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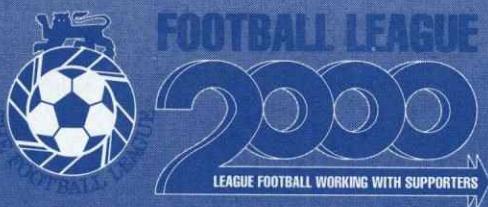
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Earlier this season The Football League, the Football Supporters' Association and the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs launched 'Football League 2000' - a new initiative aimed at bringing the clubs and supporters closer together. The Endsleigh Insurance League Supporters' Challenge is an important element in that campaign.

Applications are invited from all male\* supporters over the age of seventeen (as at 1/1/94) to participate in the biggest and most ambitious competition of its kind ever staged in this country. The Endsleigh Insurance League Supporters' Challenge will be a six-a-side competition with supporters' teams representing all seventy Endsleigh Insurance League clubs. To select each squad, a completely random draw supervised by the supporters' organisations will be made from the applications received in respect of each club. Squad members will then be invited for trials, with the final selection likely to be made by each club's Community Officer.



Each club's representative team will then participate in Divisional Heats against neighbouring sides to decide who progresses to the Wembley Qualifying Stage. The Wembley Qualifiers will be held at a central venue with the two most successful supporters' teams from each division securing their appearance at the world's most famous football stadium.

The Wembley Finals themselves will be played on a divisional basis immediately prior to the Endsleigh Insurance League Play-Offs during Spring Bank Holiday Weekend - the 28th, 29th & 30th May 1994.

Can you rise to the Challenge? If so, complete the application form now and join in the Endsleigh Insurance League Supporters' Challenge.

Full copies of the competition rules can be obtained from The Football League. Further copies of the application form are available from your club.

\* FA Rule 37 prevents mixed football over the age of 11.



**THE ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE SUPPORTERS' CHALLENGE APPLICATION FORM**

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**G**ood afternoon ladies and gentlemen and a very happy New Year to all of you.

The first two matches of our holiday programme have ended in disappointment, though I felt we deserved more, certainly from the home game against Bristol City.

Hopefully today we can start 1994 on the right note by getting our first victory of the new year.

What has been encouraging in the first two games over Christmas has been your wonderful support. Throughout 1993 you have been a credit to the club. As we look forward to 1994, and the changes that will be taking place at the Hawthorns as we build two new stands, it is encouraging to know that we have such a large and enthusiastic following.

I'm sure that many of you will have made New Year's resolutions. Well the Board's resolution is to continue to build for a successful future at West Bromwich Albion, and it's one that we intend to keep to.

Thanks for your support  
Come on you Baggies!

*Trevor Summers*

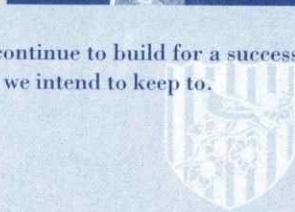
Chairman

Radio WM and Avonmore Dairies would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who brought gifts along for our Christmas Toy Appeal. This year we've had more toys than ever before. We were absolutely inundated.

Thanks to your generosity we've been able to help thousands of children in the West Midlands who otherwise would have had nothing this Christmas. We had so many toys, we were even able to send some to youngsters in Bosnia and Croatia with the Walsall Aid Convoy.

Thank you.

*Jenny Wilkes*  
BBC Radio WM



**WELCOME TO THE HAWTHORNS**  
**HOME OF THE BAGGIES**

**F**irstly, in today's column I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy New Year. We enjoy tremendous support at West Bromwich Albion and I look forward to that continuing in 1994. I hope that it is as good a New Year as possible for all of our followers."

*As we start a new year Albion boss Keith Burkinshaw is looking forward to a little more consistency from referees:*

"The question of refereeing inconsistencies seems to be getting to everybody at the moment. But I don't think it's just a matter of inconsistencies between referees in one league, there are inconsistencies between the Premier League and the lower divisions, and differences in interpretation between different countries.

"If you watch Italian football, as I do, then you will know that their referees have a different outlook to ours. For example, if a player lifts his foot six inches off the ground for

# FROM THE BOSS

a challenge in Italy he'll be penalised for dangerous play. In England he might have his foot a yard in the air and get away with it.

"In contrast, players over here, as we saw with the Les Ferdinand incident at Liverpool, are regularly booked for kicking the ball away. But in Italy they rarely even get spoken to for the same offence.

"Such inconsistencies are frustrating when you work as a professional in football. However, I don't really blame the referees. The problem is that they receive lots of directives from the governing bodies, and aren't allowed to referee in the way they see fit, or to apply simple common sense.

"I know there are a lot of people who would like to see professional referees, but I'm not convinced that will solve the problem. Perhaps they could train with the clubs, which would make them fitter and give them more of an insight into the workings of a professional club and the other side of footballers, which might lead to better communications on the pitch.

"We need to work on that from the other end as well by making players more aware of the laws of the game, and already part of the training for our YT youngsters is about the laws of football."

Do you think that referees are inconsistent? Have the characters all disappeared? Is it now an impossible task and should there be video officials? How about professional refs?

Let us know what YOU think. Write to In Off The Post, Albion News, The Hawthorns, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich.



BAGGIES

**Actin**

*Main pic: Raven flies in — Paul makes a crash landing in the heart of the Barnsley defence.  
Above left: Micky Mellon sets off on that fantastic run that lead to Lee Ashcroft's goal, which he celebrates with Micky and Carl Heggs, top right.*

*pics:Nigel Little*

# NEXT AWAY

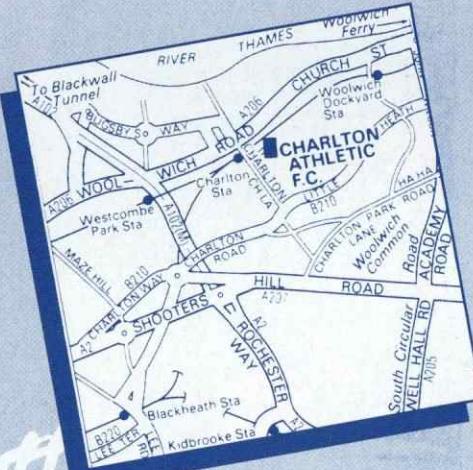
## • CHARLTON ATHLETIC •

Endsleigh League Division One  
Monday 3rd January 1994  
Kick-off 3.00pm

### How to get there:

From North and West: M1 to junction 11. A505 through Dunstable Road and right into Kenilworth Road.

From South and East: M1 to junction 10, or A6, A612 to town centre. A505



to Dunstable Road and left into Kenilworth Road.

Parking: Street parking.

Nearest railway station: Luton.

## MAMMOTH TOURS - SUPPORTERS' CLUB OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to The Valley, Filbert Street and London Road. As usual the coaches (fitted with video & w.c. for Charlton & Peterborough) depart from Stourbridge and make their way to the final pick-up point outside the Moat House at West Bromwich, via Lye, Colley Gate, Halesowen, Blackheath and Whiteheath.

Date	Opponents	K.O.	Stourbridge @	West Brom @	Price	Non-Members*
Mon 3 Jan 94	Charlton Athletic	3pm	9.30am	10.00am	£7.50	£12.50
Wed 12 Jan	Leicester City	7.45pm	4.30pm	5.00pm	£5.50	£10.50
Sat 15 Jan	Peterborough Utd	3pm	10.00am	10.30am	£6.00	£11.00

\* Includes £5 membership of the WBA Supporters' Club

You can make your bookings by ringing Dave Holloway on 021-557 1408 (answerphone sometimes in operation) or by calling in at the new Club Shop, situated inside the Brummie Road End, on matchdays.

If you have already booked for the above matches and could not get a match ticket will you please ring to cancel your seat on the coach. Thank you.

### WELCOME

Happy New Year to everyone, hope you had an enjoyable festive season....diets start today! Welcome to our visitors Luton Town and their supporters who have travelled to the Midlands for today's game.

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**Redditch** — Daryl Burgess and Andy Hunt are the guests at their next meeting to be held on Thursday January 6th at 8.00pm. The venue is the Royal British Legion, Easemore Road, Redditch.

**Kidderminster** — Lee Ashcroft and Wayne Fereday are the guests at St. George's Social, Radford Avenue on Monday January 10th at 8.00pm.

**Tamworth** — Hold their next meeting on Monday January 10th at the Progressive Club, Halford St, Tamworth at 8.00pm.

Guests for the evening are Kieran O'Regan and Neil Parsley.



Lee Ashcroft — appearing at Kidderminster

### WE NEED YOU...TO JOIN WEST BROMWICH ALBION SUPPORTERS CLUB

Benefits of membership include: • Assistance with tickets for important matches • 10% discount in the Club Shop • Organised travel to away games with Mammoth Tours • Regular meetings held at West Bromwich and Halesowen • Free admission to the Halfords Lane Throstle Club on matchdays • Free admission to meetings of all branches of WBASC • Annual Quiz • Christmas Meal • Player of the Year Night

Subscriptions are now due. The cost is £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for juniors (under 16) and Senior Citizens. However for POSTAL BRANCH MEMBERS (those living at least 30 miles from the Hawthorns) the cost is £7.50 (UK) and (£10.00 (Overseas) for all age groups. Please note that Postal Branch members will receive 10 monthly editions of the HALFORDS LANE newsletter.

Supporters are reminded that they can join the Supporters Club on matchdays by visiting the new Club Shop situated underneath the Brummie Rd.

Supporters can also join at any Branch meeting or by filling in the application form below.

N.B. When remitting your subscription by post it would be most appreciated if you would enclose a S.A.E. to help us keep the costs down.

