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played  	played  
1 Brian MURPHY	Andy DIBBLE
2 Sam RICKETTS	Jim WHITLEY
3 Kevin AUSTIN	Alex SMITH
4 Kristian O'LEARY	Steve ROBERTS
5 Alan TATE	Brian CAREY
6 Roberto MARTINEZ	Dennis LAWRENCE
7 Leon BRITTON	Carlos EDWARDS
8 Kevin NUGENT	Danny WILLIAMS
9 James THOMAS	Chris ARMSTRONG
10 Lee TRUNDLE	Darren FERGUSON
11 Adrian FORBES	Chris LLEWELLYN
12 Lee THORPE	Dean BENNETT
13	Craig MORGAN
14	Matt CROWELL
15 Gary FISKEN	Mark JONES
16 Garry MONK	Shaun PEJIC
17 Paul CONNOR	Andy HOLT
18 Andy ROBINSON	Simon SPENDER
19 Andy GURNEY	Levi MACKIN-HECTOR
20 Stuart JONES	Sam-KIERAN QUINN
21 Ijah ANDERSON	Matty DONE
22 Ezomo IRIKPEN	Mike WILLIAMS
23 Antonio CORBISIERO	Juan UGARTE
24 Kyle LETHEREN	Michael JONES
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talking tactics

Good evening and welcome to what is now most definitely the last game at the Vetch Field, the FAW Cup Final against Wrexham.

It will be a fantastic occasion tonight after our tremendous win at Bury at the weekend clinched the third automatic promotion spot. It was a massive day for Swansea City and our players produced the performance to win the game.

Support

I would like to say a big thanks to the five thousand or so supporters that traveled up to Bury last Saturday, they were a twelfth man for us during the game and I was very frustrated that we could not celebrate the victory together after the game. The police and the Bury stewards had some safety issues which prevented us coming back out and it left me extremely frustrated in the dressing room that I could not acknowledge the part you played in the victory.

We have a chance to put the record straight tonight and also go on to win a competition that we have taken very seriously all season.

Wrexham are the holders and will provide very difficult opposition for us. I saw them play in their excellent win in the LDV final against Southend a few weeks ago and they have some very good players to call on.

Players

Over the last year we have seen a big improvement in our playing staff, both from players coming in and an improvement by some of the good young players signed in the past couple of seasons. We must now strive to improve again and build on what we have achieved.

Once again thank you for your support, get behind the boys for the last time this season and make sure you enjoy the game.

Kenny



"It was a massive day for Swansea City and our players produced the performance to win the game"



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Lesa Hitchings

A warm welcome to Dennis Smith and everyone connected with Wrexham Football Club to the Vetch for this evening's FAW Premier Cup Final. The scenes at Bury were a bit like being in dreamland. It was total pleasure to see so many people enjoying the

occasion of the Swans being promoted to League 1. This will be the last game to be played at the Vetch Field, so it will be a very sad occasion for us all, so let's hope tonight that we are going for our bit of silverware. I would like to thank everyone, that has helped this season in making it a season never to forget, from the bottom of my heart, thank you all. A special thanks must go to the sponsors, I hope you have an enjoyable evening and visit us again at our new stadium. To the supporters also a big thanks, lets keep the tremendous support going over to the new stadium. So to tonight game; scream, shout and give us your fantastic support and hopefully the game has the makings of a cracker. Hopefully we can win the cup and let you the fans enjoy another great occasion. Here's to League 1

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Plays for Treboeth U11's



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Favourite Player Sam Ricketts
Plays for Treboeth U9's



*James and Luke have been previous mascots at the Hull game and York game and this is their third time as being match day mascots.

WREXHAM - PEN PICS

CHRIS ARMSTRONG (Forward)

Returned to the Racecourse in the summer of 2003 when signing on a free from Bolton Wanderers. The Newcastle born forward was brought up in Wrexham and joined us from a local amateur team in 1989. Over the next two years he scored 13 goals in 40 starts and his blinding pace persuaded Millwall to sign him for £50,000. Twelve months later the fee had gone up to £1m and with it a switch to Crystal Palace, where he scored 45 goals in 118 league appearances. This record earned him a transfer to Spurs in a £4.5m deal and despite injury problems at White Hart Lane, he returned 48 goals in 117 Premiership starts, plus 10 more in 15 League Cup games. Bolton Wanderers was his next stop in 2002 and after just one game for the Trotters, he was happy to accept a deal from the Red Dragons.

