

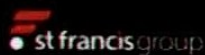


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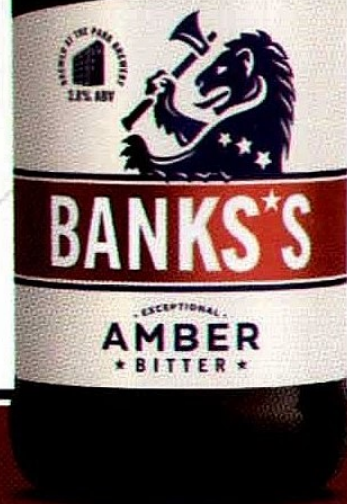
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JON Whitney



A very warm welcome to my 12th man for this afternoon's League One match with Swindon Town.

I would like to extend that welcome to Luke Williams and all the staff, players, officials and supporters from Swindon who have travelled to today's match.

The club have a similar footballing philosophy to ourselves and although they find themselves in a relegation battle, I am sure they will provide a stern test for my squad this afternoon.

Due to print deadlines, these notes were written prior to the Shrewsbury game on Good Friday and following a deserved point in our last home match against Oxford.

It was a game played by two highly-technical sides and I would like to give a special mention to our goalscorer Andreas Makris.

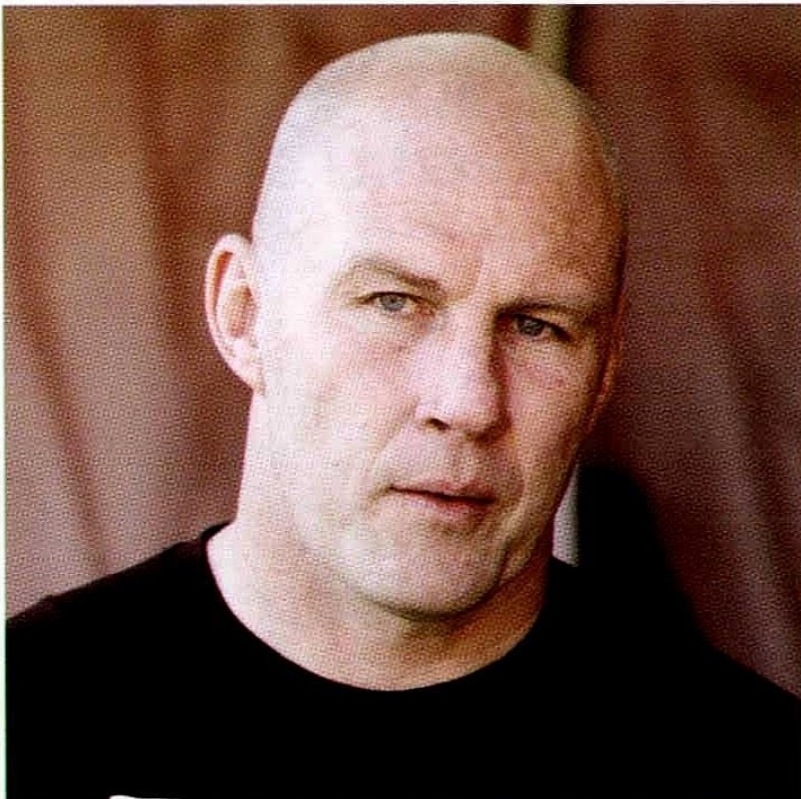
He is a great example of how hard work and patience can be rewarded, and more importantly, how your tremendous support resulted in him dedicating his goal to you, the fans.

He took his goal really well and you could see the relief once it went in. Hopefully, for all of us, it will be the first of many.

Overall, a draw against Oxford was a fair result. We were really effective in the first half, broke really well and played some very good football.

I was really pleased with the energy we showed and on another day we could have scored two or three goals.

We were the better team in the first half but they were in the second half, so a point was about right.



I have spoken on several occasions about the importance of a team ethos and how a positive and collective approach is fundamental to the development of our players, young and old.

As individuals we all have "areas to improve" and they should not be viewed as "weaknesses". With positive reinforcement and criticism, which is productive, then we can create an environment that nurtures our talent and drives the club forward.

Onto today's game and although it is said that there are no guarantees in football, I have to disagree. It should be a guarantee that we give our all, and not waste

this opportunity to explore and discover what our energy and effort can achieve.

I challenge all of us to have a day where we choose the "hard" and not the "safe" option, knowing that we have a greater chance of success by simply "STAYING TOGETHER".

Thank you to all the fans who attended last week's open training day – it was great meeting you all and hopefully you enjoyed the day.

I wish you, the 12th man, all the best this afternoon and thank you in advance for your effort.

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STEFAN GAMBLE

Chief
Executive



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

Here at Walsall Football Club we have always prided ourselves on being 'All-Inclusive'. Over the last six months we have been working towards achieving the EFL Equality Code of Practice, the minimum standard for Equality and Inclusion within Football.

The Equality Code of Practice is a whole club initiative developed in consultation between the EFL, clubs and many other external organisations (such as Kick It Out and Level Playing Field) and forms part of EFL's commitment, to the whole game English Football Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Action Plan, which is reported back to Government.

The Code of Practice contains 12 individual areas which clubs need to consider in order to be inclusive across all sections of their business, from accountability at board level through to matchday operations, general operations, the community trust, youth development and the first-team.

Through this initiative, we hope to improve the experience for everyone who visits the Banks's Stadium by eliminating all forms of discrimination, be it direct, indirect, harassment or victimisation, by the promotion of the nine protected characteristics prescribed by the Equality Act 2010 – age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage & civil partnership, sex, pregnancy & maternity, religion or belief, race and sexual orientation.

As part of this, collecting and monitoring key equality data about fans is essential in allowing the Club to understand more about our fan base and to ensure that the services provided by us are appropriate and relevant.

As such, we have set up a survey to enable us to fully understand where and how we can address under-representation and ensure that we encourage

all of our local communities to get involved in football, whether as a fan, a coach, a steward or to join the Club's workforce.

The survey can be found online via a link on the website www.saddlers.co.uk.

This equality and diversity audit of fans provides the Club with information about the extent to which we are complying fully with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010.

The information provided on the survey will be treated in confidence and is anonymous and I would ask as many people as possible to take part. The

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information will be used for the sole purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of our Equality Policy. Any personal information provided will be processed in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The date for our final submission in respect of the Equality Code of Practice is 30 April 2017 and the EFL has appointed an independent assessor whose role is to assess the Club and to provide a final assessment report against the Equality Code of Practice criteria. All final assessment reports will then be considered by an independent review panel.

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

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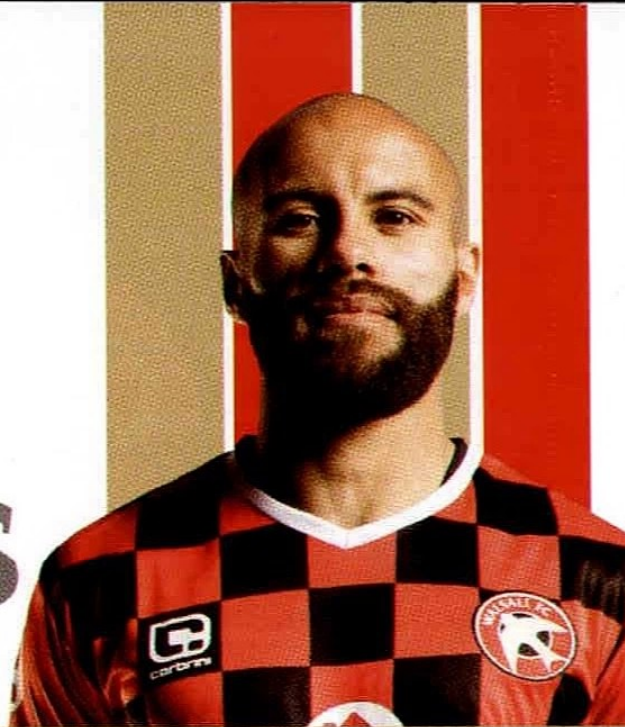
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ADAM CHAMBERS

Captain



Welcome back to the Banks's Stadium for this afternoon's League One match against Swindon Town.

We were very pleased with our first-half performance against Oxford in our last match here nine days ago.

We took the game to them, created some good chances, had a goal disallowed - which we were told was actually onside - and hit the post as well.

Our goal finally arrived early in the second half - and a big congratulations to Andreas for getting off the mark.

You could see how pleased everyone was for him and he deserved it for all the effort he has put in. He's worked really hard from the moment he came in and gets on really well with all the lads.

It was a great moment for him - a really good strike as well - and hopefully it will be the first of many and

he can now go on a bit of a run.

Unfortunately, we were unable to build on that goal and Oxford seemed to take over midway through the second half.

They put us under a lot of pressure without creating anything clear-cut and it was disappointing with how their goal came about, with it taking a massive deflection.

In the end a draw was probably a fair result; we had the better of the first half but they improved in the second.

Due to print deadlines, these programme notes were written before Good Friday's local derby at Shrewsbury. I'm sure our fans will have travelled in good numbers and hopefully we emerged with a positive result.

As for today, we know it won't be an easy game against a Swindon team who have still got plenty to play for.

They are fighting against relegation but have picked up some good results of late and will be desperate to get a win to boost their survival hopes.

They're a technical side who play football the right way and we will have to be ready for that and impose ourselves on the ball.

Last Monday, it was really good to see so many fans turn out for our open training session here on the Banks's Stadium pitch.

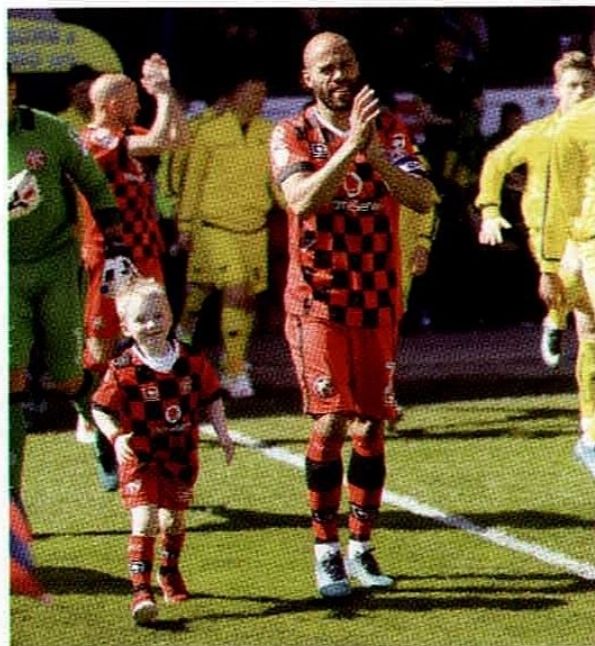
We're very lucky to do what we do and it's always great to give back and put smiles on people's faces.

The lads really enjoyed speaking to the supporters and it's the least we can do. A big thank you to everyone who came down.

There are only four games of the season remaining and we are determined to end it on a high.

It has been a campaign full of ups and downs but we are keen to finish as strongly as possible and give you plenty to cheer about in the final few weeks of the season.

Enjoy the game.





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CLUB NEWS

with Club Secretary Daniel Mole



OPEN TRAINING SESSION AT THE BANKS'S LAST WEEK

We held our latest Open Training Session here at the Banks's Stadium last week. Fans were able to watch the team being put through their paces and then had the opportunity to meet the players and management staff afterwards. They are always really interesting days and it was great to see all our players interacting so freely with our supporters. The next one will take place in August, so stay tuned to saddlers.co.uk for further details.



NEW WEBSITE ON THE HORIZON!

You will be pleased to know that a new website is on the horizon. Website & Programme Editor, Daniel Briggs, will give you all the full low down in next week's programme but the new website will go live in May.

PORT VALE GAME NEXT TUESDAY

Just a reminder that our League One fixture at home to Port Vale has been rearranged for next Tuesday, 25th April, kick-off 7.45pm.

WALSALL SENIOR CUP FINAL

We entertain either Chasetown or Stafford Rangers in the final of the Walsall Senior Cup here at the Banks's Stadium on Tuesday, 2nd May. Kick-off is 7.45pm and admission prices are £8.00 Adults and £4.00 Concessions.



In light of recent events around the world and with the current threat level for international terrorism in the UK rated as severe, we would like to reassure supporters that our security measures have been checked and enhanced over the summer. This may lead to more security checks when entering the stadium. Please be patient and respectful to our staff who have your safety as the first priority.

Enjoy today's game and, if you spot anything suspicious, please inform your nearest steward.

action replay



08/04/2017

Walsall 1 Oxford 1

Record signing Andreas Makris scored his first Walsall goal but the Saddlers had to settle for a point against mid-table Oxford.

Hoping to end a three-match losing streak, the hosts flew out of the traps and had the ball in the net as early as the fourth minute.

Kieron Morris' deep free-kick was headed down by Matt Preston and touched in by Scott Laird from close range – only for the defender to be flagged offside.

Undeterred, Walsall went close again moments later as Morris' thunderous angled drive rattled the inside of the far post, with a stretching Makris unable to convert the rebound.

United gradually gained a foothold, with Joe Rothwell bringing a decent save out of home keeper Neil Etheridge with a deflected 15-yard effort.

But it was only the reflexes of U's custodian Simon Eastwood that prevented the hosts from going ahead on 25 minutes.

Jason McCarthy's low right-wing cross was laid off by Makris to Morris, whose curling first-time strike was brilliantly kept out one-handed by Eastwood.

The Saddlers continued to look the more dangerous, with Isaiah Osbourne exchanging passes with Morris before firing a well-struck 25-yarder off target.

Jon Whitney's side finally made the breakthrough two minutes into the second period, Makris with a stunning left-foot half-volley from 18 yards which bounced in off the bar.

Oxford almost equalised immediately as James O'Connor inadvertently turned Chris Maguire's low cross onto his own post, with Conor McAleny scuffing the follow-up wide.

But the U's did draw level 15 minutes from time when Maguire's speculative 25-yard shot took a wicked deflection off O'Connor and rolled agonisingly past the wrong-footed Etheridge.

Michael Appleton's men could have taken the lead with five minutes remaining but Etheridge made a smart diving stop to tip away McAleny's long-range right-footer.

McAleny tried his luck from distance again as the visitors piled on the pressure, this time fizzing a stoppage-time strike just wide.



Teams:

Walsall: Etheridge, O'Connor, Preston, Laird, McCarthy, Chambers, Osbourne, Morris (Cuvelier 76'), Edwards, Moussa (Dobson 69'), Makris (Jackson 62').

Unused Subs: MacGillivray, O'Connell, Hayles-Docherty, Candlin.

Oxford: Eastwood, Carroll, Raglan, Nelson, Skarz, Rothwell (Martinez 45'), Lundstram, Ledson (Ruffels 84'), Johnson (Hemmings 65'), Maguire, McAleny.

Unused Subs: Stevens, Ribeiro, Edwards, Dunkley.

Attendance: 5,417 (1,146 Oxford supporters).



JON WHITNEY

It was a fair result - we will both be happy with a point. Their goal was a bit fortuitous but I think with the effort they put in, you make your own luck. First half, I thought we were the better team, but second half they were, so a point is a fair result.

MATCH STATS

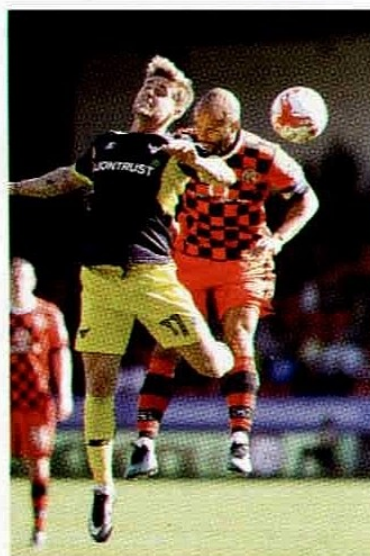


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with Press Officer and Multimedia Editor Ashley Wilkinson

Welcome to the Banks's Stadium for this afternoon's Sky Bet League One game with Swindon Town.

It has been another interesting week in the office at the Banks's, starting with the launch of our brand new children's book SWIFTY, telling the story of how our beloved mascot came to represent our football club.

The book has gone down extremely well and credit must go to Walsall Studio School, Wayne Thomas and everyone involved in creating and publishing the storybook, which is ideal reading for children aged between three and six - you can pick a copy up for your child from the club shop for just £5.99.

Then followed our Open Training Session, with the players put through their paces by Jon Whitney and his coaching staff in front of hundreds of people of all ages.

You can watch our video of the day on YouTube - and see if you can spot yourself in it as the players came past the main stand to sign hundreds of autographs and take plenty of selfies with supporters, while goalkeeper Liam Roberts was good enough to face a string of penalties from five fortunate youngsters - there were some pretty decent efforts too!

It was also my first sample of hosting such an event for the Saddlers - I'm already looking forward to the next one!

