

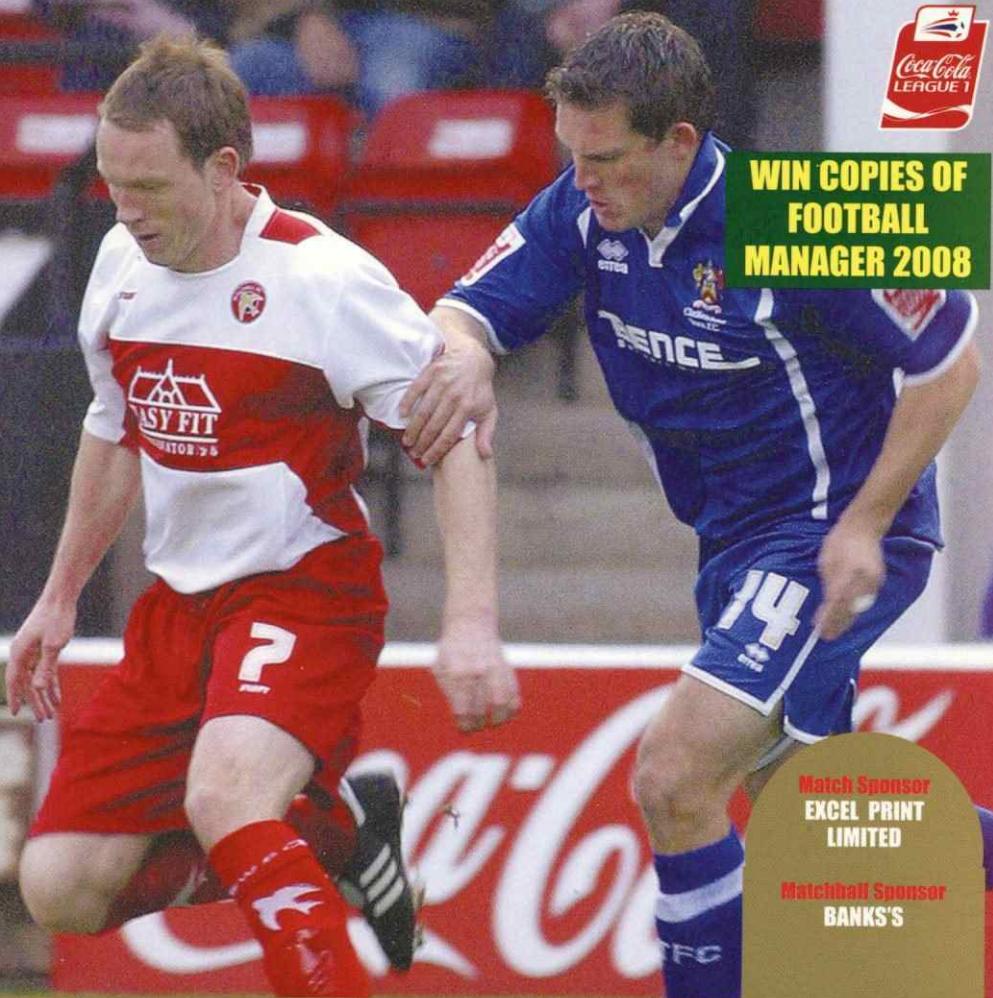
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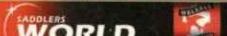
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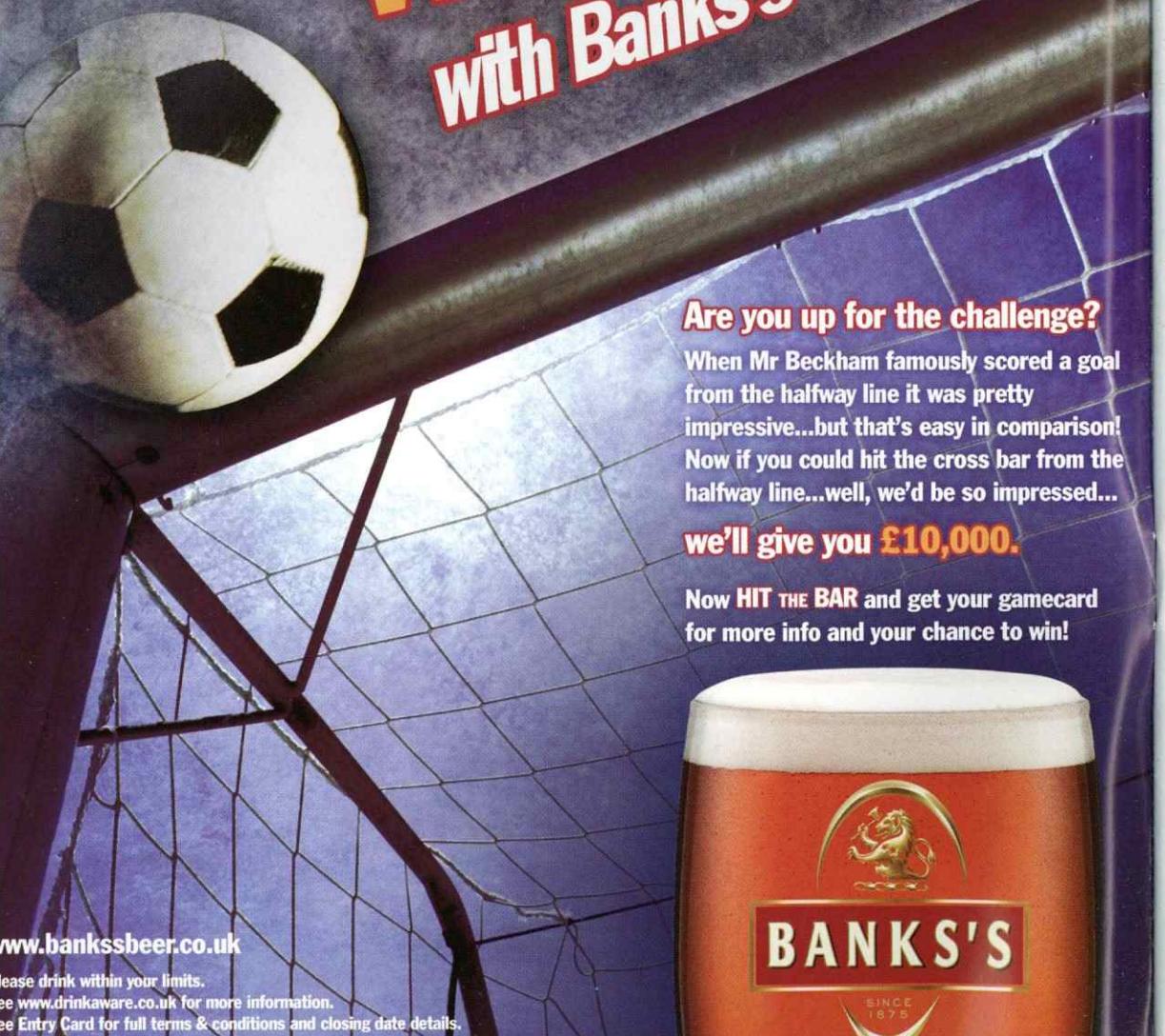
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the views of saddlers' boss, richard money

WELCOME to the Banks's Stadium as we make a return to League One action with the visit of Luton Town.

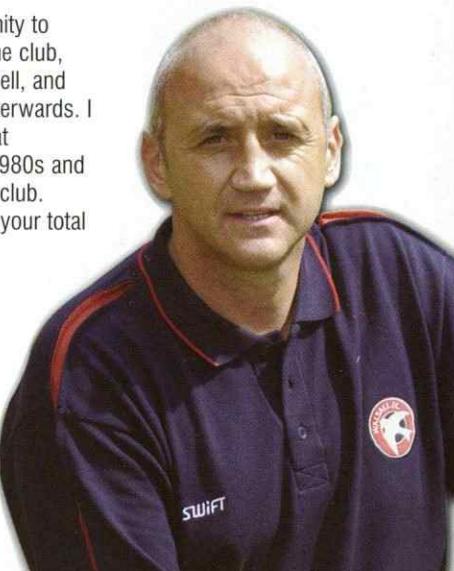
Last weekend saw us set out on the FA Cup trail and make progress at the expense of Shrewsbury Town. It was a pretty comprehensive performance and once more I was pleased to see plenty of good individual displays throughout the team.

Some of the quality in our play was of the highest standard; we were dangerous in wide positions, strong and creative in the middle of the park, whilst the defence was comfortable on the ball and physically strong when they needed to be. In attack, the front pairing worked well together and are showing encouraging signs of building up a good understanding.

We are sure to be well tested this afternoon by a Luton Town side that boasts a wealth of higher-level experience and know-how. They were in The Championship last term and will be eager to make an immediate return.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone connected to the club, particularly manager, Kevin Blackwell, and wish them a safe journey home afterwards. I spent just over a year as a player at Kenilworth Road during the early 1980s and thoroughly enjoyed my time at the club.

As ever, we are going to require your total support and backing from the first whistle to the last today as we set our sights on securing three welcome points.



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IT'S BACK to League matters this afternoon following last weekend's excellent FA Cup victory over Shrewsbury Town.

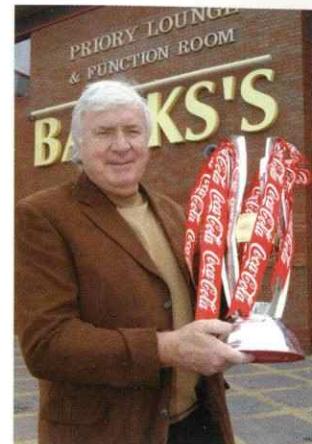
The victory over The Shrews means we must now travel to either Northampton Town or Darlington in the second round. Neither game will be easy but the prospect of making it through to the third round is incentive enough to try and make further progress.

We have been in good form of late and hopefully our upturn in results

Year and, as I have said on many an occasion, this represents a major step forward for the club.

We announced details of our latest Fun Day earlier this week but for those who do not know, it will take place on Saturday, December 22nd when we play host to Millwall.

The theme for this Fun Day is, of course, a festive one. There will be a Santa's Grotto, fairground rides, music and entertainment from Beacon Radio, face painters, prize draws and a 'bucking' reindeer rodeo.



# the chairman

jeff bonser writes exclusively for you...

here at the Banks's Stadium will continue this afternoon. This will be our third consecutive Saturday home game and I would like to thank everyone in attendance for your support.

I understand it is difficult when the games come so thick and fast, particularly at this time of year leading up to Christmas, but your backing is much appreciated.

In terms of matters off-the-field, our training ground continues to make steady progress and, as you can see from the pictures on this page, it is coming along satisfactorily.

We hope to have the training ground fully functional in the New

It is sure to be a great day out for all the family and, with that in mind, we are offering supporters the chance to take advantage of a special ticket offer which will allow an adult and up to two juniors the chance to come along to the game for just £10.

Vouchers will appear in the Express & Star and are also available from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, the Stadium Shop and The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre.

These Fun Days are very popular and an excellent way in which to make your visit to the Banks's Stadium a real family occasion.

Enjoy today's game...

*“I understand it is difficult when the games come so thick and fast, particularly at this time of year leading up to Christmas, but your backing is much appreciated...”*



# news

a round-up of the latest club news with roy whalley...

## TV RIGHTS BOOST FOR THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

It was excellent news to hear that The Football League had secured a record three-year TV deal, which starts at the beginning of the 2009/10 season.

Whereas the current television deal is worth £37.5million per annum, the new deal will be worth £88million, which represents a 135% increase.

The League's negotiators are to be congratulated on achieving this deal, but fans of all League One and Two clubs should be aware that 80% of this money will go to Championship clubs, with only 12% to League One and 8% to League Two clubs.

It just shows how important it is for us to get back into The Championship at the earliest opportunity.

Most of the matches will be shown on Sky (65 games per season), but ten matches will be screened on the BBC and these will be all Championship affairs.

The Carling Cup and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy will also receive coverage as well as highlights programmes.

Whilst talking about the TV deal, it is worth emphasising again that we should not underestimate the importance of the Carling Cup.

One of the reasons why TV companies are so interested in The Football League package, is the participation of the big clubs in this competition.

It is vital therefore that the winner of the Carling Cup is guaranteed a UEFA Cup place because without this, many Premier League clubs would not want to take part.

It is a concern that clubs tend to field under-strength teams in the Carling Cup, which devalues the competition. We can't do much about Premier League clubs doing this, but Football League clubs really ought to be fielding full-strength teams to protect the status of the competition.

## SADDLERS' FANS ARE TOPS

Congratulations to the army of Saddlers' fans who followed the team to the League Two Championship last season.

Walsall were the best-supported club away from home in 2006/07 with an average 951 fans at each away League game.

The minimum away following was 277 for our long trip up to Hartlepool, whilst 3,419 travelled to Swindon on the final day of the season to see us clinch the title.

Meanwhile, we had the third-best average home attendance in the division, behind MK Dons and Swindon Town.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ONE-MINUTE SILENCE

We have talked in these notes before about

the need for us to acknowledge the bravery of our armed forces who are currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I would like to thank all of you for the warm reception that you gave to RAF Senior Aircraftsman, Steve Lauder a couple of weeks ago.

I would also like to pay tribute to the impeccably-observed one-minute silence prior to last weekend's game against Shrewsbury Town in remembrance to all our service men and women who have died in conflicts during the past century, right up to the present day.

