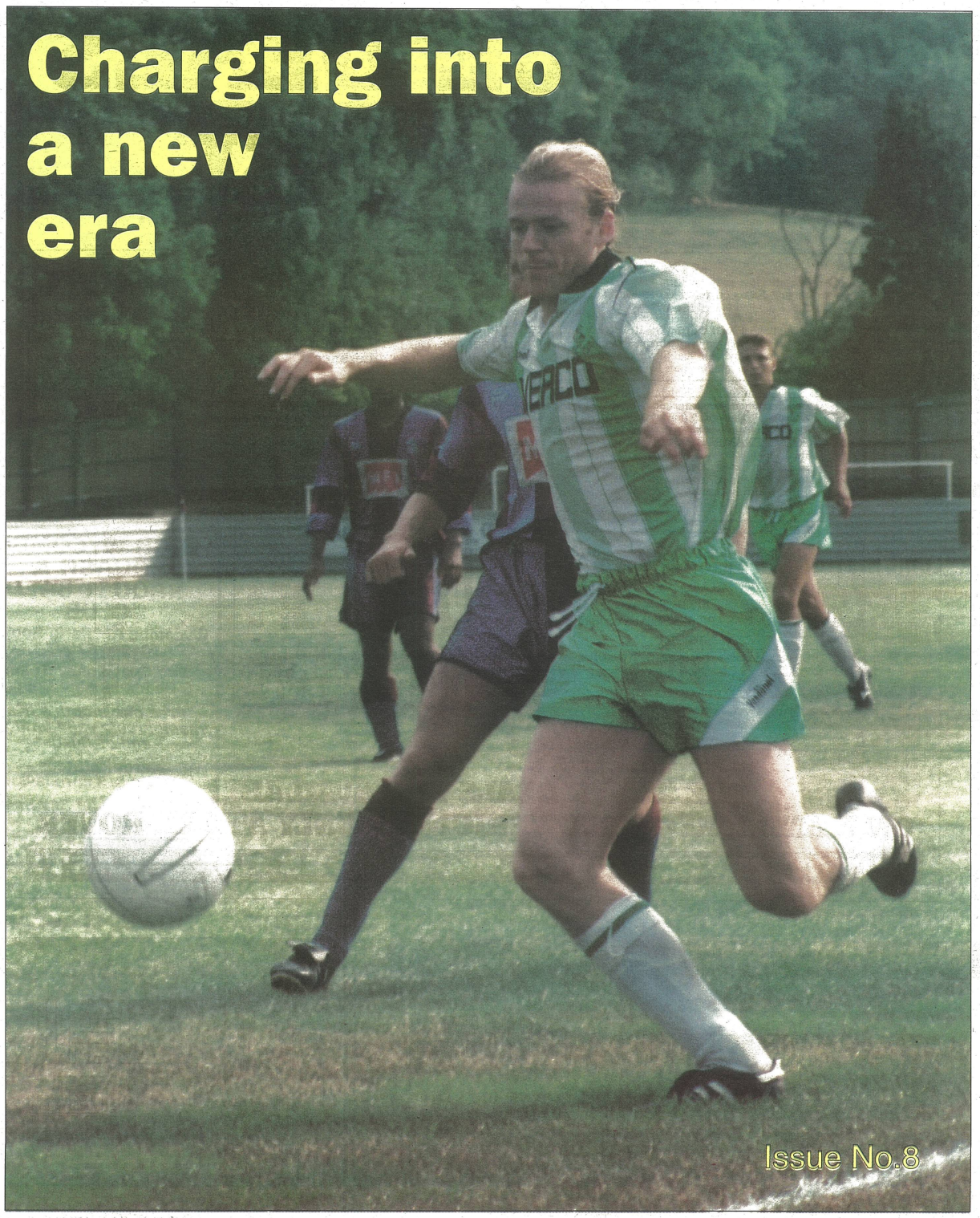
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Ticket cost me £400 – but it was worth it



by Mark Austin sales and marketing manager

IT only seems a few weeks ago that Glyn Creaser lifted the Endsleigh Insurance League Division III Play-off Final Trophy (what a mouthful) at Wembley Stadium.

Division 2 has crept up on the commercial side at the club without warning. All the girls in the commercial office have had to cram three months work into about six weeks.

It's a great problem to have – soaring season ticket sales, more car parking spaces required, increasing interest in the two new replica kits and the prospect of a 7,000-8,000 crowd tomorrow for our first ever Division 2 match.

I'm delighted that we won eight out of nine matches against Division 2 opposition last season, one of them being Cambridge United in the 2nd round of the FA Cup.

I remember arriving in Portugal just after the game had finished and ringing Kathy on reception to learn that Emo had scored the only goal of the game. I was devastated that I had missed the match, but my grief was short-lived as the appartment my family was staying in had Sky Sports, which screened 60 minutes highlights later that night!!

Having missed one match, I determined not to do so again, and booked a week in Spain for 28th May 1994!!! I just could not believe it when we ended up at Wembley in the play-off final. I did everything possible to cancel but having booked and paid for Super-Apex tickets in 1993, British Airways would not refund or transfer our flight. Incredibly they would not even allow me to fly back to Heathrow, with my with my wife and three young children, at the end of the holiday unless I personally used the outgoing ticket!!

My anger led to swift action and the result was a good old fashioned compromise. As long as I bought a British Airways £225 Clubclass single fare to Spain, they would let me travel back with my family, who ended up flying out on a Bank Holiday weekend work to rule, my six-year-old daughter fully testing the strength of the flooring in Terminal One and the paper bags on the plane.

They flew out at 11.30am (two hours late) and we kicked off at 3pm. I flew out early the next day at 9am, having to be one of the early-leavers (1.30am), from the all-night celebrations at Adams Park.

Frankly, I would willingly pay over £400 for a return flight to Spain again if I could be guaranteed the same wonderful match. Thank you Martin and all the players for the last three seasons!!



Mark Austin went through a lot of grief to see this – it was worth it

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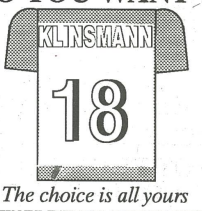
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Martin O'Neill says secret agents are thickening the plot

Reflections on days when players were just players

By Martin O'Neill
Manager

OUR Wembley performance was quite breathtaking and we deservedly won promotion from Division 3 of the Football League at the first attempt. It was especially pleasing to play so well not only in front of our own supporters but also in full view of the national media, whose wide coverage of the game gave the club even greater attention than normal.

However, there seemed little time to enjoy such accolades and attention. Within a few weeks the World Cup was upon us and some excellent players and terrific matches were seen by huge attendances all over America. Despite the final being rather disappointing, I was impressed by the overall standard of play during the month long campaign.

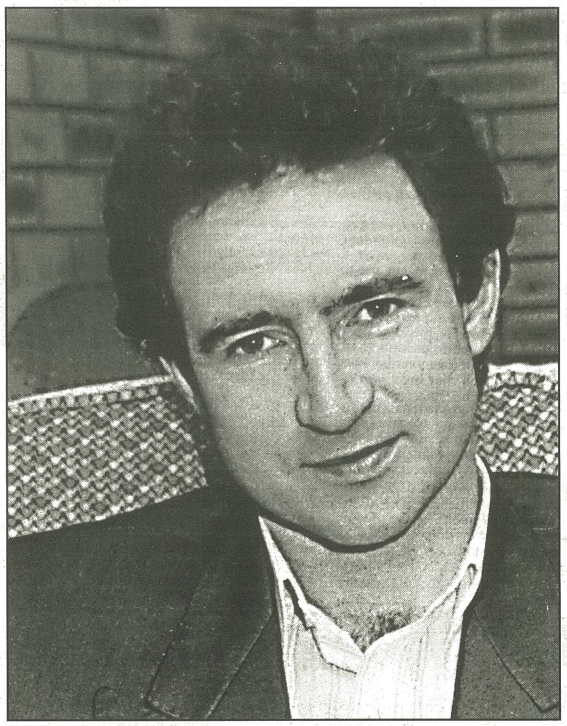
I have also experienced playing in World Cup final stages in searing heat. In 1982 Northern Ireland played in Spain during the summer months. It was also the hottest summer that country had known in over 40 years and playing football in those conditions, believe me, was extremely hard work. So I have great sympathy for players in America expected to perform well in possibly even hotter conditions.