DEAN BENNETT (Winger)

The 26-year-old was a trainee at West Bromwich Albion when Denis Smith took over at the Hawthorns in 1997, but found himself released later that summer. After a spell with Bromsgrove Rovers, he stepped up to Kidderminster Harriers and helped them win promotion to the Football League in his first season at Aggborough. A regular in the side since, he was a little surprised to find out that Denis was interested in signing him on again, some seven years later, but jumped at the chance to step up a division.

BRIAN CAREY (Centre-Half)

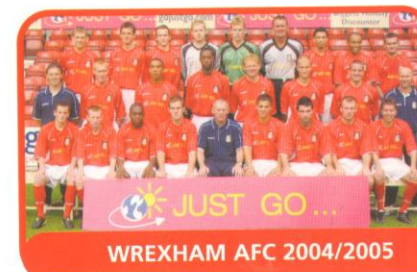
A case of third time lucky for Wrexham, as the big Republic of Ireland international finally joined the Reds on a permanent transfer in 1996. Twice the Cork born centre-half had been on loan at the Racecourse, but on both previous occasions Wrexham could not raise the cash needed to buy him from Manchester United. He eventually joined Leicester City in 1993, but after three seasons at Filbert Street the Reds finally got their man. Injuries and suspensions blighted Brian's campaign two years ago and then a knee operation was required following the opening game of the 2002/03 season. More than played a captain's role in the campaign in leading the team to promotion in 2003.

MATTY CROWELL (Midfielder)

After a successful youth career with his home town team Swansea City, Matty was among a number of Welsh youngsters taken to the south coast of England by Southampton. Despite rising from the Youth team to being a regular member of the Saints' reserve side, as well as representing Wales at various age levels, he saw his chances of a first team place blocked. Recommended to Denis Smith, Matty arrived on trial at the end of the 2002/03 season and impressed the manager enough to be offered a deal for the current season.

ANDY DIBBLE (Goalkeeper)

A detailed history of Andy's career would fill a



programme on its own, but safe to say that the South Walian has not missed on much in the last 20 years. Starting with Cardiff City, he made his name with Luton Town and won a League Cup medal with them. There were numerous ports of call during loan spells throughout the Football League and Scotland, and he also enjoyed a lengthy spell with Manchester City. Rangers signed him and he made his debut against Celtic, while also seeing service with non-league and League of Wales teams. After two seasons with Stockport County, Denis Smith saw him as the man to help Wrexham out in 2002 and to bring through our younger keepers, as coaching is another avenue of the game that Andy would like to pursue.

CARLOS EDWARDS (Winger)

Joined the club three years ago from Defence Force FC, Trinidad, when signed along with Hector Sam. A current international player for his country, Carlos was involved in their epic World Cup victories over Canada, Panama and Mexico, which saw T&T through to the last round of qualification for 2002 finals. A tricky winger, who can operate on either flank, he has added considerably to the manager's attacking options. Came to the fore in 2002/03 and was one of the club's most consistent players, weighing in with some spectacular goals on our way to promotion. This resulted in his selection to the Divisional Team of the Year, a feat he repeated last season.

DARREN FERGUSON (Midfielder)

Initially signed on a short-term contract following his return from a spell in Dutch football with Sparta Rotterdam in September 1999, Darren later committed himself to an extended stay at the Racecourse and has just agreed a new two-year deal with the club. Born in Glasgow, he joined Manchester United as a youngster and progressed through their system to eventually turn professional in 1990. After several years and five caps for the Scotland Under-21 side, Darren moved for £250,000 to Wolverhampton Wanderers in January 1994. A regular in the Wolves team for five seasons, he did have one spell out due to injury. In February 1999, he took up an option to play in Holland, but decided against extending his stay after helping Sparta avoid relegation. His first goal for Wrexham was our FA Cup winner against Middlesbrough in another third round

WREXHAM - PEN PICS



DENIS SMITH

giantkilling. Shares the captain's responsibilities with Brian Carey.

BEN FOSTER (Goalkeeper)

Joined the club on loan in January 2005 to cover for the injured Andy Dibble, having worked his way up through the ranks at Stoke City, but currently finding himself as third choice at the Britannia Stadium. Yet to make his debut for the Potteries, he had a loan spell with Bristol City last season, but had to wait until joining Kidderminster Harriers before Christmas 2004 to get his first team bow. That came with consecutive matches against Shrewsbury Town and Boston United for Kiddie, but he was then recalled to Stoke after an injury to Ed de Goey. Ben was only too happy to jump at the chance to join Wrexham in January and was thrust straight into the starting line-up for our LDV Vans Trophy tie at Hereford United. Four days later he made his home debut and kept the club's first clean sheet in 20 league games and only the third of the season when facing Doncaster Rovers.

