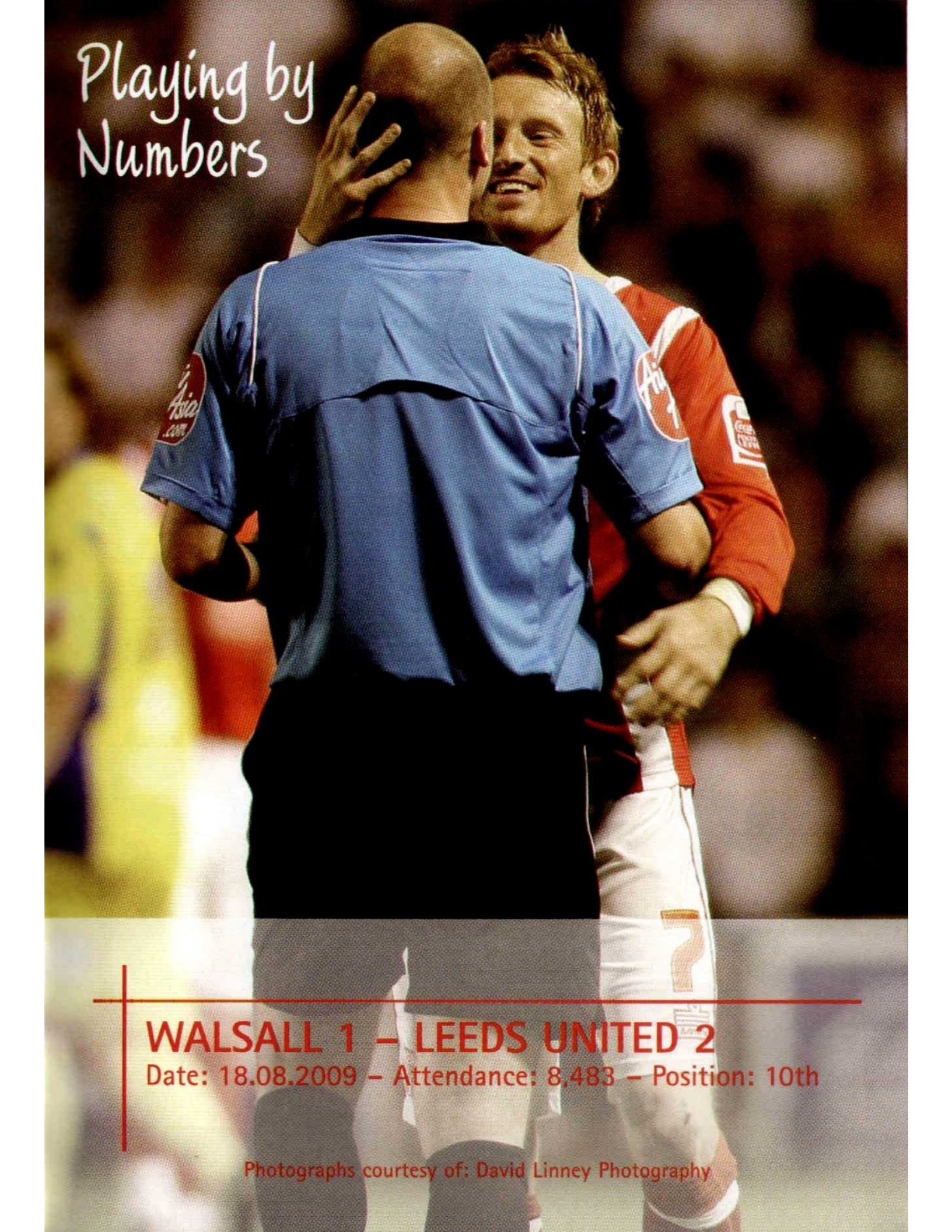


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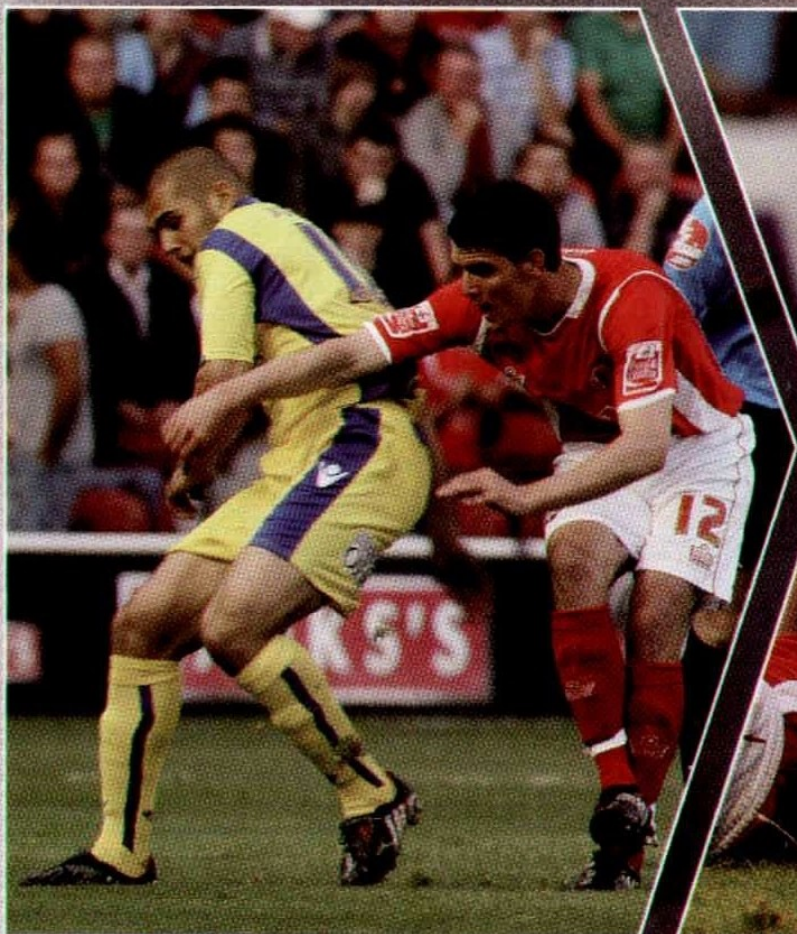
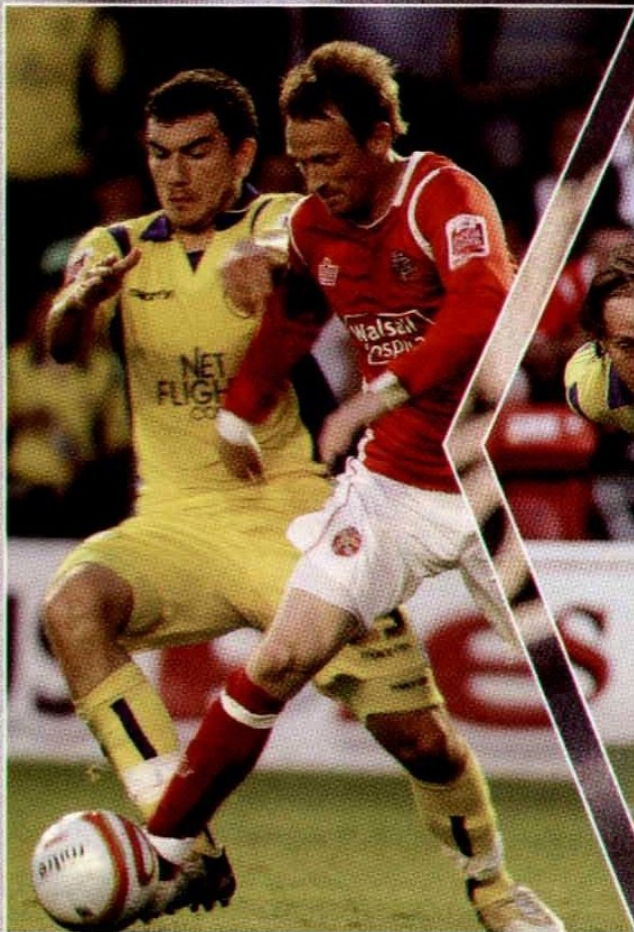


