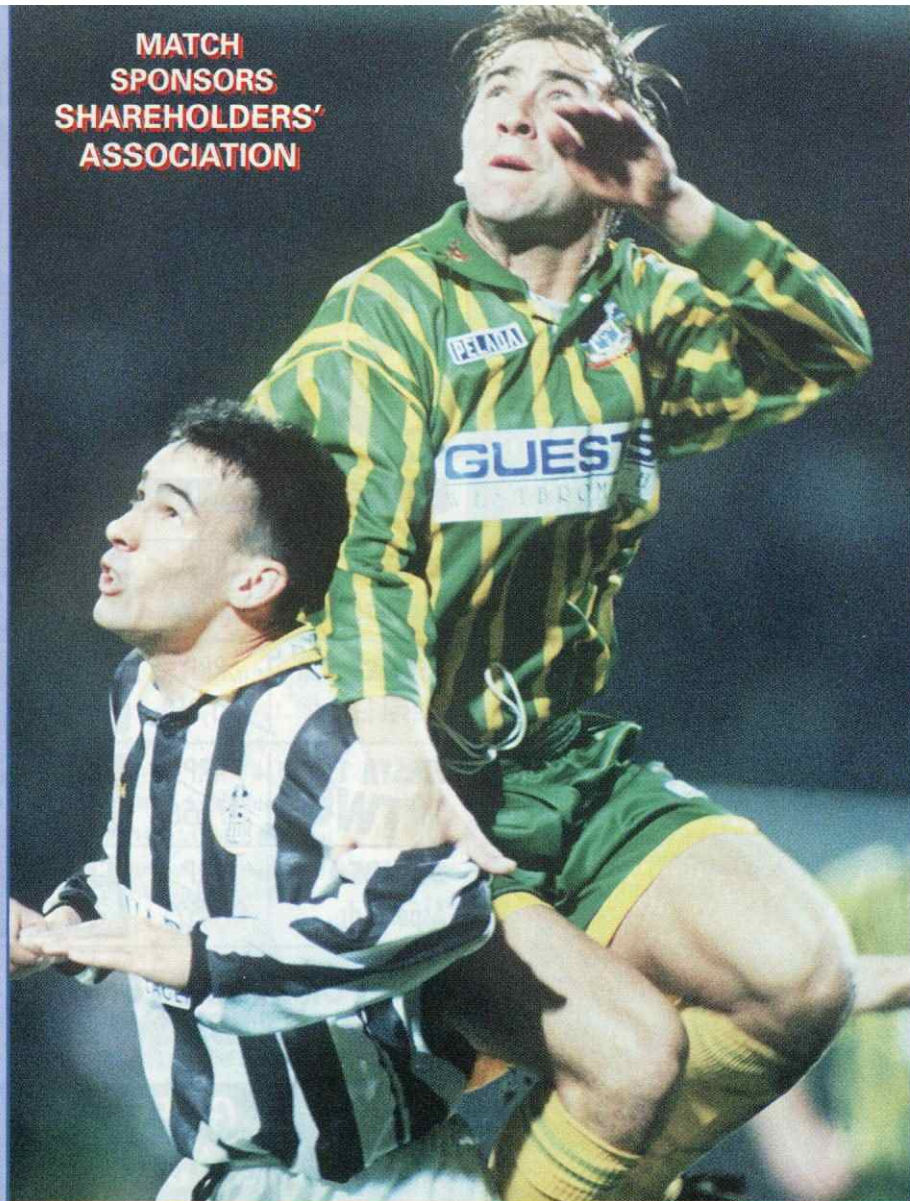


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A festive welcome to all at The Hawthorns for today's match against Luton Town. I must say a very big thank you to all those who entered 'The Super Star Prize Draw' to

help celebrate the opening of the new 'Apollo Stand'. Your support has been much appreciated and the lucky winner of the fantastic prize will be revealed on the pitch at half time. And, of course, if you bought a ticket, you can be proud that you have helped to make money available for the strengthening of the team. Thank you once again.



Club Sponsors Guests will be getting everyone in the festive mood today, as they are giving out free Santa hats to the crowd. The hats have been specially made in the Albion blue and white, and it is a wonderful gesture from the consistently generous company.

With the festive season now well and truly with us, I would like to wish every Albion fan a very merry Christmas. On behalf of everyone here at The Hawthorns, I would also like to thank you, as always, for your excellent support of the club. The support at Albion is truly special, and I would like to assure you that it is always appreciated. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and that we prosper together in the New Year.

Tony Hale, Club Chairman

**t.o.t.h.e
HAWTHORNS**

From the Boss

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to this afternoon's game against Luton Town. David Pleat is a manager who has always been known for producing good footballing teams, so today's game should be suitably entertaining. Speaking of good football, I felt that last Saturday's performance was the best footballing display, in the sense of passing and movement, the players have given since I joined the club. We looked a very good team going forward, and good football created good chances. I think that had Lady Luck smiled on us just a little bit more, we could have gone in at the interval possibly two goals clear. Having said that, Sheffield scored with the only direct shot they had on our goal in the first half, which is very disappointing. The second goal came as a result of bad marking at a set piece, so we've spoken about that. Overall, I was as disappointed as everyone else with the result, but there was a lot of satisfaction to be gained from the way I saw the players play, which was something like what we've been working towards in the last seven weeks or so. Yet again the support was fantastic, and I think the fans at the game appreciated the performance the players gave, because it was one of commitment, and, as I remarked to them afterwards, if they continue to show that sort of commitment and thought, then we won't go far wrong. I was very disappointed that they did not get the result that their efforts deserved.

As this is the last home game before the Christmas period, I would just like to wish all the supporters a very merry Christmas, and let's all look forward to a successful New Year.

Main Pic: Carl Heggs feels some Sheffield Steel on our visit to Bramall Lane last week.

Top right: Down the line — Steve Lilwall keeps the ball in play.

Bottom right: Paul Raven climbs high to clear the danger.



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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please note that the ground will be closed over Christmas at the following times:

CHRISTMAS EVE: Closed from midday.

27TH DECEMBER: Closed all day.

New Year closing times will appear in the Boxing Day programme.

BIG HEARTS

A big thank you goes out to everyone who donated to the Radio WM Toy Appeal. The generosity of kind-hearted Albion fans packed one and a half vans full of toys for less fortunate kids this Christmas. Jenny Wilkes from Radio WM was overwhelmed with the response, and asked us to pass on her thanks. She is pictured here receiving toys from Ground Director Clive Stapleton and Commercial Executive Tom Cardall.



BE SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

You may well have lots to celebrate of the Christmas period, but don't let it go to your head. The number of people killed by drink-drivers has been falling steadily over recent years, and you can do your best to carry on this trend. Everyone knows that drink-driving is wrong, but many still think they can get away with it. It's not worth the risk. Don't drink and drive — you may live to regret it.

CALLING ALL HATTERS

Calling all exiled Luton fans with access to the information super-highway, otherwise known as the Internet. You may be interested to know that an electronic Newsgroup called WHOSH (Worldwide Hat-

ters On The SuperHighway) exists to keep you up to date with all the latest happenings involving Luton Town. If you would like to subscribe to WHOSH simply send your e-mail address to: request-ltfc@robots.ox.ac.uk

KELLY ON THE MOVE

Ex-Albion star Tony Kelly has joined Second Division Peterbor-

MASCOT MAGIC

Team mascot for the clash against Oldham Athletic was Leanne Dubberley, and she did all that was asked of her, helping us on to our best win of the season so far. We hope she enjoyed the day, and her few minutes of fame on the hallowed turf.



FORUM FUN

The recently-held Sports Forum at the Sandwell Labour Club turned out to be a great event. Pictured enjoying the evening are Fred Bridge, Territory Sales Manager for M & B Breweries, the manager of the Sandwell Labour Club, Albion Chairman



Tony Hale and Tom Ross of the BRMB Radio Station.

ough United on a free transfer from Bolton Wanderers.