My own view was that the best team in the World Cup actually won the prize – Brazil – even though it was actually decided by the nonsense of a penalty shoot-out. Brazil were also the best team in the 1982 competition in Spain by quite some margin but were beaten by the eventual winners Italy in the Quarter Finals.

We were back at the pre-season training a few weeks when a bit of a bombshell hit us. Steve Guppy left to sign for Newcastle United. A few months previously I had a phone call from a Phil Smith who said he was Steve's agent and that he would, for the foreseeable future, be looking after Steve's footballing affairs. Since I was brought up in the 'old school' of thinking, that players looked after their own 'footballing affairs' as the only place it ever really matters – on the field of play – I was a little taken aback. After all, we had only just been a non-league team a few months earlier and that most of the players playing for us had come through the ranks of non-league football. Maybe I just didn't see the reason for Third Division footballers (Fourth Division, if you like, in the 'old school') having agents.

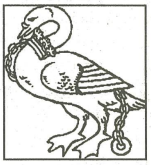
John Robertson, my little fat mate, had managed to carve out an outstanding club and international career with Nottingham Forest and Scotland with winning (and scoring) appearances in European Cup finals without the aid of an agent. He had been voted onto the Premier League team of the year for three consecutive seasons without an agent in sight.

However, Phil Smith made numerous calls to football clubs (including Shrewsbury) to ask if they were interested in signing Steve. I don't feel there is any need to go into detail. Suffice to say that we were unhappy with the outcome of Steve's departure and the method at which the outcome had arrived.



O'Neill: The only affairs that mattered were on the pitch

JOB VACANCY
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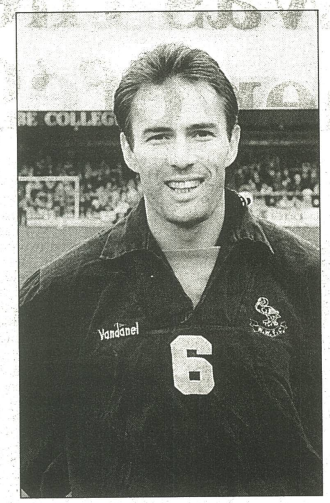
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Player profile – Steve Thompson

PLAYER PROFILE
PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Steven John Thompson
Date of birth: January 12, 1963
School: Tamer High School – Plymouth
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 11stone 3lbs
Home: Plymouth
Car: Ford Sierra
Married: To Carole
Children: Daniel, aged 6
Dad's job: Tubing Engineer
Brothers and sisters: Paul 29, Suzanne 25
Family pets: Ten Koi Carp, two rabbits Bubble & Squeak
Nickname at club: Tomo



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who do you share a room with on away trips? I've shared with most of them.
Does he have any annoying habits? Matty does – He likes me to tell him bedtime stories.
What was your ambition as a child? To be a professional footballer.
What is your ambition now? To play at top level for as long as possible.
Who was your boyhood hero? Kenny Dalglish.
What has been your biggest thrill in life? Birth of Daniel.
What has been your biggest disappointment in life? Not turning professional earlier.
What is your saddest moment in football? Being released by Bristol City.
Which present-day footballer do you admire most? Bryan Robson.
Who is the greatest player there has ever been? Pele.
Who has been the greatest influence on your career? Myself.
Who is the toughest opponent you have faced? In professional football they are all tough until you manage to get on top of them.
Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career? Martin O'Neill.
What job would you be doing if you hadn't made it as a footballer? Something in Sport and Leisure.
Away from football, what has been your greatest sporting achievement? Hitting a straight drive at golf.
What is the funniest moment you have seen on a football pitch? When I forgot to put on a first team shirt and was substituted.
What is the oddest piece of training you have had to do? Playing rugby at Slough – Some should have taken it up instead of football.
Which team did you support as a boy? Liverpool.
What is your favourite ground? Wembley
What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy? Golf and squash
Away from football, who is your favourite sportsman? Chris Eubank
Do you play any musical instruments? No.
Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport? Olympic 100m champion
What really annoys you in football? Bad referees and playing badly.
What are you pet hates outside football? Smoking and people who continuously brag but have done sweet FA.

FAVOURITES

TV programme: Only Fools & Horses & Fawlty Towers
Pop star/group: Sade
Food: Steak and Indian food
Drink: Lager
Film: Terminator and The Untouchables
Film stars: Kevin Costner and Sopia Loren
Holiday resort: Alcudia in Majorca
TV stars: Bobby Davro
Comedian: Chubby Brown
City: Amsterdam
Soap: Coronation Street
Soap characters: The Blonde in Neighbours - Annalise

Player Profile – Glyn Creaser

PLAYER PROFILE
PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Glyn Robert Creaser
Date of birth: September 1, 1959
School: Preston Manor in Wembley
Height: 6ft 4ins
Weight: 14stone 10lbs
Home: three-bed terrace in Milton Keynes
Car: Honda Civic LSI
Married: Yes to Michele
Children: Two girls, Claire and Laura
Dad's job: Retired but was an engineer for BT
Brothers and sisters: One brother Alan, who is a builder
Family pets: Pussy called Solo
Nickname at club: Crease

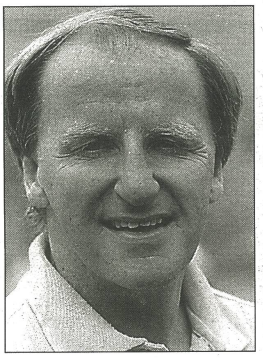


QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who do you share a room with on away trips? Simon Garner.
Does he have any annoying habits? He smokes too much and never makes the coffee.
What was your ambition as a child? To room with Garnes.
What is your ambition now? To get Garnes to make the coffee.
Who was your boyhood hero? John Wayne and Simon Garner.
What has been your biggest thrill in life? Watching the birth of Laura and playing at Wembley for the first time in 1991.
What has been your biggest disappointment in life? Not seeing Claire come into the world.
What is your saddest moment in football? Not playing at Wembley in 1993.
Which present-day footballer do you admire most? Ray Wilkins, will he ever stop?
Who is the greatest player there has ever been? Pele and Simon Garner.
Who has been the greatest influence on your career? Peter Roache, he believed in what ability I have.
Who is the toughest opponent you have faced? Chris Camden.
Do you have any superstitions before a game? Millions.
Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career? Martin O'Neill.
What job would you be doing if you hadn't made it as a footballer? A manager for the John Lewis Partnership.
Away from football, what has been your greatest sporting achievement? Scoring 29 runs in a cricket match.
What is the funniest moment you have seen on a football pitch? A ball exploding in a block tackle and it never went over the line.
What was your most embarrassing moment in football? Being caught on camera with my nuts hanging out.
What is the oddest piece of training you have had to do? Running up Dunstable Hill, I don't know of any pitch on a hill.
Which team did you support as a boy? Chelsea.
What is your favourite ground? Wembley and Mansfield.
What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy? Squash but playing and watching most sports.
Do you have any unusual food that improves your game? Nothing that seems to work but I keep trying.
Away from football, who is your favourite sportsman? Linford Christie.
What is your most prized possession? My kids.
Do you play any musical instruments? Triangle.
Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport? To play rugby at Twickenham.
What really annoys you in football? Politics.
What are your pet hates outside football? Sand.