We repeat our offer that any service men or women returning from theatres of war who get in touch with us will be invited along to a game here at the Banks's Stadium.

## BIG CUP WEEK COMING UP

We are involved in two Cup competitions this week.

Firstly, on Monday, November 19th, we travel to Sutton Coldfield Town in the second round of the Birmingham Senior Cup (kick-off 7.30pm).

Then on Thursday, November 22nd, our youth team play host to Leeds United in the second round of the FA Youth Cup having gained a magnificent victory over Nottingham Forest in the previous round.

The game will take place here at the Banks's Stadium with a 7.00pm kick-off. Admission will be £3 (adults) and £1 (concessions).

It would be great for the lads to have a bumper crowd here on Thursday to encourage them all the way to the third round.

It will give you the chance to see some of the promising players we are developing at Walsall FC and, make no mistake, you will be seeing some of them in the first team in the years to come.

## FA CUP NEWS

At first glance, I was disappointed with the size of last week's attendance of 4,972, which included 992 Shrewsbury supporters.

But then comparing this figure with other first round ties, I found that our attendance was the third-best on Saturday.

Quite clearly, The FA Cup at this stage doesn't have the appeal that it used to. It's a shame because it's still the world's greatest club knockout competition and still offers the same thrills and excitement than it always has.

Those that came last Saturday will have enjoyed the game and particularly seeing Michael Ricketts score his first goal back at the club and Ishmel Demontagnac firing home with another Colin Taylor-esque strike.



Our reward is a trip to either Northampton Town or Darlington in round two. Their replay takes place on Tuesday evening and as soon as we know the outcome, we will release details of ticket and travel arrangements via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk) and the local media.

If a replay is required in our second round tie, it will take place here at the Banks's Stadium on Tuesday, December 11th (kick-off 7.45pm).

Again, ticket details will be announced at a later date.

The FA Cup is very important to this club; a successful run can give us all a great deal of excitement and the financial rewards can be significant.

Please do your best to get to either Northampton or Darlington to cheer us on and give us every chance of making it into the hat for the third round.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREATEST CUP TRIUMPH

January 14th 2008 will mark the 75th Anniversary of our famous FA Cup triumph over Arsenal, who at the time were regarded as the best club side in the world.

We've had some great days since then, but no-one can deny that the 2-0 victory over The Gunners was a red-letter day for the club and arguably the greatest FA Cup giant-killing act of all time.

That was 75 years ago, and all of our players who took part in the game have sadly passed away. However, I feel sure that there is a small band of Saddlers' supporters who were at Fellows Park on the big day and are still with us.

We would like to hear from these supporters, so that we can invite them along to our game against Swindon Town on January 12th as guests of the club and hopefully introduce them to the crowd at half-time.

In addition we would like to talk to these supporters about the game and record their memories of that famous day for future generations.

Either email [a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk](mailto:a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk) or write to Andrew Poole, Walsall FC, Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall WS1 4SA.

We will also be using this occasion to officially re-name Executive Box One, the Gilbert Alsop Box, with the remaining 12 boxes named during the summer in a ballot involving you, the supporters.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support...

# what's on at the banks's stadium

## The Magic of Motown

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The ever-popular Jack Charlton will be here in March...

## Sporting Dinner with Steve Kindon

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th 2007**

The hilarious former Wolves, Burnley and Huddersfield Town marksman is joined by one of Britain's funniest comedians, Johnnie Casson, in what promises to be an evening full of laughter.

Tickets £30, including five-course meal.

## Sporting Dinner with Mark Lawrenson

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th 2007**

The former Liverpool and Republic of Ireland central defender and popular football pundit is joined by top comedian, Mick Miller for this fantastic festive Sporting Dinner.

Tickets £30, including five-course meal.

## Amateur Boxing Dinner Show

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th 2007**

Featuring comedian Jed Stone and an action-packed boxing programme.

**THIS SHOW IS NOW SOLD-OUT!**

## BackBeat Beatles New Year's Eve Special

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st 2007**

Recreating the energy, excitement and fun of the Fab Four.

Tickets are £55 each, including four-course meal.

## Thank You For The Music

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th 2008**

A superb tribute to the classic sounds of Abba and The Bee Gees in this ever-popular show.

Tickets are £30, including five-course meal.

## The Syd Lawrence Orchestra

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st 2008**

A tribute to the late, great Matt Monro as Chris Dean sings the songs made famous by Britain's greatest crooner.

Tickets are £18 for the show-only or £30 to include a four-course meal.

## The Syd Lawrence Orchestra

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd 2008**

Celebrating the music from the Golden Age of Hollywood, from the opening anthem 'Hooray For Hollywood' to the closing up-tempo drum solo of 'Old Man River'!

Tickets are £18 for the show-only or £30 to include a four-course meal.

## Amateur Boxing Dinner Show

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st 2008**

An action-packed boxing programme, in association with Pleck ABC, plus comedian.

Tickets are £25, including four-course meal.

## The Searchers New Year's Eve Special

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st 2007**

An accomplished group who have been at the very top for over 40 years.

Tickets are £65 each, including five-course meal.

**THE BILLY FURY EXPERIENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1st 2008**

A top-quality tribute to the legendary rock 'n' roller!

Tickets are £30, including a four-course meal.

## Sporting Dinner with Jack Charlton

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6th 2008**

Featuring the ever-popular former Leeds United and England defender who went on to achieve much success as manager of the Republic of Ireland. Also on the bill is comedian, Billy Bean.

Tickets are £30, including a five-course meal.

## Magic of the 80s

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14th 2008**

A live non-stop two-hour concert show paying tribute to the colourful sounds of the 1980s.

Tickets are £30, including a four-course meal.

## Joe Brown Cabaret Show

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5th 2008**

Come and see this polished performer, back at the Banks's Stadium by popular demand.

Tickets are £35, including four-course meal.

## Sporting Dinner with Jan Molby

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17th 2008**

Listen to the stories of the former Ajax, Liverpool and Denmark midfield maestro, plus hilarious comedian, Mick Walker. Tickets are £30, including five-course meal.

## Comedy Night featuring Norman Collier, Roy Walker and Ian 'Sludge' Lees

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19th 2008**

Join us for an hilarious evening with plenty of laughs guaranteed from these three accomplished comedians.

Tickets are £30, including four-course meal.

THE CHRISTMAS 2007 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 20...

For further information, please call 01922-651 418 or log-on to [www.m6j9.com](http://www.m6j9.com). Bookings can be made, with credit card, on 0871-663 0111 or on-line via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk)....

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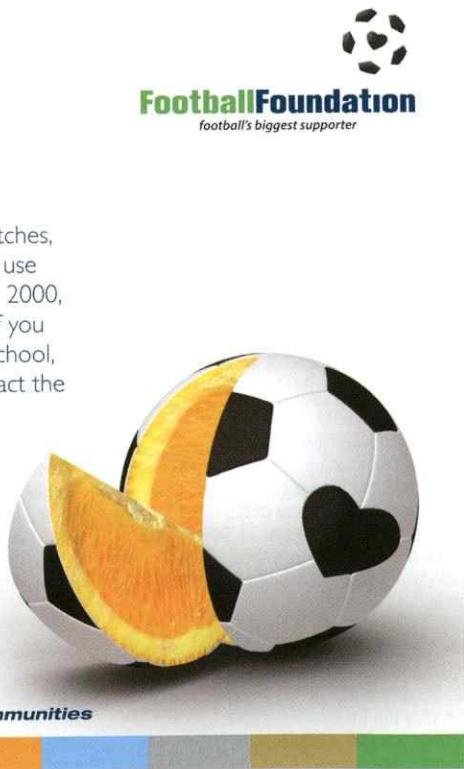
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# in profile

SCOTT Dann is happy to be part of a Saddlers' back four that contains no fewer than three Liverpudlians.

The young defender, who has progressed through the Banks's Stadium ranks, is joined by fellow Scousers, Anthony Gerrard and Daniel Fox in what has become a settled and solid defensive unit. "It's nice to have a few fellow Scousers in the team," he admitted. "I don't think it makes a difference, but a lot of people have mentioned the fact that we're all from Liverpool!"

"We're friends off the pitch so that helps but the most important thing is that the team is performing and picking up points.

"We're all good talkers and I'm pretty sure Rhys Weston has picked up the lingo as well. He'll be talking with a Scouse accent as well soon!"

Richard Money's men have kept six clean sheets so far this season and the 20 year-old is determined to play his part in helping this number increase in the coming weeks and months. "After a slow start we've really picked up and are looking to push on from here," he continued. "We've been working hard on the training ground and got ourselves into a decent position to kick-on from.

"We conceded too many sloppy goals at the start of the season but we've started to put that right and need to keep it going. The back four has been pretty settled lately and that helps to build up an understanding.

"I have been pleased with the way that my own form has developed as the season has gone on. I was carrying a few niggling injuries early on, but now I am feeling fully fit and eager to keep doing my best for the team.

"As a team, we know what we want to achieve this season and everyone is working hard towards that target. I knew that there would be a noticeable step-up in standard in League One, but we go into every game in a confident frame of mind and this mindset has helped us pick up some impressive recent results.

"There is a nice blend of youth and experience here. The Gaffer has proved that he is not afraid to give youth a chance and the more experienced lads have really played their part by helping in their development.

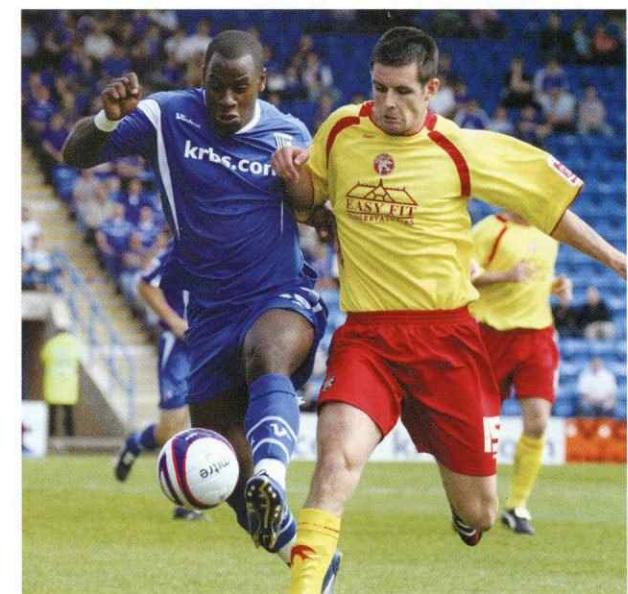
"It's a good mix and is sure to serve us well. There are some tough games coming up, starting this afternoon with the visit of Luton Town.

"They were in The Championship last season and one look through their squad tells you how difficult it will be. The can call upon experienced players like Don Hutchison, Chris Perry, Paul Peschisolido and Paul Furlong, but we know that we can be more than a match for anyone at this level."



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU –

- **LAUGHED:** Whilst I was doing this interview, Mark Bradley's face appeared and that is enough to make anyone laugh!
- **CRYED:** I really can't remember!
- **WENT ON HOLIDAY:** I was lucky enough to go to Cancun in the summer.
- **PAID TO SEE A FOOTBALL MATCH:** I went to see Liverpool v Everton five years ago.
- **WERE RECOGNISED IN PUBLIC:** I don't get recognised in public.
- **PLAYED A PRANK:** Daniel Fox and I hid Anthony Gerrard's lunch the other day. He wasn't pleased and was convinced that we had tampered with his food so he wouldn't eat it.
- **WENT TO THE CINEMA:** I went to see Saw IV a couple of weeks ago.
- **BOUGHT AN ALBUM:** I never buy albums as I prefer to download tunes.
- **MET ONE OF YOUR HEROES:** I haven't been fortunate enough to meet any of my heroes yet.
- **WERE TOLD OFF BY THE MANAGER:** A couple of weeks ago, but I have taken on board what he said and hopefully it won't happen again.



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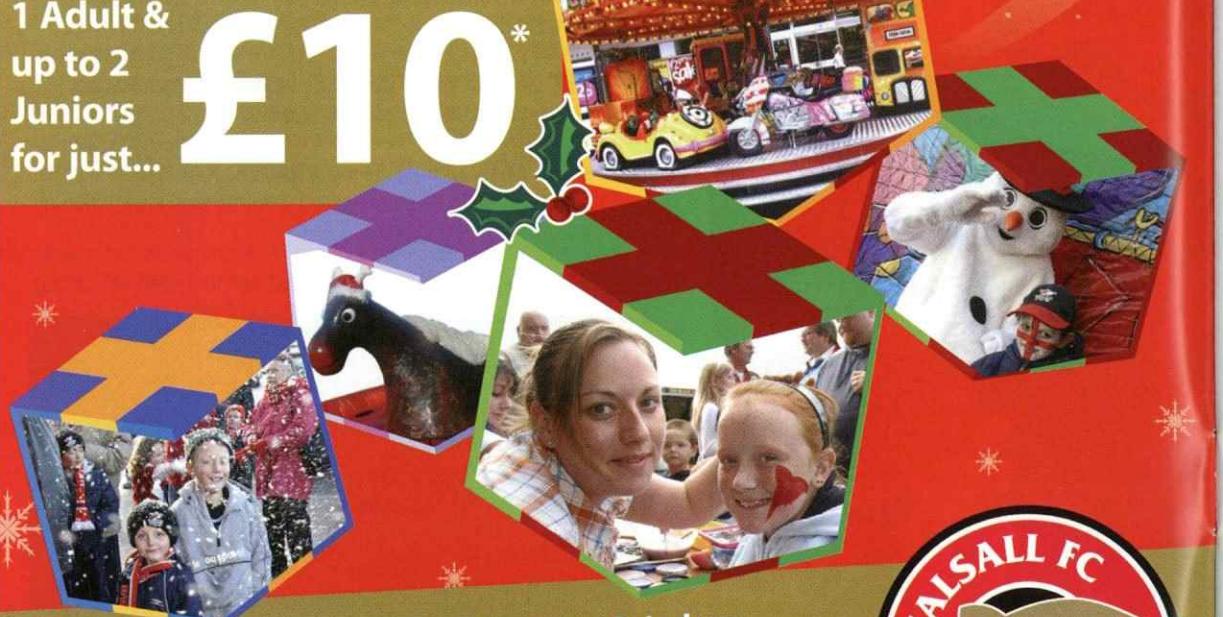
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WE'VE had three home games on consecutive Saturdays and it's not often that this happens these days.