TURNSTILE OPERATORS REQUIRED

If you fancy getting even closer to Albion, why not become one of our turnstile operators? With the opening of the Birmingham Road End Stand, we require additional operators. No previous experience is required, but an eye for detail would definitely be useful. If you are interested in the position, please apply in writing with an up to date cv, together with two references, to: The Chief Administrator, West Bromwich Albion F.C., The Hawthorns, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4LF.

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Hatters of Luton this afternoon, who have provided some excellent entertainment for their travelling fans so far this season.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The Supporters Clubs would like to take this opportunity to wish their members and all Albion fans (and Luton's too!) a very, very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

As mentioned in the last issue Mike Vass is the new, if albeit temporary, contact for contributors of information to this page but please note a change of telephone no: 021-444-6664 or alterna-



Arthur Mann will be guest at the East Birmingham Branch in January

tively by post to 9 Listowel Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6HH.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Main Supporters Club — Next Meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 12th January; further details regarding venue and guests to be announced later. Meanwhile, we would like to thank Mike Phelan for a very enjoyable and informative evening at the Royal Oak last Thursday week.

Away Travel / Membership. The Supporters Club have been given temporary accommodation under the Smethick End Stand. This will be open between 2.00 and 2.30 on matchdays and will take bookings for away travel and new membership. Dave Holloway and Alan Cleverley will be pleased to see you.

Ireland Branch — Anyone interested in joining this newly formed branch should contact Charlie Egan on Dublin 838-2009 or write to him at 158 St. Attracta Rd, Cabra, Dublin.

MAMMOTH TOURS — SUPPORTERS' CLUB OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to Roots Hall, the Baseball Ground and Highfield Road. The coaches (fitted with video & wc) will pick up at the Land Oak Public House in Kidderminster as well as the usual points between Stourbridge and the Moat House at West Bromwich.

Date	Venue	K.O.	Kiddy @	Stourbridge @	W. Brom @	Price *
Tues 27 Dec 94	Southend United	3pm	8.45am	9.00am	9.30am	£10.00
Mon 2 Jan 95	Derby County	3pm	11.15am	11.30am	12.00noon	£6.00
Sat 7 Jan 95	Coventry City - FA Cup	3pm	11.45am	12.00noon	12.30pm	£6.00

* Plus £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 at the booking point, situated inside the Smethwick End, before today's match. Strictly no phone calls on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our travellers.

CAN YOU PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD ON ALL TRIPS.

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Redditch Branch — The branch run a coach to all home games, stopping at Studley, Redditch and Bromsgrove. Anyone interested should contact Pat Luke on 0527-527190.

East Birmingham Branch — Arthur Mann, Assistant Manager, will bring in the New Year as guest at the January meeting. Will members please note the earlier date for the next meeting: it will take place on Tuesday 10th January at the usual venue, The Stirrup Cup pub, Horrel Road, Sheldon, starting at 8pm.

South Birmingham Branch — The branch, which now has 60 members, will be staging a Christmas Disco on Thursday 29th December at the Royal British Legion Club, New Road, Rubery. Adults £2.50 per ticket, children free; 7.30 'til late.

STOP PRESS

A note for your new 1995 diaries — next year's "Player of the Year" evening will be held on Sunday 23rd April at the Kings Club, Hamstead.

HAWTHORNS AWAY TRAVEL SECTION

Travel to all WBA away games. No membership required.

Date	Destination	Halfords Lane Depart	Price
Tue 27 Dec	Southend	9.30am	£10
Mon 2 Jan	Derby	12 noon	£6
Sat 7 Jan	Coventry	12.30pm	£6
Sat 14 Jan	Reading	10.00am	£7
Sat 11 Jan	Port Vale	12.30pm	£6

Bookings taken at:

The Club Shop, Halfords Lane — Shop Hours
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7. Christmas Meal
8. Player of the Year Night

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

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Baggies of money for Children in Need Pic. of the week

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Picture shows West Bromwich Building Society staff Paul McMillan (back), Jamie Hughes and Ruth Hayfield with Albion players (left to right) Mike Phelan, Scott Darton, Gary Strodger, Daryl Burgess and Carl Heggs.

West Bromwich Building Society and West Bromwich Albion have teamed up to raise Baggies of money for the 1994 Children in Need Appeal!

Staff from the Society braved the elements at The Hawthorns recently to collect bucketfuls of cash from generous Baggies fans at the match against Sunderland.

Glenn Elliot, Chief Executive of West Bromwich Building Society, said: "By working together with West Bromwich Albion, the Society has been able to raise more than £850 which will go to help needy children in the community."

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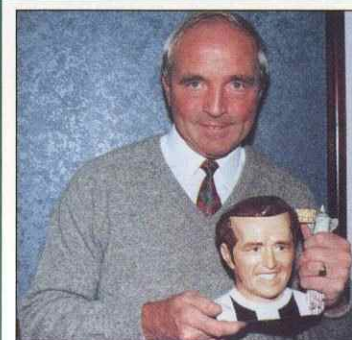


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SPECIAL MEMORIES

Noble Ceramics have produced a memento of Albion's glorious 1968 FA Cup Final triumph that every loyal Baggies fan will treasure. The 'Jeff Astle' 1968 Commemorative Character Jug depicts Jeff at the height of his career, which culminated in scoring the winning goal in the 1968 FA Cup Final.

Only 500 jugs are to be made, and each one is hand made and hand painted, individually numbered, and comes in its own satin lined presentation box, together with a certificate of authenticity. Each jug is priced at £150, and orders can be taken over the counter of the clubshop.

Jeff Astle has kindly offered to personally present the jugs individually to anyone that buys one. If requested when ordered, the jugs will be delivered to the ground at a home game when Jeff will present the jug and pose for photographs of the occasion.

CRIMESTOPPING

The Crimestopper initiative is a simple but highly effective way for members of the public who have information about criminal activities to pass on their information to the Police without becoming involved. It allows them to remain anonymous and there is a reward available where the information leads to an arrest and charge. If you have an information about a crime, please call 0800 555 111. You do

not have to give your name, and may receive a substantial reward for your efforts.

BAGGIES PLATE

Dedicated Albion fans might be interested to know of a car that has recently come onto the market. The A-reg Sierra has the number plate WBA 129X, and, ironically, is owned by a staunch Birmingham City fan. Tim Beddow is keen to sell the car to somebody more appreciative, and he can be contacted on 021 420 3466.

PAST ENCOUNTERS

There have a total of 31 previous League meetings between Albion and Luton Town, and this is our record against the Hatters as it stands at the moment:

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Totals	31	17	6	8	49	29	44

The corresponding game here in

the League last season ended all square at 1-1 and the same result occurred at Kenilworth Road at the start of this current campaign when Bob Taylor scored for Albion.

BOXING DAY BUSES

WM Travel have joined up with Albion to supply supporters with bus services to The Hawthorns on Boxing Day, for our game with Bristol City. The following buses depart from 12.30pm onwards: 74 Dudley, 79 Wolverhampton, 79 Birmingham, 401 Princes End, 401 Yew Tree, 404 Blackheath, 406 Scot Arms, 401 Wednesbury, 447 Bearwood, and 78 Wednesbury via Hateley Heath.

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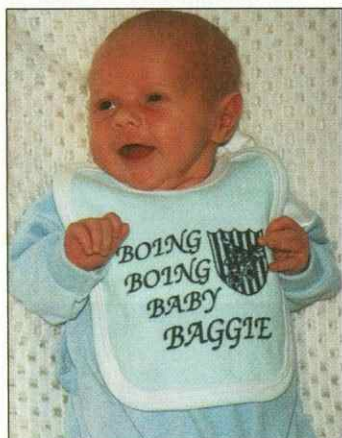
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IN THE BLOOD

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To be part of these pages, send us a photograph along with a letter, story or memory you would like to share with us. We will do our best to print them, but entries must include a stamped addressed envelope.



Keen dribbler

Ashley Michael Ramian, born 8.10.94, and seen here at only four weeks old is already a keen Baggies fan. His dad Michael has followed The Albion for the last 37 years. The Ramian family wish The Albion all the best against Luton and for the rest of the season.



bubbly — Malcolm Boyden. The Albion correspondent for Radio WM was delighted to be in such good company, and Cathy knew that they were definitely in tune with each other.