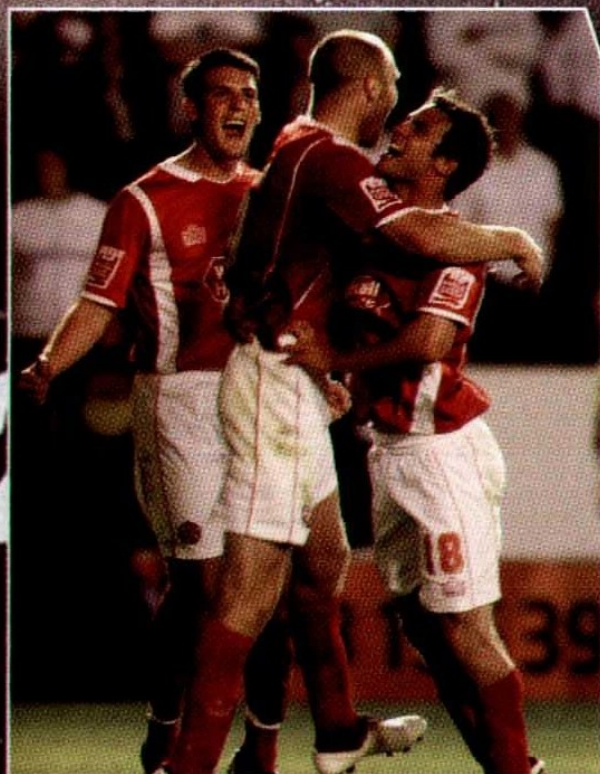
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15 – Clayton Ince produced an outstanding save from close range to deny danger-man, Jermaine Beckford

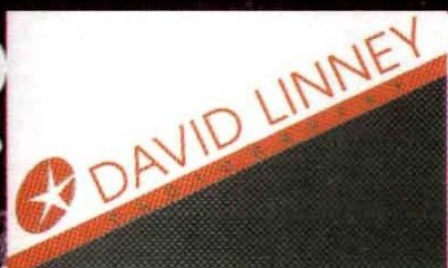
27 – Matt Richards is forced out of the action after taking a bang to the head

36 – Appeals for a penalty are waved away as Sam Parkin is felled by Rui Marques after beating the offside trap

78 – Steve Jones is brought down inside the area for a definite penalty which Sam Parkin calmly tucks away

83 – The visitors are back on level terms when a corner is turned home at the far post by Bradley Johnson

86 – Leeds grab the winner as Jermaine Beckford turns sharply to fire home beyond Clayton Ince's despairing dive

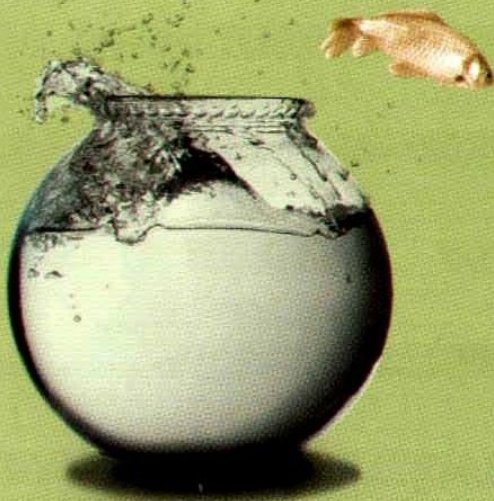


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A QUICK TOUR

A ROMAN town called Durocornovium existed to the east of Swindon from the 1st to 4th centuries, located in present day Wanborough. It is probable that Swindon began life as a settlement linked to a military encampment in the early days of the Roman occupation. The place that is now Swindon was on the junction of two Roman roads, one leading south from Cirencester towards Marlborough and the other south eastwards to Silchester. Evidence exists to show that Swindon's quarries were in use at this time to produce stone for villas and clay from the Whitehill region (now West Swindon) was used to produce Whitehill Ware pottery.

With the recall of the legions to Rome in the 5th century, the Roman settlements declined under the Saxon invasion. The Saxons built a farming community based on the top of Swindon Hill, with remains of wood-framed and plaster huts found near to Market Square. Anglo-Saxon pottery and cloth finds suggest the town was still occupied throughout the 6th and 7th centuries.

The Saxons left many lasting marks on the landscape and surroundings, including names for local places and features and ultimately the future name of Swindon, possibly derived from the words 'Swine' for 'Pig' and 'Down' for 'Hill'.

Recorded in the Domesday Book as both Suindone and Suindune in 1086, the settlement was assessed at 12 hides and divided into five holdings. The largest holding, under the ownership of Odin the Chamberlain, was later known as the Manor of High Swindon.

After Odo's imprisonment for having planned a military expedition to Italy, High Swindon reverted back to the Crown until the reign of Henry III in the 13th century who gave it to William de Valence, Earl of Pembroke. It is under the ownership of William de Valence that the first recorded market held in Swindon is documented, in 1259.

Swindon, as reported in 1830, was still a quiet, market town but this was to change markedly with the coming of the Great Western Railway. In 1835 parliament approved the construction of a railway between London and Bristol, giving the role of Chief Engineer to Isambard Kingdom Brunel. There are several stories relating to how it came to pass through Swindon, with a well circulated myth that Brunel and Daniel Gooch were surveying a vale north of Swindon Hill and Brunel either threw a stone or dropped a sandwich and declared that spot to be the new location of the works. The siting of the Locomotive works transformed Swindon from a small Market town into a bona-fide Railway town, boosted the population considerably and also provided medical and educational facilities that had been sorely lacking.

On January 22nd 1900, Queen Victoria signed the charter granting Swindon Municipal Borough status, this was enacted November 9th.

The charter amalgamated Old and New Swindon into one town (population 45,006 in 1901), enabling the pooling of resources from two different authorities. This provided enough money to open an electrical power station in 1903 on land bought by the new council at Lower Eastcott Farm (now located in Corporation Street). Taking advantage of this, trams were introduced in September 1904. In 1906, the Swindon Tram disaster occurred. A number 11 tram taking passengers from the Bath and West Show being held in Old Town suffered brake failure driving down Victoria Hill and crashed in Regents Circus killing five.

Following boundary changes in 1974, the Borough of Swindon became Thamesdown. The new authority oversaw the construction of the Brunel shopping centre in the same year and the 1976 opening of the Oasis leisure centre. The David Murray John Tower, a landmark dominating the town's skyline, was built as part of the shopping centre construction and is named after the Town Clerk who championed the boundary changes and ultimately - Swindon's regeneration.

The 1980s saw Swindon expand out west, with Toothill and Freshbrook forming the area now known as West Swindon. It was here also that the first out of town shopping centre was built in Swindon, owned by Carrefour, it is now an Asda supermarket.

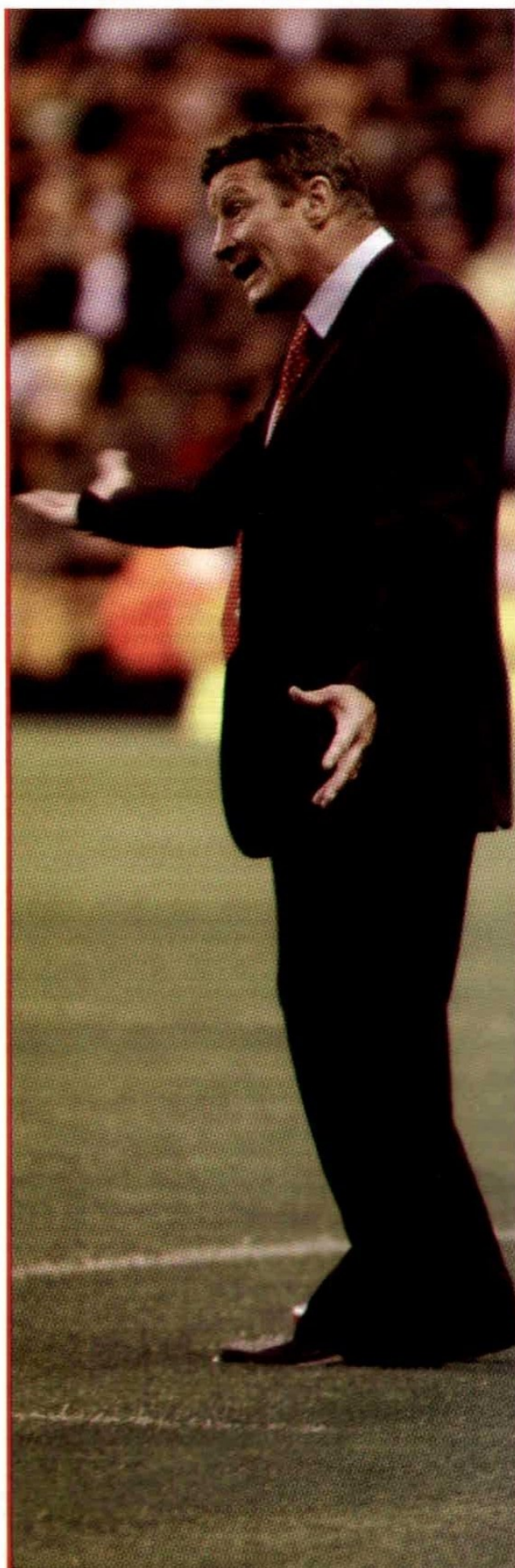
Famous people to come from the town include the late Diana Dors (1931-84), a blonde bombshell pin-up and actress who also enjoyed musical success. Then there's seven-time National Hunt champion jockey, John Francome MBE - now a commentator on Channel 4 and writer of fiction. Cookery writer Sophie Grigson meanwhile has followed in the footsteps of her mother, Jane, is a frequently-seen cook on television.