SCOTT GREEN (Midfielder)

Originally joined Wrexham from Wigan in March 2003 and helped the club earn promotion two months later. Turned down a deal to join Telford United, but with their demise has been with a team since the summer. He asked to come training again with Wrexham in October and has progressed so well, that he signed non-contracts in November and returned to the first team to help us win at Huddersfield Town. This has since led to him signing full-time until the end of the season.

ANDY HOLT (Winger)

One of five new signings in the summer of 2004, he joined from Hull City after spending most of last season on the bench as Peter Taylor's Tigers headed for promotion. A former Oldham Athletic player, who can operate in several positions on the left hand side of the team, he is hoping to see more action at the Racecourse than he did at the KC Stadium. As well as his all round play, his long throw ins will be an added weapon for the Red Dragons.

MARK JONES (Midfielder)

Locally born youngster who was promoted to the first team squad last season and has now earned himself a professional deal. Mark was also called up by Jimmy Shoulders to be part of the Wales U21 squad for the opening match in their qualifying group away to Finland and he has since been included against Italy and Azerbaijan. There followed a place on the bench against Bradford City in the Worthington

Cup and a sub appearance against Exeter City in 2002/03. Out following a hernia operation, he has returned to the action and will be looking to push on in the months ahead.

MICHAEL JONES (Goalkeeper)

Now our regular substitute keeper, following the departure of Matt Baker to Milton Keynes Dons. The 16-year-old Liverpool born stopper has made rapid progress through the club's youth ranks and even though still a first-year trainee is well thought of by the management team. Made his debut as a second half substitute at Chesterfield in January 2005

DENNIS LAWRENCE (Centre-Half)

Signed in March 2001 from the Defence Force club in Trinidad, Dennis stands at 6'7" and will not be hard to spot if selected. A seasoned performer on the international stage, Dennis had trials with both Newcastle United and Bolton Wanderers, before settling on Wrexham and joining up with our two other T&T signings. After taking a little time to settle, he forced his way into the side and is now an established member of the team, who weighs in with his fair share of goals.

CHRIS LLEWELLYN (Forward)

Growing up in south Wales, Chris was spotted by scouts from Norwich City and came through the ranks at Carrow Road before being offered a full time deal by the Canaries. He was making steady progress in East Anglia and even finished one season as their second top goalscorer that was until injury sidelined him in 2001. Fit again, he found it difficult to break back into the Norwich line-up and after starting either on the wing or more often on the bench, he took the opportunity to join Bristol Rovers on loan in February 2003. An extended run with the Gas, which included two goals against Wrexham, alerted Denis Smith and the following summer Chris left Norwich to return to Wales. Already a full international and a former captain of the U21 side, he is looking forward to playing as striker once again and getting regular first team football.

LEVI MACKIN (Midfielder)

A youth team player who has now made his senior debut and become a regular in the first team squad, although usually on the bench. Hails from Chester, but has been with the club since a schoolboy and worked his way up through the system.

CRAIG MORGAN (Centre-Half)

Still only 18 years of age, Colwyn Bay born Craig made his first team debut last season and

when scoring at Cambridge United, made the record books by being the youngest Football League scorer in the club's history. He has been a regular in the reserves for two seasons and in the summer was offered a full professional contract. Called up by Wales at U19 level and on standby for the U21s, the central defender looks to have a bright career ahead of him in the game.

ALEX SMITH (Winger)

Signed from rivals Chester City in the summer of 2004, Alex is a former Everton trainee who has since travelled around the Football League in a career that has also taken in Swindon, Huddersfield, Reading, Port Vale and Shrewsbury. A regular in the Chester line-up that was heading for the Conference title last season, he missed the last two months through injury. Made an immediate impact with the Red Dragons, earning himself a spot in midfield alongside Darren Ferguson a reputation for his constant supply of long-range passes. A knee injury picked up in a reserve team game at Shrewsbury Town in November meant a cartilage operation and a spell on the sidelines.

SIMON SPENDER (Defender)

Locally born 18-year-old who is in his second year as a Scholar with the club, but already made his first team debut, coming on as substitute at Plymouth in March and helping the team to a 0-0 against the Division Two leaders. He has since enjoyed a full debut and looks likely to become a regular member of the senior squad very shortly. A Wales U20 international, he was also in the recent U21 training camp held at Wrexham.

SHAUN PEJIC (Defender)

Made his debut at Port Vale in 2001, but had to wait until a visit to Peterborough United in January 2002 for his second appearance in a Wrexham shirt. Retained his place over the next few weeks, until a dead leg sidelined him. His performances were enough to earn him a full professional contract and he will be sure to see more action in the season ahead. Qualifying to play for Wales through family connections, he is now an established member of the U21 side, after making his debut away to Finland in September 2002.