Travelling army

This group of Albion fanatics certainly enjoyed themselves on a recent tour of Scotland, and had plenty of



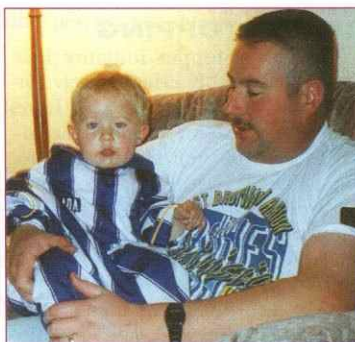
tales to tell on their return. First of all they managed to meet ex-Albion hero Willie Johnston. The fiery Scot played over 250 games for Albion, and now lives in his native Scotland. The travelling army were thrilled to meet Willie when they were in Fife, and as the picture shows they did not contain their delight. The team then moved onto Stark's Park, for the game between Raith



Rovers and Hamilton Academical. The Albion shirts were out in force, and they managed to have their picture taken with Raith Rovers' manager Jimmy Nicholl after the game. It looks as if a fun time was had by all. Thanks for being such a good advert for the club.

Babe in arms

Like father, like son. Young Arron Brownhill, still only two years old, has got dad Ian to thank for putting him on the right track as far as footballing matters are concerned. As you can see from the picture, there's no looking back for Arron, as he now has many great years of footballing fun ahead of him at The Hawthorns.



SMALL WORLD

The whole world is Baggies mad, as Steven Powell discovered when on holiday in Tenerife in September. When he arrived, he soon discovered another Baggies fan staying in his own hotel, and that was just the start. During his stay, Steven met a total of nine Baggies fans, and this led to a good few hours spent in Harley's cocktail bar. Steve is pictured on the left, his friend Mick is on the right, and they are with Jason from Smethwick, who they met while they were out there.

Nou confidence



58 year old John Stampe from Kingswinford has been an Albion fan since the early 1950s and in that time has seen many wonderful performances from the boys in blue. However, a recent trip to Spain has made him look forward to the future. When visiting the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona, as pictured here, John couldn't help but wish that Albion will be playing in such fine European settings before too long, and is more than confident that Alan Buckley will get the team on the right track this season and in the seasons to come.

Out of the Blue

This season, we're running the "Out Of The Blue" Picture Competition. The winner will receive a £100 voucher to spend at any Apollo 2000 gas and electrical superstore. Runners-up will receive a voucher worth £25.

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The pattern of Luton Town's short to mid-term future may well have been shaped last time the Hatters were playing in the West Midlands. Their shrewd and much-respected manager David Pleat was weighing up an offer to go and manage Tottenham Hotspur when Luton went to Molineux and played Wolves, then leaders of the First Division, off the park, winning 3-2 and continuing an amazing away record that has taken Luton to eighth place.



Mitchell Thomas

Skipper Trevor Peake recalls: "The performance at Wolves was very good indeed. I hope that wasn't what persuaded David to stay because I don't think we could produce that every week — we'd be in the Premiership ourselves if we did. At the time, Wolves hadn't faltered at all at home. It was obviously a very pleasing result and the dressing room after the game was a very pleasant place to be."

It is more than three months since Luton, last

season's FA Cup semi-finalists, lost away from home and that was a one-off for this season. They are currently unbeaten in eight games on their travels although rather more erratic form at Kenilworth Road has kept them just outside the play-off places.

Luton have taken many people by surprise this season after finishing 20th in their last three seasons, including the year they came down from the top flight in 1991/92 when they could not muster a single away victory in the old First Division. They had been up there for a decade, since Pleat led them to promotion in his first spell as the club's manager. But last season's League results may well have been affected by their superb FA Cup run that took them all the way to Wembley for the semi-final with Chelsea. This season, they have managed to take some of that Cup form into their First Division fixtures.

"We're quite pleased with our position although we rather messed things up at home again when we lost 6-3 to Sheffield United," says Peake, an ever-present this season as he approaches the age of 38. "Before that we had put a nice little run together and gone up to some dizzy heights. Our away form has been pleasing. Yet we only needed to win one away game to stay up in the year we were relegated from what then became the Premier League. It's a ridiculous turn-around and if we could only couple that with some decent home form, then we could start talking seriously about play-offs or promotion."

Luton's consistently entertaining side combine flair players — such as Scott Oakes, Paul Telfer and Wales international Ceri Hughes, recently out injured — with the more muscular presence of former QPR and Republic of Ireland international Garry Waddock (suspended today) in midfield and, up front, Kerry Dixon. The veteran one-time England striker has scored four goals in his last seven starts, while Wales under-21 forward John Hartson has chipped in with four when he's had a chance.

With former Walsall man David Preece still pulling the strings from midfield, Luton are an excellent fast-breaking team. "We have caught some teams away from home," says Peake. "We have got some speedy players so if we can soak up the pressure for a short while, we can catch teams on the break and we have scored a few goals like that during away games. But having said that, in two or three games, we have actually dominated the game and had more possession than the home side."

Julian James, USA keeper Jurgen Sommer and Marvin Johnson have also played in all Luton's League games alongside the ever-green Peake. Dwight Marshall, signed in the summer from Plymouth, offers an injection of pace up front while

Pleat has also added the experience of Paul Allen, borrowing the former West Ham and Spurs midfielder from Southampton. Allen and Luton's regular left-back Mitchell Thomas were both members of Pleat's 1987 Tottenham team that lost in the FA Cup final to a Coventry team marshalled by one Trevor Peake.

So does Peake, who remembers from his Lincoln City days a couple of youngsters called Stuart Naylor and Gary Strodder, reckon Luton are serious promotion contenders? "When you look at the top half of the table, it looks very encouraging, with us listed eighth or ninth. But a quick glance over the other half shows we're only ten points above the bottom four. So things can go any way: if a team puts a run together, they can be right up there, but the reverse is quite possible."

With all his experience and understanding of the game, Peake appears to be a manager in waiting. "I really want to keep playing for as long as possible — I'm one of those people who'll still be playing football at middle age, possibly for a pub side if they'll have me — but obviously the time is approaching when I'll have to start thinking towards the management side of things if I want to stay involved at a decent level of football."



David Preece



David Pleat

"...a very pleasing result and the dressing room after the game was a very pleasant place to be."



LUTON TOWN

Luton Town - Stats so Far

A=Appearances (Sub)
C=Cautions (Sent Off)
G=Goals

Appearance Details

	A	G	C	Previous Clubs
James	21	1	3	Preston (L)
22/3/70 Eng U21	2			
Johnson	21	1	3	
29/10/68	2	1		
Peake	21	4		Coventry Lincoln
10/2/57 Eng SP	2			Nuneaton
Preece	21	4	2	Walsall
28/5/63 Eng B	2			
Sommer	21	1		Kettering Torquay (L)
27/2/69	2			Brighton (L)
Telfer	21	2	1	
21/10/71 Scot U21	2			
Waddock	16	2		Bristol Rovers Swindon
17/3/62 Eire				(L) QPR Millwall
Oakes	15(5)	4		Charlton Leicester
5/8/72	1(1)	1		
Marshall	15(4)	5	1	Plymouth Middlesbrough
3/10/65	1(1)	1		(L) Grays
Thomas	15(3)	1		West Ham Tottenham
2/10/64 Eng B				Luton
Dixon	14(3)	5		Southampton Luton (L)
24/7/61 Eng	2			Chelsea Reading
Harston	8(6)	4	1	Dunstable Tottenham
25/4/75 Wal U21				
Hughes	8(1)	2		
26/2/71 Wales	2	(1)		
Greene	6	2		
26/10/73 Eng U21	2	1		
Linton	3(2)			Leicester
5/9/71	1(1)			
Skelton	3			
22/11/74	(1)	1		
Allen	1			Southampton Tottenham
28/8/62 Eng B				West Ham
Houghton	1			Tottenham Charlton (L)
2/10/71 Eng Yth	1			Gillingham (L) Cambridge
Thorpe	(1)			(L) Ipswich (L)
10/4/74				
Woodford	(1)			