Application to join the West Bromwich Albion Supporters Club

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### SUPPORTERS CLUB DIRECTORY

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# BAGGIES

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### HAWTHORNS AWAY TRAVEL SECTION

No membership required

We are always happy to welcome new supporters, young and old. HATS run coaches to all away matches.

Please note: to avoid disappointment, it is advisable to book 48 hours before travel, and that H.A.T.S. will not allow any alcohol to be carried on coaches.

Charlton Athletic, January 3rd 1994, depart 10.00, fare £7.00

Coach Tickets can only be obtained at the Club Shop, Halfords Lane during shop hours or the

Throstle Club, Halfords Lane by ringing Vince, Monday to Friday between 7pm and 9pm. Also John Griffiths (Chemist) 137 Hill Top, next to Jubilee Garage, Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm.

It would be a great help if coach tickets could be filled in on the back with your name and address, before boarding the coach.

Why not call in at the club shop for your tickets and spend a little time to browse through the many W.B.A. gifts and souvenirs on sale.

Dave Gutteridge (Chairman)

## Previous Encounters

There have been 30 previous League games involving Albion and the Hatters, and at the minute this is our record against the team from Kenilworth Road:

Venue	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Home	15	12	1	2	35	9	28
Away	15	5	4	6	13	20	15
Totals	30	17	5	8	48	29	43

● The last time Luton visited The Hawthorns was in December 1985 when they won 2-1 in a First Division match before a crowd of 12,508. Imre Varadi (later to play for Luton) scored for Albion.

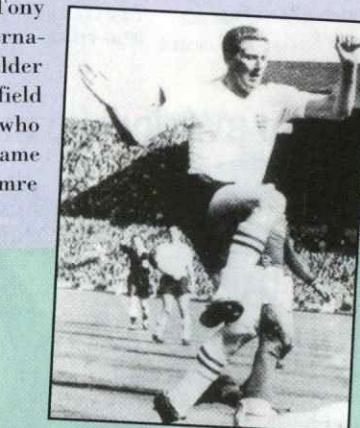
● Albion have won four of their last five home League games against Luton.

## PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Among the post-war players who have served with both clubs we have forward Ian Benjamin, defenders Jack Bannister and Billy Gripton, inside-forward Eddie Connelly, goalkeepers Andy Dibble and Tony Godden, Republic of Ireland star Tony Greasham, the former England international striker Derek Kevan, midfielder Andy King (now manager of Mansfield Town), centre-back Stacey North, who has now been forced to quit the game through injury, and the versatile Imre Varadi (now with Rotherham).

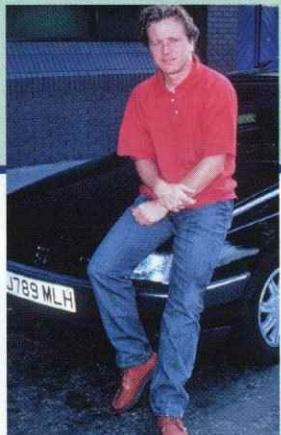
## GIFT OF THE GUARD

Richie Woodhall is pictured being presented with a boxing headguard by our Commercial Director and Vice Chairman, Tony Hale on behalf of the club. Richie, the reigning Commonwealth Middleweight Champion, is as you all know is a staunch Baggies supporter. We wish him a speedy recovery from his recent injury.



## Attendance Facts

Albion's average home gate this season is 16,598 (aggregate 182,576 — from eleven games played). Only Nottingham Forest (22,160) and Wolves (18,960) have better averages than Albion in the division so far.



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## EX BAGGIES

Peter Eastoe has now become the Assistant Manager at Nuneaton Borough; Dave Barnett has joined Birmingham City from Barnet; Paul Barron has now become Goalkeeping Coach at Aston Villa.

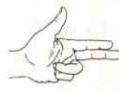
## Are others handing out rough justice?

boss?



In debt, or H.P. companies holding a gun to

your head?



Victimised or intimidated by shady

characters?



Culprits been fingered  and you

want to prosecute privately? Problems with landlord or

tenants?



Divorce or family difficulties?



Need assistance with wills or solicitors letters?



Want someone to fight  on your behalf? Need help

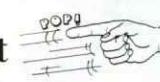
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purchase and conveyancing?

Coucher & Shaw are very approachable,  will

pull their finger out



and

always be there to point you



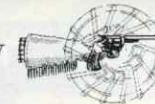
in the right direction.

When you need a helping hand

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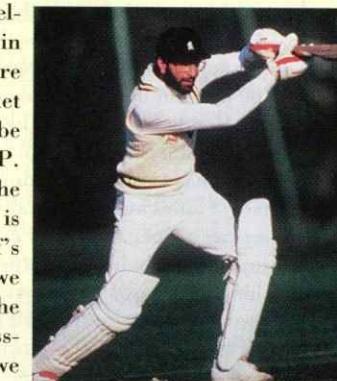
On the 2nd December at the Junior Baggies Christmas party, someone left behind a grey jumper. If you think you have lost such an item, then please phone Kate Evans on 021 525 4714.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Exactly 60 years ago — on New Year's Day 1934 — Albion recorded one of their finest away victories when they beat Manchester City 7-2 at Maine Road. A crowd of almost 21,000 attended the game which was a personal triumph — in a way — for 'W.G.' Richardson, Albion's star centre-forward, who scored a hat-trick against big Frank Swift, who was one of the finest goalkeepers in the land at the time. City, however, soon got over this shock defeat, and went on to win the F.A. Cup that season, beating Portsmouth 2-1 in the final — this, after they had lost in the final the previous year to Everton.

## Asif Din's Benefit Year, 1994

Today we welcome Asif Din of Warwickshire County Cricket Club, who will be enjoying a V.I.P. day here at the Hawthorns. It is the start of Asif's benefit year so we wish him all the best for a successful year, and we must also give special thanks to Dave Yarnall, Circulation Manager, and Robert Osborne, Area Manager, from the Daily Star who organised today's events in conjunction with the club. The Daily Star are today's Match Sponsor.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Larry on December 30th  
Love Becky, Lisa, the  
family and  
The Brummie Road Enders  
Come on Super Bob  
Up the Baggies  
Gotcha mate

Congratulations  
and Best Wishes to  
Steven Care, 21  
on December 15th  
Lots of Love from  
Mom, Dad, Phillip  
and Nan

**CHRISTOPHER**  
Happy 9th  
Birthday  
Lots of Love  
Mom, Dad & Adam  
XXXX  
Boing, Boing

## NOT TO BE SNEEZED AT!

Mr J. Lennie and his family came down from Glasgow to live in Great Barr in the twenties and Mr Rennie's father soon became a supporter of The Baggies. When the team reached the 1931 FA Cup Final he bought a souvenir handkerchief depicting the triumphant Albion team. It was passed on to Mr Rennie junior (he is now 74) and he is looking to sell the rare handkerchief, which is in excellent condition. He asked us to publish his address requesting bids, but we felt that it would be better to get interested parties to make their bids in writing to us, we will then pass them on to Mr Rennie. So if you would like to make an offer for this famous piece of Baggies memorabilia please send your bid to us by January 31st 1994. Albion News c/o Paper Plane Publishing Ltd, Chapel House, 1 Lyde Green, Halesowen, West Midlands.

## ANDY ON DUTY

Andy Hunt recently presented the trophy at a Staff v Students football game at Bournville College, Birmingham. The game, sponsored by Endsleigh Insurance, raised funds for the family of a college student tragically killed in a road accident. Andy is pictured with college staff, students and representatives from Endsleigh. Also in the photo is Sam Slater, a Junior Baggie who just happened to be at Bournville College when Andy arrived!



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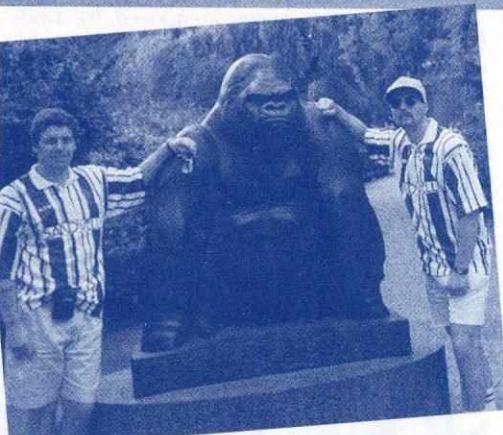
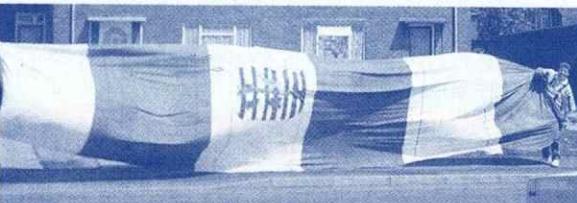
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## FLYING THE FLAG

It's quite obvious who Ivan Bills and his daughter Luana support, but if anyone was wondering, they're only too proud to fly their flag. Ivan, from Wolverhampton, is also pictured with his brother Steve in Berlin with Ivan's suggestion for a possible new signing!



## SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS

These are your pages, so keep those photographs coming in whether entering the Apollo Family Competition, or just sending in shots of Baggies in unusual places or situations. It may take a little while, but we will use all shots in the end.

## WIN A £100 APOLLO VOUCHER IN OUR FAMILY PHOTO COMPETITION

Your chance to win a £100 voucher to spend at any Apollo 2000 gas and electrical supermarket!

All you have to do is to send in your favourite family picture to the programme editor, he will judge all entries and award the best photograph the £100 prize. The prize will be presented to the photographer on the pitch at a home game along with two £25 vouchers for the runners up.