STEVE ROBERTS (Defender)

Now a regular member of the first team, Steve scored his first goal for the club with the opener at Kettering, in a televised FA Cup first round replay in 1999. A broken leg at Oxford the following season kept him on the sidelines for 12 months, but now back to full fitness he continues to show just why manager Denis Smith offered him a three-year contract. A Welsh U21 international, he was called up to the senior squad in May 2003 for a friendly in the USA, but had to miss out due to an operation on a heel injury. Made his first team debut in October 1998, in a Welsh Premier Cup game with Swansea City, lining up alongside brother

Neil, to become the eighth pair of brothers to have turned out for the club. Born in Wrexham, Steve came through the junior ranks at the Racecourse and has established himself at centre half with over 100 appearances for the club.

HECTOR SAM (Forward)

The third of our Trinidadians, he signed in 2001. Played for a team in Port of Spain and has been capped by his country at several levels including full international. Only 23, he opened his account for Wrexham with a goal in his first game, a friendly against Sheffield Wednesday. Not the tallest of strikers, Hector certainly has pace and has already proved himself more than a handful for opposing defenders. Six goals in his first seven competitive matches was an impressive return and saw him called up to the T&T side for their World Cup games against Mexico and Panama. Under Denis Smith, Hector has rediscovered his form, whether it be scoring or setting up goals.

JUAN UGARTE (Forward)

Initially signed non-contract forms after having a trial with Liverpool. The 24-year-old former Real Sociedad striker has been with a number of second division clubs in Spain, but last summer came to the UK to try his luck in the Football League. Originally signed with Dorchester Town, scoring six goals in seven games, he then moved on Anfield as his best friend is Alonso. Came to Wrexham in October and has impressed, initially with the Reserves and then when he got his chance in the first team. Now signed a contract until the end of the season and scored our winning goal at Chester City in the LDV Vans Trophy to make himself an instant hero.

JIM WHITLEY (Midfielder)

Joined the Racecourse staff on non-contract terms in October 2001, after an abortive attempt was made to sign him in the previous summer. Released by Manchester City a season ago, Jim is a Northern Ireland international who was raised in Wrexham before learning his trade with City. He has also been on loan to several teams over the years including Norwich City and Northampton Town, but found himself a new role as full back with the Red Dragons. After winning the club's 2001/02 Player of the Season trophy, he signed a contract that will take him through until the end of the present season.

DANNY WILLIAMS (Midfielder)

Locally born, he started out with Liverpool and won Wales U21 caps while at Anfield. He then moved onto Wrexham and established himself as a first teamer at the Racecourse before then manager Brian Flynn released him to Kidderminster Harriers. An important player at Aggborough under Jan Molby, Danny decided he wanted to return closer to his roots when his contract expired and headed home in the summer to be reunited with the Red Dragons.



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	Pld	Home					Away					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
Yeovil	46	16	4	3	57	28	9	4	10	33	37	25	83
Scunthorpe	46	16	5	2	43	16	6	9	8	26	26	27	80
Swansea	46	15	5	3	36	16	9	3	11	26	27	19	80
Southend	46	13	5	5	31	14	9	7	7	34	32	19	78
Macclesfield	46	15	3	5	39	24	7	6	10	21	25	11	75
Lincoln	46	11	8	4	37	22	9	4	10	27	25	17	72
Northampton	46	11	9	3	35	20	9	3	11	27	31	11	72
Darlington	46	13	4	6	33	21	7	8	8	24	28	8	72
Rochdale	46	11	8	4	34	21	5	10	8	20	27	6	66
Wycombe	46	8	7	8	28	26	9	7	7	30	26	6	65
Orient	46	10	8	5	40	30	6	7	10	25	37	-2	63
Bristol Rovers	46	10	12	1	39	22	3	9	11	21	35	3	60
Mansfield	46	9	8	6	29	24	6	7	10	27	32	0	60
Cheltenham	46	10	5	8	27	23	6	7	10	24	31	-3	60
Oxford	46	11	4	8	29	24	5	7	11	21	39	-13	59
Boston	46	11	8	4	39	24	3	8	12	23	34	4	58
Bury	46	8	9	6	26	18	6	7	10	28	36	0	58
Grimsby	46	8	10	5	28	19	6	6	11	23	33	-1	58
Notts County	46	6	7	10	21	27	7	6	10	25	35	-16	52
Chester	46	7	8	8	25	33	5	8	10	18	36	-26	52
Shrewsbury	46	9	7	7	34	18	2	9	12	14	35	-5	49
Rushden	46	8	6	9	29	29	2	8	13	13	34	-21	44
Kidderminster	46	6	6	11	21	39	4	2	17	18	46	-46	38
Cambridge	46	7	6	10	22	27	1	10	12	17	35	-23	30