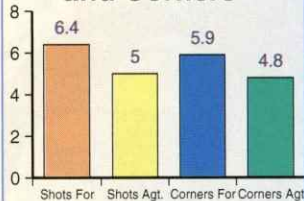
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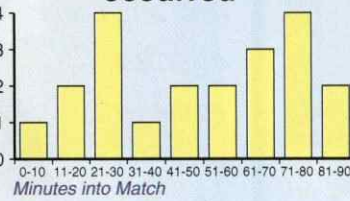
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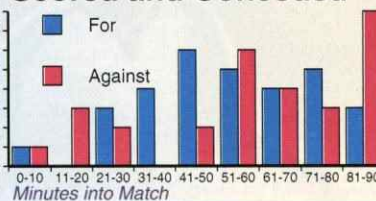
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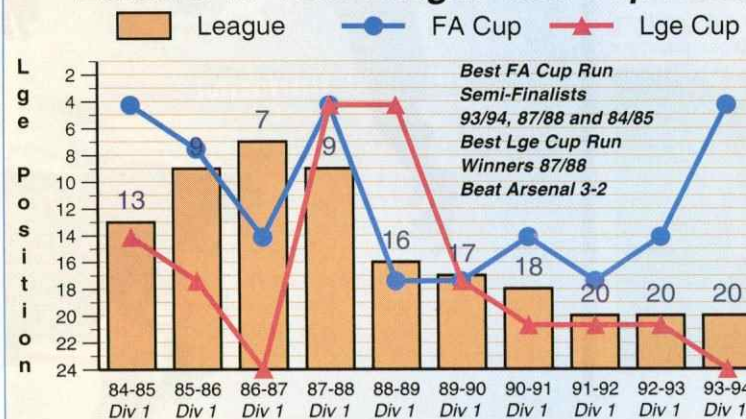
When Bookings have occurred



When Luton have Scored and Conceded



Luton's 10 Year League and Cup Record



Top League Scorer and Average Gate

Season	Scorer	Goals	Avg Gate
93/94	Dixon	9	7,878
92/93	Gray	19	8,213
91/92	Harford	12	9,711
90/91	Elstrup	15	10,275
89/90	Black	11	9,872
88/89	Black, Wilson	9	9,350
87/88	Stein M	11	8,162
86/87	Newell, Stein B	12	10,261
85/86	Harford	22	11,062
84/85	Harford	15	10,816

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POSITIVE THINKING



Bernard
m.c.n.a.l.l.y

Midfielder Bernard McNally was as disappointed as any Albion fan last week when we came back empty handed from our visit to Bramall Lane. However, the 31 year old has been in the game long enough to know that the result only tells half the story of a team's progress.

"Despite the result, we all know we played well. Although at the moment we need the points, we can still take heart from the performance. It's just one of those things. If we had buried the chances we had it would have been all over by half time. But it wasn't to be.

LOOKING AHEAD

"You have to take something positive from every game, even when you lose badly. Really it's the old cliché — taking every game as it comes. You have to say that after every game. Even if we'd won 3-0, that game would be dead and gone, and we would be preparing for the next one to make sure that we win it. We are now looking forward to the game against Luton, and we know that we need a result, it's as simple as that. At the end of it, of course that's what it's all about — getting results."

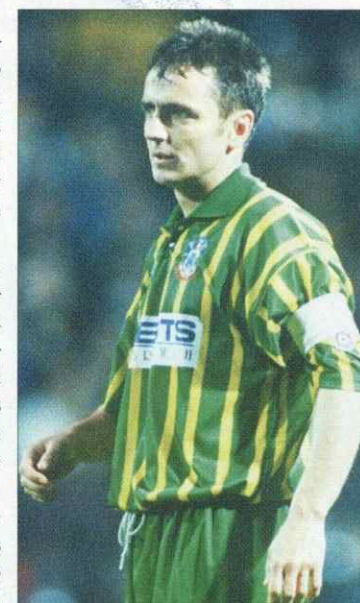
The result against the Blades means that Albion are still without an away win this season, but Bernard is confident that the more profitable performances at home will filter through before long.

IMPROVEMENT

"If the home form continues to improve and we keep picking up those points then confidence will breed throughout the team. And then obviously we should be able to pick up the odd win away from home."

Since Alan Buckley's arrival, the Northern Ireland international has fought his way back into the first team, so Saturday's game against Sheffield was doubly disappointing, as he picked up a groin strain and is unlikely to be fit in time for today's game.

"It's disappointing because I felt that on Saturday I was just starting to get back into the rhythm of things, and



"...we can still take heart from the performance."

obviously getting a little bit used to the way the new boss wants us to play. I'm hoping to shake off this groin strain as soon as possible, but you can't rush it. This week it's just been a case of resting and letting some of the swelling go down.

LOOKING FORWARD

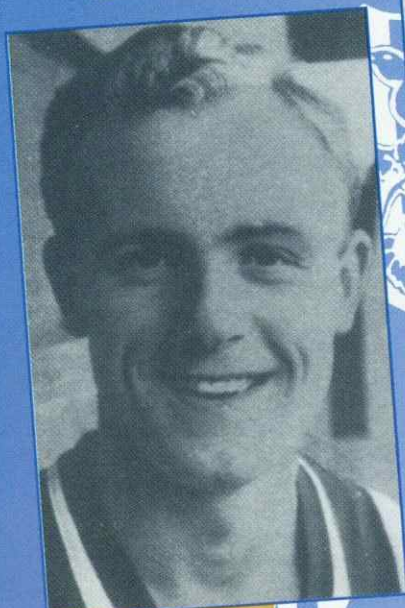
"I'm disappointed not being able to play against Luton, but it's a game that'll be nice to watch from the stands, because there'll be two good footballing sides on the pitch. The lads are looking forward to it, but I think Luton are going to be a tough side to beat, especially with their good away form. It should be a good match. I just hope that we can get the win."

Bernard m-c-n-a-l-l-y





Alec Jackson



Don Howe



Bobby Hope



Lyndon Hughes

Norman Heath

Courageous goalkeeper Norman Heath gave Albion fine service during the early post-war era. He represented Wolverhampton Boys and joined West Brom from Henry Meadows FC, turning professional in October 1943 and making his League debut at Sheffield Wednesday in December 1947. A reliable understudy for Jim Sanders, he displaced him during the 1951/52 campaign and was a key figure as Albion chased a League and Cup 'double' in 1953/54. He made 121 League appearances before a serious spinal injury sustained during the First Division game at Sunderland in March 1954 ended his playing career. Awarded a testimonial in April 1956, he subsequently suffered bouts of paralysis and resided in Great Barr until his death in November 1983.

Frank Hodgetts

Versatile outside-left Frank Hodgetts remains Albion's youngest-ever first-team player. He joined West Brom's groundstaff in September 1939 and was just 16 years 26 days old when he scored in a war-time game against Notts County in October 1940. A qualified engineer, he was a part-time professional throughout his playing career — netting 11 goals in 67 Second Division games (34 in 178 games overall) and featuring in the 1948/49 promotion triumph before joining Millwall for £6,000 in August 1949. Subsequently with Worcester City, he rejoined Albion as a part-time coach in 1958 for four years — rising to Personnel Executive of Accles & Pollock (T.I Group) before retiring in March 1985 and still living in Hagley.

Bobby Hope

Midfield general Bobby Hope was capped twice by Scotland while at The Hawthorns. Initially with Drumchapel Amateurs, he made his League debut five months before signing professional in September 1960 and was a key figure as Albion won the League Cup in 1966 and FA Cup in 1968, also playing in the 1967 and 1970 League Cup finals. Awarded a testimonial in April 1971, he scored 33 goals in 336 First Division outings before moving to Birmingham City for £66,666 in June 1972, then Sheffield Wednesday in September 1976. Subsequently Bromsgrove Rovers coach/manager (while running Boldmere Post Office), he plotted considerable Southern League and Cup success during a 15 year association — tak-

'A' Is For Albion

In the next part of 'A' is for Albion, football historian Leigh Edwards recalls former Baggies stars Bobby Hope, Robert Hopkins and master coach Don Howe.

ing Rovers into the Conference in 1992. He resigned in September 1994 and now scouts for Albion.

