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# HUT

## **WELCOME to Banks's Stadium for the visit of Swindon Town on this Family Fun Day.**

Looking back at last weekend's game at Rochdale, I thought that we put in a decent performance but conceded two very poor goals. It was extremely disappointing as I felt that we deserved to bring home at least a point.

We scored a good early goal through Jon Macken and created numerous other chances to build upon our lead. Sadly, it doesn't matter who you play, if you keep making individual errors it becomes increasingly difficult to keep getting back into it.

There were some good performances both individually and collectively and I think that our travelling supporters

recognised that as they applauded the team off at the end. They could obviously see the effort and commitment that the lads put in and felt that we deserved to take something from the game.

The backing that we received was excellent and I would like to thank those who made the journey.

*"I hope that you have enjoyed the pre-match entertainment and will be in good voice once the action gets underway..."*

I was pleased with the contribution that David Davis made in his first game for the club. For a young lad, it was an impressive debut performance; he





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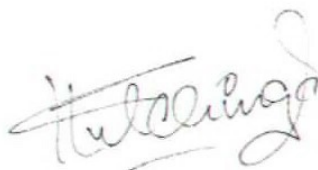
looked comfortable on the ball and got about the pitch well. We know what he is capable of and hopefully he can kick on from here now.

This afternoon we welcome everyone connected to Swindon Town, particularly Danny Wilson. They made it to the play-off Final last season and despite making a slower start to the current campaign than they would have liked, they have quality throughout their side.

They will be buoyed by their first League win of the season in the last game and will be determined to build upon it today and start to make their presence felt in the top half of the table. We know that we are going to face hard-working and organised opposition this afternoon, but we have had a good week on the Training Ground and go into the game ready for the battle ahead.

This is our first Family Fun Day of the season and I hope that you have enjoyed the pre-match entertainment and will be in good voice once the action gets underway. We will be going all out to secure the three points on offer and tempt those of you who are maybe here for the first time to return on future occasions.

Enjoy the game and thank you for your valued support...



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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE

GOOD afternoon and welcome back to the Banks's Stadium for 'Swift's Football Fun Day' and our game against Swindon Town. We welcome our visitors and wish them a safe journey home afterwards.

It's been a tough fortnight on the pitch with defeats against both Colchester United at home and Rochdale away. On a positive note, though, on each occasion we deserved something from the game and, in particular against Rochdale, we created plenty of good goalscoring opportunities. However, we are all more than aware that it is points that count and I am optimistic that it won't be too long before the good performances start to turn into

points that will propel us back up the League table.

It is still very early days and my pre-season enthusiasm is far from dampened and I am particularly excited by the prospect of our attacking options at present with Darren Byfield, Jon Macken and Reuben Reid all in good goalscoring form, the return of Alex Nicholls today after suspension, the availability of Will Grigg, back in the fold following International Duty with Northern Ireland, Steve Jones returning from injury and the emergence of Jamie Paterson, who looks a very exciting young prospect. I think there is a lot to be optimistic about in the coming months.

Last week we added to our

midfield options as David Davis came in on an initial month's loan from our close neighbours Wolverhampton Wanderers and impressed on his debut at Spotland last weekend. I am looking forward to seeing him pull on a Saddlers jersey once again this week.

It goes without saying that you, as supporters, play a very important and influential role in the team's success by getting behind them and today marks our first Family Fun Day of the season, following on from such similar events that have proven extremely popular in recent years, as we aim to create a great atmosphere within the stadium. As part of the Fun Day there is a very special Family Ticket Offer available for the game with one adult and up to two juniors

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gaining admission for just £10. We can't compete with the Premier League football offered by some of our local neighbours, but what I feel we can offer is good, honest real football and entertainment at great prices.

We need just a little bit of luck to go our way. Let's hope that it comes today against Swindon Town and that this marks a turning point.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great afternoon and enjoy the match...

**STEFAN GAMBLE**  
Chief Executive







# DAN'S DIARY

*with Club Secretary, Dan Mole*

**HELLO** and welcome to the Banks's Stadium for today's npower League One encounter with Swindon Town....

Today's programme notes are all about the next generation - of supporters and players. We all know how important these two areas are to Walsall Football Club and here is a quick round-up of the recent activities that have taken place as we look to encourage the youngsters of Walsall to build an affinity with our football club.

## BECOME A MINI-SADDLER

One way we can encourage youngsters to support Walsall FC is to make attending games as financially appealing as possible to their parents and guardians. With this in mind, we operate a policy of FREE football for all under-8's when accompanied by a full-paying adult. Basically, by becoming a Mini-Saddler, youngsters receive a Membership Card (and a number of other goodies) which, when presented at the Ticket Office, can be exchanged for a free ticket every time their parent/guardian also attends that match.

At the moment, anyone interested in signing their youngster up as a Mini-Saddler can do so by filling in a form from Main Reception or by downloading their application from the Community Department's website - [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk).

We are working on ways to make this process even easier

and must, of course, continue to raise awareness of this scheme.

## FUN DAY TODAY!

Today is our first Family Fun Day of the season.



The hope is, of course, to attract a larger-than-average gate to Banks's Stadium and give our supporters an enjoyable afternoon. This doesn't just mean an enjoyable 90 minutes of football but an enjoyable afternoon all round.

I'm sure you are aware of all the activities taking place today but it's not just about this afternoon. Our task is to ensure that all those supporters who take advantage of our 'adult and two children for £10' offer are regularly communicated with in order to entice them back to the Banks's Stadium and, ultimately, become regular attendees. Hopefully we will have a lot of young supporters in attendance today who will leave with only good impressions of our football club.

In the past we haven't always followed up the success of the Fun Days. Our Marketing & Communications Officer, Steve Parry, will be tasked with maintaining regular contact with all of you who have attended as part of the special offer as well as, of course, sending frequent communications to those supporters who attend on a more regular basis.

I'd like to thank the following individuals and organisations for helping distribute Fun Day flyers across the Borough - Midland Buses, ASDA, The Supporters Trust, the Community Department, The Saddlers Learning Centre, Derek Haycock via the Golden Gate Lottery and Beacon Radio. Your support has been much appreciated and hopefully we will see the fruits of everybody's labour with a bumper crowd, and Walsall win, this afternoon.

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INDUCTION EVENING



I had the fortune to attend the club's Centre of Excellence induction evening last week. Every youngster across the age groups - from under-8's through to under-16's - was in



attendance along with their parents/guardians.

Dean Smith gave an excellent briefing to all the youngsters and it was great to see the likes of Chris Hutchings, Martin O'Connor, David Hamilton (Chief Scout), Bill Jones and Roy Whalley also in attendance.

We all know how important the Centre of Excellence is to the future of Walsall Football Club and I'd like to thank all the unsung heroes such as Centre of Excellence Manager Graham Biggs, the coaches and of course, youth administrator, Julie Banks, for all their hard work and effort.

#### YOUNGSTERS ON THE PITCH

As a club we felt that it was important to give the players and coaches of our Centre of Excellence recognition and an

opportunity to be introduced to our supporters.

This is why, throughout the season, each age group will make a half-time appearance here at the Banks's Stadium. Make sure you give them the applause and support they deserve.

#### MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

It's also important to ensure that we give our youngsters the best possible environment in which to progress.

As well as the facilities we have at our disposal – the Field Turf, gymnasium etc. – we are also fortunate to have the use of St. Thomas More School at the weekend for our Centre of Excellence matches. It's an excellent facility but, as a club, we are committed to constantly improving it. Over the summer we sanctioned and funded a

major renovation of the pitches, which I'm sure will benefit our young players for years to come.

#### COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT & LEARNING CENTRE

All of the above are just a few quick-fire points to show you what we are doing to encourage youngsters to get involved in Walsall Football Club.

I haven't even mentioned the amazing work that our Community Department and Saddlers Learning Centre undertake.

These two important partners will feature in upcoming programme notes but I'd encourage you all to visit [www.walsallfccp.co.uk](http://www.walsallfccp.co.uk) and the Learning Centre section of [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) to find out more about the vital role they play here.



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### ABSEIL DOWN THE NEW ART GALLERY - 2ND OCTOBER

Challenge yourself to abseil 30 metres down the New Art Gallery.

### NODDY HOLDER'S MUSIC QUIZ - 8TH OCTOBER

Celebrity ambassador Noddy Holder hosts his very own music quiz at The Range, Essington. Teams of four welcome, the cost of £50 per team, including an Indian buffet.

### WORLD HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE DAY CONCERT - 9TH OCTOBER

Join us at St. Paul's The Crossing to celebrate World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. World Class Russian concert pianist Varvara Valentinovna will entertain us for the evening. Tickets are £10 per person including light refreshments, available from the Fundraising team.

All details on forthcoming events can be found on our website [www.walsallhospice.co.uk](http://www.walsallhospice.co.uk) or you can call our fundraising office for further information on

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## PEDAL POWER RAISES HOSPICE FUNDS



LAST month, Glyn Marston and Paul Dickenson, set off on a gruelling cycle ride from John O'Groats to Lands End to raise vital money for Walsall Hospice.

The duo were supported by Ladbroke's. Glyn, 47, of Willenhall, is no stranger to fundraising and has raised over £85,000 for charity from ultra distance running but, following a serious knee injury, can no longer run and has taken to cycling to continue his fundraising.

25-year-old Paul, who is deputy manager of Ladbroke's in Vicarage Road, West Bromwich, has lots of cycling experience but had never undertaken this challenge before.

"During the ride we experienced high winds, torrential rain and strong gales," said Marston. "We also had to cycle up mountains such as Shap Summit which is about 1350 feet above sea level.

"Each day was a challenge within itself. Is it something I would consider doing again? I hope to this every year for as long as I am able and would love to assemble a Walsall Hospice Cycle Team to take on the challenge with me. "I have a family member who has Leukaemia and I realise how valuable the Hospice will be to our town and will continue to support the fundraising effort as much as I can."

Head of Fundraising at Walsall Hospice, Cheryl Bradburne, said, "Glyn and Paul completed an incredible challenge on our behalf. Their support is invaluable, as is the support of Ladbroke's."

Denise Barker, Manager at Ladbroke's, Vicarage Road added; "I am so proud of both Glyn and Paul. To do such an incredible thing on behalf of someone else, with all the added pressure that brings, is truly amazing. My own family have been touched by cancer and, whilst hospital staff do the best job they can in difficult circumstances, nothing can compare to the care provided by specially-trained hospice staff for both patients and their families. Walsall needs a hospice."

"I was also pleased to secure the support of Ladbroke's which will make the lads efforts go even further towards their goal to raise £6,000."

It took the lads nine days to complete their ride, but it is not too late to sponsor them at <http://www.justgiving.com/ladbroke's-end2end-challenge>

They are going to continue their fundraising efforts and Ladbroke's will be matching their sponsorship, so your donation will go even further.



# YOUNG GUNS

OUR last game on home soil saw first-year professional, Jamie Paterson make his first senior start for the club following a lively substitute outing against Chesterfield in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in the previous game.

The 18 year-old Centre of Excellence product has progressed well whilst coming through the ranks and, with his appetite well and truly whetted, is hoping to make his mark on the first-team stage, emulating fellow rising star, Darryl Westlake, who ended his first year as a professional by claiming the Young Player of the Year award last term.

Both Paterson and Westlake are two players who are set to have a key role to play in the years ahead...



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A prolific couple of years for the youth team ended, with Jamie Paterson being handed a professional contract during the summer.

It was deserved recognition for the Coventry-born youngster who was promptly given a taste of first-team action during the pre-season before being called upon for our last three games.

A striker by trade, Paterson appeared on the right of midfield in our last home game, where he gave a good account of himself. "I feel that things have gone okay so far," he said. "I knew that with all the players we had missing against Colchester, I had a good chance of coming off the bench like I did in the previous game, but to get a starting place came as something of a shock to be honest.



*"It's certainly made me even more determined to work hard and be involved on a regular basis. It has also made me realise that I can play at this level and boosted my confidence as a result..." - Jamie Paterson*

"I was quite nervous at the start, but as the game went on I became more comfortable and felt that I coped well with the added demands.

"The other players helped me to settle in to it and told me to just go out there and be confident in what I was doing.

"The experienced lads talked me through the game and having Darryl Westlake behind me was a big help.

"It's certainly made me even more determined to work hard and be involved on a regular basis. It has also made me realise that I can play at this level and boosted my confidence as a result. "For the time being it is all about taking things as they come and

being ready and able to do a job when called upon."

So, which players have most influenced Paterson, who also counts Coventry City and Manchester United amongst his former clubs whilst growing up? "Being a Liverpool supporter, I have always watched Michael Owen closely. Like me, he is an elusive player who likes to get at people and make a difference.



"I also respect Steven Gerrard, not only for his undoubted ability, but also his willingness to work hard and be positive."

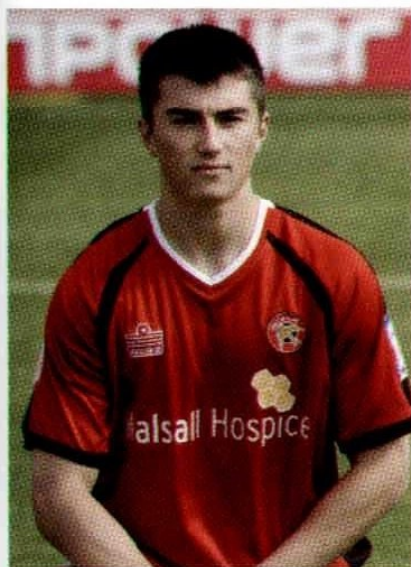
That positivity is reflected in Paterson's prediction that The Saddlers can better last season's tenth place finish. "There is absolutely no reason why we can't better that," he added. "We've certainly got the quality here and if we can avoid injuries



then I feel that we can really push forward as a team and make an impact.

"There are some talented youngsters here who will be given their chance and that is a positive thing."

As you would expect, manager, Chris Hutchings is handling the youngster with care. "I have been pleased with the contribution he has made so far," he said. "Against Colchester he came into the game well as it went on and gave a good account of himself.



"That said, it's the first step on a very long ladder for him and we will be handling him in the correct way."

One player who will understand Paterson's situation is Darryl Westlake. He was given his first-team chance earlier than expected last season, but went on to chalk up 24 appearances in

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all competitions on his way to being named Young Player of the Season.

"It's all about taking your chance when it comes along," he said without hesitation. "Like Jamie I was a bit surprised to break into the first-team so soon last season, but I was pleased with how things panned out.

"My aim now is to keep working hard and doing well to get more matches under my belt than last season and also weigh in with a few goals to help the team."

The Colchester game saw local lad Westlake in the right-back slot, playing just behind Paterson. "I thought that we linked up well," he went on. "We are both young and energetic and talked each other through the game.

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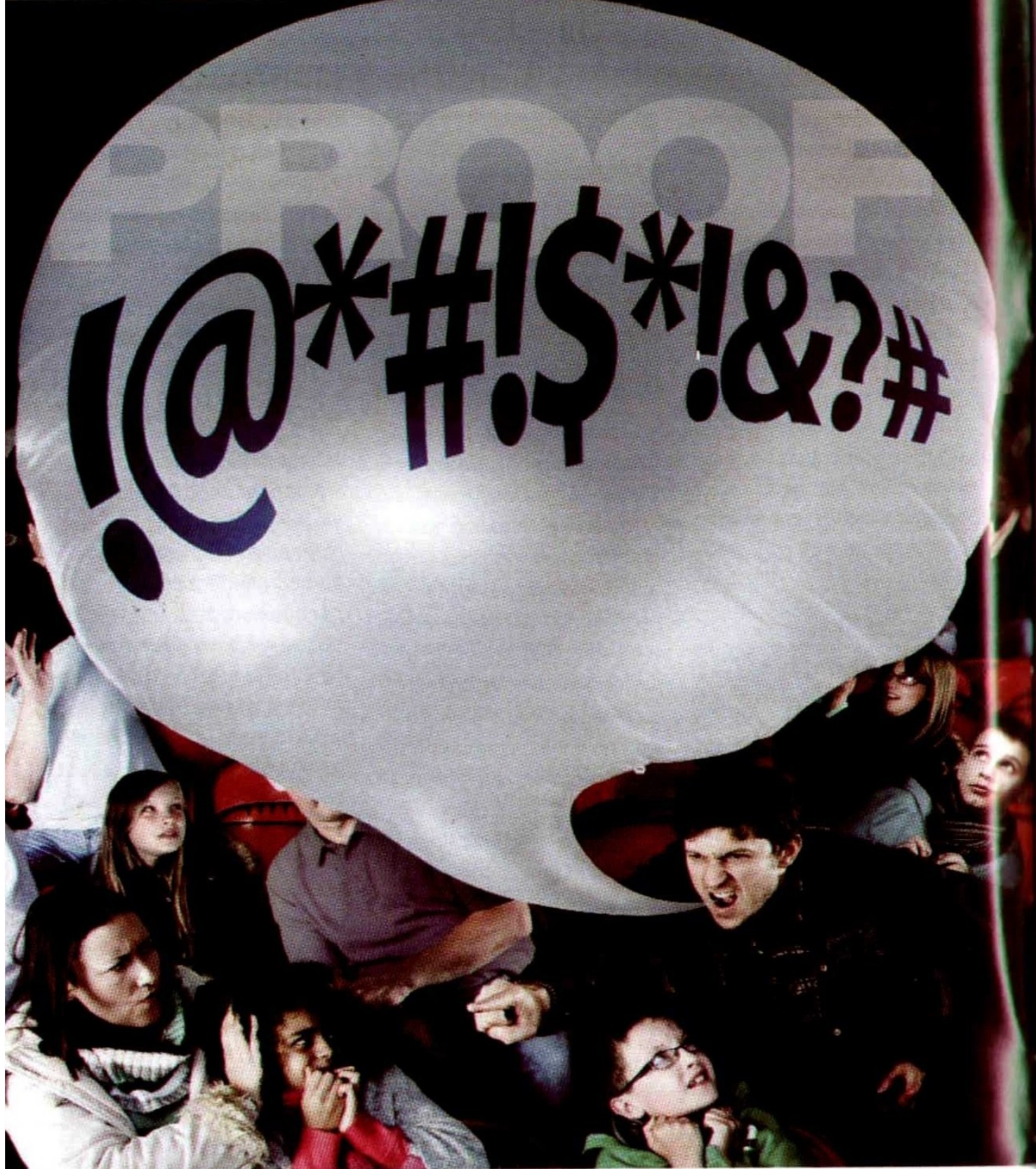
The Saddlers go in search of a return to winning ways on home soil this afternoon having slipped to defeat in the previous two games here at Banks's Stadium. "It's been a bit of an up-and-down start to the season," admitted Westlake. "But if we can get on a bit of a run, we will be okay.

