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ASTON VILLA v

LUTON TOWN

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KICK~OFF



● **The temptation on this final home fixture of the 1984-85 season might well be to regard it as the conclusion of a difficult period in which there were as many problems as bonuses.**

Anyone who *does* feel that way could do worse than look just a little way below the surface . . . *where plus points galore will be found.*

There is, for instance, the wealth of First Division experience manager Graham Turner has packed into his first nine months at the club.

He was honest enough to outline in the re-launched *Villa Times* how after he arrived he was confronted with many difficulties he did not expect and that it took longer than anticipated for him to get to grips with them.

However, despite that he has led the team from a disturbingly low League place before Christmas into a far healthier position and with a stable, satisfied squad of players having earned their respect. During that time he has introduced more change than one might imagine at first glance.

The experience he has given to such as Tony Dorigo, Kevin Poole, Dean Glover, David Norton, Paul Kerr, Paul Birch, Ray Walker and Tony Daley can only be an advantage to them as they look ahead to next season.

In addition to these there has been impressive progress made by Brendan Ormsby, Paul Rideout and Mark Walters plus the form and fitness campaigns battled out by Gordon Cowans and Gary Shaw.

Any fair-minded person would concede that Turner has had enormous obstacles to overcome during a very unsettled and unsettling season not the least of which being those two five-goal defensive lapses (against Forest and Leicester) in his opening two months.

That defensive unsteadiness has, for the most part, been left behind while the enjoyable 5-2 win over QPR in the last home game has shown the extent of the attacking potential. So, whatever the result today, against a team defending its First Division status, the season's report should read 'satisfactory' taking into account the difficulties encountered. Compared to a year ago when an atmosphere of uncertainty abounded, the close season will be one of optimism. And it will not be long before eager anticipation of a new season and its high hopes sets in.

No one would blame Birmingham folk for viewing with envy the exciting events that take place unfailingly on Merseyside where Liverpool's near monopoly of the game's honours has now been broken by their neighbours Everton.

Now the return of Birmingham City to the First Division restores two stimulating fixtures to the calendar and brings back a sense of rivalry in the city which was absent in the past nine months.

Season 1985-86 looks certain to be packed with interest. *No doubt our supporters will be back in force next August.*



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TEAM TALK



WITH MANAGER
GRAHAM TURNER

The last home League game of the season is always a time for reflection.

Firstly, I would like to thank all our supporters who have continued to attend when gates have been 12,000 or 13,000 in recent weeks, and particularly those who have followed us away from home. Their vocal support is greatly valued by the players and myself.

I would also like to mention Dennis Mortimer, thanking him for his efforts in the Reserves with the younger players. He has done exceptionally well in helping and encouraging them.

I wish Dennis all the best in his Testimonial Match next week and in whatever career he follows on leaving the club he has served so well over the last 10 years.

Liverpool will be the last League match of the season next Saturday, but the work will not stop behind the scenes. Obviously, there is business to be conducted as we look towards next August. I feel that we have made progress, especially in bleeding the youngsters, and I am optimistic for the future.

It will be a very short close season, for we have already set the reporting-back date for 11th July. But before we go away for our break, we have two extra commitments. We will be playing Birmingham City on Cup Final Eve for the Lord Mayor's Cup and will appear in a six-a-side tournament at Bangor on Sunday 26th May. This is to be televised by Channel Four Wales.

So the summer rest-period will be somewhere around seven weeks.

Looking back over my first year with the club, I can honestly say that I've enjoyed the season. Despite some problems along

the way, it has been an education at times and I am looking forward to building up from the mid-table position we are about to finish in.

Our last home game, against Queens Park Rangers, certainly produced plenty of entertainment for the fans.

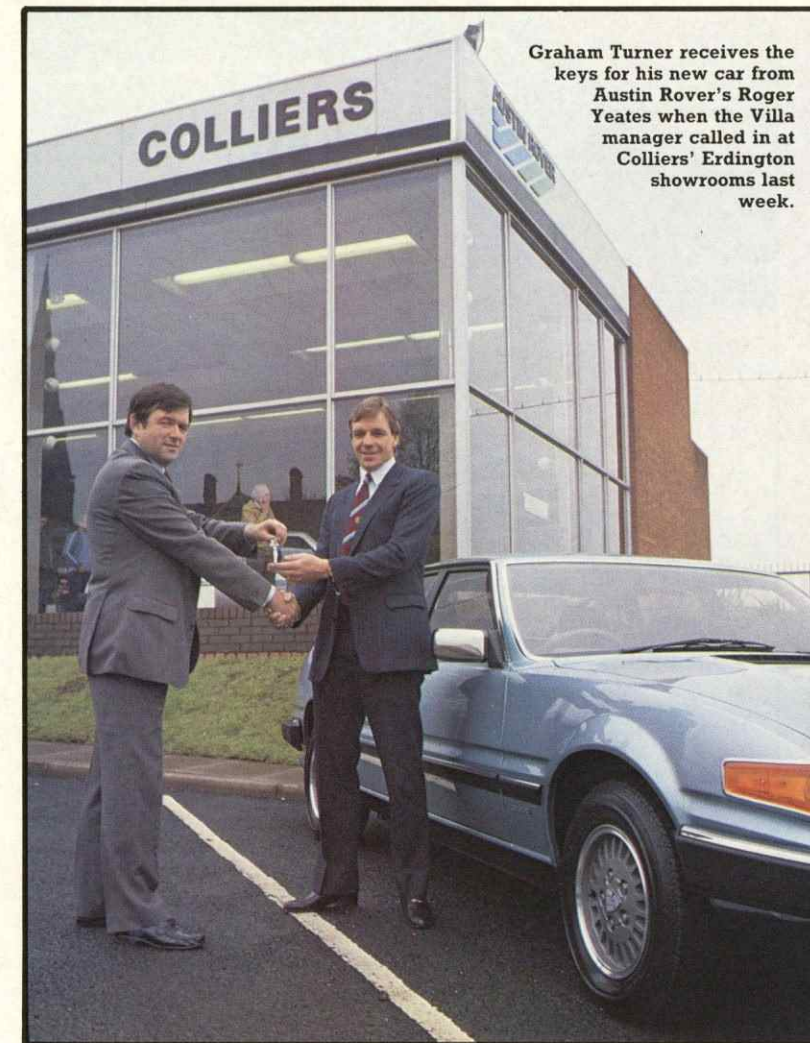
It was a strange game in many ways. There were things that disappointed me, but at the end of the day, I think everyone was satisfied with a match containing seven goals at this time of the year, especially as we scored five in the League for the first time in a long while.

Today, we hope to complete our home programme with a

similarly entertaining fixture against Luton Town. I would have thought they should be safe by now, and that would please most people because they are one of the sides who try to play the game in the right way.