Mark Lamarr is best known as a comedian, DJ and television presenter, achieving celebrity as the 50s-throwback presenter on *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*. Born in 1971, Melinda Messenger is the former glamour girl model who has also featured in the *Dancing On Ice* series. She is often referred to as 'Swindon's golden girl', although another claimant for the title could be Billie Piper, the former pop star and *Dr. Who* actress (playing Rose Tyler).

Turning now to famous Town supporters, we have a strong horse-racing connection which of course features John Francome (see above). However, he can attend games with former jockey (and now breeder) Willie Carson, racing journalist Julian Wilson and trainer and writer Jenny Pitman OBE, also known as 'the first lady of racing'. Away from this world of horses, there is Jamie Cullum - the biggest-selling British jazz artist ever and fiancé of the model and author Sophie Dahl. Just what is about Swindon and beautiful women?

NEIL MORRIS

TODAY'S VISITORS



Swindon Town profiles

THE GAFFER – Danny Wilson

Scorer of arguably Luton's most famous match-saving goal against Arsenal in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final, Danny Wilson enjoyed a decorated playing career not only with The Hatters but with Sheffield Wednesday and Brighton to name but two. It was at Wednesday that he lifted the League Cup again in 1991 but it wasn't until he made the switch to local rivals Barnsley that Wilson's managerial career began. The former Northern Ireland midfielder joined the Tykes in 1993 and soon after stepped in to fill the void left by Viv Anderson who followed Bryan Robson to Middlesbrough. Despite spells at Bristol City, MK Dons and a return to Sheffield Wednesday, Wilson's biggest achievements so far arguably occurred during his reign at Hartlepool. He lifted a sinking side after a disappointing relegation to League Two back to League One in 2007 before eventually leaving the following year. Swindon, under Wilson, are now looking to the future and after a wholesale of changes in the summer they've enjoyed a bright start to the current campaign reaping 12 points from their opening seven games.

THE GOALKEEPERS –

David Lucas

The former England U20 and U21 star began his career at Preston where his stay neared ten years before moving on to Sheffield Wednesday, the club he'd previously enjoyed two loan spells with. Lucas' next big move took him to Elland Road where he became a permanent fixture for a period under then manager Gary McAllister but a dip in the clubs form including an FA Cup defeat to Histon soon called for a change and new manager Simon Grayson didn't waste any time making his mark on the squad, unfortunately for Lucas he was amongst those surplus to requirements. A move to Swindon is certainly a positive one for the former youth International and two clean sheets at this early stage of this season would certainly suggest that Lucas is relishing the challenge of being the number one again. Forced to miss his first game of the season last week through injury.

Phil Smith

The former Millwall youngster was once voted Fans Player of the Season at Swindon in May 2007 and has since gained a huge respect from his supporters. Known for his dependable qualities, Smith spent much of his early career in the lower echelons with Margate and Crawley where he made 74 starts before then manager Dennis Wise snapped him up and he was soon thrown in at the deep end following an injury to former keeper, Pete Brezovan. Smith's heroics in previous seasons led to a contract extension which ensures his presence at the County Ground at least until the end of the current campaign.

THE DEFENDERS –

Scott Cuthbert

Despite being on the books for five years, the

young Scot only made one professional appearance for Celtic in a friendly against Manchester City in August 2008. The Scotland B International enjoyed loan spells with both Livingston and St. Mirren before signing for Swindon in July 2009 where he recently celebrated his first goal for the club in their 2-1 victory over Southend. The former Celtic and Scotland youth captain is versatile across the back four being able to deputise both in the centre and at right-back.

Hasney Aljofree

Aljofree started his career under the Manchester United youth set-up before sealing a move to Bolton in 1996. He also enjoyed a period under Paul Sturrock at Dundee United before moving onto Plymouth where he made over 115 appearances and finally re-united with Sturrock when he signed for Swindon in 2007. The England-born defender is the current captain of the side, a role handed to him by Sturrock and retained under the management of Maurice Malpas. He was a member of the Plymouth side that enjoyed promotion in 2004 and after Swindon's promising start this time around he's sure to be dreaming of another memorable campaign.

Gordon Greer

Glasgow-born Greer began his career with Clyde where he made 30 appearances before sealing a £250,000 move to Blackburn Rovers. In a difficult couple of years the Scottish defender netted against Spanish giants Barcelona before going on to make only one other appearance in the League Cup. His career received a much needed kick-start when he joined Kilmarnock in 2003 where he stayed for four years, making over 100 appearances. He eventually moved on to Doncaster where his career hit another dip, Greer only made 12 appearances during his two seasons with the Yorkshire club. After a loan spell with Swindon however, he put pen-to-paper in 2009 and has been ever present in the current campaign.

Lescinel Jean-Francois

Francois began his career in the youth ranks of PSG, however, during a two-year spell he only managed to make two appearances for the 'B' team. In January 2006 he switched to Falkirk where he featured very little before returning home to France. He had various other trials which proved unsuccessful before he impressed Town manager Danny Wilson in a reserve match against Swansea earlier this year. His performances in the close of the 2008/09 season impressed and the young defender was offered an extension to retain his services for the current season.

Kevin Amankwaah

Amankwaah originates from an impressive sporting family; his mother represented Ghana in the 1974 Commonwealth Games where she collected a bronze medal in New Zealand. The



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SWINDON TOWN PROFILES

experienced right-back made a promising start to life at Bristol City until he suffered a neck injury sustained in a car crash with a fellow team-mate in 2002. Despite extending his contract, Amankwaah failed to work his way back into the first-team and after various loan spells moved to Yeovil in 2005 and eventually Swansea a season later before sealing a move to Swindon in 2008. His experience at this level is invaluable and will only benefit Danny Wilson's refreshing new-look side.

Sean Morrison

Former manager Maurice Malpas encouraged Morrison and pushed the young defender for some first-team action. The 18 year-old made his debut in April 2008; he later scored his first goal for the club against Oldham in October that year. He's made over 25 appearances to date, scoring two goals along the way and under the watchful eye of Danny Wilson he's sure to develop the potential that Malpas saw in him when he arrived from Plymouth in 2007.

THE MIDFIELDERS –

Jonathan Douglas

The Republic of Ireland International followed David Lucas out of the exit doors at Elland Road, a surprise move considering the experienced midfielder had been a consistent member of Leeds' starting line-up, making nearly 150 appearances for the Yorkshire club. Known for his tremendous work-rate and hard-hitting challenges, the former Blackburn Rovers star is already proving an excellent capture and is sure to bolster Wilson's midfield. During his time at Leeds Douglas proved his versatility, despite his preference to sit in front of the back four, after an injury to former player Fraser Richardson, Douglas slotted in at right-back for the remainder of the season and the play-offs – for his services he received a prize of recognition from chairman Ken Bates at the Player of the Year awards.

