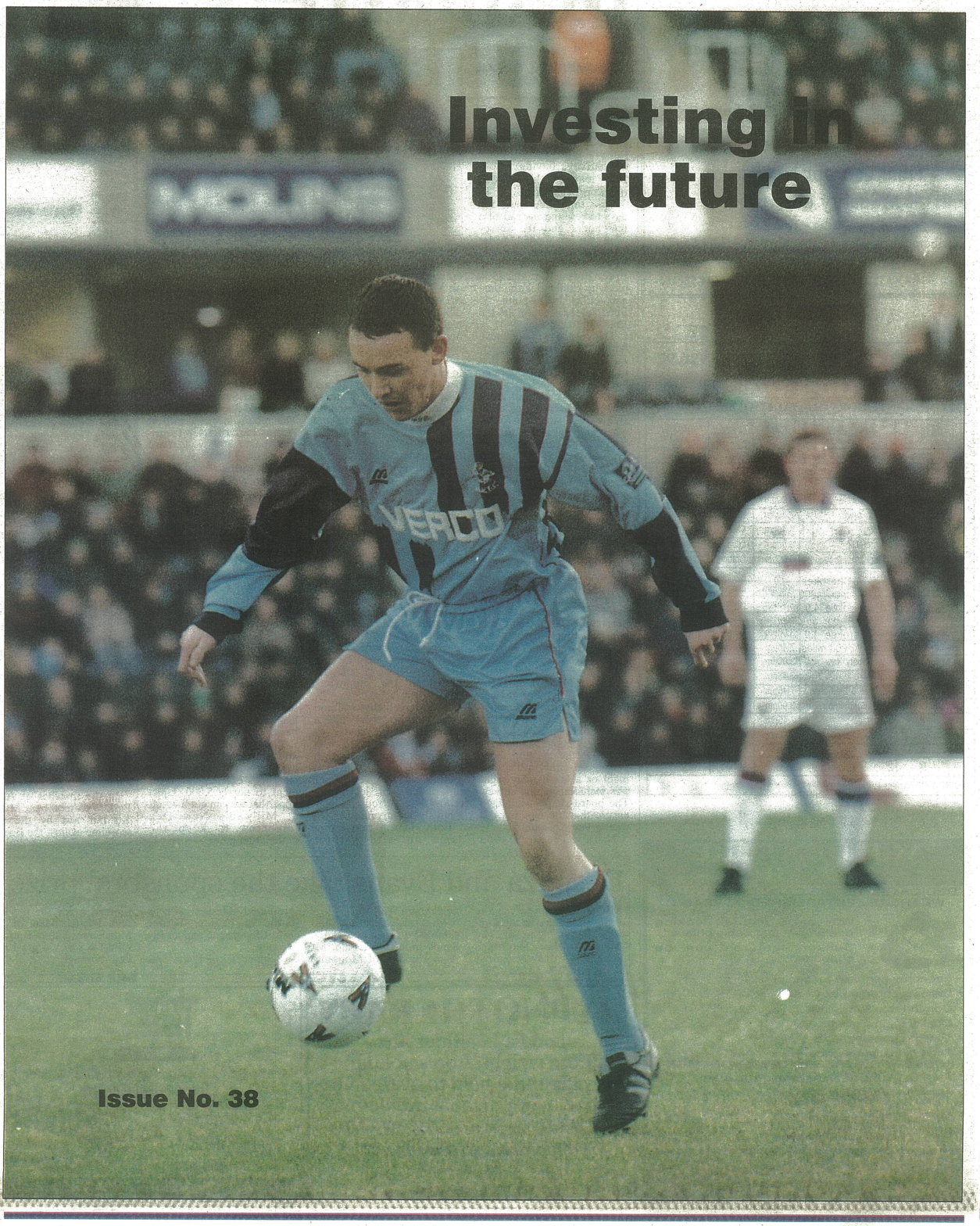
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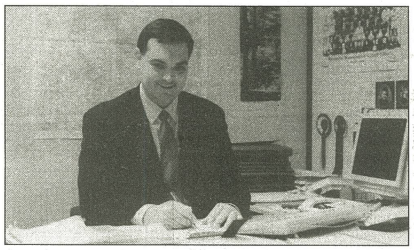
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A question of quarters

COMMERCIAL BREAK
By Mark Austin



THE club has received much praise for the way it handled the last supporters survey, having hopefully learned the lessons of the previous one.