As supporters you will either be rubbing your hands with glee at the prospect of seeing us in regular home action or you will be trying to find the cash at this expensive time of year to pay for it!

It's certainly been a profitable time on the pitch recently, with a couple of solid home wins against Cheltenham Town and Shrewsbury Town in The FA Cup and a good away draw at Brighton in between.

People often ask me how does a club like Walsall survive with the likes of Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Wolves and West Bromwich Albion right on our doorstep?

I remember when I first came here, our average attendance wasn't much over 3,000. If you compare it to today's average of over 5,000, you can clearly see the progress that has been made.

The club can't afford to rely just on matchday revenue, of course. That is why things such as the motorway advertising signs, Sporting Dinners, Cabaret Nights, conference & banqueting department, on-site hotel and Sunday Market are so important to help the club survive in its own right.

With the club looking for continued success both on and off-the-field, you can clearly see that things are moving in the right direction and this should make sure that Walsall FC is around for many years to come.

Also with our new Training Ground taking shape, it gives us the chance to start competing with our local rivals.

You have to start somewhere and I remember ten years ago when I first arrived here, the club was such a different place.

We have moved with the times and this progress will continue. The Chairman is the one who has overseen it all and you have to give credit where it is due and say what a good job Mr. Bonser and the Board of Directors have done to take the club to where it is today.

If it wasn't for his expertise, forward-thinking and bravery who knows what state the club would be in.

The future's bright, the future's Walsall FC...

DARREN WRACK

\* The next event in the Darren Wrack Testimonial Year is a Cabaret Night with Andy Wood. It takes place at Bar Sport Cannock on November 29th. Tickets are £25 each to include a three-course meal. Call 07894-290 057 to book your place.

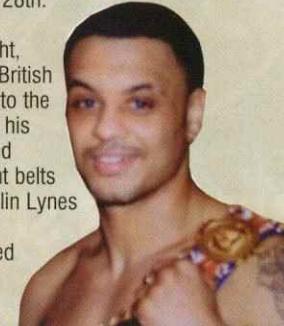
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## PROFESSIONAL BOXING AT THE BANKS'S STADIUM

THE BANKS'S Stadium is set to host professional boxing later this month when First Team Promotions roll in to town on Wednesday, November 28th.

Topping the bill is West Bromwich light welterweight, Young Mutley. The former British welterweight steps back into the ring for the first time since his challenge for the British and European light welterweight belts ended in defeat against Colin Lynes in July.

Mutley will be determined to prove he can still win major titles at the expense of Vladimir Borovski in an explosive looking clash.



The Ukrainian floored Mutley's stablemate Mark Lloyd before dropping a narrow points verdict in September in a thrilling scrap for the vacant British Masters International middleweight title.

Steve Bendall's clash with Alexander Matviechuk will also now take place at the Banks's Stadium.

The Coventry-born middleweight was due to face the Ukrainian on the undercard of Jonjo Finnegan's clash with Jamie Ambler at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Burton-on-Trent. However, with Finnegan having to pull out of the bout following a car crash, Bendall has been switched to the Banks's Stadium.

The undercard is packed with local talent including unbeaten Stafford light welterweight Rob Hunt, who has put together seven straight wins in just 18 months as a professional.

Sam Horton is another First Team boxer heading for championship honours and the Stourbridge super middleweight aims to make it seven wins out of seven.

There's a cracking looking local derby that pits Wayne Downing from West Bromwich against Dudley scrapper Martin Gordon. They boxed in Stoke last December and Downing nicked the points verdict after a sensational scrap.

Home-town favourite, Matty Hough boxes and will be aiming to reproduce the big hitting that took him to a stoppage win over John Ruddock in his last outing in September.

Halesowen lightweight Scott Evans will also be in familiar surroundings. Evans, who helps run the Sunday Market here at the Banks's Stadium, made a promising start to his career chalking up a points win in Wolverhampton last month - his first professional bout.

The show also features the paid debut of First Team's heavyweight hope. Neil Perkins from Birmingham was a top-class amateur with Priory Park ABC and reached the final of the ABA Novice Championship.

It promises to be an action-packed evening. Tickets for this show - 'The Mutt Bites Back' - are priced at £30 or £50 ringside and are available from 07976-283 157.



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Discrimination Act 1995 (Note: One carer per disabled ticket purchase).

### FLOORS-2-GO STAND MIDDLE & UPPER

- Family Ticket (1 Adult / 1 Junior) £20.00 (advance price), £22.00 (matchday price) (Blocks NM1, NM2, NM6, NU1, NU6, NU7 only).
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- Adult £13.00 (advance price), £15.00 (matchday price).
- Concession £9.00 (advance price), £11.00 (matchday price).

Please note that concessionary rates apply to adults over the age of 60 and juniors under the age of 18 at the time of purchase. Proof of age may be required.

### MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

You can add to your enjoyment of visits to the Banks's Stadium by booking a Matchday Package. The package includes: Car parking, four-course pre-match carvery meal, Matchday Programme, grandstand seats,

tea/coffee at half-time, access to licensed bar facilities before and after the match.

The cost is £60 per person for Category A games (v Leeds United and Nottingham Forest) and £50 per person for all other games.

For bookings, please call 0871-663 0111 or 0871-663 0222.

### ADVANCE MATCH TICKET SALES

Savings are available if you buy your match tickets in advance of matchdays. Match tickets are usually available four weeks prior to each League game.

In a bid to ease the congestion at the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office on matchdays, a cash-only turnstile in the Floors-2-Go Lower Tier is open.

340 seats will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis in Block 6 of the Floors-2-Go Stand Lower Tier. Supporters are asked to please note that they must sit in the seat allocated on the ticket that they will be issued with at the turnstile.

Prices are, as follows: £15 (adults) and £11 (concessions) and access will be gained via Turnstiles 11 and 12.

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

Tickets for all other areas of the ground must be purchased from The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre or the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office. Alternatively you can purchase on-line via [www.saddlers.co.uk](http://www.saddlers.co.uk).

The Ticket Office is open after all Saturday first-team home games (closed after midweek home games).

**THE BANKS'S STADIUM IS A NO-SMOKING VENUE**

# away with the saddlers

### NORTHAMPTON TOWN v WALSALL

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th 2007 - KICK-OFF 3.00pm**

Walsall supporters will be accommodated in reserved seating behind the goal in the South Stand. We have been allocated 900 tickets initially, with a further allocation if required.

This game is NOT all-ticket. Tickets are now on general sale from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office, the Stadium Club Shop and The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre. They will be available up until 3.00pm on Friday, November 23rd.

It will be possible to pay on the day. Prices are, as follows: £19 (adults), £15 (senior citizens aged 60+ and students on production of valid ID), £12 (juniors under the age of 16) and free for juniors under the age of seven.

Any disabled supporters wishing to travel to the Sixfields Stadium can purchase tickets in advance from the Banks's Stadium Ticket Office at a cost of £13 for an adult disabled and £10 for junior disabled, the accompanying carer is free of charge.

The Official Walsall FC Away Travel Service will be running coaches to the game at a cost of £14.50 per person, departing the Banks's Stadium at 12.30pm.

### CREWE ALEXANDRA v WALSALL

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th 2007 - KICK-OFF 3.00pm**

Walsall fans will be accommodated in seating on the side of the pitch. There are 1,694 tickets available.

This game is NOT all-ticket, please purchase tickets from the Away Ticket Office at the Alexandra Stadium on the day of the game.

There will be no tickets to purchase in advance of this fixture.

Ticket prices are £19 (adults), £15 (senior citizens), £8.50 (juniors between the ages of 12 and 16), £4.50 (juniors aged 11 and under), £15 (disabled and carer).

The Official Walsall FC Away Travel Service will be running coaches to the game at a cost of £14 per person, departing the Banks's Stadium at 12.30pm.

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

**The Football Shop in Walsall Town Centre - Monday to Saturday (except Wednesday), 9.00am - 5.00pm.**

○ AUGUST 2007			
Mon 27	Coventry	a	2-1
○ SEPTEMBER			
Wed 5	Wolves	h	2-1
Tue 11	WBA	h	1-2
Mon 17	Shrewsbury	a	3-1
Tue 25	Notm Forest	a	0-2
○ OCTOBER			
Wed 10	Oldham	h	2-2
Tue 23	Huddersfield	a	1-0
Tue 30	Port Vale	h	0-1
○ NOVEMBER			
Mon 12	Leicester	a	3-4
Tue 27	Bradford City	h	ko2
○ DECEMBER			
Wed 5	Stoke City	a	
Tue 18	Wolves	a	
○ JANUARY 2008			
Tue 8	Coventry	h	ko2
Tue 15	Notm Forest	h	ko2
Wed 23	Oldham	A	
○ FEBRUARY			
Tue 5	Huddersfield	h	ko2
Mon 18	Port Vale	a	
Tue 26	Leicester	h	ko7
○ MARCH			
Tue 18	Bradford City	a	
Tue 25	Stoke City	h	ko7
○ APRIL			
Mon 7	WBA	a	
Tue 22	Shrewsbury	h	ko7

All home games are played at the Banks's Stadium, unless notified otherwise. Admission to evening games is £2 (adults) and £1 (concessions), otherwise it is free of charge.

	P	W	D	L	F	AGD	Pls
Notm Forest	8	7	1	0	14	5+9	22
Stoke City	7	5	2	0	13	6+7	17
WBA	8	4	2	2	20	14+6	14
WALSALL	6	4	1	3	11	10+1	13
Port Vale	8	3	2	3	14	15	-1
Leicester City	8	3	1	4	18	14+4	10
Wolves	7	3	1	3	16	14+2	10
Bradford City	7	3	1	3	9	8+1	9
Shrewsbury T.	8	3	1	4	15	15	-4
Coventry City	8	3	0	5	13	13	0
Huddersfield T.	8	1	1	6	14	8	-4
Oldham Ath.	7	0	1	6	23	17	1

THE SADDLERS' second-string were denied victory by the combination of an in-form opposition goalkeeper and the woodwork as Port Vale chalked up a 1-0 win at the Banks's Stadium.

A neat move in the second minute saw Alex Nicholls find Paul Hall out wide and his cross was met by the head of Troy Deeney whose effort brought a good save from Mark Goodlad.

Manny Smith made his presence felt at a corner as Ian Roper smashed the loose ball against the crossbar from close range.

Another Hall cross flashed invitingly across the face of goal just past the quarter-hour mark as The Saddlers made a lively start.

An excellent long ball by Richard Taundry picked David McDermott who teed up Charlton Davies for a low strike that Goodlad managed to push out.

In the next attack, Netan Sansara blazed over before Taundry's cross on 28 minutes found Deeney in space right in front of goal but he disappointingly directed his header straight at the grateful Goodlad.

Taundry was involved in the thick of the action again shortly afterwards when his piledriver from distance struck the crossbar with the 'keeper rooted to the spot.

At the other end, Taundry's mistake let in Calum Willock who was denied by Bertrand Bossu as The Saddlers managed to scramble the loose ball to safety.

It was Walsall who were on top for the majority of the opening period and Goodlad once more did well to deny McDermott as we carved open the visitors' back-line.

The second half started with Roper seeing his header

deflected over from a corner which came to nothing.

At the other end, Danny Glover dragged his hot wide from a good position before The Valiants took the lead just before the hour-mark when Willock's header somehow found its way underneath Bossu.

The Saddlers were awarded a penalty on 61 minutes when Sansara was felled just inside the area and Deeney stepped up to see his spot-kick kept out by Goodlad.

Walsall continued to find themselves on top as McDermott fired a low shot just wide before the same player saw a powerful strike bravely blocked by Charlie O'Loughlin.

Another fine save from Goodlad denied Nicholls following a sweeping move. Nicholls then saw another attempt kept out by the in-form 'keeper following a corner.

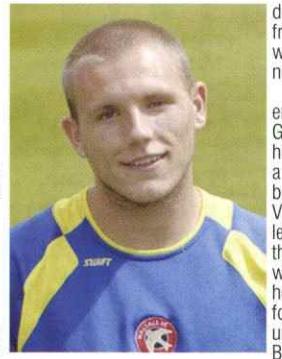
With Chris Hanna on in place of Harris, a last-minute strike from Ross Davidson through a crowd of players was well saved by Bossu, whilst at the other end our last chance saw Deeney find space inside the area only for Goodlad to push his shot over the crossbar.