The photo's can be humorous, topical or just ordinary snaps, but here's a tip, if they include something to do with West Bromwich Albion they stand an even better chance of winning!

*Paul Kearsley, Marketing Director of Apollo 2000*

## Halfords Lane Throstle Club

### The Original Supporters Sports & Social Club

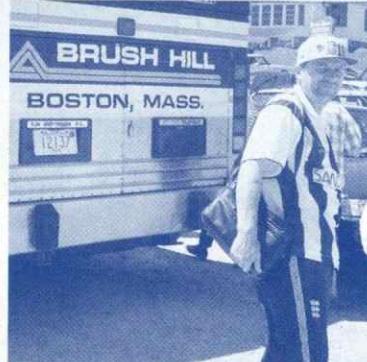
It is regretted that on matchdays, only Throstle Club members and their guests are allowed into the club premises until two hours before kick off time. Under no circumstances can anyone other than Throstle Club members be allowed to sign in guests or gain admission, due to our capacity limitations, and our members requirements. Please do not argue with our committee club members managing the door, they are only doing their duty.

Membership of the Throstle Club can be applied for to Mr. Keith Clout at the club, cost: £5.00 per annum. Call or phone Keith on (021) 553 1514. Membership of the Throstle Club entitles members and their guests to all the facilities that the club has to offer; including Hawthorns away travel\* Ladies and gentlemans bowls teams \* Good company \* Open every day & evening for your enjoyment including Sundays \* Snooker \* Pool \* Fishing \* Bingo \* Live Entertainment \* Darts \* Indoor Bowling Skittles \* All this and more for membership of The Throstle Club, including players presentation evenings. Membership of the Throstle Club is required for admission to the club premises, we regret that no other membership guarantees admission.

Normal weeks programme: Saturdays: Live Entertainment. Music to suit all ages. Sunday: Bingo. Monday: Darts & Dominoes. Tuesday: Pool Night. Wednesday: Match Night. Thursday: Free & Easy. Friday: Bingo.

## Forever a Baggie

Julia Bytheway sent us this picture of her husband Steve, taken while they were on holiday in Boston, USA. Steve has supported the Baggies "forever" and travels all over the country to see them play, despite living on the Isle of Wight.



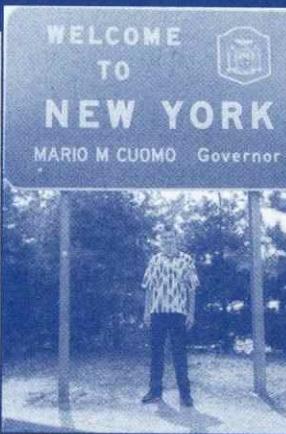
## New Recruit

On holiday in Disneyworld, Florida last summer were Helen Stokes, Matt Wood, Lindsey and Adrian Mills, all season ticket holders and pictured with a new Baggies recruit, Pluto.



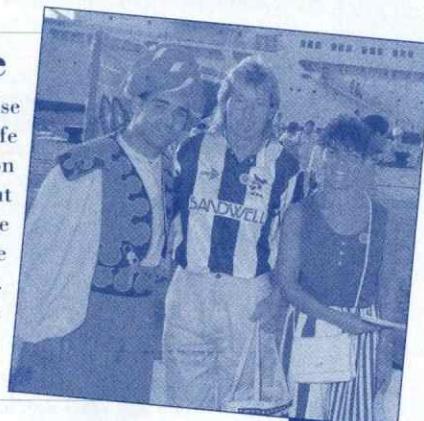
## Big Apple Baggie

Matthew Turton has recently returned from Toronto, Canada where all the locals are now well aware of the good name of West Bromwich Albion, he tells us. Matthew also visited New York, where he is pictured proudly wearing his Baggies shirt, which he wore everywhere.



## Pleasant Surprise

Clive Green will have a surprise when he sees this page — his wife Mandy has sent this photo of them on their honeymoon in Egypt without him knowing. Apparently Clive wears his Baggies shirt everywhere and never misses an Albion game. And who says love can't overcome any barriers? Clive's wife is a Wolves fan!



## Blue and White Wedding

The bridegroom wore blue and white.....well, actually Gavin Roberts is only posing in the famous shirt for a photo opportunity with his wife after the big day. Gavin and Abigail were married in September, in Cyprus.



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# THE *FAIRY* CHANGING-ROOM WELCOMES

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hen Kerry Dixon rammed in a hat-trick in a 6-2 win over Stoke at the end of November, it marked one of the lengthier transitions for a product of Luton's youth team establishing himself in the first team.

Dixon was one of eight Luton players in that particular game who were reared at Kenilworth Road as manager David Pleat, bringing the former England striker back to his home-town club, continues to run the club on a shoestring and a successful youth policy.

At a club where funds for transfers are seldom available, young players with talent can find that the opportunity for League football soon comes their way. But in Pleat's first spell as manager from 1978, former England striker Dixon was, ironically, one of the few that slipped through the net at Luton. He joined non-League Dunstable before making his League debut with Reading and progressing to Chelsea and England.

Returning home on a free transfer from Southampton last year, Dixon, now 32, has helped provide experience up front among Luton's home-grown stock. He continues the spine of older players in the side: at the back is ex-Coventry stalwart Trevor Peake, 37 next month, and Alan Harper, 33, the former Everton utility player is in midfield. Former Walsall player David Preece, 30, has recently returned to the side.

Pleat has also hired the Luton-bred talents of West Ham's full-back Mitchell Thomas. It's one of the club's tasks to capitalise on the experience of seasoned professionals becoming available at other clubs. Youth team coach Terry Westley explains the other facets in building a Luton team: "I'm trying to bring chaps through from the youth squad while we're also looking for lads with potential who haven't quite made it at other clubs, such as West Ham, Arsenal or Spurs."

Westley, youth-team coach at Ipswich Town before teaming up with Pleat two and a half years ago, has already seen his labours bear fruit as the latest in an impressive list of Welsh youngsters has become a regular in the first-team squad. "John Hartson can go all the way. He's already scored twice in two appearances for the Wales under-21 team, and he's only 18, a first-year pro. He spent his full two years with me, scoring around 50-goals in youth football last season.

"Cyrille Beach, our scout in Wales, unearthed him, as he has in recent years found Kurt Nogan, now with Brighton, Mark Pembridge, Ceri Hughes, Jason Rees, Hartson and now Andrew Jukes, who's in my youth team at the moment. He's got a back injury, but will be a first-year pro next season."

Both midfielders Hughes and Rees have won international honours with Wales, while Pembridge, a regular in Terry Yorath's squad and now one of Derby County's star men, is one of the million-pound sales which have helped Luton stay in existence. "There's always scouts coming to our games," says 34-year-old Westley, himself formerly an Ipswich Town schoolboy. "They know we're going to be producing good young players. It's frustrating for the first team to have great young players come through and then to lose them. If we'd kept everyone — Phil Gray, Kingsley Black, Pembridge — we'd probably be in the Premier ourselves."

John Moore, now Pleat's right-hand man at Luton, was youth team coach with him at Leicester City, and this has brought Luton further



## THE CREAM KEEPS COMING TO THE TOP AT LUTON

dividends. Skilful wide man Scott Oakes, with over 70 League appearances for Luton at only 21 years of age, is one of four former Leicester youngsters now in Pleat's first-team squad. Right-back Des Linton, striker Martin Williams and now Tony Thorpe have all benefited from rejoining Pleat.

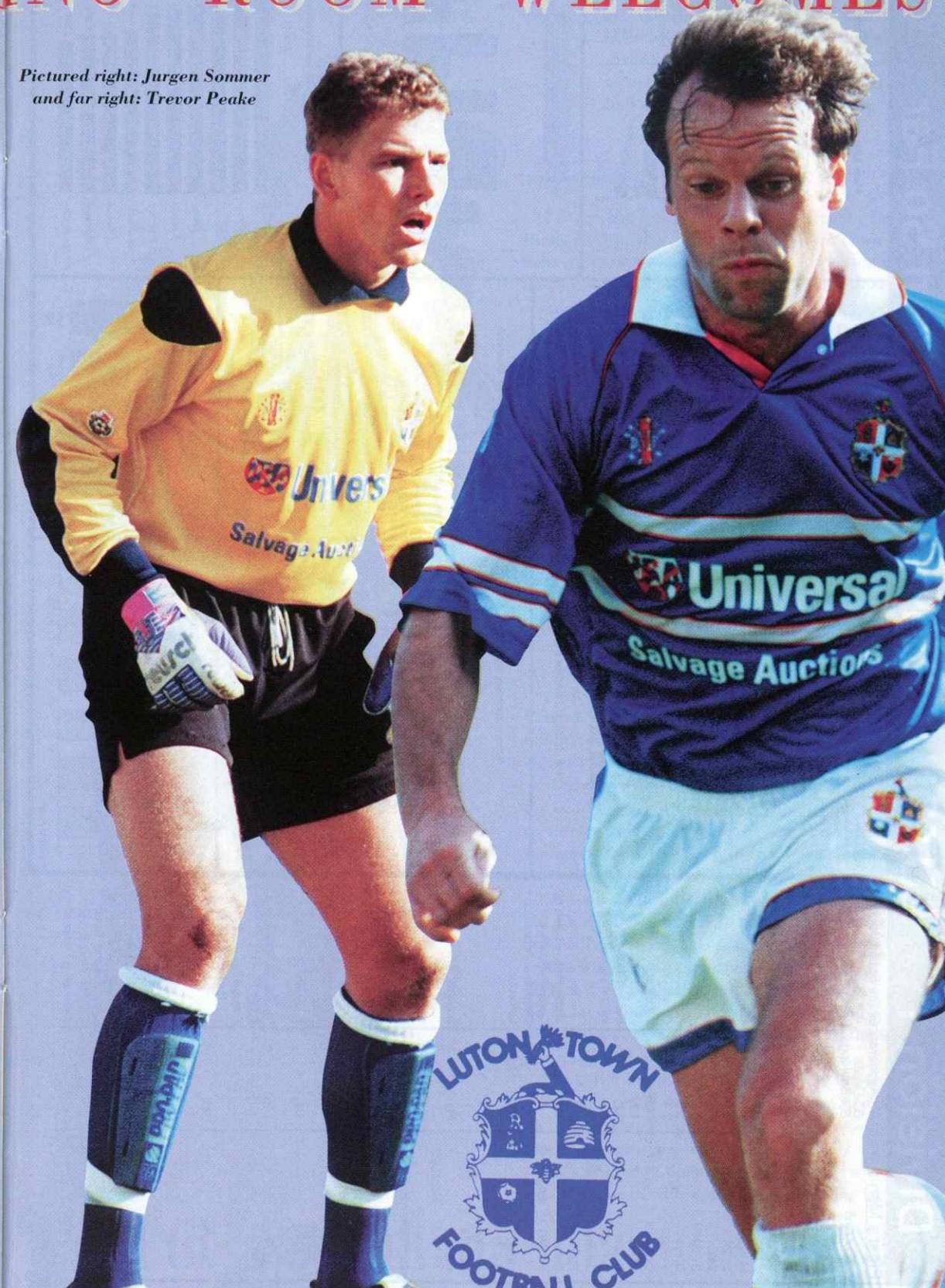
Other young Luton players to look out for in the coming year are midfielder Aaron Skelton, on his way back from a ruptured thigh muscle; left-back Greg Rioch, son of Bruce, who has made his League debut on loan with Barnet; striker Jamie Woodford, and youth team captain Paul McLaren. "He's been in the first-team squad this season," says Westley. "He could be awesome."