This time fans had ten days to respond instead of a few hours and the survey went out to a much wider audience thanks to the sports desk at The Bucks Free Press. Of the 330 pluswho kindly took the time and effort to respond, 65 filled in the coupon in the Bucks Free Press.

The response for a move back to quarters was staggering. The club was aware that most fans wanted quarters, but the fact that 92 per cent wanted an eventual move back to quarters for all three strips has sent an overwhelming message to the board of directors.

Ninety-eight per cent voted to support John Gregory's wish to introduce a new quartered away kit in addition to retaining the white strip with navy and red trim for the 1997/98 season.

To highlight the fact that the club is continuing with the current white Mizuno replica kit for the 1997/98 season it is introducing March Madness at 9am on Saturday March 1 at Wanderers in Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre. Anybody buying a white shirt or kit will get a current home shirt or kit absolutely free. (Kids for kids, adults for adults or kids) For further details and terms and conditions see elsewhere in this edition of Blues News.

Many people wanted to know why the question about playing on either a Tuesday night or a Wednesday night was included on the survey. The board simply wanted to ensure that the majority did want a Tuesday night.

John Gregory has expressed a very strong preference for continuing to play on a Tuesday night. With 74 per cent of fans in the survey either preferring a Tuesday night or not minding, clearly our traditional Tuesday football nights are safe.

The Club also invited fans to express their views on the back of the survey forms. Please be assured all these replies have been passed on to the relevant managers and directors for their attention.

I hope Wycombe Wanderers are perceived as a club that genuinely does want to listen to its customers, provide them with excellent facilities, entertaining football and a tremendous service.

Last week I had a very positive meeting at Adams Park with Sharon Deighton, Chairman of Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club and Colin Strange Chairman of the Official Blues Supporters Association. The main subject of discussion was the new quartered away kit and the implications of the results of the supporters mini survey.

Both agreed that red and navy quarters were not a practical option thanks to supporter Martin Bell who had kindly graphically drawn up all the kits in Division Two in colour. Over 70 per cent played in predominantly red or blue, so red and navy is clearly not an option.

Both Sharon and Colin came up with helpful suggestions of how the club could hopefully shift existing replica stock. The Buy One Get One Free offer really came out of my meeting with them. My thanks go to both for being so helpful and giving up their time to meet me after work.

It was fantastic to see all the boxes full at the Watford match last Saturday and the ServisPak Stand nearly full. The record league crowd at Adams Park of 8,438 (previous best7,863 v Oxford United 94/95 season) brought with it record league gate receipts and record matchday programme sales.

In the total attendance there were 374 sponsors, the previous highest being 322 against Millwall. This was achieved by using all 20 Executive Boxes, the Centre Spot Restaurant, the Joynson Holland Lounge, the Ercol Boardroom and the Forte Posthouse for pre-match meals. A very kind Dave Lander from Hempstead and Johnson even had his pre-matchmeal in the Woodlands Club at 12 noon. Let's home it is not too long before Wycombe Wanderers see these levels of income and interest on a regular basis.

The average league attendances at Adams Park have risen under John Gregory's excellent management to nearly 5,000. I just hope that we can get a result at Millwall's New Den tomorrow to keep the momentum going.

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Capital calls for Blues

WANDERERS face two trips to the Capital in the space in the space of four days this week.

Tomorrow they make their first ever visit to The New Den to take on a fast improving Millwall side in the Nationwide Second Division.

Then on Tuesday night skipper Terry Evans and Jason Cousins return to their old club Brentford as the Blues take on the league leaders in a re-arranged game.

In the matches at Adams Park Wycombe beat Millwall 1-0 but lost by the same scoreline against the Bees.