On to today then, and the visit of Swindon Town. I was not working for the Saddlers at the time of the reverse fixture, but like everyone in the country I sat gasping in awe when watching the highlights on

Channel 5 that evening as Erhun Oztumer scored two absolute stunners at the County Ground.

Both incidentally feature in our Goal of the Season competition - you have just a few days left to cast your vote. Watch the contenders on YouTube or at www.saddlers.co.uk and follow the link to vote in our poll.

Erhun has a knack for the spectacular and some of his strikes take the breath away - but few goals this season will be as popular as Andreas Makris' opener against Oxford United just over a week ago.

Taking the ball 20 yards out and timing his shot on the bounce, Makris sent a powerful, swerving left-footed effort at goal - leaving the keeper with no chance as it crashed off the crossbar and over the line.

The reaction of Makris and his teammates said it all - it was the Cypriot international's first goal for the club since his move to the Banks's in the summer - a huge weight off the youngster's shoulders, no doubt.

Scott Laird's tweet on Saturday evening summed it up:

"Can't stress enough how happy everyone is for this boy! @andreasmakris33, he works so hard and will be some player for @WFCOfficial"

That hard work goes right through the squad of course, and it will continue in our final four games of this League One season - starting today with a tough game against the Robins.

Feel free to get in touch with me anytime on Twitter @AshWilkinsonWFC, and enjoy the game!

Ash



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SWINDON TOWN



Luke Williams' Swindon are in serious danger of relegation to League Two.

At the time of writing, troubled Town sit third from bottom with just 43 points from 42 matches, three from safety.

They have picked up recently, though - earning surprise 1-0 victories over play-off chasing Millwall and third-placed Fleetwood, before drawing 1-1 with improving MK Dons.

The resurgent Robins netted late in each of those matches - and it is that never-say-die attitude that has given them a fighting chance of preserving their third-tier status.

Before then, things had looked bleak.

A gut-wrenching 2-1 defeat at Bradford on March 18th was the Wiltshire club's fourth in succession - leaving them seven points adrift of 20th.

Indeed, Swindon have struggled all season - spending most of the campaign inside the relegation zone.

Their tally of 11 wins is the joint-third lowest, while only the bottom two have lost more than their 21.

There has also been confusion surrounding the managerial situation in SN1.

Ex-Aston Villa boss Tim Sherwood was appointed director of football in November, with his responsibilities including team selection, tactics and transfers - despite Williams retaining his position as manager.

It promises to be a nerve-shredding final fortnight of the season for the Robins, who have potentially pivotal matches at home to Scunthorpe and away at Charlton to look forward to after today.

Town will be looking for revenge against the Saddlers this afternoon.

Erhun Oztumer's stunning double - including an exquisite 40-yard lob which was later named League One Goal of the Month - earned Walsall a deserved 2-0 win at the County Ground back in October.

Swindon are unbeaten in their last six visits to the Banks's, winning three and drawing three.

The Spine of the team...



Lawrence Vigouroux

Giant keeper who joined Swindon on a permanent deal last summer after impressing on loan from Liverpool in 2015/16. Born in Camden, the 23-year-old moved to Anfield in July 2014 after leaving Tottenham's academy but was unable to break into the Reds' senior side. At the time of writing, Vigouroux has kept 11 clean sheets in 43 appearances this term.



Nathan Thompson

Tough-tackling defender who has made over 150 league appearances for the Robins since progressing through the club's youth ranks. Swindon's captain, the 26-year-old won the club's Player of the Year award in 2012/13 and again the following season. He helped Town reach the League One play-off final in 2014/15 and has been a regular starter this term.



Rohan Ince

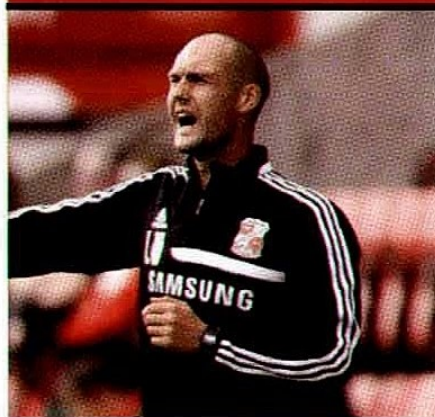
A former Chelsea youth player, the defensive midfielder has featured regularly since signing on loan from Brighton in January. The cousin of former England captain Paul Ince, the Whitechapel-born 24-year-old has scored four goals in 90 appearances for his parent club, whom he joined back in 2013. He played ten times on loan at Fulham last term, netting once.



Nicky Ajose

The 25-year-old striker left Swindon for Charlton last summer but was loaned back to the County Ground in January. A former Manchester United trainee, the diminutive striker scored 25 goals in 40 appearances for the Robins last season and was shortlisted for the League One Player of the Year award. He has also played for Leeds, Crewe and Bury.

MANAGER Luke Williams



The 35-year-old was appointed Swindon boss on a permanent basis in March 2016 after winning six of his ten matches in caretaker charge.

Born in London, the former Bristol Rovers apprentice spent his playing days in non-league, representing Ashford Town, Bishop's Stortford, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge Angels.

He started his coaching

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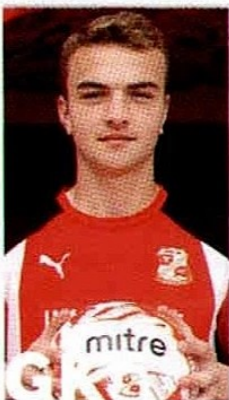
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career as an FA Skills Coach before taking on roles in Leyton Orient and West Ham's youth set-ups.

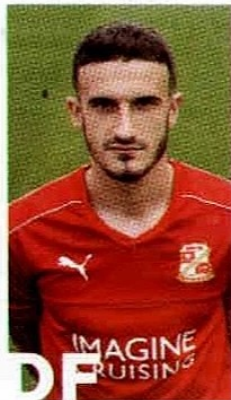
After three years with Brighton's reserves and Under-21s, Williams joined Town as first-team coach in 2013 and was handed the reins, initially on a temporary basis, in December 2015.

He led the Robins to League One safety last term, although the Wiltshire club find themselves in relegation trouble again this season – three points from safety at the time of writing.



Will Henry

A former Bristol City youngster, the 18-year-old signed his first professional contract with Swindon in July 2016. He saved an Ian Henderson penalty 15 minutes into his first-team debut, aged 17, in a 2-2 draw with Rochdale in April 2016.



Bradley Barry

The right-back is the nephew of former England midfielder Gareth. The 22-year-old joined Swindon in September 2015 following his release by Brighton and impressed during his first campaign, winning the 2015/16 Players' Player of the Season award.



Dion Conroy

A product of the Chelsea youth academy, the 21-year-old was loaned out to Aldershot at the start of this season. After impressing in non-league, the Redhill-born defender moved to Swindon on a permanent deal in January this year.



Raphael Rossi Branco

Born in Sao Paulo, the Brazilian centre-back spent time in Corinthians' youth set-up before moving to England with Brighton in 2011 via a spell at Porto Alegre. He joined Whitehawk in 2013 and signed for Swindon in August that year after impressing on trial.

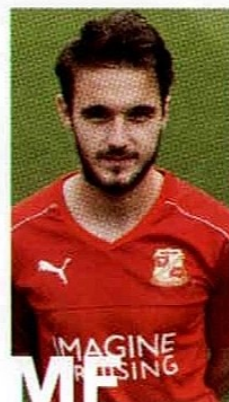


SWINDON TOWN



Jonathon Obika

The 26-year-old started his career with Tottenham and was loaned out 11 times before joining Swindon permanently in 2014. He scored in each of his first four games at the County Ground, equalling a record set in 1926 by all-time record goalscorer Harry Morris.



John Goddard

The 23-year-old midfielder joined Swindon last summer after impressing in non-league with Hayes & Yeading and Woking, where he was named the 2015/16 Player of the Season after scoring 20 goals. Goddard has represented England C on two occasions.



Anton Rodgers

The son of current Celtic boss Brendan Rodgers, the 24-year-old started his career with Chelsea before joining Brighton. The midfielder transferred to Swindon in 2014 and has already racked up over 50 league appearances for the Wiltshire club.



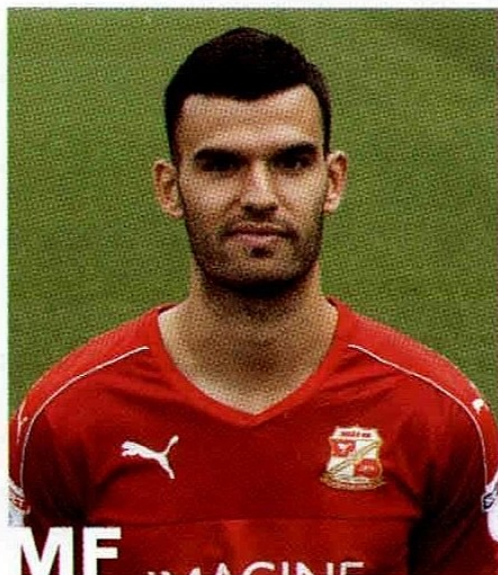
Charlie Colkett

The 20-year-old, who has represented England at different youth levels, joined Swindon from Chelsea in January on loan until the end of the season. During his time with the Blues, Colkett has won the FA Youth Cup and UEFA Youth League on two occasions.



Lloyd Jones

Plymouth-born defender who joined Swindon on a season-long loan deal from Liverpool last August. The 21-year-old, who has appeared on the Reds' first-team bench, has also spent time on loan at Blackpool and Accrington. He has represented both England and Wales at youth level.



Conor Thomas

The 23-year-old joined Swindon after six years with hometown club Coventry, for whom he made exactly 100 league appearances. He joined Liverpool on loan in 2011, with a view to a permanent deal, but suffered a hamstring injury in training.



Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill

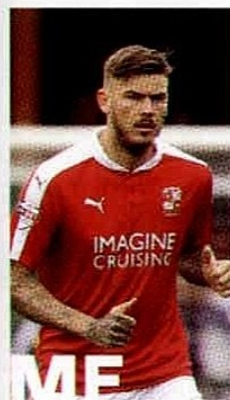
The Sutton-born wing-back is a product of Arsenal's academy. A former England U16 and U19 international, the 21-year-old moved to the County Ground in July 2015 and has featured almost 30 times this term, scoring one goal – against Oldham in September.



James Brophy

The Londoner signed a one-year deal with Swindon in 2015 and agreed a contract extension at the end of last season. The versatile defender moved to SNI following spells in non-league with Broadfields United and Edgeware Town.

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Ben Gladwin

The midfielder is on loan at Swindon from QPR until the end of the season. The 24-year-old spent several years in non-league before being picked up by Town in 2013. He left SNI in 2015 but has since returned twice on loan.



Yaser Kasim

Iraqi holding midfielder who has represented his country on 18 occasions and was voted Iraq's best professional footballer in 2015. The 25-year-old began his senior career with Brighton before joining the Robins in 2013. He has already made over 100 Swindon appearances.



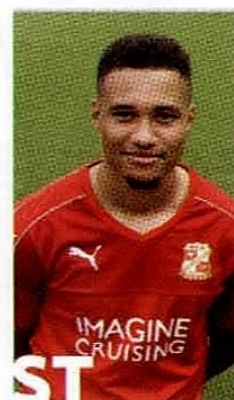
Jesse Starkey

The former Brighton midfielder agreed a permanent deal to join Swindon in January this year. The ex-Chelsea youngster failed to break into the Seagulls' first-team and will be hoping for more involvement at the County Ground.



Luke Norris

Stevenage-born forward who arrived at Swindon on a three-year deal from Gillingham in August last year. The 23-year-old started out with Brentford and enjoyed loan spells with Boreham Wood, Northampton and Dagenham before moving to Priestfield.



Jermaine Hylton

The 23-year-old made it to the final of Sky 1's Wayne Rooney's Street Striker in 2009. The former Birmingham youngster spent time in non-league with Redditch, scoring an impressive 45 goals in 54 league appearances, before joining Town in 2015.

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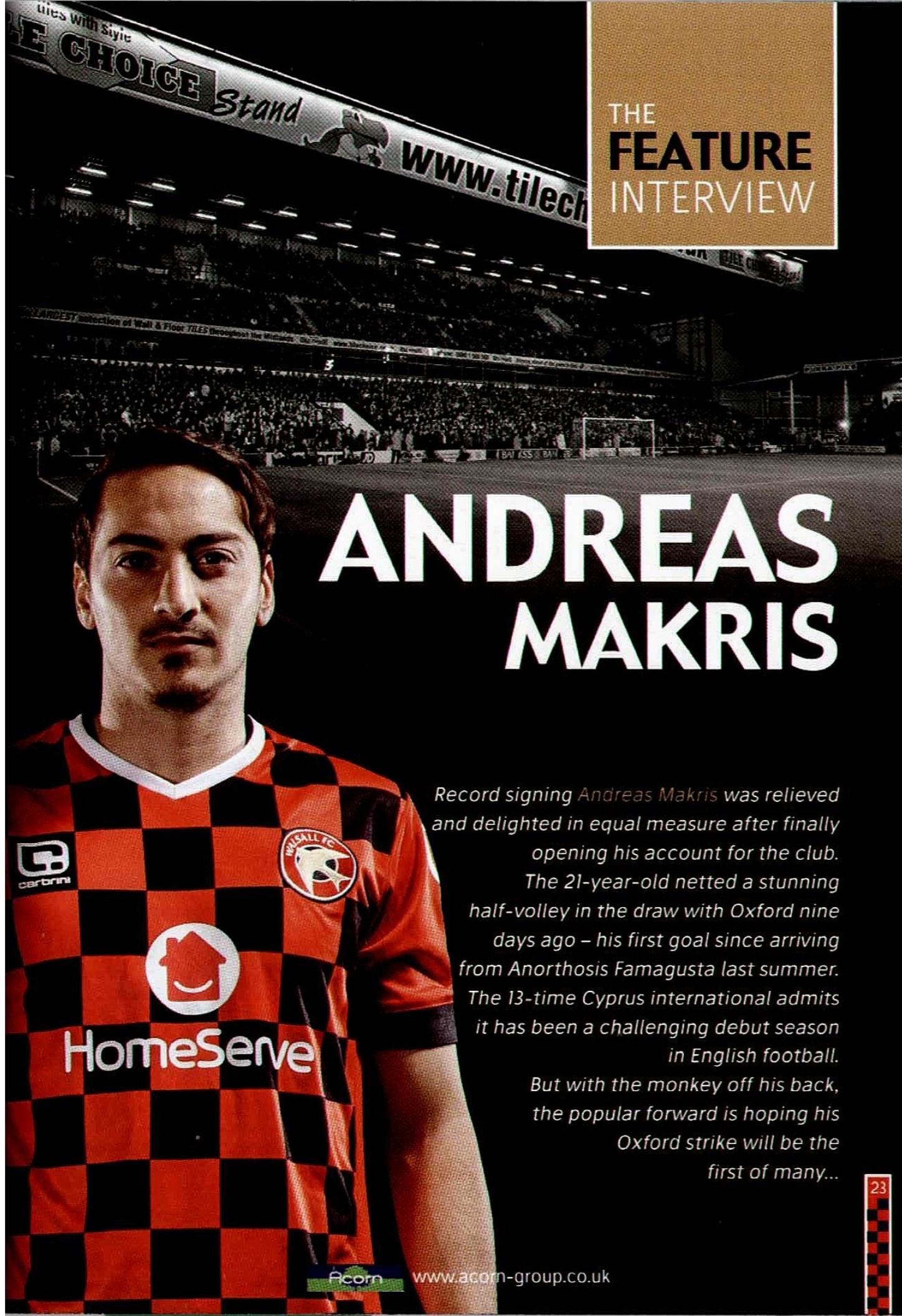
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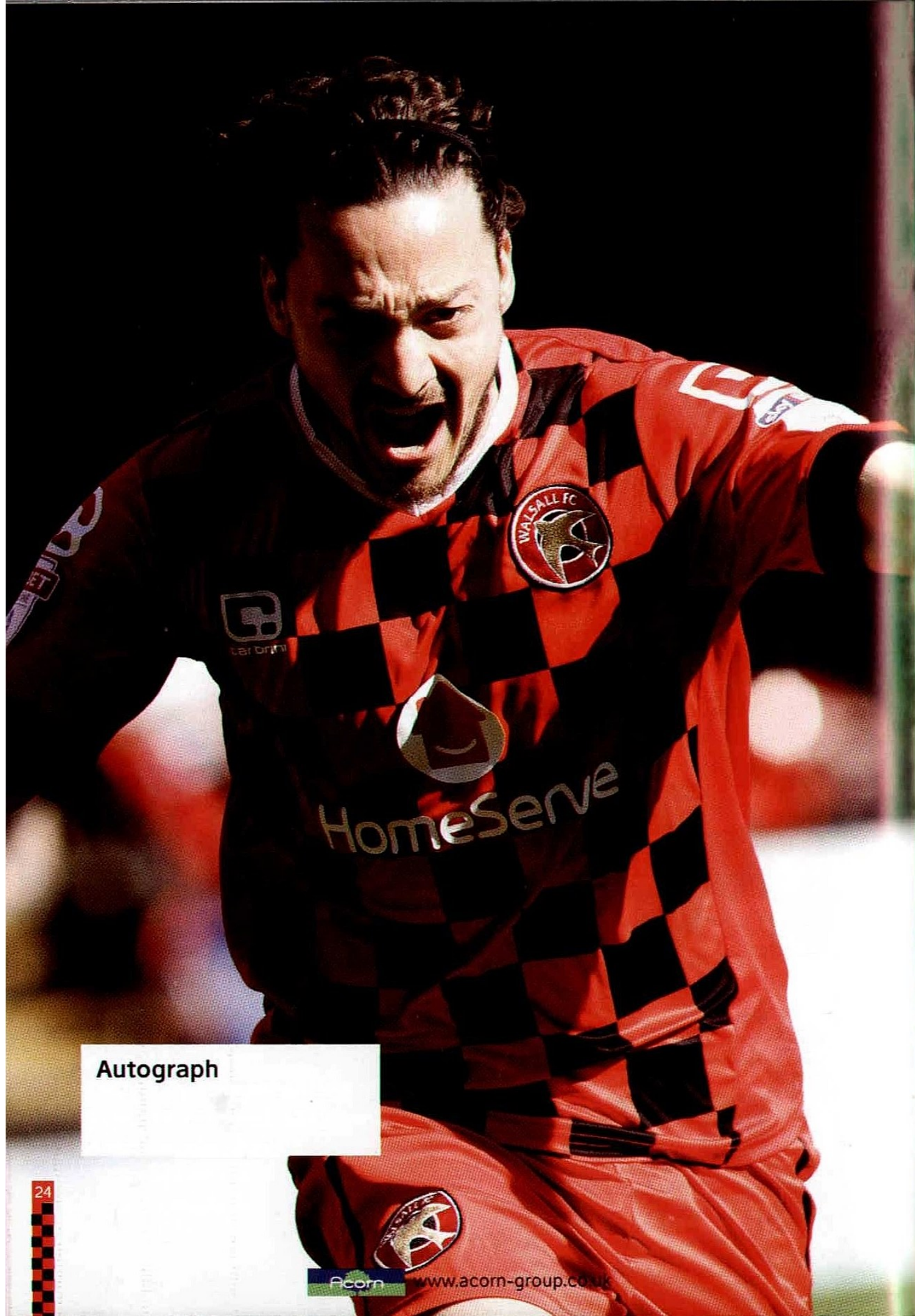
ANDREAS MAKRIS