FAVOURITES
TV programme: Blue Peter and Going Live
Pop star/group: Take That and UB40
Food: Pasta, steak and anything that is cooked
Drink: Lager, Guinness and Jameson
Film: Blazing Saddles
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That was the summer of '94



By Alan Parry

IF I ever get round to writing my life story, and a short article like this is difficult enough, the summer of 1994 will get a chapter all of its own. I have never before crammed so much travelling, adventure and variety into a few short weeks.

I can't believe that our play–off victory at Wembley was only two months ago. The events of that Bank Holiday weekend are still fresh in my mind, even though I have since crossed the Atlantic a couple of times and witnessed many unforgettable moments.

I'll certainly never forget Wembley '94. The joys, sorrows, tensions and dramas of a whole season were crammed into 90 minutes. Our players saved their best display of the season for the final and most important occasion. They were magnificent and so was the celebration party later that night at Adams Park!

I sobered up in time to commentate on the First Division play–off between Leicester City and Derby County, and the following day, Gill and I set off for a holiday in Florida. In between doing the "tourist bit" – trips to Disney World, Epcot Center and the Florida Keys – I squeezed in some late revision for the World Cup. Sitting beside a swimming pool in Key West, cold drink in hand, revising details of the South Korean players, is certainly preferable to a day in the office!

My own World Cup story began in Dallas, where I commentated on Korea v. Spain. The night before, I had a very enjoyable dinner in the company of ITV's team of experts – Trevor Francis, Dennis Law, Ray Wilkins and Don Howe. A few bottles of wine, plenty of good football conversation – and I made sure that Wycombe Wanderers were honourable represented in the quiz which rounded off the night.

The match itself gave an early indication of the problems that commentators would face in USA '94. The Cotton Bowl stadium is a superb facility, but geared to the needs of American football. Trevor Francis and I were a long way from the pitch and nowhere near the half–way line. Add to that the intense heat and humidity and those unpronounceable South Korean names and it didn't make for the easiest start to the World Cup for your correspondent.

Still, it was a pretty good game with a sending–off and an exciting finish as the Koreans scored two late goals to force a draw. How many of you stayed up past midnight to watch it, I wonder?

My next destination was Chicago for the match between Spain and the world champions, Germany. I have always wanted to visit Chicago, having taken a great interest in the roaring 20s, Al Capone, Elliot Ness etc. I wasn't disappointed. It's a lovely city in a dramatic setting on the banks of Lake Michigan and I wish that I'd had more time there.

Along with my co–commentator, Ron Atkinson, I took in a few of the famous landmarks, including the world's tallest skyscraper, before the day of the match.



Spain v Germany was, I thought, an excellent game which attracted a huge audience back home. I always enjoy working alongside big Ron, who obviously has an immense knowledge of the game and the players, but also displays a great sense of humour in his commentaries. I've been told that we work well together.

With Ron and my producer jetting off after the game for their next destination, I linked up with my old colleague John Motson and his summariser Chris Waddle, who had been covering the game for the BBC, for a night out in Chicago. We shared our World Cup experiences over a few beers and I blame Waddle for the headache which accompanied me on my long journey back to England the following morning!

Because I also cover athletics for ITV, I had to fly back from the States on two occasions during the competition to report on major track–and–field meetings. It meant that I covered thousands of miles, criss–crossing the Atlantic, and my poor old body clock didn't know what was coming next.

After commentating on athletics events in Birmingham and Gateshead, I returned to America to resume World Cup duties with Sweden v Saudi Arabia and USA v Brazil, two games in just 24 hours in venues almost the width of a continent apart! I flew from Dallas to San Francisco alongside my co–commentator, Kevin Keegan. During the long journey, Kevin quizzed me about life at Wycombe Wanderers and seemed particularly interested in Steve Guppy. Now I know why!

The USA v Brazil game was a memorable occasion on July 4th, American Independence Day. The scenes around the Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto were amazing as the Americans watched in astonishment at the antics of the Brazilian supporters. The most colourful fans in the world, the Brazilians danced and sang their way to the stadium in long lines of yellow and blue.

The match itself will always be remembered for one incident just before half–time. When the American midfielder Tab Ramos clashed with Brazil's left–back Leonardo, I thought that Leonardo clearly elbowed Ramos in the face and had to be sent off. The referee agreed but Kevin Keegan didn't. The verbal disagreement between Keegan and myself was picked up by the newspapers and dozens of people have asked me about it since.

I've watched the incident again on videotape and I remain convinced that the Red card was the correct punishment. And the answer is "no" Keegan and I didn't end up coming to blows after the match! Naturally, I respect Kevin's judgement, but I felt that I had to stand my ground on this one.

That was my last World Cup assignment before I came back to resume the athletics circuit and I'm now in that difficult period when football and athletics are going on at the same time. It makes for a busy few weeks with a great deal of travelling, but I'm not complaining. As I've said many times before, getting paid to watch the best events in sport is my idea of heaven.

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WILL Adams Park be alive to the sound of music this season? Our promotion to Division Two is certain to produce bigger gates, more visiting fans and a better atmosphere ... but will we be hearing the rhythm of the drums?

Those who travelled to Deepdale for the match against Preston North End last season were impressed by the home team's miniature bank behind the goal. The drummers and buglers kept up a barrage of sound throughout the game and created a real continental-style atmosphere.

Our attempts to bring the samba beat to Adams Park met with some success, but now we've moved up a division, let's prove that we can do even better. Safety Officer Frank Knowles says he's delighted to let fans bring musical instruments and air horns into Adams Park. All he asks is that you drop him a line at the club first so that he can warn our stewards.

One of Wycombe's most avid, and noisiest supporters is Emil Grygar, who ironically, lives in Slough! Last season, Emil was almost a one-man orchestra at Adams Park, turning his tuneful talents to good use on the drum, gong, klaxon and even a marching style big bass drum.

Said Emil: "I hope that I contributed in some small way to the team's success. My daughter and myself tried our best to create an atmosphere of convivial high spirits and other supporters seemed to enjoy it and join in."

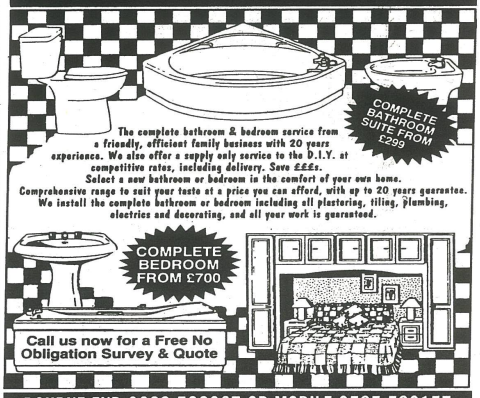
Sadly, Emil is finding that his musical melodies are proving to be a costly exercise. "Refills for my air horn cost £5 a time and in some of the important games I used up two refills to keep the noise going. Also, the drums that I used were pretty old and not in good condition and it costs a lot to repair them. Being unemployed, I found it a bit of a struggle."

So, can anyone out there help? Do you own a musical instrument, the noisier the better, that you no longer need? Or, perhaps a local music store would like to sponsor Emil's air horn for the season?

Drop us a line at the club if you can help to keep the Wycombe beat alive!

