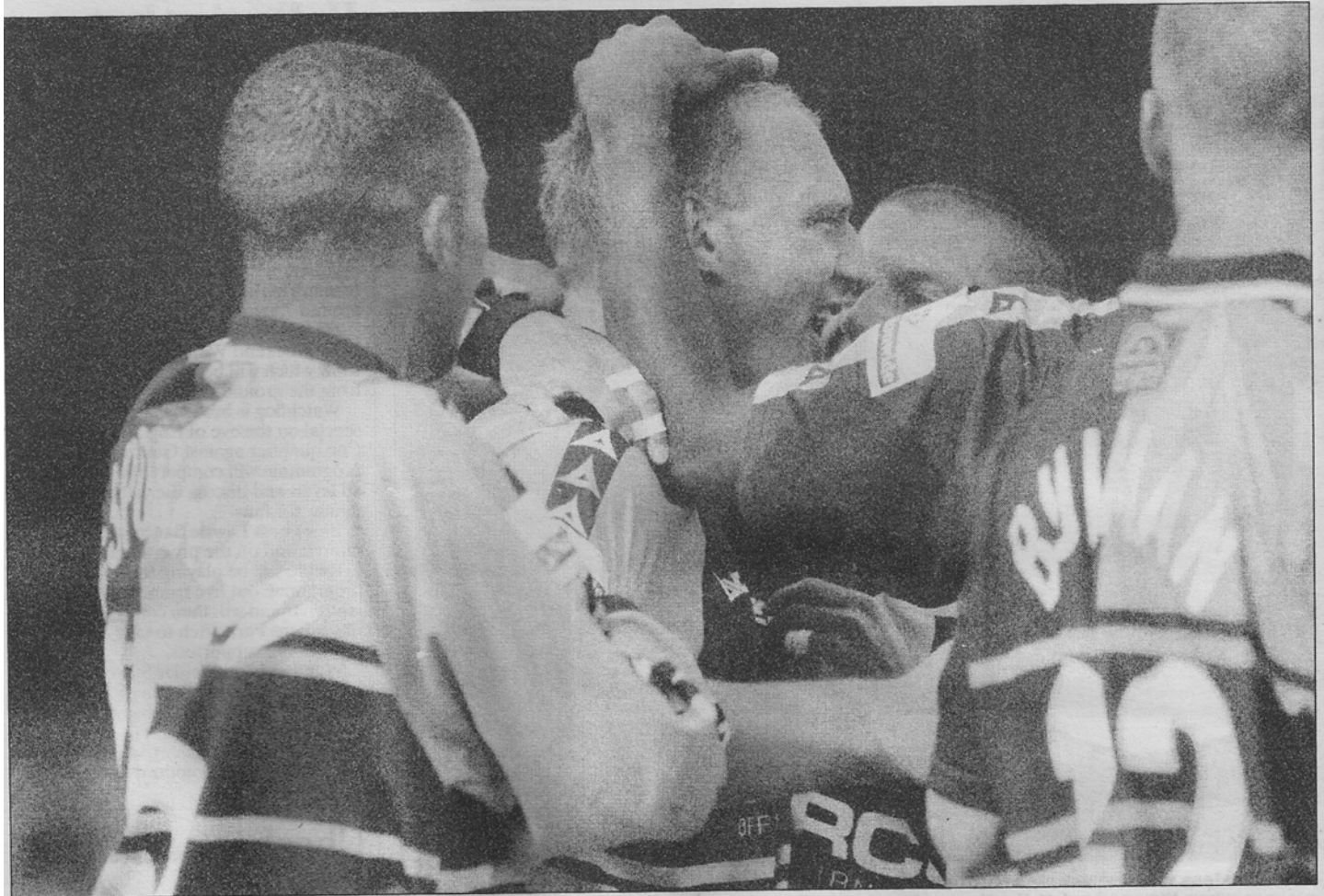


# Rammell, the next big thing for Blues



**Earning his spurs: Andy Rammell receives the congratulations of his team-mates after scoring at Port Vale**

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TERRY Gibson is tipping Andy Rammell to become a big hero at Adams Park and become the bargain of the season.

Eyebrows were raised when Blues splashed £75,000 on the 33-year-old Walsall reserve, but Rammell is wasting no time proving the doubters wrong.

He scored his second spectacular goal in five games to give Wanderers a 1-0 victory at Port Vale on Saturday.

He bided his time before steering a right footed shot from the edge of the box into the top corner to earn glowing praise from Gibson.

Gibson, the former Manchester

## Gibson tips him as favourite

United, Tottenham, Coventry and Wimbledon striker said: "We knew he was good but he has impressed us even more than we thought he would with his touch and the way he brings others into the game.

"He's an outstanding player and an absolute snip at £75,000, that's nothing at all for a player like him.

"His first two goals for the club have been different class. He took his time and showed great composure and he's the one player who has got that.

"We dominated the 90 minutes

but at the end of the day the only difference was an outstanding goal from Andy Rammell. If it wasn't for him we would have come away with a draw."

Ironically Rammell, who was sent off on his Wanderers debut, was only playing because he won his appeal against his three-match ban.

He was sent off against Bristol Rovers for knocking out keeper Nick Culkin and had expected to spend Saturday's match and tonight's clash against Notts sitting in the stand.

But an FA panel cleared him after agreeing that he was trying to hurdle Culkin when he accidentally caught him with his trailing leg.

Rammell celebrated his let off by notching the spectacular goal which heaped more pressure on Valiants boss Brian Horton who has now gone seven games without a win and was the target of an angry demonstration by fans afterwards.

But Wanderers should have had much more to show for their efforts after creating a mountain of chances.

Gibson said: "We need the others to show the same composure that Andy has got in the final third of the pitch."