Last week, our Central League side made sure there is at least one trophy on the sideboard. Congratulations to them on their well-deserved success in winning the Birmingham County FA Senior Cup.

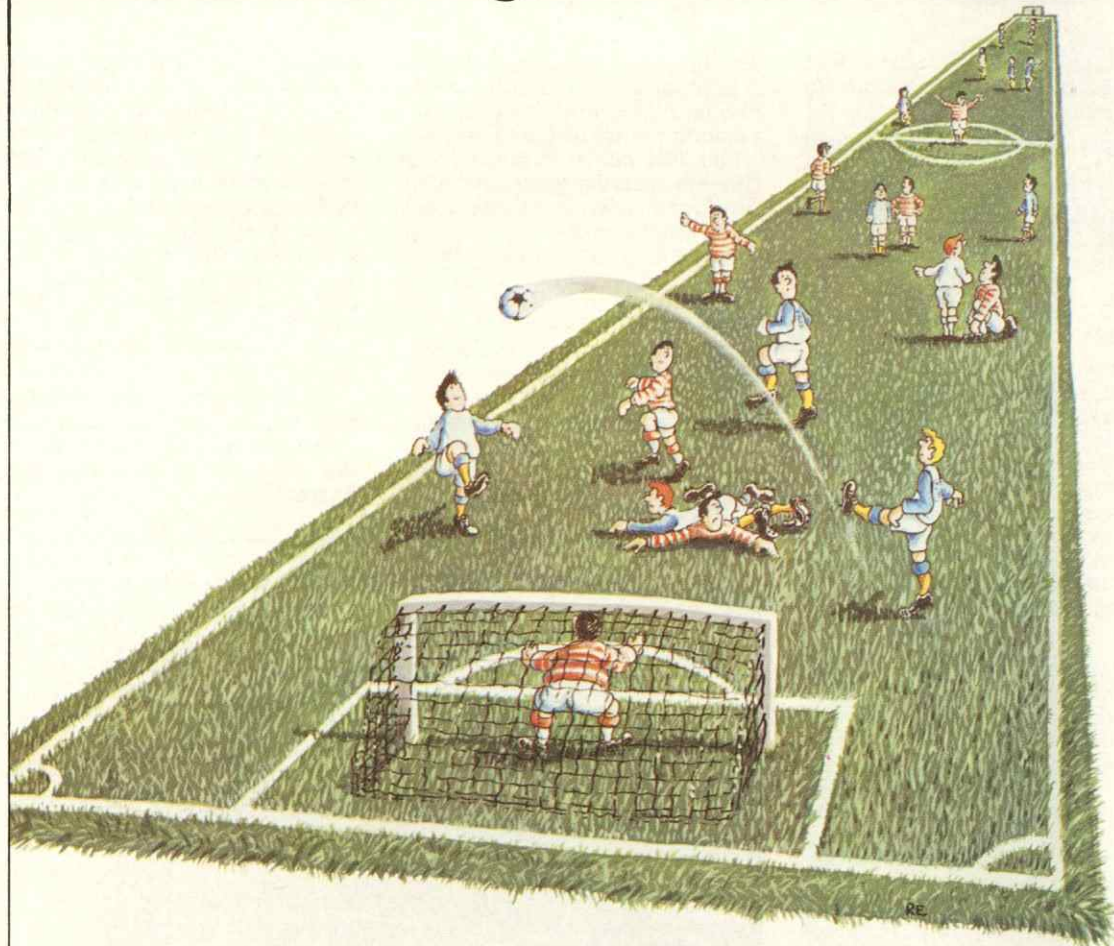
Finally, I would like to wish all our supporters an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all here again next August.



Graham Turner receives the keys for his new car from Austin Rover's Roger Yeates when the Villa manager called in at Colliers' Erdington showrooms last week.

● **Today's Cover Man is Tony Daley, latest of Villa's youngsters to be given his first team chance in the last few weeks, making his debut at Southampton and a first home appearance against Watford.**

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WHERE ARE THEY?



• Completing our look-back at some well known names from Villa's past, today we feature a striker whose goal scoring talents took him right to the top and two defenders who served the club well a couple of decades ago.

TONY HATELEY

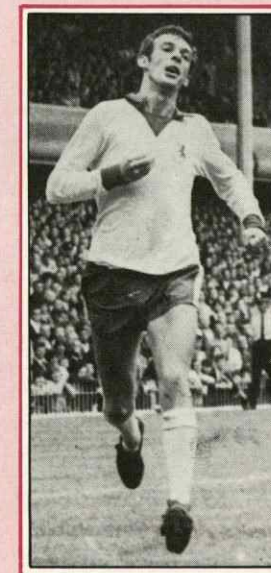
• You can be sure that no-one is following the career of England striker Mark Hateley more closely than his Dad, someone who knew a thing or two about scoring goals himself. During a 20 year career, Tony played for seven League clubs, including two stints at Notts County, and was involved in transfer moves adding up to in excess of £400,000 — a snip compared with the fee AC Milan paid for Mark from Portsmouth last summer, but still a hefty sum. Born in Derby, big, bustling Tony Hateley played in local football before a five year spell with Notts County where he was originally regarded as a centre-half. Former England goal ace Tommy Lawton spotted Tony's potential as a scorer and switched him



... and the goals flowed fast and furious — 77 in 131 League matches for County and then 68 in 127 First Division matches for Villa. He spent three years at Villa Park before a £100,000 move to Chelsea for whom he played in the 1967 FA Cup Final against Tottenham. Although the goals tended to dry up a little at Stamford Bridge (six in 27 games) he made another £100,000 move to Liverpool in July 1967 and then had spells with Coventry City, Birmingham City, Notts County for a second time and Oldham Athletic before going into non-League football, first with Bromsgrove Town and then Prescot. In his League career, Tony totalled just short of 300 goals in 630 appearances — remarkable striking rate that he seems to have passed on to Mark. Now working as a representative for a northern brewery, Tony maintains an interest in the game and particularly the achievements of Mark. 'I'm his number one fan ... and biggest critic,' says Tony who admits that he played probably the best football of his career during his spell with Villa. 'I had a very happy time at Villa Park and although we didn't win anything when I was there, we did get to the League Cup semi-finals one year.' Tony scored 10 goals in helping Villa reach the last four of the League Cup in 1964-65 and was the club's leading League scorer in each of his three full seasons at Villa Park.

BARRIE HOLE

• Capped 30 times by Wales, Barrie Hole was a Villa man in the late sixties and early seventies whose League career with four clubs began and ended in the Principality where he now runs a newsagents business in South Wales. Born in Swansea, Barrie came from a footballing background. His father was an outside-right for both Swansea and Wales while his two older brothers were on Cardiff City's books for a while. It was with Cardiff that Barrie started his career, joining the club from school in 1957. He played more than 200 games for the Ninian Park club before joining Blackburn Rovers for a £40,000 fee in July 1966. Barrie added another 79 League games to his appearance record with the Lancashire club and signed for Villa in September 1968 for £48,000. A fine wing-half who



played 28 consecutive matches for Wales in a six year period up to 1969, Barrie spent just under two years at Villa Park, playing 47 League games and scoring six goals. In July 1970 he returned to Wales to finish his career at Swansea and after hanging up his boots he took over a newsagents business which he continues to run near his Swansea home.