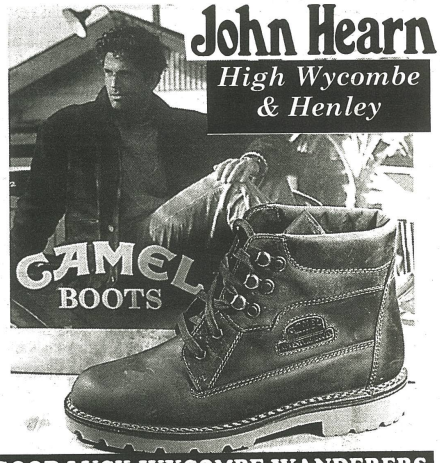
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Lads swap blue for white, and still win

By Terry Evans

AS I put pen to paper, the squad has just returned from a short trip to Germany. It was felt that I should stay behind to work on my fitness making sure that I am ready for the pre-season friendlies.

I have continued to work very hard with Dave Jones who is pleased with my progress. I recently attended the BIMAL centre which stands for The Biomechanical Analysis Laboratory, for them to test and assess my strength and fitness.

The psychotherapist said that my hamstring had improved by 50 per cent and that the muscle wastage was now back to full strength. He gave me a weekly routine of exercises to work on over the next few weeks which should bring me back to full fitness.

Jason, Dave Carroll and myself recently played at Hazelmere Golf Club in a tournament to raise money for the Lord Taveners and the Active Hearts Foundation. Frankie Vaughan and Brian Jacks were just two of the celebrities present.

I played with Brian Newton, an ex-banker who not only enjoys his golf, but is a keen follower of the Wanderers.

Of the three players, Jason achieved the best score, seven over par, which culminated in his team winning second place. He was presented with some clothing from the club shop. It is not uncommon for him to play this well, but normally there is nothing to win other than personal satisfaction.

Dave and myself did not let ourselves down either playing our part in making the day truly memorable.

Later an auction was held in the clubhouse. I told the owner, Sarit Roy, that I would arrange a signed Wanderers ball. He managed to raise £75 for this, possibly because I had promised that the Gaffa's signature would be on it, something that is not always that easy to arrange.

We are not the only players at the club who can play a decent round of golf which is why I am at the moment looking for a local club for us to join to play at after training and during the summer months.

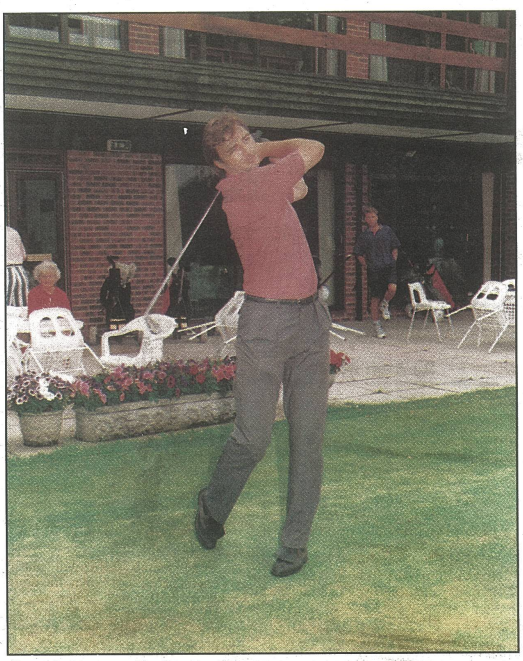
On July 17 the team was invited to play cricket at Wycombe Cricket Club. Even though we were there to enjoy ourselves, I was very impressed with the attitude of the lads.

If we are to play a competitive game then I believe we should do our best to win.

As you may have seen in the players profiles, quite a few of the lads have Cricket as their second sport, this showed. Dave Carroll, Chuck and myself managed to take some wickets before the lads got started on the batting.

The Gaffa played for both sides, I watched his stroke play with great interest which I must admit to not seeing in any Cricket text book. It was unfortunate that he managed to get himself out just before I had the opportunity to bowl to him.

Jason was also bowled out for our side but not before setting the team up for a victory by scoring 44. Tomo and Matty made a formidable partnership and were both not out when the match winning runs came, which was just as well because I was next in.



Terry takes a swing for charity

We are looking forward to playing some more matches next year so if any local club would like to challenge us, drop me a line and I will put the details aside ready for next summer.

Paul Franklin has spent a lot of time during the summer sorting out some new training kit, which looked very good; that was until Jim washed it and turned the yellow shorts green.

You never know, at this rate we may be playing in different shades of pink by the end of the season!

But seriously, Jim looks after all the lads very well making sure that every detail is taken care of. We just could not manage without him.

I also recently went to Beaconsfield to open a Fun Day at the Kings Head pub, which is also a Harvester Restaurant. The photographer from the Bucks Free Press wanted me to put my head through the stocks and allow children to throw water filled sponges at me.

This would have been all right had he only needed to take one or two pictures but instead he had me standing with water dripping down my back for ages.

It was sad to see Steve Guppy leave the Wanderers, but since coming to the club I did understand that he was a very ambitious young player. Newcastle is in my view the second biggest club in the country and Gupps will hopefully rise to the challenge of playing on the bigger stage. I wish him all the very best for the future and hope that it will not be too long before we see him in the first team.

I hope you have all enjoyed a good summer and are well rested for the trials and tribulations which will surely lie ahead of us over the next ten months.

Thank you again for your tremendous support last season, I hope that we can live up to our billing and produce the goods for you once again.

German tour helped build up



Welsh hero: Jason Cousins

By Jason Cousins

IT was decided that the team were to tour Germany and play two games to assist in our pre-season preparations.

A squad of 20 together with the Gaffa and Paul Franklin left Adams Park by coach on Sunday the 24th of July at around 9am.

We arrived at Dover to board the ferry for the short crossing to Calais which was followed by a drive through France and Belgium before crossing the German border to reach our destination of Bracht. We were met at RAF Bruggen at 7.00pm. They had laid on a reception for us and we were made to feel very welcome.

Being quite tired after the long trip, we had something to eat and a few drinks before settling down a good night's sleep. We woke up at around 7.30am to sound of an air raid siren. I cannot remember ever getting out of bed so quickly.

After breakfast we trained hard before playing a full scale game between ourselves. We were then allowed to relax in the afternoon so the majority of us went into town to meet the locals and have some lunch.

At 5.30pm we boarded the coach for a short trip to Bruggen Stadium where the team were to play a game against a select side from the combined services of the RAF and army.

The team started quite well and were a goal up, scored by Dave Van Reed, who was on trial with the club from Holland but unfortunately after 15 minutes the game was abandoned through torrential rain. The coach took us back to the barracks where some of the lads went back into town for a bite to eat. A few including myself stayed to play cards before turning in for the night.

Tuesday started in the same way as the previous day. It was very hot so we stayed by the pool in the afternoon before leaving the barracks to drive across the border to Holland for a game against Mideas, who are a Romanian first division side.

There were times when we did not touch the ball for what seemed long periods of the game as they were happy to sit back and wait for us to come and get the ball.

The match finished 0-0 with very few clear cut chances for either side. It was, however, a good test of fitness which I enjoyed.

We left Bracht at 10.00am on Wednesday morning to make our way back to England arriving at the club at around 6.30pm.

On the Thursday morning I learnt that the Welsh FA had contacted the Bucks Free Press together with the club to check my eligibility to play for Wales.

The fact is that my mother was born in South Wales which clearly means that I can play for them if, of course, I was ever to be selected.

At 23 I can still qualify for the under 21 side as the rules state that they are able to field two over-aged players.