Jon-Paul McGovern

The experienced Scot began his career with Celtic where he was on the books for four years but never made an appearance. Instead a successful loan spell with Sheffield United paved the way for a move to Livingston before McGovern headed to England with Blades' rivals Sheffield Wednesday where he made over 50 appearances. The midfielder moved on to MK Dons before eventually signing for Swindon in 2007 and has always proved to be a firm fan favourite.

Craig Easton

Another of the clubs former Scottish Youth Internationals, Easton was a permanent fixture in Dundee United's side making over 220 appearances in the eight years he spent with club. The central midfielder also enjoyed a season with Livingston before enjoying his first taste of English football with Leyton Orient. The Scot made over 70 appearances with the League One club (a promotion in which he was a part of) before signing for Swindon in 2007. Easton was another player to be re-united with Sturrock when he first joined Swindon; he played under him at Dundee. Easton recently signed a new one-year contract extension.

Michael Timlin

Timlin is a product of the Fulham Academy and despite enjoying various loan spells with Swindon, Scunthorpe and Doncaster his early career was plagued with frustration after injuries to both his back and metatarsal ruled him out for a lengthy period. Before injury ruled out a promising career with the London club, Timlin had primarily played on the wing, however he has since matured into a more central role and it was here that he flourished as he captained the Ireland U21s to

victory in the 2006 Madeira Cup. The Irishman joined Swindon in 2008 and his exciting performances soon made him popular amongst the fans he had already won over during his previous loan spells.

Simon Ferry

The young Scot hasn't enjoyed his introduction to professional football – shortly after signing a four-and-a-half year deal with Celtic, an injury in 2006 ruled him out for nearly three years. He did feature for Celtic in the Wembley Cup, a pre-season tournament, before joining Swindon on loan in August. Ferry's start to life at Swindon has been a little more pleasant than that in Scotland, his performances have certainly pleased the fans so far and he was recently awarded the Man of the Match in the club's 2-1 victory over Southend.

Anthony McNamee

McNamee began his career under the watchful eye of Gianluca Vialli at Watford – he made his debut in a 3-0 win against Coventry City. The English-born midfielder spent six years at Vicarage Road where he made over 90 appearances, as well as spending time at both Crewe and Barnet on loan. Despite only making seven appearances in his first season at Watford, McNamee scooped the Young Player of the Year award for his outstanding contributions but doubts began to surround him after then new manager Ray Lewington felt the player's asthma would limit his performance and in turn limited his starting opportunities. After returning from those loan spells he began to feature again in The Championship and was selected for Peter Taylor's U21 Football League Squad to play in Italy. Sadly he didn't make the final team. McNamee scored a memorable winning goal against West Ham in the FA Cup, his last real act for the London club before finally signing for Swindon in 2008 where he has been a regular starter.

Alan O'Brien

The former Republic of Ireland International was part of an Under-17 Championship-winning team that beat Manchester United 5-2 over two legs whilst he was on the books of Newcastle United. Unfortunately for the promising midfielder he broke his leg in a training match in 2004 and despite recovering to break into the first-team, chances were limited before he joined Carlisle and then a permanent move to Hibernian where he made over 45 appearances. O'Brien had featured regularly for the Scottish club before missing two months due to a knee injury, eventually the player's contract was terminated and he signed for Swindon.

THE STRIKERS –

Ben Hutchinson

This young striker's early career will firmly be remembered for the four goals he scored in an FA Youth Cup match in 2006, a game that attracted a great deal of interest in the scouting networks. Middlesbrough signed Hutchinson for £100,000 from Arnold Town, he spent three years on the books at the Riverside – during this time he enjoyed a loan spell with Billingham Synthonia where he netted seven goals in 14 appearances. Injuries to Middlesbrough's front line presented Hutchinson with an opportunity, and after coming on as substitute against Manchester City, he scored a consolation goal in a 3-1 defeat. This would be his only real opportunity with the then Premiership side and he eventually signed for Celtic in 2008 where he was this time on the receiving end of an injury which led to him joining team-mate Ferry on loan at Swindon.

Billy Paynter

The versatile Liverpoolian has switched between the right wing and centre forward in a career

which has seen the 25 year-old play for five clubs. The longest of those spells was his first club, Port Vale, where he played for six years, making over 140 appearances and scoring 30 goals. Paynter featured in Peter Taylor's England Football League side and it was at Port Vale that he became their youngest League player in 20 years, making his debut aged just 16 years and 294 days old. After his debut goal in 2002 he also became their youngest scorer, two years later he was voted Player of the Year. Peter Taylor, then in charge of Hull, eventually acquired Paynter's services for £150,000 but despite three goals in nine games he never really went on to make an impact and featured for Southend and Bradford before joining Swindon in 2007 where he's made over 80 appearances and scored 20 goals.

Lloyd Macklin

With the ability to deputise as a lightning-quick winger, the English-born youngster enjoyed his first real taste of professional football when he faced Bristol City during pre-season. Since then Macklin has become a valuable prospect in the first-team squad and recently featured against Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. At 18 Danny Wilson will hope to ease him into the squad as he looks to make his mark on the lower divisions.

Temitope Obadeyi

Despite only being the age of 19, he has already had a taste of the Premier League after featuring as a substitute for Bolton in their 1-0 defeat against Wigan last December. Obadeyi's school strike partner was Daniel Sturridge who of course broke through at Manchester City before signing for Chelsea this summer. Although he may not have had the same impact as yet, he'll be hoping a loan period at Swindon will certainly add a string to his bow and two goals already in six appearances will only fill the youngster with some much-needed confidence as well as adding a little Premier League class to the Swindon side.

Alex Revell

Revell began his career as a graduate of the Cambridge United youth system and despite spending four years at the club he never experienced a sustained run in the side. It was his first move to Braintree where he made his name, an incredible 35 goals in 30 appearances were enough to seal a move to Brighton where scored his first professional hat-trick before Steve Tilson, a long admirer of Revell's, took him to Southend. Although Revell's workman-like performances earned him his plaudits, the goals didn't follow and when he broke his leg in January 2009 it paved the way for a new start at Swindon – a loan move that if successful may become permanent.

Lee Peacock

The veteran Scottish striker will always be remembered for his integral role in Sheffield Wednesday's 2005 play-off winning campaign but although his commitment and work-rate could not be questioned, his ability at a higher level could. His early career featured spells at Carlisle, Mansfield Town and Manchester City but it was then Swindon boss, Iffy Onuora that persuaded the forward to join Swindon when The Owls decided not to renew his contract in Yorkshire. He earned the tag 'super-sub' during his first season and a year later earned himself the 2007 Player of the Year award after recovering from surgery and winning a starting role. Currently not a regular under now manager Danny Wilson, this is largely due to an injury prone season but one Peacock will hope he can turn around the same as the last.

RYAN GARDINER

In Safe Keeping

Football Historian, Leigh Edwards profiles ten post-war Swindon Town goalkeeping favourites...

SAM BURTON

Long-serving goalkeeper Sam Burton was ever-present for Swindon Town in 1954-55 and 1957-58. Born locally, he turned professional at the County Ground in June 1945 and made his League debut in Swindon's 2-2 draw at home to Reading in November 1946. He contested a first-team slot with Frank Boulton and Norman Uprichard during the early post-war era. Helping Swindon reach the FA Cup fourth round in 1955-56, he also missed just one match in 1960-61 and played 463 League games until a shoulder injury ended his career in November 1961. He later ran a transport cafe in Lyncham, then retired to Wales where he had met his wife.

NORMAN UPRICHARD

Northern Ireland International goalkeeper Norman Uprichard gained the first five of his 18 caps while at Swindon Town. Initially with Distillery, he moved via Arsenal to Swindon in November 1949. He contested a first-team slot with Sam Burton, helping Swindon reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1951-52 and making 73 League appearances prior to joining Portsmouth in November 1952. Starring as they finished third in the top-flight in 1954-55, he moved to Southend United in July 1959 and later played for Hastings United. He became a publican, then ran the Queen's University bar in Belfast and has since settled back in Hastings in retirement.



MIKE TURNER

Former England Youth goalkeeper Mike Turner featured prominently as Swindon Town won promotion for the first time in 1962-63. Previously with Weymouth and Dorchester Town, he moved to the County Ground in December 1961 and made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at Port Vale four months later. He displaced Mike O'Hara as first-choice keeper, helping Bert Head's side reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1963-64 and making 75 League appearances for the Robins before joining Torquay United in July 1964. Featuring in their 1965-66 promotion campaign, he then played for hometown Bridport and now lives in Poole in retirement.