TEAM	GROUND	AGG	HIGH	LOW	PLAYER	TEAM	TOT GMS	GPG
Swansea	Vetch Field	194,523	11,469	6,462	Phil Jevons	Yeovil	29	52 1.79
Bristol Rovers	Memorial Ground	162,776	9,295	5,294	Jonathan Parkin	Macclesfield	26	49 1.88
Yeovil	Huish Park	145,371	9,153	4,639	Grant Holt	Rochdale	24	45 1.88
Southend	Roots Hall	139,777	11,735	3,753	Lee Trundle	Swansea	23	49 2.13
Northampton	Sixfields	136,327	7,107	4,373	Simon Yeo	Lincoln	23	48 2.09
Notts County	Meadow Lane	123,826	10,005	3,586	Nathan Tyson	Wycombe	22	47 2.14
Oxford	Kassam Stadium	122,974	7,830	4,089	Freddy Eastwood	Southend	22	39 1.77
Scunthorpe	Glanford Park	119,090	8,054	3,402	Junior Agogo	Bristol Rovers	21	51 2.43
Grimsby	Blundell Park	113,694	7,941	3,144	Andy Kirk	Boston	20	31 1.55
Wycombe	Causeway Stadium	113,561	8,124	3,844	Paul Hayes	Scunthorpe	19	51 2.68
Lincoln	Sincil Bank	113,310	8,056	3,274	Lee Steele	Orient	17	43 2.53
Shrewsbury	Gay Meadow	97,767	6,285	2,956	Scott McGleish	Northampton	17	51 3
Darlington	Reynolds Arena	97,627	7,028	2,709	Glynn Hurst	Notts County	15	47 3.13
Mansfield	Field Mill	94,124	7,682	2,497	Tommy Mooney	Oxford	15	45 3
Orient	Brisbane Road	85,376	4,753	2,436	Richard Walker	Bristol Rovers	14	33 2.36
Cheltenham	Whaddon Road	83,911	5,511	2,706	Clyde Wijnhard	Darlington	14	33 2.36
Cambridge	Abbey Stadium	83,169	6,715	2,021	Bartosz Tarachulski	Yeovil	14	49 3.5
Rushden	Nene Park	76,392	5,520	1,803	David Nugent	Bury	13	29 2.23
Bury	Gigg Lane	69,743	7,575	1,866	Paul Connor	Swansea	13	46 3.54
Boston	York Street	67,437	6,445	2,053	Wayne Gray	Southend	13	53 4.08
Chester	Deva Stadium	64,680	3,847	1,643	Matthew Tipton	Macclesfield	13	50 3.85
Kidderminster	Aggborough	64,064	4,288	2,082	Michael Branch	Chester	13	36 2.77
Rochdale	Spotland	61,878	3,913	2,107	Steve Torpey	Scunthorpe	13	37 2.85
Macclesfield	Moss Rose	52,258	3,076	1,436	Jason Lee	Boston	11	45 4.09

the boardroom

Welcome to the Vetch Field for the last competitive match ever to be played at what has been our home for the past 93 years.

We say our goodbyes to the Vetch Field on a high, after we secured promotion to League 1 on Saturday by winning at Bury 1-0. Your support this past season has been fantastic not only at home, but also at away matches. 5000 of you made the trip to Bury on Saturday and turned an away fixture into a home one.

We will start next season in our fantastic new stadium at Morfa, playing against the likes of Nottingham Forest and possibly Sheffield Wednesday. Whilst we at Swansea City can look forward to the future with anticipation, our visitors this evening face a very different future. Wrexham have been relegated back to League 2. A major contributing factor to this being the 10 points they had deducted earlier in the season, due to going into

administration. The future of Wrexham FC hangs in the balance and everyone at Swansea City hope your future is secured soon and that you end up with new owners who have a love of your club at heart and understand about the history and importance of having a successful football club.

Good Luck Wrexham FC in your fight (but not tonight!)

David Morgan
Director



WREXHAM 'DREAM TEAM'

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Wrexham 'Dream Team' with the help of several Wrexham supporters and club officials.

Dai Davies Welsh international goalkeeper who was capped 28 times while at Wrexham. Signing professional for Swansea in August 1969, he moved to Everton in December 1970 and gained top-flight experience prior to joining Wrexham in September 1977. He starred in their 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph and was ever-present in 1980-81, making 144 League appearances before returning to Swansea in July 1981. Subsequently with Tranmere Rovers, Bangor City and Wrexham again, he has since worked for BBC Radio Wales and Radio Cymru as well as running a natural healing centre.