I was very excited with the prospect of playing international football but my performances for Wycombe are what any national side is interested in, so for me to have any chance of being selected, the team and myself need to be successful in the coming season.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who voted for me last season, I was very pleased to be awarded supporters player of the year and will do my best to give you another difficult choice at the end of this season.

Wanderers boys get two of the best Seats for the coming season

Rental firm starts another partnership



Tony Leese, Raymond Tompkins and Steve Walford with the new Seat Toledos which European Car Rentals has donated

AS a result of its highly successful and mutually beneficial joint sponsorship deal with Wycombe Wanderers Football Club last season, European Car Rental has renewed its sponsorship for 1994/95.

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European Car Rental recognises the importance of associating itself with a high profile club, such as Wycombe Wanderers, which is increasingly in the footballing spotlight, particularly since their promotion to Division Two at the end of last season.

Since opening its branch in High Wycombe in August 1993 there is no doubt that it has reaped the benefits of its association with Wycombe Wanderers with increased awareness in High Wycombe itself and the surrounding area. With league attendances looking set to increase during 1994/95, European Car Rental is sure that its name will reach an even wider audience.

During the season, special offers and discounted rates will be made available to all Wycombe Wanderers supporters and their families, communicated to the fans through its advert in the match programme.

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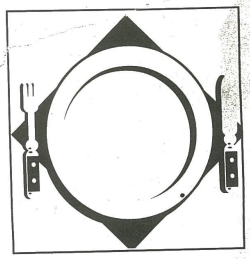
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European Car Rental is looking forward to next season and to another beneficial association with the club and wish Wanderers every success in their bid to gain yet another promotion this time to the First Division.

Staff kept busy planning menus and shifting your chewing gum



By Tony Leese
Banqueting Manager

The football season is here again. During the closed season the catering side of Adams Park does not close as some people might think.

Apart from conferences, dinner dances, wedding receptions, there is the planning of menus, budgets, the thorough cleaning of the building and, of course, Christmas and New Year, both of the which are not too far away.

Getting back to the match day side of things, the Blues club membership will stay the same price as last season with the same number of members. The Centre Spot will no longer be open to Blues club members for the first hour after the match, when it will be used for the players and their families and sponsors, after that time it is open to any member of the general public (within the licensing hours).

The building of the extension to the Vere Suite has now been completed. The new bar will be open on match days and at great expense the room is now air conditioned (obviously in order for the air conditioning to work all the doors and windows must be kept closed). The Vere Suite carpets, as well as those in the rest of the building, have all been cleaned which is done four times each year.

It never ceases to amaze me how people can deposit so much chewing gum on carpets, along with their cigarette ends. Is this something that they do at home? Please supporters: Don't put your chewing gum or cigarette ends on the carpet. At the end of the day this is your club and it's you who ends up paying for it.

December will see us organising our usual party nights for small groups or firms with a menu, a cabaret act and disco. We will also be open for Christmas Day lunch.

On New Year's Eve the Vere Suite Bars will close at 6.00pm and re-open at 7.45pm for a New Year's Eve disco with a finger buffet at a cost of £15.00 per person. (Tickets for this event will be available from the Centre Spot and the Commercial Office – they will not be available on the day at the door).

Next Friday, August 19 1994, we shall be hosting a Tribute to Elvis night – tickets for this event are available at the door on the night at a cost of £3 per person. We do hope you can come along and join us!

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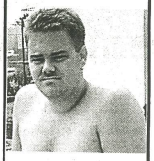
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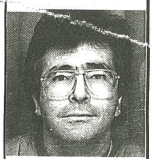


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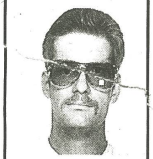
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A fan for 8 years

DARREN EDWARD JONES



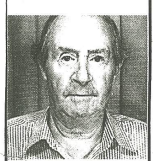
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'Ere we go ...



What will the new season hold in store for the fans?

SUPPORTER'S VIEW
by Steve Lee

AUGUST at last! Of course, with us being involved in the play-offs and the World Cup to watch, the football season didn't seem to stop. But now it's almost time for that magical first game of the season, where everyone has the same sense of optimism for their chances of success. For most the optimism is shattered immediately. For others the first cliche of the season reappears, it's a marathon not a sprint!

Our marathon kicks-off against Cambridge United. Some highlights of the month should be visits to Brighton, Huddersfield for the first match in their new stadium, and Birmingham City. Restrictions on away support at the latter two mean our first postal ballot of the season for tickets. We'd better start getting used to that concept!

As I write this, we are right in the middle of rumour season. With nothing to write about (sounds familiar!) it's amazing what stories do get space. The best one for quite some time has to be Lalas, the American rock and roll footballing centre back, talking to Martin O'Neill with a view to moving here! Another gem is the rumoured return of Keith Scott! Slightly more realistic than Lalas coming here, but still pie in the sky. He's about to play in his fourth division in three seasons.

The World Cup was a refreshing change. Attacking football throughout, mostly anyway, and just to keep some sense of reality, the referees were abysmal. Thank goodness Philip Donn didn't do the final. With FIFA stipulating they wanted 60 minutes of actual play per match, it was interesting to see anything between five and ten minutes of injury time being played. Mr Donn obviously used our match against Torquay as a little practice for his World Cup stage.

On the first match of the season. Remember beating Cambridge in the Cup last year? If I recall correctly, we were expected to win the match, even though they were a division above us. The first match in a new season always takes on more significance than it merits, as expectation for all clubs builds to a crescendo in August. So although it's easy to say we can't judge how well we'll do for at least ten or twelve matches, a win at home on the first day is crucial.

I'm really looking forward to the trip to Brighton in the Coco-Cola Cup. Firstly, because it'll be my last game before a holiday in the USA. Secondly, our first League Cup run still brings back wonderful memories, ie, Leyton Orient and Coventry. Also, it's a new ground for us, and should be quite a respectable one. Hopefully the Blue Army will relish it's first away game of the new campaign and turn out in full force, and full voice. Wouldn't it be special if the heroics of last year could be repeated.

I'm sure all the clubs involved in last season's Evening Standard Fives will certainly agree with that tag. I know Preston do!

A similar story prevails at Birmingham. They are redeveloping St Andrews, so our allocation once again will be quite small. It's a crying shame our trip to them isn't later in the season, mainly because then I'll be able to see it, and also a lot more of us would if their ground is ready. Maybe another trip in one of the cups! Those of you who remember Barry Fry from his Barnet days will relish the prospect of singing playful abuse at him again. I thought we'd seen the last of his famous sprints down the line in celebration. Hopefully we still have!

He always sang the praises of the Blue Army though. I remember a particular match at Underhill back in the old days when we used to struggle in the Conference! We were 0-3 down at half time to a typically rampant Barnet forward line, and started the second half kicking down the hill towards the Blue Army packed behind the goal. The resolve of the players increased, and we sang continuously in encouragement. As a result we came within a whisker of drawing level at 3-3, but just missed out 2-3.

I'll save the best for last. Steve Guppy moving to Newcastle has to be a dream come true for him, but a nightmare for us. The media concentrated on the fact that transfer fees had returned to more realistic levels, but the quoted figure of £150,000 is without doubt the bargain of the decade for someone of Guppy's class. It seems the figure was low because he was out of contract. I won't comment about the political issues of how the transfer was handled, as I don't know the facts. All I can do is pay tribute to Guppy's contribution to our rise, and wish him well with the Toon Army.