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsbrough was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in an exchange deal involving Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969-70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975-76 and won promotion in 1976-77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.



JIM BARRON

Goalkeeper Jim Barron starred as Swindon Town took eventual winners West Ham to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1974-75. Initially with Newcastle West End, he joined Wolverhampton Wanderers in November 1961 and had a spell as Peter Bonetti's understudy at Chelsea before joining Oxford United in March 1966. He was an important figure in their 1967-68 third division title triumph, moving to Nottingham Forest in July 1970. Ever-present in 1970-71, he joined Swindon in August 1974 and made 79 League appearances

prior to joining Peterborough United in August 1977. He managed Cheltenham Town and has since held various coaching posts.

JIMMY ALLAN

Scottish goalkeeper Jimmy Allan starred as Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. A former apprentice at the County Ground, he turned professional in July 1971 and made his League debut in Swindon's 0-0 draw at home to QPR two months later. He contested a first-team slot with Peter Downsbrough and Jim Barron before establishing himself during the 1976-77 campaign, featuring in successive FA Cup runs. Making 371 League appearances, his career was curtailed by a broken arm against Rochdale in October 1983. He had a testimonial match against Chelsea before settling in Devon, working for a box manufacturing firm.

KENNY ALLEN

Tall goalkeeper Kenny Allen was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1985-86 fourth division title triumph. He had spells with Tow Law, Hartlepool and Hellenic prior to joining Bath City in September 1973, starring in their 1977-78 Southern League title success. Moving to AFC Bournemouth in August 1978, he helped win promotion in 1981-82 and reunited with David Webb at Torquay United in March 1984. He joined Swindon in September 1985 and made 45 League appearances before rejoining Torquay in December 1986. Ever-present as they were Fourth Division play-off finalists in 1987-88, he also appeared for them in the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy Final.

FRASER DIGBY

England Under-21 goalkeeper Fraser Digby featured in Swindon Town's 1992-93 first division play-off Final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986 and appeared in their 1986-87 promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in their 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games, moving to Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.



BART GRIEMINK

Big Dutch goalkeeper Bart Griemink missed just one match for Swindon Town in 2001-02. Initially with WJ Emmen in his native country, he joined Birmingham City in November 1995 and was a League Cup semi-finalist that season. He followed Barry Fry to Peterborough United in October 1996 and featured in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign, moving to the County Ground in July 2000 after a loan spell. A fine shot-stopper, he made a significant contribution to Swindon's improved results and made 124 League appearances for the Robins before joining Southend United in July 2004. His playing career was ended by knee problems in June 2006.

RHYS EVANS

England Under-21 goalkeeper Rhys Evans starred as Swindon Town qualified for the second division play-offs in 2003-04. A former Chelsea trainee, he turned professional in February 1999 but failed to make an impact at Stamford Bridge and was loaned to Bristol Rovers, QPR and Leyton Orient before joining hometown Swindon in July 2003. He missed just one match in 2004-05 and made 118 League appearances while at the County Ground. Moving to Blackpool in July 2006, he featured in their 2006-07 promotion campaign and joined Millwall in January 2008. He returned to Bradford City in August 2008 and missed just one match last season.

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TO COINCIDE with the launch of Saddlers Player, the all new audio/visual service on www.saddlers.co.uk, a new online commentary team has been installed for the 2009/10 campaign.

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COVERING football every week has taught me many things. One of them is that football reporting cannot be used as part of a healthy balanced diet. Let me explain.

When there's a midweek game I have to rush straight from my day job to the stadium in time for our Saddlers Player matchday coverage. That means I don't have my tea until I get home after the game. After doing post-match interviews and packing my equipment away it's almost 11 o'clock by the time I get near home.



At that point I'm pretty tired, so I can't be bothered to cook and the only place open at that time is the chippy. Fast forward one week later and we had a Saddlers Player first as Dan Mole and I brought you full match coverage of the reserves' 4-0 win over Macclesfield.

Town. It was a good game but unfortunately it wasn't good for me and my belly as another midweek game means another chippy!

Before that we had the trip to Norwich. Mick Kearns and I travelled with the BBC WM guys and on away journeys they like to stop for breakfast. So there I was at a Little Chef on the A14 eating a sausage bap! A few hours later we had arrived at Carrow Road and in the press room they had a selection of pies. I wasn't really hungry after the breakfast but I thought to myself 'Delia Smith probably made these so it would be rude not to!' I'm also ashamed to say that when I got back from the game at about 9 o'clock it was another moment where I couldn't be bothered to cook - so I had a chippy!

Last weekend at Tranmere may have been the worst weekend on the calorie count though. During the day we had a feast courtesy of Mick Kearns' better half, Elaine, with rolls, crisps, chocolate and cocktail sausages and then on the night I had Donner Burger and chips. Oh dear!

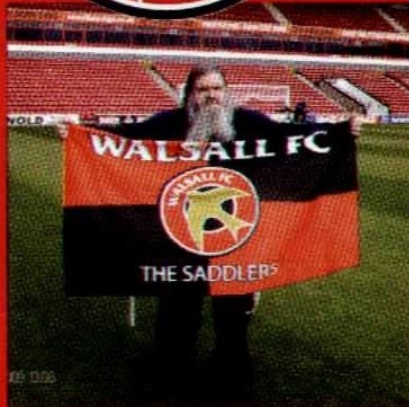
Writing this article has left me a bit worried. Maybe I should undergo a medical with the Walsall physio, Jon Whitney, or he can put me on a pre-season style fitness programme!

If I don't keel over during commentary today, remember you can text Saddlers Player. It's been a real success, with messages coming from all over the world and if you want to join in just text 07517-717 417.

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There was a special visitor to the Banks's Stadium recently as Walsall Saddlers Patterson came down from his home in Leeds to pay us a visit.

He was given a full ground tour as well as meeting various members of staff and the youth team players - he even took time out to pump some iron in the gym!

When pressed on who was his favourite player, he said simply: 'The whole team'.

He went on to add: "My loyalty and allegiance to the club will never waiver."

We thank Walsall Saddlers Patterson for his devotion to the cause and hope to see him again soon.

Have you been away on your summer holiday? We are looking for photo's showing your Saddlers' colours in weird and wonderful destinations around the world. Email them to a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk or send them to: Barmy Army, Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA

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Happy Birthday

KIRSTY

Love from Rob xxxx

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Quick Fire Quiz

- 1 WHICH CLUB ENDED AUGUST AS LEAGUE ONE LEADERS?
- 2 WHICH LEAGUE ONE CLUB DOES GARY ABLETT MANAGE?
- 3 WHAT IS SOUTHBEND UNITED'S NICKNAME?

answers on page 49

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Referee's Notebook



DAVID Webb takes charge of this afternoon's visit of Swindon Town.

BIOG

Taking up refereeing after seeing a course advertised in a Matchday Programme, his progression through the ranks led him onto the National List of Referees last year.

Whisper it quietly, but his last appearance here at the Banks's Stadium was for our heavy home defeat at the hands of Bristol Rovers in March.

HIGHLIGHTS

Getting onto the National List of Referees in 2008.

FIRST FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAME

Bury v Brentford, August 9th 2008..

LAST GAME

He officiated Huddersfield Town's goalless stalemate with Brentford last weekend.

He has taken charge of one Championship game so far this term, Preston North End's 2-0 victory over Peterborough United, whilst he was also the man in the middle for Rotherham United's shock Carling Cup victory over Nigel Clough's Derby County at the Don Valley Stadium.

ATTRIBUTES

Displaying a willingness to learn and take on board new ideas, he is a confident and bright young referee



We welcome David Webb to the Banks's Stadium this afternoon and look forward to his return in the future.



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The Day He Was Born

A look back at the day that Dwayne Mattis came into the world...

On This Day

1987: Newspaper caught in Spycatcher row: The Government sues the Sunday Telegraph over secret service memoirs.

1991: Superpowers to cut nuclear warheads: The US and the Soviet Union sign the Start Treaty to reduce stockpiles of nuclear warheads by about a third.