Winning more than a third of games in the past three months has lifted Luton a fair distance from the relegation zone they have frequented for much of the last two seasons — relegated from the top flight in 1992, they were also 20th in last season's First Division. While poor results can affect youngsters' progress, there's seldom a lack of new talent knocking on the Kenilworth Road door. Good young players with the potential to play League football know they have a better than usual chance of realising it with Luton.

"We make a rule that if we've got a good local boy, we try not to lose him. We show him, through our track record, that they will get the opportunity, and we do tend to keep them."

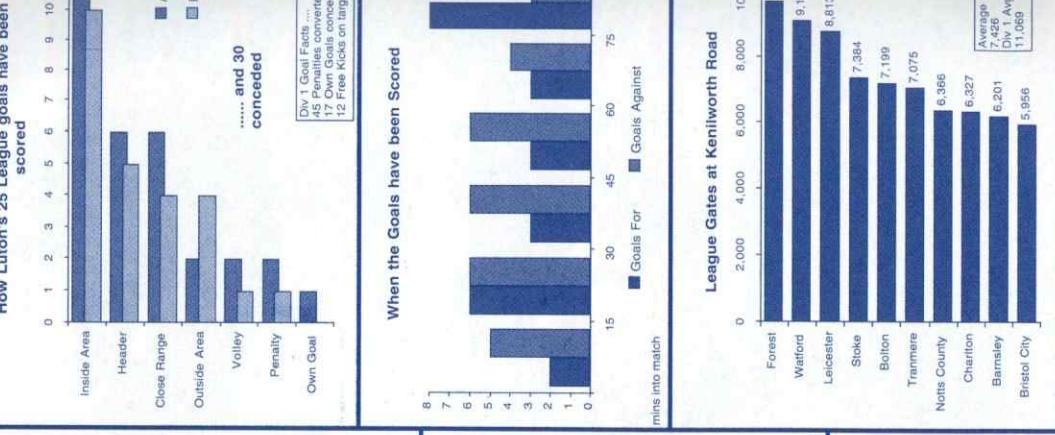
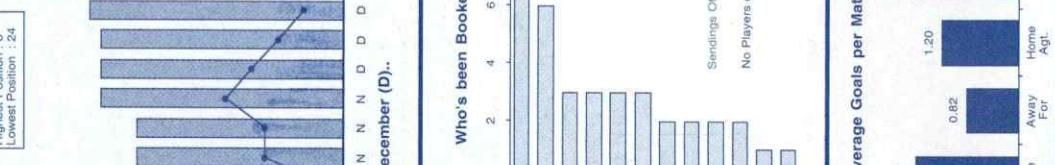
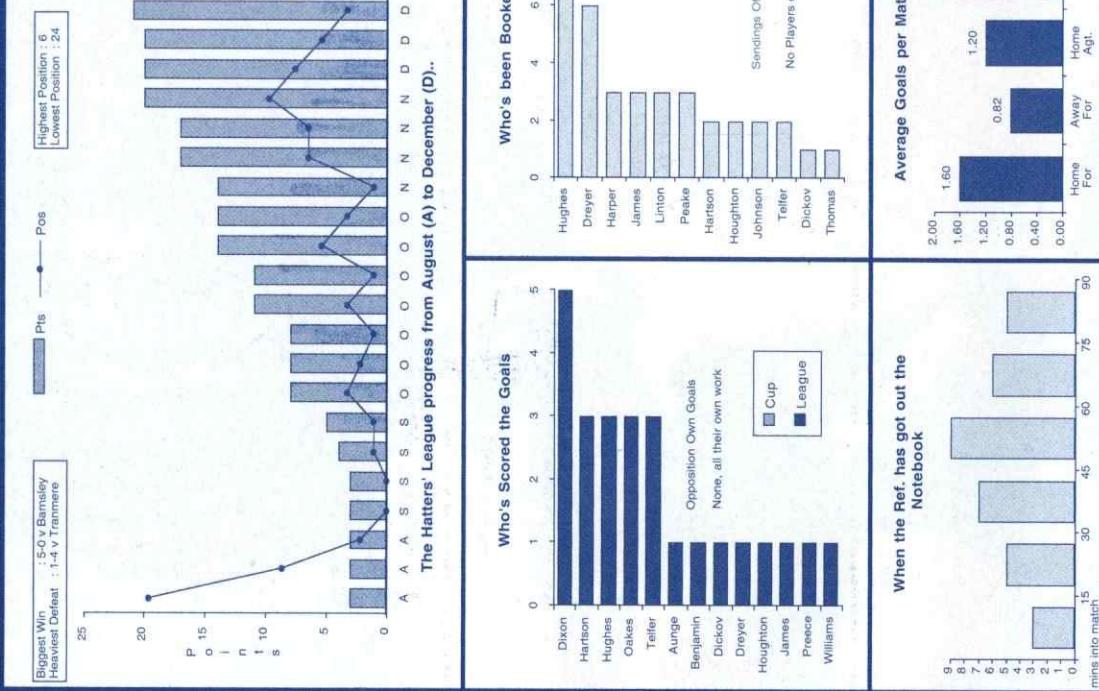
It may have taken 15 years to get Kerry Dixon back in the fold, but the current line-up proves the cream keeps coming to the top at Luton.

Pictured right: Jurgen Sommer  
and far right: Trevor Peake



# Division 1 LUTON TOWN - The Season So Far

Pleat's Men	A = Appearances (as Sub) League Cup			B =Goals Bookings (Sent off) G			C =Goals G			D =Goals Bookings (Sent off) G		
	A	G	B	A	G	B	A	G	B	A	G	B
Peake 10/2/57	Eng SP	21	3	Coventry Lincoln								
Sommer 27/2/69		2	2	Nuneaton Kettering Torquay (L)								
Hughes 26/2/71	Wales	20	3	Brighton (L)								
Telfer 27/10/71		19(1)	3	2								
Dreyer 11/6/63		18	1	6	Fulham (L) Torquay (L)							
Oakes 5/8/72		2		16(3)	Oxford Wallingford							
Harper 1/11/60		16	3	Leicester								
Johnson 29/10/68		16	2	Everton Man City Sheff								
Dixon 24/7/61	Eng	12(1)	5	Wed Everton								
Linton 5/9/77		12(1)	3	Southampton Luton (L)								
Hartson 25/4/75		9(4)	3	Chelsea Reading								
Dickov 1/11/72	Scot U21	8(4)	1	Dunstable								
Preece 28/5/63	Eng B	8	1	Tottenham								
James 22/3/70	Eng U21	2	1	Leicester								
Rees 22/12/69	Wales	7(1)	3	West Ham								
Thomas 2/10/64		4(8)	1	Tottenham								
Williams 12/7/73		1	2	Charlton (L)								
Houghton 2/10/71	Eng Yth	4(6)	1	Gillingham (L)								
Campbell 21/10/72		3(6)	1	Cambridge (L)								
Aunge 2/10/64		7	1	Ipswich (L)								
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I KNEW I would have to battle for my place"

## LEE • ASHCROFT

Lee Ashcroft will be one of the few mourners when Preston North End's artificial pitch is dug up next summer to mark the end of professional football's experiment with playing on plastic.

With artificial playing surfaces condemned by practically all and sundry, the other three clubs who had laid these pitches — Queens Park Rangers, Oldham Athletic and Luton Town — have already reverted back to grass. Preston will do the same in time for the start of the 1994-95 season.

But Lee, who was a YTS trainee at Deepdale then made his mark in two years as a professional before his close season move to Albion, said: "I loved Preston's plastic pitch.

"I learned my trade on it and as a pacey winger it really suited me. The surface was so fast and true that full backs couldn't touch you if you were going full belt past them or dribbling at speed.