It is frightening to watch the video of last season's exploits when you realise just how many times Guppy crossed the ball for Scotty/Super Si/Jesus to score. Not to mention the goals he has amassed himself, such as up at Carlisle in our first league game. Who could forget his goal at home to Runcorn in 1993? He wasn't a favourite with everyone, but it is safe to say he is another irreplaceable talent. On the other hand, it is another measure of our success and development as a league club, that two of our players are snapped up by Premier League clubs. Our aim must be to one day do the snapping up ourselves.

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The division created between them and us

By Steve Hayes

I READ with great interest in Stephen Lee's article in the last issue of Blues News where he mentioned ITV's habit of frequently labelling us as the next Wimbeldon, a club who could possibly rise from non-League football into the cauldron of the Premiership, something that our recent success may suggest.

He quite rightly stated that was unrealistic but could indeed happen. There is however one big difference. Wimbeldon were at the right place at the right time as the industry has changed beyond all recognition since their climb.

We now have a Premier League which in my view has made a "them and us" situation to the other divisions. Football has since become a very big business. For example, all the merchandise and extras sold by clubs is now proving to be a huge part of their yearly income.

With the intervention of the Government and close circuit television, coupled with the police getting their act together, hooliganism is almost completely contained. Therefore the business man has been encouraged to come into football with large sponsorship deals and corporate entertainment.

One problem which has become clear since the Premier League was formed is that the majority of teams within it are getting larger and more profitable, creating a big gap between the rest, not least since the inception of the Taylor report.

When Terry was at Brentford I used to regularly attend games, the clubs had languished in the old third and fourth Division for some 35+ years. Steve Perryman built the side before moving onto Watford, his assistant Phil Holder took over which resulted in him winning the Championship where Terry was pleased to accept the trophy as captain.

They were without doubt the best team in the Division but no sooner had the dust settled when the larger clubs were showing interest in the players. Wimbledon subsequently stole Dean Holdsworth before a ball was kicked, he had scored over 30 goals in the successful season so he was a good prospect but the price Brentford received for him was a joke.

Terry received a serious injury on the opening day of the season and the team morale was then at rock bottom. Dean and Terry were not the entire team but the season went from bad to worse, culminating in relegation.

Previous to this QPR had stolen Andy Sinton, as soon as he was moved down the road he was labelled as a £1.5 million pound player yet Brentford had only received £350,000 for him.

How is a manager of a smaller club supposed to build a team to go all the way if as soon as he experiences any success the key players are taken away from him?

Premiership clubs taking players from lower divisions and then heralding them as being worth far more than they cost is not a new problem but I worry that it may be even worse in the coming years with the quality of teams outside the Premiership becoming much weaker.

When a committee was set up to organise and run the Premiership, it was agreed and widely publicised that the lower divisions would not suffer. We now have a concept of the Premier League being successful at all cost with little thought to any other clubs outside it.

This article is in no way intended to be a criticism aimed at either Wycombe Wanderers or any other club in the First, Second or Third Divisions but instead a personal view of the present situation. I honestly believe that the set-up of Wanderers together with the management team, will continue to strive for and gain success with whatever obstacle is put in front of them, this season, next season and into the forseeable future but, please don't expect the rise to happen as quickly as it did for Wimbledon.

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Please ring the appropriate answer

1. Are you
- Male ☐
- Female ☐

2. How old are you?
- under 15 ☐
- 15-20 ☐
- 21-25 ☐
- 26-34 ☐
- 35-44 ☐
- 45-54 ☐
- 55-64 ☐
- 65 or over ☐

3. Where do you live?
- Within Wyc Dist Council boundaries ☐
- Within the rest of Bucks ☐
- Within Berks ☐
- Elsewhere ☐

4. Are you?
- Single ☐
- Married/Partner ☐
- Divorced/Separated ☐

5. ARE YOU?
- Employed ☐
- Unemployed ☐
- Student ☐
- Retired ☐
- Homemaker ☐

6. If in full-time employment, how much do you earn each year?
- Under £7,000 ☐
- £7-£10,000 ☐
- £10-£15,000 ☐
- £15-£20,000 ☐
- £20-£30,000 ☐
- Over £30,000 ☐

7. How many children under 18 do you have?
- 0 ☐
- 1 ☐
- 2 ☐
- 3 ☐
- 4 ☐
- More than 4 ☐

8. Do you own a car?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

9. What is your accommodation situation?
- Home Owner ☐
- Renting ☐
- Live with parents ☐
- Share with friends ☐

10. Which of the following are you interested in?
- Watching sports ☐
- Playing sports ☐
- DIY ☐
- Gardening ☐
- Theatre/arts ☐
- Cinema/video ☐
- Reading ☐
- Music ☐
- Eating out ☐
- Pubs/clubs ☐
- Outdoor pursuits ☐
- Driving ☐

11. How often do you go on holiday?
- More than twice a year ☐
- Twice a year ☐
- Once a year ☐
- Once in two years ☐
- Less than once every two years ☐

12. Which are you a member of
- Season Ticket Holder ☐
- Shareholder ☐
- Senior/True Blues ☐
- Blues Travel Club ☐
- Blues Club (Vere Suite) ☐
- Leagueline ☐

13. What persuades you to come to games?
(Tick no more than three)
- Team play well ☐
- Important game ☐
- Good opposition ☐
- Friends of family coming ☐
- Weather ☐
- Always come ☐

14. How many first team games did you see at Adams Park in season 1993/94?
- Under 5 ☐
- 6-9 ☐
- 10-19 ☐
- 20-29 ☐
- More than 29 ☐

15. At what age did you start watching Wycombe Wanderers?
- Under 5 ☐
- 5-10 ☐
- 11-16 ☐
- 17-24 ☐
- 25 or over ☐

16. Have you encountered any of the following at Adams Park over the last two years?
- Hooliganism ☐
- Foul Language ☐
- Racial abuse ☐

17. What causes you not to come to games?
(Tick no more than three)
- Team play badly ☐
- Not big game ☐
- Poor opposition ☐
- Chance of hooliganism ☐
- Cost ☐
- Work commitments ☐
- Family commitments ☐
- Timing of fixture ☐

18. Would you support a non-smoking policy?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

19. What are the most important features at a modern football stadium?
(Tick no more than three)
- Seats with unobstructed view of the pitch ☐
- Large car park ☐
- Major road links ☐
- Hospitality facilities for supporters ☐
- Revenue from non-football related projects ☐
- Use for other sports ☐
- Good atmosphere ☐
- Good team in it ☐

20. When would you most likely use a supporters' club bar/lounge?
- Before a game only ☐
- Before and after ☐
- Any pub hours ☐
- Never ☐

21. For supporters comfort and facilities, which of the following would you like to see?
(Tick no more than three)
- Childrens creche ☐
- Larger supporters' bar ☐
- Bar food ☐
- Fast food ☐
- Video screens instead of scoreboard ☐

22. How do you envisage travelling to games during the 1994-95 season?
- By car ☐
- By bus ☐
- By train ☐
- On foot ☐
- By taxi ☐
- Other ☐

23. From which direction will you be travelling to the ground?
- East ☐
- West ☐
- North ☐
- South ☐

24. What value would you put on parking inside Adams Park?
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25. Do you know the number of Ringing the Blues?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

26. How often do you use Ringing the Blues per season?
- Never ☐
- Less than 5 times ☐
- 6-9 ☐
- 10-19 ☐
- 20 or more ☐

27. How many away games are you likely to go to in 1994/95 season?
- All of them ☐
- More than 15 ☐
- 5-14 ☐
- Less than 5 ☐
- None ☐

28. If you go to away games, how do you travel?
- Car ☐
- Private Coach ☐
- Train ☐
- Blues Executive Coach ☐

29. If you go to away games by car, why do you not travel by organised transport?
- No flexibility ☐
- Too expensive ☐
- Too inconvenient ☐