FRED TURNBULL

• Fred left his native North East to come to Villa Park for a two month trial in 1966 ... and stayed on to play 159 League games for the club. His debut came 12 months after he had signed for Villa and coincidentally was in the North East at Middlesbrough. Although not particularly big for a centre-half, Fred served Villa well, playing in the 1971 League Cup Final side against Tottenham at Wembley and becoming a key figure in the Third Division Championship side the following season. Now living back in Northumberland and involved in business in Blyth, Fred has some happy memories of his time at Villa Park. 'Probably the League Cup Final and then gaining promotion the following season were the highlights,' he recalls. 'The atmosphere in the build-up to clinching the Third Division title was tremendous,' says Fred who also had a spell with Halifax Town before injury brought a premature end to his career. Villa staged a benefit match for him in April 1976 against West Bromwich.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tony Hateley was originally a centre-half before Tommy Lawton spotted his scoring potential and suggested he played up front!

SNAPSHOTS



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TERRY WEIR

Two of Villa's men on target in the win against QPR with Paul Rideout heading in his first, this picture and adding a second, below. Facing page — Peter Withe's brace, shooting through a crowded goalmouth (top) and diving in to head Villa's fifth (below).



VILLA FINISH RUNNERS-UP IN PROGRAMME AWARDS

● Villa and Everton shared in a two horse race for the Programme of the Year title with the Goodison Park club just edging out this season's *News & Record* by four points.

The competition, organised by The Football League Executive Staffs Association and sponsored by *Match Weekly*, attracted one of its biggest ever entries and the *Villa News & Record* earned plenty of praise from the nine-man judging panel comprising of Commercial Managers, journalists and programme specialists. Announcing the final placings, *Match Weekly* had this to say about this season's Villa match programme... 'a previous winner of the award and always a strong contender, Villa earned second place with their colourful and innovative programme.'

Third place went to last season's winners Ipswich Town, some way behind Everton's and Villa's pacemaking efforts. Villa's *News & Record* was also given a 'highly commended' award in another survey undertaken by *Programme Monthly* and you can be sure that everyone connected with the programme will be spending a busy summer improving your matchday reading still further.

THE TOP TWENTY

1. Everton
2. Aston Villa
3. Ipswich
4. Watford
5. Manchester United
6. Tottenham
7. Sheffield Wednesday
8. Arsenal
9. Leicester
10. Derby
11. Chelsea
12. Manchester City
13. West Ham
14. Brighton
15. West Brom
16. Fulham
17. QPR
18. Leeds
19. Wolves
20. Birmingham

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BIG BUSINESS AT VILLA PARK

● It's a well known fact that football is now big business off the pitch. And it's just as well known that when it comes to football's business league, then Villa are among the front runners.

So when the club were looking for a way of spreading the Villa Park sales message to companies and businesses this summer what better way than to use Villa's stars, switching boots for bowler hats and normal kit for smart suits.

The result was the team photo-with-a-difference pictured in colour today on pages 14 and 15. And a message for companies big and small that Villa can help boost their business.

Says Villa Commercial Manager Tony Stephens: 'The lads have been really helpful this season involving themselves in a variety of business ventures and promoting everything from houses to holidays, copiers to cars and still finding time for community projects.'

'Millions of pounds worth of business has been transacted in our 60 Executive Boxes at Villa Park this season and we've introduced a variety of other advertising and matchday packages designed to suit companies from one-man bands right through to vast international conglomerates.'

So the message to companies who want to expand their business over the next twelve months is... let Villa help you. If you would like to hear about the club's many and varied commercial packages for next season, put in a call to the Commercial Department at Villa Park and link up with football's top sales team.

Fact note... The importance of Villa's commercial ventures is underlined by the fact that almost half the club's turnover is now earned from off-the-pitch activities.



VILLA'S NEW COMPUTER

● Entre Computer Centre, who are today's Boardroom Sponsors have recently completed an important computer installation at Villa Park.

Their guests today will meet some of the company's backroom team and their new IBM-XT which, with the appropriate microfacts software accountancy suite, has been recommended and supplied by Entre.

'This new installation will deal with the complex workload of our accounts department which plays an invaluable role in the administration of Aston Villa,' says club's financial accountant Phil Langmore.

The Entre Computer Centre will be opening new premises at Number One, Colmore Row, Birmingham on June 3rd.

Computer Expo, a series of seminars and demonstrations of the latest developments in micro computers applications for business will be held by Entre in the week commencing June 10th. For further details contact John Edwards on 021-632-5375.

Pictured above is Villa Accountant Phil Longmore trying out the club's new computer watched by chairman Doug Ellis and John Edwards, Managing Director of Entre Computer Centre, Birmingham.

SPECIAL GUEST

● Audrey Watts first came to Villa Park with her father after the war and has remained a keen Villa fan ever

since. Today she will be a special guest of the club, along with a friend watching the match with Luton from the Directors Box.

Audrey remembers many outstanding matches and great players while following the team for the past 40 years but in particular she recalls a game against Charlton played in the fog when Villa scored 11 goals and a 5-1 win against Liverpool ten years ago.

Her favourite players have included Nigel Sims, Gerry Hitchens, Peter McParland and Andy Gray.

The club is delighted to see Audrey at today's game and hopes that she enjoys her visit and continues following the team for many years to come.

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LUTON TOWN

Only the jubilant Everton supporters might not have spared a tear for Luton Town after their last visit to Villa Park.

They were within four minutes of winning their FA Cup semi-final against Merseyside's team of the season and only six minutes from hanging on for a replay as the festival of thrills dragged into extra-time.

'We were at Wembley — that is what is so hard to overcome,' said manager David Pleat. 'We have been hurt in the spirit more than the muscles.'

Luton then went away to concentrate on their second — and more important — option. They were still in the bottom three with 10 games to go and retention of their First Division status became the priority.

'We have to find strength from our performance against Everton. We have to use it as a springboard for better things,' said their intelligent, young manager.

'I want to say after the Final has taken place at Wembley: "We may have missed out in the Cup but we are still in the First Division."'

The first major test for the survival operation arrived three days after the pain of Villa Park. Luton were at home to Norwich City, playing before only 8,794 spectators — less than half of their following at the semi-final.

The spirit proved to be as strong as the legs, for Luton came from a goal down to win 3-1. Then they were pitted against Manchester United in a Sunday TV match at Kenilworth Road. Again, their character met the challenge, Mick Harford scoring a late winner which, ironically, was just as well received by the Hatters' semi-final conquerors from Goodison Park.