Record signing Andreas Makris was relieved and delighted in equal measure after finally opening his account for the club.

The 21-year-old netted a stunning half-volley in the draw with Oxford nine days ago – his first goal since arriving from Anorthosis Famagusta last summer. The 13-time Cyprus international admits it has been a challenging debut season in English football.

But with the monkey off his back, the popular forward is hoping his Oxford strike will be the first of many...





Autograph

So first of Andreas, how did it feel to score your first goal for the club?

It's always nice scoring – it had been a long time. I'm happy that it came and I'm hoping there'll be many more to come. I waited for that moment for so long and I'm glad it came at last.

It must have been a real weight off your shoulders... It was a really good feeling for me. I needed this goal. I felt a lot of pressure and, to be honest, I've been through some bad days. I needed time to settle here but now I am ready. It's a boost for my confidence and I will do my best to score many goals for the club. I'm working hard every day and now I've scored my first goal and I'm looking forward to the next goals.

All your teammates celebrated the goal with you, it seems you have a lot of friends within the squad... I want to thank all my teammates, the staff and the coaches because they were waiting for me to score. It is important in the team to have real friends and we are family



It's been hard. I came here 1st August, five days before the start of the season and I was not ready. Coming from Cyprus, their league starts a month later so I was not ready and the first games I was not myself. It was hard for me at first as it's very different here to where I used to play. There are a lot of differences from the Cypriot league and I needed some time to settle

difficult to play here and England is the best place to play. My dream was to play in England and when I came here my dream came true. I knew I would pass a lot of difficulties during my first season but now I am feeling very well and hopefully I can kick on now.

Has English football been what you expected it to be? Yes, I always followed the English leagues because it was a dream to come to England. I was always following the

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– we are trying to make the best of our abilities for the team.

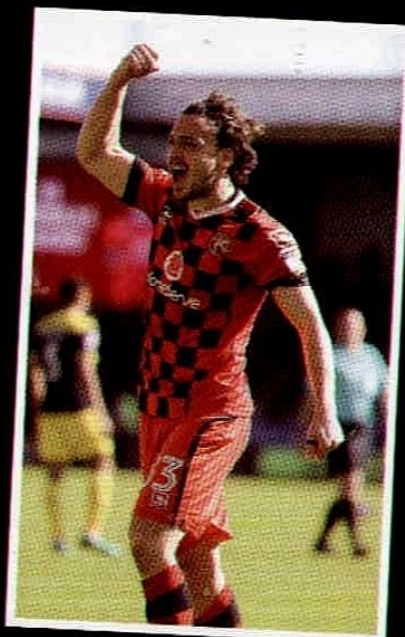
And the fans have really supported you... I could feel their support for me when I was not so well. Scoring is a thank you to them.

It's your first season with the Saddlers, how have you found the transition from Cypriot football to English football?

here. At first I had difficulties but now I feel very strong. I'm working hard for next season and this season is not over yet – we have four games left and we have to finish the season well.

What are the main differences between the two leagues?

There are a lot of differences. The Cypriot league is more technical, here is more passion, aerial abilities and strength. It's much more



results and I had a good idea of what happens here.

In what ways has manager Jon Whitney supported you? He's given me time and a lot of chances. At first I was not myself but he stayed positive with me. He always spoke to me and wanted to know about everything – not only how I'm feeling on the field or at the training ground, but at home. He's helped me a lot and I must say a big thank you to all the staff, especially the gaffer.

Away from football, how have you found settling into life in England? There have been a lot of differences from the life I had in Cyprus to now. Everything is different here – the lifestyle, the football and, of course, the weather! In Cyprus it's sunny every day all year, so you can imagine it took me some time to get used to the weather over here.

Tell us a bit about your background. Is it true your father was a footballer? Yes, he was a footballer in a local team in our hometown. He played at youth national level. It was difficult to play



football in Cyprus at that moment. I have two brothers and two sisters. My mother was also an athlete, she ran 100 metres and was number one in Cyprus. My sisters were like that and my two brothers loved playing football. My older brother is playing in the third division in Cyprus.

You also did military service as well for two years, what was that like?

It was quite tough! I did it for two years after school. I didn't have enough time to sleep – only five to six hours – and I was out training from eight in the morning to eight at night. After that, from 9-12 I was like a guard, working three hours. I would sleep and repeat every day. In Cyprus you have to do it and I'm glad I did.

Did you always want to be a footballer?

Yes, I always wanted to be a

footballer due to my father and family. I was always in the field playing football – I was born there!

And you ended up making your first-team debut for AEP Paphos at just 16... In Paphos at that time, they had some financial problems, and many of the academy players had the chance to prove themselves in the first-team. I got the chance and after ten games I got the move to one of the biggest clubs in Cyprus, Anorthosis Famagusta.

So how did you find your time with Anorthosis? I made almost 100 appearances and built my name there. I had a good spell and I'm thankful to the people who were there for giving me a chance. It's a big club in Cyprus and they want to win the title. It was good for me

because I had three quite good seasons and since leaving there, I've received a lot of positive messages. Before I came to Walsall, I was one of the captains in the squad. I was the second captain because it was my fourth year. I got my move here and life changed for me.

You received a number of awards in Cyprus too...

Yes, I was voted teen athlete of the year, best player of the year, best young player of the year and best Cypriot scorer of the year. That season, I scored 13 which was my best. I was in the army and also scoring goals so it was a great achievement for me.

What has it been like representing your country?

It's always nice playing for your country. I'm glad I've had this opportunity to play for my country and I want to be there for every international game. Everyone wants to play for their national team and I'm very proud of this.

You've certainly done a lot at a very young age...

I'm still 21 but I feel much older! I've got more than 150 appearances in my career up to now – and I'm very glad about that. I don't feel young because I've been living alone from 17 when I moved to Anorthosis, which was two hours from my home. I had to get used to taking care of everything for myself.

Back to the Saddlers, and what did you make of the team performance against Oxford in our last home match?

In the first half we had some chances and were unlucky not to score. Our reaction after half-time was good, we came back and scored immediately. But in the end I thought it was



a fair result. We go into every game to win, but if you don't win – don't lose. Credit to Oxford as they're a good side and they played some very good football.

With the season coming to a close, how do you reflect on the campaign overall?

It's been a strange year. We had some good results and gave ourselves a chance of the play-offs, but recently we've had a few bad results and we're now in mid-table. I know last year we reached the play-offs but many of the players left the team. This has been a building season for the next one because we've had many new players. Some players need more time – like I did – and I feel next season will be better for everyone.

Finally, what are your targets for the remainder of the season – both individually and collectively?

For the team, we are playing for our pride, building for next season for our club and fans. There are four games remaining and we will try to win them all. We will always try to get three points. For me, now I've scored my first goal, I'm hoping for many more!

ANDREAS MAKRIS STATS

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31

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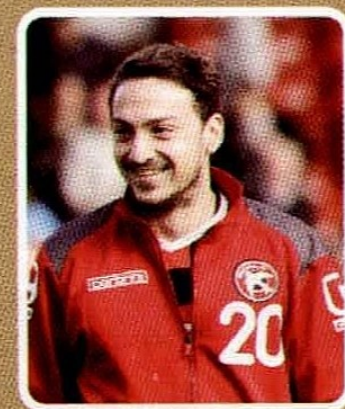
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BEST CAREER GAME

Cyprus v Belgium. We lost 1-0, Eden Hazard scored in the 88th minute but it was nice to play against such great players. Hazard, Lukaku and Kompany – they're some of the greatest players in the world. It's always nice playing with those players.

BEST CAREER GOAL

In Cyprus, a diving header which was voted the second best goal in the league. It was against AEL Limassol and we won the game 2-1 so I'll go for that.



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The Quiz

This season we are putting our players' general knowledge to the test in a brand new quiz!

You can play along yourself; just bend the page back to hide the answers - but no cheating!

Week 21 Dobson v Edwards

1. Where do the Simpsons live?
2. How long is an Olympic swimming pool?
3. Which planet is closest to the sun?
4. Clark Kent is the alter ego of which superhero?
5. What word is used to describe a group of ants?
6. What colour is the circle on the Japanese flag?
7. Who wrote the book 'A Brief History of Time'?
8. How many lines are there in a limerick?
9. How many sides does a dodecagon have? a) 10 b) 12 c) 20
10. Which non-league football team play their home games at Aggborough?

Edwards wins 7-3!

George Dobson

- 1) Springfield
 - 2) 50 metres
 - 3) Neptune x
 - 4) Batman x
 - 5) Pass x
 - 6) Red
 - 7) Don't know x
 - 8) 4 x
 - 9) 20 x
 - 10) Gosport Borough x
- 3/10

Joe Edwards

- 1) Springfield
 - 2) 50 metres
 - 3) Mercury
 - 4) Superman
 - 5) Pass x
 - 6) Red
 - 7) Stephen Hawking
 - 8) Don't know x
 - 9) 12
 - 10) Solihull Moors x
- 7/10

Answers:
 1) Springfield
 2) 50 metres
 3) Mercury
 4) Superman
 5) Colony of ants
 6) Red
 7) Stephen Hawking
 8) Don't know
 9) 12
 10) Kidderminster Harriers

THE PROGRAMME VAULT



Today's vintage programme is from an old Division Three match against Swindon Town on Tuesday 20th October 1981. The 16-page publication cost just 30 pence and contained plenty of interesting and varied reading material...

In his programme notes, joint-manager Alan Buckley wrote about the transformation in both teams' fortunes, with Walsall and Swindon both flying high after struggling the previous season.

He also reviewed the Saddlers' 3-1 victory over Portsmouth a few days earlier and outlined his plans to strengthen the squad.

There was also background information on Swindon, match action images from the aforementioned Pompey win and a review of recent results around the division.

In 'Press Box', journalist Tony Leighton commented on his dislike for matches being moved from their "natural Saturday slot" to a different day of the week. He wouldn't be impressed with today's football schedule!

The reserve team page mentioned a certain Craig Shakespeare, 'Soap Box' replied to fan letters and an unusual feature looked at Walsall's water polo team.

The match itself was a one-sided affair – the super Saddlers hammering sorry Swindon 5-0 before a crowd of 6,010.

Buckley and Mark Rees each scored twice, while John Loveridge was also on target in our biggest victory of the campaign.

It was Walsall's sixth win in 11 matches since Neil Martin's return to the club as joint-manager with Buckley. The former would take sole charge in January.

That run of results left the Saddlers in second place, a point off top.

But that encouraging start

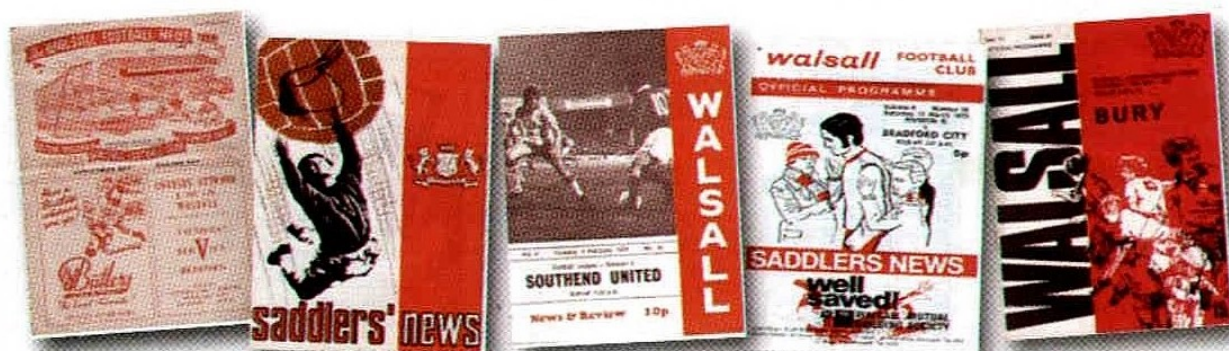
proved hugely misleading as Walsall – who narrowly avoided the drop the previous campaign – soon became embroiled in another relegation battle.

Fifth at the start of February, the Saddlers plummeted down the table after a horror run of two wins from the final 22, finishing 20th and surviving demotion only on goal difference.

A goalless final-day draw with Doncaster could have been costly, but a 1-0 defeat for Swindon at Newport sent the Robins down instead.

In a turbulent 1981/82 campaign, plans were leaked of a possible ground-share with Wolves – leading to fan protests and an organised march.

Thankfully, nothing came of those highly-controversial proposals.