30. How do you obtain ticket information?
- Match day programme ☐
- The Blues News ☐
- Local press ☐
- Ringing the Blues ☐
- Telephone club ☐
- Word of mouth ☐

31. How do you purchase your match tickets?
- Over the phone ☐
- By post ☐
- In person before the day of the match at Adams Park ☐
- In person before the day of the match at Wanderers in Town ☐
- In person on the day of the match at Adams Park ☐
- In person on the day of the match from Wanderers in Town ☐

32. How would you like to purchase your match tickets?
- Creditcard hotline ☐
- Town centre shop ☐
- Post ☐
- In person before match day at Adams Park ☐
- In person on day of match at Adams Park ☐

33. When do you visit Wanderers in Town?
- Every home games ☐
- Occasionally on match day ☐
- Mail order ☐
- During weekday shopping ☐
- During Saturday shopping ☐
- Never ☐

34. When do you visit the Cornerflag Clubshop?
- Every home game ☐
- Occasionally on match days ☐
- On Sunday mornings ☐
- Never ☐

35. If you are not a regular visitor to Wanderers in Town, why not?
- Too crowded ☐
- Too expensive ☐
- Not enough that I like ☐
- Don't find time ☐
- Didn't know it existed ☐

36. If you are not a regular visitor to the Cornerflag clubshop, why not?
- Too crowded ☐
- Too expensive ☐
- Not enough that I like ☐
- Don't find time ☐
- Didn't know it existed ☐

37. What items have you bought from either clubshop over the last year?
- Replica kit ☐
- Leisurewear ☐
- Videos and/or publications ☐
- Souvenirs ☐
- Nothing ☐

38. Which of the following sources provide the best information about the club?
(Tick up to three)
- Matchday programme ☐
- The Blues News ☐
- Ringing the Blues ☐
- Bucks Free Press ☐
- Star ☐
- Bucks Advertiser ☐
- Radio Berkshire ☐
- Bucks Examiner ☐
- National papers ☐
- elevenSEVENTY ☐
- Chiltern Gold Radio ☐
- MIX 96 ☐
- Star FM ☐
- BBC TV ☐
- Carlton TV ☐

39. Would you be interested in becoming an agent for Wycombe Wanderers lottery tickets?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

40. Would you like to sell match day draw tickets at Adams Park on matchdays?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

41. Would you be interested in becoming a canvasser for Wycombe Wanderers lottery tickets?
- Yes ☐
- No ☐

42. Please let us have your thoughts on the following (P = poor, F = fair, G = good)

	P	F	G
Club shops			
Quality of goods	☐	☐	☐
Range of goods	☐	☐	☐
Value for money	☐	☐	☐
Tea bars			
Quality	☐	☐	☐
Range	☐	☐	☐
Price	☐	☐	☐
Access	☐	☐	☐
Speed of service	☐	☐	☐
Toilets			
Quality	☐	☐	☐
Cleanliness	☐	☐	☐
Access	☐	☐	☐
Seating			
Price	☐	☐	☐
Comfort	☐	☐	☐
View	☐	☐	☐
Access	☐	☐	☐
Turnstiles			
Quantity	☐	☐	☐
Accessibility	☐	☐	☐
Speed	☐	☐	☐
Public address			
Clarity	☐	☐	☐
Quality of announcer	☐	☐	☐
Ground signage			
Readability	☐	☐	☐
Size	☐	☐	☐
Positioning	☐	☐	☐

43. Which of the games listed did you attend? If not, why not?
- ☐Preston North End, league, home .....
- ☐Carlisle United, play-off, home .....
- ☐Preston North End, play-off final,Wembley .....

44. We would like to know what you think of the attitude and service shown by the following people or departments. If you have not dealt with one area, simply move on to the next one.

	P	F	G
Commercial Office	☐	☐	☐
Wanderers in Town	☐	☐	☐
Cornerflag Clubshop	☐	☐	☐
Sales/Marketing Dept	☐	☐	☐
Conference Centre	☐	☐	☐
Tea bars	☐	☐	☐
Lotteries Department	☐	☐	☐
Switchboard	☐	☐	☐
Centre Spot	☐	☐	☐
Hospitality areas	☐	☐	☐
Junr/Snr/True Blues	☐	☐	☐
Community Schemes	☐	☐	☐
Written responses	☐	☐	☐
Stewards	☐	☐	☐
Gate men	☐	☐	☐
Police officers	☐	☐	☐

All questionnaires which are returned by 3pm on Saturday, August 13, 1994, fully completed, will be entered into a prize draw.

First prize is a full Match Day Hospitality Package for four people at Brighton & Hove Albion Coca-Cola Cup 1st round game on Tuesday, 23rd August. There are three second prizes full replica kit in the size and colour of your choice. There are eight prizes of £5 food vouchers for McDonalds, High Wycombe. Please include your name, address and postcode when returning the survey.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE DIVISION II

ADMISSION CHARGES

For League Matches at Adams Park for 1994/5:-

Ground Admission (Adult)	£6.50
Ground Admission (OAPs & Juniors)	£4.00*
Seat in Stand (Adult, OAPs & Juniors)	£9.00*
Junior Family Stand Seats (Maximum 3 Juniors per Adult)	£4.00*

** Tickets for each of these categories can be purchased 2 weeks prior to each match*

SEASON TICKETS 1994/5

These tickets are for all 23 Division Two league matches at Adams Park.

Season Ticket holders enjoy the following benefits:-

Guaranteed entry to section of choice up to 15 minutes before kick-off
Exclusive turnstiles
Priority booking for all Home, Cup and Friendly matches, if all ticket.
New Classic Break voucher for free hotel accommodation.

Existing Categories	Standard Season Ticket
Adult Terrace	£130.00
Junior/OAP Terrace	£ 80.00
Adult Seat	£180.00
Junior/OAP Seat	£162.00
True Blues Junior Terrace *(Includes 1994/5 membership £10 reduction for existing members).*	£ 90.00
Vice President (£17.50 per match)	£402.50

Family Stand

Family Stand Adult Seat	£180.00
Family Stand Junior Seat	£ 92.00

(A Junior Ticket will only be sold with an adjacent Adult ticket. Maximum 3 Juniors per Adult).

Extra discount for Leagueline Members and new Leagueline Members who pay 6 months subscription in advance:

Any Terrace Adult Season Ticket	Less £15.00
Any Terrace Junior/OAP Season Ticket	Less £20.00
Any Seat Season Ticket	Less £10.00

To qualify as a Junior you must be under 16 on 1st June 1994.
Closing date for standard season tickets, 2.45pm on Saturday 13th August 1994 at Adams Park & Wanderers in Town.

HOW TO APPLY FOR 1994/5 SEASON TICKET

If you wish to become a season ticket holder please state your name and type of season ticket required and enclose full payment. (Please make cheques payable to W.W.F.C.) Season tickets can be purchased from the commercial offices at Adams Park and Terrace Season tickets can also be purchased from Wanderers In Town in the Octagon. After the match tomorrow season tickets are available on a pro-rata basis.

Name .....

Date of birth (if under 18) .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....Telephone No .....

Please reserve me the following season ticket(s) .....

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(Please specify type and number of season ticket(s) and stand preferred where necessary).

Adult Terrace — Davenport Vernon or Bucks Free Press Stand
Junior Terrace — Davenport Vernon or Bucks Free Press Stand
Adult Seat
Junior/OAP Seat
True Blue Junior Terrace
Vice-President
Family Stand Adult Seat
Family Stand Junior Seat

I enclose remittance of £ .....