Desouza and Evans take the sponsors' prize

MIQUEL Desouza was the sponsors' choice as the Laurent Perrier Man of The Match in last Saturday's scoreless draw against neighbours Watford.

Migs was chosen by Monsanto who are based at the Sands Industrial Estate. Mr Alan Huddart of Monsanto presented Miquel with a bottle of Laurent Perrier Brut Champagne and an Ely Trophy.

Skipper Terry Evans was Molins choice for the Laurent Perrier Man of The Match award after Tuesday's victory against Peterborough.

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Carroll joins Blues' bad boy league

GREG'S GRAPEVINE
By John Gregory

WELL I have to tell you I finally caught The Legend last month. After weeks of hiding in the passageways, standing by the front door of Adams Park, waiting for him to turn up late, listening for him to swear aloud in public, he finally got caught – walking into the showers without a stitch on. Not even his sandals! Jesus himself, David Carroll, caught with nothing on his feet!

So, Wavey has at last succumbed to the dreaded fine book. I think that just leaves Big Tel without a fine. In fact, we've caught him a few times, but Richard and I haven't had the bottle to tell him!

Fines kitty has now reached £205.00 since Christmas. It will run until May 3.

Anybody wishing to donate any amount however big or small please send to Mr R Hill, Chairman of WWFC Fines Committee, Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks.

All donations will go towards a specially selected childrens' charity in the High Wycombe area.

Our league position is still precarious, but since the last issue of the Blues News we have added 11 more points.

We are gaining confidence as the games go by and even though the remaining fixtures represent many difficult hurdles, we still firmly believe that we have the capabilities to escape the bottom four and finish with some salvaged pride to see us through the summer and a fresh challenge in Division Two again next August.

The new players have bedded in reasonably well and have shown they have got what it takes to improve standards at Adams Park not only for this season but for the next few seasons to come.

I am hoping that the month of March will see the return of John Cornforth. He has suffered a hamstring injury and a niggling achilles tendon problem since he became my second signing last December. John only has 40 minutes to show for his Wanderers career so far, and I know he is raring to get back with the lads – if only to get away from Dave Jones!

March also sees the transfer deadline. It is customary for the third Thursday in that month to see the mad scramble for transfers whether on loan or permanent. It will signal the last chance for us managers to make the last signings or sales for the current season. After the 27th it is too late.

I can tell you now I will definitely be adding to our squad, so watch this space for any developments!

I would like to take time out to thank all those supporters who replied to our recent questionnaire regarding our proposed new away kit.

I initially had in mind red and navy quarters, but after seeing some of the mock-ups I felt that the yellow and navy quarters was not only more attractive but more practical, particularly when playing at night under floodlights and quite definitely more sexy. I am glad that the majority of you shared my view with the selection on the yellow and navy quartered shirt and we are looking forward to the launch of our new change strip on May 3 when we entertain Bristol City here at Adams Park.

We now have 14 games to play with my target of 53 points a viable proposition.

We must win our home games then we will be safe, so let's have your backing in numbers, like we had for the visit of Watford last weekend, and together I am sure we will make it.

Regards, John.



In charge: Gregory hits Dave Carroll with a fine



Proud moment: Gregory, Chairman Ivor Beeks and Mo Harkin's parents watch the youngster sign professional forms

Play a round with your hero

THERE is still time for you to join Wanderers players and Premier League stars out on the golf course.

Wycombe Wanderers are organising a Footballers/Celebrity Golf Day at Chesham's Chartridge Park Golf Club on April 1, with superb prizes for the first three teams.

The competition, which will have a shotgun start, will be run to fourball Stableford rules with the best two scores counting on each hole. There is also a nearest the pin contest and longest drive competition on both the first and ninth holes.

Every team has the option to have a celebrity/footballer in their team.

The £300 entry fee includes four green fees, light lunch, presentation gala four course waitress served dinner in the evening where the guest speaker will be Wanderers' manager John Gregory. He will be joined by comedian Peter Lucas who will be providing the after dinner entertainment.

To book a team of four contact the Sales and Marketing Department on (01494) 472100.