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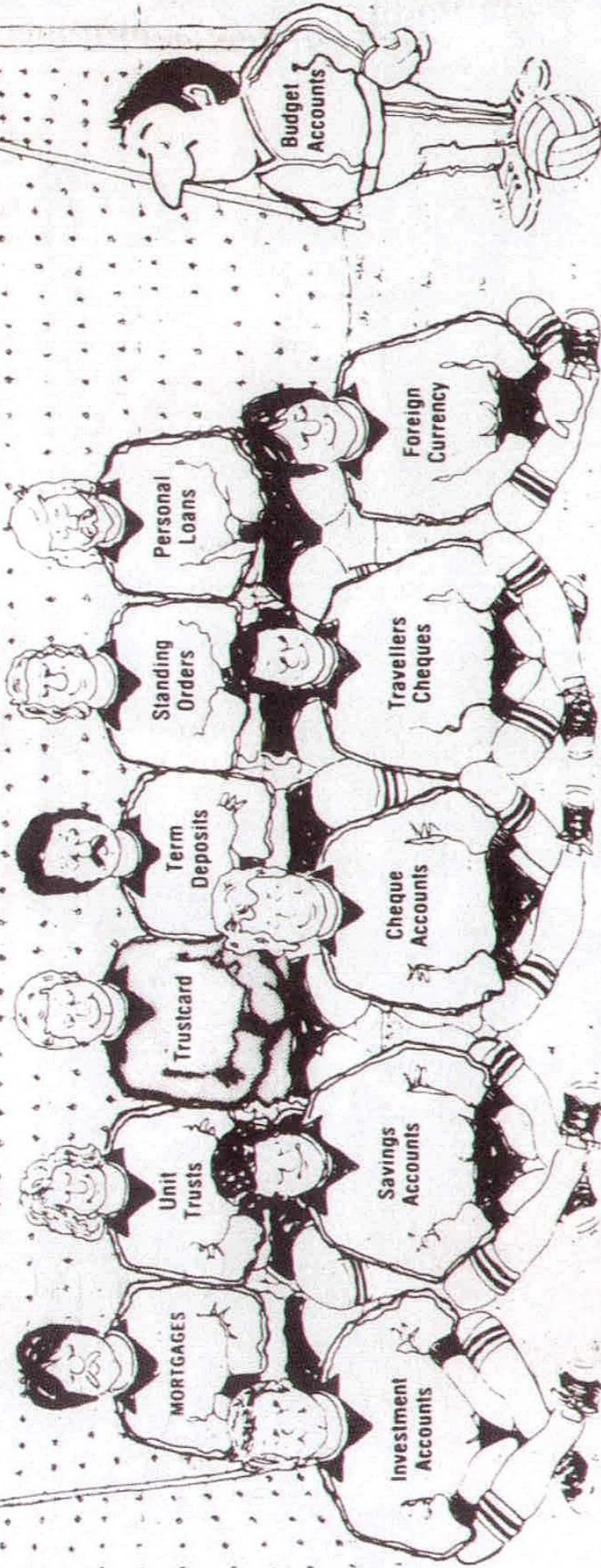
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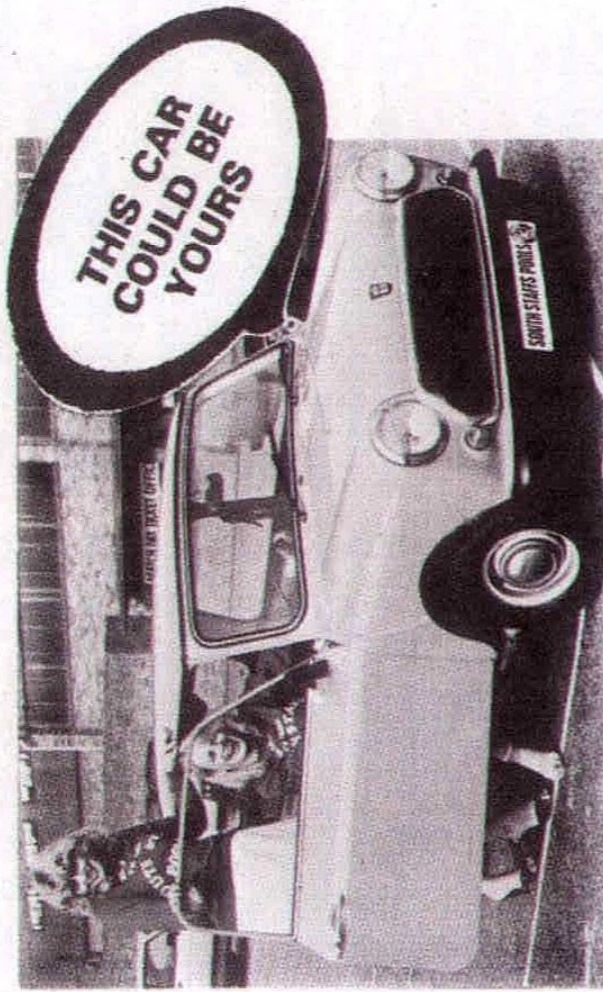
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Tonight's match against Swindon Town is one of those occasions that prove the old adage 'football's a funny game'.

As it is recalled in the *Welcome to our visitors*, the last time Swindon came here was for our last home match of last season, when both clubs were struggling near the foot of Division Three, and in the end we both ended with the same points tally, only just above the relegation bracket.

Tonight could not be any more of a contrast. Swindon are top of the table, we are fourth - yet neither side has undergone any major changes.

So spectators should see a very different game tonight, with both sets of players full of confidence. It all points to a hard game for us, but it should also mean great entertainment for supporters.

I don't think that fans anywhere in the country can have had better value for money than has been served up at Fellows Park in the last couple of matches. We got our biggest attendance of the season against Portsmouth last Saturday, and hopefully we shall get even more supporters here tonight after the result of that match.

We really had to work hard for our 3-1 victory, just as we shall have to

Goal

Alan

Buckley

work hard tonight. Teams like Portsmouth and Swindon don't come to Fellows Park to give anything away, and it's up to us to go out there and take the three points that are up for grabs.

On Saturday we did that and scored our biggest victory of the season - we might even have got more goals than the three we scored - but we went off the boil during a couple of periods and that might have let Portsmouth back into the match.

We brought danger on ourselves, especially when we coasted after the first goal - away teams are always going to come out and attack you when you are only one goal up, and when you do get that initial breakthrough it's important to

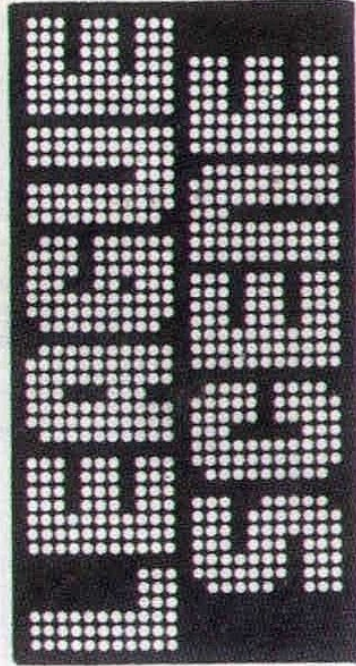
press on for a second goal. What we need is a tighter and more consistent approach throughout matches rather than relying on our 'purple patches' to see us through.

But is was a good overall display against Portsmouth, and I was particularly pleased to see Kenny Beech get his first goal for the club with a fine header. Dave Serrella also popped up to get his first goal of the season.

John Loveridge did very well on his home debut, making the passes for a couple of the goals. He is a very good passer of the ball and - as a skilful, footballing type of player - he will click very quickly into the pattern of the team's play.

Unfortunately Kenny Mower was unavailable through a hamstringing injury on Saturday, while two other first team squad players are also out injured - Steve Round with a fractured bone in his foot and David Preece with bones in the back of his hand cracked.

We were almost down to a bare minimum of fully fit, experienced first team players on Saturday, in fact, and this is another pointer to our need to strengthen the squad. I feel that we need one more quality player to round off the first team squad and also to give us the extra 'cushion' we need in case of injuries.



Saturday's win over Portsmouth was our fourth in a row at Fellow Park - our best run here since the beginning of the 1979/80 season, when after drawing against Chester in the League Cup, we won our first four League games here against Stockport, Hereford, Hartlepool and Lincoln.

Saturday's gate of 4,408 was our highest here since 6,026 saw us draw with Barnsley last April.

Wimbledon by contrast attracted only 1,689 for the visit of Chester on Saturday, the lowest Third Division gate of this season, but these few fans did at least have the consolation of seeing their team end a run of four successive home defeats by winning 1-0 with Paul Lazarus getting his first league goal.

Tonight's visitors Swindon maintained their unbeaten away record on Saturday - something they share with Second Division Oldham and Luton - with a spectacular 4-1 win at Bristol Rovers. This was their first visit to Eastville since 1968/9 and brought them their third win in five games there.

The other main promotion contenders, Chesterfield, had a shock on Saturday, however, going down to their first home defeat since January as Southend beat them 2-1 at Saltergate. This was United's

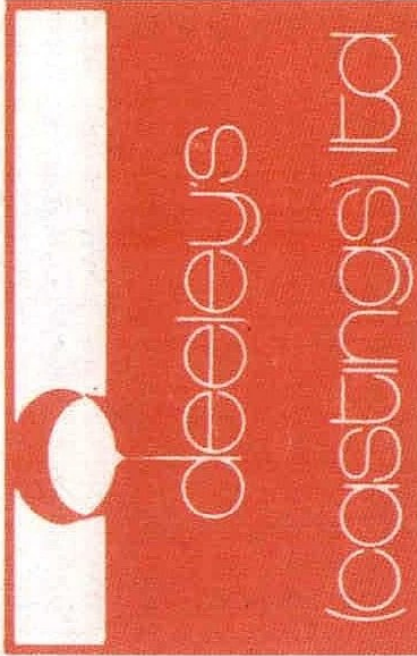
first away win since their opening day success here and young Danny Greaves, son of Jimmy, followed up his feat of scoring on his first appearance as substitute, by scoring in his first full league game. Doncaster are also still well in the running in their first season back in Division Three, Saturday's win over Millwall being their fifth 1-0 success of the season.

Another team making a habit of low scores are Preston North End, whose goalless draw with Reading on Saturday leaves them with the record of playing nine games in a row in which neither side has scored more than once.

Carlisle's Gordon Staniforth got the first hat-trick of his career in his side's 3-1 win over luckless Plymouth on Saturday and, talking of strikers, our former player Roy McDonough got his sixth goal of the season on Saturday in his side's 4-0 win over York, that keeps them optimistic about bouncing straight back up again from Division Four.

Sheffield United have similar hopes and have not lost at home so far while turning now to a Fourth Division team of just four years ago Swansea City, they have moved to the top of Division One by a hundred per cent home record and two away wins, all spearheaded by striker Bob Latchford, whose matchwinner on Saturday was his seventh goal of the season.

Ian Wallace also got a matchwinner for Nottingham Forest against his former club, Coventry City. Ian now has nine goals this season while a striker just embarking on his career, Arsenal's Raphael Meade, got the goal that enabled the 'Gunners' to chalk up their third 1-0 win in the space of four games at Highbury.



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The Fourth Division would have been a new experience for the 'Robins' who have a few remarkable feats to their credit over the years. While still members of the Southern League, they twice reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup before the first world war, and were then members of Division Three (South) throughout its existence from 1921 to 1958.

Since then they have had two spells in Division Two the second of these lasting five seasons after they had gone up on the crest of a wave with a remarkable League Cup Final win over Arsenal at Wembley for good measure. In fact in 1969/70 they were within striking distance of Division One, when finishing fifth in Division Two and winning the Anglo-Italian Cup as well.

They slipped back to Division Three in 1974, and have had rather a fluct-

uating time since. They just missed promotion in 1974/5 then narrowly escaped relegation a year later. In both 1978/9 and 1979/80, they mounted promotion bids only to fall away in the latter part of the season, then last season they failed to achieve any sort of consistency though at their best they won 4-3 at Exeter and 2-0 at Huddersfield, then beat promotion winners Barnsley and Charlton at the County Ground.

THIS SEASON

So far they have achieved some excellent away results with wins at Chelsea and Exeter and draws at Chester and Southend, conceding only one goal in the process whilst at home they have beaten Wimbledon, Preston and Carlisle and have lost to fellow promotion pacesetters Reading and Chesterfield. Their cup-fighting tradition (remember how close they came to putting out Wolves in the League Cup semi-final two seasons ago) was not furthered, however, as they went out 5-2 on aggregate to Second Division Wrexham.

Leading scorer so far is established midfielder ROY CARTER, signed from Hereford five years ago, while promising young PAUL RIDEOUT, who made his debut last November, was on the mark against Carlisle on Saturday. ANDY ROWLAND (ex-Bury) has been the leading scorer in

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each of the last two seasons and ROY GREENWOOD (ex-Hull, Sunderland and Derby) is also a useful goal-snatcher from a deeper position.

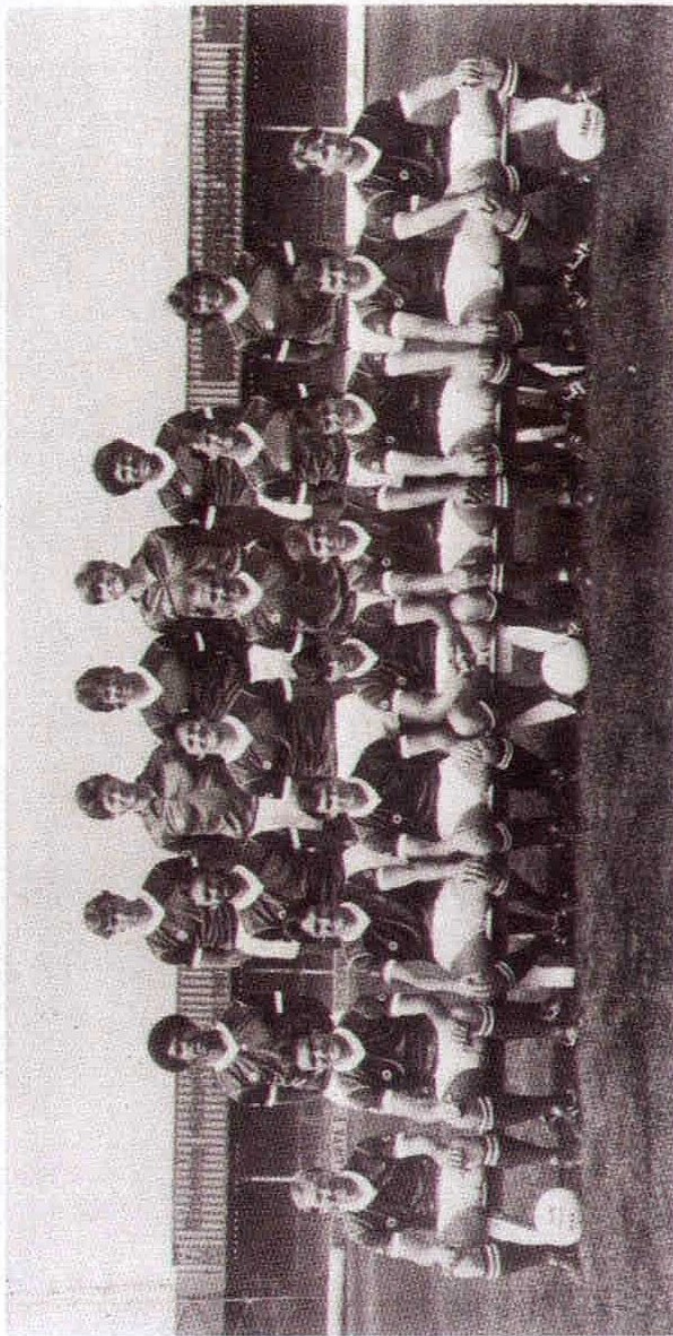
He scored against us at Swindon last season, but two others who netted against us, Ian Miller and Alan Mayes have now moved to Portsmouth and Chelsea respectively. BRIAN WILLIAMS (ex-Bury and Q.P.R.) is now well established in midfield, while former Birmingham man GARY EMMANUEL has moved this season from Bristol Rovers, and BRIAN HUGHES has graduated from the apprentice ranks.

In defence manager JOHN TROLLOPE, himself a stouthearted defender in 770 league games, has achieved solidity, with the experienced DAVID PEACH (ex-Gillingham and Southampton), alongside home-grown RUSSELL LEWIS and CHARLES HENRY. Behind them Scotsman JIMMY ALLEN has played over 300 league and cup games and was an ever-present last season.

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CLIFF HOWLES - REPLIES

Please allow me to comment on your remarks made in the Wimbledon programme.

Firstly the programme has risen in price (5p) since the start of last season. Sorry Mr Stanton you are wrong.

Next the reason I found it necessary to write to the 'Argus', I have written several letters to the club in the past few seasons but have never received replies.

Finally you did not mention the errors made by one of 'Footballs Finest Statistician' (your comments in Wimbledon programme). Last seasons 'Saddlers AtoZ' was riddled with mistakes.

Cliffe Howles, Wednesbury.
PUBLISHERS COMMENT. Thanks for writing Cliff, at least your letter is being answered, not as you say they have not been so before. However the cost of the programme - the first 12 programmes of last season the price was 25p, the last 13 were priced at 30p, so it is correct to say that we have kept the cost the same as last season. Finally Cliff, it is fair to be critical of editorial in last seasons programme, when you are talking of this seasons', without saying so. Thanks again for writing.

Michael R. Yates - STATISTICS

Those you requested, Michael, are too many to publish, but they have been prepared by Geoff Allman, and can be collected from the club offices.

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Bookings before or after todays match at the Hillary Street entrance boutique.

HERE ARE SOME REPLIES TO LETTERS WE HAVE RECEIVED. FROM TIME TO TIME WE WILL PUBLISH MORE OF THEM - SO WHY NOT WRITE, SAYING WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ ABOUT, OR STATISTICS THAT YOU MAY REQUIRE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU ON YOUR EXPLOITS WHILE WATCHING 'THE SADDLERS'.

SOAP BOX

Miss C. Adams - Wolverhampton

Could you please send me the statistics of all the Walsall players, likes dislikes, married or single, favorite T.V. programme. I have been a Walsall supporter for 8 years and so far have been at every match this season.

The club have over the last few seasons - and certainly two seasons ago, when I was involved in certain of the programmes - published these details, and felt we did not wish to repeat them again this season in the way they were presented before, but we are now looking at presenting them in a complete form in a future issue.

PRESS BOX, THIS ISSUE.

What are your views on the day you like to see your matches at Walsall played. Send us your views and for the letter we think is the best reason, a stand ticket will be given. Letters before the 23rd October, addressed to Don Stanton c/o The Club.