WALSALL: Bossu, Taundry, Sansara, C. Davies, Smith, Roper, Harris (Hanna), Nicholls, Deeney, McDermott, Hall. Subs not used: R. Davies, Ryan, Silver, Skeldon.

\* The Saddlers travel to Sutton Coldfield Town in the second round of the Birmingham Senior Cup this Monday (kick-off 7.30pm). Meanwhile, please note that our home game against Bradford City on Tuesday, November 27th will take place at The Lamb, home of Tamworth FC.

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# in reserve



## STAT'S IT

Name:  
**MANNY SMITH**

Position:  
**DEFENDER**

07/08 Reserve  
Apps:  
**8**

07/08 Reserve  
Goals:  
**0**



## STAT'S IT

Name:  
**HASSAN BACCHUS**

Position:  
**MIDFIELD**

07/08 Youth  
Apps:  
**9**

07/08 Youth  
Goals:  
**1**



# youth on our side

THE SADDLERS' youth team worked hard to chalk up a 2-1 victory over Tranmere Rovers in the Puma Youth Alliance.

"We put in a pleasing first half performance," said Head of Youth, Mick Halsall. "We looked good going forward but were unable to make the breakthrough and went in at the break goalless.

"I always felt that the first goal would be crucial and we managed to get our noses in front when Edward Ryan delivered an inviting corner to the near post where Hassan Bacchus was on hand to head home.

"We lost our shape and pattern immediately after the goal as we were guilty of trying to finish the game off too early.

"It allowed Tranmere to catch us out on the counter-attack to level the scores.

"To our lads' credit, they didn't let their heads drop and Richard Davies did well to win the ball in the middle of the park before linking up with Will Griggs and striding through to find the net.

"We finished the game strongly and in the end could have won by a bigger margin. It was pleasing to see our boys cope well with the pressure that our visitors put us under.

"We must make sure that we work hard and get back in shape when we are attacking and lose the ball

to make it difficult for our opponents."

**WALSALL:** Skeldon, Westlake, Silver, T. Schwarz, Bacchus, Jones, R. Davies, Craddock, Ryan, Rannahill (Bentley), Griggs (Wilkes). Subs not used: Adkins, Hendrie, D. Schwarz.

\*Having done superbly well to beat Nottingham Forest in the first round of the FA Youth Cup (more of which is on page 37), our reward is a home tie against Leeds United in the next round. The game will take place here at the Banks's Stadium on Thursday, November 22nd (kick-off 7.00pm).

**Head of Youth: MICK HALSALL**  
**Youth Development Officer: BILL JONES**

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○ SEPTEMBER				
Sat 1	Tranmere	a		3-3
Sat 8	Wrexham	a		0-1
Sat 15	Stockport	h		4-2
Sat 22	Wigan	a		2-1
Sat 29	Shrewsbury	h		5-1

○ OCTOBER				
Sat 13	Port Vale	h		3-2
Sat 20	Rotherham (NC1)	h		0-3
Sat 27	Tranmere	h		2-1

○ NOVEMBER				
Sat 3	Chester City	a		0-0
Wed 7	Notm F. FAYC1	a		2-1
Sat 10	Shrewsbury	a		8-0
Thu 22	Leeds FAYC2	h		
Sat 17	Wigan	h		

○ DECEMBER				
Sat 1	Port Vale	a		
Sat 8	Macclesfield	h		
Sat 15	Stockport	a		

○ JANUARY 2008				
Sat 5	Wrexham	h		
Sat 12	Chester City	h		
Sat 19	Burnley	a		
Sat 26	In Service Training			

○ FEBRUARY				
Sat 2	Oldham	a		
Sat 9	Preston NE	h		
Sat 16	Rochdale	a		
Sat 23	North Cup 3			

○ MARCH				
Sat 1	Accrington	h		
Sat 8	Blackpool	a		
Sat 15	Burnley	h		
Sat 29	Bury	a		

○ APRIL				
Sat 5	Carlisle	a		
Sat 19	Morecambe	a		

○ MAY				
Sat 3	In Service Training			
TBA	Macclesfield	a		

All home games are played at the Birmingham County FA Ground, Ray Hall Lane, Great Barr.

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PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE	NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE
TABLE (as at 16/11/2007)	

	P	W	D	L	F	AGD	Pls





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## SINNOTT GIVEN LEAGUE MANAGEMENT CHANCE

FORMER Walsall youngster, Lee Sinnott has taken his first steps into Football League management with his appointment into the Port Vale hot-seat earlier this month.

The 42 year-old was plucked from non-League Rushall Olympic as a raw teenager by The Saddlers in November 1981 and went on to make his senior debut four months later, aged just 16.

Making superb progress at Fellows Park, he was sold to Watford, then in the top-flight, for £100,000 early in the 1983/84 campaign.

His career really took off at Vicarage Road, where he became a regular member of the side and appeared in the 1984 FA Cup Final against Everton. His displays also earned him England Under-21 recognition.

After leaving The Hornets, he went on to have three spells at Bradford City as well as serving Crystal Palace, Huddersfield Town, Oldham Athletic and Scarborough, but it is his prowess as a manager that has really come to the fore in recent years with his exploits at Farsley Celtic.

Taking the club from the depths of the Northern League Division One, on attendances of under 100, he has subsequently achieved three promotions in the past four seasons to leave the Yorkshire outfit sitting proudly in the Blue Square Premier, just one level below The Football League.

"I had an absolutely fantastic time at Farsley," he said. "Even though there are plenty of things to work on here, I am looking forward to the challenge ahead.

"How difficult the job is depends on the players. I believe that if I get my message across to them very quickly, and they know what direction they are going in, we can start to get things moving.

"I think we need a bit of stability and it is a big bonus that Dean Glover has agreed to stay on. He has been on the staff for a long time and has a huge depth of knowledge about the club that I will be looking to tap in to.

"The supporters can play a huge part too by encouraging the team and individual players, even when things sometimes don't go right.

"A pass might go astray, a shot might go off target, but when three or four thousand people get on your back, you are only going to go into your shell a bit more.

"I am looking forward to the task ahead with great relish."

Sinnott celebrated his first win last weekend as The Valiants beat Morecambe 2-0 to secure a home tie with Chasetown in the second round of The FA Cup.

## Score Predictor

EACH issue the Walsall FC players, staff and supporters battle it out to discover who are the top tipsters.

We will choose two games from the Premiership, Championship, League One and League Two and ask a representative from each group to predict the final scoreline.

There are three points on offer for a correct prediction, one point if you get the scoreline wrong but the result right and absolutely nothing if your prediction is totally wide of the mark.

Representing the players today is Welsh Under-21 International, Mark Bradley, whilst Commercial Executive, Gemma Park represents the staff and Andy White is our supporters' representative.

The matches are as follows:

Players	Staff	Supporters
Scotland v Italy		
1-1	0-1	0-2
Wales v Rep of Ireland		
2-1	2-2	1-1
Northern Ireland v Denmark		
1-0	1-2	1-2
Israel v Russia		
1-1	0-0	0-0
Leeds v Swindon		
3-1	2-0	2-0
Southend v Cheltenham		
3-0	1-0	3-1
Brentford v Darlington		
1-1	1-2	2-2
Dagenham v Bradford		
1-2	3-2	1-1

Last weekend saw the players emerge as winners thanks to Alex Nicholls' four-point score. He just edged out Julie Nightingale who chalked up three points for the supporters, whilst coach, Jimmy Mullen notched just a single point for the staff whose lead at the top of the table is getting ever fragile.

GROUP	TOTAL POINTS
Staff	42
Supporters	40
Players	40

If you would like to represent the supporters, please email your name and daytime telephone number to a.poole@walsallfc.co.uk

# CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

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MON 17TH DECEMBER

**PURE MAGIC -  
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TUE 18TH DECEMBER

**SOUL SURVIVORS**  
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# the ultimate saddlers a-z

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Leigh Edwards profiles  
every Walsall player  
from 60 post-war  
League seasons...*

**WILLIE PENMAN:** Experienced midfielder who netted six goals in 123 third division games for The Saddlers prior to joining Dundalk in July 1973, then had a spell as Cheltenham Town's manager. He also assisted Redditch United and Sutton Coldfield. Settling locally, he later worked for a sports company.

**DON PENN:** Young striker who netted 54 goals in 141 League outings for Walsall until a knee injury ended his career in May 1983, then briefly played for Nuneaton Borough, Oldbury United and Harrisons. He has since worked as a service engineer for Granada TV and now Fire & Safety Services in Minworth.

**ERIC PERKINS:** Reliable left-back who partnered Harry Haddington and missed just three matches during the 1956-57 season. His solitary goal in 67 League games clinched Walsall's 2-2 draw at Coventry City in December 1956 and he joined Hinckley Athletic in July 1959. Still living locally in retirement.

**JEFF PERON:** French midfielder who played for Walsall at Manchester United in the 1997-98 FA Cup fourth round. His solitary goal in 38 League games clinched The Saddlers' 1-0 victory at home to Wigan in March 1998. He joined Portsmouth in September 1998, then played for Wigan before returning to France.

**DAVID PERPETUINI:** Former Watford, Gillingham and Wycombe Wanderers midfielder who joined Walsall in March 2005 and played seven consecutive League games before moving to Stevenage Borough in July 2005. He has since played for Kettering Town, Lewes, Rushden & Diamonds, Barton Rovers and recently joined Halesowen Town.

**LEN PERRY:** Left-back who turned professional with Walsall in October 1950, making his League debut in the 4-1 defeat at Bristol City in September 1953. He also appeared in the next two matches and joined Wellington in July 1954, then played for Brierley Hill, residing locally until his death in January 2004.

**ANDY PETERSON:** Australian goalkeeper who joined Walsall from Derry City in January 2004 as cover for Jimmy Walker's suspension. He made his debut in that month's 6-1 defeat at home to Coventry and also appeared in the next two matches against Stoke and Crewe, retiring at the end of that season. He then moved to New Zealand where he was part of the coaching staff at New Zealand Knights.

**FRED PIDCOCK:** Canadian goalkeeper who moved to Walsall from Moor Green in September 1953 and made his solitary third division (south) appearance as emergency cover in place of Gordon Chilvers and Doug Flack in that month's 3-0 defeat at Swindon, then returned to Moor Green. He died in August 1999.

**NEIL POINTON:** Former Everton and Manchester City left-back who joined Walsall from Hearts in July 1998 and was an experienced figure in the 1998-99 promotion success, making 61 League appearances before moving to Chesterfield in January 2000. He later played for Hednesford, Retford and Mossley.

**LUDO POLLET:** Experienced French central defender who briefly reunited with Colin Lee at Walsall on loan from Wolves in November 2002 and made five first division appearances while at Bescot Stadium. He rejoined Wolves and helped win promotion to the Premiership that season, then returned to France.

**MATT POLLOCK:** Scottish winger who joined Walsall from Nottingham Forest in July 1973 and made two League appearances. He moved via Burton Albion to Luton Town in March 1974, then played for Portsmouth and Queen of the South. Now working as a buyer for pharmaceutical firm Chirex in Annan.

**GARY PORTER:** Former England Under-21 midfielder who made 400 appearances for Watford prior to joining Walsall in June 1997. He played at Manchester United in the 1997-98 FA Cup fourth round and scored once in 44 League games while at Bescot Stadium before moving to Scarborough in February 1999. Now living in the north-east.

**RON POUNTNEY:** Teenage midfielder whose only League appearance for Walsall was in the 1-1 draw at home to Scunthorpe in April 1973. After spells with Port Vale and Bilton, he joined Southend United in January 1975. He moved to Chelmsford City in July 1985 and is now a painter and decorator in Southend.

**DAVID PREECE:** Young midfielder who helped Walsall reach the Milk Cup semi-finals in 1983-84, netting five goals in 111 League games prior to joining Luton Town in December 1984. He later played for Derby, Birmingham, Swindon, Cambridge United, Torquay and Enfield. Coaching at a number of clubs, including Rushden & Diamonds and Kettering Town, before his tragic death from cancer in July 2007.



*David  
Perpetuini*

## DANIEL MAGNUSS HERE TODAY

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## MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

It's that time of year when you might want to add to your enjoyment of your matchday experience by having a meal before the game.

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If you are over the age of 16 and are interested in becoming a seller on matchdays, we would like to hear from you. 10% commission is paid on all sales and you get free admission to the match. In addition, you will be helping the club produce the stars of tomorrow as all profits are donated to the Walsall FC Youth Development Fund.

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The ever-popular 50/50 Matchday Draw continues today. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale before the game. Results are announced on the pitch at half-time and winnings can be collected from the Main Reception Office immediately after the game.

The results from our FA Cup game against Shrewsbury Town last weekend, were, as follows:

- **FIRST PRIZE**: £314.70 - No.: 13693 - WINNER: Not yet claimed.
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A lot of credit for this, of course, must go to Editor Andrew Poole and his contributors who help make it such a good read. We must also acknowledge the role that Excel Print Ltd. plays and thank Mark Sylvester and his team for the excellent work that they do on behalf of the club.

We hope that Mark and his guests enjoy their afternoon with us.

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I'd like to thank Kevin Kearney for organizing today's sponsorship and hope that he and his guests enjoy their afternoon with us.

## MATCHDAY MASCOTS

Leading out The Saddlers this afternoon is Jessica, who is being sponsored by Simone and Steve Adams.



A keen football fan, she plays for Lichfield Diamonds Ladies Under-13s and rates Scott Dann as her favourite Walsall player.