Joey Jones Welsh international full-back who gained a club record 29 caps while at the Racecourse Ground. Signing professional for Wrexham in January 1973, he starred in their 1973-74 FA Cup run and 1975 Welsh Cup final success. He moved to Liverpool for £110,000 in July 1975 and featured in their 1976-77 League Championship and European Cup 'double', rejoining Wrexham for £210,000 in October 1978. Reunited with John Neal at Chelsea in October 1982, he moved via Huddersfield Town back to Wrexham in August 1987 and netted 19 goals in 375 League games before joining their coaching staff.

Alan Dwyer Versatile left-back who starred in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup 'double' success. Signing professional at the Racecourse Ground in October 1973, he displaced Dave Fogg in Wrexham's defence and featured prominently in the 1976-77 promotion near-miss. He also helped Wrexham reach the FA Cup and League Cup quarter-finals in 1977-78 and scored twice in 180 League games before moving to Stockport County in October 1981, then played for Bangor City, Oswestry Town, Runcorn and Chirk AAA. Still living in the Wrexham area, he has since worked as a lorry driver.

Barry Horne Midfielder who was capped 59 times by Wales after leaving Wrexham. A latecomer to professional football, he played for Rhyl while completing chemistry and engineering degrees at Liverpool University and joined Wrexham in June 1984. He was twice ever-present and starred in the 1986 Welsh Cup final triumph, netting 16 goals in 136 League games before moving to Portsmouth in July 1987. Sold to Southampton for £700,000 in March 1989, he joined Everton in July 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995. He later played for Birmingham, Huddersfield, Sheffield Wednesday, Kidderminster and Walsall.

John Roberts Former Welsh international central defender who was a key figure in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup success. Signing professional for Swansea in July 1964, he switched to defence after moving to Northampton Town in November 1967 and joined Arsenal in May 1969. He was a member of their 1970-71 'double' squad and moved to Birmingham City in October 1972, then Wrexham in August 1976. Featuring in two ECWC campaigns, he netted five goals in 145 League games prior to joining Hull City in August 1980 where injury ended his career. He owns designer wear shops in Cheshire.

Gareth Davies Welsh international central defender who was ever-present skipper in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title triumph. Previously with Llandudno Town and Colwyn Bay, he moved to the Racecourse Ground in April 1967 and made his League debut in Wrexham's 2-0 defeat against Bradford City ten

months later. He starred in the 1969-70 promotion success and three Welsh Cup final wins as well as four ECWC campaigns. Also featuring in Wrexham's 1973-74 and 1977-78 FA Cup runs, he scored nine times in 489 League games before retiring in May 1983 and now runs the Trefor Park Hotel in Wrexham.

Mickey Thomas Welsh international midfielder who was capped 11 times while at the Racecourse Ground. Signing professional for Wrexham in April 1972, he starred in successive Cup runs and was a key figure in the 1977-78 Third Division title triumph. He moved to Manchester United for £300,000 in November 1978 and featured in the 1979 FA Cup final, joining Everton in August 1981. Following spells at Brighton, Stoke, Chelsea, West Brom, Shrewsbury, Leeds and Stoke again, he rejoined Wrexham in July 1991 and scored in the 1991-92 FA Cup defeat of Arsenal. He has since worked as a match summariser.

Mel Sutton Influential midfielder who was ever-present in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup 'double' success. A former Aston Villa amateur, 'Sutty' joined Cardiff City in December 1967 and featured in two Welsh Cup final triumphs and their 1970-71 ECWC run. He moved to the Racecourse Ground in July 1972, starring as Wrexham twice reached the FA Cup quarter-finals and were ECWC quarter-finalists in 1975-76. Scoring 21 goals in 360 League games, he assisted Arfon Griffiths before succeeding him as Wrexham's manager. He later played for Crewe and has since run a newsagents.

Dixie McNeil Striker who starred in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title campaign. Initially with Leicester City, he had spells with Exeter City, Corby Town, Northampton Town and Lincoln City prior to joining Hereford United in August 1974. He was top scorer in their 1975-76 Third Division title triumph and moved to Wrexham in September 1977, also featuring in that season's FA Cup run. Netting 54 goals in 167 League games before returning to Hereford in October 1982, he later managed Wrexham between April 1985 and October 1989. He became Coventry City's coach and has since worked as a book salesman.