Although, taking place on April 1 the club is keen to stress that it is not an April Fools joke.

A club spokesman said: "This date has been carefully chosen. It has been picked because all the players will be available as they will have played the day before on Easter Monday, so the majority will be given Tuesday 1st April off.

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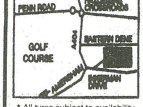
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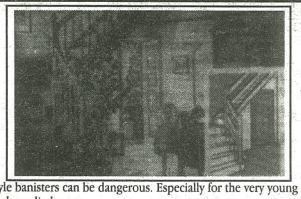
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Wanderers bring back the quarters after overwhelming fans survey



Smart gear: This is the away kit Wanderers will use alongside their white effort on their travels next season

WYCOMBE Wanderers have decided to introduce a navy and yellow away shirt next season after consulting with fans.

The club ran a supporters mini survey and the results are published in the Blues News today.

Out of 328 Blues fans who took part, 98 per cent voted to support John Gregory's wish to unveil a quartered away strip on Saturday, May 3 at Wanderers last home match against Bristol City.

The new kit will be modelled by the youth team while the players will be wearing the current home Mizuno sky and navy kit that day. The club intends to sell the new quartered away kit on that day.

Twenty per cent of fans did not realise the current white Mizuno away strip is being retained for next season giving the club two away kits to choose from.

To avoid any confusion the all white strip with navy and red trim will be an official away kit for the whole of the 1997/98 season and is on sale now at Wanderers in Town in the Octagon Shopping Centre, opposite Littlewoods and at Adams Park.

The questionnaire brought many different comments on colour schemes and some alternative suggestions. A lot of fans wanted to know why the club did not offer red and navy quarters as an option, particularly as John Gregory had publicly stated he wanted this colour combination.

The answer is that the club mocked up a red and navy quartered shirt to show John Gregory, along with computerized graphical illustrations of red and yellow quarters, red and green quarters, green and yellow quarters and navy and yellow quarters. Having seen these Gregory decided that the navy and red option would be too dark for night games.

The club also met with Sharon Deighton the chairman of Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club and Colin Strange the chairman of Wycombe Wanderers Official Blues Supporters Club who both pointed out that red and navy would clash with the vast majority of teams currently in Division Two. The club also consulted them on the other issues raised in the survey.

The club also consulted seven different referees about whether or not they would allow the navy and yellow quarters to be worn if other teams had blue in their kit. As the shorts and socks would be all yellow, all seven said they had no problem, but stressed that they could not speak for every single referee.

Fortunately for the club John Gregory has chosen the navy and yellow quarters as the shirt he now wants. This is great news for the club as 56 per cent of Blues fans voted for navy and yellow quarters, with the remaining 44 per cent more or less evenly split between the other choices.

Other colour combinations such as blue and white or red and white were ruled out as they clash with our two existing kits.

The club would like to sincerely thank all the 328 supporters who kindly took the time and effort to reply.

The 98 per cent who voted for a return to navy and sky quarters next season, have given the board of directors a difficult decision to make.

Clearly the club intended to run with the stripey kit for two years and has stock in both club shops accordingly. The strong level of feeling means the board will need to weigh up the pros and cons of keeping the existing home strip.

The club has sold over 1,100 Mizuno home replica shirts so clearly must take into consideration those who have bought the shirt, particularly those who may have recently bought one. The club is in a difficult position as it does not have any money at all and has significant levels of stock of the "stripey" shirts, shorts and socks, as well as pre-printed fabric and papers.

At present the club cannot afford to write off all the stock. Conversely, it cannot ignore the overwhelming majority view and needs to find a solution that will please the vast majority. Clearly the kits introduced under Alan Smith's regime have provoked widespread debate. Fans are clearly passionate about quarters, and will at least be able to buy a new quartered away navy and yellow shirt on May 3.



All white: This kit as modelled by the youngsters will still be used



How you voted in the great shirt debate

The great kit survey was run in the Bucks Free Press and the Wycombe Wanderers match programme.

Some 328 fans responded and here's the results.

