

Wycombe Wanderers End of Season Tour to Portugal

Report by John Goldsworthy

23rd May 1989 vs Imortal, Albufeira of the Portuguese Third Division.
Played on the ground of Silves F.C. Silves at 6.00 p.m.

Result: IMORTAL 3 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2
Half-time Imortal 3 Wycombe 0

Team:-

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| 1. Steve Crompton | 8. Adam Markwell |
| 2. Steve Abbley | 9. Mark West |
| 3. Sean Norman | 10. Mark Butler |
| 4. Glyn Creaser | 11. Kevin Durham |
| 5. Kevin Day | 14. Tim Hinton (80 mins for Butler) |
| 6. Andy Kerr | 15. Mat Elworthy (46 mins for Markwell) |
| 7. Andy Robinson | 12. Gary Lester Not Used. |

Scorers:

Kevin Durham 48 minutes

Mat Elworthy 57 minutes

Referee: Victor Cardoso *Attendance:* Approximately 250

Linesmen: Juvenal Eusebio and Joaquim Gomes

Match Details

Player of the Match - Kevin Durham.

Imortal took the lead after two minutes followed by a second on 16 minutes and a third on 25 minutes. All goals were due to defensive errors which were capitalised on by the Imortal players with considerable technical skill. At the other end opportunities were made but in comparison to the Portuguese players our finishing was very poor, only once really forcing the 'keeper into a good save. At half time both sides made substitutes. The match was already won and lost and Wycombe only had their pride to play for. In the event they managed to restore some of their pride and indeed had opportunities of levelling the score. Some frustration was caused by the off-side trap of the Portuguese, assisted by some poor decisions by a linesman. Conclusion: Could have done better.

25th May 1989 vs Portimonense of the Portuguese First Division
Played at Portimao at 6.00 p.m.

Result: PORTIMONESE 8 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3
Half-time Portimonense 4 Wycombe 1

Team:-

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| 1. Gary Lester | 8. Kevin Durham |
| 2. Steve Abbley | 9. Mark West |
| 3. Sean Norman | 10. Mark Butler |
| 4. Glyn Creaser | 11. Mat Elworthy |
| 5. Kevin Day | 12. Tim Hinton (80 mins for West) |
| 6. Andy Kerr | 14. Adam Markwell (80 mins for Day) |
| 7. Andy Robinson | |

Scorers:

Kevin Day 42 minutes

Kevin Durham 66 minutes

Mark Butler 85 minutes

Referee: Francisco Silva. *FIFA Attendance:* approximately 2,500

Match Details

The Portimonense team included three internationals - keeper and left winger from Portugal and centre-forward from Bulgaria. They also had a Dutch centre-half. They were a team of high technical skill and caused us all sorts of problems with their short passing game and mobility. We employed a man to man marking system that was pulled out of position by their mobility. Many times Creaser and Norman found themselves in the opponents penalty area due to this circular pattern of play, which exposed us at the back and we paid for it with an avalanche of goals. Even though we were outplayed we stuck to our task and were at least rewarded with three goals. Our outstanding player was Kevin Durham who would have comfortably fitted into their team.

Conclusion: A good result bearing in mind the vast difference in standards.