Graham Whittle Long-serving striker who was top scorer in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title triumph. Signing professional at the Racecourse Ground in July 1971, he formed a notable partnership with Billy Ashcroft as Wrexham reached the ECWC quarter-finals in 1975-76. He featured in three Welsh Cup final wins and the FA Cup runs of 1973-74 and 1977-78, netting 91 goals in 306 League games for Wrexham before a knee injury ended his League career. Moving to Bangor City in August 1981, he subsequently had spells with Oswestry and Caersws while working as a milkman in the Wrexham area.

Arfon Griffiths Welsh international midfielder who set Wrexham's appearance record during two spells at the Racecourse Ground. Signing professional for Wrexham in May 1959, he featured in the 1960 Welsh Cup final win and moved to Arsenal in February 1961. He rejoined Wrexham in September 1962 and was a key figure in the 1962-63 and 1969-70 promotion campaigns. Also starring in successive Cup runs, he became player-boss in May 1977 and plotted the 1977-78 Third Division title triumph. He netted 120 goals in 591 League games before resigning in June 1981 and then managed Crewe Alexandra.

jackarmy.net talking by Phil Sumbler

THE JACKS ARE GOING UP! Now we can say it, now it's official. Promotion was sealed on a glorious afternoon in Bury in front of 5,000 of our own. I have to say it was one of the most nervous 90 minutes I have sat through as a Swans fan but worth it in the end. We were promised promotion and Kenny and the boys have delivered for us. Full credit must go to all involved with Swansea City who have taken us from the foot of the football league to League One within a period of little over two years. It wasn't a great game to watch at Bury but it was a game that we wanted to win and if we can show the same kind of passion next season then there is no reason why we cannot be in the upper reaches of the division and who knows maybe a move like Hull City have made? There will be new additions in the summer but with a new stadium and expected increased crowds then there should be a good budget available to Kenny which can only be good news for us as Swans fans. I watched on in disbelief though at the actions of a certain Greater Manchester Police officer on Saturday afternoon as he led Willy away from the celebrations in handcuffs. All week we had the force telling us not to cause trouble and yet as soon as the Swans fans and players start to celebrate reaching their season goal they storm in mob handed on our own players. If ever there was a recipe for disaster then this was it and reports of batons being wielded at all and sundry after the game back that up. GMP can look at it all they like but these were incidents of their own making and whilst I would never condone trouble at a football match, sometime it just calls for level headed policing. I understand that the club will issue a formal complaint to the police for the way the situation was handled and rightly so. 46 games go into a football season and when you have reached the goal you set yourself then you should be expected to celebrate. It comes in every other form of sporting life so why not at Bury? As a club they accommodated us brilliantly on the day and made the most of the travelling numbers and the money that they spent but this one incident just marred the day slightly because one person wanted to make a name for

himself.

Still, with this FAW Final we have the chance to celebrate on our own ground with our own players and acknowledge what they have achieved this season. Of course, this is now officially the last match that the club will play at the Vetch and I am sure that into the bargain Kenny will have one eye on the £100,000 kitty to help his strengthening this summer. We of course have never won this trophy while Wrexham nearly always have it in their cabinet but they've had the LDV, we've had promotion so who will walk away with the silver ware tonight? Whatever happens, take one last look though around the ground and what you see as next season we will open in League One in our much better surroundings. Maybe to an extent it is somewhat appropriate that we close with Welsh visitors considering that was the way we opened all them years ago. It's not possible to welcome the Wrexham fans to the Vetch without wishing them well for the summer and hopefully beyond. Wales needs it's three football clubs in the league and I hope and pray that their problems are sorted in the summer and I am sure that any Wrexham fan will accept League Two football compared to the alternative. They made a tremendous fight of it this season considering what they were handicapped by and I sincerely hope that they bounce back. And that from me is it for another season. A season that started with so much optimism back in August – optimism that was finally rewarded last Saturday with promotion. Trips to Nottingham Forest and possibly Sheffield Wednesday follow next season as we look forward to getting behind Kenny and the lads in League One.

It's been another great season. To Jacks and Jackesses everywhere – have a great summer and see you next season at WHITE ROCK STADIUM!!

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the FAW Premier Cup

The FAW Premier Cup intrudes into the usual pattern of fixtures and it demands the closest possible co-operation between clubs, match officials, the competition secretary and the BBC to progress the event. What makes for a good Premier Cup televised match? Obviously evenly matched quality teams are important but a most important factor is the crowd. A decent crowd at the game is needed to make a game a real spectacle for television and provides real enjoyment to big TV audiences – audiences that more than fill the Millennium Stadium. Everybody would like to see a European place for the Premier Cup winner and have been working hard to achieve it but so far without success. I wonder how many readers understand the difficult, indeed unfair, position of those Welsh clubs currently playing in English football. Some people might say that if they play in England then they should qualify in England but in fact if Cardiff City, Wrexham or Swansea won the FA or Carling Cups they would not be nominated by the FA for one of England's European places. They say that "football is a funny old game". It certainly has "some very funny rules and conventions". Congratulations to all the clubs that will be part of the 2005/06 FAW Premier Cup. There is no doubt that a place in the competition is much prized and adds a special spice to each

year's Welsh Premier League.