Seemingly, Everton can look forward to the League Championship as well as the Wembley occasion that so nearly belonged to Luton in their Centenary Year.

As a whole, this has been a season of change for the homely Bedfordshire club who came into the First Division with their near-neighbours from Watford only three years ago.

Mr Pleat was one of the busiest managers in the country

last summer, banking £700,000 from Paul Walsh's transfer to Liverpool and releasing five other players — Brian Horton (Hull City), Raddy Antic (returned to Yugoslavia), Kirk Stephens (Coventry), Mick Saxby (Newport) and Trevor Aylott (Crystal Palace).

The re-building programme was launched with the signings of Ashley Grimes (Coventry), Andy Dibble (Cardiff), Vince Hilaire (Palace) and Steve Elliott (Preston).

Yet, for a variety of reasons, none of the newcomers was in the semi-final team a month ago. Grimes was sidelined for several months by back problem, Dibble lost the goalkeeping position after injury, Hilaire moved on to Portsmouth and Elliott joined Walsall.

By winning only three of the first 17 games, Luton consigned themselves to a relegation struggle. Early in the season, they had four teenagers in the defence and suffered a major blow when England Under-21 centre-half Paul Elliott broke a leg in a Milk Cup-tie against Leicester in October.

Mr Pleat tried to cover the problem by hiring experience, but, each time, his plans were ruined by injury. Colin Todd, signed on a free from Vancouver, damaged a knee after three games and Micky Droy, taken on loan from Chelsea, tore a hamstring in his third appearance.

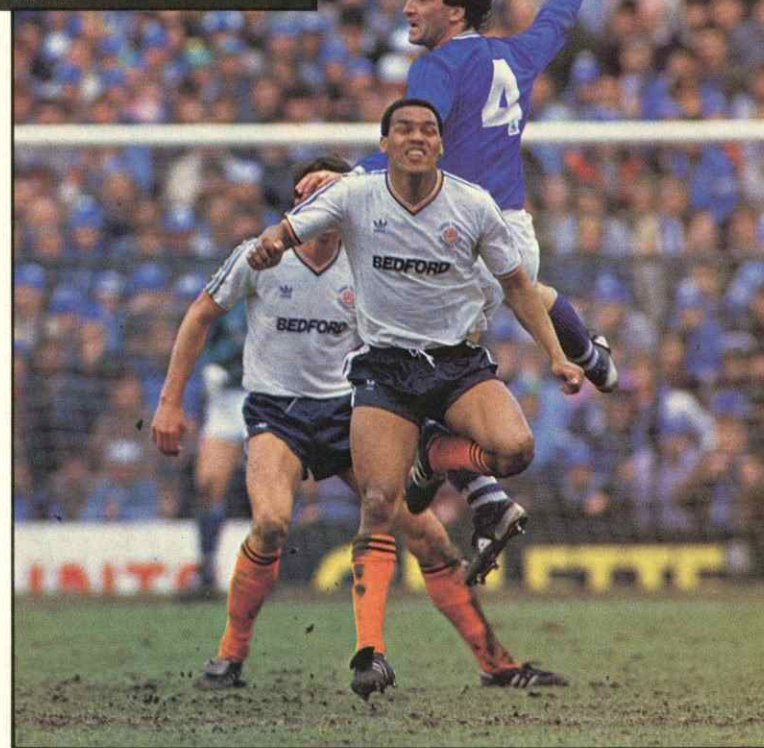
That was when Luton came to Villa Park to do business for Steve Foster. 'At his best, he's a big, strong commanding defender, and that's what I'm looking to him to produce,' said Mr Pleat on making 'Fossie' captain at the start of December.

The money for further deals became available when David Evans, who, incidentally, played for Villa, succeeded Denis Mortimer as club chairman.

Influential Walsall midfielder David Preece was signed in a £150,000 part-exchange deal, involving Steve Elliott's move to Fellows Park, and Mick Harford arrived from Birmingham for £250,000. Shortly afterwards, Mr Pleat added the competitive qualities of Welsh international midfielder man Peter Nicholas, from Crystal Palace.

Although Preece and Nicholas had to miss the FA

Luton striker Brian Stein up against Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe during last month's Villa Park semi-final.



More semi-final action from the Villa Park game with Luton's Mick Harford breaking through with defender Mitchell Thomas on the ground.

LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL

Player	Birthplace	Previous Clubs	Full Internationals	Date Signed
Tim Breacker	Bicester	—	—	*July '81
Frank Bunn	Birmingham	—	—	*Apr '79
Ray Daniel	Luton	—	—	*June '81
Andrew Dibble	Cwmbran	Cardiff	—	July '84
Mal Donaghy	Belfast	Larne	N. Ireland	June '78
Paul Elliott	Lewisham	Charlton	—	Mar '83
Jake Findlay	Blairgowrie	Aston Villa	—	Nov '78
Steve Foster	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, Brighton, Aston Villa	England	Nov '84
Ashley Grimes	Dublin	Bohemians, Manchester United, Coventry	Eire	Aug '84
Mick Harford	Sunderland	Lincoln, Newcastle, Bristol City, Birmingham	—	Dec '84
Ricky Hill	Paddington	—	England	*Nov '75
David Moss	Witney	Witney, Swindon	—	May '78
Peter Nicholas	Newport	Crystal Palace, Arsenal, Crystal Palace	Wales	Jan '85
Emeka Nwajiobi	Nigeria	Dulwich Hamlet	—	Dec '83
Stacey North	Luton	—	—	*June '81
Garry Parker	Oxford	—	—	*June '82
David Preece	Bridgnorth	Walsall	—	Dec '84
Les Sealey	Bethnal Green	Coventry	—	Aug '83
Brian Stein	Cape Town	Edgware	England	Oct '77
Mitchell Thomas	Luton	—	—	*Sept '81
Wayne Turner	Luton	—	—	*June '77

*Date registered as an apprentice.

Cup run, having played in the competition for their previous clubs, they were vital members of the push for safety in the League.

Things began to click into place with a home win against QPR towards the end of March. Harford scored both goals in that game and contributed eight in all to a run of five wins which lifted Luton out of the relegation zone with their success against Manchester United.

Nigerian-born striker Emeka Nwajiobi notched four goals in the same period, suggesting that Luton have the blend to stay in the First Division and perhaps establish a secure platform next season.

Former Coventry goalkeeper Les Sealey has re-emerged as the No. 1 choice, having been behind Dibble and ex-Villa man Jake Findlay at one stage, and the central-defensive partnership between Foster and Northern Ireland's Mal Donaghy looks a good base for the future.

The full-backs — Tim Breacker, 19, and Mitchell Thomas, 20 — proved their worth by keeping a tight hold on Everton's highly-rated wide players in the Cup semi-final.