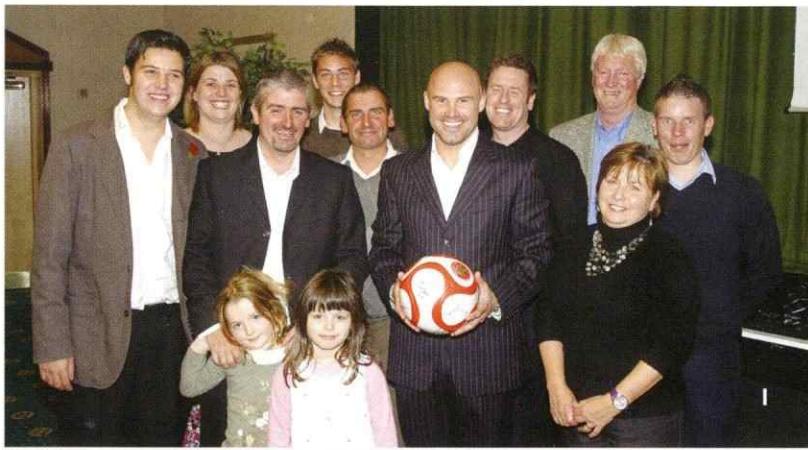
We hope that Jessica and her guests have an enjoyable day with us.



Birthday boy, Adam is the Luton Town mascot today.

He enjoys football, rugby and playing on his PlayStation. Paul Peschisolido and Paul McVeigh are his favourite Hatters.

Birthday wishes go out from everyone here at the Banks's Stadium.



1 Our good friends from Banks's were Match Sponsors for the recent game against Cheltenham Town. Here we see some of their guests alongside Man of the Match, Tommy Mooney.

2 Matchball Sponsors were another senior commercial partner, West Bromwich Building Society, who received a signed Walsall FC football from Tommy Mooney.

3 The Saddlers' skipper also took the Man of the Match prize in The Swifts Club.

4 The team captains, match officials and mascots line up just prior to kick-off.

5 Senior Aircraftman, Steve Lauder, who has recently returned from serving with the RAF in Afghanistan, was here as a guest of the club and was introduced onto the pitch at half-time.

6 The Hit The Bar contestants get ready to kick for ten grand!

# dream team

## GOALKEEPER

**James Walker:** For someone so small, he had it all as a 'keeper here at Walsall. Organised his defence well, great reflexes and a good taker from crosses. I find it a waste of his talent that he spends most of his time warming up benches these days.

## DEFENCE

**Ian Brightwell:** Experience was the key factor for Ian during his time here. He brought a steady influence in such an important position, even if he lacked a bit of pace at the stage of his career when he played for The Saddlers.

**Zigor Aranalde:** Didn't have the best of starts to his Saddlers' career, I saw him have a few shaky moments when I was working here regularly. However, he recovered well and went on to play many games for the club and has done well since at Carlisle. For the record, I also thought Colin Gibson did a great job in this position under Chris Nicholl.

**Ian Roper:** Solid as a rock, he's developed into a good, solid centre-half under various managers here. The fact that he's been here so long is a great credit to the lad and I know he would run through brick walls for The Saddlers. Another defender who came through the system who made good early progress was Stuart Ryder, what a shame he had to quit through injury.

**Adrian Viveash:** A great signing at the right time, he was responsible for the organisation of a solid Saddlers' defence. Even during relegation from The Championship, he still had the equal of many strikers at the higher level and after leaving Walsall his career was all but over. I reckon he could have stayed another couple of years.

## MIDFIELD

**Chris Marsh:** Everyone knows Marshy as a top lad, particularly when you read his book! However, as a footballer, he brought a lot to the table and was versatile. Very skilful, he must have been half decent for clubs like Liverpool to have shown more than a passing interest. I'm sure Ronaldo studied videos of Marshy (in black and white!) to perfect his step-over routine!

**Martin O'Connor:** Two good spells with Walsall. The first, under Chris Nicholl, was at a great time when the club was on the up and won promotion from the old fourth division (League Two). Dominated midfield and often dictated the pace of the game. Was good to see him back later in his career in The Championship.

**Paul Merson:** It didn't work out for 'Merce' as manager here but, what a player. That day he made his debut on a blistering afternoon in the 4-1 win over Albion was amazing. It's a shame his image with Saddlers' fans was tarnished by the managerial disappointment here, because he certainly gave moments of magic never seen before in a Saddlers shirt.

**John Hodge:** I'd have Hodgey and Marshy swapping wings all game long. I thought he was a touch of class and again the club did their homework to bring him here. I know he was a great character off-the-pitch as well, so important to any successful team. Good skill and positioning strengths.

## ATTACK

**Jorge Leitao:** It was a real hammer blow to the club when it was announced he was returning to his homeland, particularly at such a critical time of the season. He had many special moments in a Saddlers shirt and he will always be remembered as a Saddlers' legend. He'd be a great addition to the current squad at League One level.

**Andy Rammell:** I was at the press conference on the Monday morning 'Rambo' was unveiled to the media and I wasn't sure whether it was a good signing or not – the answer was emphatic and fast! He was simply a goal machine for this club. How often was he the only goalscorer in a 1-0 win during the promotion campaign under the great Ray Graydon? Priceless.

## MANAGERIAL STYLE

I'd adopt a combination of strengths brought to this club by various Saddlers' chiefs. The discipline and hard work of Ray Graydon, the strength of Chris Nicholl and the modern day approach of Richard Money. I'd place great importance on team spirit and with the likes of Marshy, Hodgey, Adie Viveash and Merve that wouldn't be a problem – but there would also have to be discipline and respect.



talkSPORT presenter and Sky TV's voice of speedway and darts, Nigel Pearson picks his Walsall FC Dream Team...



1	James Walker
2	Ian Brightwell
3	Zigor Aranalde
4	Adrian Viveash
5	Ian Roper
6	Chris Marsh
7	Martin O'Connor
8	Jorge Leitao
9	Andy Rammell
10	Paul Merson
11	John Hodge

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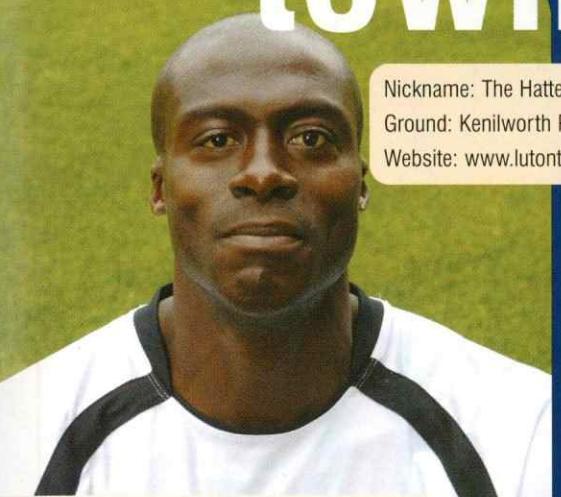
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### Six of the Best

Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles six leading Luton Town managers...

#### DALLY DUNCAN

Former Scotland International winger, Dally Duncan managed Luton Town to the top-flight in 1954-55. Signing professional for Hull City in August 1928, he moved to Derby County in March 1932 and featured in their 1946 FA Cup Final success. He became Luton's player-boss in October 1946 and steered them to eighth place in the top-flight in 1957-58. Appointed Blackburn Rovers' manager in October 1958, he led them to the 1960 FA Cup Final and remained in charge at Ewood Park until sacked in June 1960. He later scouted for Luton and ran a guesthouse in Brighton, residing there until his death in January 1990.

#### ALEC STOCK

Alec Stock managed Luton Town to promotion in 1969-70. He was a forward with Charlton and QPR before becoming Yeovil Town's player-boss, plotting their epic 1948-49 FA Cup run. Appointed Leyton Orient's boss in August 1949, he led them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1953-54 and third division (south) title in 1955-56, returning from spells at Arsenal and Roma. He became QPR's boss in August 1959, taking them to the top-flight and League Cup glory, then managed Luton from December 1968 until April 1972. Guiding Fulham to the 1975 FA Cup Final, he later managed AFC Bournemouth and died in April 2001.

#### HARRY HASLAM

Popular manager Harry Haslam guided Luton Town back to the top-flight in 1973-74. Initially with Rochdale, the full-back played for Oldham Athletic, Brighton, Leyton Orient, Guildford City and Hastings United, then managed Eastbourne United, Barry Town and Tonbridge before becoming Fulham's chief scout. He assisted Alec Stock at Luton prior to succeeding him as manager in May 1972, remaining in charge of The Hatters until leaving in January 1978 to manage Sheffield United. He scouted for England under Bobby Robson and died in September 1986. His son Keith is now Mansfield Town's managing director.

#### KEVIN BLACKWELL – Manager

BORN in Luton, he began his playing career under Ron Atkinson at Cambridge United.

After failing to make the grade at the Abbey Stadium, he moved into non-League with Bedford Town and Barton Rovers before Barry Fry snapped him up for Barnet.

He then had a spell at Boston United but returned to Underhill until Neil Warnock took him to Scarborough.

His performances between the posts helped the Yorkshire side achieve promotion into The Football League.

He then followed Warnock to Notts County and Torquay before becoming his player-coach at Huddersfield in August 1993.

His next move took him to Plymouth Argyle, working once more under Warnock's stewardship before becoming assistant manager to Mick Jones.

A spell on the coaching staff at Bury was followed by a move to Sheffield United where he enjoyed some successful times as assistant manager before the lure of becoming a manager in his own right proved too great.

He took over at the helm of Leeds United in 2004 and guided the club to the play-off Final at the end of the 2005/06 campaign. However, a slow start to the following season saw him lose his job.

Appointed manager of his home-town club in March 2007.



#### DAVID PLEAT

Articulate manager David Pleat managed Luton Town to the second division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before becoming Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972 and became manager in January 1978, guiding The Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup Final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took The Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals again in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995. Now working in the media.

#### RAY HARFORD

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton, Exeter, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. Becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup Final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 Littlewoods Cup Final. Sacked in January 1990, he later managed Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Bromwich Albion and QPR. He died in August 2003.

#### MIKE NEWELL

Ex-England Under-21 striker, Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. Initially with Liverpool, he moved via Crewe to Wigan Athletic in October 1983 and scored in their 1985 Freight Rover Trophy Final triumph. He played for Luton, Leicester City and Everton prior to joining Blackburn Rovers in November 1991, helping win promotion in 1991-92 and the Premiership title in 1994-95. Later with Birmingham City, he became Hartlepool's boss in November 2002, plotting their 2002-03 promotion success. He rejoined Luton as manager in June 2003 and remained in charge until sacked in March 2007.

# The Rising Star...



BECAME Kevin Blackwell's first signing for The Hatters when he arrived from Shrewsbury Town in July 2007.

An energetic and talented midfield man who progressed through the ranks at Gay Meadow before making just over 100 senior appearances for The Shrews, helping them reach the League Two play-offs last term.

Capped at Under-19 and 21 level by Wales, he was part of their full squad for the Euro 2008 qualifying games against the Republic of Ireland and San Marino earlier this year.

Although he is yet to win a full cap for his country, many are tipping him to do so in the not too distant future and so far this season he has been a regular in the Luton engine room.

## AT-A-GLANCE

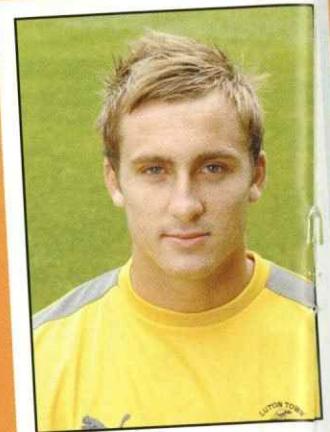
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PREVIOUS CLUBS: Shrewsbury Town

SQUAD NUMBER: 16

LUTON TOWN - DAVE EDWARDS

# Between the Posts...



THE 21 year-old local lad is expected to have a bright future ahead of him in the game.

Scooping the Young Player of the Year award last term, he has established himself as first choice between the posts this season with a string of impressive displays.

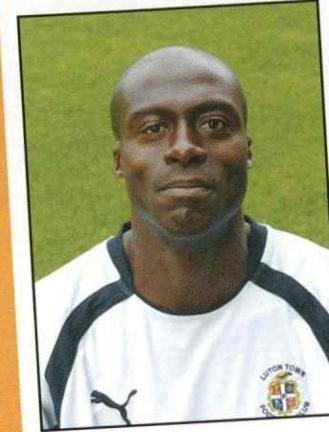
He actually joined The Hatters as a nine year-old and progressed through the Centre of Excellence and youth team, earning many plaudits along the way.

His form for Luton Schools and Bedfordshire County Schools as a teenager actually alerted the attention of various bigger clubs, but Luton won the race to sign him and are now reaping the benefits.

A tall and commanding figure who is a great organiser of the back-line in front of him.

LUTON TOWN - DEAN BRILL

# The Hot-Shot...



A PLAYER who possesses a wealth of experience and know-how, he became Kevin Blackwell's fourth signing of the summer.

Starting his career with non-League Enfield where his prowess in front of goal earned him a £130,000 move into the top-flight with Coventry City.

Helping the club stave off relegation in 1991/92, he then joined Watford where he scored 41 times in 92 outings to secure a money-spinning switch to Chelsea.