New Zealand Supporter writes to Paul Marston
It was with great pleasure that I read your recent article in 'Press Box'. What memories it brought back to me of years ago following the good old Saddlers all over Britain in good years and in bad. In the late 50's and until 1966 when I left England, there was a regular coach-load of us that went everywhere with the team. This was in the days of Colin Taylor, Stan Bennett, Alan Clark, Ken Hill and Alan Boswell to mention just a few. Many times I have recalled our never-to-be-forgotten jubilation on the night The Saddlers made it into Division 2 at Shrewsbury. I sincerely hope that the faithful supporters mentioned in your article will one day soon experience the same jubilation. I still follow the fortunes of the team as I listen each Sunday morning to a BBC report and results of the weekends games.

I was very surprised to see Colin Harrison in the latest team photograph. What a stalwart of the club he has been, as he was in the first team when I left England. My most recent interests in the team is the progress of young Mark Bates, whose parents are friends of mine.

Perhaps you will be hearing more about soccer in New Zealand soon, as our National team are well on their way to qualifying for the World Cup in Spain. They are playing the final eliminating games during the next few weeks and we are hopeful of great success for them.

Every good wish to my old club and to the faithful supporters it still has.

Carol Imbens (nee Burgess)

Wellington, New Zealand.

PORTSMOUTH ACTION

1. Ken Beech hits the first goal.

2. Don Penn heads the ball down to -

3. -Dave Serella, who gets down to score the 2nd goal.

4. Alan Buckley hits the third goal.

Front cover, is John Loveridge, making the pass for Alan Buckley's goal.

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SATURDAY NEXT 24th October

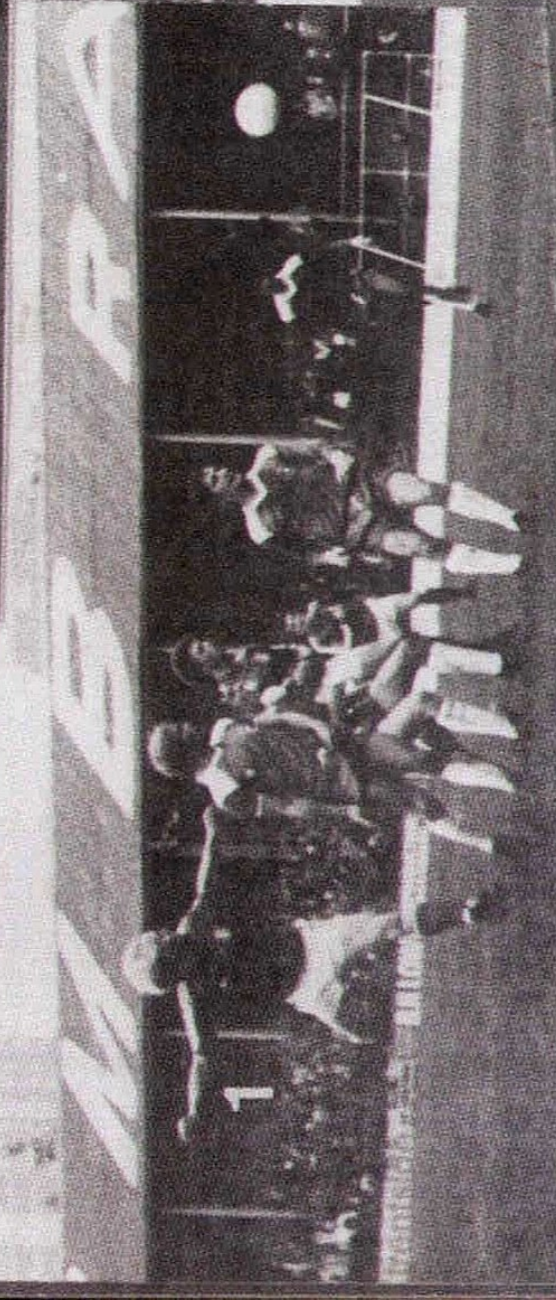
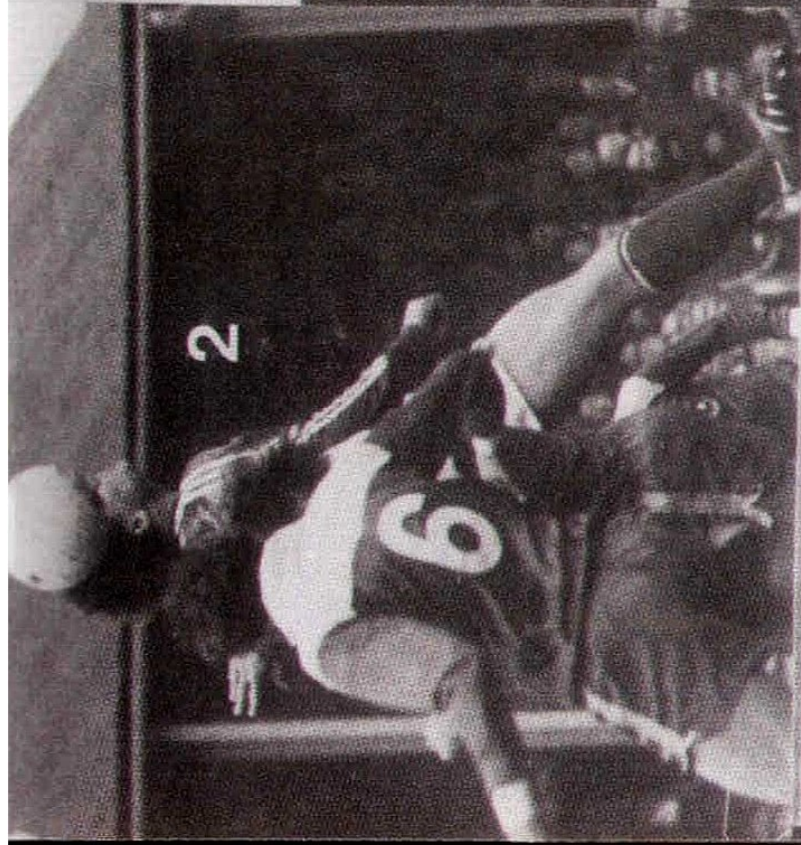
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Portsmouth ACTION



Travelling to, reporting on and coming back home from Millwall v Walsall Sunday match last week confirmed my feelings on the Sunday Soccer experiment - you can keep it!

I cannot drum up any great enthusiasm for a match that, as part of the weekend Football League programme, is taken out of its natural Saturday slot and played in isolation on the following day.

My feelings are the same about Friday night matches, which are similarly meant to be part of the Saturday schedule.

The main argument for playing these games on either Friday night, or Sunday afternoons is that clubs draw bigger crowds - and therefore make more money - than they would do if the matches were played on Saturdays.

I can understand and sympathise with this argument, and must agree that it is financially sensible for a club to switch their fixtures if they can consistently achieve higher gates on traditionally no-football days.

But the atmosphere surrounding these matches is lost when they are not played as part of the overall Saturday programme.

As an avid football fan as well as a reporter on our game, I like to view

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a match as just one part of an exciting match day pastiche.

The anticipation of the game involves thoughts and discussion on how other teams will be fairing whilst our own team is doing battle.

While the match is on, the in-ground atmosphere is heightened by the news of other games filtering through and the Half Time Scoreboard always brings about a few cheers, jeers and terrace chat around the possibilities that are thrown up by the half times.

Then, after the game, as well as talking over the match there is the 'Pink' or the 'Argus' to look forward to with a chance to see and read about how all the other teams got on, to look at the League Tables and to set your own game into the context of a full day of football.

There is even Match of the Day to

come, which rounds off what has normally been an enjoyable day whether your team won or lost.

Friday night and Sunday afternoon games are devoid of all this. It is football in a vacuum. The game itself may be exciting and you can enjoy the 90 minutes it takes to play out the match - but football is about more than 90 minutes of on-field action, especially if you are travelling to an away match, which quite often will take up the whole of your day.

So let's have all this Friday night/Sunday afternoon nonsense finished with and have all of our Saturday Football League Programme played on Saturday. Then we can devote Sundays to, well, football. Now, there's this team in the Walsall Junior Youth League who I reckon are worth watching.....

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The second team have started their Midland Intermediate League season in fine style, scoring five wins in seven matches and losing only to strong Wolves and Aston Villa sides.

The 3-2 defeat by Villa came in the fourth match of the season, since when we have won three games out of three culminating in a 7-0 thrashing of Mansfield.

The excellent run has not been without its disappointments, however, injuries to midfielder David Preece and Striker Steve Round being especially worrying with both of them members of the first team squad.

They both took knocks in the match against Shrewsbury, which we won 4-2 in what was probably our best display of the season. Shrewsbury fielded a very strong side which included five players who had turned out for the first team in Second Division matches.

Young Craig Shakespeare had a most impressive game, particularly after he had switched from left back to midfield when David Preece had to go off with an injury to his hand.

David had in fact cracked two bones in the back of his hand, while later in the match Steve Round got a kick on the foot which resulted in the fracture of a small bone.

The injury was not thought at first to be so serious, and Steve actually played in the 7-0 win over Mansfield. He struggled badly during the latter stages of the match though, and went to hospital the following morning for the X-rays which revealed the extent of the damage.

The victory over Mansfield had been a personal triumph for Paul Waddington, who got three of the goals which swamped the visitors and helped push the Reserves aggregate score up to 24 goals in their last six matches. And that's not bad going by anybody's standards!

Last Saturday's match away to Derby County had to be postponed, due to Derby's injury problems, as they could not field a side.

NEXT HOME GAMES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th 1981 - K.O. 11 a.m.
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OPPONENTS		SCORE
Aug. 29 - Wolves	A	0-2
Sept. 5 - West Bromwich Albion	A	4-0
Sept. 12 - Stoke City	A	3-1
Sept. 19 - Aston Villa	H	2-3
Sept. 26 - Birmingham City	A	5-1
Oct. 3 - Shrewsbury	H	4-2
Oct. 8 - Mansfield Town	H	7-0
Oct. 17 - Derby County	A	
Oct. 24 - Leicester City	H	
Oct. 31 - Nottingham Forest	A	
Nov. 7 -		
Nov. 14 - Coventry City	A	
Nov. 21 - Notts County	H	
Nov. 28 -		
Dec. 5 - West Bromwich Albion	H	
Dec. 12 -		
Dec. 19 - Birmingham City	H	
1982		
Jan. 9 - Aston Villa	A	
Jan. 16 - Wolves	H	
Jan. 23 - Notts County	A	
Jan. 30 - Shrewsbury Town	A	
Feb. 6 - Derby County	H	
Feb. 13 - Mansfield Town	A	
Feb. 20 - Nottingham Forest	H	
Feb. 27 - Leicester City	A	
Mar. 6 - Coventry City	H	

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE				SCORE	ATT.	OPPONENTS	1982	SCORE	ATT.
Aug. 29	Southend United	H	0-1	3419	Jan. 2	Burnley (FA 3)	H		
Sept. 1	Bristol City (1st L LC)	A	0-2	3906	Jan. 9	Brentford	H		
Sept. 5	Brentford	A	0-0	5350	Jan. 13	League Cup 5			
Sept. 12	Chesterfield	H	1-1	3280	Jan. 16	Exeter City	A		
Sept. 15	Bristol City (2nd L LC)	H	1-0	2830	Jan. 23	Southend United (FA 4)	A		
Sept. 19	Oxford United	A	1-0	3685	Jan. 30	Oxford United	H		
Sept. 23	Chester	A	0-0	1978	Feb. 3	League Cup SF 1			
Sept. 26	Wimbledon	H	1-0	3027	Feb. 6	Chesterfield	A		
Sept. 29	Lincoln City	H	2-1	3653	Feb. 9	Chester (LC SF 2)	H		
Oct. 3	Bristol City	A	1-0	6033	Feb. 13	Bristol City (FA 5)	H		
Oct. 7	League Cup 2 (1L)				Feb. 20	Lincoln City	A		
Oct. 11	Millwall	A	0-2	6289	Feb. 27	Millwall	H		
Oct. 17	Portsmouth	H	3-1	4408	Mar. 6	Portsmouth (FA 6)	A		
Oct. 20	Swindon Town	H			Mar. 9	Swindon Town	A		
Oct. 24	Carlisle United	A			Mar. 13	Carlisle United (LCF)	H		
Oct. 28	League Cup 2 (2L)				Mar. 16	Reading	H		
Oct. 31	Plymouth Argyle	H			Mar. 20	Plymouth Argyle	A		
Nov. 4	Reading	A			Mar. 27	Newport County	A		
Nov. 7	Newport County	H			April 3	Fulham (FA SF)	H		
Nov. 11	League Cup 3				April 10	Huddersfield Town	A		
Nov. 14	Fulham	A			April 13	Preston North End	H		
Nov. 21	F.A. Cup 1				April 17	Gillingham	H		
Nov. 28	Bristol Rovers	H			April 24	Bristol Rovers	A		
Dec. 2	League Cup 4				May 1	Exeter City	H		
Dec. 5	Gillingham	A			May 4	Wimbledon	A		
Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2				May 8	Burnley	A		
Dec. 19	Doncaster Rovers	A			May 15	Doncaster Rovers	H		
Dec. 26	Huddersfield Town	H			May 22	F.A. Cup Final			
Dec. 28	Preston North End	A							

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3.

Saturday October 17th 1981.

Home v Portsmouth.

Score: 3-1. Scorers: Beech, Serella, Buckley.
Green, Macken, Caswell, Beech, Serella,
Hart, Rees, Loveridge, Penn, Buckley,
Waddington (S), Sub. O'Kelly for Loveridge.

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Following on from last Saturday's programme - *Personality Spot* - when we talked about David Bathurst, the D.J. from Radio Saddle, but also gave you an insight into David's world as an International Water Polo referee, we continue with a brief outline on that game which I am sure that many of you have not seen.

Aquatic Football, that was what Water Polo was once described, and in many senses it is similar to football, with the main aim being to put the ball in the back of the opponents' net. There are, of course, a few rules which govern the way in which the game is conducted. Unfortunately, these rules have been chopped and changed over the years, with the result that many of the older spectators can today hardly recognise the sport as they knew it.

Each team can have a squad of 13 players, with 7 being in the water at any time - substitutions can be made after goals, or at the

end of a period (the game is split into 4 equal periods). Playing time is 28 minutes for the more senior games, and 20 minutes for the lesser games - but every time the whistle goes the timekeeper stops the clock, resulting in games lasting between 40 minutes and an hour.

But let's look at Walsall's water polo team.....

This season, the senior team has been competing in the Second Division of the National League, and in the Midland Senior League - together with various Cup Competitions. In addition, the 'B' team has competed in the Birmingham League (Division 1), and a Junior team (Under 18) has played in the Midland Junior League.

With the National League, it brings together teams from all over the Country, and the current Second Division includes teams from, London, Leamington Spa, Manchester and Sheffield, as well as the West Midlands.

LOOKING AT Water Polo

As all players in the sport must be of amateur status, the teams have to be self-financing, especially as there is little or no spectator support to provide essential funds. referees' expenses (and they do only get expenses), have to be met, together with bath-hire charges, and the high cost of water polo caps and match balls, all of these result in the players having to put a lot of their own money into the sport to enable them to enjoy playing.

To be successful, a player needs great strength and fitness, because the game nowadays relies on players reacting quickly to the referees' signals. Good ball control, shooting ability and accuracy in passing are all vital qualities.

In the National League and Midland League games, together with the more

important Cup competitions, the game is controlled by two referees - who do not have to be in the water with the players! Although both referees have equal authority, each has well-defined responsibilities and generally controls the play as it moves to the goal on his right. The referees walk up and down the side, following the play, on opposite side of the pool.

Fouls, there is the ordinary foul - which results in a free throw to the opponents, and the major foul, when the guilty player has to leave the water for a spell in a 'sin-bin' or a penalty throw is awarded. What if the two referees do not agree - the rules provide for such, but in top games this rarely happens.

So when you are looking for sporting excitement, why not get along to the Walsall baths when they are at home in a Water Polo match - their matches never clash with the Sadders matches, so you will not miss the sporting excitement here.

TONIGHT'S REFEREE

ARTHUR ROBINSON from Radcliffe Arthur has been a referee for 23 years starting in the local Radcliffe League, then via the Bolton Combination, Lancashire Combination to be here today, and refereed both the Semi-finals and Finals of these leagues.

Married with two sons, he is an official of a Professional Executor and Trustee Company. His interests other than football include travelling and the cinema, but also enjoys the outdoors, with walking to the fore of these pursuits.

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KEN BEECH	4	BRIAN HUGHES
DAVE SERELLA	5	RUSSELL LEWIS
PETER HART	6	MIKE GRAHAM
2 MARK REES	7	ROY CARTER
JOHN LOVERIDGE	8	GARRY EMMANUEL
DON PENN	9	ANDY ROWLAND
2 ALAN BUCKLEY	10	PAUL RIDEOUT
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NAME:
Jack Phillips

AGE:
10

FAVOURITE WFC PLAYER:
Erhun Oztumer

TODAY'S AWAY MASCOTS



NAMES:
Liam and Charlie Clark

AGES:
9 and 6

FAVOURITE SWINDON PLAYERS:
John Goddard and Nathan Delfouneso

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A big welcome to Iniciativa Mexico 7 who are our flag bearers, and also the match sponsors, this afternoon.