Do you support John Gregory's wish to launch a quartered away shirt on May 3 ? 98 per cent said yes. Two per cent no.

Which colour combinations do you prefer?

Red and yellow quarters: 17 per cent voted for this as their first choice, 41 per cent as their second, 19 per cent as their third and 24 per cent as their fourth choice.

Red and green quarters: 11 per cent voted for this as their first choice, 14 per cent as their second, 38 per cent as their third and 34 per cent as their fourth choice.

Green and yellow quarters: 16 per cent voted for this as their first choice, 29 per cent as their second, 29 per cent as their third and 26 per cent as their fourth choice.

Navy and yellow quarters: 56 per cent voted for this as their first choice, 16 per cent as their second choice, 14 per cent as their third choice and 16 per cent as their fourth choice.

Are you aware that the existing away shirt is being retained for 1997/98: 80 per cent were, 20 per cent were not.

Have you purchased the current Mizuno strip? 21 per cent had.

Did you buy the Vandanel quartered home shirt during 1994/95 or 1995/96 seasons: 74 per cent did.

Would you support an eventual move back to quarters for all three strips? 92 would.

As John Gregory is keen to have a quartered home sky & navy shirt next season, if the club agree this with Mizuno would you support this move back to our traditional sky & navy quarters? 98 per cent would.

Do you attend most Tuesday matches? 91 per cent did.

Would you prefer to attend home matches on a Wednesday night? 26 per cent would, 66 per cent wouldn't and 8 per cent were undecided.

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Looking back to last season and the first part of this one it has become clear that we were not going backwards that fast. It was all the others improving at great speed. You only have to look at the cup performances of Stockport, Chesterfield and Wrexham this season. They have all taken

LETTER TO A FAN
By Club Director
Graham Peart

Premiership scalps, some more than once. The standards have risen in Division Two. Our standards did not but they are now improving. Sixteen points from nine games is good by any measure.

Two months ago I wrote to you explaining why there were so many useful First Division players available for modest transfer fees. All entirely due to Marc Bosman and the subsequent large pool of talented European players available on free transfers to Premier clubs prepared to pay mega wages. English Premier players were then displaced to Division One. The available Division I players have found happy homes in Division Two clubs and the quality of play have significantly improved. The reason that so many clubs in our Division have joined the race to gain promotion is mainly fear. Divisions Two and Three could be part time within five years following the Italian example. Serie A and B is full time and relatively affluent with the rest cast adrift and part-time with some going bankrupt. Fear has driven many clubs to shut their eyes to reality and go for the big push. Division One or bust - literally. Millwall and Bournemouth have done it. Crewe have linked up with Liverpool as a feeder club. There will be other developments before the season is out.

As for your club? It's twixt and tween. We're playing some excellent football and not getting the results sometimes deserved. Local companies have been brilliant with their support and sponsorship. Thank you for keeping our heart beating. Yet we are not attracting enough fans. Just under 5000 for a top Saturday game against Crewe is not enough. Our nightmares are over now. Come back, We need you!

Mark your man now sold out

All the players and management in the club's mark your man scheme have now been signed up.

The complete list is: John Gregory by James, Harry and Victoria Sumner, Graham Hall by Sharon and Gary Trimby, Miquel Desouza by Hampden Saw Mills, Mickey Bell by Graphic Arts Supplies Ltd, Steve Brown by John Palmer, Brian McGorry by Frances Carvell, Paul McCarthy by Denzil, Margaret and Andrew Ashcroft, Dave Farrell by Denzil, Margaret and Andrew Ashcroft, Dave Carroll by Mike Clark, Gary Patterson by The Adams Family Fanzine, Matt Crossley by Ann Cohen & Co Solicitors (01494 677421), Maurice Harkin by Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club, Brian Parkin by Chairboys On The Net 100746.232@compuserve.com, Terry Evans by Carvells Newsagents, Marlow, Anthony Clark by Gerald Edelman Chartered Accountants, Keith Ryan by Link Precision Services (01844 347062), Terry Skiverton by City Index Spread Betting (0171 528 9887), Richard Hill (Assistant Manager) by Francis Glenister, Salomon Brothers Int. Ltd (0171) 721 3891, Jason Cousins by Liz Baines, Steve McGavin by Sharon Healey, Dave Jones (Physio) by The Smurfettes, John Cheesewright by Bill and Sheila, The Disraeli Arms, Jason Kavanagh by Andrea Webster-Brown, Neil Smillie by The Blues Supporters Club (01494) 563697, John Cornforth by Coach No. 1 The Blues Supporters Club, Michael Forsyth by Bucks Auto Components and Michael Simpson by Alan, Richard and Richard