"The new signings have come in and made a contribution, and with the squad we have, I fully expect us to be up there challenging at the right end of the table.

"That said, League One is getting stronger every season; the likes of Sheffield Wednesday, Charlton Athletic and Southampton are all big clubs, but we can be more than a match for them on our day."







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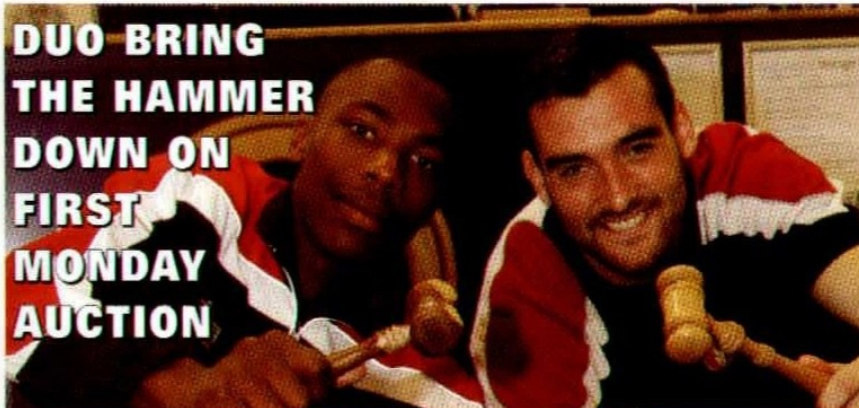
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### Smith and Bevan visit Manheim Auctions...

TWO SADDLERS' stars helped Manheim Auctions launch their first-ever Monday motor auction recently.

Talented central defender, Manny Smith, and goalkeeper, David Bevan, visited Manheim Auctions in Whitworth Close, Darlaston last week to mark the start of their Monday auctions.

Manheim Auctions give valued commercial support to the club as Executive Box holders here at Banks's Stadium.

"It was definitely something different to what I'm used to but it was really enjoyable," said Manny. "It was good to start the first-ever Monday auction and it was nice to see a few Walsall fans amongst the crowd."

Irish custodian, David Bevan, opened the auction of almost 200 cars by auctioning a dark blue 1999 Volvo S80, much to the delight of Christina Lapsa, marketing representative for Manheim Auctions.

"They were very well accepted," she said. "A lot of

our customers are local and are Walsall FC fans.

"We had a great turnout, especially for the first Monday sale."

Meanwhile, for our last home game against Colchester United, Manheim Auctions operated a competition via our Official Website – [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) - for five lucky supporters to win a place in their Executive Box.

The response was excellent and in the end, Malcolm Sheppard, Sean Dwyer, Neil Burns, Richard Jewell and Scott Westwood were selected at random.

They all had an enjoyable afternoon as guests of Manheim Auctions.

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# SADDLERS SOCCERETTE



## MARIA PROUD TO REPRESENT HER HOMETOWN CLUB...

THE SADDLERS were represented on Sky TV's Soccer AM programme last weekend as local girl, Maria Woodhouse stepped out as the Soccerette on the popular Saturday morning show.

The 25 year-old has been a supporter of her hometown team since 1997. "I love football and have always been

a fan of The Saddlers," she said proudly. "I remember when we won promotion under Ray Graydon in 1999, me and my mate were pictured in the newspapers on top of the dug-out trying to get Dean Keates' shirt!

"My favourite all-time player would have to be Darren Byfield; he's the 'Giggs' of the Walsall team as he has got better with age. He's scored some important goals for the club over the years, none more so than the one at the Millennium Stadium.

"I was really excited about being on Soccer AM but had a few nerves in the days leading up to it. Thankfully those nerves all disappeared once it got underway and I had a great time.

"It was good to represent the club on what is a popular programme that is watched all over the world. I have watched it myself for years and decided to apply online to become a



Soccerette. When the producer called I jumped at the chance. I am keen to get into television presenting and this gave me a good insight into what goes on."





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## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST FIXTURES & RESULTS 2010/2011

### AUGUST 2010

Sat 14	Stockport County	A	7-0
Sat 21	Wrexham	H	1-1
Sat 28	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-2

### SEPTEMBER 2010

Sat 11	Macclesfield Town	H	4-4
Wed 15	Grimsby Town (MYC1)	H	2-1
Sat 25	Tranmere Rovers	A	

### OCTOBER 2010

Sat 2	Shrewsbury T. (FLYAC1)	A	
Sat 16	Port Vale	H	
Sat 23	Wigan Athletic	A	

### NOVEMBER 2010

Sat 6	Tranmere Rovers	H	
Sat 20	Macclesfield Town	A	

### DECEMBER 2010

Sat 4	Port Vale	A	
Sat 18	Wigan Athletic	H	

### JANUARY 2011

Sat 8	Stockport County	H	
Sat 15	Wrexham	A	
Sat 29	Shrewsbury Town	H	

### FEBRUARY 2011

Sat 12	Oldham Athletic	H	
Sat 26	Preston North End	A	

### MARCH 2011

Sat 5	Rochdale	H	
Sat 12	Morecambe	A	
Sat 19	Blackpool	H	
Sat 26	Burnley	A	

### APRIL 2011

Sat 2	Bury	H	
Sat 9	Carlisle United	A	
Sat 30	Accrington Stanley	H	

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.

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## MATCH REPORT

THE SADDLERS' youth team shared the spoils with Wrexham in a 1-1 draw.

"We suffered an early set-back when Malvind Benning was stretchered off within the opening minute before Will Mellors-Blair sustained an ankle injury that forced him out of the action on 25 minutes," said Head of Youth, Dean

Smith. "We didn't play with the fluidity or move the ball as quickly as we did in the previous game.

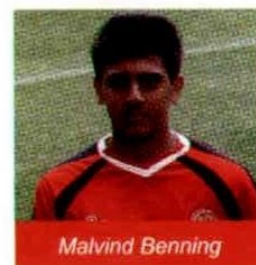
"Our visitors were full of energy and pressed us high up the pitch, but we managed to get our noses in front around ten minutes from the break when a free-kick from Jack Cresswell found the head of Connor Deards who made no mistake.

"In all fairness, it was an undeserved lead for us at the break and the second period started in a similar vein with Wrexham on the front-foot and having the majority of possession.

"That said, we still had chances to extend our lead before Wrexham forced an equaliser late on.

"We still tried to pass the ball but the quality was not as good as previously. Nevertheless it is pleasing to see the lads trying to do the right things."

*WALSALL: Wren, D. Cresswell, Benning (Haynes), J. Cresswell, Hayes, Tank, Mellors-Blair (Wellings), Forde, Deards (Williams), Butlin, Jones.*

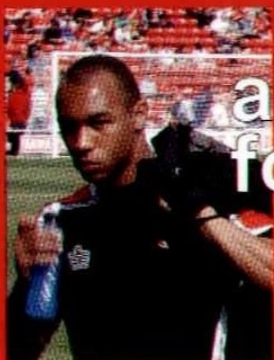


Malvind Benning

## FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE TABLE as at 17/9/2010

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





**aaron  
forde**

## YOUTH PROFILE

**BIRTHPLACE & DATE:** Birmingham, 21/5/1993

**POSITION:** Centre midfield

**WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS YOUR BEST FOOTBALLING ATTRIBUTE AND WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU BRING TO THE TEAM:** I

feel that I bring strength and drive to the team. My ability to get in behind the opposition defence and score goals from midfield is the main quality that I feel I bring to the team

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR CAREER SO FAR:**

Playing - and scoring - in the Milk Cup Final, also overcoming a long-term injury last season to get back into full fitness and, of course, being called into the first-team squad a couple of weeks ago and being on the substitutes' bench - that was a great experience for me

**WHO HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER SO FAR AND WHY:** My

parents have always given me good advice and pushed me to succeed.

**WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER AND**

**WHY:** Wayne Rooney because of his immense ability, determination and desire to win

**WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON AHEAD:** I

want to start to establish myself in the reserves and push for the first-team. Ultimately I want to prove that I am worthy of a professional deal come the end of the season

**WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT AND WHY:** I

don't really support anyone - or than myself!



## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

THE CENTRE of Excellence Under-10 team took centre stage at our last home game as they were introduced to the crowd during the half-time interval.

"The whole day was a great experience for the boys," said co-manager, Marc Wilkes, who was joined by joint boss, Jonathan Hunter-Barratt on the pitch. "Being individually introduced to the crowd and receiving their applause will be a memory that will live with them for a long time."

"We've played a couple of games so far this season and we will be looking for progression and a good attitude from the boys."

The Under-10s face Wrexham on the Banks's Stadium Field Turf pitch tomorrow (kick-off 11.00am).

Elsewhere, the Under-12s, 14s and 16s are all at home against the Welsh team at St. Thomas More School in Willenhall, whilst the Under-9s, 11s and 15s are away at Colliers Park - Directions: Follow the signs for North Wales & Oswestry. After a series of roundabouts bypassing Shrewsbury, this road becomes the A483. Stay on the A483 heading to Wrexham (do not exit at Wrexham but go to the next junction signposted Nantwich). At the roundabout take the fourth exit for Gresford. Colliers Park is exactly half-a-mile from this turn off. Pass The Beeches Pub & Travel Inn and the ground is a further 200 yards on your left.

The Under-13 team's game against Wrexham will take place at Gresford Pitches. The directions are the same as above, except instead of turning into Colliers Park, carry on until you come to a set of traffic lights. Turn left at these lights into High Street, then take the next left immediately before the lake. This leads you to a car park and the pitches are situated behind this car park.

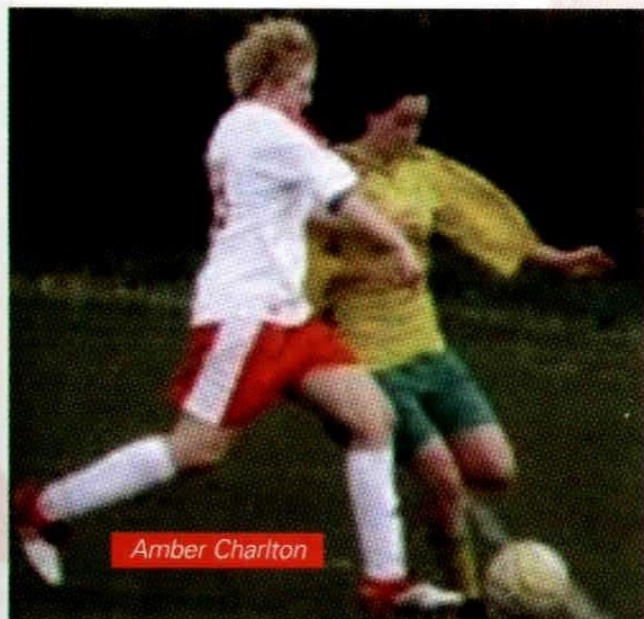
All matches have an 11.00am kick-off.



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# WALSALL LADIES FC



Amber Charlton

WALSALL Ladies started the season with a draw against Marston Green earlier this month.

The opening 20 minutes saw Walsall in control of proceedings, but against the run of play, Marston Green took the lead with a well-taken goal in a rare foray forward.

The goal gave our young visitors a boost and they managed to double their advantage soon afterwards.

Walsall failed to let their heads drop and a pacy break ended with Tina Carpenter brought down inside the area for a definite penalty which Donna Ash stepped up to convert in style.

Trailing 2-1 at the break, Walsall came out for the second period with real purpose and it was no surprise when Amber Charlton turned sharply in the box only to have her legs taken from underneath her. It gave Walsall a second penalty of the afternoon which Charlton herself got up to take and made no mistake to level matters.

Both teams had further chances to nick a win, but in the end it was honours even.

**Players in the under-13 and under-18 age groups are required. Please contact Brian Simpson on 01922-701 692 if you are interested.**



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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.

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### WALSALL v YEOVIL TOWN

Saturday, October 2nd –  
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Saturday, October 9th –  
Kick-off 3.00pm

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## NEXT AWAY - Hartlepool & Leyton Orient

**HARTLEPOOL UNITED v WALSALL –**  
Saturday, September 25th 2010 – Kick-off 3.00pm

This game is NOT all-ticket. It is purchase on the day only.

Admission prices are, as follows: **£20 (adults), £10 (juniors under-16\*), £10 (full-time student with valid NUS card\*), £10 (seniors over 60\*)**.

Wheelchair and ambulant users are the relevant price category with the accompanying carer free of charge.

\* Concessions should take relevant ID to prove age.

**LEYTON ORIENT v WALSALL –**  
Tuesday, September 28th 2010 – Kick-off 7.45pm

This game is purchase on the day, except for Family Tickets (involving at least one adult and one concession/junior), which must be purchased in advance from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office or The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre.

Admission prices are, as follows: **£22 (adults), £14 (concessions - seniors over-65, students and armed forces - all with valid ID) and £5 (juniors under 18\*)**.

\*Please note that the £5 junior price will NOT be available on matchday.





# WALSALL 2 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

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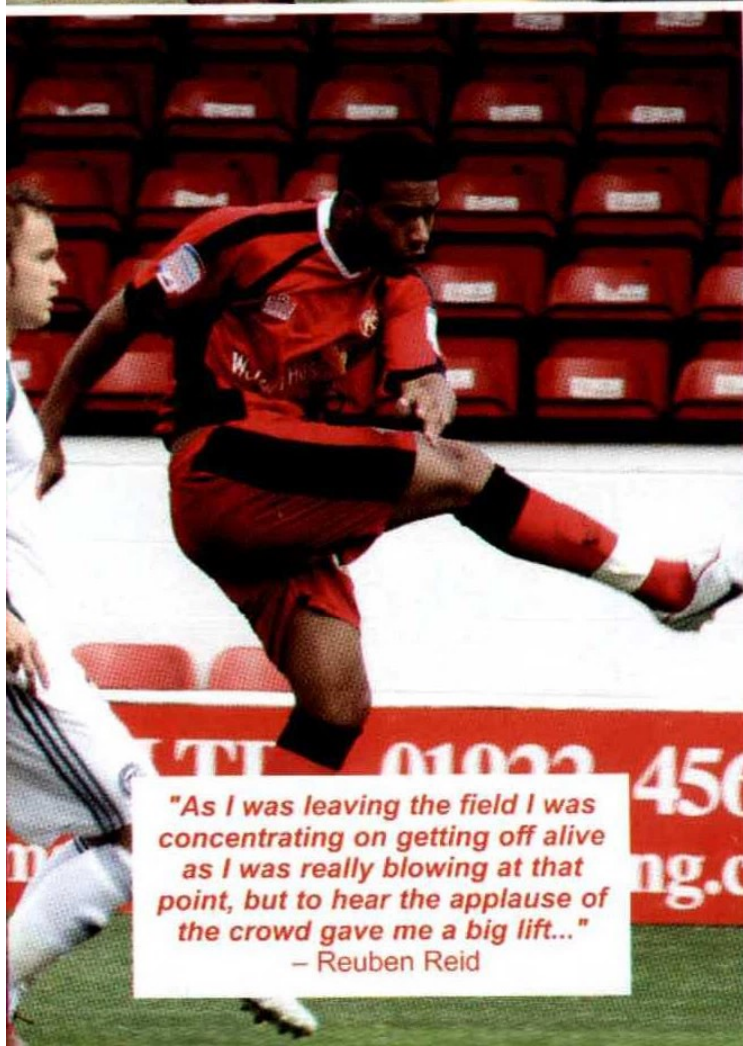
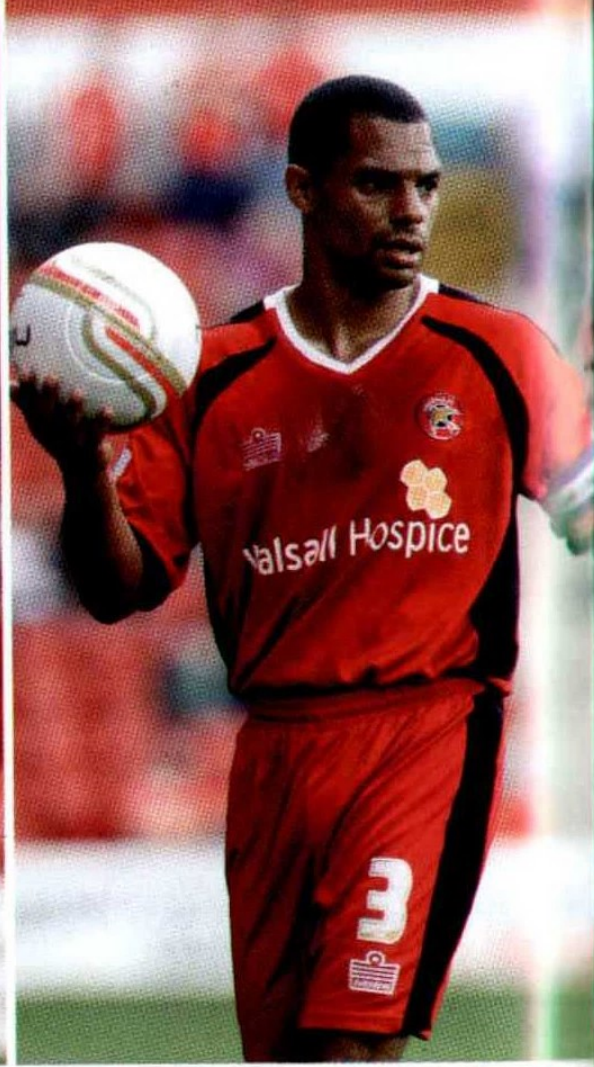