BALL BOYS

A very warm welcome to Gornal Athletic U11s who are today's ball boys. We hope they enjoy their day with us.



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MATCH VISITS

Welcome to Tividale FC U13s and Blowich Rangers U12s who are on match visits this afternoon.



EASTER SOCCER SCHOOLS

Walsall FC Community Programme's Soccer Schools have been in full flow this Easter.

The course has been a huge success this week, with well over 100 children attending from Monday to Thursday.

As part of the experience, the youngsters also got to meet Saddlers players Simeon Jackson, Erhun Oztumer, Andreas Makris and Jordon Sangha over the four days.

Children had photos with the players and each received a signed picture.

Walsall FCCP staff are also running multi-skills camps at Sneyd Community Association, in partnership with 'Mossley Big Local', and supporting Soccer Schools at Leighswood School in Aldridge this week.

Soccer Schools offer football for 6-14 year-olds for just £15 a day, with family and multi-day discounts the more days you book.

Our courses continue next week from Wednesday to Friday, with a further Walsall player visiting on each of the three days.

There are still places available so book now! For more details and a booking form please visit www.walsallfccp.co.uk/schools or email martin.manley@walsallfc.co.uk to book your place.



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MY WALSALL



BY THE FANS



NAME: Richard Andrews
AGE: 33
FROM: Pelsall

How long have you been supporting the Saddlers and what does the club mean to you?
I've been supporting the club since 1990. It's like a family tradition as all my family are Walsall fans. I go to games with my dad, auntie and uncle, and I see my mates there as well - so it's a great social event. I've only missed one away game in about 14 years - and that was due to the coach breaking down at Millwall. I've been to every home and away game so far this season and last year I was named fan of the season, which was a real honour.

What was your first game

In a brand new feature, we speak to fans about their favourite moments following the Saddlers from down the years...

and what are your memories of it?

My first game was Halifax at home in 1990, we won 3-1 and it was during the first season at Bescot Stadium. I remember my dad took me to the game and I really enjoyed seeing live football for the first time.

What has been your favourite game?

My favourite game was in 1998/99 when Ray Graydon was in charge - a 4-3 win at Bristol Rovers after being 2-0

down inside five minutes.

Another one of my favourite games was the 2000/01 play-off final at the Millennium Stadium - that was a great day. There have been so many good away days, like winning 1-0 at Brighton with nine men. Not only did we win with nine men, but we scored with nine men too!

What has been your favourite Walsall goal?

Jorge Leitao's solo goal at Cambridge when he picked up the ball in his own half and dribbled past half the team before slotting it past the keeper.

FAVOURITE KIT



What has been your favourite season supporting the Saddlers?

The 2006/07 season when we won the League Two title. We had just been relegated and weren't too sure what to expect as League Two is a tough division to get out of. We took a lot of fans to the away games - and I think we had the highest average away following in the league that season. It was a really enjoyable season and to win the league was brilliant.

What is your favourite Walsall kit?

The 1997/98 red and black check home kit, which is very similar to this year's. At the time, it was something different as there hadn't been many check kits.

Who is your favourite all-time Saddlers player?

I've got two. My first one is Jeff Peron – he was an amazing player and a joy to watch. We only kept him for a season but he was such a good player. And my other favourite is Jorge Leitao. He came to the club and no-one knew much about him but he did really well for us. He is a legend to us Walsall fans.

Who is your favourite Walsall manager?

It's got to be 'Sir Ray'. He was a nice guy who got things right with the team. We had hardworking players under Ray Graydon and to get us promoted twice in three seasons was an unbelievable achievement. We never expected to get promoted during the 1998/99 season, especially with the likes of Fulham and Manchester City in the league, so to finish runners-up was a shock – but a good one!



MY XI



FAVOURITE MANAGER



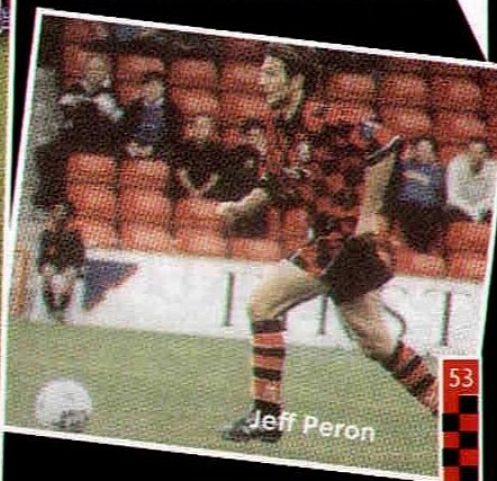
Ray Graydon

FAVOURITE SEASON



2006/07

FAVOURITE PLAYER

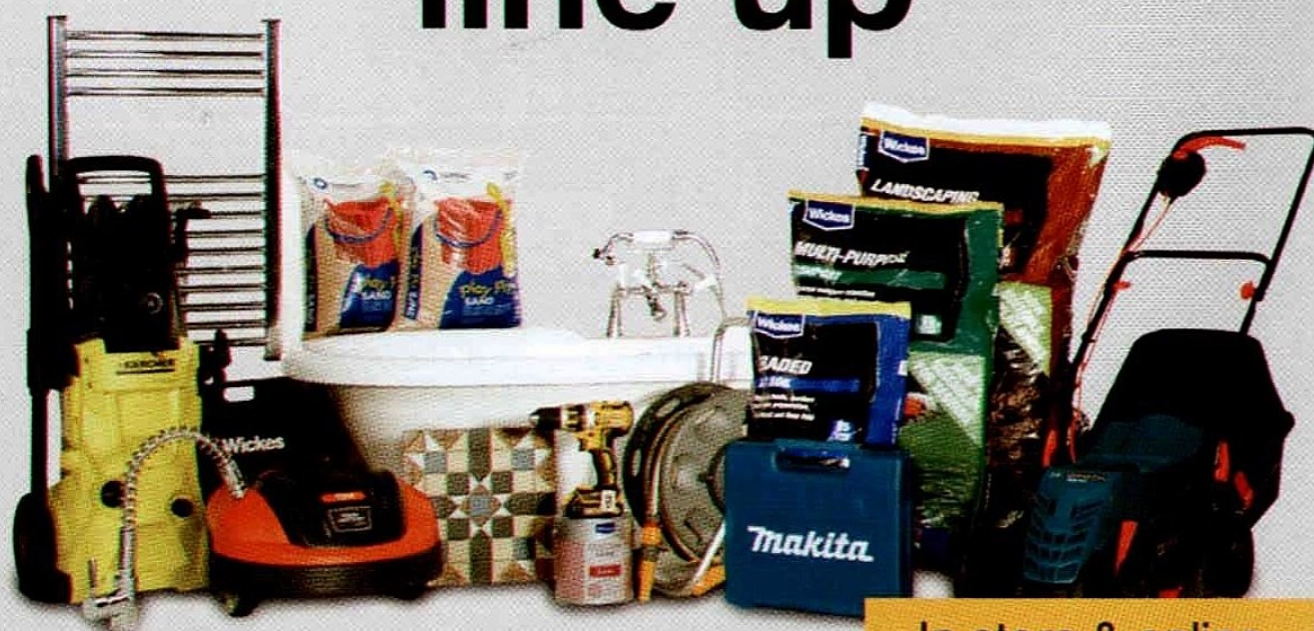


Jeff Peron

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AWAY



Coventry City

Sky Bet League One
Saturday 22nd April
Kick-Off 3.00pm

We have been allocated an initial 1,500 South Stand tickets for this match, which is NOT all ticket. Additional tickets are available if required.

Ticket Prices:

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Under-18s: £10.00

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Car parking facilities are available for visiting coaches and will be charged at £20 per coach.

Tickets will remain on sale from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office until midday on Friday 21st April.

HOME



Port Vale

Sky Bet League One
Tuesday 25th April
Kick-Off 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are on sale at the usual Category B prices.

Advance Prices:

HomeServe Stand: Adults £22, Seniors (Blocks J & K) £16.50, Unaccompanied Junior (Blocks J & K) £16.50, Junior (family ticket upgrade S/T Holders - For Blocks J & K) £10.50, 1888 Seating & Lounge £50.

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Please note: On the day of the game, there will be a price increase of either £1 or £2, depending on the category.

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HOME



MK Dons

Sky Bet League One
Sunday 30th April
Kick-Off 12.00pm

Tickets for this match are on sale at the usual Category B prices.

Advance Prices:

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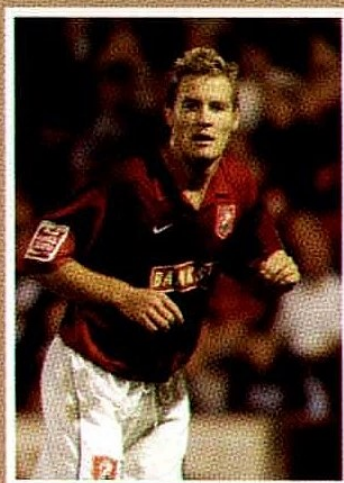
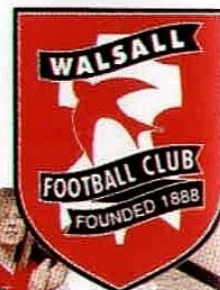


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A DECADE AGO

WALSALL FC LEAGUE TWO CHAMPIONS 2006/07

This season we are celebrating the **tenth anniversary of Walsall's League Two title triumph**, looking back at the matches and players who helped shape the historic 2006/07 campaign.



Martin Butler

Homegrown striker Martin Butler won two promotions during two spells at the Banks's.

Born in Wordsley, the 5'11" frontman scored eight goals in 74 league matches during his first stint with the Saddlers, helping us finish as Division Three runners-up in 1994/95.

He repeated the feat with his next club Cambridge in 1998/99 and won another promotion with Reading, this time from the Second Division, in 2001/02.

After three years with Rotherham, Butler returned to Walsall in 2006 and netted 12 times in 47 outings as the Saddlers lifted the League Two crown in his first season.

He reached the JPT final with Grimsby in 2008 before dropping into non-league with Burton, where he won the 2008/09 Conference Premier title.

Butler, now 42, ended his career at Worcester in 2009.

GAME 41

7th April 2007 – Torquay 1-2 Walsall

Two goals in the first 16 minutes from Trevor Benjamin and Dean Keates earned Walsall a crucial victory over bottom club Torquay.

The Saddlers started purposefully, taking the lead on ten minutes when the unmarked Benjamin nodded Danny Fox's floated left-wing cross beyond Gulls keeper Simon Rayner.

And the promotion-chasing visitors added a second six minutes later.

After referee Phil Joslin harshly penalised Lee Mansell for a shirt tug on Benjamin, the ever-reliable Keates stepped up to send Rayner the wrong way for his 11th goal of an impressive season.

Despite languishing nine points from safety at the foot of League Two, Torquay produced a spirited second-half response.

Reuben Reid – who went on to play for Walsall – pulled one back with a 58th-minute shot on the turn, while Lee Thorpe nearly grabbed a leveller.

But Richard Money's Saddlers held on to make it back-to-back wins, closing the gap on leaders Hartlepool to two points.

Team: Ince, Gerrard, Westwood, Fox, Dobson, Pead (Smith 70'), Wrack (M Wright 79'), Keates, Taylor, Butler (Deeney 84'), Benjamin.

Subs not used: Bossu, Bedeau.

GAME 42

9th April 2007 – Walsall 1-0 Hereford

Walsall took a significant step towards promotion after Dean Keates' late winner secured a slender victory over ten-man Hereford.

Although winless in their previous eight, Graham Turner's Bulls enjoyed the better of a tight first half and almost took the lead when Alan Connell hit a post.

The Saddlers increased the tempo after the break, with Martin Butler having a header blocked on the line.

Hereford were reduced to ten men on 79 minutes when Dean Beckwith was shown red, and two minutes later, the hosts made the breakthrough.

Darren Wrack's deflected 18-yard strike was parried by visiting custodian Wayne Brown, with Keates reacting quickest to steer the ball home and clinch a fourth consecutive home win.

The clean sheet for goalkeeper Clayton Ince was his 19th – and the Saddlers' 20th – of the season, setting a new club record.

Walsall now needed just one win to seal an immediate return to the third tier.

Team: Ince, Gerrard, Smith, Fox, Dobson, Westwood, Wright (Wrack 54'), Keates, Harper (Taylor 84'), Butler, Benjamin (Sam 89').

Subs not used: Gilmartin, Deeney.



As it stood

		P	PTS
1	Hartlepool	42	84
2	Walsall	42	82
3	Swindon	42	78
4	MK Dons	42	72
5	Lincoln	42	69
6	Stockport	42	67
7	Shrewsbury	41	63
8	Wycombe	42	62
9	Bristol Rovers	41	61
10	Notts County	42	60
11	Peterborough	42	59
12	Darlington	42	59
13	Rochdale	42	56
14	Barnet	42	55
15	Grimsby	42	54
16	Chester	42	51
17	Hereford	42	51
18	Mansfield	42	50
19	Bury	42	45
20	Accrington	42	44
21	Macclesfield	41	44
22	Boston	42	42
23	Wrexham	41	39
24	Torquay	42	32

SWINDON TOWN IN 2006/07



The Robins were promoted alongside Walsall in 2006/07 after finishing third in League Two. Swindon started superbly, winning their first six matches to go top. Manager Dennis Wise left for Leeds in October but his replacement Paul Sturrock kept Town ticking over, with promotion achieved on the final day after a 1-1 draw with the Saddlers. Christian Roberts and Lee Peacock finished as Swindon's joint-top scorers with ten league goals each.

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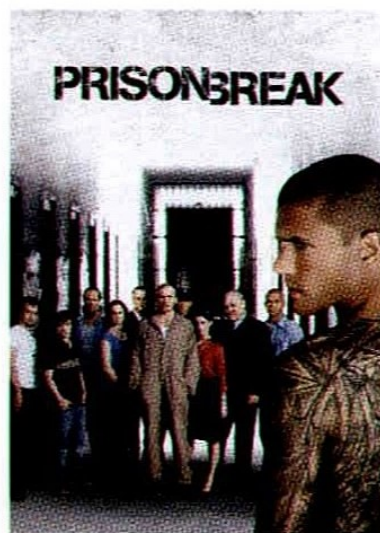
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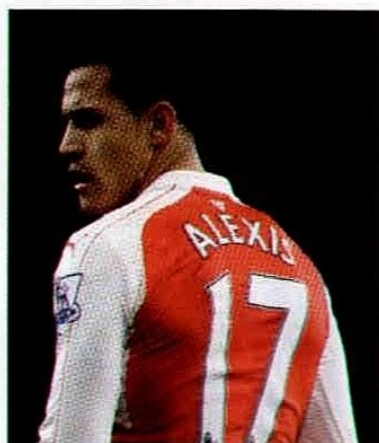
With Maz Kouhyar



1. **Favourite TV Show?**
Prison Break
2. **If you weren't a footballer, what would you be?**
I'd go to university and become a dentist
3. **Who's your childhood hero?**
Ronaldinho
4. **Favourite food?**
Lasagne
5. **Favourite drink?**
Lemonade
6. **Your professional ambition?**
Play at the highest level and get as many international appearances as I can
7. **Your hobby away from football?**
Powerleague with my mates or relaxing with my family



8. **Favourite actor?**
Ben Affleck
9. **Favourite film?**
Tomorrowland
10. **Favourite song?**
Drake - Blem
11. **Favourite animal?**
Parrot
12. **Favourite holiday destination?**
Dubai
13. **What's your nickname?**
Maz
14. **Which current footballer do you most admire?**
Alexis Sanchez
15. **Describe yourself in three words?**
Ambitious, relentless and quiet



TEAM *Mates*

...with Kory Roberts

In each programme, a different Saddlers player will dish the dirt on the dressing room! Next up is Kory Roberts...



Most Skilful?

Erhun Oztuner and Kieron Morris as they've both got very good feet. They move the ball fast and it's hard to tackle them. Erhun has scored some beautiful goals this season.

Funniest?

Milan Butterfield and Kieron Morris, who says some really dumb things! He comes out with anything – you don't know what he's going on about half the time! With Milan, I think his accent makes it funnier as well and he's my friend around the club. He'll say some random things.



Hardman?

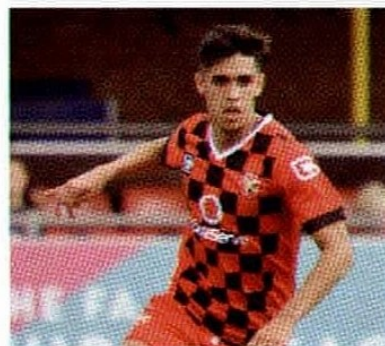
It's got to be Matty Preston – he's definitely the hardman! Big Isaiah Osbourne is up there too. They are two massive guys – their size makes them stand out.