Two other youngsters, Wayne Turner and Gary Parker, were in midfield in that game but are replaced by Preece and Nicholas in their regular League link with England international Ricky Hill.

Up front, the natural skills of Nwajiobi and once-capped England striker Brian Stein have blossomed since being harnessed to the traditional centre-forward qualities of Harford.

His outstanding performance against Manchester United prompted Mr Pleat to comment: 'I have not seen a centre-half who has not been troubled by him this season. He is not just a big man — he has a fine touch as well.'

Harford probably feels he deserves a break from fighting relegation. His goals went a long way towards keeping Birmingham up in two of his three seasons at St Andrews and now he looks like performing a similar rescue for Luton.

But he can rest assured that if Mr Pleat's ambitions are fulfilled there will not be that problem in a year's time.

INTERVIEW



**DENNIS MORTIMER
TALKS TO
MIKE BEDDOW**

Dennis Mortimer takes the final curtain call next week.

The League Championship and European Cup-winning skipper — arguably the most successful Aston Villa captain this century — will close his playing career with the club after his Testimonial Match next Tuesday.

It's a time for moist eyes, for reflections on the past and for thoughts of the future...

'A Testimonial is a big day for any player, an accumulation of 10 years' service with one club. Today, in the game, there are not so many players who have spent 10 years at one club, especially at Villa.'

'I think I am the first since Charlie Aitken. So it's a little bit of a landmark. It's been a happy time for me, and I hope that I have given the fans some pleasure — things that they might talk about in the years to come.'

'Above all, I would like to say a big "thank you" to the supporters. I want to applaud them for applauding me.'

Twice, in his career, Dennis was voted Player of the Year. He won the Terrace Trophy in his first full season (the League Cup-winning campaign of 1976-77) and the Bowen Trophy in his last full season in the first team.

If he has a tinge of regret, it is only that he didn't play in a few more First Division matches this term.

'I was disappointed because I felt that I still had something to offer. In saying that, I do accept that the manager had a job to do in changing the side and putting out players who could be doing the job for him for the next five years. If I had been in his place, I would probably have reached the same decision.'

'I've watched a lot of games and seen some good football by certain members of the side. That is very encouraging, and I do feel that by bleeding new players, the

manager will be in a position to get things right and be trying to win something next season.'

At one time, Dennis did have the opportunity of moving on to another club, without losing his guarantee of a Testimonial back at Villa Park, but he decided that he could not ask fans to support a player who was no longer part of the club.

'I wanted to stay at Villa, even if it meant playing in the Reserves. As it happened, I enjoyed playing with the youngsters.'

'I would like to think that I've helped a bit, using the experience I've gained over the years and showing them that with the right application, there is always something to fight for, whether it be in the Reserves, 'A' team or first team.

'I can only see a bright future for many of these lads. Tony Daley, for instance, is one lad who, if he is brought along on the right lines, is going to be a very good player. He could bring back the excitement of a very quick, tricky winger.'

'There are others: Dean Glover, Darren Bradley, David Norton, Tony Dorigo, who has already broken into the first team. They are all young players with a tremendous future.'

'It's never easy for a manager with a successful Reserve side to find places for everyone, but it must be encouraging for him to know that he has so much talent.'

'It's the first time I've had an extended run in the Reserves since I was 17 or 18 at Coventry, and it has given me a chance to help these kids along.'

'Like all the senior players who have been in the Reserves — and there were quite a few, especially earlier in the season — I felt that if I let the kids down, I would be letting myself down. There was no way I could do that; I have always given everything.'

Dennis will finally say farewell to Villa, only three years after perhaps his greatest triumph — captaining the club to the European Cup triumph.

'That seems a long time ago now. The years seem to have shot past. I remember how at 21 I thought I'd never get to 31, but it came around all too quickly.'

'However, I'm not the kind of person who sits back and dreams. I have to do something else at the end of the season because my future is important for myself and my family.'

'When I was younger, I always thought that I would not want to stay in the game. But as I got older and realised that football is what I know best and what I've made a living at, it dawned on me that I could have something to give back to the game.'

'I feel I would like to have a go at the other side of football — management or coaching. As a player you have most things done for you, so it would be a challenge to see if I could give the orders and help others to become better players or a better team.'

'I have been approached by non-League teams and there were a couple of League clubs who were interested. However, they wanted me there and then, and I felt it was important for me to stay at Villa. I will just have to wait and see what options there are for next season or even the season after that.'

'I'm still interested in playing. I don't intend to stop altogether because I'm capable of one game a week. If I could play Saturday to Saturday, with a couple of days training in between, that would suit me fine.'

'Ideally, I would like to step in at the deep end, starting as a manager rather than a coach. A player-manager's job would appeal to me, although a lot of people say how difficult that can be.'

'Maybe it is and it isn't. It does

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NEW AT VILLA PARK 1985-86

FAMILY ENCLOSURE 1985-86

NEW FOR 1985-86 AT VILLA PARK — For 1985-86 Canon League fixtures, the Trinity Road Enclosure will be a reserved area for those supporters wishing to watch their team in complete comfort and security. This area is to be set aside for Season Ticket Holders and Family Enclosure members only. To become a Family Enclosure member necessitates the payment of a nominal £2 per annum only and in return they will be the only supporters allowed to buy tickets for that area. Each member will be issued with their own personalised membership card and match vouchers in order to obtain tickets up to and including matchday. Strict rules on misbehaviour will be enforced and anyone guilty of a breach of the peace will be immediately ejected and refused admission in the future.

Reduced prices for children and old aged pensioners will apply to the Family Enclosure.



We look forward to a good response to this project and if you wish to apply, please complete the application form.

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FAMILY ENCLOSURE Season 1985-86

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NEW FOR 1985-86 — Supporters will be able to purchase Season Tickets and Match Tickets for 1985-86 by using their Access or Visa Credit Cards. Postal applications and purchases from the Ticket Office up to 24 hours before the match will be accepted.



SEASON TICKETS 1985-86

NO PRICE INCREASES FOR 1985-86 — The directors have decided that admission prices for 1985-86 will remain unaltered.

The only change for 1985-86 is that the Witton Lane Stand will be allocated to away supporters and we hope that Season Ticket Holders in that area will assist us by moving to the North Stand or Trinity Road.

However if Season Ticket Holders wish to remain, may we suggest that for certain matches they exchange their ticket for a similar priced ticket anywhere else in the stadium giving 48 hours notice to the ticket office.

We emphasise that this is for supporters safety only. After all supporters are the life line of any club.

Old Age Pensioners, on production of their Pension Book, will receive a 50 per cent discount for Season Tickets with seats in:
Door A — Trinity Road Stand;
Door M — Witton Lane Stand;
and on becoming members of the Family Enclosure.