Send to:

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Ltd,
Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4HJ
Tel: (0494) 472100 Fax: (0494) 527633 Ticket Creditcard Hotline: (0494) 441118

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Season Ticket Example		Football Kit Example	
Adult Terrace Season Ticket	£130.00	Goods Cost	£100.00
Interest Charge	£ 9.26	Interest Charge	£ 13.52
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6 Monthly Payments of	£23.21	12 Monthly Payments of	£ 9.46
A.P.R.	26.9%	A.P.R.	26.9%

HOW TO GET YOUR LOAN

It couldn't be simpler! Just telephone The Associates on:

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Or if you prefer, The Associates will be at Adams Park
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on Friday 12th August 1994
and would be happy to discuss any help they can give you.

Written credit quotations available on request

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CLUBSHOP SALE AT WANDERERS IN TOWN (OCTAGON CENTRE, OPPOSITE LITTLEWOODS)

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Wembley T-Shirts (Adults)	£ 4.99
Flags	£ 3.99
Scarves (named only)	£ 1.99
Flat Caps	£ 0.50
Body Print T-Shirt	£ 9.99
Commemorative Brochure 1992/3	F.O.C.
Blue Goalkeeper Tops	£13.00
WWFC Sweatshirts	£15.00
Nylon Training Top	£15.00
Placemats	£ 0.25
Door Hangers	£ 0.25
Swan Crest T-Shirt	£ 7.00
Rosette	£ 1.50
(1993/4) Yellow Shirts: 26", M, L, XL, XXL	£ 9.99
(1993/4) Blue Replica Shirts 22"	£ 8.99
Football Boots	£ 5.00
"The Blues Go Marching On"	£ 1.00
Run Out Tops	£19.99

On matchdays at Wycombe Wanderers we have sold Golden Goal tickets, draw tickets for prizes and tickets for penalty competitions, but now comes the best matchday ticket that we have ever promoted, it's called

THE WANDERERS MATCHDAY 50/50 DRAW

We have dropped the Golden Goal tickets and raffle penalty tickets to sell this draw ticket exclusively on matchdays!

It's called the 50/50 draw because exactly 50% of the gross takings will be won by one lucky winner at every home match.

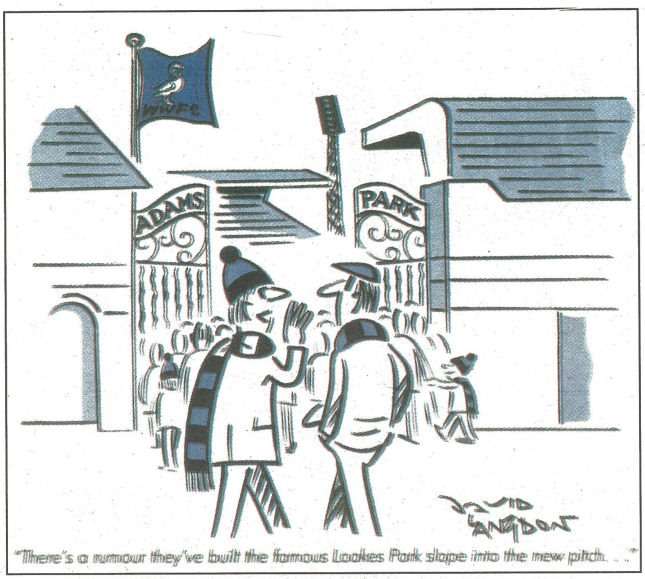
The tickets are counterfoiled, each individually numbered (no writing down name & address), the counterfoil section of your ticket/s will be placed in the drum and the draw made on the pitch at half-time. The winning number will be announced over the public address system and the ticket holder will then claim their cash prize from the commercial office after the final whistle!

Tickets are only 50 pence each and available from our sellers at the turnstiles and around the ground.

How much will the prize money be? That depends entirely upon you! The more tickets you buy, the higher the prize money will be! Notts County had similar home attendances to us last season, their matchday winners were taking home £750!

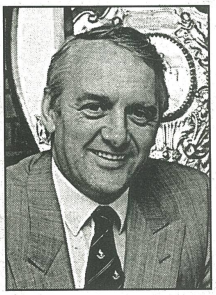
So support the Wanderers matchday 50/50 draw, the first one will be at the Cambridge United match tomorrow at Adams Park.

You could be one of our Lucky Winners!



"There's a rumour they've built the famous Loakes Park slope into the new pitch..."

A fresh start for everyone



By Ivor Beeks
Chairman

THE start of a new season is always a date to look forward to, and this season is no exception with the prospect of visiting new grounds and greater competition.

In the interim period of the season ending, and the start of a new season, there is always a great deal to complete. This year the period was only eight weeks.

During this period the irrigation system to the pitch has been completely renewed. Ten side sprinklers, and two mobiles have replaced 40 pop-up sprinklers.

The effect of this new system not only gives us a greater covering capacity, but completes the watering of the pitch in 1hr 6mins against 8hrs.

Pitch refurbishment has been completed with scarifying, deep spiking re-leveling, seeding and top dressing all of which has been tended and nursed by Jim Gardener, and I am sure you will agree the surface looks excellent.

The floodlights have been cleaned and lights replaced to give us our lux levels, on those cold dark December evenings.

Supporters will, I trust, notice the extra room in the Vere Suite together with the additional bar area to make Saturday match-days more comfortable. And to complete this room, we have added air conditioning for those hot September evenings.

Young people have not been forgotten the new learning through football classroom is now complete, where classes of children now have lessons during the week.

Car parking to the training pitch area has been out to tender and we are currently seeking grants from the Football Trust and other bodies to enable us to place an order in the foreseeable future.

Talking of car parking, I was delighted that you made your thoughts known to Buckinghamshire County Council over the proposed parking restrictions. The result appears to be a more common thought approach and many of the areas will now not have parking restrictions.

We have been fortunate to have the offer from Searle's to park our staff vehicles there on match days and may I publicly thank the directors and staff for their help in this matter.

This will enable us to make parking available to some of our senior citizens in due course when all the arrangements have been made.

Architects have been engaged to upgrade some of the toilet areas, to include new urinals and tenders for this are due in the middle of August, with grants available by the Football Trust later in the year.

Additional turnstiles have been introduced for season ticket-holders to enable entry to the ground a little easier.

The foregoing is a brief resume of the major items being carried out or completed, and many small items have also been completed.

I believe we do have a great deal of thought for our paying public, but we must proceed slowly. It does rather annoy many of us when we read articles that we do not care about supporters.

The foregoing is not a charter for not caring.

No doubt you feel like all of us at the club, delighted that we have agreed an extension to Martin O'Neill's contract, taking him up to July 1997. The last four years have been incredible, but we should realise that this success needs, at times, to be put into perspective of where we are now.

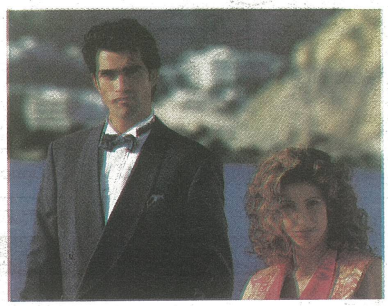
Life in the Football League will be harder each year and success more difficult to generate, but when you have a group of people managing players as we have, then success will be more achievable over a period.

We were delighted to welcome Steve Walford to our football staff as Youth Development Officer.

Steve, as many of you will know, has played at the highest level at some of the best clubs and, like Martin, has that touch of inspiration which I am sure will be of great value to our young players.

I hope you enjoy the season ahead.

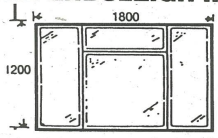
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