Management Material?

Jimmy O'Connor or Skip [Adam Chambers]. They're both very experienced, have played a lot of games and in the debriefs they are always the two players who answer all the questions.

Best Mate?

I'd say Milan Butterfield, Jordon Sangha and Maz Kouhyar are my best mates as we're into the same things and all get along really well.





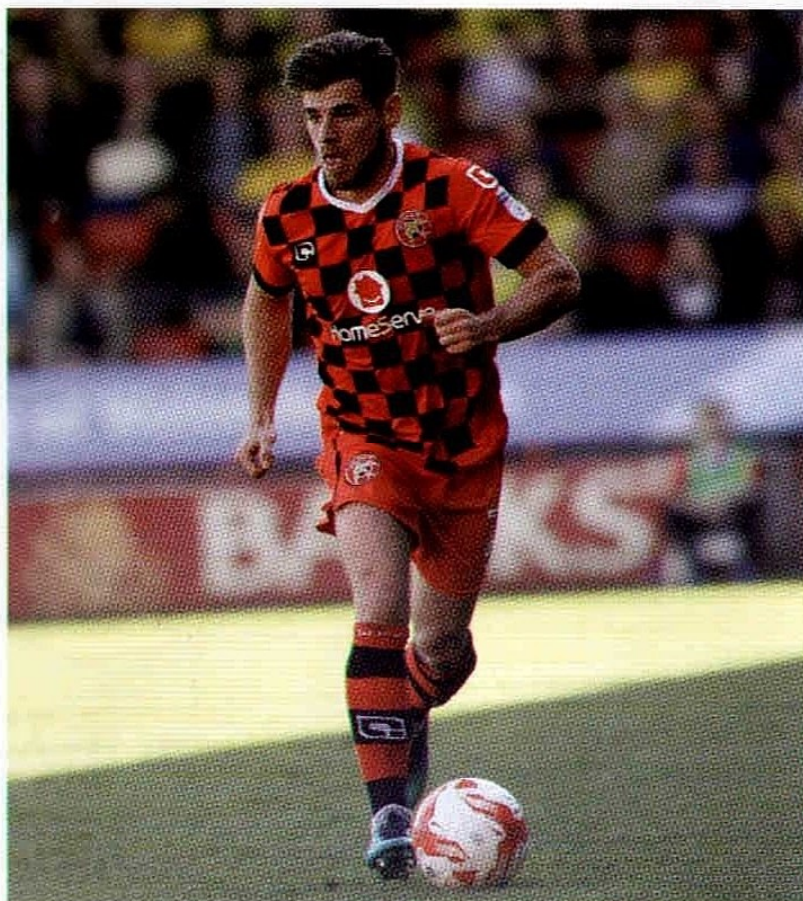
Hardest Working?

Skip is always doing extra work before and after training – he's a great professional, at his age as well. Jordon Sangha is also hardworking – he wants to put in the extra work



Worst Dressed?

Maz Kouhyar and Rory Oliver – they come in some funky things! I can't really explain it but they both seem to just throw anything together – it's terrible!



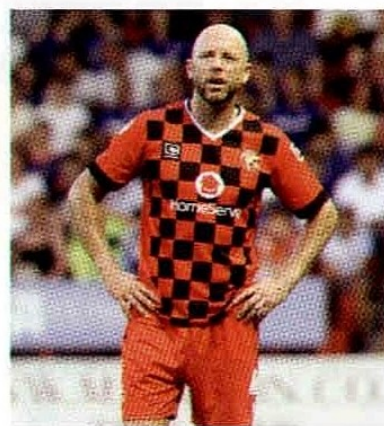
Quickest?

I'd say Matty Preston. People are saying Jase but I'm quicker than him! I reckon I'm up there but I need to have a race with Jase so we can decide who's quicker.



Most Vain?

Joe Edwards as he's always checking his hair and making sure it's in place. We often catch him looking in the mirror!



Biggest Moaner?

Probably Jimmy and Maz. Jimmy will moan sometimes on the pitch but Maz is always moaning – no matter what it is! It'll be the littlest things he'll moan about – just anything!

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FIXTURES & RESULTS

RESERVE FIXTURES WEST DIVISION 2016/17

SEPTEMBER

Tue 5 Port Vale H 0-2
Wed 28 Morecambe A P-P
(Globe Arena, 100pm)

OCTOBER

Tue 11 Bradford City A 2-0
(Woodhouse Grove School, 2:00pm)

NOVEMBER

Wed 9 Burton Albion H 1-0
Tue 15 Wrexham H 2-0
(1:00pm)

DECEMBER

Tue 6 Wrexham A 3-1
(1:00pm)

JANUARY

Wed 25 Burton Albion A 2-1
(St. George's Park, 2:00pm)

FEBRUARY

Wed 8 Morecambe A 5-0
Wed 15 Bradford City H 1-0
Wed 22 Morecambe H 1-0

MARCH

Wed 8 Port Vale A 2-2

WALSALL SENIOR CUP 2016/17

ROUND ONE

20 Sept Tivdale A 8-0

ROUND TWO

17 Jan Romulus A 2-1

SEMI-FINAL

28th Mar Wolverhampton Casuals A 4-3

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP 2016/17

ROUND ONE

25 Oct Coventry United A 3-0

ROUND TWO

14 Dec Halesowen Town A 4-1

ROUND THREE

10 Jan Solihull Moors A 2-1

SEMI-FINAL

21st Mar Leamington A 1-2

Home games to be played at
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DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



It was a great achievement for the lads to reach the Walsall Senior Cup final with a 4-3 victory at Wolverhampton Casuals last month.

The boys have enjoyed a really good season, winning the Central League North West Division title earlier in the campaign, and now they have a chance of winning a cup too.

The nice thing for me and all the coaches is that these young boys have been in and around the first-team – which, ultimately, is the aim.

It's alright saying we want to win this and win that but if you're not producing players to challenge the first-team then there is something not quite right.

At the moment, we are getting the best of both worlds, which is very pleasing.

For the Bradford and Oxford first-team matches, second-year scholar Tobias Hayles-Docherty and first-year Mitchel Candlin were both named in the matchday squads.

Mitch came on to make his debut in front of over 17,000 at Valley Parade and did very well – a great moment for the kid, especially considering he is only 16.

The fact those two players have been involved is a massive reflection on everyone in the youth department. Credit must go to Graham Biggs and the coaches who go out and watch these kids, get them into the football club and give them an opportunity.

We've then got a manager in Jon Whitney who is not afraid to put them around the first-team and even give them a shirt on weekends. It's a very progressive department with a lot of support.

It reflects on all of us and my job is to push them forward and get them into Jon's group. It's a never-ending cycle and once we get one young lad into the first-team, we've got to look at getting a few more.

The Development Squad haven't had a match for a while and, in the meantime, it's important to keep the lads ticking over.

A few of the boys who don't always get into the first-team will train after a game on the all-weather pitch – not with me necessarily – but they'll do things to keep themselves going.

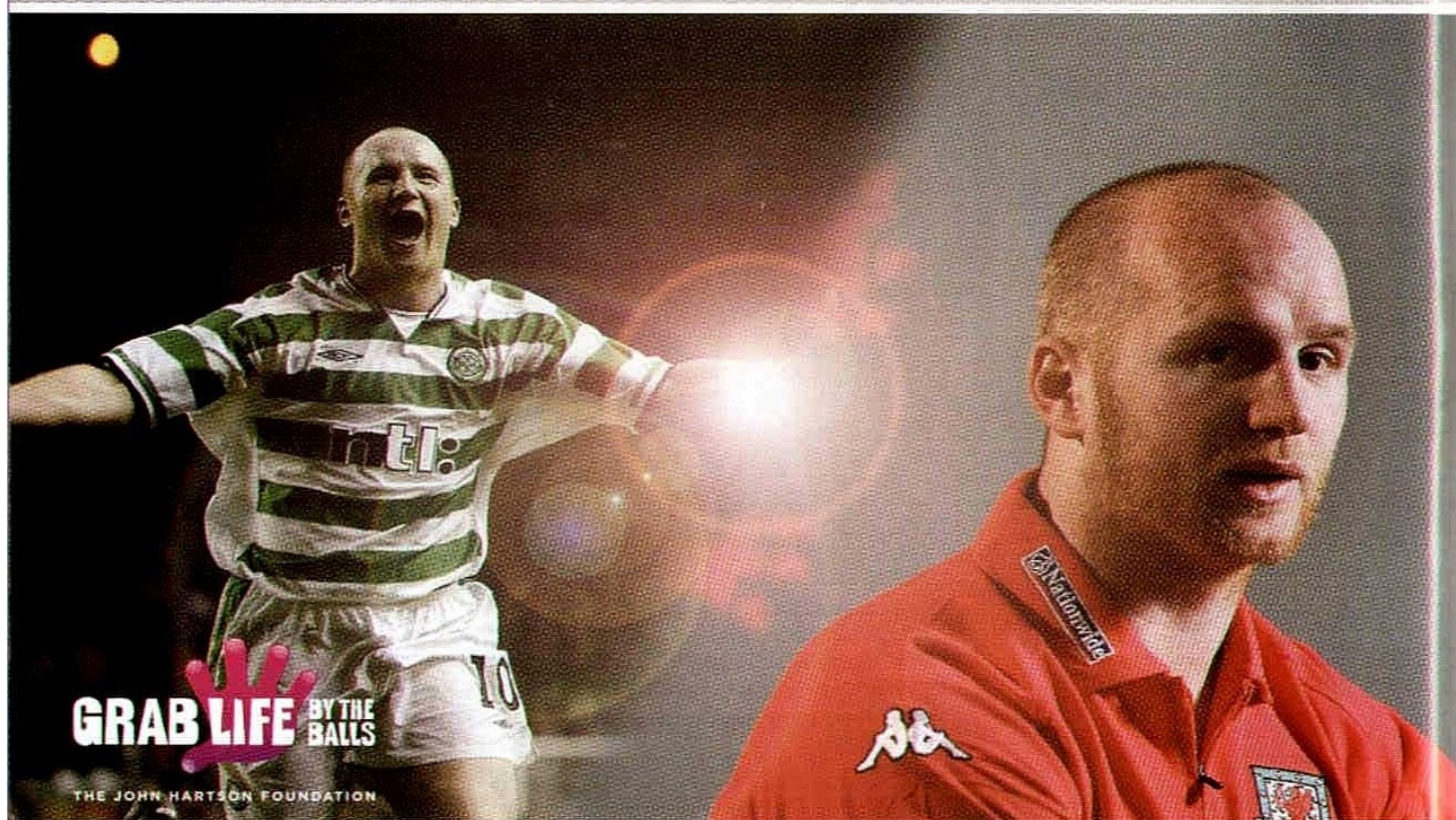
It is important they are ready when called upon, whether it be for a first-team game, the Walsall Senior Cup final at the beginning of May or a youth team game.

We are slightly disappointed that we can't get some regular games for these lads before that cup final.

But at least Jon welcomes them around the first-team group and the youth team are playing a large number of games too.

There are things going on that we don't shout about but we all work hard with each other to try to keep these lads active.

John Ward
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ACADEMY MANAGER
GRAHAM BIGGS

FIXTURES & RESULTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH WEST DIVISION FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST

Fri 5	Wigan Athletic	A	2-1
Sat 13	Wrexham	H	3-0
Fri 19	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-0
Sat 27	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-2

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3	Accrington Stanley	H	1-2
Sat 10	Burton	H	0-1
Fri 16	Shrewsbury Town	A	2-0
Sat 24	Preston North End	A	1-0

OCTOBER

Sat 1	Burnley	H	1-0
Sat 15	Blackpool	H	2-0
Sat 22	Morecambe	A	1-0
Sat 29	Bury	A	2-4

NOVEMBER

Thu 3	Chesham United	A	1-3
Fri 11	Preston North End	H	2-2
Sat 19	Carlisle United	H	2-0

DECEMBER

Sat 3	Morecambe	H	2-0
Sat 17	Hearts of Oak	H	3-3

JANUARY

Sat 14	Port Vale	H	2-3
Sat 21	Blackpool	A	0-0

FEBRUARY

Sat 4	Burnley	A	1-2
Sat 11	Carlisle United	A	1-2
Sat 18	Bury	H	1-0
Sat 25	Morecambe	A	1-1

MARCH

Sat 11	Rochdale	H	3-1
Thu 16	Southport	A	2-4
Sat 25	Hearts of Oak	A	2-1

APRIL

Sat 1	Wigan Athletic	H	1-2
Thu 6	Preston North End	A	1-1
Sat 9	Wrexham	A	5-0
Thu 14	Morecambe	A	2-1
Sat 22	Tranmere Rovers	H	12:45pm
Sat 29	Accrington Stanley	A	

MAY

Sat 6	Shrewsbury Town	H	
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ACADEMY



The U18s travelled to Wrexham last weekend hoping to get back on track after two disappointing performances and defeats.

We worked with the boys throughout the week on the psychology of the game, patched up those with injuries and looked at a few tactical elements in training.

We gave Luke Little, an U16, his first U18s start and the Saddlers started brightly, taking the lead thanks to a goal from Joe Cairns.

Ash Maddocks doubled our lead with a well-taken penalty following good work from Will Shorrocks, and on the stroke of half-time Cairns added a third with a looping header.

Cairns completed his hat-trick in the second half, showing good individual skill to round the keeper before slotting into an empty net.

We then introduced three more U16s and managed to grab a fifth goal when Shorrocks scored at the back post – sealing a comprehensive 5-0 away win.

Attention quickly turned to our next match away to Morecambe just three days later.

With a number of players unavailable after picking up knocks at the weekend, I decided to give U18s debuts to one U16, Alfie Bates, and one U15, Joe Willis. Another U16, Little, kept his place after an impressive display

in the previous match at Wrexham.

After a nervy start, as expected with such a young squad, the game settled down following some intelligent play.

Alfie Bates threaded the ball forward and, for the second game running, Shorrocks was upended in the box. Dan O'Sullivan coolly converted the resulting penalty, giving the Saddlers a deserved 18th-minute lead.

Walsall continued to press, and after some neat play down the right, Little played a ball inside to Shorrocks, who pulled it back for Bates to slot home on his debut.

The second half started brightly but we were unable to add to our two-goal lead. Our boys started to tire so we brought on some more U16s to freshen the game up.

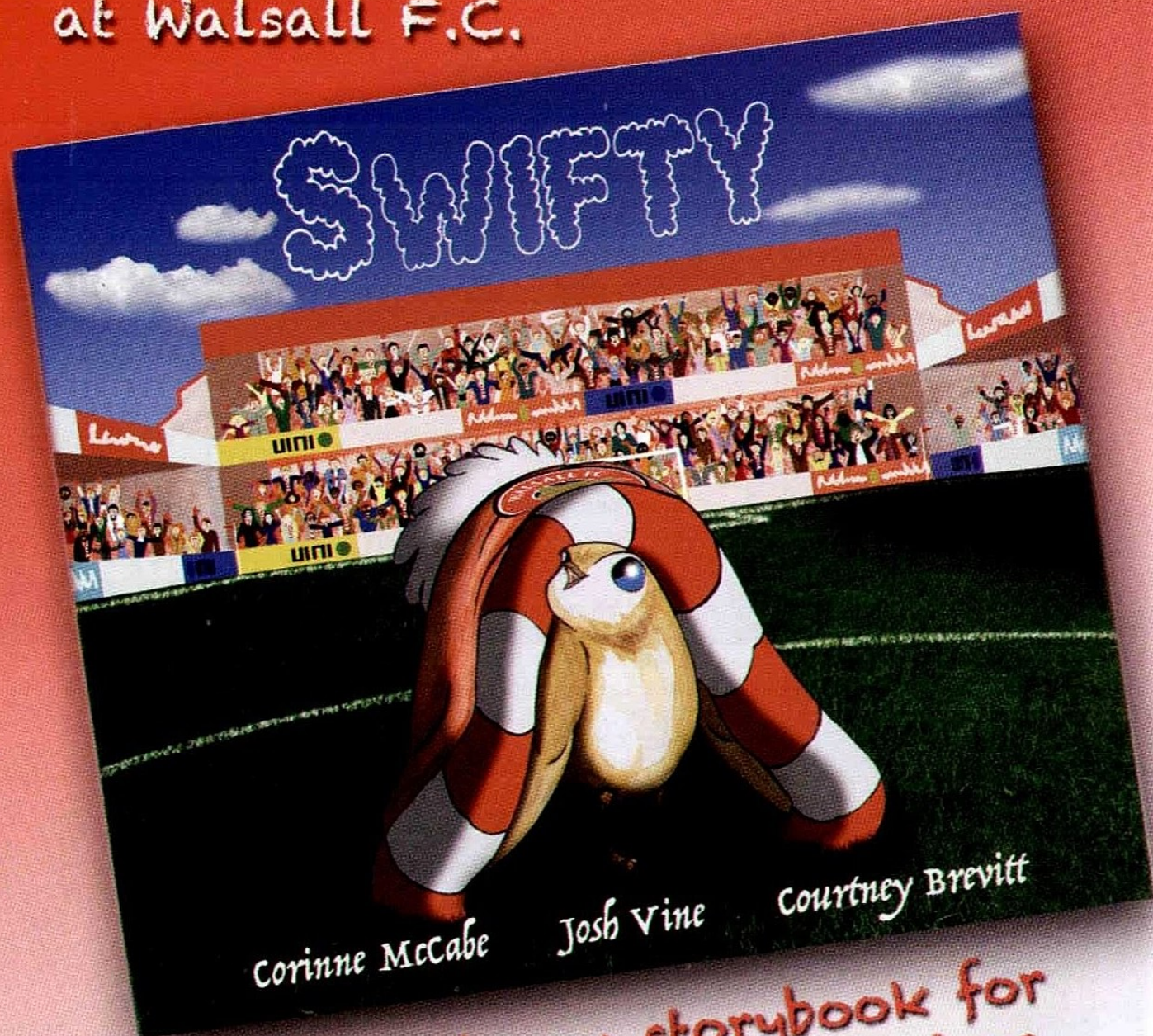
But fatigue, together with a lack of concentration, saw Morecambe score from a set-play in injury time, but we held on for a 2-1 victory.