Robert Hopkins

Fiery, versatile midfielder Robert Hopkins was an influential figure as Albion sought to regain First Division status during the late 1980's. A former Aston Villa apprentice, he helped to win the FA Youth Cup in 1980 and scored on his League debut as substitute for Villa against Norwich City in March 1980. He followed Ron Saunders to Birmingham City in exchange for Alan Curbishley in March 1983 and starred in the 1984/85 promotion success — joining Manchester City for £100,000 in August 1986 before being reunited with Saunders at Albion in exchange for Imre Varadi plus £60,000 in October 1986. Scored 11 goals in 83 Second Division outings before rejoining Blues for £25,000 in March 1989, subsequently with Shrewsbury Town, South China (HK), Colchester United and now Solihull Borough.

Ezra and Jack Horton

Local born brothers Ezra and Jack Horton were leading figures during Albion's formative years, both playing in West Brom's first-ever Football League game at Stoke in September 1888. Right-half Ezra, nicknamed 'Ironsides', joined Albion in August 1882 and featured in three successive FA Cup finals — a winner at the third attempt in 1888 — before retiring in 1891 after playing 47 League games (over 200 games overall). Younger brother Jack joined from Wednesbury Old Athletic in October 1882 and served Albion over 17 years as a full-back, playing 129 League games and in the 1895 FA Cup final prior to retiring in 1899. Both remained local, Jack as a school teacher, until their deaths in July 1939 and January 1947 respectively.

Don Howe

Master coach Don Howe has been both a player and manager at The Hawthorns. He turned professional with West Brom in November 1952.



Steve Hunt

becoming Albion's regular right-back and captain. Twice ever-present, he gained 23 England caps — netting 17 goals in 342 First Division outings before joining Arsenal for £42,000 in April 1964. Appointed coach in March 1966, he plotted Arsenal's 1970/71 'double' success prior to rejoining Albion as manager in July 1971 — leaving in April 1975 to coach Galatasaray, then Leeds United and Arsenal again where he became manager in December 1983. Subsequently coach/manager in Saudi Arabia, Wimbledon (1988 FA Cup win with Bobby Gould), QPR, Coventry City and Chelsea, he has also assisted Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson and now Terry Venables with the England squad.

Lyndon Hughes

Former England Youth right-back Lyndon Hughes was a valuable squad member over seven years at The Hawthorns. He signed professional from apprentice in January 1968 and made his League debut as substitute against QPR nine months later, also playing in the 1969 FA Youth Cup final. Kidney disease ruled him out of the 1972/73 relegation campaign and he defied medical advice to return as a midfielder — scoring three goals in 98 League games before joining Peterborough

United in July 1975 after the arrival of Johnny Giles. Subsequently with Kettering Town and Bromsgrove Rovers, when knee injury ended his playing career he qualified as a chef. Since January 1981 he has worked for Victoria Wine (Allied Domecq Group) and is now Senior Area Manager, living in Shirley.

Steve Hunt

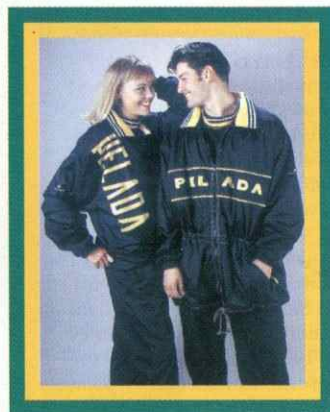
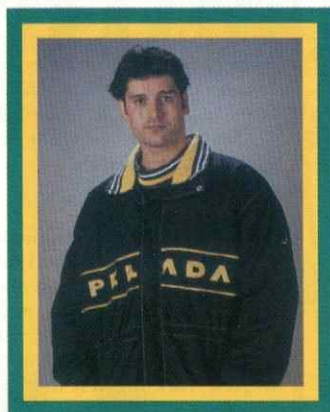
Skilful, left-sided midfielder Steve Hunt gained two England caps while at West Brom. Initially an Aston Villa apprentice, he signed professional in January 1974 but had limited first-team opportunities before moving to New York Cosmos for £30,000 in February 1977. He starred alongside Pele and Franz Beckenbauer in the NASL, joining Coventry City for £40,000 in August 1978 — an influential figure in the 1980/81 League Cup run. Johnny Giles paid £80,000 for him in March 1984 and he scored 15 goals in 68 First Division games prior to rejoining Villa for £90,000 plus Darren Bradley in March 1986, experiencing another relegation campaign in 1986/87. Following a knee injury, he managed Willenhall Town, then was youth coach at Port Vale and Leicester City until May 1993.

Alec Jackson

Versatile outside-right Alec Jackson represented the Football League during ten years at The Hawthorns. Born in Tipton, he signed professional in September 1954 and scored on his League debut as a 17 year old at Charlton Athletic two months later. Proved a reliable understudy for Frank Griffin and overcame a broken leg at Spurs in April 1958 to be ever-present in 1961/62, then joint top scorer in 1962/63. He netted 50 goals in 192 First Division outings before moving to Birmingham City for £12,500 in June 1964, then Walsall in February 1967. Subsequently with Nuneaton Borough, Kidderminster Harriers, Warley, Oldbury United, Darlaston, Blakenhall, Gornal and Rushall Olympic, he is now an assistant-splitter with Firth Cleveland Ltd. in Tipton.

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Twenty four years ago, almost to the day, one of the finest centre-halves ever to pull on an Albion shirt made his debut for the Baggies in a home First Division match here at The Hawthorns against Blackpool.

That player's name was John Wile, who had been signed by manager Alan Ashman from Third Division Peterborough United for what turned out to be a bargain fee of £32,000 just three days earlier.

Although Albion could only draw 1-1 with Blackpool, Wile had an outstanding debut, completely blotting out the threat of the visitors' striker, John Craven, not the easiest of players to tame.

Roy Horobin, reporting for the Sunday Express, stated: "Wile had a great game — he made a good job of everything he did — a fine prospect."

Albion had only themselves to blame for not blowing Blackpool away. They dominated the game for long periods, especially in the first half, yet missed at least six clear-cut chances.

Although slow getting into their stride, Albion threatened early on but George McVitie's cross was headed wide by Jeff Astle, and then Len Cantello set up Colin

Suggett who shot straight at 'keeper Alan Taylor.

Blackpool's only effort early on was a long range drive from Tony Green which sailed hopelessly wide.

On 25 minutes Albion took the lead. McVitie sent the overlapping Tony Brown clear down the right and from his excellent cross, Astle headed on for Suggett who controlled the ball, before swivelling to fire past Taylor.

Brown fired over the bar as Albion came again, but Blackpool hit back and on 36 minutes Albion 'keeper Jim Cumbes did well to keep out a swerving shot from Micky Burns.

Blackpool's winger Tony Coleman was carried off soon after with a knee injury (replaced by James) and the substitute's first touch was to see his shot saved by Cumbes.

The 'Seasiders' almost equalised two minutes after the break, Fred Kemp's shot being splendidly saved by Cumbes. Soon afterwards Kemp was again denied by a brilliant diving stop by the Albion 'keeper.

Bill Bentley (Blackpool) was booked — his fourth in 12 games — but did well to block an Astle shot and a Brown header.

With time running out (less than a minute left for play) Blackpool snatched an equaliser. A throw-in by Kemp was headed back to him by Dave Hatton. The acting skipper, measuring his shot, then drove the ball sweetly into the net from 18 yards.

It was a blow for Albion — and for Wile — but as they say, a game lasts 91 minutes at least ... and Albion should have made more of their chances.

Wile, strong, commanding, fearless and a fine leader, went on to give Albion thirteen years excellent service, amassing more than

600 competitive games for the club, including exactly 500 in the Football League, which placed him third in the club's all-time charts in that department with only Tony Brown (574) and Ally Robertson (506) having more League outings.

Born in County Durham, in March 1947, Wile played for Durham City early on and had a trial with Peterborough before joining Sunderland. He returned to 'Posh' and after leaving Albion (June 1983) he became player-manager at London Road, staying there until 1986. Thereafter he went into Indoor Cricket and played in several Charity games for the Albion Old Stars.