	Matchday Prices	Season Ticket Prices
Trinity Road Stand		
DOOR D	£6.00 (£3.00)	£96.00 (£48.00)
DOORS B, E, G	£5.00 (£2.50)	£80.00 (£40.00)
DOORS A, H	£4.50 (£2.25)	£72.00 (£36.00)
North Stand		
FRONT	£5.00 (£2.50)	£80.00 (£40.00)
CENTRE	£4.50 (£2.25)	£72.00 (£36.00)
REAR	£4.00 (£2.00)	£64.00 (£32.00)
Family Enclosure		
DOOR F	£4.00 (£2.00)	£64.00 (£32.00)
Witton Lane Stand		
DOORS N, P	£5.00 (£2.50)	£80.00 (£40.00)
DOOR M	£4.50 (£2.25)	£72.00 (£36.00)
Terraces	£2.50 (£1.50)	£40.00 (£24.00)

*Children's prices shown in brackets.
Shareholders prices shown on application form.*

THE BUSINESS TEAM

Back row (left to right): Ray Walker, Brendan Ormsby, Gary Williams, Kevin Poole, Gordon Cowans, Malcolm Beard.

Middle row: Tony Stephens (*Commercial Manager*), Gary Shaw, Nigel Spink, Graham Turner (*Manager*), Tony Dorigo, Paul Birch, Doug Ellis (*Chairman*).

Front row: Peter Withe, Paul Rideout, Allan Evans, Mark Walters, Colin Gibson, Steve McMahon.



mean you must have good people around you, especially a coach who can see what is going on while you are playing — in other words, someone who could do half a job with you.'

But before Dennis makes that move, there is time to remember all those he has played with and played for since he began his League career in 1969-70.

'I would like to thank everybody — from Chris Nicholl, Ian Ross, etc, in my early days with Villa, up to the present day and people like Colin Gibson and Peter Withe.'

'Obviously, there are the players from when we were successful — Ken McNaught, Tony Morley, etc — and Ron Saunders, who brought me here in the first place and blended a very good side. I must also mention Roy MacLaren for all the help he gave me.

'I hope that today's players go on to greater things and bring back the glory to Aston Villa. This has been a bit of an experimental season, but if they get down to the task straight-away next August, I think they could be a very difficult side to play against.'

They can rest assured that Dennis, wherever the future takes him, will be watching their progress.

'I supported Liverpool as a lad and always look for their result. I still look to see how Coventry have got on. And after 10 years at Villa, I will be looking for their result.'

'Knowing so many people and being part of a great club, I know it's going to be a wrench to leave. But there's no way I'll disappear altogether. I will always be popping in and will always be a staunch Villa man.'

AND HE CAN BE EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT HIS MANY ADMIRERS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN FANS OF DENNIS MORTIMER.



FIAT PERFORMANCE AWARD

• The Four Oaks Boys' Club soccer side must take the title of the best kitted out team around after receiving a new set of strip, plus a cheque for £250 following Villa's win in a recent Fiat Performance of the Week award.

Villa nominated the Four Oaks youngsters to receive the prize which was handed over before the start of the recent Watford game.

Chairman Doug Ellis is pictured with the Four Oaks team plus representatives from Fiat and local dealers Colmore Depot Ltd of Erdington.

Villa were awarded the Fiat prize after the win at Tottenham by a group of leading managers, chaired by England boss Bobby Robson.

SPONSORS ROLL CALL

• Today's Houghton Suite sponsors for our game with Luton are the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society and we welcome the company's agency manager Mr Gordon Poole and his guests this afternoon.

Using the Boardroom facilities this afternoon are Micro Futures Ltd and we offer a warm welcome to their Managing Director Mr John Edwards and his colleagues.'

The Superb Tool and Gauge Company are today's matchball sponsors and we welcome the company's director Mr R. K. Blakeman and his colleagues this afternoon and thank all our sponsors and box holders for their help and support throughout the season.

SHOP BARGAINS AND BIG MONEY!

• Make sure you call in the Executive Suite after the match today to see the great bargains on offer in the Villa Shop's end of season sale.

Situated next to the main shop in Trinity Road, the Executive Suite will be open for an hour after the match with a whole host of items, including sweat shirts, at unbeatable prices.

And although Villa's home season comes to an end this afternoon, don't forget that the club's lottery will continue to pay out big cash prizes throughout the close season.

Since this season kicked-off, the Villa Lotteries have paid out 28 £1,000 cheques to lucky fans and there'll be a few more celebrating big wins in the coming months.

And if you would like to join the Villa Lottery team to help the club and yourself this summer, simply call in at the Lottery Office and ask for details or contact Gerald Harris on 328-3322. In addition to agents, Gerald is also looking for collectors to service existing door-to-door rounds.

VILLA PARK RETIREMENTS

• Villa's Bodmoor Heath training complex will not be quite the same next season following the retirement of Mrs Hughes, the lady who has been responsible for preparing and serving up hundreds of meals at the training ground over the last 15 years.

Mrs Hughes will be retiring this summer and will be missed by the players and coaching staff she's cooked for and helped look after for so long.

Also missing from the Villa backroom team will be Frank Beech a full-time member of the club's Promotions Staff for the last five years who is also stepping down, although Frank will still be a key man in the Promotions team, on a part-time basis.

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

Celebrations were still in progress at Villa Park, even though the season had ended a few days earlier. After an absence of eight years, we had won our way back into the First Division, finishing with a splendid 4-1 victory at Norwich, who were already assured of promotion. Keith Leonard, John Gidman, Bobby McDonald and Frank Carrodus were our scorers, Phil Boyer was on target for Norwich.

For Luton it was a sad occasion. After only one season back in Division One, they were doomed to relegation in spite of a magnificent late escape bid. They won three games in a row but dropped a point in their final match at home to Manchester City. Dennis Tueart gave City an early lead and Jim Ryan equalised with 18 minutes to play. The game ended 1-1 and, with their fixtures completed, Luton were fourth from bottom. But Tottenham were only a point behind with a game still to play. Spurs won 4-2 at home to Leeds and that sent Luton down.

This was FA Cup Final day and London rivals Fulham and West Ham met at Wembley. Two goals from Alan Taylor gave the Hammers the trophy. Celtic beat Airdrie 3-1 in the Scottish Cup Final while Wrexham ran up a 2-1 first leg lead over Cardiff in the Welsh Final. Wrexham later won the second leg 3-1.

15 YEARS AGO

Contrasting situations again, in the Villa and Luton camps. Villa were preparing to go down into the Third Division for the first time in our long history. Luton, having experienced the trauma of dropping from the First to the Fourth Division, completed the second phase of their recovery programme by clinching runners-up spot in Division Three. So, once more, the clubs passed each other in changing Divisions. Luton made absolutely sure of promotion by winning their final game at Rochdale. Viv Busby and Malcolm Macdonald scored to put the Hatters into a 2-0 lead and, although Reg Jenkins pulled a late goal back for Rochdale, Luton held on to win.