*"We showed character, belief and passed it around well against a good Plymouth side who played their part in an entertaining game..." – Chris Hutchings*

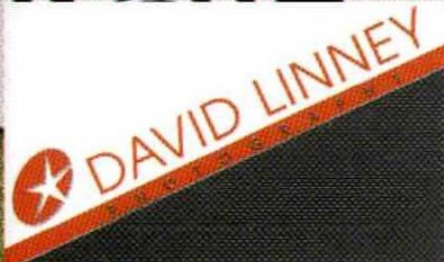
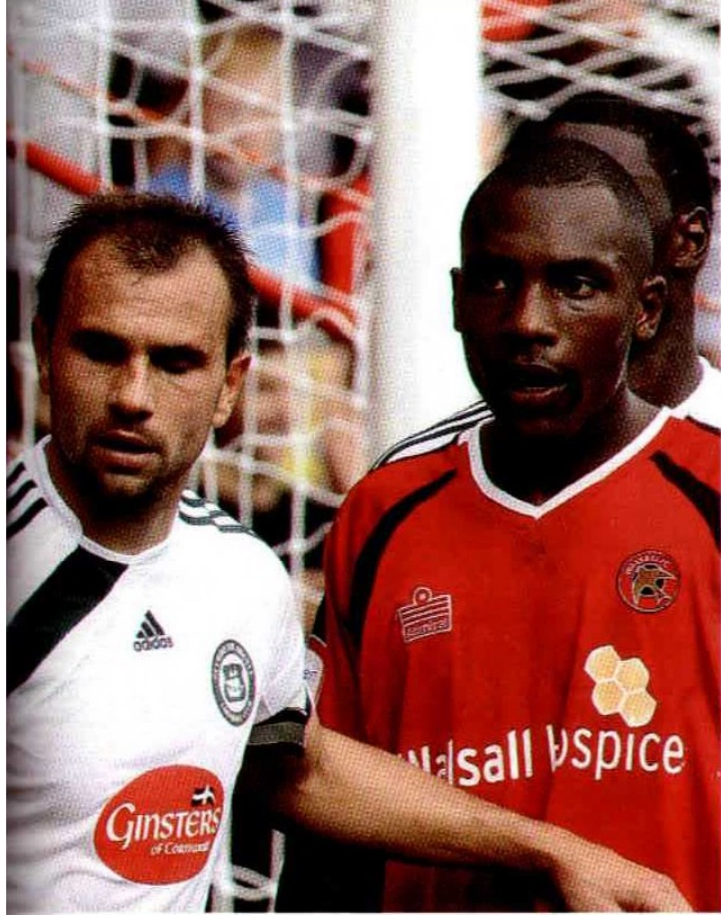




*"As I was leaving the field I was concentrating on getting off alive as I was really blowing at that point, but to hear the applause of the crowd gave me a big lift..."*  
— Reuben Reid







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TODAY I want to give you an insight into a Saddlers Player away trip. Last weekend we travelled to Rochdale but every journey sees Mick sitting in the front with pen in hand doing the crossword in the newspaper. He does pretty well actually but struggled with this one and was still trying to figure some of it out in the press box. He had to go and warm up the goalkeepers, so threw the paper at me. I have to admit I'm rubbish at crosswords but I did manage to get one!

Another feature of our trips is me getting out my i-phone to entertain myself to pass the time but it's also useful for when we get a bit lost. The directions Richard Wilford (from BBC WM) had weren't very good, so we used the Maps app on my phone to get us to Spotland safely!

Mick makes me laugh when he talks about my phone and all the things that are on it. He's quite amazed but at the same time confused by it! This is despite the fact that every week he uses modern technology to broadcast football commentary over the internet to Saddlers fans around the world. We receive texts from people as far away as Canada on a matchday and we interact with fans on Facebook and Twitter (he definitely hasn't got to grips with that yet!).

As for the match, I thought we were unlucky to lose. Darren Byfield scored what is definitely a contender for Goal of the Season already with a 30-yard screamer. It was funny speaking to him afterwards though, as his

explanation for it was that he simply whacked it because he was angry we'd just conceded. Fair play to him for being honest but I bet he was bragging about it on the team coach home!

Unfortunately though, the headlines went to Jon Brain for his two errors that led to two Rochdale goals. I was a goalkeeper as a kid, only in the Stourbridge Youth League, but I still knew exactly how he felt. Darren Byfield made a good point after the game and I agree, that it's horrible being a 'keeper because you can make a great save and it's quickly forgotten but make a mistake and that will be remembered for a long time. If he plays today, hopefully he bounces back with a good performance.

After the match, we headed back home but disaster struck! The battery on my i-phone died just five minutes after leaving Spotland. Mick was disappointed because I usually do my best James Alexander-Gordon impression and read the final scores from it but I also find the racing results for him! I was gutted because we had a longer than expected journey back and I had no entertainment. The M6 was closed further down so we diverted onto the A41 through Shropshire, onto the M54 and back to the M6! I As we're at the Banks's today, it's just me on my own travelling from home, which I'll admit isn't as fun as our away trips, but at least it's a short journey...

**STEVE HERMON**

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

**SADDLERS** Player spoke to new loan signing, David Davis literally minutes after he put pen-to-paper on a one-month deal at Banks's Stadium.

He was able to give his initial thoughts on the Training Ground and express his desire to play regular first-team football at a good level.

We were also on hand to get Darren Byfield's thoughts on his wonder-strike at Rochdale as well as bringing you all the reaction from the manager, including news that former Birmingham City midfielder, Bryan Hughes was training with the club.



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### Holidays from Bristol

Crete - 19 Oct 10 - 7 Nights - Self Catering - Villa Pelagia - £199pp based on 5 people sharing

Zante - 14 Oct 10 - 7 Nights - Self Catering - Letsos - £229pp based on 4 people sharing

Turkey - 20 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - All Inclusive - Pineta Club - £359pp based on 2 people sharing

### Holidays from Cardiff

Turkey - 21 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - All Inclusive - Aral Hotel - £379pp based on 2 people sharing

Majorca - 19 Oct 10 - 7 Nights - All Inclusive - Bouganvilla Park - £529pp based on 2 people sharing

### Holidays from East Midlands

Corfu - 11 Oct 10 - 14 Nights - Self Catering - Paradise Apartments - £299pp based on 4 people sharing

### Holidays from Glasgow

Alicante - 12 Oct 10 - 14 Nights - Self Catering - Albir Gardens - £299pp based on 2 people sharing

### Holidays from London Gatwick

Portugal - 25 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - Self Catering - Alcarea Branca - £239pp based on 7 people sharing

Corfu - 24 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - Bed & Breakfast - Lefkimi Hotel - £249pp based on 2 people sharing

### Holidays from Manchester

Majorca - 25 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - Self Catering - Can Angeles - £249pp based on 6 people sharing

Portugal - 02 Oct 10 - 7 Nights - Self Catering - Casa Mira Luz - £259pp based on 7 people sharing

Crete - 05 Oct 10 - 14 Nights - Self Catering - Sarpidon apartments - £249pp based on 4 people sharing

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Majorca - 19 Oct 10 - 7 Nights - All Inclusive - Hotel Honolulu - £460pp based on 2 people sharing

### Holidays from Stansted

Cyprus - 29 Sep 10 - 14 Nights - Self Catering - Andreotis - £249pp based on 4 people sharing

Majorca - 21 Sep 10 - 7 Nights - Half Board - Bouganvilla Park - £389pp based on 2 people sharing

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# THE LEAGUE ONE S

## Ian Newbold rounds up all the latest news, views and action from the npower League One...

### NIGEL MAKING PLANS FOR SAINTS

Southampton Football club seems to be a place of high drama this season, certainly if press reports are to be believed.

They have been faced with the tragic and abrupt loss of their owner, Markus Liebherr, there has been negative reaction to their reluctance to allow independent press and photographers into St. Mary's on matchdays, and there has also been the heavily-criticised dismissal of manager, Alan Pardew.

The appointment of his successor has also filled quite a few column inches, and it left the fans of several clubs last weekend very confused. First there was news that Scunthorpe United manager, Nigel Adkins, had agreed to become the new Saints boss, to then have his appointment blocked due to reluctance on Southampton's part to pay The Iron compensation for their one-time physio.

Southampton denied this, but then news emerged that Eddie Howe, manager of League One's AFC Bournemouth, had been interviewed but had spurned the chance of making the short journey to take over at the club. Former Hull manager Phil Brown also revealed he had held talks with Southampton, leaving fans rather confused as the side fell to defeat at Swindon seven days ago.

However all was settled on Sunday evening when Adkins was confirmed as the new Saints' supremo, signing a three-year deal, and bringing his assistant, Andy Crosby, with him. Saints' chairman, Nicola Cortese cited his achievements at Scunthorpe - two promotions from League One - as key to his appointment.

On his new job, Adkins enthused: "I'm really looking forward to this fresh new challenge, and I'm very optimistic of where we can take this football club. We want to excite the supporters, because when this stadium is full I am sure there is a fantastic buzz around the place, so I hope the supporters are looking forward to watching their team go out and

winning games of football in the right style."

### A TASTE OF BRAZIL FOR GRECIANS

A couple of high-flying Brazilians flew into Exeter this week to strengthen long-held relations between The Grecians and Fluminense Football Club.

Unfortunately for Exeter fans, these jet-setters were not exciting young footballers arriving on loan, but important members and fans of Fluminense Football Club of Rio de Janeiro.

Links between the two sides relate way back to 1914 when Exeter, on a tour of South America, provided the very first International opposition for Brazil. An historic game played at the Laranjeiras Stadium, the home of Fluminense. Eric De Menezes and Eduardo Moures work for a huge Brazilian Satellite TV channel and as well as supporters of Fluminense, count themselves as fans of Exeter City.

Their impressive knowledge of The Grecians extends to even of knowing club mascot, Dido the Seagull, and while they were disappointed not to meet him during their stadium tour, bumping into manager Paul Tisdale for a chat was an added bonus for the boys from Brazil.

### JARRETT'S GRAN GETS SHIRTY

Oldham Athletic have picked up a new fan in the shape of Jason Jarrett's football-obsessed 75 year-old grandmother, Withel.

The Latics' midfielder revealed that his grandmother is a close follower of his career, and insists on having a club shirt with his name on. And far from framing them and keeping them on the wall as memento these are shirts she actually wears. Jarrett told Oldham's official website: "My gran is obsessed with any team I play for. She came to a couple of pre-season games but usually finds it too cold so watches Sky Sports for our results on a Saturday afternoon."

The player, who celebrated his 31st Birthday this week, said he had bought his gran a shirt from every club he has played for. And with a career spanning 13 different League clubs, that's a lot of shirts. "She must have quite a collection, assuming she hasn't sold any of them on Ebay!" joked Jarrett.

### AWARD FOR DONS ACE

One of the young talents of League One has been recognised in the The Times newspaper's football supplement, 'The Game'.

MK Dons hit-man, Sam Baldock (pictured), has been named as The Football League's Young Player of the Month for August.





# HOW with Ian Newbold



The 21 year-old has scored four times in five appearances, including an impressive brace over much-fancied Swindon Town, and a goal in his sides' Carling Cup defeat of Premier League side Blackpool.

On his win Andy Williamson, The Football League's Chief Operating Officer said: "For a number of seasons now, Sam Baldock has been on the verge of making a real breakthrough at MK Dons. This season, everything seems to have clicked into place and he's become a real handful for defences in npower League 1.

"He's a natural goalscorer and another great example of the young talent being developed by Football League clubs through their Youth Development programmes."

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His stint with The Saints lasted just a little over a year from July 2005 to August 2006. His role with the club became increasingly marginalised at St. Mary's once Lowe departed.

During his time at the club it was reported that he had an uneasy relationship with then manager, Harry Redknapp and coach, Dave Bassett.

Now following in Woodward's footsteps is England rugby player, Danny Cipriani. He is attempting to turn heads in the football world after he was spotted taking part in training sessions with Major League Soccer side, Colorado Rapids.

Cipriani, 22, was a talented footballer as a teenager, playing for Queens Park Rangers before he was offered a youth contract by Reading.

He rejected this in favour of pursuing a rugby career which he has been largely successful with.

After training with the Colorado squad, he appears to have made a positive impression on the club's coaching staff.

"He is keen to explore opportunities in soccer in general and with the Rapids in particular," said the Rapids' communication manager Jason Gilham. "I think he is looking at that possibility."

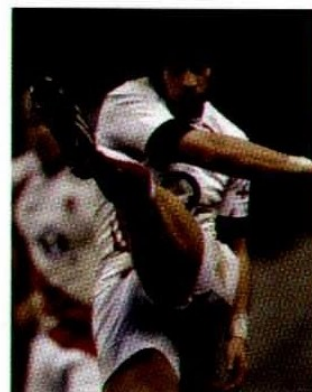
When asked if Cipriani was looking to secure a contract with the franchise, Gilham added: "It is something that is being looked at from both sides."

The Rebels still expect to see Cipriani make his move on October 1st. "He is absolutely on board," Rebels' coach, Rod Macqueen said. "We have seen no evidence to say that he is not coming.

"We are expecting him in about three weeks."