Michael Simpson has been snapped up by Alan, Richard and Richard

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To sign up contact the club on (01494) 472100.

Mothers' Day

IF your mother was the the one who introduced you to Wycombe Wanderers and Adams Park you can return the favour by taking her back for a Mothers' Day Celebration Lunch in the Vere Suite on Sunday, March 9.

The menu costs £10 per head or £6 for children under 12. For full details of the choice of menu and to make a reservation contact Tony Leese, Mark Rawlings or Andy Pembroke at the club on (01494 472100)

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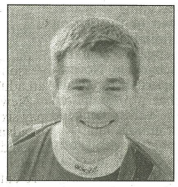
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Blues under the spotlight

Read: Chapter and verse



FULL NAME: Paul Colin Read
DATE OF BIRTH 25.09.73
HEIGHT: 5ft 11
WEIGHT: 12 stone 4
CAR: Rover 216 GTi
HOME: At home with parents
MARRIED: No
CHILDREN: None
DAD'S JOB: Site Engineer
BROTHERS & SISTERS: One sister
FAMILY PETS: None
NICKNAME AT CLUB: Readie

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WHO DO YOU ROOM WITH ON AWAY TRIPS? Michael Simpson.
DOES HE HAVE ANY ANNOYING HABITS? No.
WHAT WAS YOUR AMBITION AS A CHILD? To be a professional footballer.
WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION NOW? To enjoy life and make a name for myself in football.
WHO WAS YOUR BOYHOOD HERO? Ian Rush.
WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST THRILL IN LIFE? Playing at Wembley Stadium aged 15.
WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN LIFE? Not playing for Arsenal first team.
WHAT IS YOUR SADDEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? Being injured.
WHICH PRESENT-DAY FOOTBALLER DO YOU ADMIRE MOST? Alan Shearer.
WHO IS THE GREATEST PLAYER THERE HAS EVER BEEN? Pele.
WHO HAS BEEN THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER? My parents.
WHO IS THE TOUGHEST OPPONENT YOU HAVE FACED? Danny Maddix.
WHICH MANAGER HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER? Pat Rice.
AWAY FROM FOOTBALL, WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT? Getting my golf handicap down to 10.
WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A BOY? Arsenal and Millwall
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE GROUND? Highbury
WHAT OTHER SPORTS AND HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY? Tennis, golf
DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSUAL FOOD THAT IMPROVES YOUR GAME? No.
AWAY FROM FOOTBALL, WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTSMAN? Fred Couples.
DO YOU PLAY ANY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS? No.
IS THERE A SPORTING DREAM YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE ACHIEVED IN ANOTHER SPORT? Winning a golf major championship.
WHAT REALLY ANNOYS YOU IN FOOTBALL? Offside Rule.
WHAT ARE YOU PET HATES OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? Bad and stupid drivers.