The London club paid £2.3million for his services and he was to spend two years with them before Birmingham City broke their transfer record to take him to St. Andrews in the summer of 1996.

He became a popular figure amongst the Blues' faithful with 56 goals in 153 appearances.

During his time at the club he also had loan spells at QPR (two spells) and Sheffield United before making a permanent move to Loftus Road in September 2002.

Again he found favour with the supporters and chalked up almost 200 outings for the club.

With nine goals to his name already this term, his vast experience has already served Luton well and this is sure to continue in the months ahead.

## AT-A-GLANCE

DATE-OF-BIRTH: 01/10/1968

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Enfield, Coventry City, Watford, Chelsea, Birmingham City, Sheffield United (loan), Queens Park Rangers

SQUAD NUMBER: 29

LUTON TOWN - PAUL FURLONG

**COYNE:**

**"This division is very difficult and very physical, yet there's also a lot of quality in it..."**

LUTON Town skipper, Chris Coyne believes that they have what it takes to make a great impression on League One. "We have the belief in the camp that we can really go for it this season, but we know we have to improve our away form if we are to achieve success.

"Our home form has been good this season. We have one of the best home records in the division," he went on. "We have to start taking responsibility as individuals and collectively for our performances and results away from Kenilworth Road.

"Talk is cheap and what was particularly frustrating about our last away result against Brighton was that we were unable to build on our performances against Everton and Nottingham Forest."

In fact, the popular Australian defender cites the results and performances in the League Cup as evidence to the quality that exists in the squad. "Anybody who watched our game against Everton will know that we have a decent side," he said without hesitation. "I felt we matched them in every department and even after they went in front in extra-time, we kept battling to the very end.

"The fact that we were the last side from outside the top two divisions left in the competition is a credit to everyone at the club. It goes to show that we are making strides in the right direction this season."

The experienced 29 year-old thinks that League One is a much tougher division than most credit. "This division is very difficult and very physical, yet there's also a lot of quality in it," he added. "Nottingham Forest are a huge club who are striving to make a return to the big time, but the fact that they are in their third season at this level shows how difficult this League actually is."

Amongst the frustrations of this season, Coyne is still very happy at the club and predicts a bright future. "I arrived at Luton six years ago and I have experienced some very memorable occasions, but there have also been several times when the future of this football club was put in serious doubt. This Club needs to get back to where it belongs and thanks to our Chairman, David Pinkney, we are finally moving in the right direction."

He acknowledges the fans have a huge part to play in the future, and calls upon them to get behind the team come rain or shine.

"Unfortunately, people don't always see the benefits of the work that goes on behind the scenes," he said. "This football club and the team are important to many faithful supporters and everybody needs to be together as one, if we are to be a success."

IAN NEWBOLD

*(The quotes in this article are taken from Chris Coyne's column on the Official Luton Town website...)*



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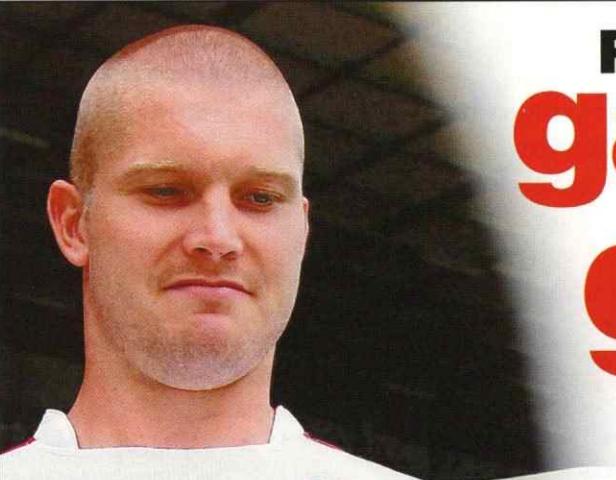
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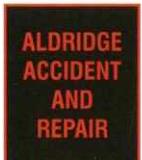
These fun sessions are available every Saturday on the Banks's Stadium Field Turf. Register in the Community Room before each session - appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

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

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## BIRTHDAY TREAT

On the pitch prior to our game against Cheltenham Town was Liam Keeling who received a signed Walsall FC football from Scott Dann as part of a Birthday Treat.



## JUNIOR SADDLERS GALLERY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Alfie Cooper, Benjamin Whithall (9), Jessica Adams (14).



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ALL THIS week, Playing for Success students have been interviewing players.

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The first interview this week was with Alex Nicholls who stepped in at the last minute to be 'grilled' by Frank F. Harrison Engineering College and Harden Primary School.

Alex was asked around 50 questions by each of the groups.

Examples include:

- Who is your favourite player of all-time? – Ronaldo (the Brazilian one!).
- What did it feel like when you had your first professional game? – A very proud moment and I was extremely nervous.
- Who is the funniest player? – Paul Hall.
- What team did you support as a child? – Birmingham City.
- Do you have a goal in life? – To try and earn a good living from football and enjoy it.
- Who has helped you most with your career? – My mum and dad.

These are just a few of the questions Alex was asked.

A huge thanks to Alex and all the other players for giving up their time. The students who attend gain a great deal from these interviews.

Alex with Sharon Middleton, Sally Taylor and Frank F. Harrison students



Alex with Tom Reynolds and Harden Primary School pupils



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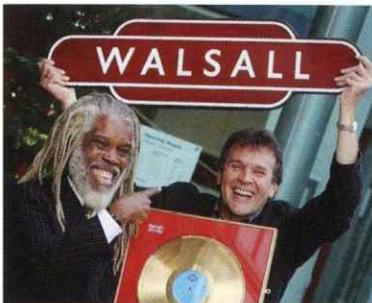
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# on the record

the saddlers' music man, steve jenkins waxes lyrical...



ONLY two losses in our last 12 games shows the improvement in our team over the past couple of months.

Richard Money should be applauded for his and the coaches efforts, three senior professionals have left the club, injuries have caused further selection problems and our young players have stepped up and turned around the season so far.

Personally, I'm really up about our team. Scott Dann, Mark Bradley, Ishmel Demontagnac, Troy Deeney and David McDermott have come through our ranks, whilst Manny Smith, Alex Nicholls and Richard Taundry are right on the edge of being in the side. Anthony Gerrard and Daniel Fox, I claim as Walsall boys because nearly all of their professional games have been with us. On top of that, Wracky and Ropes are legends at the Banks's Stadium for their long and committed service.

So, for the first time in years, we have a true Walsall team. They deserve all the support we can give them, even when things aren't necessarily going our way. Let's hope this team sticks together; I believe we just might have something special here, even if it takes a little more time to develop.

The past few weeks have been exciting. Tommy Mooney passed a significant milestone in our victory over Cheltenham Town, the team battled hard for a share of the spoils at Brighton and Ishmel has scored two belters in the last couple of games.

Some of you may have seen that I was sporting my 'lucky' FA Cup beard last Saturday, I decided not to shave for a week leading up to the game, hoping it would change our FA Cup fortunes. Now I did take a lot of stick before and during the game but I believe it kept Shrewsbury out, particularly when they had a good go at us early in the second half. In fact, when three of their forwards closed in on Clayton Ince and missed, I celebrated by giving the stubble a good rub!

I thought Michael Ricketts was magnificent during the game and showed real class. I think Michael has found a great partner in Tommy Mooney and they look like they are forming a great partnership. Hopefully they both stay fit and can get a great understanding that will scare defenders in this League.

These are the last notes I shall write for a few weeks as we are going to California for almost seven weeks, leaving at the end of November and not returning until mid-January. We are going first to Los Angeles for a few days to see people I have not seen in ages. Then we will spend a couple of days in Santa Barbara - I have not been there for 25 years!

It was always one of my favourite places in the world, so hopefully time will not have affected its beauty. The second week we are in Las Vegas where we hope to see a few shows, enjoy the general buzz and also get to see The Spice Girls who are performing during our time there and staying at the same hotel.

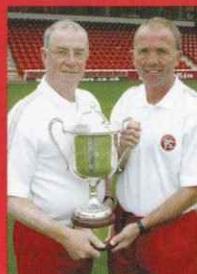
The last time I met the girls was in South Africa at a concert we were doing for Nelson Mandela, so hopefully we will catch up. As Vegas is not too far from LA, I expect David Beckham to be there. That might give me the chance to tell him about the only club he should train with over the winter months. I can see the headlines now; 'Beckham becomes a Saddler'. I might be dreaming on that one, though!

Finally we are spending a month in Palm Springs with occasional visits to LA for Christmas and New Year celebrations. I must admit I'm really looking forward to the trip and will be kept in touch with our results by my good pals Joe Savage and Pete Waterman.

Today's game will be my last for a while, so hopefully we can get another home win. I'm sure Luton will be organised and difficult to beat as they look to improve their fortunes on the road.

I'm probably the first to wish you a great Christmas and brilliant New Year, let's hope it's also a great period for our team. I'll see you in 2008... Good Luck!

## CUP JOY FOR YOUNGSTERS



THE SADDLERS' youth team stunned Nottingham Forest earlier this month by winning 2-1 at the City Ground to make

progress into the second round of the FA Youth Cup.

A penalty from Andrew Bentley and a further strike from Josh Craddock gave Mick Halsall's boys a memorable victory. "The lads were fantastic," beamed Halsall. "We did our homework and it helped us to set out our game plan.

"All credit to the players, they set their stall out early on, played some good football and worked extremely hard.

"Forest are an Academy side and have a very good reputation, but on the night we proved to be just as good as them.

"The work-rate and togetherness of the whole squad was outstanding. It is all about being together and working as a unit and I was keen to stress that to the lads at the end.

"It's a memory that the boys can take with them. It's a great achievement and we will look to build on that."

**WALSALL:** Skeldon, Silver, Bacchus, D. Schwarz, T. Schwarz, Jones (Woollestone), Bentley (Westlake), R. Davies, Ryan, Curtis (Ravenhill), Craddock. Subs not used: Hendrie, Cox.

The Saddlers have been handed a home draw against Leeds United in the second round. The game will be played here at the Banks's Stadium on Thursday, November 22nd (kick-off 7.00pm). Admission will be £3 (adults) and £1 (concessions).



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## OUR MAN IN ETHIOPIA

**Neil Morris**

AFTER last week's diversion into the world of flora and fauna I will revert to more familiar territory today.

I was speaking to the Serbian coach of the country's leading club, St. George, recently and he was telling me that he was wondering whether he'd made the right decision in returning to the brewery club after two years with Orlando Pirates in South Africa. He has an Ethiopian wife so was happy to come back here but the football situation is so chaotic that he is having doubts.

I have mentioned before that a group of leading clubs became exasperated with the President of the Football Federation, Dr Wolde-Giorgis (one of Ethiopia's leading dentists!) and decided to launch a breakaway League. As you can imagine, there has been a ferocious war of words between the two sides and the Government has told clubs under its wing (there are only two private clubs in the country) not to join the rebels. They have been ignored.

I wrote an article for a weekly sports newspaper and said that, whilst I readily acknowledge that the administration of the game here is weak, I did not think that splitting into two would help. I was later told by the editor that I was viewed as pro-Federation by the clubs and they were worried I could influence public opinion. I suspect they over-inflate the importance of my words!

Whilst the Federation are insisting the League will continue without the rebels, who now number 20 clubs, the breakaway teams decided to test their organisation with a Cup competition.

Forbidden to use the National Stadium, they have decamped to the 20,000-capacity Abebe Bikila Stadium on the outskirts of the city. I have reported on the opening ceremony and I have subsequently seen five more games. Worryingly, the two matches not involving the two big Addis sides, St. George and Ethiopia Coffee, drew 'gates' of just 150 and 200. Contrast this with the 15,000 who saw St. George defeat Coffee in a group game a fortnight ago and the 17,000 present for the Final between the two sides a week ago.

I was invited to the game as the guest of Electricity FC and suspect that the clubs were trying to win me over! The price of VIP tickets were doubled to £1.80 for the big game and pre-match entertainment of live performances by local singers and the police marching band began a couple of hours before kick-off. The first half was appalling but the match livened up significantly after the break, Coffee first hitting the post with a penalty kick and then scoring what was to prove to be the winner.

I was approached at the end of the game by an official of Banks FC who wanted a lift back to the City Centre (Ethiopians are certainly not backwards in coming forwards with such requests). He told me that the intense rivalry between Coffee and St. George had been diluted due to the clubs working together on the breakaway League project and that it was amazing that we could drive away from the stadium without passing through a riot scene and having rocks thrown at us!

He was very supportive of the rebel movement even though the Champion club will not be eligible for the African Champions League and their players will not be able to play for the national team. They certainly seem to have the momentum as the Ethiopian Cup Final was played at the National Stadium (capacity 25,000) between two conformist clubs and attracted a crowd of 56 people, more than 30 of whom were police officers.

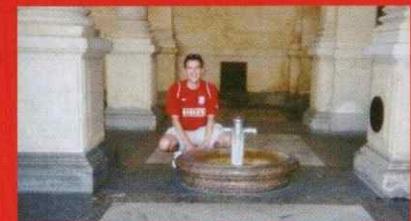
When I spoke to the St. George coach I asked him what their next game would be once this tournament was over and he said he thought they would play in the Addis City Cup. The rebel clubs were this week banned from taking part in this so unless they get their act together pretty quickly with the new League, there will be another period with no football.

Lengthy meetings continue between the Federation and the clubs so a compromise might still be found.