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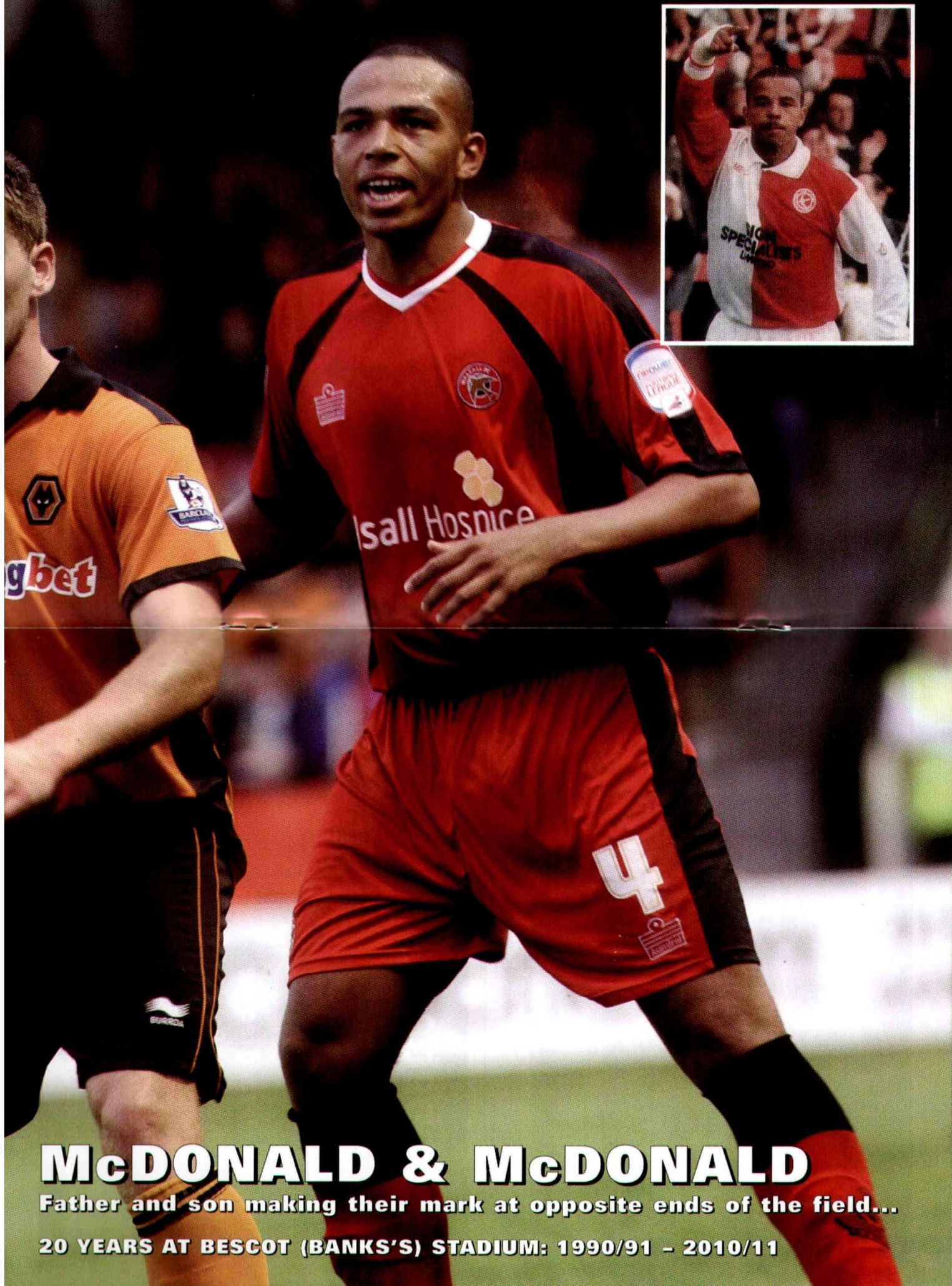
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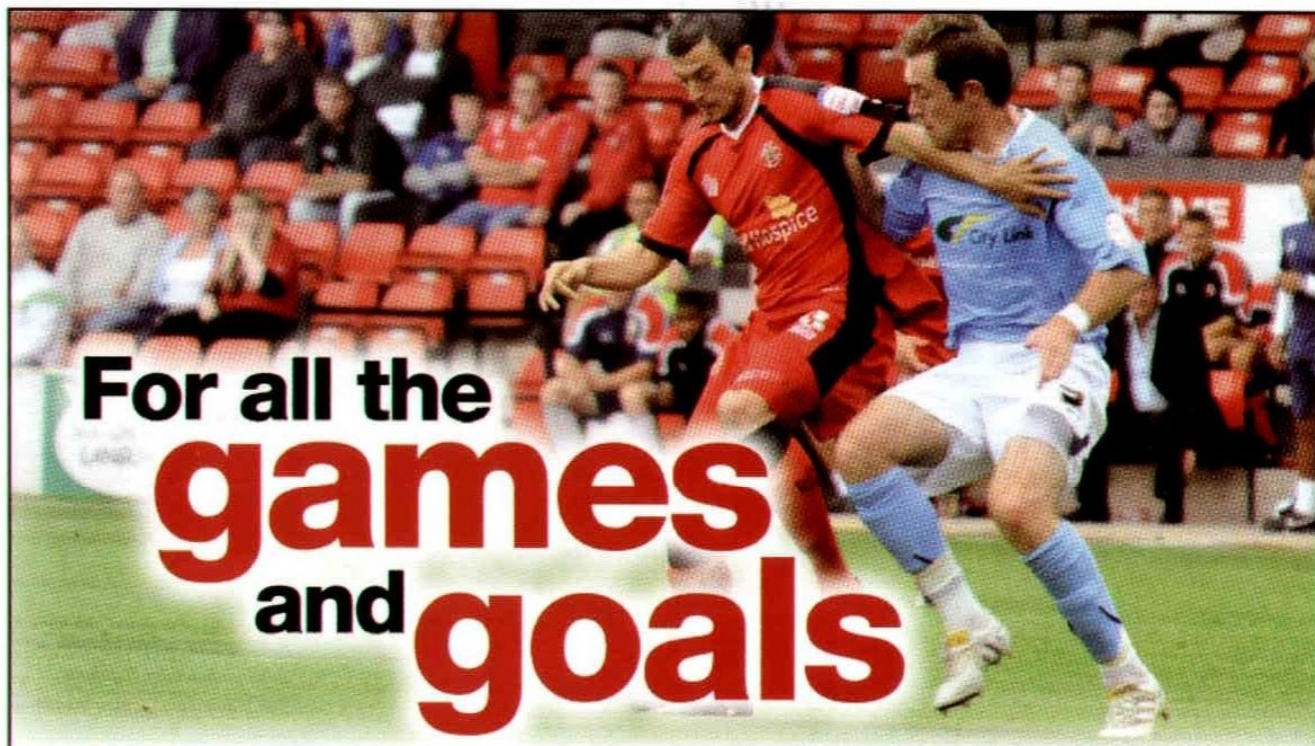


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# WALSALL WELCOMES



HAVING reached the play-off Final at the end of last term, Swindon Town finally kick-started the current campaign last weekend with a 1-0 victory over troubled Southampton.

It gave them their first League win at the sixth attempt as Charlie Austin grabbed the only goal of the game in the 65th minute.

"It was a cracking game," said Robins' boss, Danny Wilson. "Thankfully we came out on top in the end."

"It was nip-and-tuck and there wasn't too much between the teams."

It wasn't the first time that The Robins had beaten the south coast club this term as they also

ran out worthy 3-0 winners at St Mary's in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last month.

Otherwise it's been a tale of narrow defeats and draws for the Wiltshire outfit.

In fact, each of their three defeats so far have ended 2-1 – they went down by that scoreline on the opening day against Brighton & Hove Albion, whilst Leyton Orient removed them from the Carling Cup in the same fashion. The other 2-1 reverse came at MK Dons.

There have also been three draws, each by a different scoreline. It was 2-2 at Hartlepool United, 1-1 at home to Brentford and the turn of this month saw them share the spoils in a goalless draw up at Carlisle.

It is almost a year to the day that Swindon last visited Banks's Stadium. On that occasion, an early goal from Troy Deeney gave us the lead as we put in an

impressive first half performance. Our visitors came back into it after the break and equalised with Billy Paynter's penalty ten minutes from time.

Our return fixture at the County Ground later in the season also ended with honours even, so another close encounter is expected this afternoon.

## DANGER MAN: VINCENT PERICARD

THE FORMER Juventus man is a powerful striker who knows where the goal is.

He arrived at the County Ground in January and has added plenty of know-how and higher level experience to The Robins' side.



# SWINDON TOWN



## THE GOALKEEPERS -

### David Lucas

David Lucas signed for Swindon on a free transfer in the summer of 2009 having been released by Leeds United. A former Sheffield Wednesday team-mate of Jon-Paul McGovern, the 32-year-old signed a two-year deal at the County Ground and has gone on to establish himself between the sticks. Lucas began his career with Preston North End and spent ten years at the Lancashire club, representing England at Under-21 level during his time at Deepdale. Has been laid low through injury in recent weeks.

### Phil Smith

Locked in an ongoing battle with David Lucas for the number one jersey, Phil Smith is a dependable goalkeeper and has been equally as reliable when called upon. Having joined Swindon in 2006 from Crawley Town, the 30-year-old made his first start for the club in a Carling Cup tie against Brentford. He had to wait for his first league start which came following an unfortunate injury to Peter Brezaovan one month later. Smith has made nearly 100 appearances for The Robins.

### Jakub Jesionkowski

The Polish Under-21 goalkeeper arrived at the County Ground in August 2009 from Zagłębie Lubin. Tall and imposing, he has worked hard over the past year and is starting to make a challenge for a place between the posts. He was on the substitutes' bench for the last game and will be hoping to get the opportunity to make his mark soon.

## THE DEFENDERS -

### Scott Cuthbert

A hugely impressive young defender, Scott Cuthbert joined Swindon from Scottish Premier League giants Celtic in July 2009. He had come through the youth ranks at Celtic Park and captained the club's Under-19 and reserve teams. The 22-year-old made his debut for the Hoops in a pre-season friendly against Manchester City in 2008 before spending a year on loan to SPL rivals St. Mirren. Cuthbert captained the Scotland Under-19 side that reached the final of the UEFA Under-19 Championships in 2006. A reliable figure for The Robins.

### Michael Rose

Summer signing Michael Rose joined Swindon on a free transfer from Stockport County in June 2010, putting pen-to-paper on a two year deal at the County Ground. The 28-year-old spent three months on loan to 2009-10 League One Champions Norwich City last term and has amassed nearly 300

Football League appearances throughout his career. A former Manchester United youngster, Rose brings a wealth of experience to The Robins' back line.

### Alan Sheehan

In direct competition with Michael Rose for the left-back position, Alan Sheehan is another summer signing having joined on a free transfer from Leeds United following a successful loan spell at Swindon in late 2009. The former Leicester City man, who is yet to settle at a club having left the Walkers Stadium in 2008, has had loan spells with Mansfield Town, Crewe Alexandra and Oldham Athletic but will now be looking to establish himself at the County Ground.

### Paul Caddis

Paul Caddis signed alongside fellow Celtic youth team graduate Simon Ferry last month for a combined undisclosed fee. The 22-year-old signed a three-year deal, concluding a lengthy pursuit from Danny Wilson. Noted for his versatility, Caddis is able to play in a number of positions but is predominantly deployed as a right-sided defender. Having come through the ranks at Celtic, he made 25 appearances for the Bhoys last season, including starts in the Champions League.

### Sean Morrison

Former Plymouth Argyle man Sean Morrison signed for Swindon from Home Park in the summer of 2007. After impressing initially in both the youth and reserve sides, he was handed his first senior appearances at the end of the 2007-08 campaign. The 19-year-old went on to firmly establish himself in the team but, by last year, was struggling for action due to the form of Scott Cuthbert. After a loan spell at Southend United, Morrison signed a one-year contract extension at the County Ground.

### Kevin Amankwaah

Signed from Championship side Swansea City in 2008, Kevin Amankwaah made a huge impact in the side and was virtually ever present in the latter half of his debut season having initially been kept out by Jack Smith. Reunited with former Bristol City boss Danny Wilson in early 2009, the 28-year-old made the right-back slot his own but a hamstring injury and the arrival of Liverpool loanee Stephen Darby again kept Amankwaah out of the side until the play-off final against Millwall.

### Callum Kennedy

Former Reading youngster Callum Kennedy was first given a taste of first-

team action by former Town boss Paul Sturrock. Then 18, he was given a surprise start in the 4-1 Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Brentford in September 2007. A number of substitute appearances followed and the 21-year-old became a first team regular in the 2008-09 campaign. Kennedy was subsequently unlucky with injury and the form of Alan Sheehan in his absence but was handed a new one-year deal in January 2010.

### Leccinel Jean-Francois

Leccinel Jean-Francois is a 22-year-old Haiti international defender who previously spent time on trial with Scottish club Aberdeen, playing in a reserve team fixture against Brechin in the summer of 2008. He began his professional career in France, playing in reserve for Paris Saint Germain and Sedan before representing Falkirk on loan in 2006. Having impressed in a number of second-string games for Town during 2008-09, Jean-Francois signed a permanent deal with the club.

### Will Evans

The promising central defender has impressed whilst coming through the ranks and signed his first professional contract during the summer. Highly-rated, he was given a first taste of senior action with a substitute outing in the recent Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory at Southampton.

## THE MIDFIELDERS -

### Jonathan Douglas

Swindon Town's club captain Jonathan Douglas signed for the club on a free transfer following his release from Leeds United in the summer of 2009. The 28-year-old started his career in Ireland with Monaghan United before moving to Blackburn Rovers in 2000. He made his Rovers debut against West Ham in the Carling Cup but made just one further first-team appearance that year. Loan spells with Chesterfield and Blackpool followed before Douglas returned to Ewood Park and scored his first Premier League goal in April 2004.

### Jon-Paul McGovern

Jon-Paul McGovern signed for Swindon on Friday 31st August 2007, just hours before the close of the transfer window, signing a three-year contract which has since been extended. Noted for his energy and hard-work on the wing, the 29-year-old is also able to play through the middle and had been a target of former Town boss Paul Sturrock for some time. McGovern began his career as a trainee at Celtic but was released by the SPL club after just one season.



### Simon Ferry

Along with Paul Caddis, Simon Ferry made the permanent switch from Celtic last month, penning a three-year deal at the County Ground. The 22-year-old had enjoyed a hugely productive loan spell with Swindon in 2009-10, making 42 starts and scoring twice in the club's play-off campaign. Having joined Celtic aged 12, Ferry progressed through the ranks with team-mates Caddis and Scott Cuthbert but was sidelined for nearly two years with a serious ankle injury.

### David Prutton

Experienced midfielder David Prutton signed for Swindon Town from Colchester during the summer. Having initially signed for the U's on a loan deal in January 2010, the move was made permanent just a week later and he had featured regularly ever since. Capped by England 25 times at U21 level, the 29-year-old started his career in 1995 as a youth player with Nottingham Forest - signing professional terms three years later.

### Michael Timlin

Michael Timlin joined Town from Premier League outfit Fulham in May 2008. Having started his career as a left-winger at Craven Cottage, he was converted to a central midfielder by then-Academy Director Steve Kean. The 25-year-old flourished in his new role, earning an international call up with the Republic of Ireland. Timlin initially spent time at the County Ground on loan in November 2006 and went on to make 24 appearances as Town won promotion from League Two.

### Alan O'Brien

Former Newcastle United player Andy O'Brien is a fan favourite at the County Ground owing to his determination and positive attitude on the pitch. Also noted for his pace, the 25-year-old signed for Swindon from Scottish Premier League club Hibernian in July 2009. With five senior Republic of Ireland caps to his name, O'Brien had progressed through the youth ranks at St. James' Park before a broken leg stalled his emergence in 2004. He made his Premier League debut two years later.

### THE STRIKERS -

#### Vincent Pericard

Signed in January 2010 from Carlisle United having rejected the offer of a contract extension, Vincent Pericard had scored four goals in ten League starts at Brunton Park before agreeing terms on a one-and-a-half year deal with Swindon. Vastly experienced but as yet unable to make an impact at many of his former clubs, owing to a

mixture of ill fortune, injury and off-the-pitch issues, the 27-year-old is looking to settle at the County Ground.

### David Ball

Manchester City youngster David Ball signed a six-month loan deal with Swindon in July 2010 and travelled with the squad for their pre-season tour of Australia. 20-year-old Ball has been on the books at Eastlands from a young age and was named on the bench for the Manchester derby towards the end of last term. However, with first team chances limited at City, Ball opted to try and impress at the County Ground before a potential return to Lancashire in January.

### Thomas Dossevi

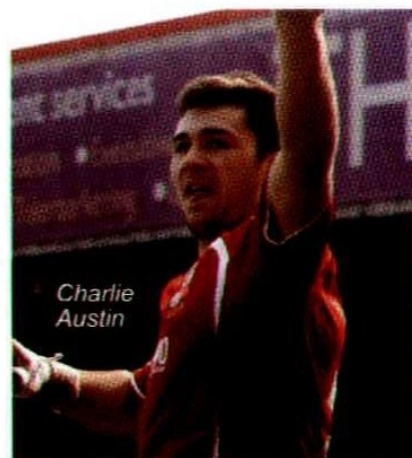
Togoese international striker Thomas Dossevi signed a one-year contract at the county Ground having impressed during a brief trial period. The 31-year-old scored two goals in a pre-season friendly against Nottingham forest and joined on a permanent basis just three days later. Dossevi had spent the entirety of his career in France, playing for Stade Reims, Valenciennes and Nantes but was released by the latter at the end of last term.

### Charlie Austin

Huge fan favourite and promising youngster Charlie Austin has made a flying start to the new 2010-11 season. With three goals in the opening six games, the 21-year-old is repaying the confidence shown in him by Danny Wilson after joining from Poole town in October 2009. Austin had hit an incredible 46 goals in as many games for Poole during the 2008-09 season and maintained that record with 20 strikes in 31 starts in his debut year at Swindon.

SHAUN STAFF

Jon-Paul McGovern



Charlie Austin



Danny Wilson



Sean Morrison



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# ALAS SMITH

## A sideways look at today's teams

**NM:** Andy, I should begin by saying how envious I am of you, now that you have booked a once-in-a-lifetime dream holiday for later this month.

**AS:** Yes, a once in a lifetime holiday. Never again! Well, thank you. Margaret and I are really looking forward to a nice, relaxing break.

**NM:** I am sure you will enjoy Purley, its handy location being convenient both for trips to London and outings to the south coast.

**AS:** No, you must have misheard. We are going to Bali.

**NM:** Oh, Barnsley, that makes a lot more sense.

**AS:** Don't be stupid. There's no availability in Barnsley at this time of year. Anyway, now we have Jon Macken playing for us, there is absolutely no reason to visit Oakwell!

**NM:** Actually, the last time I went to Barnsley, I wanted to go by train. At the station, I asked them when the next train to Barnsley was. They told me to look online. I said "That's a bit dangerous isn't it!" In fact, a cousin of mine loves steam trains. Indeed, at a special rally he was run over by a runaway steam train.

**AS:** That's terrible. Was he badly hurt?

**NM:** Yes, but he didn't mind too much. In fact afterwards he told me that he was chuffed to bits!

**AS:** Save those jokes for when we next play Crewe! Back to Swindon...

**NM:** Sorry. Shame you'll be missing the next game here against Yeovil.

**AS:** I know, I hate being away from the Banks's when there is a game on, but on this occasion we had no option with the dates.

**NM:** From what your brochure says, there will probably be plenty of Yeovil fans there who will be able to tell you the score.

**AS:** How's that?

**NM:** I think it described the resort as 'a tranquil, idyllic haven perfect for Glovers'.

**AS:** I think it said "lovers"...

**NM:** I am having a bad day. I hope The Saddlers have a better afternoon against Swindon.

**AS:** They are always close games from my experience. I don't imagine there is going to be more than one goal deciding this one. Certainly no repeat of our 5-0 win almost 30 years ago. I can still remember an amazing goal from Mark Rees that night.

**NM:** I remember an epic a few years back when we fought back from 2-0 down to win 3-2 in an early season game. Jorge Leitao worked his socks off all afternoon, an heroic performance.