20 YEARS AGO

Villa had done enough to avoid relegation from the First Division but Luton were facing their first spell of Fourth Division football. We can glean something of the atmosphere at Kenilworth Road when we look at their final two games. The Hatters were whacked 8-1 at Scunthorpe — Barrie Thomas claiming five of the goals — and were then held at home by Workington (0-0).

It was FA Cup Final day and the Wembley clash between Liverpool and Leeds was goalless at the end of 90 minutes. Roger Hunt put Liverpool ahead three minutes into extra-time but Billy Bremner levelled the scores. Within a minute, Ian St John had restored Liverpool's lead which they held to win the trophy for the first time in their history.

In an international at Wembley a few days later, a goal from Jimmy Greaves was sufficient to give England a 1-0 victory over Hungary. In a World Cup qualifier, Johnny Crossan scored a hat-trick for Northern Ireland. George Best added another to give them a 4-1 victory over Albania at Windsor Park.

SIDELINES



• It may be coming to the end of the season but Dennis Mortimer is having a busy climax to the campaign and his time at Villa.

Dennis has a Testimonial Dinner at the Hotel Metropole on Sunday 12th May and two days later, stages his Testimonial game here against Bobby Robson's England XI.

And Dennis was very much the man in demand before our last home game against QPR, receiving on the club's behalf a £1,000 cheque after Villa's win in the March Canon League Family Award scheme. The supporter who nominated the club, Rachael Ward of Bourneville was presented with a camera by Canon and is pictured with Dennis and members of her family and representatives from the League sponsors.



Dennis also presented a commemorative match sponsors pennant to representatives of Forward Trust who were sponsoring their 15th game at Villa Park. Then it was Dennis' turn to receive a gift himself, presented to him by a group of Villa Park stewards to mark the end of his career with the club... a nice gesture to a player who has contributed so much over the last few years.



• Villa are off on their travels during the close season and will be undertaking a tour of the United States and Australia before the start of next season.

The youth side is also set for the sunshine with a trip arranged to Italy and Holland in the next few months.

• The first Freight-Rover Final is being played at Wembley on June 1st and special family tickets at discount prices plus special rates for Villa Cubs members are available. In addition to sponsoring the knock-out competition for Third and Fourth Division clubs, Freight-Rover are also closely linked with Villa and anyone interested in a trip to Wembley next month should phone 01-388-1496 for ticket details.

• Did you know... before today's final home game with Luton, Villa Park spectators had seen 57 goals scored at the ground this season, on average one after every 33.16 minutes. Home fans celebrated a goal after every 51.08 minutes, our opponents have scored every 94.5 minutes. Those statistics have been worked out by 15-year-old Elizabeth Kane of Handsworth, whose ambition is to be a journalist when she leaves school.

STATISTICS



ATTENDANCES AND DIVISION ONE TABLE 1984-85

Home League Games			Home		Away		Pts
Highest	Average	Club	P	W	D	L	
40,769	30,030	Everton	35	13	3	2	52
56,638	42,946	Manchester United	38	12	6	2	45
48,108	31,450	Tottenham	37	8	3	6	38
48,246	27,509	Sheffield Wednesday	38	11	7	1	37
50,006	31,711	Arsenal	39	13	5	2	36
45,545	34,884	Liverpool	35	9	4	5	26
22,183	17,989	Southampton	38	11	3	4	23
25,902	16,876	Nottingham Forest	38	12	3	4	33
42,197	23,922	Chelsea	37	11	3	4	33
37,132	18,528	Aston Villa	39	10	7	3	34
27,073	18,452	Watford	37	9	5	5	43
23,840	14,333	Leicester City	39	9	4	7	37
26,401	14,049	WBA	39	10	3	6	29
36,821	25,864	Newcastle United	39	11	4	5	31
27,404	14,107	QPR	39	10	6	3	36
22,005	15,938	Norwich City	38	9	5	5	28
24,508	17,252	Ipswich Town	37	7	6	5	22
17,511	10,655	Luton Town	36	9	5	4	31
33,218	18,619	West Ham United	35	5	8	5	21
28,246	19,134	Sunderland	39	7	6	6	19
18,482	11,950	Coventry City	35	9	3	6	24
21,013	11,193	Stoke City	37	3	3	12	18

CENTRAL LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United	32	21	2	9	69	31	65
Liverpool	30	19	7	4	59	31	64
Aston Villa	32	18	6	8	63	31	60
Nottingham Forest	31	14	10	7	61	46	52
Blackburn Rovers	30	15	7	8	51	36	52
Sheffield Wed	27	15	4	8	51	38	49
Manchester City	30	14	4	12	48	47	46
Everton	29	14	2	13	66	54	44
Huddersfield	31	11	7	13	52	57	40
Sheffield United	30	12	3	15	43	47	39
Derby County	27	11	5	11	35	42	38
Barnsley	28	8	7	13	34	44	31
Newcastle Utd	28	8	7	13	38	55	31
Stoke City	30	8	6	16	40	59	30
Bradford City	30	9	3	18	41	63	30
Notts County	32	8	6	18	37	70	30
Coventry City	28	8	4	16	32	48	28
WBA	29	8	4	17	26	45	28

1ST TEAM APPEARANCES 84-85

Player	League App	Cups App	Gls
Birch	22	2	4
Bremner	4	1	—
Cowans	27	1	4
Curbishley	3	—	1
Daley	3	—	—
Day	16	—	3
Dorigo	24	—	2
Evans	36	6	2
Foster	8	2	2
Gibson	37	3	4
Glover	3	—	—
Kerr	6	—	2
McMahon	31	1	4
Mortimer	5	—	—
Norton	2	—	—
Ormsby	31	2	3
Poole	4	—	—
Rideout	27	14	2
Six	13	2	1
Spink	19	—	—
Walker	4	—	—
Walters	32	9	3
Williams	35	—	4
Withe	37	11	3
Own Goal	—	1	—

More statistics appear in today's issue on page 23.