Ethiopia, with a population of 80 million football-mad people, struggles on with this lamentable tale yet next door war-torn Sudan have qualified for the Ghana 2008 Nations Cup and have in Al-Hilal one of the continent's leading club sides. It is a desperate situation and it may not yet have reached its lowest point...

## barmy army

Putting **YOU** in the picture....



Pictured here we see Saddlers' fanatic, Nick Adshead showing off his colours during a trip to Kalovy Vary, a spa town in the Czech Republic. Nick is a season-ticket holder here at the Banks's Stadium and attends as many away games as possible.

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# into the hot seat

Ian Crichton profiles the former Walsall players who went on to carve out a career for themselves in management

## STEVE STAUNTON

STEVE Staunton was spotted playing in his native Ireland for Dundalk by Liverpool as Kenny Dalglish signed the 17 year-old for £20,000 in 1986.

It took him almost two years to establish himself in the side but he played in the 1989 FA Cup Final and he was a frequent presence during the following year as Liverpool reclaimed the League title.

He was to play only one more season at Anfield, however, and in August 1991 he joined Aston Villa for a fee in excess of £1 million.

Staunton settled well into life at Villa Park and won a Coca-Cola League Cup winners medal in 1994 and 1996, but with his contract set to expire, he rejoined Liverpool and during this second spell he went out on loan to Crystal Palace, before being recalled in November 2000 to appear in his 148th and last game for The Reds.

In December he returned to Villa featuring regularly for a further two seasons. In total he played 350 times for The Villains and he scored 16 times.



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He moved to Coventry City in August 2003, making his debut in a goalless draw with The Saddlers and he remained with the Sky Blues until the summer of 2005, clocking up 75 appearances before joining his former Villa team-mate, Paul Merson at Bescot Stadium.

He played just ten times for The Saddlers as well as helping out with the coaching until January 2006 when he was somewhat surprisingly appointed as manager of the Republic of Ireland.

Fittingly, he was captain of the Walsall side that defeated Blackpool on New Year's Eve 2005 in his final game as a player.

Staunton had no track record as a manager but he had played in the World Cup finals of 1990, 1994 and 2002 and had captained the side under Mick McCarthy, which was a fitting end to an international career that had set an all-time national record of 102 appearances.

Indeed he is the only player to have played in every single one of Ireland's 13 games in World Cup finals. His international management career enjoyed a dream start with victory over Sweden but this was soon followed with defeats to Chile and Holland, the latter being Ireland's worst home reverse in 40 years.

His first competitive matches as manager ended in defeats against Germany and lowly Cyprus but a draw against the Czechs and home and away wins against San Marino bought him a bit of time. Successive wins against Wales and Slovakia even raised a few hopes but he was never able to silence his critics and the axe finally fell last month soon after the team was booed off following a humiliating home draw with Cyprus.

During a turbulent 21 month reign as international manager, Staunton had won only six of his 17 games in charge and whatever the managerial future holds for this likeable Irishman, things can hardly get much worse!



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- Sunday, December 16th - Children's Christmas Party - 5.00pm until 9.00pm. Admission is free for adults and £4 (children).
- Christmas Eve - Ray's Conga in the Lounge. Admission is free for members and £1 each for guests.
- New Year's Eve - Celebrate with The Black Country Boys and Brian Benson's Disco. Tickets are on sale to members only up until tomorrow evening, priced at £14 (adults) and £12 (children). They go on general sale from Monday at £17 (adults) and £12 (children).

# White & Red Memories

with Walsall FC historian, Geoff Allman

## Great Games

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1969/70 was our fifth season in the white shirts and red shorts and Bill Moore's first full season after returning for his second spell as manager.

After a hard-fought 1-1 draw at Brighton on the opening day and a 2-0 League Cup defeat at Shrewsbury in midweek, we raised the hopes of our fans by a resounding 4-0 win over Southport in our opening home game.

Colin Harrison bagged a brace with two splendid long-range shots in this game, but then came a desperate drought with only two goals in our next eight games.

One of these was a penalty from Ray Train and the other a consolation goal in a 4-1 defeat at Rochdale from close-season signing, Johnny Woodward, who had linked up from Aston Villa.

Soon Bill Moore was venturing into the transfer market as Chris Crowe arrived from Australia and Colin Taylor made a return from Crystal Palace for what was his third spell with us.

In the event, Crowe scored just one goal - in a surprise 3-2 win at Reading in early October - whilst it took Taylor a few weeks to get back into his stride.

The inconsistency, which had dogged us in the previous season, was again to the fore as we won four games in a row in October before losing the next five.

At our best we could raise the hearts of our fans. The Match of the Day cameras paid a rare visit to Fellows Park to see us pick up a 3-2 win over Barnsley in which Alan Baker found the net twice.

Through it all, Phil Parkes, in his one and only full season with us, was displaying the sort of form that caused Saddlers' supporters of the time to rank him alongside Bert Williams as the two finest custodians in our history.

Parkes shared in another exciting FA Cup adventure that we shall recall in the next issue...



## the greatest players to have graced the white and red...

OVER the years we have been well served by busy little midfielders and one thinks of names such as Alan Birch, David Preece and Dean Keates, all home-grown lads who have given great service to the club.

Such a player was Ray Train, who hailed from the Bedworth area and progressed through the youth ranks to catch the eye of our keenest supporters in a pre-season clash with Telford United in 1968 when he just ran and ran.

It was only weeks later that he made his first-team debut in a 3-0 victory over Southport (who were then alongside us in the old Division Three) aged just 17.

This brought him to the attention of a wider range of fans and in that first season of senior football, he played 19 games and scored four goals, continuing to impress with his high work-rate, skill on the ball and powerful shooting for a player who stood little more than five feet tall.

He certainly didn't lack confidence and when aged just 18, he confidently banged home a penalty in a 3-1 win over Mansfield Town.

This was far from being the most successful period in our history, but Train was one of those players who never seemed to have a bad game and whom visiting scouts seemed to notice even when the team as a whole was not

playing well.

Our finances were not in the happiest of states at that time either and when he moved on to Carlisle United in December 1971, the modest fee by today's standards helped to keep us afloat.

By the time he had left the club, he had made 80 appearances and scored 12 goals.

He was to move at regular intervals, serving the likes of Sunderland, Bolton Wanderers, Watford, Oxford United, AFC Bournemouth, Tranmere Rovers and sharing in promotion successes at Sunderland, Watford (twice) and Bolton.

At the age of 35 he returned to The Saddlers as reserve

team player-coach and at a time when the first-team was struggling, he made another 24 senior appearances.

One recalls a Littlewoods Cup tie against Millwall when he put in his usual 100% performance despite his shirt being covered in blood from a cut to his head.

Ray Train also had a short spell as our caretaker-manager in 1988/89 between Tommy Coakley and John Barnwell.

Later moving onto the coaching staff of Middlesbrough, when they won promotion into the top-flight in 1992.

A whole-hearted performer, he totalled 621 games for his nine clubs and scored 30 goals.



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# Walsall boys

Andy Van Hagen and Greg Shilton look at the players who have emerged through the Walsall ranks to make it in the professional game...

CRAIG Shakespeare was born in Great Barr on October 26th 1963. As a youngster he represented Aston and Birmingham Boys, before joining Walsall in 1979 on a two-year apprenticeship.

After successful completion, his first professional contract was signed on his 18th Birthday.

In September 1982 he made his Walsall debut from the substitutes' bench during our away game at Huddersfield Town. We drew 2-2 but the following Saturday, Shakespeare was named in Alan Buckley's starting XI against Cardiff City, a game we lost.

Three matches later he scored his first professional goal at Fellows Park against Brentford. His debut season ended with four goals in 24 appearances.

By the 1983/84 season, Shakespeare was an integral part of the team and he was an ever-present. He played in every League and Cup game alongside players such as Kenny Mower, David Preece and Brian Caswell.

The season is often remembered for the famous Milk Cup run, but the team also managed a respectable League finish of sixth in Division Three.

His contribution the following season was noticeable with 13 goals, but it was the 1986/87 season where he was most prolific in terms of goalscoring. Playing in the number four shirt, he scored 17 goals in all competitions, appearing in all but two games.

He won promotion with The Saddlers via the play-offs in 1987/88 but his Walsall days came to an end in 1989 after 355 appearances and 66 goals. Sheffield Wednesday paid £300,000 for his services but he never settled at Hillsborough.

In less than a year, he was back in the Midlands with West Bromwich Albion who paid £265,000 to take him to The Hawthorns. While in familiar surroundings he took his career total past 500 appearances in his three-year stay.

He took over the penalty-taking duty and the captain's armband between 1991 and 1993, skippering them to promotion to Division One via the play-offs.

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# Back Tracking

Jack Edwards looks at previous League encounters between today's teams...

DATE	COMP	H/A
RESULT	SCORER(S)	
22/2/05	Lge 1	Away
Lost 0-1		
19/10/04	Lge 1	Home
Won 2-0	Merson, Fryatt	
20/2/01	Div 2	Home
Won 3-1	Leitao, Bennett, Byfield	
12/9/00	Div 2	Away
Draw 0-0		
6/3/99	Div 2	Home
Won 1-0	Wrack	
26/9/98	Div 2	Away
Won 1-0	Rammell	
28/3/98	Div 2	Home
Lost 2-3	Viveash, Tholot	
22/11/97	Div 2	Away
Won 1-0	Hodge	
12/4/97	Div 2	Home
Won 3-2	Lightbourne (2), Hodge	
5/10/96	Div 2	Away
Lost 1-3	Lightbourne	



Matty Fryatt was on target in our last home win over The Hatters in October 2004.

# action stations

## league one

### Walsall 2 - Cheltenham Town 0

Saturday 3rd November 2007

Referee: Mr M. Haywood

Attendance: 4,810

INCE  
WESTON  
FOX  
GERRARD  
WRACK  
DOBSON  
MOONEY  
DANN  
BRADLEY  
SONKO  
RICKETTS

SUBS:  
ROPER  
HALL  
DEMONTAGNAC  
DEENEY  
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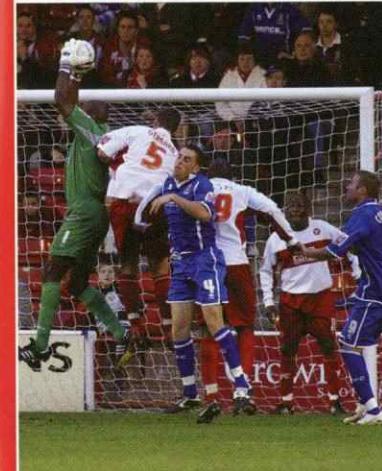
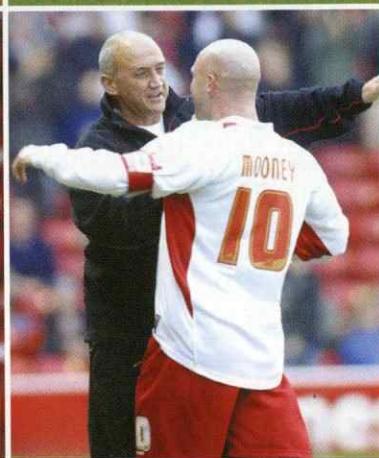
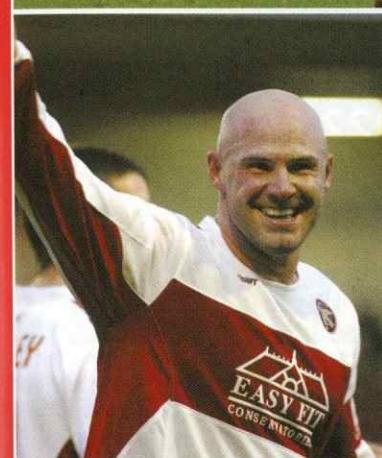
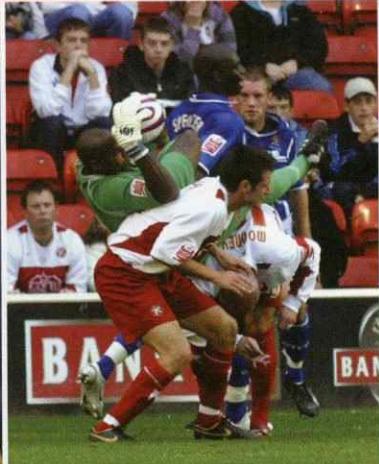
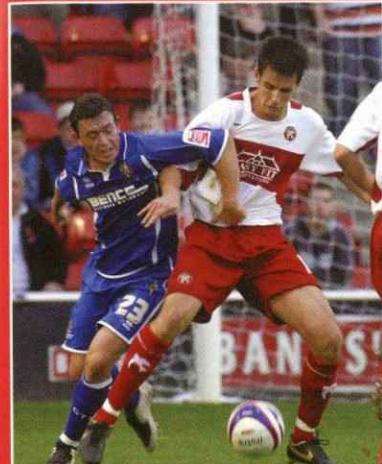
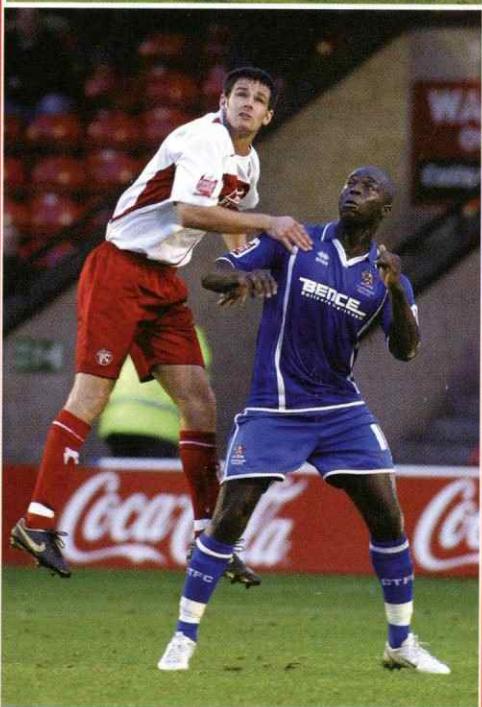
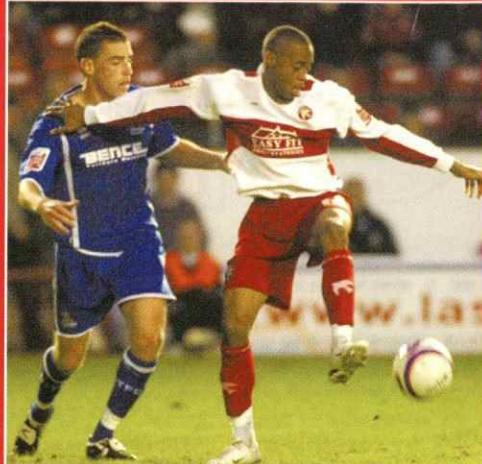
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HALL ON FOR DOBSON  
DEENEY ON FOR RICKETTS  
DEMONTAGNAC ON FOR MOONEY