**AS:** We have had no shortage of games against The Robins. They seem to be a solid third-tier club, though have had a few ups and downs in modern times. Promotion denied, and then a season in the Premiership, financial worries, life has been anything but dull in Wiltshire! Mind you, any mention of Swindon Town games simply has to refer to that great afternoon in May 2007 when we became



# AND MORRIS



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**NM:** Yes, a good day all round actually since the 1-1 draw was enough to see The Robins accompany us into League One. So Andy, do you have any witty anecdotes, amusing tales or larkish japes connected with Swindon Town?

**AS:** Yes, as a matter of fact I do...

**NM:** Well I remember our trip there at the end of 2005/06 and your 'favourite' player, Mark Wright scored a last-gasp winner. Even you had to stand and applaud when that went in.

**AS:** If only he'd done that more often maybe I wouldn't have been so frustrated by him. Anyway, back to this tale. You and I got to the County Ground quite early

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**NM:** So, what airline are you flying with?

**AS:** Wait, I haven't got to the story about you at Swindon....

**NM:** Did you book through a travel agent or over the internet?

**AS:** I see this must wait till another time. I know, I shall wait until you are away on holiday, and I have got a free run at it. That afternoon with you at Swindon will live in the memory for a long time. You have got some nerve, I will give you that! Stop glaring at me like that! What are your thoughts on the season so far?

**NM:** It will take a while for so many new players to settle in, but I think if we can find some consistency we will have a decent season. A good run at home would be useful too.

**AS:** It is proving to be a funny division, who would imagine Brentford beating Sheffield Wednesday or Rochdale winning at Southampton? There is no team as strong as Leeds this season, it seems.

**NM:** I must admit that I thought Dagenham and Redbridge would be sure to struggle, but even they are picking up some useful results. You may find some quite surprising teams sucked into the lower places in the table.

**AS:** I can't imagine Swindon will stay at the wrong end of the table for long, I assume they are simply suffering a hangover from their defeat in the play-offs.

**NM:** I was at The Valley for their dramatic penalty shoot-out win against Charlton in the semi-final. The Town fans must have had their nerves torn to shreds that night.

**AS:** Maybe, but I'd happily be in that situation come the end of the season!

**NM:** You never know, today's encounter may have us all biting our nails.

**AS:** You know what I am like when we are a goal up with 10 minutes left, I can barely watch.

**NM:** I think you deserve that luxury holiday Andy. Have a great time in Mali.

**AS:** It's a good job I didn't tell you about our stopover in Bangkok!







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# SUPPORTERS CLUB

## SADDLERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All Walsall supporters should be aware that the home of Saddlers' fans is The Saddlers Club, which is situated here on the Banks's Stadium site.

The Saddlers Club is open seven days a week and all visitors are welcome for an admission charge of £1 per visit.

Matchdays are important to us and we provide a friendly atmosphere for both home and away supporters alike. Hot and cold food, a good selection at the bar and large screens for Sky Sports News complete your matchday with us.

The Club is, however, not just solely about football and throughout the week many varied functions are held with good quality, inexpensive entertainment being provided most Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Members have the benefit of a dedicated Members Lounge, together with concessions on entertainment tickets and Room Hire for those special occasions.

So, why not pay us a visit and even become a member?

The Membership Committee meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm and we will be delighted to see you and answer any queries you may have regarding membership.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

It's the first Family Fun Day of the season with a number of activities taking place in the build-up to kick-off.

We hope that the special family ticket offer has been well received and that there is a larger-than-normal crowd here today to see what we hope will be a return to winning ways.

We extend a special welcome to any new supporters that have decided to come along this afternoon and express the hope that we will see you return on future occasions.

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE SADDLERS CLUB

**TONIGHT – THE MARKS** with Brian Benson Disco.

Tickets are £3 (members), £4 (guests) and £2 (kids).

**Saturday, September 25th** – Back by popular demand, **THE MARKS BROTHERS** with Brian Benson Disco.

Tickets are £6.50 (members), £7.50 (guests) and £5.50 (kids).

**Saturday, October 2nd** – **6 APPEAL** with Brian Benson Disco. Tickets are £2 (members), £4 (guests) and £2 (kids).

**Friday, October 8th** – **Saddlers' Rock 'n' Roll** with **THE BOBCATS**, with top DJ, Simply Vinyl. Admission is £7 each on the door.

**Saturday, October 9th** – **PRIME TIME** with Brian Benson Disco. Tickets are £2 (members and kids) and £4 (guests).

## SUPPORTERS CLUB COACHES TO AWAY GAMES

**Saturday, September 25th** – **HARTLEPOOL UNITED** – The fare is £18.50 each, departing Banks's Stadium at 9.15am.

**Tuesday, September 28th** – **LEYTON ORIENT** – The fare is £15.50 each, departing Banks's Stadium at 3.10pm.

**Saturday, October 16th** – **DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE** – The fare is £15.50 each, departing 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.

You can also book in The Saddlers Club Reception Foyer on Tuesday (except match nights) and Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Cash is required with bookings and NO telephone bookings can be taken.

The coach will also pick up at Bloxwich, Rosum, North Walsall and Delves.

## AWAY FANS ALWAYS WELCOME IN THE SADDLERS CLUB

Opposition supporters are always made welcome in The Saddlers Club on matchdays.

For just a £1 admission fee you will have access to a licensed bar, hot and cold food plus large TV screens showing Sky Sports News.

## SUNDAY EVENING LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

The September programme of events is:

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**LANDYWOOD PRIMARY** - ages six to 11 years - Boys and girls - Monday, September 20th to Monday, December 6th 2010 - Landywood Primary School (Great Wyrley) - Outdoor - 5.00pm to 6.00pm - 10-weeks - £30 per child.

We will also be hosting Mini Kickers Evening Centres for boys and girls. These courses are aimed at children aged three to six and will teach them the FUNDamental skills of football.

Sessions will consist of age appropriate warm-ups, coaching drills and mini matches. Dates and venues are as follows:

**ST. JOHNS 1 (Walsall Wood)** - ages 3 to 6 years - Key Stage 1 - Tuesday, September 21st to Tuesday, December 7th 2010 - St. Johns Primary School (Walsall Wood) - Outdoor - 4.45pm to 5.45pm - 10-weeks - £30 per child.

**LANDYWOOD (Great Wyrley)** - ages 3 to 6 years - Key Stage 1 - Thursday, September 23rd to Thursday, December 9th 2010 - Landywood Primary School - Outdoor - 5.00pm to 6.00pm - 10-weeks - £30 per child.

**ST. JOHNS 2 (Walsall Wood)** - ages 3 to 6 years - Key Stage 1 - Thursday, September 23rd to Thursday, December 9th 2010 - St. Johns Primary School (Walsall Wood) - Outdoor - 4.45pm to 5.45pm - 10-weeks - £30 per child.

Please note that these ten-week courses do not include the half-term week. Participants need to bring appropriate footwear and clothing for their venue.

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We are currently taking group bookings for our Ball Boys and Girls.

The exciting matchday experience is ideal for local junior teams and groups and typically includes:

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- Photograph in the Matchday Programme (if arranged in advance),
- Four free adult tickets for accompanying team managers,
- Signed Walsall FC football,
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Please note that there are a limited number of games available to book in the New Year, on a first-come-first-served basis.

Visits are for groups of 12 to 16 children, from ages ten years upwards - for younger groups we offer a Match Visit Package.

Saturday fixtures cost just £125 per team (£8 per child for a group of 16).

For comprehensive details visit:

[www.walsallfc.co.uk/ballboy/](http://www.walsallfc.co.uk/ballboy/)

Book early to guarantee your place. Contact the Walsall FC Community Programme on 01922 644 742 or email: [community@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:community@walsallfc.co.uk).

## MASCOT

Leading out The Saddlers today is five year-old Joseph Hearsy. He enjoys football and swimming and rates Darren Byfield as his favourite Saddlers' player.

We hope that young Joseph and his guests have a memorable afternoon with us.

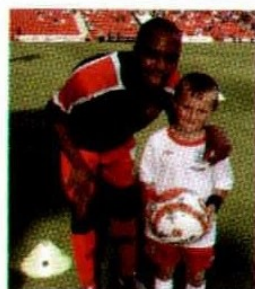
## ON BALL BOY DUTY TODAY

Ball boys for today's game are provided by Black Country Rangers Under-15s FC.

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

## BIRTHDAY TREATS

On the pitch prior to our last home game against Colchester United were Tyler Bishop, Christopher Gwillam and Jordan Sutton who received a signed Walsall FC football from Darryl Westlake, Reuben Reid and Darren Byfield.







**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Ellie-May Cox (3), Joel Holden (4), Elouise Rowlands (8), Joseph Rowley (8), Ruth Rowley (8).



#### JUNIOR REPORTER

It was an important game for Walsall as they looked to get into the next round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Three minutes into the match, Richard Taundry got injured by Scott Griffiths. Luckily he was able to come back onto the pitch. Then Reuben Reid had a chance to score but the goalkeeper saved it.

Chesterfield scored when Jordan Bowery headed the ball into the goal on 21 minutes. It was against the run of play.

Matt Richards went close and Paul Marshall missed a header, but Reuben Reid did manage to score as he booted the ball in!

There was a booking for Darryl Westlake for a pulling a player over and then Dean Morgan scored for Chesterfield to make it 2-1.

At the start of the second half Walsall had to replace Richard Taundry with Jamie Paterson. Oliver Lancashire fouled Craig Davies and got booked then Jon Macken almost scored.

The visiting team almost scored again and Clayton McDonald came on as substitute.

Drew Talbot fouled Julian Gray and the free-kick for Paul Marshall was cleared by Chesterfield. Danny Whitaker then took a shot but Jonny Brain saved it.

There was a good chance for Dean Morgan that he missed then Jamie Paterson had shot saved for Walsall and Matt Richards hit the post.

The game ended in a 2-1 defeat for Walsall who went out of the Cup. The Man of the Match is Aaron Lescott.

By CHEA-RUBY CAMPBELL, Walsall FC Junior Reporter

## THE SADDLERS LEARNING CENTRE

### FRANK F. HARRISON REPORTING...

Daniel Stead is this week's reporter...

#### NEWS FROM WALSALL FC!

There is a new manager at The Saddlers!

Mr. Daniel Stead and his assistant, Corey Wilkes are seen in the Press Room.



*Daniel and Corey deciding on the future of some of Walsall's players...*

New manager Daniel Stead visits the Club Shop. The fans want his

autograph and the newspapers are there to take pictures.

Daniel will be making an appearance on Soccer AM at the weekend.

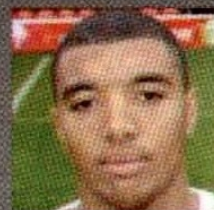


### DYLAN RANFORD REPLACES DEENEY

Dylan Ranford replaces the Watford-bound Troy Deeney. Dylan says "I will definitely score three in my first match!"



Dylan Ranford



Troy Deeney

That's all from me – signing off – Daniel Stead, Manager...

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# FORMER PLAYERS

culminated in that never-to-be-forgotten play-off Final victory over Reading at the Millennium Stadium.

The popular Bukran came on as substitute in that particular game on his way to a total of 87 appearances for the club in all competitions.

He left to join Wigan Athletic at the start of the 2001/02 campaign before leaving these shores to link-up with Austrian outfit, SV Salzburg.

2003 saw him return to Belgium, where he had spent four years at the start of his career, and he has been in the country ever since, also serving Union Royale Namur prior to his latest move.

FORMER Saddlers' midfielder, Gabor Bukran has joined RJS Heppignies Lambusart Fleurus of the Belgian League Division 3B.

The former Hungarian International featured during our promotion-winning campaign of 2000/01, which



# THE CHANGING FACE OF FOOTBALL MAGAZINES

**John Litster, editor of "Programme Monthly & Football Collectable" magazine describes the history and development of football magazines...**

THE ORIGINS and, indeed, lifespan, of 'Sport' magazine are fairly obscure. It was published every Friday by Promise Press Ltd., 149 Fleet Street, London, and was a larger sized, more reporting-orientated equivalent to its weekly competitor, Topical Times.

Each edition was numbered, with an accompanying volume number. For example, the edition dated August 25th - 31st 1950 was Volume 12, No. 137. The last number just ran consecutively; the edition of January 7th - 15th 1951 was Volume 12, No. 156, and the following week's edition was Volume 13, No. 157. It was strange that the Volume sequence did not follow the calendar year. Adding to this confusion is the unusual anomaly of the British Library at Colindale not having copies of this periodical on file.

The contents of the 24-page 'Radio Times' sized production were

predominantly devoted to football, although athletics and cricket dominated during the summer months. It was printed in black on better-than-newsprint white paper, with red used only in the front page banner heading. There were some well-known contributors - in 1950, for example, Reg Drury, Maurice Golesworthy, Ralph L. Finn and Ivor Turnbull are listed as writers.

Most other sports were covered on a regular basis, with lengthier features on boxing, cricket and speedway. Several years before 'Soccer Star' began its superb week-by-week listing of match details, these were included for the four English and two Scottish Leagues in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

This information, published weekly, was then used as the basis for two superb statistical yearbooks, known as 'The Blue Book of Soccer', published in 1949 and 1950.



The title 'Sport' magazine is now associated with the American sports magazine of that name. Launched in September 1946 by the New York-based publisher, Macfadden

Publications, 'Sport' pioneered the generous use of colour photography - it carried eight full-colour plates in its first edition - and almost immediately became half-bible, half-guru to a generation of men coming of age.

'Sport' pre-dated the launch of 'Sports Illustrated' by eight years, and is remembered for bringing several editorial innovations to the genre, as well as creating, in 1955, the Sport Magazine Award. What made 'Sport' most distinctive from 'Sports Illustrated', however, was the fact it was a monthly magazine as opposed to SI's weekly distribution.

'Sport' was published continually between its launch and August 2000, when its then-owner, EMAP PLC., made the decision to close the money-losing title. Today, the photo archive of 'Sport' magazine represents one of the most significant collections of 20th century sports photography in North America.

'Programme Monthly' is a 160-page magazine, now in its 30th year, and is available for £3.40 (inclusive of postage) or 9 x 1st class stamps from PO Box 3236, Norwich, NR7 7BE. [www.pmfc.co.uk](http://www.pmfc.co.uk)



# LEADING BY EXAM

## Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles ten leading post-war captains from today's visitors...

### MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving favourite Maurice Owen captained Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Initially with hometown Abingdon, the centre-forward turned professional at the County Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his League debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was leading marksman on six occasions and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round. Later playing in a defensive role, he scored 150 goals in 555 League outings for the Robins before retiring in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

### STAN HARLAND

Central defender Stan Harland captained Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. He had spells with Burnley, New Brighton, Everton and Bradford City before joining Carlisle United in June 1964. Ever-present in their 1964-65 Third Division title campaign, he moved to the County Ground in August 1966. Also skippering Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success, he netted six goals in 237 League games prior to joining Birmingham City in December 1971 and captained them to promotion that season. He was later Yeovil Town's player-boss and died in Yeovil in September 2001.

### ROD THOMAS

Welsh international right-back Rod Thomas was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially

with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games before following Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977, then had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

### JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home



to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later youth-team boss, he was awarded an MBE.

### ANDY ROWLAND

Versatile England Youth striker Andy Rowland skippered Swindon Town's record-breaking 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with hometown Derby County, he moved to Bury in August 1974 and was leading marksman in three successive seasons. He was ever-present in 1975-76 and helped them progress to the League Cup fifth round in 1977-78. Reunited with Bobby Smith at the County Ground in September 1978, he was top scorer as Swindon were League Cup semi-finalists in 1979-80. He netted 80 goals in 287 League games prior to joining Swindon's coaching staff and served the Robins for 22 years.



# PLE with Leigh Edwards

## COLIN CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He was also an important figure as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including their 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and later played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton Town and Forest.

## GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England International midfielder Glenn Hoddle led Swindon Town to First Division play-off final glory in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.



## SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90

Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as the Robins won promotion to the Premiership in 1992-93. He was voted their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he has since become their development coach.

## MATT HEWLETT

Ex-England Youth midfielder Matt Hewlett skippered Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Bristol City in August 1993, he made his League debut in that month's 3-2 defeat at home to Sheffield Wednesday and was an influential figure as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97, then won promotion in 1997-98. He had a loan spell at Burnley before moving to the County Ground in July 2000 and netted six goals in 179 League outings for Swindon prior to joining Torquay United in July 2005 but recurring injury problems curtailed his career in February 2007.

## GORDON GREER

Scotland B International central defender Gordon Greer captained Swindon Town to the League One play-off final in 2009-10. Initially with Port Glasgow, he joined Clyde in June 2000 and moved to Blackburn Rovers for £200,000 in May 2001. He returned to Scottish football with Kilmarnock in August 2003, then joined Doncaster Rovers in July 2007. Featuring in their 2007-08 promotion campaign, he moved to Swindon initially on loan in January 2009. He joined them on a permanent basis in July 2009 and partnered Scott Cuthbert in the heart of their defence but missed the play-off Final at Wembley due to suspension.