FAVOURITES
POP STAR/GROUP: Blackstreet, any R & B Swing
FOOD: Pasta and chicken
DRINK: Lemonade and lime
FILM: Heat
FILM STARS: Robert De Niro
HOLIDAY RESORT: Cyprus
TV STARS: None
COMEDIAN: Harry Enfield
CITY: Paris, Vienna
SOAP: Eastenders, Brookside
SOAP CHARACTERS: None
COMPILED BY STEVE HAYES

Brucie reveals his cards



FULL NAME: Michael Eric Forsyth
DATE OF BIRTH: 20.3.66
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 12st 7lb
HOME: four bed house in Birmingham
CAR: Ford Maverick and Fiesta
MARRIED: To Veronica
CHILDREN: Sam (7) Danielle (4)
DAD'S JOB: Engineer
BROTHERS & SISTERS: Sue and John
PETS: Dogs; Muttley & Captain Nemo
NICKNAME AT CLUB: Bruce
WHO DO YOU ROOM WITH ON AWAY TRIPS? Jason Kavanagh.
DOES HE HAVE ANY ANNOYING HABITS? Shaving his legs in the sink.
CHILDHOOD AMBITION? To score England's World Cup winner
WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION NOW? Seeing England win the World Cup.
WHO WAS YOUR BOYHOOD HERO? Jimmy Case.
BIGGEST THRILL IN LIFE? Birth of my children.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN LIFE? Discovering Pauline Calf is a bloke!
SADDEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? Losing to Leicester in the play-off final for Derby.
WHICH CURRENT FOOTBALLER DO YOU ADMIRE MOST? Stuart Pearce.
WHO IS THE GREATEST PLAYER EVER? Pele.
WHO HAS BEEN THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER? My parents.
WHO IS YOUR TOUGHEST OPPONENT? Kenny Dalglish.
WHICH MANAGER HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOU? Arthur Cox.
WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER? Public Speaker.
AWAY FROM FOOTBALL, WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT? Gordon Cowans phoning me to play golf.
WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST MOMENT YOU HAVE SEEN ON A FOOTBALL PITCH? Derby's Martin Taylor taking a goal kick and getting dragged over the barrier by Charlton fans.
MOST EMBARRASSING FOOTBALL MOMENT? Changing my split shorts on the pitch
WHO DID YOU SUPPORT? Liverpool
FAVOURITE GROUND? Highbury
HOBBIES? Golf.
DO YOU HAVE AN UNUSUAL FOOD THAT IMPROVES YOUR GAME? No.
FAVOURITE SPORTSMAN AWAY FROM FOOTBALL? Mike Tyson.
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION? England Caps
DO YOU PLAY ANY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS? The Banjo
IS THERE A DREAM YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE ACHIEVED IN ANOTHER SPORT? Win the Masters
WHAT REALLY ANNOYS YOU IN FOOTBALL? Racism
PET HATES OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? People driving at 60mph in the middle lane

FAVOURITES
PROGRAMME: Friends
SINGER/GROUP: Paul Weller/Ocean Colour Scene/Ian McNabb
FOOD: Italian
DRINK: Guinness
FILM: Pulp Fiction
FILM STARS: Gary Oldman, Demi Moore
HOLIDAY RESORT: Las Vegas
TV STARS: Jill Dando
COMEDIAN: Eddie Izzard
CITY: Birmingham
SOAP: Eastenders
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Fans lead the way

THE board of directors of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club would like to thank the Wycombe Wanderers Official Blues Supporters Association for their recent initiatives, which have led to improvements being made at Adams Park for both home and away fans.

Thanks to the regular meetings between the Association and the chairman and directors, away fans who produce a membership card can now gain entry to the Vere Banqueting Suite on matchdays (assuming it has not reached capacity).

This is a positive step towards our supporters being allowed in to other clubs' facilities on our travels and hopefully will help towards reducing our current deficit.

Tea and coffee is now available in both the Woodlands Club and the Vere Banqueting Suite. Again that iniatitive is due to the lobbying efforts of the Official Blues Supporters Club.

■Wanderers have opened a new club shop in the concourse of the ServisPak Stand.

The shop, which is open before and after every home match and at half time, stocks a whole range of merchandise.

Junior Blues' voice

IT is pleasing to see that recent results (York, Plymouth, Crewe and Peterborough) have gone our way and we are in a promising position, writes David Finch.

Since John Gregory's arrival our results have improved and he has bought player's with experience at higher levels and youthful, talented players.

What we need now is the crowds to come back but I also realise that our results need to be consistently good for that to happen. However, we are the supporters of the future and we need to support the club in any way we can.