"But I accept most of the arguments against plastic pitches and I suppose that in the end they had to go. I just hope that grass pitches are improved to give them some of the qualities that artificial surfaces have.

"Not that there aren't any decent grass pitches around — I reckon the Hawthorns is a good one to play on, for instance. When I came here with Preston last season I was very impressed with the quality of the surface. We lost 3-2 but I really enjoyed playing in that game.

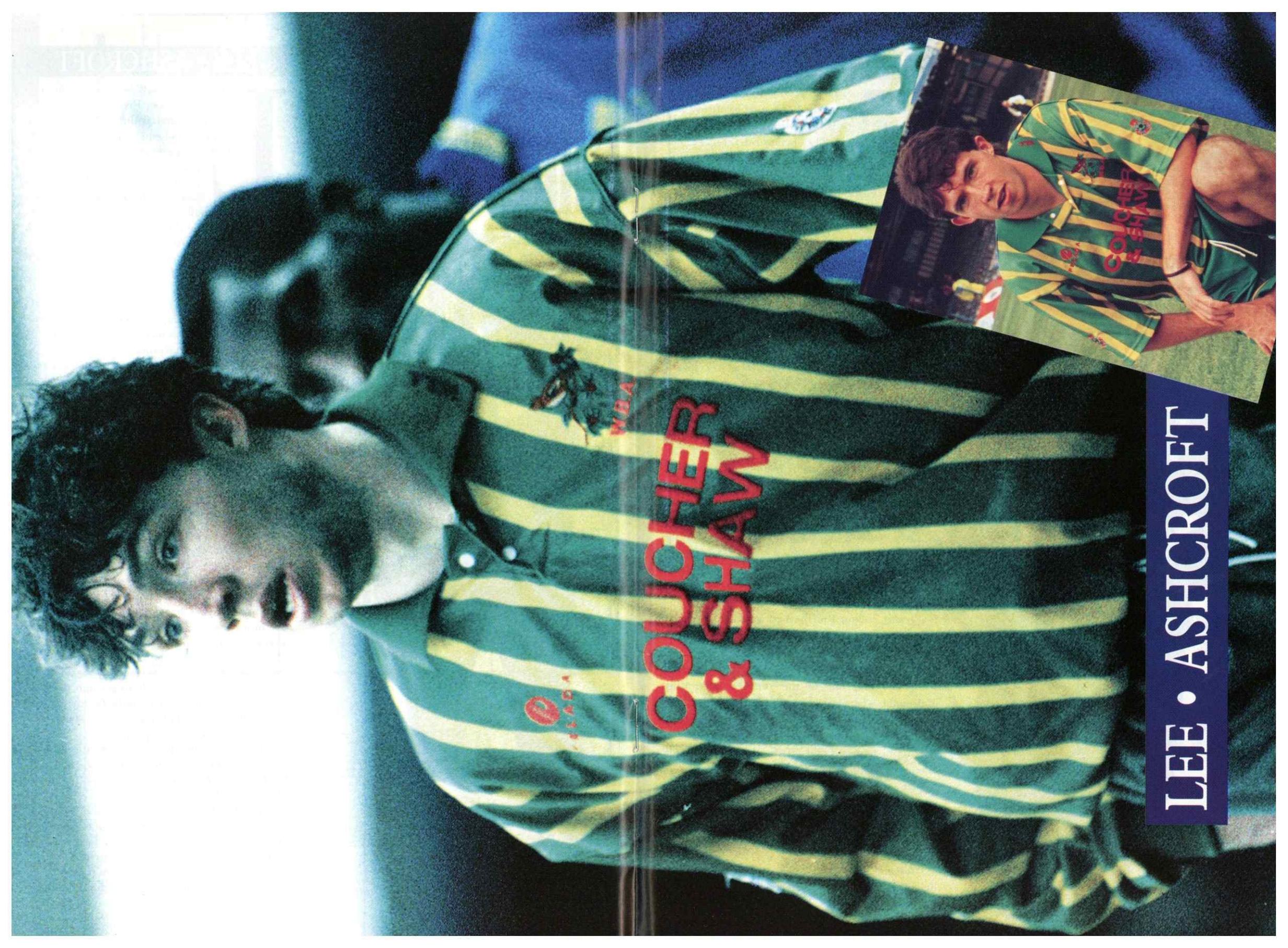
"I'm not saying that the pitch was a major factor in my decision to sign for Albion, but it was certainly a plus point when I was thinking over the move. Now I've been here a few months I'm very pleased I came to the club.

"It took me a little while to get into the side, but I knew I would have to battle for my place — especially after the lads made a good start to the season while I was out suspended.

"But I've gradually got used to the way the side plays, which is a lot different — and a lot preferable as far as I'm concerned — to the way they play at Preston.

"Now I'm hoping for a good run in the team. We played really well in the run-up to Christmas and if we can keep that sort of form going, I fancy us against any team in this division.

"It's still wide open and I don't see why we shouldn't be in with a chance of finishing in the play-offs."



LEE • ASHCROFT



proclaimed  
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## LEE • ASHCROFT

**F**ortunately, or unfortunately as the case may be, Lee Ashcroft just had to get saddled with the nickname 'Peggy'. The obvious reference is Dame Peggy Ashcroft, the world famous actress, but even our winger's Christian name has the same connotation thanks to silky songstress Peggy Lee.

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The best known song of the legendary Ms Lee is the classic 'Fever', but among her many other recordings is a fine rendition of 'Mr Wonderful'. Could she have had in mind Lee Ashcroft, that flying winger and wizard of the green baize?

Yes, the boy's talents extend beyond the soccer pitch and into the snooker and pool hall. The self-proclaimed 'Snooker King of the Hawthorns' says: "I've loved playing snooker and pool since I was a kid."

"In my younger days I used to play every night and got to be pretty decent, but I don't get the chance nowadays to play as often as I used to."

"I still reckon I'm the best snooker player at Albion, though. Carl Heggs might disagree — but I'll take him on any time!"

"I play down at West Bromwich Snooker Hall with Carl and one of the younger lads, Billy McDonald, whenever we get the chance."

"My biggest ambition outside football is to get a 147 break at snooker. My best so far is 52, but I'm looking to improve that all the time and to get a maximum would be absolutely fantastic."

Just lately Lee has been taking time out from snooker to go househunting in the West Midlands. He recently became a dad and is looking for a house to move into with his girlfriend Michaela and baby son Ben.

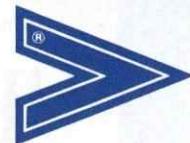
It has not been an easy task, as Lee testifies after driving many miles and seeing a lot of houses in the last couple of months. But there again, would you rent a house of yours to a bloke named Peggy?

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- (viii) Baggies Club members will have a 5% discount on all holidays booked through West Midlands Travel.
- (ix) Baggies Club membership will cost £10 per person, and will necessitate the completion of the requisite application form and the presentation of two passport size photographs. People who joined the former members' club after January 1st 1993 will have £1 discounted from their fee on production of their card.

*The Membership application form appears on page 34 of this programme.*

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## Changing the Face of The Hawthorns

*As we look forward to the New Year today, you can be sure that 1994 is going to be a season of great change here at The Hawthorns.*

*The traditional terraced areas of The Smethwick End and The Brummie Road, will soon be gone to make way for modern stands that meet the requirements of the Taylor Report, and prepare Albion for the next century.*

**T**he first phase of the redevelopment of The Hawthorns begins in just nine days time on January 10th and, if everything goes according to schedule, the new stand will be ready for the start of the new season in August.

Development of this phase will take in the Smethwick End and the Halfords Lane/Smethwick End corner of the ground, providing an all seater stand with capacity for approximately 5,600 away supporters and, in the corner, 500 places for home fans.

The structure of the new Smethwick End will incorporate a wide range of new facilities including: a new stadium control unit, new turnstiles, much improved catering facilities, better toilets, additional executive box facilities, a new bar and a new sponsors lounge, as well as a new ticket office.

In addition there will be a vast improvement in facilities for the disabled, providing a separate entrance and exit and a further 60 places. In the new stand there will also be a new police detention block as well as a new first aid unit.

This ambitious new development will completely transform the Smethwick End of the ground and, as you can see from the architects drawings, will vastly improve the look of The Hawthorns, both from inside and outside the ground.

One point of interest is that, unlike many new ground developments, The Hawthorns will retain the distinctive profile of floodlight pylons, though not the current ones. New floodlights will be erected as part of the portal frames of the new stands at each end, but traditionalists, and visiting fans navigating to The Hawthorns, will be delighted that the floodlights will not be moving to the sides of the stands.

### Birmingham Road End

During April work will start at the other end of the ground re-developing The Birmingham Road End, which will again join with the Halfords Lane Stand, filling in the corner and providing new executive boxes. This major stand will provide seating for approaching 8,400 people.

Many of the facilities will be similar to those in the new Smethwick End, with the refreshment bars being on a mezzanine level. The fabulous new stand will be completed by the end of October and will take the new capacity of The Hawthorns to around 26,000 — all seated of course.

Ground Director Clive Stapleton, believes that the £4.2 million contract for the two new stands, which has been awarded to Walsall based company Kendrick Construction, represents excellent value for money.