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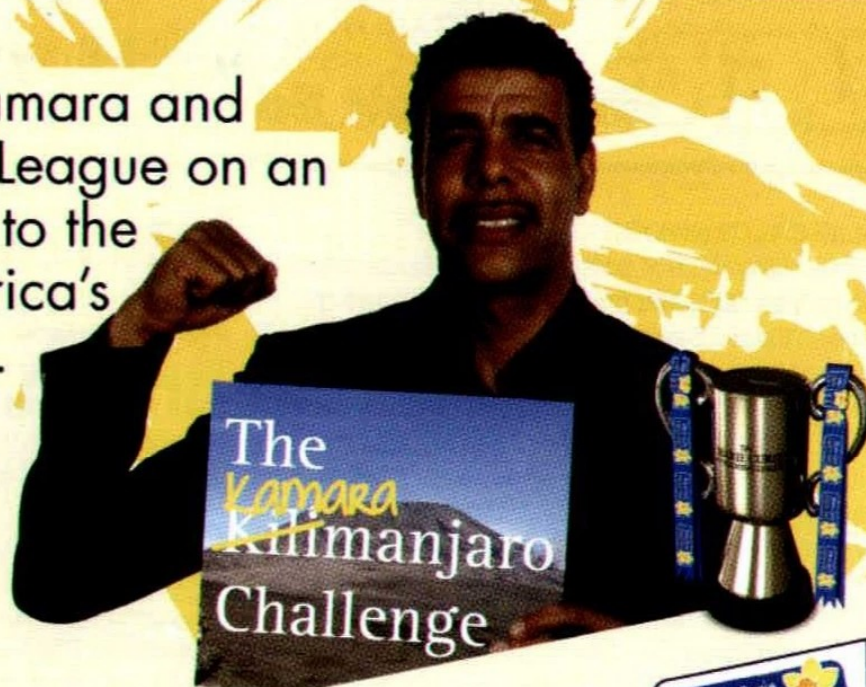
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# BLAKE'S HEAVEN

## with Blake Hall

### ADVENTURES IN SUB-CULTURE

## VIDEO NASTY

IN 1966, a linesman by the name of Tofik Bakhramov instantly made himself into an English hero – simply by allowing a goal against the Germans in a football match. Some 44 years on, the debate continued when England were denied a far more obvious goal against the same opponents in South Africa. The question was posed: Where was the Russian (an urban myth – Bakhramov was actually from Azerbaijan) linesman when you needed him?

I had to laugh when I heard the footage of the Lampard goal-that-wasn't was replayed on the big screen in Bloemfontein. How I would have loved to have seen the look on the face of FIFA's president, Sepp Blatter!

As you may gather from that, Blatter is not my favourite person in football. The sight of Blatter scampering across to snatch the trophy from the South African President, Jacob Zuma, so that he could pass it to the awaiting Spanish captain after the Final was one of the most sickening sights in World Cup history. I do, however, agree with Blatter's stance on goal-line video technology and I shall explain why.

One of the beauties of football is the fact that it can be played anywhere, with minimum organisation. One does not even need goalposts – jumpers, a garage door or even a kerb will all suffice if you want them to. Unlike most sports, organised football is pretty much the same from the World Cup winners to the Dog and Duck Sunday hackers' team.

Goal-line technology of any kind (be it video, Hawkeye, laser beams or simply micro-chipping the ball) will form an elitist divide within football and is it not division that causes so many gripes with us fans? Financially, the burden of installing such equipment would be significant to prevent an incident that, statistically, would only happen in games involving your team approximately once every five years?

In England, we would probably be okay down to around Level 7 or 8. In many African or Asian countries, though, the infrastructure would be impossible to install.

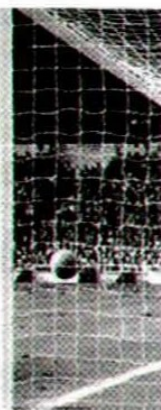
Let's move on for a minute and imagine that the

touchline technology has been implemented. Can you imagine the debate stopping there? I'd give the system one game before the first controversial refereeing decision would send one of our more excitable managers into spasm! No doubt the pressure would then be on to bring video technology into all facets of the off-the-ball incidents, whether the ball has crossed the touchline, corners, offside rules, the list would go on. Remember the clamour for video technology when France's Thierry Henry lovingly caressed the ball with his hand against Ireland?

One would also wonder from where the referee would restart the game. There is also the

question of time – just how much would be added on at the end of every game? Video technology is expected to be the answer, but it merely appears to pose too many questions.

Should this scenario become a reality, the free-flowing game we all know and love would be forever changed in an instant. I think video technology is a no-no. Football fans love a debate and long may the banter continue! Tofik Bakhramov would be proud.



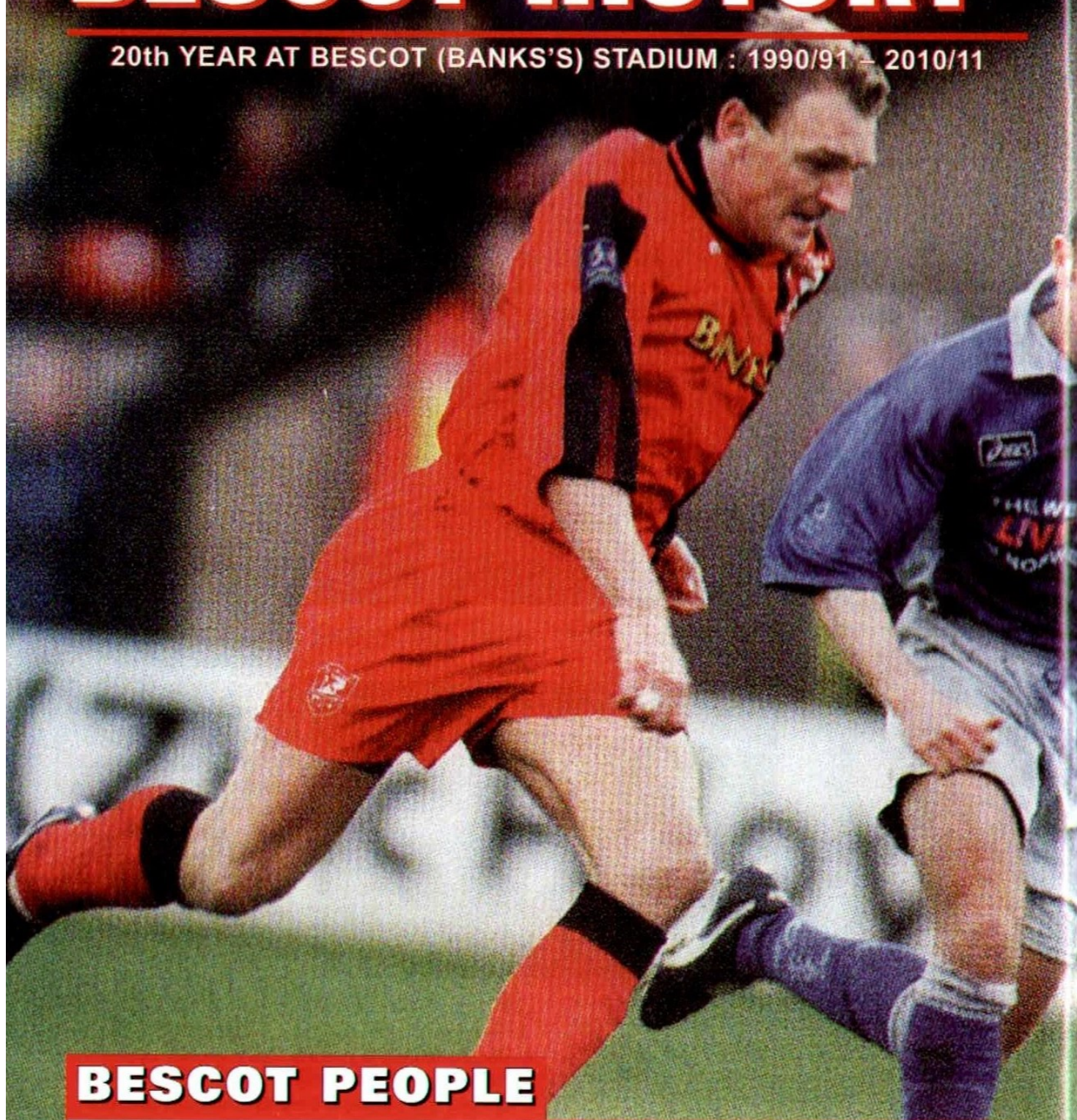
game – fouls, handballs,





# BESCOT HISTORY

20th YEAR AT BESCOT (BANKS'S) STADIUM : 1990/91 – 2010/11



## BESCOT PEOPLE

### ANDY RAMMELL

ANDY Rammell never became a household name and he never played in the top-flight despite signing for Manchester United in 1989, but he was an honest player that reached his peak with some important goals in The Saddlers' glorious promotion campaign of 1998/1999.

Ian Crichton profiles 'Rambo', the target man supreme...



Andy Rammell was born in Nuneaton in 1967 and he was 22 years of age before he made the move into professional football having started his career in the humble surroundings of Atherstone United.

His stay was brief but his legacy was long-lasting because the money they received from Manchester United was used to build a new stand which was promptly named after the striker and it is still used to this day.

He never played, unfortunately, for the Old Trafford club although they certainly made a good profit on him when he moved to Barnsley in September 1990 for a fee of £100,000.

At Oakwell he really came into his own and soon shrugged off the disappointment of being released from Old Trafford to score 50 goals in 220 appearances during a six-year spell with the club between 1990 and 1996.

His next move took him to Southend United and again his never-say-die attitude endeared him to the fans despite scoring a more modest total of 15 goals in 79 matches.

Rammell was the wrong side of 30 when Ray Graydon decided to bring him to Bescot Stadium, but the move was inspired and he was given his Saddlers' League debut against Gillingham on August 8th 1998.

He was probably the best player on the park, completely overshadowing Robert Taylor for whom The Gills had shelled out £500,000, and whilst he didn't get his name on the scoresheet on that hot summer's day, he never shirked a tackle and unsettled the home defence to such an extent that Darren Carr guided Darren Wrack's free-kick past his own 'keeper, ever fearful of the aerial threat posed by the burly striker at every dead-ball situation.

By the beginning of October, Rammell had already scored eight goals and he became a key player in Walsall's Division Two promotion campaign scoring 18 goals in a side where goals were always at a premium with Darren Wrack being the only other player to reach double figures.

Unfortunately he failed to reproduce his best form in The Championship and he gradually fell out of favour after the signing of Brett Angell and joined Wycombe Wanderers in 2000.

He had netted 25 goals in 80 games for The Saddlers and went on to bag a further 31 goals in 92 matches for Wycombe. His ratio of goals-to-games was quite impressive considering the amount of time he was sidelined due to injury.

'Rambo' was initially derided as too old and too expensive at £75,000 but he fully justified the faith that Wycombe manager, Lawrie Sanchez, had placed in him and he never let The Chairboy's down.

He was particularly proud of his contribution to their great FA Cup run of 2000/2001 and his goal celebration after scoring against Wolves in the fourth round will live long in the memory of those supporters privileged to see it.

He was reunited with Ray Graydon at Bristol Rovers in 2003 but time had finally caught up with him and with further knee surgery looming, the 36 year-old veteran finally called it a day after scoring six goals in a dozen League matches.

Rammell tried an abortive comeback at Forest Green Rovers in 2004 but he really knew that his ailing knees could no longer stand up to the rigours of competitive football and he took a job working for The Royal Mail.

Considering his age, the only realistic option was to retire because it was either that or risk being in a situation where he was having to get around on a walking stick in a few years time, but despite his heartbreaking decision to quit, Rammell revealed that he had no regrets.

He experienced success at a range of clubs but it is no secret that Bescot held a special place in his heart and he has certainly become part of Walsall folklore.

Oh for the days when he scored goals for The Saddlers in those Black Country derbies as we beat Wolves, West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City.

## BESCOT A-Z

### BAZELEY Darren

Former England Under-21 right-back who first emerged with Watford, where he spent ten years, before joining Wolves. He was an experienced figure as The Saddlers reached the FA Cup fifth round in 2002-03 after joining the club in July 2002. A popular figure both on and off-the-field, he made 89 League appearances before joining Hyundai A-League side New Zealand Knights in January 2005. He ended his playing days with Waitakere United in 2008 and worked as an Area Coach for United Soccer 1, a Federation of New Zealand Football. He was appointed as Neil Emblen's right-hand man at Waitakere United in June 2009.

### BECKFORD Darren

Former Port Vale and Norwich City striker who joined Walsall in March 1997 and made eight second division appearances before moving to Rushden & Diamonds in September 1997. He later played for Southport, TNS and Bacup Borough prior to coaching at Manchester City's Academy. He is now an attendance officer at Claremont Primary School in Moss Side, Manchester.

### BEDEAU Tony

After a lengthy spell at Torquay United, which saw him make over 300 League appearances, he joined Walsall in May 2006 but he failed to settle at Bescot Stadium during our League Two Championship-winning campaign. After a spell on loan at Bury, he rejoined Torquay United and was subsequently loaned out to Weymouth in March 2008. He turned out for Kingstons in 2008/09.

### BENJAMIN Trevor

Much-travelled striker who arrived at Walsall on loan from Peterborough United in March 2007 as we were closing in on promotion. He scored in a 2-1 win at Torquay and then found the net at Notts County as our 2-1 victory sealed a return to League One. He has served a staggering 21 senior clubs plus a host of non-League outfits and ended the 2008/09 campaign with Kidsgrove Athletic. He had a trial with Gateshead in July 2009 but joined Tamworth in time for the start of the 2009/10 campaign before switching to Harrogate Town. His long list of clubs was extended in November 2009 when he linked up with Woking before moving to Bedlington Terriers, from whom he joined Wroxham, on loan, in March 2010. He had a loan move to Morpeth Town in September 2010.



Darren  
Bazeley

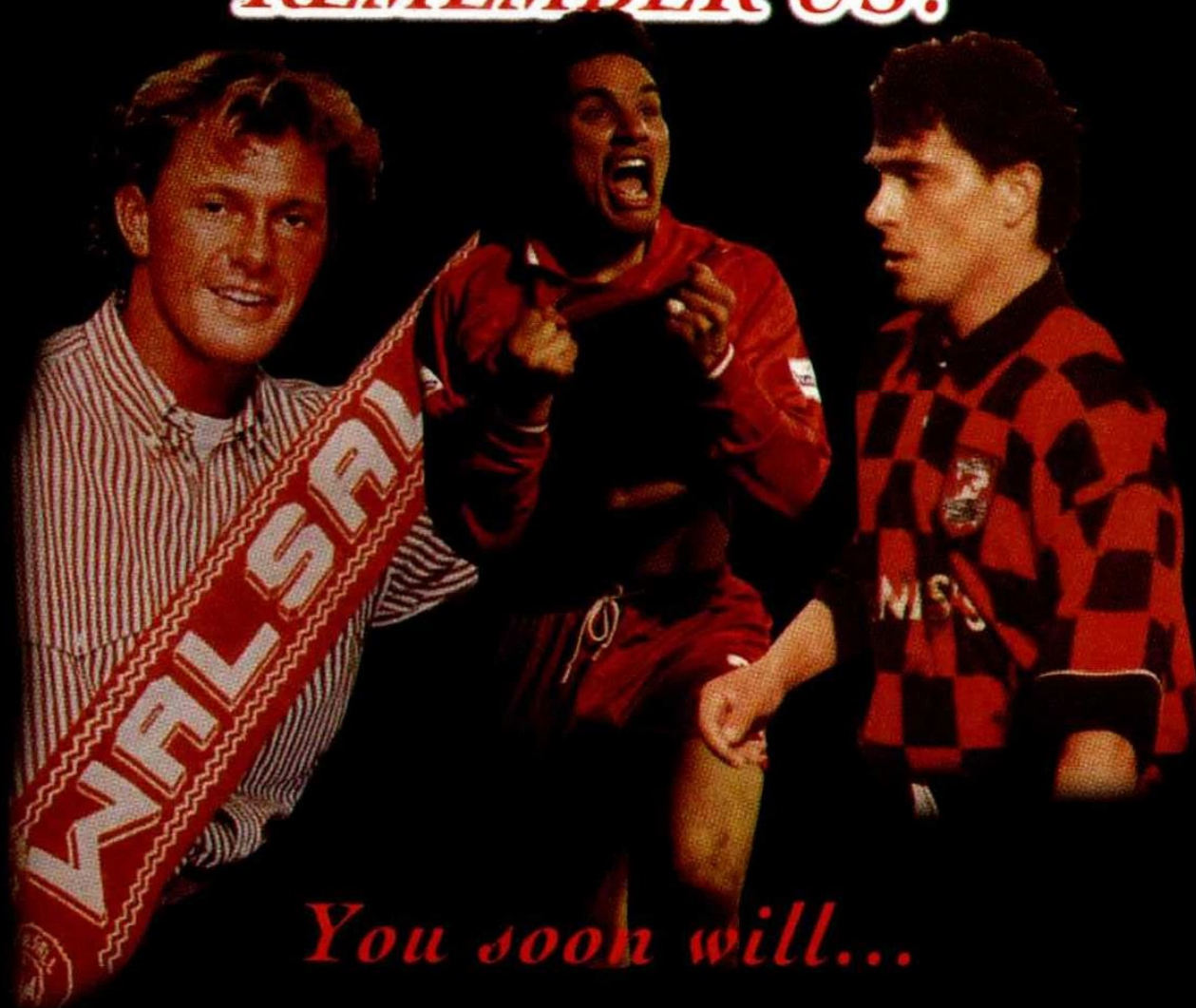
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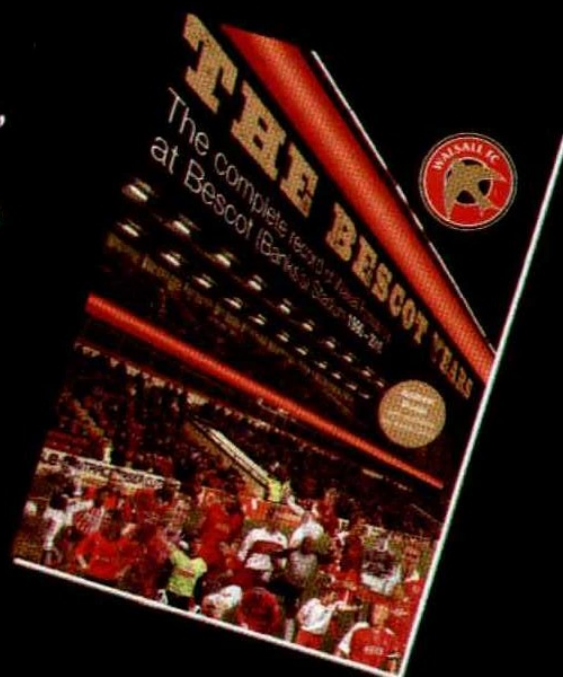


*You soon will...*

The Bescot Years - Walsall Football Club's complete record at Bescot (Banks's) Stadium 1990-2010 will be on sale soon!