Today John lives with his wife and family in Shenstone, Staffs and attends The Hawthorns from time to time.

Unfortunately the big fella failed to win a major honour with Albion (promotion in 1976 and three Cup semi-finals were his quota as a Baggie) but nevertheless, he was a great player and as Johnny Giles once said: "If he could play football from nine in the morning till nine at night, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, he still wouldn't be satisfied."



John Wile



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Dear In Off The Post,

I left the shores of England in April, 1994, for a two year stint in Australia, with the Smethwick End still a white steel skeleton and the Birmingham Road End still terracing. Now the Smethwick End is a fully developed all-seater stand with the Brummie Road End due to open very shortly in all its finery.

You can imagine my surprise when, having lunch at an Italian restaurant in a suburb of Melbourne, I saw a sign which read, "At The Old Albion, They Didn't Care What You Wore." I should be grateful if you could advise me of any new dress restrictions that have been imposed following the rebirth of the stadium. Will tie and collar or lounge suit suffice, or is entry restricted only to those in formal evening wear?

Yours sincerely,
John Parkin.

You'll be relieved to know, John, that despite the magnificent new surroundings, the same relaxed dress code still applies at the Albion. We look forward to seeing you at the ground on your return, no matter what you wear.

Print For Sale

Dear In Off The Post,

I would like to inform your readers of the chance to buy this excellent pastel painting of the West Bromwich Albion 1980/81 team. The actual size is 36" x 24", in the original frame, and the artist was Norman James Glover, who sadly passed away in 1983 at the age of 47. Norman was a well-known local artist, and had two exhibitions of his work put on in the

region. A painting he did of the Aston Villa side was recently bought by their Chairman Doug Ellis for £1500, and it now hangs proudly in the Villa museum. This is your chance to buy a truly genuine piece of Albion art, and if you would like to make an offer, please call me on 021 588 3514.

Yours sincerely,
Alan James.



*Cyrille
Regis*



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DINNER DANCE SUCCESS

The Sporting Club Christmas Dinner Dance took place last night, and I am glad to say that it



was a complete sell-out. The latest in a long line of successful Sporting Club functions, the night featured a sumptuous meal and the entertainment was provided by the excellent Gary Allcock and his All Star Band and Singers. I would like to thank everyone who attended the event and gave their support once more, and I look forward to seeing you at the next Sporting Club function.

WELCOME GUESTS

Alan Brown, of SP Tyres, who were the Match-ball Sponsors for the clash against Oldham



Athletic, was pleased to bring some guests to the game. Pictured receiving the matchball from Bernard McNally are Eddie and Janet Winterbottom (on the left), along with Alan and wife Janet. Eddie works for Sedon Atkinson of Oldham, a client of SP Tyres, and all four guests had a wonderful day at the club.

SPORTING WELCOME



The Sporting Club Sponsor for the game was Employment Services, and their representatives, pictured here with Bernard McNally, were delighted to make this presentation on the pitch, and even more delighted with the result at the end of 90 minutes.



BUBBLY CHOICE

The Guests Man of the Match in the 3-1 win over Oldham was hotly contested, but in the end Paul Mardon got the nod. He is seen here receiving something to help him celebrate the event from managers of Guests of West Bromwich and their VIPs for the day.

LEE'S REWARD

The Oldham branch of the Supporters' Club were unanimous in voting Lee Ashcroft as their Man of the Match, whose superb display was capped by his fifth goal of the season. Pictured receiving the award on behalf of Lee is Albion legend Jeff Astle.



FAMILY WINNERS

Winners of the WBBS Family of the Year competition were recently treated to a day out at The Hawthorns to honour their commitment. Pic-



tured (left to right) are Colin Parkes, daughter Eleanor Johnson and grandsons Ben and Lee, accompanied by Bernard McNally and Dawn Penney, WBBS Branch Manager from Kingstanding.

BAGGIES BONANZA

The Baggies Bonanza draw goes from strength to strength, the most recent winner being paid a whopping £947 for their participation. Pictured making the draw on the pitch are Stuart Curtis and Darren Bradley, helped in their duties by a lucky young Albion fan.



SPORTING CLUB MIXED DINNER

The Sporting Club's next event after the Christmas Dinner Dance also promises to be a very special occasion. In response to demand from our Club Members, we offer you the chance to take along your partner to enjoy the unique atmosphere of a Mixed Sporting Club Dinner. You and your partner are invited to attend the Sporting Club Dinner on Thursday 9th February, 1995, at Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. Proceedings will be presided over by Celebrity Master of Ceremonies Gary Newbon,



Gary Newbon —
celebrity MC

Controller of Sport at Central Television. Gary will be introducing two special guest speakers, the first of whom is Frances Edmonds, popular novelist and broadcaster. Her novels include the best sellers "Another Bloody Tour" and "Cricket XXXX Cricket", and she currently presents BBC Radio 5's "Woman on Top", and BBC Radio 4's "Women's Troubles". Her support speaker will be Peter McGovern, golf pro. at The Belfry. Peter is an old friend of West Bromwich Albion, and will be entertaining us with humorous anecdotes from the golfing world. All in all, it promises to be a highly entertaining night, so don't miss your chance to spend an enjoyable evening with your partner as guests of the West Bromwich Albion Sporting Club.



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27th December 1994 — 3.00pm Kick Off

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Bolton Wanderers — Home

31st December 1994 — 3.00pm Kick Off

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2nd January 1995 — 3.00pm Kick Off

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Coventry City — Away. FA Cup Round 3
7th January 1995 — 3.00pm Kick Off

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Reserves & Youth Report

A promising and at times dominating performance by the Youth team was not enough to keep them in the FA Youth Cup when they met Doncaster Rovers at The Hawthorns.

Albion controlled the game for long periods, but they were unable to find a finishing touch to round off some good approach work and Rovers sneaked a 1-0 victory with a goal in the second half.



Glyn Costigan

"...they are quickly adapting to the style introduced by new coach Richard O'Kelly..."

The young Baggies showed, however, that they are quickly adapting to the style introduced by new coach Richard O'Kelly and there were fine individual performances from midfielder Mark Cresswell and left back Nick Warburton.

Albion ran practically the whole of the first period but were only able to produce two shots — both by striker Andy Hughes — which forced visiting goalkeeper Nicky Buxton into saves.

A close range shot was stopped on the line after striker Jay Cleverley had whipped the ball across, then Warburton made a good run to set up Hughes for a 20 yard effort which the keeper dived to save.

Doncaster's only worthwhile effort of the first half came through Chris Lee's looping header, but goalkeeper Gary Germaine gathered the ball under the bar with no great problem.

Cresswell had a 20 yard drive tipped over the bar by Buxton immediately after the interval. And midway through the second half substitute Carl Tranter shot wide from Albion's best chance, created by right sided midfielder Stuart Clarke.

Albion paid for the miss in the 67th minute, when Lee burst through and rounded central defender Glyn Costigan before



Jay Cleverley

scoring. Germaine blocked the striker's first effort but, as he failed to cling on to the ball, Lee followed up to shoot into the unguarded net.

Albion worked hard to find an equaliser but in spite of their efforts they were unable to force a breakthrough.

It was in fact Doncaster who finished the stronger, almost getting a second goal when Costigan failed to deal with a Lee Saunders cross and Lee had a shot saved at point blank range by Germaine.