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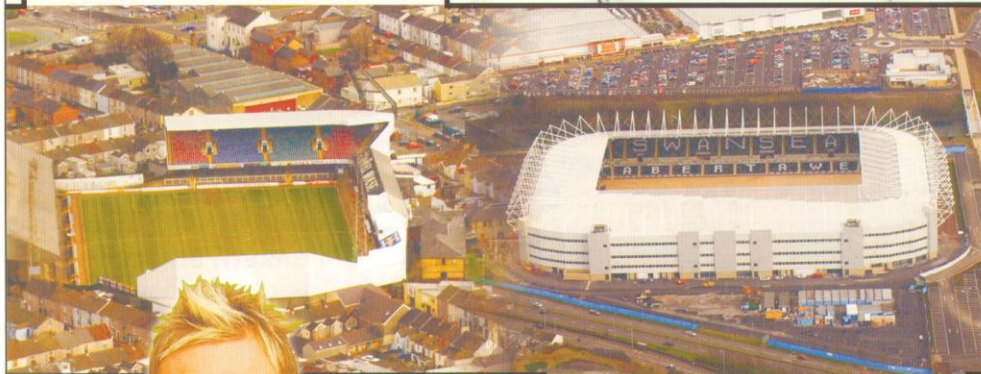
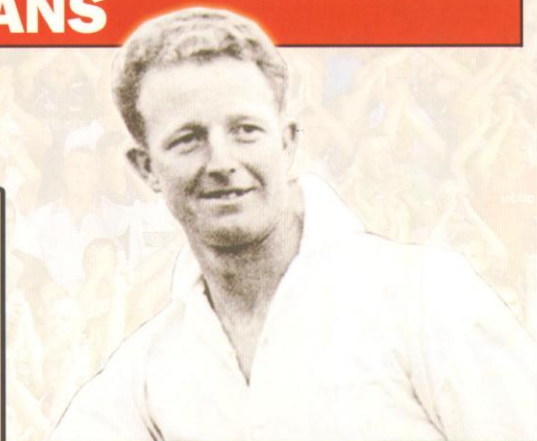
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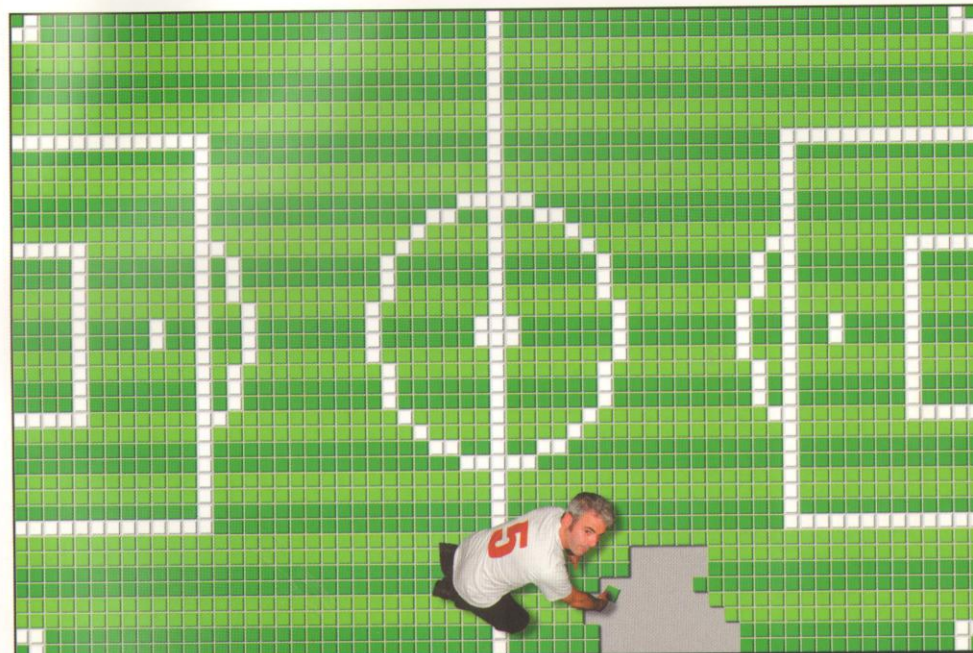
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