All of the highs, lows, developments, players and personalities from two colourful decades will be featured in 200 information-packed pages...

The book will be available from the Banks's Stadium Club Shop, The Programme Shop and The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre from the Autumn... Make sure you pick up your copy!





# BARMY ARMY

## Putting YOU in the picture...

Pictured here proudly flying the Walsall FC flag whilst on Hanioti beat in Halkidiki, Greece is father and son team, Pete and Glen Foster.

Both are season-ticket holders and staunch supporters of the club.

Glen will be celebrating his 11th Birthday later this month and best wishes go out from everyone here at Banks's Stadium... let's hope that we can give you an early Birthday present with victory this afternoon!

Thank you both for your valued support... long may it continue...



## CELEBRATORY MESSAGES

*Happy Birthday*  
**MAREE RICHARDS**

Have a brilliant day!  
Love from Andy, Dale, Matt, Robyn, Stacey xxxx

*Happy Birthday*  
**STEVE FISHER**  
Love from Amy xxxx

*Happy 7th Birthday*  
**CODEY WATSON**  
Love from mommy, daddy and Francine xxxx

We will include your celebratory message for  
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We are looking for photos showing your Saddlers' colours in weird and wonderful destinations around the world. Email [a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk) or send them to Barmy Army, Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA.

## MEMORY MATCHES

### Remembering the greatest games at Bescot (Banks's) Stadium...

#### TV THRILLER!

**Walsall 3 Notts County 2 – September 18th 1998**



THERE was a time when the Sky Sports cameras used to come to Bescot on a seasonal basis and generally they brought out the best in our players, but the visit of Notts County on September 18th 1998 produced a game of football which would have been enjoyed as much by the neutral viewer as it would have been by the diehard supporter.

Walsall began slowly allowing the visitors to dictate the early play, but gradually they upped the pace and Andy Rammell glanced a fine header just over the bar and Jason Brissett began to trouble the County defence with his blistering pace.

Nevertheless Darren Ward in the visitors' goal seemed comfortable until he was beaten by a stunning strike from Paul Simpson who was on loan from Wolves and making his Saddlers debut.

He collected a pass 25 yards out from goal but his left-foot shot was so accurate that it flew into the corner of the net leaving the 'keeper stranded. Within minutes he had threatened to add to the lead and from that point onwards shots rained in from all directions, to such an extent that Walsall threatened to run riot.

Andy Rammell and Jason Brissett continued to threaten the visitors' goal with their every movement but somehow the Magpies defence held firm and when the referee blew for half-time, The Saddlers were just ahead by a solitary goal despite all their pressure.

Notts County manager, Sam Allardyce was not a happy man at the break and harsh words must have been said in the dressing room because his team came out strongly for the second half and it took them only ten minutes to go ahead as Walsall were caught cold.

Gary Jones headed the equaliser and three minutes later he put Andy Hughes clean through to score with ease. County were now 2-1 up but this topsy-turvy game still had a few twists and turns left in it and after 68 minutes Rammell ghosted in and planted a firm header into the net to bring the scores level once again.

The Saddlers were now looking the more likely winners and with just over ten minutes left, the lively Brissett made it 3-2 to Walsall when the referee allowed play to continue after Rammell had been fouled.

The winger was now in irresistible form and he won a controversial penalty late on when Gary Strodder was judged to have pulled his shirt, but the drama was still not finished as Darren Wrack pulled his kick wide even though he had sent the 'keeper the wrong way.

Walsall lived on their nerves for the last few minutes as County piled on the pressure but eventually the referee blew for time and Ray Graydon's men had held on to win one of the most thrilling games ever staged at Bescot Stadium.

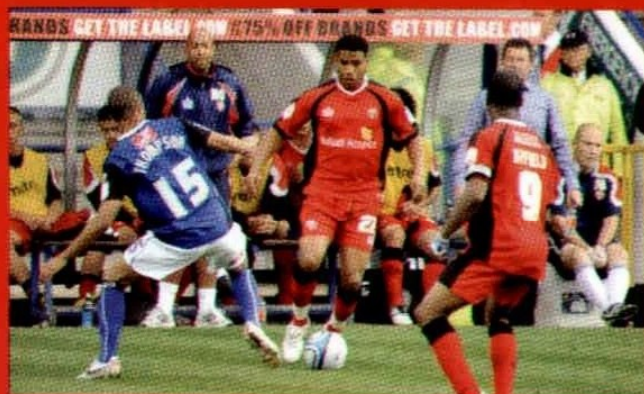
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# SADD NAV

## ON THE ROAD WITH THE SADDLERS



THE SUN burst out of the overcast Lancashire sky as The Saddlers stepped out at Spotland for the first time since the opening day of our 2006/07 League Two Championship-winning campaign.

4 - Good start for Walsall as Darren Byfield did well on the left to thread a low ball through to Jon Macken who turned sharply before tucking the ball home to make it 1-0.

6 - Rochdale hit back with some neat play that ended with Gary Jones placing an effort just wide of the target.

10 - Sunshine and showers as Saddlers made a solid start to the game, looking a tight unit.

20 - Matt Richards linked up with Ryan McGivern on the left and did well to force a corner which found its way over to Julian Gray for a shooting chance just inside the area that he put over.

24 - An excellent passing move from The Saddlers ended with Matt Richards making room for a cross from the right that was scrambled clear for a corner as the home side found themselves under pressure before eventually being able to clear their lines.

26 - A corner for the home side dropped by Jonny Brain and this allowed Josh Thompson to lash home on his Dale debut to make it 1-1.

37 - A free-kick out wide for the home side played short and ended with Craig Dawson firing wide under pressure from Paul Marshall.

39 - Mix-up in defence by Rochdale gave Julian Gray a chance but he rushed his effort and lifted the ball wide of the target.



40 - An inviting cross by Paul Marshall met with a deft header from Ryan McGivern that landed just wide.

44 - There was a lively ending to the half. A break by the home side saw Jason Kennedy pick out Chris O'Grady whose speculative effort somehow found its way through Jonny Brain and Anthony Elding was on hand to make it 2-1 from close range. Within seconds the scores were level again as Darren Byfield lashed the ball home from 35 yards. It was a sweet strike from the skipper.

47 - Corner for The Saddlers only half-cleared as far as Matt Richards who found Paul Marshall and his cross-cum-shot pushed over by Josh Lillis in the home goal. The resulting flag-kick saw Clayton McDonald's towering header touched onto the crossbar as Ryan McGivern put the rebound into the side-netting.

52 - Encouraging start to the second period for Walsall as a free-kick from Matt Richards picked out Clayton McDonald whose header was off target.

60 - Some good play by Chris O'Grady saw him turn well before getting in a shot that flew inches wide.

62 - Rochdale won a penalty when Gary Jones was brought down by Clayton McDonald right on the edge of the area. Jones himself stepped up and fired home to make it 3-2.

69 - The home side thought they had extended their lead when Craig Dawson headed home a corner but the assistant referee had his flag up a long time before the ball hit the back of the net to rule it out.

70 - There was a change for Walsall as Reuben Reid replaced Paul Marshall.

78 - First-year professional, Jamie Paterson was given another taste of the action as he replaced Julian Gray.

81 - Reuben Reid fed new-boy David Davis for an instinctive strike that he dragged wide of the target as The Saddlers searched for a way back into the game.

85 - There was a yellow card for David Davis who kicked the ball away having been harshly penalised for a foul.

87 - Sweeping move by Walsall ended with Ryan McGivern cross teasingly towards Jon Macken who failed to make a proper connection as the home side held their breath.

90 - Despite seeing plenty of the ball in the closing stages, The Saddlers couldn't find a way through the home rear-guard.

PHOTOS: Kevin Grice

## FACE IN THE CROWD

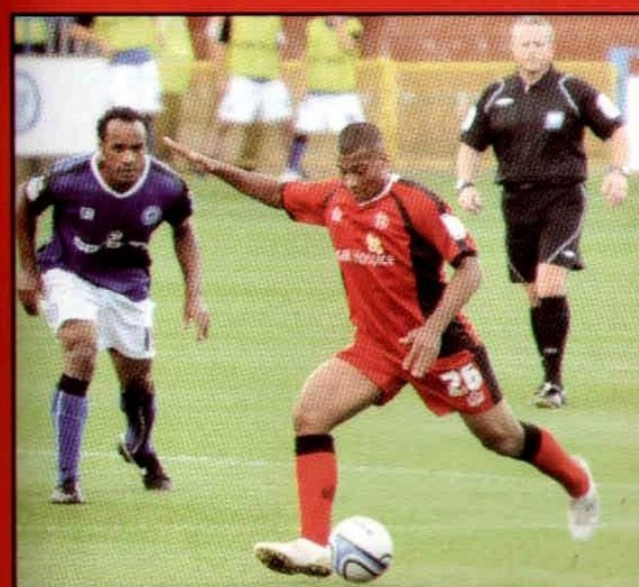
If your face is circled in one of the pictures on the page opposite, you have won a fantastic prize!

We have match-worn shirts, away match tickets and other exclusive items of Saddlers' memorabilia up for grabs. Simply bring a copy of the programme with your circled picture in to Banks's Stadium to claim your prize.

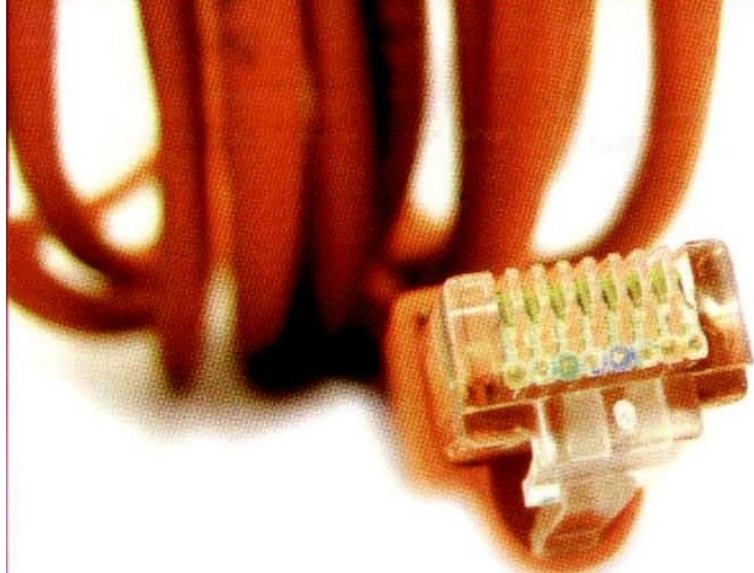
You have 14 days from the date on the cover of the programme to claim your prize...

Also, don't forget to tag yourself on the fan pictures that appear within the 'Face In The Crowd' album on the Official Walsall FC Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/officialwalsallfc](http://www.facebook.com/officialwalsallfc)









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# WHAT'S ON



**THE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2010  
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## **Sporting Dinner with Paul Merson – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2010**

The Aston Villa legend and former Saddlers' player-manager is here alongside comedian, Leslie Gibson.

Tickets are £30, including four-course meal.



## **The Drifters Review – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 2010**

A celebration of the classic sounds of The Drifters in a powerfully-delivered show that is full of passion and zest. Dance the night away to those classic hits.

Tickets are £30 including four-course meal or £18 show only.



## **Amateur Boxing Dinner Show – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 2010**

Enjoy the thrills and spills of live boxing action, a delicious four-course meal and entertainment from comedian, Micky Gunn.

Tickets are £30 for a night that really packs a punch.



For further information, please call 01922-651 418 or log-on to [www.m6j9.com](http://www.m6j9.com). Bookings can be made, with credit card, on 01922-651 414 or on-line via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk).... Discounted room rates are available at the Park Inn Hotel, situated here on the Banks's Stadium site, for all events. Call 01922-639 100 for details.

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# COMMERCIAL

## THE RETURN OF PAUL MERSON

There have been few more newsworthy events that grabbed the headlines for us than when Paul Merson signed for The Saddlers in July 2003.

He was probably the most gifted player to ever represent Walsall, and although reaching the twilight of his career when joining us, he still left Saddlers supporters with some wonderful memories of the magic he could weave with the ball.

It all ended in tears, of course, when his spell as manager did not work out and he left the club in 2006.

No one can doubt, however, that this engaging personality was a superb talent, with an impressive playing CV that also included Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Aston Villa, Portsmouth and England.

His off-the-field issues have also grabbed the headlines and now, of course, he has really found his niche as a regular pundit on Sky Sports.

If ever a footballer has some fascinating stories to tell, it's Paul Merson, which makes his appearance as celebrity speaker at our next Sporting Dinner on Wednesday, October 6th, a fascinating prospect.

Tickets are now available at £30 per person for an evening that also includes a four-course meal and comedian, Leslie Gibson.

You can book now by calling 01922-651 414 / 416.

## PRE-MATCH MEALS FOR £11.99

Little wonder that The Bonser Suite has made a busy start to the season on matchdays with the price of a two-course pre-match carvery meal set at £11.99. This includes a starter and the main course.

It is a great deal open to season-ticket holders and match ticket holders. To book, just call the Ticket Office on 01922-651 414 / 416.

## LIVE BOXING AT BANKS'S STADIUM

Our Amateur Boxing Programme commences on Thursday, October 14th when, working with Pleck Amateur Boxing Club, we present an Amateur Boxing Dinner Show which features a four-course meal, comedian Micky Gunn and an action-packed boxing programme – all for £30.

If you want to come along just for the boxing, tickets are £5.

An early notice that we will be staging two Christmas Boxing Dinner Shows, on Thursday, December 9th, when Ollie Spencer will provide the laughs, and Thursday, December 16th when the comedian is Mick Walker.

Tickets are now on sale for both of these action-packed evenings.

## WELL DONE ROBERTO

You will all be aware that I have been appealing for more supporters to sell 50/50 Matchday Draw tickets for the club.

I am pleased to report that Roberto Petrucco answered my call and made a great start as a 50/50 seller.

I hope now that others will follow, as we are still well down on the numbers that we need to drive the prize money upwards.

Matchday sellers are paid 10% commission on all their ticket sales and also allowed free admission to the match. If you are aged 16 or over and interested in selling 50/50 tickets for the club, we would like to hear from you. Call 01922-651 412.

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.

Results from the 50/50 Matchday Draw at the last home game are, as follows:

**WALSALL v COLCHESTER**

**UNITED (4/9/2010):**

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**WINNING NUMBER: 01901 –**

**WINNER: Alan Meakin, Walsall.**

**SECOND PRIZE: £25.00 –**

**WINNING NUMBER: 02847 –**

**WINNER: Janet Westley,**

**Aldridge.**

**THIRD PRIZE: £25.00 –**

**WINNING NUMBER: 02841 –**

**WINNER: Mrs Pittaway, Yew**

**Tree Estate.**

Results will be announced over the PA system, here in the Matchday Programme and in the Main Reception.

## THE DRIFTERS REVIEW IN THE STADIUM SUITE

The music and songs made famous by The Drifters have passed into popular music folklore.

You can re-live the magic of The Drifters at our cabaret night featuring The Drifters Review on Saturday, October 9th.

Tickets are £18 for the show, or £30 to include a delicious four-course meal. You can book online via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) or by calling 01922-651 414 / 416.

## MATCHDAY EXECUTIVE BOX HIRE

Why not make matchday really special, and at a very attractive price.

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It's a great idea for a Birthday or Christmas present, a family celebration or just a plain great afternoon with family or friends.

Call us on 01922-651 412 for more information.

## MATCH SPONSOR – CAT COMMUNICATIONS

Not too many of our supporters come from deepest Wiltshire, but that applies to our Match Sponsors today, CAT Communications.

This telephone communications company are based in Henley Marlborough, Wiltshire, and the connection is that Managing Director, Craig Lang is from Walsall and has retained his support and affection for his hometown club.