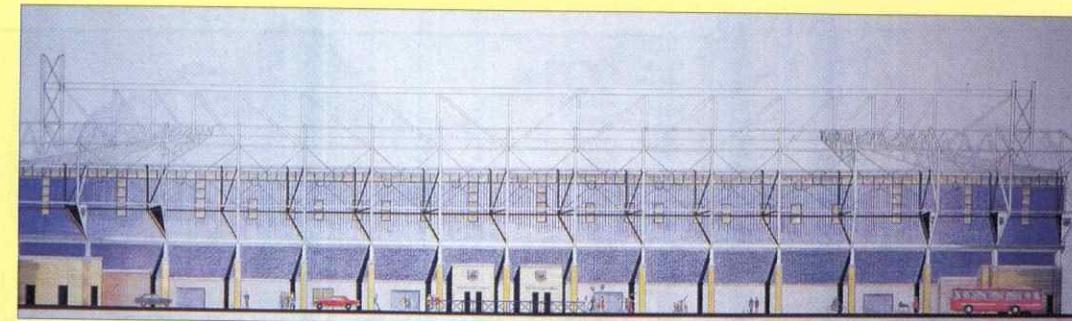
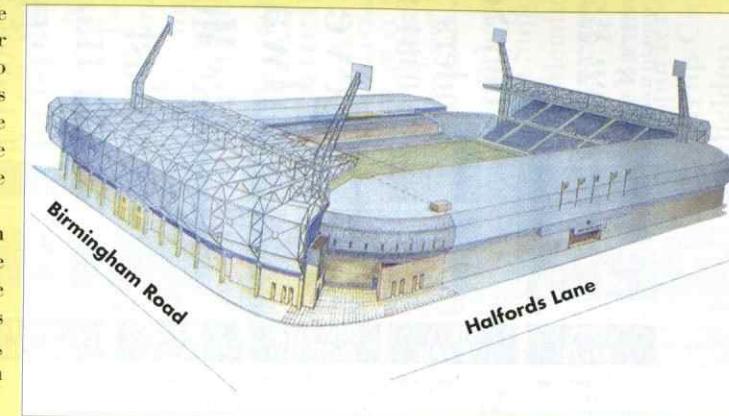
"The design team is being headed by Tim Ralphs Design Group on behalf of the club, with structural engineers Keith Palmer Associates and quantity surveyors Cotter Walker, with Norder Design working on behalf of Kendrick Construction," explains Clive. "That gives us a very professional, quality building team."

And Clive is confident that the right decisions have been made over the plans for modernising Albion's home: "It's been an eighteen month decision making process, and at each stage we've gone back to the board. Some of the things we didn't think of originally, other people have thought of. We've also gone out to public meetings with the supporters and that's given us further ideas, and I think we've got the best we possibly could."

The wide variety of business talents on the Albion board have been utilised in finalising the development plans. All the commercial aspects have been looked into by Commercial Director Tony Hale and Barry Hurst, with Terry Guy and Joe

Brandrick being involved in the financial side. Chairman Trevor Summers' has also been able to bring his previous experience as Ground Director to good use when considering the needs of the fans, and the requirements of the police.

The remarkable speed with which this metamorphosis of The Hawthorns is planned to take place will astound Albion fans as the construction gets underway, and it certainly makes for an exciting outlook in 1994.



Above: The New Birmingham Road End  
Below: The New Smethwick End



### DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE SEATS

Although plans for the development have been completed after lengthy consultation with the construction experts and the fans, there is one detail that remains to be decided. We are looking for a logo to include in the seats of both the new Smethwick End and Birmingham Road End stands. Have you got any ideas?

It has to be something that can be reproduced using the club's blue and white colours in the seats, so all you frustrated interior designers get your pencils sharpened and send your ideas to us at Seat Design, c/o Albion News, West Bromwich Albion F.C. Halfords Lane, West Bromwich.

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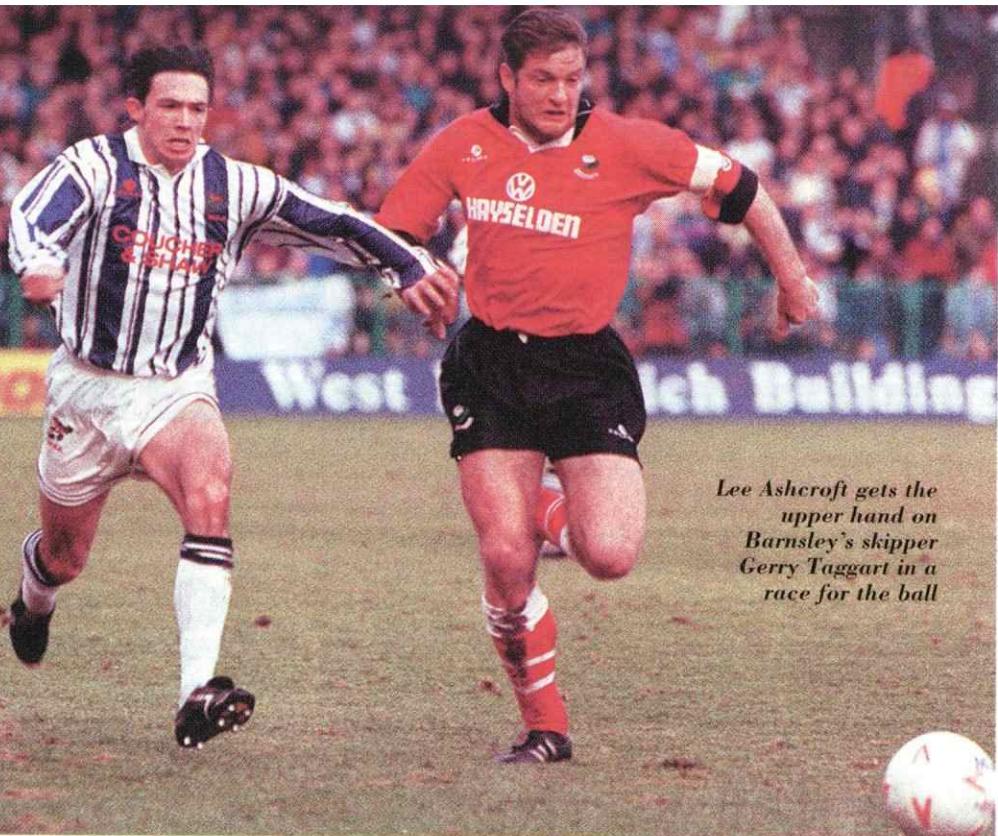
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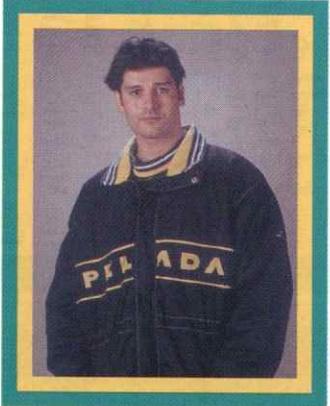


Lee Ashcroft gets the upper hand on Barnsley's skipper Gerry Taggart in a race for the ball

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# RESERVES AND YOUTH Report

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**I**n his first season as Reserve team coach, John Trewick has declared himself satisfied — with one or two slight reservations — with his side's progress in the first half of the campaign.

John said: "Generally speaking, I've been very pleased with the lads. My only disappointment is that we've lost more games than we should have done.

"Apart from one game where we did deserve to get beaten, we've played well every time out. Individual mistakes have been to blame more often than not when we've lost, but at least everybody who has made mistakes has learned from them and become better players for it.

"I've had quite a few experienced players to choose from and I have to say, their attitude has been first class when they've been out of the first team and having to play for the Reserves.

"The transfer listed lads have done well too — they've all shown their professionalism and that has been a great example for the younger lads coming through the ranks.

"I've been pleased with young pro's like Roy Hunter and Stacey Coldicott, who have been used in a variety of positions, and also with the YTS lads who have come into the team. Danny Marshall and Chris Godfrey have had more games than the other YTS players, but more will get their chance in the second half of the season.

"The outstanding performances so far have been the away games at Tranmere and Burnley, and the home game against Stoke. We won 2-1 against a very strong Tranmere side, then played some magnificent football in the 4-2 win at Burnley. When Stoke came to the Hawthorns they were top of the League — but we defended really well and they didn't have a serious shot at goal. We were on top throughout the game, in fact, and we could have won by a lot more than the final 2-0 scoreline."



Stacey Coldicott — used in a variety of positions

## PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE

		Opponents	Venue
1993			
Wed Aug 18	Bradford City	0-1	H
Wed Aug 25	Preston North End	2-1	H
Wed Sept 8	Huddersfield Town	4-3	H
Mon Sept 13	Mansfield Town	Post	A
Wed Sept 22	Hull City	1-3	A
Wed Sept 29	Middlesbrough	4-0	H
Wed Oct 13	Oldham Athletic	1-2	A
Wed Oct 20	Man City	3-3	H
Wed Oct 27	Tranmere	2-1	A
Tue Nov 3	Blackpool	3-1	H
Wed Nov 17	Burnley	4-2	A
Wed Nov 24	Stoke	2-0	H
Tue Nov 30	Grimsby Town	2-0	A
Wed Dec 8	Scunthorpe Utd	Post	H
Mon Dec 13	Preston North End	2-3	A
Mon Dec 20	Port Vale		H
1994			
Wed Jan 5	Barnsley		A
Thur Jan 13	Oldham		H
Wed Jan 19	Port Vale		A
Wed Jan 26	Tranmere		H
Tue Feb 1	Manchester City		A
Wed Feb 9	Mansfield Town		H
Wed Feb 16	Huddersfield Town		A
Wed Feb 23	Barnsley		H
Wed Mar 2	Scunthorpe Utd		A
Wed Mar 9	Grimsby		H
Wed Mar 23	Middlesbrough		A
Tue Apr 5	Bradford City		A
Tue Apr 13	Blackpool		A
Wed Apr 20	Rotherham Utd		H
Thur Apr 28	Stoke City		A
Wed May 4	Burnley		H
Wed May 11	Hull City		H

## PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 1993-94 (Up to and including 19th December 1993)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke City	17	12	0	5	28	22	36
Tranmere R.	15	11	2	2	30	14	35
Rotherham U.	15	10	1	4	30	13	31
Oldham Athletic	16	9	3	4	29	17	30
Manchester City	17	7	5	5	25	18	26
Preston NE	17	8	2	7	32	30	26
<b>WBA</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
Huddersfield T.	16	7	3	6	33	27	24
Burnley	15	7	2	6	27	22	23
Barnsley	16	7	2	7	25	26	23
Port Vale	14	5	7	2	23	14	22
Mansfield Town	12	4	5	3	19	17	17
Grimsby Town	15	4	2	9	19	29	14
Bradford City	14	4	1	9	20	28	13
Scunthorpe U.	14	4	1	9	21	32	13
Middlesbrough	14	3	3	8	15	25	12
Blackpool	15	2	3	10	16	37	9
Hull City	16	2	1	13	4	40	7

## PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

Sat Aug 7	Coventry City	4-3	H
Sat Aug 14	Derby County	0-4	A
Sat Aug 21	Grimsby Town	1-1	H
Sat Aug 28	Leicester City	2-2	A
Sat Sept 4	Lincoln City	1-0	H
Sat Sept 11	Mansfield Town	0-1	A
Sat Sept 25	Notts County	0-3	A
Sat Oct 2	Nottingham Forest	Post	H
Sat Oct 9	Peterborough United	1-3	A
Sat Oct 16	Coventry City	0-4	A
Sat Oct 23	Shrewsbury Town	2-1	A
Sat Oct 30	Lincoln City	2-0	A
Sat Nov 6	Stoke City	2-1	H
Sat Nov 13	Walsall	Post	A
Sat Nov 27	Aston Villa	0-1	H
Sat Dec 4	Port Vale	Post	H
Sat Dec 11	Birmingham City	1-2	A
Sat Dec 18	Birmingham City		H
Sat Jan 8	Coventry City		H
Sat Jan 15	Northampton Town		H
Sat Jan 29	Grimsby Town		A
Sat Feb 5	Leicester City		H
Sat Feb 12	Mansfield Town		H
Sat Feb 19	Northampton Town		A
Sat Feb 26	Notts County		H
Sat Mar 5	Nottingham Forest		A
Sat Mar 12	Wolv. Wanderers		A
Sat Mar 19	Peterborough United		H
Sat Mar 26	Port Vale		A
Sat Apr 2	Shrewsbury Town		H
Sat Apr 9	Stoke City		A
Sat Apr 16	Walsall		H
Sat Apr 23	Wolv. Wanderers		H
Sat Apr 30	Aston Villa		A
Sat May 7	Derby County		H

## MIDLAND PURITY LEAGUE

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE																				
(Up to and including 28/12/93)																				
		Home									Away									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PT							
Aug	14	Barnsley	A	1 - 1	12,940	-	Lange	Coldicott	Darton	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	O'Regan	Donovan 1	Garner 9s	Strodder 3s	Cutler
	18	Bristol R. (CCC1)	A	4 - 1	4,562	-	Lange	Coldicott	Ampadu	Bradley	Raven	Burgess 1	Hunt 1	Hamilton	Taylor	O'Regan	Donovan 2	Garner	Strodder 4s	Cutler
	21	Oxford	H	3 - 1	17,227	8	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt 1	Hamilton	Taylor	O'Regan 1	Donovan 1	Garner 3s	Strodder 2s	Naylor
	25	Bristol R. (CCC1)	H	0 - 0	9,123	-	Naylor	Fereday	Lilwall	McNally	Raven	Strodder	Ashcroft	Garner	Taylor	Ampadu	Mellon	O'Regan 11s	McCue 8s	Lange
	28	Stoke	A	0 - 1	17,948	14	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	O'Regan	Donovan	Ampadu	Strodder	Naylor
Sept	1	Southend	H	2 - 2	14,482	10	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Strodder	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor 2	O'Regan	Donovan	Ampadu	Burgess	Naylor
	5	Wolves	H	3 - 2	25,615	10	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley 1	Raven 1	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Garner	O'Regan	Donovan 1	Strodder 2s	Ampadu 9s	Naylor
	8	Leicester City (AIC)	A	0 - 0	3,508	-	Naylor	Coldicott	Lilwall	McNally	Burgess	Strodder	Ashcroft	Mellon	Garner	Heggs	Ampadu	Raven	Hamilton	Cutler
	11	Notts County	A	0 - 1	9,870	8	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Garner	O'Regan	Donovan	Strodder 2s	Ampadu 9s	Naylor
	15	Peterborough (AIC)	H	3 - 1	4,168	-	Naylor	Parsley	Darton 1	McNally 1	Raven	Strodder	Ashcroft	Garner	Heggs	Mellon 1	Ampadu	Taylor 9s	Coldicott	Cutler
	18	Crystal Palace	H	1 - 4	17,873	13	Lange	Fereday	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor 1	O'Regan	Donovan	Ampadu 11s	Parsley	Naylor
	22	Chelsea (CCC2)	H	1 - 1	14,919	-	Lange	Parsley	Ampadu	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	O'Regan	Donovan 1	Ashcroft 8s	Mellon 4s	Naylor
	25	Middlesbrough	H	1 - 1	15,766	16	Lange	Parsley	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Ampadu	Taylor 1	O'Regan	Donovan	Ashcroft 3s	Mellon	Naylor
Oct	3	Derby	A	3 - 5	13,370	20	Lange	Parsley	Ampadu	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt 2	Hamilton	Taylor 1	O'Regan	Mellon	McNally	Strodder	Naylor
	6	Chelsea (CCC2)	A	1 - 2	11,959	-	Lange	O'Regan	Ampadu	Bradley	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor 1	O'Regan	Donovan	McNally 8s	Strodder	Naylor
	9	Millwall	A	1 - 2	11,010	22	Lange	O'Regan	Ampadu	Bradley 1	Raven	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	Mellon	Donovan	McNally 7s (Parsley, Heggs, Lange)		
	12	Pescara (AIC)	H	1 - 2	5,458	-	Naylor	McNally	Ampadu	O'Regan	Strodder	Burgess	Garner	Hamilton	Taylor 1	Mellon	Donovan	Ashcroft 10s	Donovan 7s	Naylor
	16	Peterborough	H	3 - 0	15,134	19	Lange	Parsley	Ampadu	Bradley	Strodder 1	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor 2	Mellon	O'Regan	Ashcroft 10s	McNally 10s	Naylor
	23	Sunderland	A	0 - 1	19,505	22	Lange	Parsley	Ampadu	Bradley	Strodder	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	Mellon	O'Regan	Ashcroft 10s	McNally	Naylor
	30	Watford	H	4 - 1	15,299	17	Lange	Parsley	Lilwall	O'Regan	Strodder	Burgess	Hunt 2	Hamilton 1	Taylor 1	Ashcroft	Donovan	Garner	Reid	Naylor
Nov	2	Tranmere	A	0 - 3	7,882	18	Lange	Parsley	Lilwall	O'Regan	Strodder	Burgess	Hunt	Hamilton	Taylor	Ashcroft	Donovan	Garner 5s	Reid 2s	Naylor
	6	Bolton	H	2 - 2	15,709	20	Naylor	Fereday	Ampadu	Bradley	O'Regan	Burgess	Hunt 1	Hamilton	Taylor 1	Ashcroft	Donovan	Garner	Reid 10s	Cutler
	9	Padova (AIC)	H	3 - 4	2,745	-	Naylor	Coldicott	Darton	McNally	Hunter	O'Regan	Garner 1	Hamilton 1	Taylor	Ashcroft	Heggs	Donovan 10s	Mellon	Cutler
	14	Halifax (FAC1)	A	1 - 2	4,230	-	Lange	Coldicott	Ampadu	O'Regan	Burgess	McNally	Hunt 1	Hamilton	Taylor	Ashcroft	Donovan	Mellon 11s	Reid 3s	Naylor
	16	Fiorentina (AIC)	A	0 - 2	7,808	-	Naylor	Reid	Ampadu	Hunter	Coldicott	Burgess	Heggs	Hamilton	Taylor	Ashcroft	Donovan	McNally 10s (Mellon, O'Regan, Lange)		
	21	Nottm Forest	H	0 - 2	15,581	22	Lange	Reid	Williams	Mardon	Raven	Strodder	Hunt	O'Regan	Taylor	Mellon	Donovan	Hunter 11s	Garner 6s	Naylor
	27	Portsmouth	H	4 - 1	13,867	19	Lange	Burgess	Williams	O'Regan 1	Mardon	Raven	Hunt 2	Hamilton	Taylor 1	Mellon	Ashcroft	Hunter	Heggs 11s	Naylor
Dec	7	Bolton	A	1 - 1	9,277	17	Lange	Burgess	Williams	Mardon	Raven	Ashcroft	Hunt 1	O'Regan	Taylor	Mellon	Hamilton	Hunter 3s	Heggs	Naylor
	11	Southend	A	3 - 0	6,807	16	Lange	Burgess	Williams	Mardon	Raven	Ashcroft	Hunt 1	O'Regan	Taylor 1	Mellon	Hamilton 1	Hunter	Heggs	Naylor
	19	Barnsley	H	1 - 1	16,062	16	Lange	Burgess	Williams	Mardon	Raven	Ashcroft 1	Hunt	O'Regan	Taylor	Mellon	Hamilton	Heggs 3s	Strodder	Naylor
	22	Cosenza (AIC)	A	1 - 2	c. 50	-	Lange	Burgess	Lilwall	Bradley	Raven	O'Regan	Ashcroft	Hamilton	Taylor	Mellon	Heggs	Garner 7s	Hunter 2s	Naylor
	27	Bristol City	H	0 - 1	22,888	16	Lange	Burgess	Lilwall	Mardon	Raven	Ashcroft	Heggs	O'Regan	Taylor	Mellon	Hamilton	Coldicott 10s	Donovan 7s	Naylor
	28	Birmingham	A	0 - 2	28,228	18	Lange	Burgess	Lilwall	Mardon	Raven	Ashcroft	O'Regan	Hamilton	Taylor	Garner	Coldicott	Donovan 10s	Reid	Naylor
1994																				
Jan	1	Luton	H																	
	3	Charlton	A																	
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	22	Millwall	H																	
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Feb	5	Sunderland	H																	
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	26	Wolves	A																	
Mar	5	Stoke	H																	
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	16	Notts County	H																	
	19	Middlesbrough	A																	
	26	Derby	H																	
	30	Charlton	H																	
Apr	2	Bristol City	A																	
	4	Birmingham	H																	
	9	Luton	A																	
	16	Tranmere	H																	
	23	Nottm Forest	A																	
	30	Grimsby	H																	
May	7	Portsmouth	A																	



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**'THE FIRST  
PLAYER TO  
APPEAR IN 500  
LEAGUE AND CUP  
GAMES FOR  
ALBION'**

by Tony Matthews



Len and Tom, in fact, were the respective skippers, and before the game started they chatted together in the centre circle.