1998: UK imposes total ban on landmines: The British Government announces a total ban on landmines

Six of the Best

Famous People Born 31st July

1911 – George Liberace (musician)

1946 – Bob Welch (Fleetwood Mac)

1953 – James Christopher Read (actor)

1962 – Wesley Snipes (actor)

1966 – Dean Cain (actor)

1963 – Norman Cook (DJ)

Dwayne Antony Mattis was born on 31st July 1981 in Huddersfield.

Huddersfield is a large market town within the Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees, in West Yorkshire. Huddersfield is near the confluence of the River Colne and the River Holme. Located within the historic county boundaries of the West Riding of Yorkshire, according to the 2001 Census it was the tenth largest town in the UK with a total resident population of 146,234. It is the largest urban area in the metropolitan borough of Kirklees and the administrative centre of the borough. The town is well known for its important role in the Industrial Revolution, the birthplace of Rugby League and for being the birthplace of the late British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

In The Mix –

Top Tunes Of 1981

John Lennon: 'Imagine'

Joe Dolce: 'Shaddup Ya Face'

Roxy Music: 'Jealous Guy'

Buck Fizz: 'Making Your Mind Up'

Shakin' Stevens: 'This Ole House'

(pictured)

The Specials: 'Ghost Town'

Soft Cell: 'Tainted Love'

Adam & The Ants:

'Prince Charming'

Queen & David

Bowie: 'Under Pressure'

Police: 'Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic'



Movie Mania –

Top Films Of 1981

Raiders Of The

Lost Ark

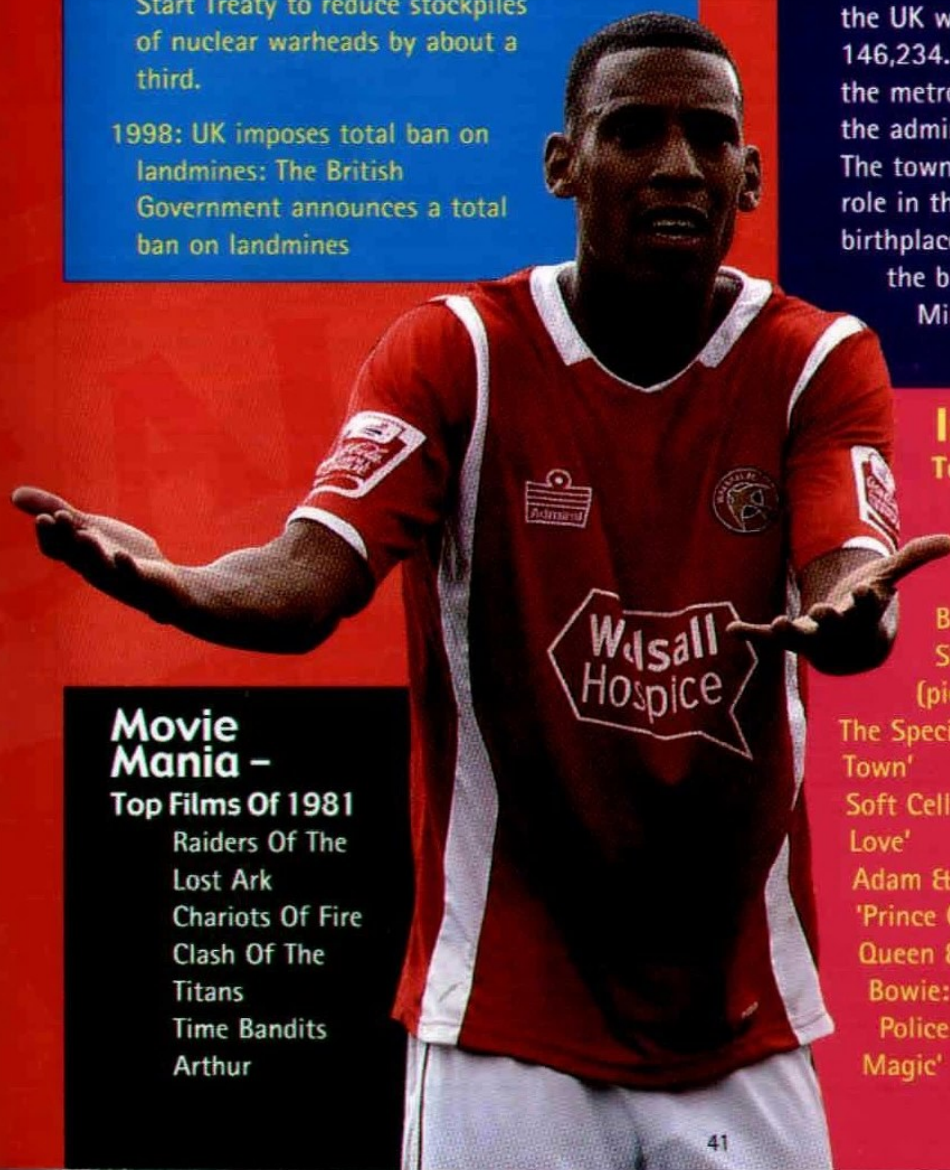
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On Our Travels

THE SADDLERS came home from Norwich City with a deserved share of the spoils in a goalless draw.

It was the home side who forced a couple of early corners, the second of which saw Jens Berthel Askou come up from the back to put an effort over.

Walsall were looking to pass the ball around at every opportunity in the opening exchanges and not allowing City time to settle. Troy Deeney's cushioned header on 12 minutes found strike partner, Darren Byfield in a wide position and he snatched at his strike that flew well wide.

Shortly afterwards Jamie Vincent's probing cross was headed just over by Deeney as Chris Hutchings' side started to build up a head of steam.

Simon Lappin was given time to line up an effort that was blazed over before Deeney looped a header over the crossbar at the other end.

After Richard Taundry was spoken to by the referee following a foul, an inviting ball in from the right by Peter Till saw Byfield just off target with his header.

The last action of the opening period saw Paul McVeigh fire

narrowly wide but, in all fairness, neither keeper was seriously tested.

The early action of the second half saw Lappin cut inside to get a powerful low strike that Rene Gilmartin followed all the way to gather.

Straight away at the other end, Byfield found his way through the City back-line but as he got into a good position to the left of the goal, he was caught in two minds as whether to shoot at goal

or cross the ball into the danger zone. In the end he did neither.

There were loud appeals for a foul as Deeney went through only to be held back by his marker, but the referee was having none of it.

The Saddlers were working hard and frustrating the home side, keeping the large home crowd quiet for long periods. A cross from Till was took off the head of Deeney at the crucial moment, whilst a loose ball in midfield was seized upon by the home side who went close to getting their noses in front through Lappin.

They went even closer on 62 minutes when Michael Nelson headed the ball powerfully home from a corner, however his celebrations were short-lived as a foul was given in Walsall's favour and the loyal travelling contingent was able to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

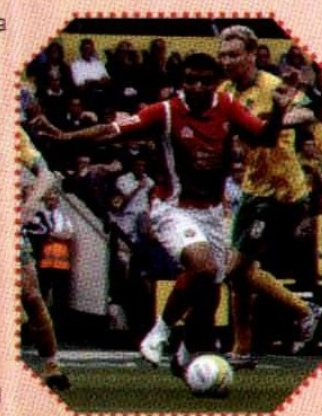
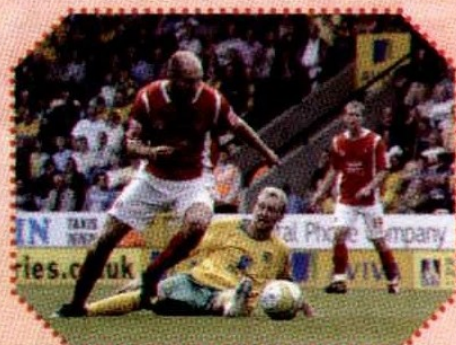
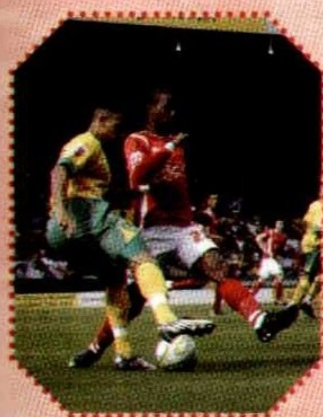
Walsall defended well to deny substitute McDonald who looked lively as he twisted and turned inside the area. However, Manny Smith and Clayton McDonald were in stubborn mood.