Why not get some of your mates to come to games so they can see how enjoyable the football is

Also we would like to know if you think you are getting enough out of the Junior Blues. There is only one organised event in the year. Would you like more?

Perhaps a quiz night, a disco or football matches with children from other clubs. Please let us know.

Write to: David M Finch, 3 Saltash Close, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP13 7BE or Maria Edwards c/o WWFC Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, Sands, HP12 4HJ.

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We can get out of trouble



On the ball: Terry Evans ready to fight for Second Division survival

CAPTAIN'S LOG
By Terry Evans

PLYMOUTH was a great battling performance, we created a few good chances especially when Simmo and myself had efforts cleared off the line.

Our away form has clearly been the problem all season, at times we've played with confidence yet we have rarely claimed the deserved result.

I really cannot understand why we are not getting something out of these games, our preparation is excellent. We stay at good hotels and are in the right frame of mind. It is as frustrating for us as I am sure it is for you.

Crewe at home was another example of our battling performance. A first half goal gave us the confidence to go on to control the game. They threw everything at us for the last 15 minutes but I felt that they could have been there all night and would have not broken us down.

Preston was a thoroughly disappointing result for more than one reason. We did not play as well as in the previous few games but I felt we created enough chances and worked hard enough to take at least a point from the match.

Also, this was the first time in our League history that anybody had ever done the double over us which personally really hurt. At the end of the season I can just about live with this if no other team manages to do the same.

We knew that the encounter with Watford was going to give us our largest crowd of the season and we were definitely up for it.

To try and avenge the defeat at Vicarage Road back in November was very important especially as it was felt that we dominated most of the game only to concede a goal in the last minute.

I enjoyed the battle with Scotty and was pleased with a clean sheet. Kevin Miller was for me clearly the man of the match after making a series of fine saves to deny us a victory that we felt we richly deserved.

Paul Read has done well since joining from Arsenal. We still have three loans left this season so I don't expect him to be the last signing before the transfer deadline.

At this stage of the season it is no surprise that there are a few bodies in the treatment room, Keith Ryan is looking good and maintains his hard workrate. John Cornforth is coming close to full fitness.

With the succession of midweek games coming up it is of course good news to get as many people fit as possible as most players will be carrying the odd knock during the two games a week schedule.

David Jones is doing his best to put the players on good diets, it is however, funny to see John arriving with a bag of doughnuts for the lads! With sixteen games remaining, I feel we need to win at least eight or gain around 24 points to make us safe. This is not a position Wycombe Wanderers have ever found themselves in before so it is important that we all pull together.

It is easy to say that we are too good to go down but history has shown over the years that this statement means nothing. If we can produce never say die performances for the remainder of the season then we will pull away from danger.

There is no point reflecting on what could have been, results are what counts not how unlucky we have been, or excuses about poor pitches or dodgy refereeing decisions, we must remain focused and dig deep to get out of trouble.

It is great to see the old gaffer, Martin O'Neill doing so well in both cups for Leicester City.

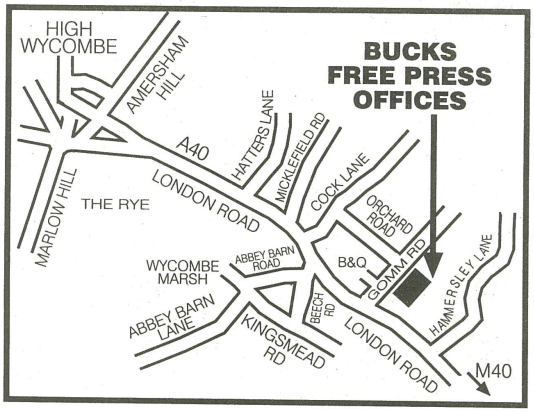
It was a tough call for me to make as to who I would be rooting for, between Martin and my old mate Vinnie Jones when they met in the Coca Cola Cup semi final first leg at Filbert Street.

After the draw, Wimbledon look favourite to progress to the final but as we all know, you can never write off the Irishman especially where Wembley is concerned.

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