Albion team: Gary Germaine, Lee Knight, Nick Warburton, Glyn Costigan, Robert Hayter, Robert Dew, Stuart Clarke, Andy Hughes, Jay Cleverley, Mark Cresswell, Stuart Taylor. Substitutes: Carl Tranter, Martin McDonald, Richard Williams.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE 1994-95

Date	Opponents	Venue
1994		
Mon Aug 15	Wolv. W	1-3 (A)
Tues Aug 30	Leeds U	2-0 (A)
Tue Sep 6	Rotherham U	0-1 (A)
Thu Sep 15	Stoke C	4-1 (A)
Wed Sep 21	Everton	3-3 (H)
Tue Sep 27	Coventry C	2-1 (A)
Wed Oct 12	Sunderland	3-2 (H)
Thu Oct 20	Notts Co	0-1 (H)
Thu Nov 3	Bolton W	1-2 (A)
Tue Nov 8	Liverpool	2-0 (H)
Wed Nov 16	Blackburn R	0-2 (A)
Wed Nov 23	Aston Villa	2-1 (H)
Tue Nov 29	Notts Co	6-3 (A)
Wed Dec 7	Wolv. W	1-2 (H)
Tue Dec 20	Derby Co	(A)
1995		
Wed Jan 4	Manchester U	(H)
Wed Jan 11	Nott'm F	(H)
Wed Jan 18	Tranmere R	(A)
Wed Jan 25	Leeds U	(H)
Tue Jan 31	Liverpool	(A)
Wed Feb 8	Blackburn R	(A)
Wed Feb 15	Aston V	(A)
Wed Feb 22	Sheff Utd	(H)
Tue Feb 28	Everton	(A)
Wed Mar 15	Coventry C	(H)
Thu Mar 23	Stoke C	(H)
Wed Mar 29	Rotherham U	(H)
Wed Apr 5	Derby Co	(H)
Wed Apr 12	Manchester U	(A)
Wed Apr 19	Tranmere R	(H)
Wed Apr 26	Nottingham F	(A)
Wed May 3	Bolton W	(H)
Wed May 10	Sunderland	(A)
TBA	Sheff Utd	(A)

PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 1994-95 (up to and including 11th December 1994)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bolton Wand.	15	11	1	3	38	22	34
Everton	15	10	2	3	34	15	32
Sheffield United	14	10	2	2	29	14	32
Aston Villa	16	7	2	7	21	22	23
WBA	14	7	1	6	27	22	22
Manchester U.	15	7	1	7	21	18	22
Leeds United	14	7	1	6	23	21	22
Notts. County	14	7	1	6	22	26	22
Liverpool	14	5	5	4	18	18	20
Derby County	13	6	1	6	23	22	19
Stoke City	15	5	3	7	20	22	18
Rotherham U.	14	5	2	7	17	17	17
Blackburn Rov.	15	4	5	6	12	18	17
Tranmere Rov.	15	4	5	6	21	28	17
Sunderland	15	4	3	8	19	26	15
Wolves	15	4	3	8	19	34	15
Coventry City	15	4	2	9	16	25	14
Nottm Forest	14	3	2	9	14	24	11

PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE 1994-95

Date	Opponents	Venue
Sat Aug 13	Coventry C	1-1 H
Sat Aug 20	Derby Co	1-2 A
Sat Aug 27	Grimsby T	2-1 H
Sat Sep 3	Leicester City	0-5 A
Sat Sep 10	Lincoln C	0-1 H
Sat Sep 17	Mansfield T	2-1 A
Sat Sep 24	Aston Villa	0-5 A
Sat Oct 1	Notts Co	0-2 A
Sat Oct 8	Nott'm F	0-3 H
Sat Oct 15	Peterborough U	0-3 A
Sat Oct 29	Shrewsbury T	1-3 A
Fri Nov 4	Lincoln C	3-1 A
Sat Nov 12	Stoke C	4-3 H
Sat Nov 19	Walsall	1-1 A
Sat Dec 3	Aston Villa	2-4 H
Sat Dec 10	Port Vale	1-0 H
Sat Dec 17	Birmingham C	A
1995		
Sat Jan 7	Birmingham C	H
Sun Jan 8	Shrewsbury T	H
Sat Jan 14	Coventry C	A
Sat Jan 21	Northampton T	H
Sat Feb 4	Grimsby T	A
Sat Feb 11	Leicester C	H
Sat Feb 18	Mansfield T	H
Sat Feb 25	Northampton T	A
Sat Mar 4	Notts Co	H
Sat Mar 11	Nott'm F	A
Sat Mar 18	Wolv. W	A
Sat Mar 25	Peterborough U	H
Sat Apr 1	Port vale	A
Sat Apr 15	Stoke C	A
Sat Apr 22	Walsall	H
Sat Apr 29	Wolv. W	H
Sat May 6	Derby Co	H

MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE 1994-95 (up to and including 13th December 1994)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	13	13	0	0	50	9	39
Derby County	13	10	1	2	31	10	31
Birmingham City	14	8	3	3	30	17	27
Nottingham F	13	9	0	4	28	14	27
Coventry City	13	7	2	4	29	16	23
Wolves	12	7	2	3	21	16	23
Leicester City	12	5	4	3	27	18	19
Stoke City	11	6	1	4	21	24	19
Peterborough U	14	5	3	6	19	26	18
Lincoln City	16	5	2	9	17	34	17
WBA	16	5	2	9	18	36	17
Mansfield Town	12	4	4	4	22	24	16
Notts County	12	5	1	6	17	14	16
Walsall	12	4	2	6	15	15	14
Shrewsbury T.	15	3	5	7	15	30	14
Northampton T.	12	2	3	7	14	27	9
Port Vale	13	1	3	9	19	37	6
Grimsby Town	13	0	1	12	9	35	1

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Coming Up

It's certainly unusual to have two consecutive home games falling on such traditionally non-football days as Sunday and Monday, but the way Christmas falls this year means that our next date here is a week tomorrow when we entertain Bristol City.

Bristol City can certainly claim to be the West Country's premier club having been the only one to have played at the highest level; they were members of the old First Division from 1906-11 and from 1976-80. Their record attendance (43,335) is higher than those of currently successful clubs such as Grimsby, Tranmere and Reading and their Ashton Gate stadium is being redeveloped as a regional showpiece. Yet it is true that they have often been underachievers and were playing in the Fourth Division as recently as 1984 — thanks mainly to a spectacular collapse following their financial crisis of 1981.

Their best results in recent years have tended to come in cup football, notably their run to the semi-finals of the League Cup in 1989 (where they were defeated by Nottingham Forest) and their fantastic FA Cup victory at Anfield last season when a goal from Brian Tinnion cost Graeme Souness his job. City were also one of the first Wembley winners of the Associated Members Cup, which they claimed in 1986.

Last season they finished in 13th spot in Division One but have struggled so far this time around and look to be set for a tough winter at the sharp end of a relegation battle. Most Albion fans will be aware that a few weeks ago the Robins were hammered 5-1 by Wolves at Ashton Gate, though not many will wish to dwell on it! That and subsequent results cost Russell Osman his job as manager; the former England defender took charge at City in January 1993 on a temporary basis but was confirmed in the post a couple of months later. In his place is Joe Jordan, in his second period in charge of the Robins.

Well known figures in the City squad include Tinnion, Junior Bent and much travelled striker Ian Baird. Newcomers from last season (all on free transfers) include Scott Patterson and Rodney McAree from Liverpool and Richard Rowe from Southampton, whilst Gary Shelton moved to Rochdale and Liam Robinson cost Burnley £150,000. The man to watch out for on Boxing Day will be Wayne Allison, the one time Halifax and Watford forward.

City's best ever goalscorer, the legendary John Atyeo — who sadly died aged 61 last year — has been honoured this season with the club's new stand being named after him. Atyeo scored five goals in six games for England and it is generally believed that the international selectors were not keen on the fact that he was a part time player (also training as a quantity surveyor). The greatest memorial to a wonderful servant to Bristol City would be for that stand to be full every week with fans watching top flight football — a prospect, which may seem a distant one presently, but one which Jordan targeted on his arrival.