This game was a big learning curve for a lot of our young boys, with a very early start and a long journey to get there.

But bleeding so many of our young boys at this time of the season should hold us in good stead for the future.

Graham Biggs
Academy Manager

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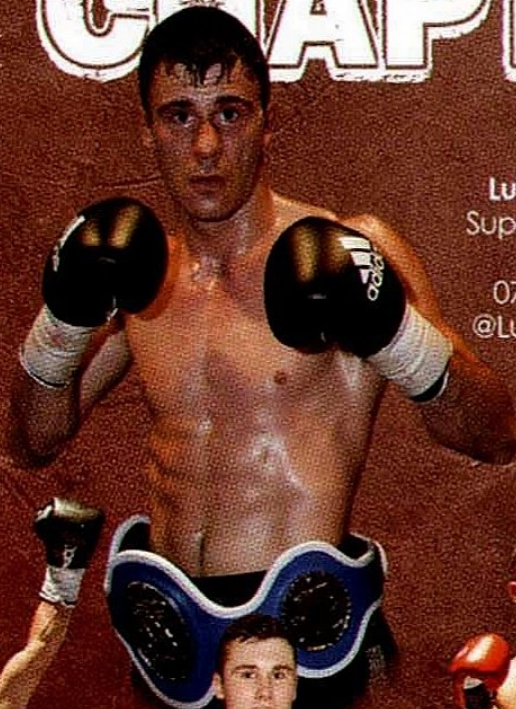


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There are over 70 children now participating in the Iniciativa 7 foundation and this is their first UK tour, sponsored by Allfresch Group and led by director Andrew Sperling, who is in attendance today. We have hopefully created an experience they won't forget today at Walsall FC, from playing our U9 Academy team earlier in the day to being flag bearers and match sponsors. We hope all involved have a great day!



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE VARIOUS COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST HERE AT WALSHALL FC, PLEASE CONTACT ME, WAYNE THOMAS, ON 01922-651 400 OR EMAIL wayne.thomas@walsallfc.co.uk. I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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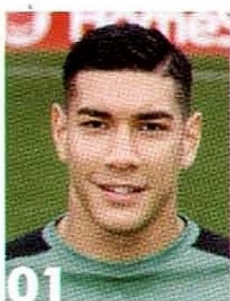
SWIFTY BOOK

At our last home game against Oxford, we successfully launched a new children's book telling the story of how Swifty became our ever-popular mascot. The project aimed to engage the younger fans here at the club and we have been delighted with the interest it has generated. The feedback we have received has made the nine months of work and effort all worthwhile. A big thanks to Walsall Studio School and Peter Stack, as well as Mark Sylvester from Excel Print, for their contributions in making this happen. One of my boys, Brody, loves the book and I hope your children do too.



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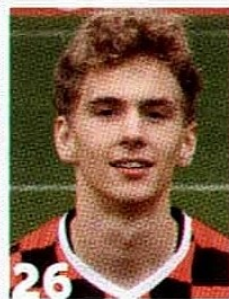
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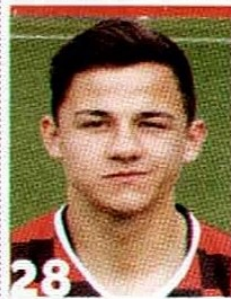
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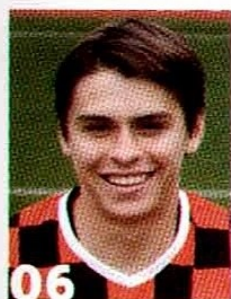
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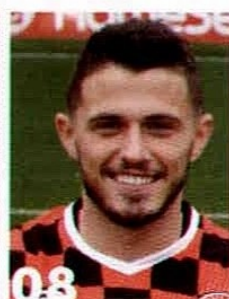
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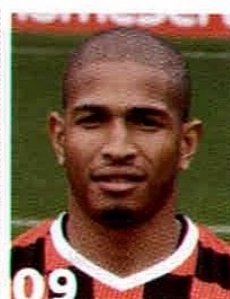
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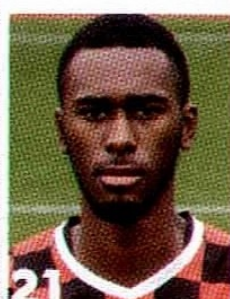
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DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	KO/RES	POS	ATT	ATT A					
AUGUST											
Sat 6 Aug	AFC Wimbledon	H	3-1	4	5,845	1,049	Etheridge	Edwards	O'Connor	McCarthy	Henry
Tue 9 Aug	Yeovil (EFL Cup 1)	H	0-2*	-	2,699	166	Etheridge	Edwards	Preston	McCarthy	Henry
Sat Aug 13	Oldham Athletic	A	0-0	6	3,914	408	Etheridge	Edwards	O'Connor	McCarthy	Henry
Tue Aug 16	Chesterfield	A	0-2	11	5,406	478	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Edwards
Sat Aug 20	Charlton Athletic	H	1-2	17	4,586	739	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Edwards
Sat Aug 27	Bury	H	3-3	16	4,393	310	Etheridge	Kinsella	McCarthy	Toner	Edwards
Tue Aug 30	Grimsby (EFL Trophy GS)	H	5-2	-	1,022	66	MacGillivray	Edwards	Preston	McCarthy	C-Mollett
SEPTEMBER											
Sat Sep 10	Northampton Town	A	0-2	20	5,538	601	Etheridge	Edwards	McCarthy	Toner	Laird
Tue Sep 13	Bristol Rovers	A	1-1	20	7,805	170	Etheridge	Edwards	McCarthy	Toner	Laird
Sat Sep 17	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-0	15	5,962	1,745	Etheridge	McCarthy 1	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Sat Sep 24	Peterborough United	A	1-1	18	4,906	314	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Tue Sep 27	Scunthorpe United	H	1-4	21	3,970	209	Etheridge	Kinsella	O'Connor	Toner	McCarthy
OCTOBER											
Sat Oct 1	Millwall	H	2-1	16	4,474	570	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Tue Oct 4	Sheff Utd (EFL Trophy GS)	A	2-1	-	2,619	100	MacGillivray	McCarthy	Preston	Toner	Laird 1
Sat Oct 15	Shrewsbury Town	H	3-2	14	4,759	572	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Tue Oct 18	Gillingham	A	1-1	14	5,542	108	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Sat Oct 22	Swindon Town	A	2-0	12	6,555	395	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Sat Oct 29	Coventry City	H	1-1	12	6,719	1,981	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
NOVEMBER											
Sat Nov 5	Macclesfield (FAC 1)	H	0-1	-	2,334	451	Etheridge	McCarthy	Toner	Preston	Laird
Tue Nov 8	Leicester (EFL Trophy GS)	A	1-0	-	839	231	MacGillivray	McCarthy	Toner	Preston	C-Mollett
Sat Nov 12	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-1	14	8,188	500	Etheridge	McCarthy	Toner	Preston	Laird 1
Sat Nov 19	Gillingham	H	1-2	17	5,420	318	Etheridge	McCarthy 1	Toner	Preston	Laird
Tue Nov 22	Rochdale	A	0-4	17	1,907	148	Etheridge	McCarthy	Toner	Preston	Laird
Sat Nov 26	Southend United	H	0-0	17	4,342	438	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Toner	Laird
Tue Nov 29	Sheffield United	A	1-0	16	18,343	178	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird
DECEMBER											
Sat Dec 10	Fleetwood Town	A	1-2	16	2,708	358	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Toner
Tue Dec 13	Oldham (EFL Trophy R2)	H	1-3	-	925	71	MacGillivray	McCarthy	Preston	Toner	Laird
Sat Dec 17	Bradford City	H	1-1	16	5,148	968	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird
Mon Dec 26	Port Vale	A	1-0	15	5,854	838	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird 1
Sat Dec 31	Oxford United	A	0-0	14	8,340	684	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Roberts	Laird
JANUARY											
Mon Jan 2	Rochdale	H	0-2	14	4,667	472	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Roberts	Laird
Sat Jan 14	Sheffield United	H	4-1	14	6,899	2,532	Etheridge	McCarthy 1	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Sat Jan 21	Bristol Rovers	H	3-1	13	6,029	1,991	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Sat Jan 28	Bury	A	3-3	12	3,280	448	Etheridge	McCarthy 2	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
FEBRUARY											
Wed Feb 1	Millwall	A	0-0	12	7,392	TBC	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Sat Feb 4	Northampton Town	H	2-1	11	4,954	941	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston 1	O'Connell
Sat Feb 11	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-4	12	13,610	886	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Tue Feb 14	Scunthorpe United	A	0-0	12	3,168	TBC	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Sat Feb 18	Peterborough United	H	2-0	11	4,759	571	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
Sat Feb 25	AFC Wimbledon	A	0-1	12	4,586	613	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	O'Connell
MARCH											
Sat Mar 4	Oldham Athletic	H	2-0	12	6,003	616	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	O'Connell	Laird
Tue Mar 7	Chesterfield	H	1-0	8	3,963	188	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	O'Connell	Laird 1
Sat Mar 11	Charlton Athletic	A	1-1	9	9,900	316	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	O'Connell	Laird
Tue Mar 14	Fleetwood Town	H	0-1	9	3,890	142	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	O'Connell	Laird
Sat Mar 18	Southend United	A	2-3	11	6,756	228	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird
APRIL											
Sat Apr 1	Bradford City	A	0-1	13	17,880	205	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird
Sat Apr 8	Oxford United	H	1-1	14	5,517	1,146	Etheridge	McCarthy	O'Connor	Preston	Laird
Fri Apr 14	Shrewsbury Town	A	15.00								
Mon Apr 17	Swindon Town	H	15.00								
Sat Apr 22	Coventry City	A	15.00								
Tue Apr 25	Port Vale	H	19.45	International Date							
Sun Apr 30	Milton Keynes Dons	H	12.00								

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TABLE AS OF 11/04/17

Team	P	W	D	HOME				AWAY				GD	Pts
				L	GF	GA	W	D	L	GF	GA		
1 Sheff Utd	42	15	3	3	36	14	11	7	3	44	31	+35	88
2 Bolton	42	12	6	3	32	16	11	4	6	31	19	+28	79
3 Fleetwood	42	11	7	3	33	20	9	5	7	25	20	+18	72
4 Bradford	42	9	12	0	32	17	9	6	6	25	22	+18	72
5 Scunthorpe	42	12	6	3	40	20	8	4	9	31	31	+20	70
6 Millwall	42	12	6	3	31	14	6	7	8	28	36	+9	67
7 Southend	42	10	7	4	37	25	8	5	8	27	25	+14	66
8 Bristol R	42	12	6	3	38	22	5	6	10	23	37	+2	63
9 Rochdale	42	12	6	3	45	24	5	4	12	21	36	+6	61
10 Oxford	42	9	4	8	29	27	8	5	8	29	24	+7	60
11 Peterborough	42	8	6	7	34	29	8	4	9	23	26	+2	58
12 MK Dons	42	7	6	8	29	33	7	7	7	25	19	+2	55
13 AFC W'bledon	42	8	6	7	34	25	5	9	7	18	27	0	54
14 Walsall	41	10	5	5	32	24	3	10	8	16	27	-3	54
15 Northampton	42	9	3	9	34	28	5	6	10	25	38	-7	51
16 Charlton	42	7	8	6	25	19	4	9	8	26	32	0	50
17 Oldham	42	7	8	6	17	17	4	7	10	12	25	-13	48
18 Bury	42	8	3	10	33	32	4	7	10	25	39	-13	46
19 Shrewsbury	42	9	4	8	24	25	3	6	12	19	34	-16	46
20 Gillingham	42	7	9	5	27	26	4	4	13	27	46	-18	46
21 Port Vale	41	10	6	5	32	26	1	6	13	12	37	-19	45
22 Swindon	42	7	5	9	22	22	4	5	12	21	38	-17	43
23 Chesterfield	42	7	5	9	25	33	2	5	14	14	33	-27	37
24 Coventry	42	7	6	8	20	23	1	5	15	14	39	-28	35

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League One

Fixtures

Monday 17th April

(Kick-off 3.00pm unless stated)

Sheff Utd v Bradford (12.15pm)
AFC Wimbledon v Peterborough
Bristol Rovers v Oldham
Charlton v Gillingham
Fleetwood v Millwall
Northampton v Shrewsbury
Oxford v Port Vale
Rochdale v Coventry
Scunthorpe v Chesterfield
Southend v MK Dons
Walsall v Swindon

Tuesday 18th April

Bolton v Bury (8.00pm)

Saturday 22nd April

(Kick-off 3.00pm unless stated)

Bradford v AFC Wimbledon
Bury v Northampton
Chesterfield v Charlton
Coventry v Walsall
Gillingham v Fleetwood
Millwall v Oxford
MK Dons v Sheff Utd
Oldham v Rochdale
Peterborough v Bristol Rovers
Port Vale v Bolton
Shrewsbury v Southend
Swindon v Scunthorpe

PLAYER STATS

	16/17 LEAGUE		16/17 CUP		16/17 TOTAL		WFC TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1 Neil Etheridge	41	0	2	0	43	0	94	0
2 Joe Edwards	38	2	4 (1)	0	42 (1)	2	42 (1)	2
3 Scott Laird	26 (2)	3	3	1	29 (2)	4	29 (2)	4
4 James O'Connor	35	0	0	0	35	0	116 (2)	3
5 Jason McCarthy	41	5	6	0	47	5	47	5
6 George Dobson	7 (10)	1	5	0	12 (10)	1	12 (10)	1
7 Adam Chambers	38	0	2 (1)	0	40 (1)	0	272 (7)	2
8 Florent Cuvelier	15 (5)	0	1	0	16 (5)	0	52 (9)	7
9 Simeon Jackson	24 (13)	7	3	0	27 (13)	7	27 (13)	7
10 Erhun Oztumer	33 (5)	14	4	0	37 (5)	14	37 (5)	14
11 Kieron Morris	24 (6)	4	2	1	26 (6)	5	56 (37)	11
13 Craig MacGillivray	0	0	4	0	4	0	12 (2)	0
14 Isaiah Osbourne	24 (3)	1	2	0	26 (3)	1	26 (3)	1
15 Liam Kinsella	5 (3)	0	3 (1)	0	8 (4)	0	19 (7)	1
16 Matt Preston	21 (5)	1	6	0	27 (5)	1	33 (13)	3
17 Reece Flanagan	0	0	0	0	0	0	19 (16)	0
18 Will Randall	0 (2)	0	0	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
19 Theo Vassell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 Amadou Bakayoko	14 (21)	4	4 (2)	6	18 (23)	10	18 (37)	10
21 Milan Butterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 Jordan Sangha	0	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
23 Liam Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
24 Kory Roberts	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
25 Maziar Kouhyar	1 (4)	0	1	1	2 (4)	1	2 (4)	1
26 Rory Oliver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28 Callum Cockerill-Mollett	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
29 Will Shorrock	0	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
32 Eoghan O'Connell	13	1	0	0	13	1	13	1
33 Andreas Makris	13 (15)	1	0 (3)	0	13 (18)	1	13 (18)	1
36 Mitch Candlin	0 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	1
44 Franck Moussa	14 (8)	4	3 (1)	0	17 (9)	4	17 (9)	4
N/A Josh Ginnelly	4 (5)	0	4 (1)	0	8 (6)	0	8 (6)	0
N/A Kevin Toner	16	0	4	0	20	0	20	0
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