Some neat play out wide by Byfield saw him get in a low cross that Fraser Forster could only push out into the path of Matt Richards but the former Ipswich Town man was crowded out as he prepared to pull the trigger.

Chris Hutchings introduced another ex-Ipswich man as Sam Parkin took the place of Deeney, whilst Byfield was replaced by Alex Nicholls with just five minutes to go. In between Stephen Hughes fired well over for The Canaries.

In the end, Walsall were good value for the point and a third clean sheet in a row.

PHOTOS: Kevin Grice



NEXT AWAY – Hartlepool United

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 2009

– KICK-OFF 3.00PM

This game is NOT all-ticket. There are no tickets available in advance for this fixture, it is pay on the turnstiles only.

The admission prices are: £20 (adults), £10 (juniors under-16 and seniors over 60) and £10 (full-time students, on production of valid ID at the Hartlepool United Ticket Office only).

For disabled supporters it's £20 (adults plus free carer) and £10 (juniors plus free carer)

The Official Walsall FC Away Travel Service will be running a coach to this game at £16 per person, departing the Banks's Stadium at 8.45am.

DIRECTIONS

From the South (A19):

Exit the A19 at signpost Hartlepool A689, Motorway A1(M). At roundabout turn right (s/p Hartlepool A689) and

continue on the A689 for 4.3 miles, through the village of Newton Bewley, to the roundabout by the Owton Lodge pub. Go straight on (s/p Town Centre A689) and follow Town Centre signs for 2.8 miles, over two roundabouts. At the traffic lights just past the Blacksmiths Arms on your left, go straight on. At the next traffic lights go straight on again over the bridge into the new marina complex and straight on again at the roundabout into Marina Way. This is the area for the Jackson's Wharf parking. To get to the ground itself continue to the next roundabout and turn left (s/p The North A179, A1048). Turn left at the lights into Clarence Road to the ground.





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THE MANAGERIAL merry-go-round has been in full revolution in the early stages of the League One season.

MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN FOR BOOTHROYD

Norwich sacked Bryan Gunn, and replaced him with Paul Lambert, leaving another League One side, Colchester United, without a manager. The U's, whom obviously thought they were on the right track with a relatively young manager, appointed another, this time with experience at a higher level. Aidy Boothroyd, 38, previously manager of Watford, earned huge praise for managing them to the top-flight, gaining a reputation as one of the country's best young managers.

Sadly one Premier League season and an FA Cup semi-final appearance were quickly forgotten, and he left the club by mutual consent in November 2008. He has since stayed away from management, awaiting the right opportunity, an opportunity he believes he has found at Colchester. "It's very much like being in a wonderful marriage, getting a divorce and then making sure you get with the right woman the next time and I've certainly done that here," he told the media as he was unveiled as their new boss.

HOME COMFORTS FOR ROVERS

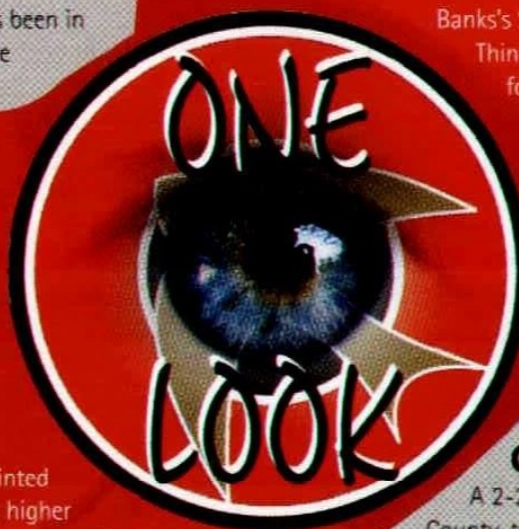
Bristol Rovers, sitting pretty in third place of League One as we head in to this round of fixtures, have been further buoyed by an overdue return to training in their own City. They have spent the last seven years training outside of Bristol, latterly at Azimghur Barracks in Wiltshire after leaving their former HQ in Golden Hill, Horfield during ex-Saddlers' manager, Ray Graydon's spell in charge.

The move to these new £3million, purpose-built, facilities has been delayed by 12 months due to problems with drainage, but with those behind them, their manager, Paul Trollope was delighted to have the first-team squad training there, after the youngsters had warmed the facilities for them last week. "We have got some quality pitches, a quality 3G astro-turf, good indoor facilities for weights and the gym - all the things you would want in a modern day training ground is here," he said. "I have got an office - which is always a good thing and wasn't always the case at Colerne. We are pleased with the facilities, both outside and in, and I think being back in Bristol will be a huge boost to the players."

TOP TWO MAKE THEIR POINT

There has been some mirroring going on at the summit of the League One table. In a 'we-can-match-whatever-you-do-style' Leeds and Charlton have been going toe-to-toe since the season kicked off.

Both teams started with six straight victories, with each side managing to topple The Saddlers - Leeds here at the



Banks's Stadium and Charlton at The Valley. Things were not quite as straight forward for either side in last weekend's fixtures. Points were dropped by both teams for the first time this season. Charlton drew 1-1 with Southampton and Leeds played out a goalless draw with Southend United at Roots Hall. The Addicks currently hold top position with a superior goal difference, but Leeds remain hot on their heels.

COURAGEOUS BAKER

A 2-2 draw between Yeovil and Stockport County, taking both clubs to six points, would appear on the face of it to have nothing of the remarkable about it. However, the scorer of both County's goals was Carl Baker, taking his tally to 11 for the season, but what is even more remarkable is that those goals were scored in the wake of his brother's death earlier in the week.

Manager Gary Ablett had the unenviable task of informing Baker that his elder brother, Michael, had lost his fight with leukaemia. Baker was under no pressure to play last Saturday, and it must have been somewhat of a surprise to Ablett to receive a call from the prolific marksman saying he wanted to be involved. His contribution was a telling and emotional one. After scoring his first goal, he was embraced by the whole of his team, holding aloft a t-shirt he had made with a message for his brother. And at the end of the game he was warmly embraced by those County supporters that had travelled to Huish Park, and presented with a card that everyone in the away end had signed.

IAN NEWBOLD

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Brentford v Bristol Rovers
Brighton & Hove Albion v Southend United
Colchester United v Hartlepool United
Exeter City v Tranmere Rovers
Leeds United v Gillingham
Millwall v Huddersfield Town
Norwich City v Charlton Athletic
Oldham Athletic v Carlisle United
Southampton v Yeovil Town
Stockport County v Leyton Orient
Wycombe Wanderers v MK Dons

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ALBERT McPHERSON: Long-serving centre-half who skipped Walsall to promotion in 1960-61 and was ever-present in 1961-62. He netted eight goals in 351 League games while at Fellows Park before joining Stourbridge in July 1964 and later spent 20 years as West Brom's trainer. Still living locally in retirement.



STAN JONES: Commanding centre-half who moved from Walsall to West Bromwich Albion in May 1960 and rejoined the Saddlers in March 1968, netting seven goals in 236 League games overall. He moved to Burton Albion in July 1973, then played for Kidderminster, Hednesford, Colehill and was Walsall's trainer-coach, settling locally.



DAVE SERELLA: Long-serving central defender who featured prominently in Walsall's 1977-78 FA Cup run and 1979-80 promotion success, netting 12 goals in 267 League games while at Fellows Park prior to joining Blackpool in August 1982. He later had spells with Altrincham and Chorley and has settled in Lytham St. Annes.



PETER HART: Versatile central defender who captained Walsall to the Milk Cup semi-finals in 1983-84 and third division play-off final glory in 1987-88, netting 12 goals in 390 League games until retiring after his benefit match in May 1990. He became a clergyman and is still living locally.



STUART RYDER: England Under-21 central defender who helped Walsall qualify for the third division play-offs in 1992-93, then win promotion in 1994-95. He netted five goals in 101 League games for The Saddlers before moving to Mansfield Town in July 1998, then played for Nuneaton Borough, Stafford Rangers and Hednesford. Has been in sales since 1999 and currently sells capital equipment and printing solutions, whilst also coaching youngsters in the Lichfield area.