Len recalls: "I wished Tom all the best, but as we walked away from the ball, I reminded him that I would be sticking close to him all afternoon — and I did!"

Earlier in the season Albion had done the League double over Preston, winning 2-0 away and 3-2 at home when thick fog swirling round The Hawthorns, almost causing the game to be abandoned.

"We played very well in those two matches" said Len, "and I was confident we could pull it off at Wembley. We were all bitterly disappointed at missing out on the League championship and myself and the rest of the players were determined to bring that silver Cup home to West Bromwich.

"Our manager Vic Buckingham insisted before the Final that we should play our normal game. We did, but Preston seemed to change their tactics slightly, aiming to mark Johnny Nicholls and Ronnie Allen a lot more closely than in the previous games. Ron, though, dropped back a few yards and caused them all sorts of problems with his passing.....yet he still scored two goals — although along with our goalkeeper Jimmy Sanders, I turned away when he struck home his penalty.

**W**hen Len Millard proudly walked up the 39 steps to the Royal Box at Wembley 40 years ago — on his way to collect the F.A. Cup after Albion had beaten Preston North End 3-2 — he was certainly a hero amongst the Baggie fans inside the stadium and also back in the Midlands, where thousands were glued to the TV sets or had their ears to their radios.

A great day indeed and there are quite a few supporters around today who will remember — and relive — that memorable occasion on 1st May 1954 when Albion carried off the coveted trophy for the fourth time.

Len had a superb game that afternoon, completely blotting out the threat of England's wing wizard, Tom Finney.



*Before the 1954 final....*

"When Frank Griffin notched the winner in the dying minutes, I ran 50 yards to congratulate him. I was shattered — but it was worth it!"

Len was 35 years of age when he held aloft the coveted trophy — one of the oldest-ever skippers of an F.A. Cup winning team.

He will, therefore, be 75 in March, and although his health isn't too good these days — he is currently in a Nursing Home, having had a leg amputated a couple of years ago — he still follows the fortunes of his beloved Albion via the newspapers and TV.

I say his beloved Albion, because Len actually spent 21 years as a player at The Hawthorns, serving the Baggies from May 1937 when he joined the club as a lad from Sunbeam FC, having previously assisted Coseley FC, Wallbrook FC, Colesley Town and Bilston Town, right up until June 1958, when, at the age of 39, he became manager of Stafford Rangers.

Owing to World War Two, it was late before Len turned professional — doing so in September 1942, aged 23. He made his debut for Albion in a wartime game v. Northampton in August of that same year — this being

the first of 625 appearances for the club (436 in the League, 40 in the F.A. Cup and 149 during the period 1939-46). Indeed, Len was the first player to appear in 500 senior games for the Baggies. He also scored a total of 18 goals — including two hat-tricks (from the centre-forward position) against Leicester City and Wolves, both at home, early in the 1942-43 season.

But it was as a left-back and not a goalscorer where Len excelled and it was very rare that he was 'roasted' by a winger. He always gave Stanley Matthews a hard time, as well as Finney and a lot of other internationals.

Coseley born and bred, Len retired from football in 1961, having spent three seasons with Stafford Rangers. He then went to work in a factory, before

taking a life of leisure in 1980.

He last attended The Hawthorns — as a guest — soon after the new Halfords Lane stand was completed and although looking frail he thoroughly enjoyed chatting about old times, reliving the good old days and admiring the vast transformation of The Hawthorns ground.

Remember — when Len first came to Albion back in 1937, the capacity of the ground was around 65,000. How times have changed!



*....and after*

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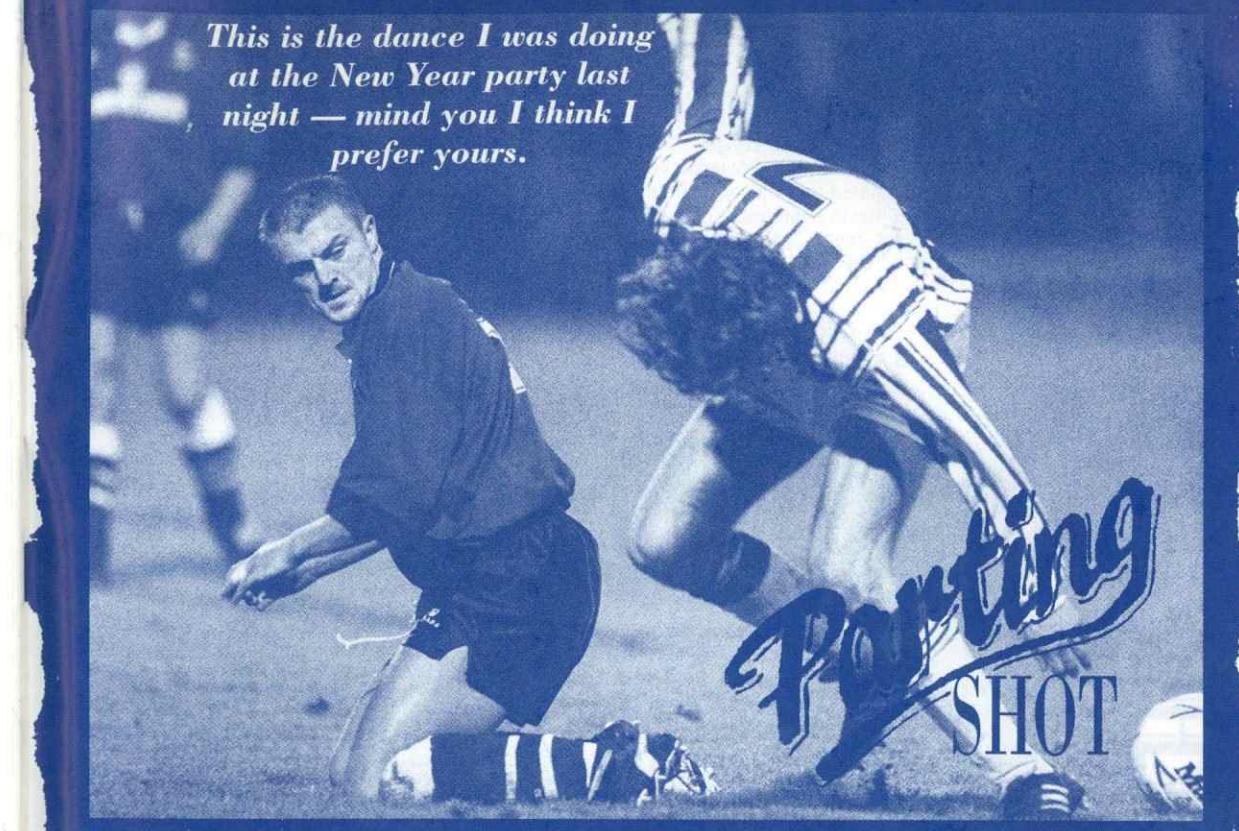
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# THE REF

**K.J. Breen:** Kevin is a training officer, married, with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1965 progressing through the Liverpool Zingari League, the Northern Premier League and the Alliance League. He was appointed to the League Referees' list in 1985. Kevin's interests include ballroom dancing, tennis, golf, bowls and watching sports programmes.



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B.P. Ellicott (Red trim flag) &  
G.A. Stones (Yellow trim flag)



# TODAY'S MASCOT



**NAME:** Richard Philpotts  
**AGE:** 10.  
**SCHOOL:** Penyields Primary School.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Bob Taylor & Tony Lange.  
**HOBBIES:** Football.

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<b>IAN HAMILTON</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>DAVID PREECE</b>
	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b>	

## HALFTIMES

- A** Barnsley v Portsmouth
- B** Bolton Wanderers v Notts County
- C** Grimsby Town v Bristol City
- D** Leicester City v Sunderland
- E** Millwall v Crystal Palace
- F** Notts Forest v Charlton Ath
- G** Oxford United v Middlesbrough
- H** Peterborough Utd v Wolves
- J** Southend Utd v Birmingham City
- K** Stoke City v Derby County
- L** Tranmere Rovers v Watford
- M** Aston Villa v Blackburn Rovers
- N** Everton v West Ham Utd
- O** Ipswich Town v Liverpool
- P** Newcastle Utd v Man City
- Q** QPR v Sheff Wednesday
- R** Walsall v Wycombe

## WHO'S NEXT

Endsleigh League  
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