Wayne Allison

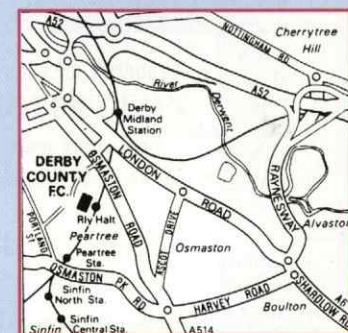
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**v SOUTHEND UNITED
TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER**



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**v DERBY COUNTY
MONDAY 2ND JANUARY**



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**v BRISTOL CITY
MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER**



ALBION STATS

94-95

Opponents	F-A	Attn	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
August 1994											
Sat 13 Luton Town	1-1	8,640	-	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Herbert	Burgess	Ashcroft	Hamilton
Tue 16 Hereford U. (CCC1/2)	0-0	5,425	-	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Herbert	Raven	Donovan	Hamilton
Sun 28 Wolves	0-2	27,764	22	Naylor	Parsley	Darton	Phelan	Herbert	Burgess	McNally	Hamilton
Wed 31 Swindon Town	0-0	11,188	22	Naylor	Parsley	Darton	Phelan	Strodder	Burgess	Mellon	Hamilton
September											
Wed 7 Hereford U. (CCC1/2)	0-1	10,604	-	Naylor	Burgess	Darton	Phelan	Strodder	Herbert	Mellon	Ashcroft
Sat 10 Millwall	2-2	8,378	24	Naylor	Burgess	Darton	Phelan	Strodder	Herbert	Lilwall	Ashcroft
Wed 14 Middlesbrough	1-2	14,878	24	Naylor	Burgess	Darton	Coldicott	Strodder	Herbert	Lilwall	Ashcroft 1
Sat 17 Grimsby	1-1	14,496	24	Naylor	Mardon	Darton	Coldicott	Strodder	Herbert	Lilwall	Ashcroft 1
Sat 24 Burnley	1-0	13,539	23	Naylor	Parsley	Darton	Phelan	Strodder	Herbert	Hunt	Ashcroft
Wed 28 Portsmouth	0-2	13,545	23	Naylor	Parsley	Darton	Phelan	Strodder	Herbert	Hunt	Ashcroft
October											
Sun 2 Stoke	1-4	14,203	23	Naylor	Parsley	Lilwall	Phelan	Strodder	Herbert	Hunt	Ashcroft
Sat 8 Sunderland	1-3	13,717	24	Naylor	Parsley	Lilwall	Phelan	Strodder	Coldicott	Hunt	Ashcroft 1
Sat 15 Tranmere	1-3	7,397	24	Naylor	Parsley	Lilwall	Mardon	Strodder	Edwards	Hunt 1	Ashcroft
Tue 18 Sheff Utd	1-0	12,713	23	Naylor	Parsley	Lilwall	Coldicott	Mardon	Edwards	Hunt	Ashcroft
Sat 22 Barnsley	0-2	5,082	23	Naylor	Parsley	Lilwall	Coldicott	Strodder	Edwards	Hunt	Ashcroft
Sat 29 Reading	2-0	14,313	23	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft 1
November											
Wed 2 Port Vale	0-0	14,513	23	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
Sat 5 Watford	0-1	8,419	23	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
Sun 13 Charlton	1-1	10,876	23	Naylor	Parsley	Edwards	Phelan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
Sat 19 Oldham	3-1	14,616	23	Naylor	O'Regan	Edwards	Donovan 1	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft 1
Sat 26 Notts County	0-2	10,088	23	Naylor	O'Regan	Edwards	Donovan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
December											
Sat 3 Barnsley	2-1	13,921	20	Naylor	O'Regan	Edwards	Donovan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
Sat 10 Sheff Utd	0-2	13,891	21	Naylor	O'Regan	Lilwall	Donovan	Mardon	Raven	McNally	Ashcroft
Sun 18 Luton											
Mon 26 Bristol City											
Tue 27 Southend											
Sat 31 Bolton											
January 1995											
Mon 2 Derby											
Sat 7 Coventry City (FAC3)											
Sat 14 Reading											
Sat 21 Watford											
Sat 28 (FAC4)											
February											
Sat 4 Charlton											
Sat 11 Port Vale											
Sat 18 Notts County											
Tue 21 Oldham											
Sat 25 Stoke											
March											
Sat 4 Burnley											
Tue 7 Portsmouth											
Sat 11 Wolves											
Sat 18 Swindon											
Wed 22 Millwall											
Sat 25 Grimsby											
April											
Sat 1 Middlesbrough											
Sat 8 Bolton											
Sat 15 Southend											
Mon 17 Bristol City											
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Taylor 1	Heggs	Hamilton	Hunt 10s	Lilwall	Lange	
Taylor	Rees	Hamilton	Parsley 7s	Heggs 10s	Lange	
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ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including 11/12/94)

		Home					Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbro	21	8	1	2	21	8	4	3	3	11	11	40
Wolves	21	8	1	2	23	11	3	3	4	14	12	37
Tranmere	21	8	2	0	26	11	2	4	5	9	14	36
Bolton	21	7	2	1	18	5	3	3	5	15	19	35
Barnsley	21	7	3	1	16	7	3	2	5	8	15	35
Reading	21	4	4	2	10	6	5	2	4	14	14	33
Sheff Utd	21	7	2	2	19	8	2	3	5	14	15	32
Grimsby	21	6	4	1	18	9	2	4	4	11	15	32
Southend	21	7	1	2	14	7	2	3	6	9	25	31
Stoke	21	6	2	3	20	10	2	4	4	5	15	30
Luton	20	2	2	6	14	18	6	3	1	17	11	29
Oldham	21	6	3	2	18	11	2	2	6	10	16	29
Watford	21	5	4	1	14	9	2	4	5	8	15	29
Derby Co	20	4	4	2	13	8	3	2	5	9	11	27
Millwall	21	5	4	2	19	12	1	3	6	8	16	25
Sunderland	21	1	6	3	8	10	4	4	3	14	10	25
Port Vale	21	5	2	3	15	10	1	4	6	9	17	24
Burnley	20	2	5	2	12	11	3	4	4	9	14	24
Charlton	20	3	3	4	14	14	2	5	3	16	18	23
Swindon	21	5	5	2	18	14	1	0	8	10	21	23
W.B.A.	21	5	2	2	11	8	0	4	8	7	22	21
Portsmouth	21	2	4	5	11	17	2	4	4	10	16	20
Bristol City	21	3	3	5	9	15	2	1	7	8	15	19
Notts Co	21	3	4	3	13	14	1	2	8	8	17	18

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LOVE AND BEST WISHES
FROM
MOM, DAD, PAULA & DANIEL
BOING BOING
BAGGIES BAGGIES
XX

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John, Dave, Steve
Thanks for my 50th
birthday party today...
If Alan Buckley
needs me, I've got my
boots ready...
JOHN

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... your first visit to The
Hawthorns since the
1930's ...
yes some of the players
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Thanks for the jukebox
JOHN

Belated Birthday wishes to
Matthew Whitehouse for 8th
December. Love from Mum,
Dad, Sarah, Grandad and
all your friends in the
Building Society Stand.

Happy 9th Birthday to
ROBERT FAIN
from Mom, Dad,
Richard, Hannah and
Emily.
Up The Baggies

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Congratulations on
your 17th Birthday
December 20th
Have a Great Day
All our love
Mum, Dad and Hayley
XXX

We wish you a Happy
Christmas, Daddy,
and then a Happy
Birthday.
Lots of love
From Claire and Nikki

MICHAEL MUNGOVAN
Happy Birthday
Michael
With all my love Mary
XXXX

Happy Birthday to
ETHAN PLATT
4 years old
on the 15th Dec
Love
Mom & Dad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MARCELLE BUGG FOR THE
21ST DEC. LOTS OF LOVE
FROM ALL THE FAMILY AND
GIRLS AT VICTORIA WINE
UP THE BAGGIES

RUSSELL PALLET
and his amazingly weak
bladder.
Both 30 today.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Boing Boing
From all on Row M
Halfords Lane Stand

BOING, BOING,
ALLY BONSEN
Happy 14th Birthday
for 10th December.
Lots of Love
Mum, Dad and Gaynor



THE TEAMS



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Paul Raven	6	Trevor Peake
Bernard McNally	7	Paul Telfer
Lee Ashcroft	8	Scott Oakes
Bob Taylor	9	Kerry Dixon
Carl Heggs	10	David Preece
Ian Hamilton	11	Paul Allen
	12	
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THE REF

M.J. Brandwood. John Brandwood is a teacher, married with two children. He commenced refereeing in 1970 in Blackpool and was appointed to the Football League Linesmen's list in 1985 and the League Referees' list in 1990. John's interests include watching and participating in most sports and reading.

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