SCOTT DANN: Young central defender who has gained England Under-21 recognition since leaving Walsall. He turned professional with The Saddlers in August 2004 and starred in the 2006-07 League Two title triumph. Netting seven goals in 59 League outings, he moved to Coventry City in January 2008 and became their captain. Moved into the Premier League with newly-promoted Birmingham City in the summer of 2009.

Now vote for your all-time favourite player from those featured here. Simply send your choice to a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk within the next seven days. The player with the most votes will then take his place in our All-Time Dream Team...

SADDLERS PROGRESS 09/10



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE - as at 17/09/09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	GD
Charlton	7	3	1	0	8	3	3	0	0	8	1	12	19
Leeds United	7	3	0	0	7	1	3	1	0	5	2	9	19
Bristol Rovers	7	3	0	1	5	2	2	0	1	5	3	5	15
Huddersfield	7	3	1	0	12	3	1	1	1	5	5	9	14
MK Dons	7	2	1	1	5	5	2	1	0	3	1	3	14
Swindon	7	2	2	0	4	2	1	1	1	3	7	-2	12
Colchester	7	2	0	1	5	4	1	2	1	9	4	6	11
Gillingham	7	3	0	1	10	1	0	1	2	3	6	6	10
Brentford	7	1	2	0	3	2	1	2	1	4	4	1	10
Walsall	7	0	2	1	3	4	2	1	1	4	4	-1	9
Southend	7	1	3	0	5	2	0	2	1	4	5	2	8
Carlisle	7	1	0	3	4	6	1	2	0	4	3	-1	8
Hartlepool	7	0	1	3	2	7	2	1	0	4	0	-1	8
Norwich	7	1	1	1	6	9	1	1	2	5	5	-3	8
Brighton	7	1	0	2	3	5	1	2	1	4	8	-6	8
Millwall	7	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	5	-2	7	7
Yeovil	7	1	2	1	7	6	0	1	2	3	5	-1	6
Stockport	7	0	1	2	2	5	1	2	1	6	6	-3	6
Leyton Orient	7	0	2	2	5	7	1	1	1	5	7	-4	6
Exeter	7	0	2	1	3	4	1	1	2	3	6	-4	6
Oldham	7	0	2	1	2	5	1	1	2	3	5	-5	6
Wycombe	7	1	1	1	3	3	0	1	3	5	10	-5	5
Tranmere	7	1	0	3	6	10	0	0	3	0	8	-12	3
Southampton	7	0	3	0	2	2	0	2	2	3	6	-3	-5

SADDLERS PLAYER INFORMATION

	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	09/10 APPS	GOALS
Clayton Ince	Arima	13/7/72	5	
Rhys Weston	Kingston	27/10/80	2 (1)	
Netan Sansara	Walsall	3/3/89		
Stephen Roberts	Wrexham	24/2/80	2	
Mark Hughes	Liverpool	9/12/86	4	
Manny Smith	Birmingham	8/11/88	9	
Steve Jones	Londonderry	25/10/76	6 (1)	1
Dwayne Mattis	Huddersfield	31/7/81	8	
Sam Parkin	Roehampton	14/3/81	6 (2)	2
Troy Deeney	Birmingham	29/6/88	8 (1)	2
Alex Nicholls	Stourbridge	9/12/87	2 (6)	1
Mark Bradley	Wordsley	14/1/88	1 (1)	
Richard Taundry	Walsall	15/2/89	4 (5)	
Josh O'Keefe	Morley	22/12/88	0 (1)	
Darryl Westlake	Sutton Coldfield	1/3/91	7	
Richard Davies	Wolverhampton	15/5/90		
Peter Till	Birmingham	7/9/85	7	
Jamie Vincent	Wimbledon	18/6/75	9	
Matt Richards	Harlow	26/12/84	9	
Rene Gilmartin	London	31/5/87	4	
Will Grigg	Solihull	3/7/91		
Sam Adkins	Birmingham	3/12/91		
Sean Geddes	West Bromwich	13/2/92		
Darren Byfield	Birmingham	29/9/76	3 (1)	1
Clayton McDonald	Liverpool	6/12/88	3	

KEY

Denotes started game	Denotes substitute	Denotes substitute not used
Denotes starting goalkeeper	Denotes goalkeeping substitute	
Denotes substitution time	Denotes substitution time	Denotes number of goals scored
Yellow Card	Red Card	*Lost 4-5 on pens

†Own goal Unless otherwise stated all Saturday matches kick-off at 3pm and midweek matches at 7.45pm

Date	Opponents	Venue	F.A.	Att. (Ref.)	Pts	Referee
AUGUST 2009						
Sat 8	Brighton and Hove Albion	A	1-0†	6,504 (381)	8	J. Singh
Tue 11	Accrington Stanley	A	1-2	1,041 (196)	-	N. Miller
Sat 15	Southend United	H	2-2	3,658 (358)	6	J. Moss
Tue 18	Leeds United	H	1-2	8,483 (3,679)	10	A. Taylor
Sat 22	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2	15,706 (199)	16	S. Hooper
Sat 29	Gillingham	H	0-0	3,331 (257)	17	K.G. Evans
SEPTEMBER 2009						
Tue 1	Bury	H	0-0*	2,314 (200)	-	G.D. Scott
Sat 5	Norwich City	A	0-0	23,041 (306)	15	R. Booth
Sat 12	Tranmere Rovers	A	3-2	4,858 (251)	10	M. Haywood
Sat 19	Swindon Town	H				
Sat 26	Hartlepool United	A				
Tue 29	Huddersfield Town	H				
OCTOBER 2009						
Sat 3	Carlisle United	H				
Sat 10	Milton Keynes Dons	A				
Sat 17	Exeter City	H				
Sat 24	Colchester United	A				
Sat 31	Wycombe Wanderers	A				
NOVEMBER 2009						
Sat 7			FA Cup 1			
Sat 14	Stockport County	H				
Sat 21	Brentford	A				
Tue 24	Oldham Athletic	H				
Sat 28			FA Cup 2			
DECEMBER 2009						
Tue 1	Yeovil Town	A				
Sat 5	Southampton	H				
Sat 12	Millwall	A				
Sat 19	Leyton Orient	H				
Sat 26	Bristol Rovers	A				
Mon 28	Norwich City	H				
JANUARY 2010						
Sat 2	Charlton Athletic	H	FA Cup 3			
Sat 9	Southend United	A				
Sat 16	Brighton and Hove Albion	H				
Sat 23	Leeds United	A	FA Cup 4			
Sat 30	Gillingham	A				
FEBRUARY 2010						
Sat 6	Bristol Rovers	H				
Sat 13	Oldham Athletic	A	FA Cup 5			
Sat 20	Brentford	H				
Tue 23	Yeovil Town	H				
Sat 27	Southampton	A				
MARCH 2010						
Sat 6	Millwall	H	FA Cup 6			
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	A				
Sat 20	Colchester United	H				
Sat 27	Exeter City	A				
APRIL 2010						
Sat 3	Stockport County	A				
Mon 5	Wycombe Wanderers	H				
Sat 10	Tranmere Rovers	H	FA Cup semi-final			
Tue 13	Huddersfield Town	A				
Sat 17	Swindon Town	A				
Sat 24	Hartlepool United	H				
MAY 2010						
Sat 1	Carlisle United	A				
Sat 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H				
Sat 15			FA Cup Final			

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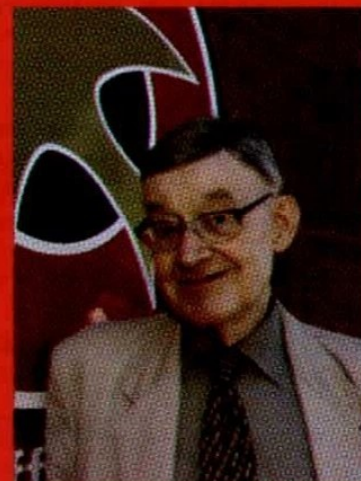
EXACTLY 12 months ago tomorrow, Walsall FC Historian, Geoff Allman passed away.

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On the same day, Wolves, another club close to Geoff's heart, won 3-1 at Preston, an impressive result made even better by the fact that they too ended the game with nine men.

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