GOAL(S):  
MOONEY 2

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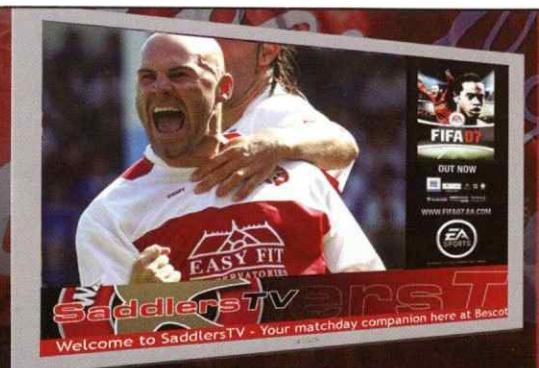
Leyton Orient vs. Brighton  
Full live match coverage

**2.35pm**

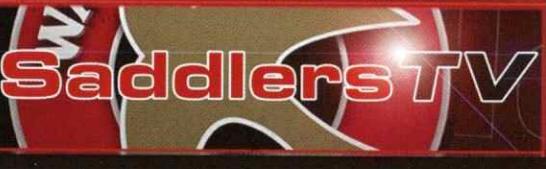
Walsall Round-Up  
Interviews with Dan Fox  
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**3.00pm**

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# Saddlers Progress 07/08



## COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE - Table (as at 15/11/07)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
Carlisle	15	5	1	12	3	3	2	11	8	12	28		
Nottingham Forest	15	4	3	1	13	4	3	1	12	5	16	-27	
Leyton Orient	15	4	1	2	10	12	4	2	2	13	12	-1	27
Swansea	14	2	3	1	6	5	5	1	2	19	10	10	25
Southend	15	4	0	3	12	7	4	1	3	11	13	3	25
Brighton	15	4	2	2	13	8	3	1	3	6	6	5	24
Leeds	15	5	1	0	15	4	6	1	1	14	7	18	23
Tranmere	15	3	3	2	11	7	3	2	2	7	6	5	23
Doncaster	15	4	1	2	13	7	2	3	3	9	11	4	22
Swindon	14	4	2	2	15	7	1	3	2	7	8	7	20
Hartlepools	14	3	2	2	11	8	3	0	4	9	10	2	20
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
Crewe	15	4	1	2	9	7	1	4	3	8	13	-3	20
Huddersfield	15	4	2	2	12	8	2	0	5	3	15	-8	20
Northampton	15	4	1	3	11	7	1	3	3	8	13	-1	19
Yeovil	15	2	2	3	5	8	3	2	3	7	8	-4	19
<b>Luton</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>18</b>
Bristol Rovers	15	0	4	3	7	13	3	3	2	8	7	-5	16
Gillingham	15	4	3	1	12	9	0	1	6	2	19	-14	16
Oldham	14	2	0	4	5	7	2	3	3	7	8	-3	15
Millwall	15	3	1	4	10	10	0	3	4	3	13	-10	13
Bournemouth	15	0	2	6	5	16	3	1	3	10	9	-10	12
Port Vale	15	2	1	5	7	10	1	1	5	5	11	-9	11
Cheltenham	15	1	5	2	8	11	1	0	6	4	13	-12	11

\* Leeds United deducted 15 points.

## SADDLERS PLAYER INFORMATION

PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	07/08 APPS	GOALS
Clayton Ince	Trinidad	13/7/72	18
Rhys Weston	Kingston	27/10/80	14 (1)
Daniel Fox	Cheshire	29/5/86	16 (1)
Danny Sonner	Wigan	9/1/72	7
Anthony Gerrard	Liverpool	6/7/86	17
Ian Roper	Nuneaton	20/6/7	6
Darren Wrack	Cleethorpes	5/5/76	15 (1)
Michael Dobson	Isleworth	9/4/81	12
Martin Butler	Dudley	15/9/74	6
Tommy Mooney	Middlesbrough	11/8/71	13
Paul Hall	Manchester	3/7/72	9 (6)
Ishmel Demontagnac	London	15/6/88	7 (9)
Bertrand Bossu	Calais	14/10/80	2
Carlos Carneiro	Paços de Ferreira	27/12/74	4 (1)
Scott Dann	Liverpool	14/2/87	17
Allan Picken	Sydney	17/9/81	
Alex Nicholls	Stourbridge	9/12/87	0 (5)
Mark Bradley	Worsley	14/1/88	9 (2)
Troy Deeney	Birmingham	29/6/88	3 (9)
Manny Smith	Birmingham	8/11/88	0 (1)
David McDermott	Birmingham	6/2/88	1 (8)
Rene Gilmartin	London	31/5/87	
Edriessa Sonko	Essau	23/3/88	10 (3)
Paul Boertien	Haltwhistle	20/1/79	1
Joa Batista Mawete	Angola	25/1/81	
Richard Taundry	Walsall	15/2/89	
Dwayne Matis	Huddersfield	31/7/81	4
Michael Ricketts	Birmingham	4/12/78	3

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Denotes starting goalkeeper	Denotes goalkeeping substitute	
Denotes substitution time	Denotes substitution time	
Yellow Card	Red Card	
		Denotes number of goals scored

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

Date	Opponents	Venue	F-A	Att. (Away)	Pos.	Referee
<b>AUGUST 2007</b>						
Sat 11	Carlisle	H	1-1	6,933 (1,353)	—	A. Bates
Tue 14	Swansea City	A	0-2	6,943 (224)	—	J. Singh
Sat 18	Leyton Orient	A	0-1	4,524 (456)	—	C. Penton
Sat 25	Swansea City	H	1-3	5,673 (1,342)	21	P. Miller
<b>SEPTEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 1	Gillingham	A	1-2	4,806 (240)	23	D. Deadman
Tue 4	Bournemouth	A	0-2	2,206 (63)	—	R. East
Sat 8	Port Vale (ko 1pm)	H	0-0	4,967 (976)	23	M. P. Russell
Sat 15	Millwall	A	2-1	7,720 (273)	19	M. Thorpe
Sat 22	Oldham	H	0-3	6,202 (540)	24	J. Moss
Sat 29	Hartlepools	A	1-0	4,946 (210)	19	G. Salisbury
<b>OCTOBER 2007</b>						
Tue 2	Doncaster	A	3-2	6,038 (346)	13	M. Jones
Sat 6	Huddersfield	H	4-0	5,112 (670)	10	R. Lee
Fri 12	Tranmere	A	0-0	7,697 (644)	9	K. Hill
Sat 20	Southend	H	0-2	5,661 (502)	14	C. Boyeson
Sat 27	Bournemouth	A	1-1	5,144 (449)	14	F. Graham
<b>NOVEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 3	Cheltenham	H	2-0	4,810 (480)	13	M. Haywood
Tue 6	Brighton	A	1-1	4,717 (124)	12	P. Miller
Sat 10	Shrewsbury Town	H	2-0	4,972 (992)	—	R. Lee
Sat 17	Luton Town	H				
Sat 24	Northampton	A				
<b>DECEMBER 2007</b>						
Sat 1	Darlington/Northampton	A				
Tue 4	Nottingham Forest	H				
Sat 8	Crewe	A				
Sat 15	Leeds United	H				
Sat 22	Millwall	H				
Wed 26	Port Vale	A				
Sat 29	Oldham	A				
<b>JANUARY 2008</b>						
Tue 1	Doncaster	H				
Sat 5	Yeovil Town	A				
Sat 12	Swindon Town	H				
Sat 19	Bristol Rovers	A				
Sat 26	Gillingham	H				
Tue 29	Leyton Orient	H				
<b>FEBRUARY 2008</b>						
Sat 2	Carlisle	A				
Sat 9	Yeovil Town	H				
Tue 12	Swansea City	A				
Sat 16	Bristol Rovers	H				
Sat 23	Swindon Town	A				
<b>MARCH 2008</b>						
Sat 1	Luton Town	A				
Sat 8	Northampton	H				
Tue 11	Brighton	H				
Sat 15	Nottingham Forest	A				
Sat 22	Leeds United	A				
Mon 24	Crewe	H				
Sat 29	Southend	A				
<b>APRIL 2008</b>						
Sat 5	Tranmere	H				
Sat 12	Cheltenham	A				
Sat 19	Bournemouth	H				
Sat 26	Huddersfield	A				
<b>MAY 2008</b>						
Sat 3	Hartlepools	H				



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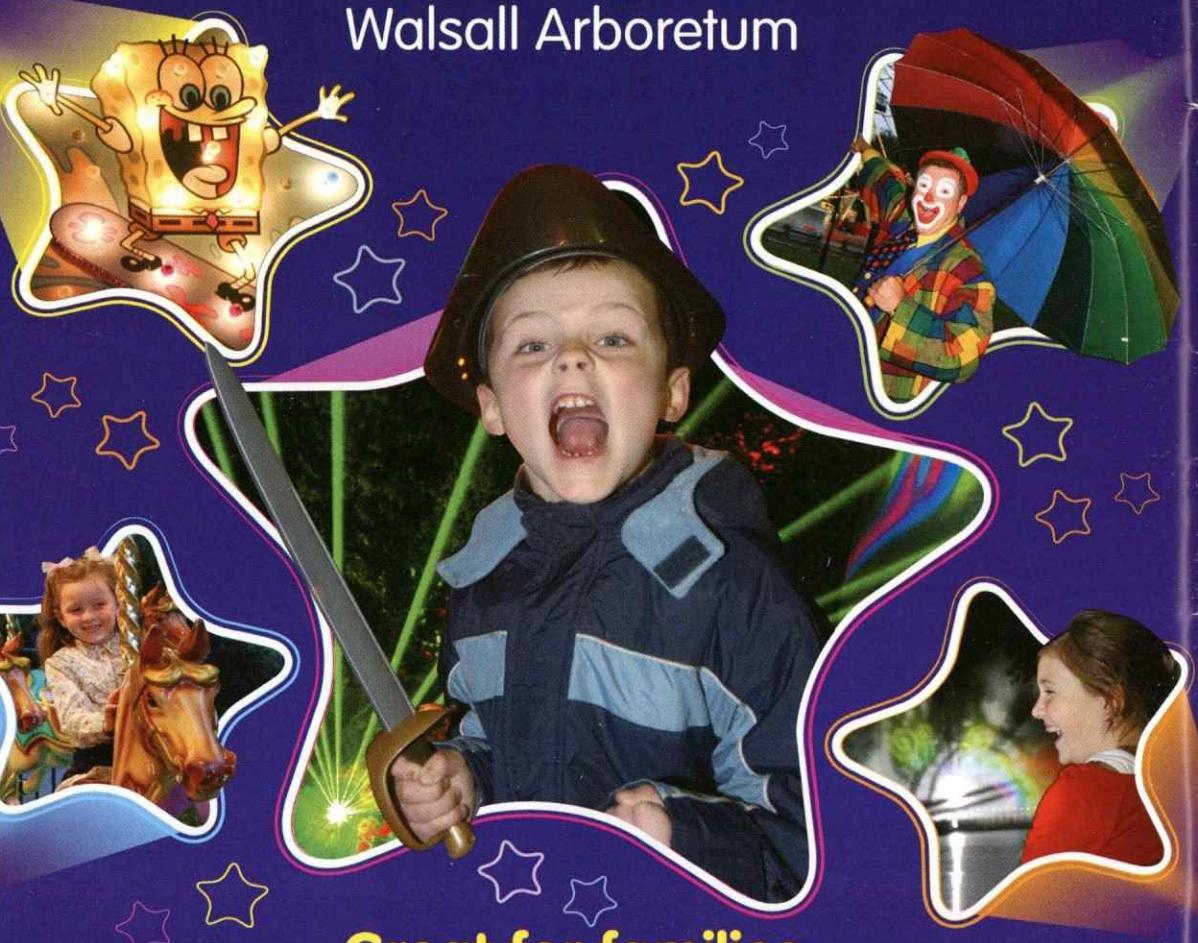
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