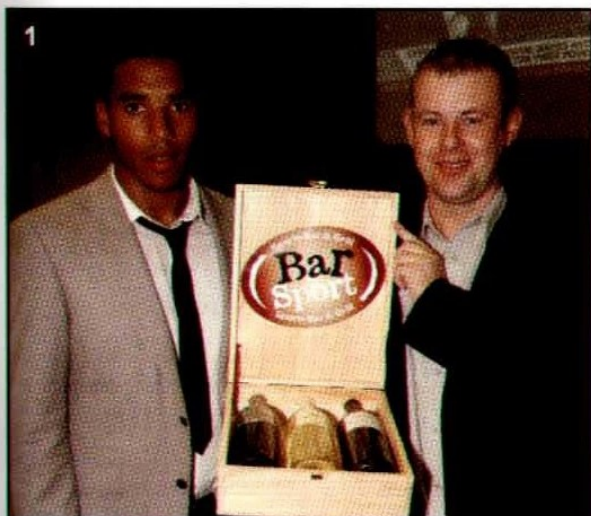
Craig is no stranger to the Banks's Stadium scene, having installed the telephone system at the stadium and giving the club tremendous commercial support over the years.

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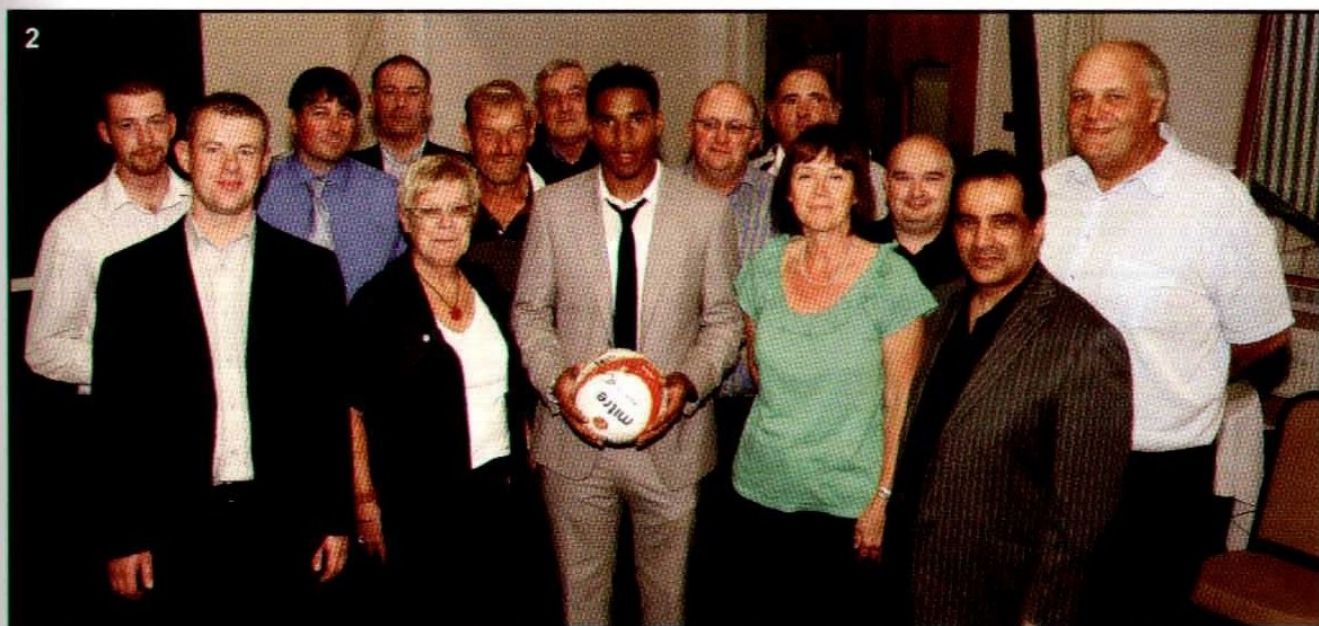
I would like to thank Craig and Penny for organising today's sponsorship and we hope that they and their guests have an enjoyable afternoon with us at Banks's Stadium.






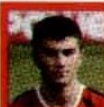













## CAPTIONS

- 1 Match Sponsor for our game against Plymouth Argyle were our good friends from Bar Sport who chose Reuben Reid as their Man of the Match. Here we see him receiving his prize.
- 2 The on-loan striker was then on hand to present the guests of Bar Sport with their signed Walsall FC football.
- 3 Over in The Swifts Club, Reuben Reid also took the Man of the Match honours.
- 4 Before the game, The Saddlers' players helped to promote Cancer Research UK's forthcoming 'Run10k' event.





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# STATISTICS 10/11

## npower LEAGUE ONE TABLE as at 16/09/10

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Peterborough	6	3	0	0	12	4	1	0	2	4	6	6	12
2 Carlisle	6	2	1	0	6	1	1	2	0	3	2	6	12
3 MK Dons	6	3	0	0	5	1	1	0	2	3	7	0	12
4 Bournemouth	6	2	1	0	11	4	1	1	1	5	3	9	11
5 Huddersfield	6	1	2	0	5	3	2	0	1	7	5	4	11
6 Rochdale	6	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	0	7	3	4	11
7 Sheff Wed	6	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	6	2	6	10
8 Brighton	5	2	1	0	6	3	1	0	1	2	2	3	10
9 Colchester	6	0	3	0	3	3	2	1	0	5	3	2	10
10 Charlton	6	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	4	5	1	10
11 Oldham	6	1	2	0	4	1	1	1	1	5	7	1	9
12 Exeter	5	1	2	0	5	4	1	0	1	3	5	-1	8
13 Notts County	6	2	0	1	5	3	0	1	2	3	7	-2	7
14 Yeovil	6	2	0	1	5	4	0	1	2	1	6	-4	7
15 Swindon	6	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	6
16 WALSALL	6	1	0	2	3	4	1	0	2	5	6	-2	6
17 Bristol Rovers	6	1	1	1	2	5	0	2	1	3	6	-6	6
18 Plymouth	5	0	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	3	-3	5
19 Brentford	6	1	0	2	3	5	0	2	1	1	3	-4	5
20 Hartlepool	6	0	1	2	4	10	1	1	1	2	1	-5	5
21 Tranmere	6	1	0	2	2	5	0	2	1	3	5	-5	5
22 Southampton	6	0	1	2	1	4	1	0	2	4	3	-2	4
23 Leyton Orient	6	1	0	2	5	5	0	1	2	2	5	-3	4
24 Dag & Red	5	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	3	0	6	-4	4

## ELSEWHERE IN LEAGUE ONE TODAY...

Brentford v Hartlepool United

Carlisle United v Brighton & Hove Albion

Dagenham & Redbridge v Bristol Rovers

Exeter City v Peterborough United

Huddersfield Town v Yeovil Town

MK Dons v Rochdale

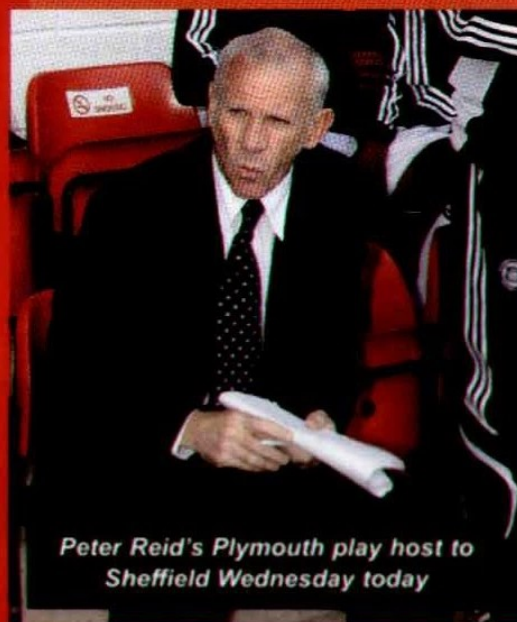
Notts County v Leyton Orient

Oldham Athletic v AFC Bournemouth

Plymouth Argyle v Sheffield Wednesday

Southampton v Colchester United

Tranmere Rovers v Charlton Athletic



Peter Reid's Plymouth play host to Sheffield Wednesday today



# SADDLERS PROGRESS 10/11

Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A	Att. (Away)	Pos.	Referee	Comp.
<b>AUGUST 2010</b>							
Sat 7	Milton Keynes Dons	H	1-2	4,034 (698)	-	S. W. Mathieson	FL1
Tue 10	Tranmere Rovers	H	0-1	2,253 (300)	-	A. Bates	CC1
Sat 14	Brentford	A	2-1	4,544 (121)	10	G. Sutton	FL1
Sat 21	Plymouth Argyle	H	2-1	3,966 (963)	7	K. D. Hill	FL1
Sat 28	Brighton and Hove Albion	A	1-2	6,474 (261)	10	G. Horwood	FL1
Tue 31	Chesterfield	H	1-2	1,793 (212)	-	C. D. Sarginson	JPT1
<b>SEPTEMBER 2010</b>							
Sat 4	Colchester United	H	0-1	3,416 (300)	13	K. G. Evans	FL1
Sat 11	Rochdale	A	2-3	3,174 (331)	16	C. L. Webster	FL1
Sat 18	Swindon Town	H					FL1
Sat 25	Hartlepool United	A					FL1
Tue 28	Leyton Orient	A					FL1
<b>OCTOBER 2010</b>							
Sat 2	Yeovil Town	H					FL1
Sat 9	Exeter City	H					FL1
Sat 16	Dagenham & Redbridge	A					FL1
Sat 23	Tranmere Rovers	H					FL1
Sat 30	Huddersfield Town	A					FL1
<b>NOVEMBER 2010</b>							
Tue 2	Peterborough United	H					FL1
Sat 6	(FA Cup 1st)						
Sat 13	AFC Bournemouth	A					FL1
Sat 20	Carlisle United	H					FL1
Tue 23	Sheffield Wednesday	A					FL1
<b>DECEMBER 2010</b>							
Sat 4	Oldham Athletic	H					FL1
Sat 11	Charlton Athletic	A					FL1
Sat 18	Southampton	H					FL1
Sun 26	Bristol Rovers	A					FL1
Tue 28	Dagenham & Redbridge	H					FL1
<b>JANUARY 2011</b>							
Sat 1	Notts County	H					FL1
Mon 3	Peterborough United	A					FL1
Sat 8	Tranmere Rovers	A					FL1
Sat 15	Huddersfield Town	H					FL1
Sat 22	Exeter City	A					FL1
Sat 29	Bristol Rovers	H					FL1
<b>FEBRUARY 2011</b>							
Tue 1	Notts County	A					FL1
Sat 5	Carlisle United	A					FL1
Sat 12	AFC Bournemouth	H					FL1
Sat 19	Colchester United	A					FL1
Sat 26	Rochdale	H					FL1
<b>MARCH 2011</b>							
Sat 5	Swindon Town	A					FL1
Tue 8	Leyton Orient	H					FL1
Sat 12	Yeovil Town	A					FL1
Sat 19	Hartlepool United	H					FL1
Sat 26	Milton Keynes Dons	A					FL1
<b>APRIL 2011</b>							
Sat 2	Brentford	H					FL1
Sat 9	Plymouth Argyle	A					FL1
Sat 16	Brighton and Hove Albion	H					FL1
Sat 23	Sheffield Wednesday	H					FL1
Mon 25	Oldham Athletic	A					FL1
Sat 30	Charlton Athletic	H					FL1
<b>MAY 2011</b>							
Sat 7	Southampton	A					FL1

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RECENT loan capture, David Davis is set to make his home debut today following an impressive performance at Rochdale seven days ago.

The Saddlers completed the loan signing of highly-rated Wolves midfielder on an initial one-month deal on September 9th 2010.

The 19 year-old is no stranger to Banks's Stadium, having trained with The Saddlers' Centre of Excellence before making the switch to Molineux where he signed his first professional contract towards the end of the 2008/09 season.

Gaining first-team experience following a prosperous loan spell with Darlington last term, where he made a total of six appearances, he is a hard-working, no-nonsense performer.

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- Denotes goalkeeping substitute
- Denotes substitution time
- Denotes substitution time
- 2 Denotes number of goals scored
- Yellow Card
- Red Card
- \*Lost 4-5 on pens

†Own goal

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# FIRST-TEAM AND YOUTH PLAYER APPEARANCES AND GOALS STATS

## FIRST TEAM 2010/11

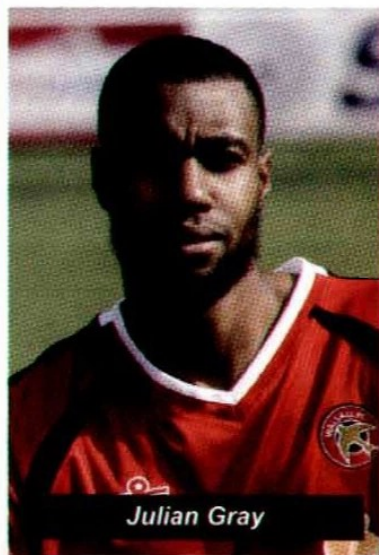
PLAYER	APPS	GOALS
Jonny Brain	8	
Darryl Westlake	3	
Aaron Lescott	8	
Clayton McDonald	2 (4)	
Oliver Lancashire	6	
Manny Smith	8	1
Steve Jones	4	
Matt Richards	8	
Darren Byfield	4 (1)	1
Alex Nicholls	5	1
Paul Marshall	4 (2)	1
Richard Taundry	6	
Jamie Paterson	1 (2)	
Alex Hickman		
George Bowerman		
Julian Gray	8	1
Will Grigg	0 (3)	
Sean Geddes		
David Bevan		
Ryan McGivern	5	
Reuben Reid	4 (1)	2
Jon Macken	2 (1)	2
David Davis	1	

## YOUTH TEAM 2010/11

PLAYER	APPS	GOALS
James Wren	3	0
Tom Faulkner	2	0
Jon Haynes	3 (1)	0
Tom Hayes	4	1
Danny Cresswell	3 (1)	0
Will Mellors-Blair	2	0
Jake Jones	4	3
Aaron Forde	4	1
Jack Cresswell	4	1
Connor Deards	3 (1)	6
Joey Butlin	4	1
Jason Wellings	1 (2)	0
Jamie Tank	2 (2)	0
Jack Dobson	0 (1)	0
Malvind Benning	1	0
Aaron Williams	1 (2)	1
Mitchell Botfield	1 (1)	0
Keiron Morris	0 (1)	0
Liam Maher	1	0
Ben George	1	0

## FORTHCOMING SADDLERS FIXTURES

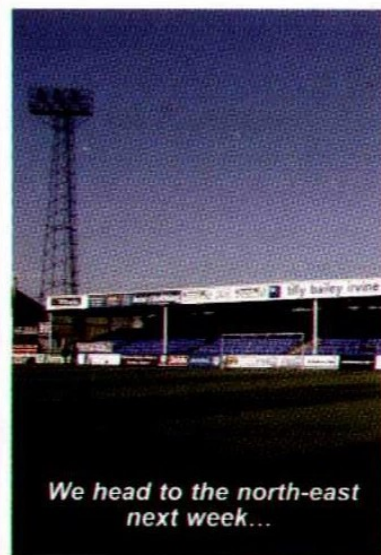
25/9/10	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A
	FIRST-TEAM	
25/9/10	TRANMERE ROVERS	A
	YOUTH TEAM	
28/9/10	LEYTON ORIENT	A
	FIRST-TEAM	
2/10/10	YEOVIL TOWN	H
	FIRST-TEAM	
9/10/10	EXETER CITY	H
	FIRST-TEAM	
13/10/10	TIPTON TOWN (BSC 1)	A
	RESERVES	
16/10/10	DAG'HAM & R'BRIDGE	A
	FIRST-TEAM	
16/10/10	PORT VALE	H
	YOUTH TEAM	
19/10/10	LINCOLN CITY (ResCup)	A
	RESERVES	
23/10/10	TRANMERE ROVERS	H
	FIRST-TEAM	
23/10/10	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A
	YOUTH TEAM	
30/10/10	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A
	FIRST-TEAM	
2/11/10	PETERBOROUGH UTD	H
	FIRST-TEAM	



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CHRIS HUTCHINGS**

	PLAYED	SCORED
1 JONNY BRAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 DARRYL WESTLAKE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 AARON LESCOTT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 CLAYTON MCDONALD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8 MATT RICHARDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 DARREN BYFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 JON MACKEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 ALEX NICHOLLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 PAUL MARSHALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 RICHARD TAUNDRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 JAMIE PATERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 ALEX HICKMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 GEORGE BOWERMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 JULIAN GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 WILL GRIGG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 SEAN GEDDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 DAVID BEVAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 REUBEN REID	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 RYAN MCGIVERN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 AARON FORDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 JON HAYNES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 DAVID DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Player**

**MANAGER  
DANNY WILSON**

	PLAYED	SCORED
1 DAVID LUCAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 SCOTT CUTHBERT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 MICHAEL ROSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 JONATHAN DOUGLAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 PAUL CADDIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 JON-PAUL MCGOVERN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 SIMON FERRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 VINCENT PERICARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 DAVID PRUTTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 MICHAEL TIMLIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 PHIL SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 SEAN MORRISON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 KEVIN AMANKWAAH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 DAVID BALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 CALLUM KENNEDY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 ALAN O'BRIEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 LECSINEL JEAN-FRANCOIS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20 THOMAS DOSSEVI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 NATHAN THOMPSON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 JAKUB JESIONKOWSKI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 MARK SCOTT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31 BILLY BODIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32 CHARLIE AUSTIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 WILL EVANS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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REFEREE  
ASSISTANT  
ASSISTANT  
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