All statistics up to and including Sunday 28th April 1985

FIRST TEAM RECORD

Date	V	Opposition	F	A	Att.	Pos.
Aug 25	H	Coventry City	1-0	20,970	—	—
Aug 27	A	Stoke City	3-1	12,605	—	—
Sep 1	A	Newcastle United	0-3	31,497	5	5
Sep 5	H	Nottingham Forest	0-5	17,730	10	10
Sep 8	H	Chelsea	4-2	21,494	6	6
Sep 15	A	Watford	3-3	16,440	8	8
Sep 22	H	Tottenham Hotspur	0-1	22,409	10	10
Sep 24	A	Scunthorpe (MC2-1L)	3-2	6,212	—	—
Sep 29	A	Ipswich Town	0-3	15,630	14	14
Oct 6	H	Manchester United	3-0	37,132	10	10
Oct 10	H	Scunthorpe (MC2-2L)	3-1	11,421	—	—
Oct 13	A	Everton	1-2	25,089	12	12
Oct 20	H	Norwich City	2-2	14,149	13	13
Oct 27	A	Leicester City	0-5	11,885	15	15
Oct 30	A	Queens Park Rangers (MC3)	0-1	12,547	—	—
Nov 3	H	West Ham United	0-0	15,709	16	16
Nov 10	A	Arsenal	1-1	33,195	16	16
Nov 17	H	Southampton	2-2	13,937	15	15
Nov 24	A	Queens Park Rangers	0-2	11,689	17	17
Dec 1	H	Sunderland	1-0	14,669	16	16
Dec 8	A	Luton Town	0-1	7,696	18	18
Dec 15	H	Liverpool	0-0	24,007	18	18
Dec 22	H	Newcastle United	4-0	14,491	15	15
Dec 26	A	Sheffield Wednesday	1-1	30,971	17	17
Dec 29	A	Nottingham Forest	2-3	17,676	17	17
Jan 1	H	West Bromwich Albion	0-1	31,710	16	16
Jan 5	A	Liverpool (FAC 3)	0-3	36,877	—	—
Jan 19	A	Coventry City	3-0	15,226	12	12
Feb 2	H	Ipswich Town	2-1	15,051	12	12
Feb 23	A	West Ham United	2-1	14,845	10	10
Mar 2	H	Leicester City	0-1	16,285	10	10
Mar 9	A	Norwich City	2-2	21,853	10	10
Mar 13	H	Arsenal	0-0	15,487	10	10
Mar 16	H	Everton	1-1	22,625	10	10
Mar 23	A	Manchester United	0-4	40,941	11	11
Mar 27	H	Stoke City	+2-0	10,874	10	10
Mar 30	A	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	27,971	10	10
Apr 6	H	Sheffield Wednesday	3-0	18,308	10	10
Apr 8	A	West Bromwich Albion	0-1	21,044	10	10
Apr 16	A	Chelsea	1-3	13,267	10	10
Apr 20	A	Southampton	0-2	15,736	10	10
Apr 24	H	Watford	1-1	11,493	10	10
Apr 27	H	Queens Park Rangers	5-2	12,023	10	10

May 4 A Sunderland
May 6 H Luton Town
May 11 A Liverpool
+ Indicates Own Goal

1984-85 RESULTS · ATTENDANCES · APPEARANCES · GOALSCORERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 25 H Coventry City	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Foster	McMahon	Bremner ¹	Walters	Withe	Cowans	Mortimer	Rideout
Aug 27 A Stoke City	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Foster	McMahon	Bremner	Walters ²	Withe ¹	Cowans	Mortimer	Rideout
Sep 1 A Newcastle United	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Foster	McMahon	Bremner	Walters	Withe	Cowans	Mortimer	Rideout
Sep 5 H Nottingham Forest	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Foster	McMahon	Bremner	Walters	Withe	Cowans	Mortimer*	Rideout
Sep 8 H Chelsea	Day	Gibson	Dorigo	Evans	Foster ¹	McMahon	Birch	Rideout ¹	Withe ²	Cowans	Walters	Curbishley
Sep 15 A Watford	Day	Gibson	Dorigo	Evans	Foster ¹	McMahon ¹	Birch	Rideout	Withe ¹	Cowans	Walters	Williams
Sep 22 H Tottenham Hotspur	Day	Gibson	Dorigo	Evans	Foster	McMahon	Birch	Rideout	Williams	Cowans	Walters	Kerr
Sep 24 A Scunthorpe (MC2-1L)	Day	Williams	Gibson ¹	Evans	Foster	McMahon*	Birch	Kerr ²	Rideout	Cowans	Walters	Dorigo
Sep 29 A Ipswich Town	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	Mortimer	Birch	Rideout	Withe	Cowans	Walters*	Kerr
Oct 6 H Manchester United	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans ¹	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout ¹	Withe ¹	Cowans	Six*	Walters
Oct 10 H Scunthorpe (MC2-2L)	Day	Williams	Gibson ¹	Foster	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Walters*	Withe	Cowans ¹	Six	Rideout ¹
Oct 13 A Everton	Day	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout*	Withe ¹	Cowans	Six*	Kerr
Oct 20 H Norwich City	Day	Williams	Gibson	Foster	Ormsby	McMahon*	Birch	Rideout	Withe ²	Cowans	Six	Mortimer
Oct 27 A Leicester City	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout*	Withe	Cowans	Six	Kerr
Oct 30 A Queens Park Rangers (MC3)	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Kerr*	Withe	Cowans	Dorigo	Six
Nov 3 H West Ham United	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Kerr	Withe	Cowans	Six	Dorigo
Nov 10 A Arsenal	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Kerr*	Withe ¹	Cowans	Six ¹	Dorigo
Nov 17 H Southampton	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Kerr*	Withe	Cowans	Six	Dorigo
Nov 24 A Queens Park Rangers	Day	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Walters	Withe	Cowans	Six	Dorigo
Dec 1 H Sunderland	Spink	Williams*	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Curbishley	Rideout ¹	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Dorigo
Dec 8 A Luton Town	Spink	Williams	Gibson	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon*	Curbishley	Rideout	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Dorigo
Dec 15 H Liverpool	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	Curbishley	Birch	Rideout	Withe	Gibson	Walters	Cowans
Dec 22 H Newcastle United	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans ¹	Ormsby	McMahon*	Birch	Rideout ³	Withe	Gibson	Walters	Six
Dec 26 A Sheffield Wednesday	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout ¹ *	Withe	Gibson	Walters	Six
Dec 29 A Nottingham Forest	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout ¹	Withe	Gibson ¹	Walters	Cowans
Jan 1 H West Bromwich Albion	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans*	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch ¹	Rideout ¹	Withe	Gibson ¹	Walters	Cowans
Jan 5 A Liverpool (FAC 3)	Spink	Gibson	Dorigo	Williams	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Six
Jan 19 A Coventry City	Spink	Norton	Dorigo	Glover	Ormsby	McMahon	Birch	Rideout ¹	Withe	Gibson	Walters ²	Cowans
Feb 2 H Ipswich Town	Spink	Norton	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Gibson ¹	Rideout	Withe	Cowans ¹	Walters	Six
Feb 23 A West Ham United	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby ¹	Gibson	Birch	Rideout	Withe	Cowans	Walters ¹	Six
Mar 2 H Leicester City	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	Gibson	Birch	Rideout*	Withe	Cowans	Walters	McMahon
Mar 9 A Norwich City	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans ²	Ormsby	McMahon*	Gibson	Kerr	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Bradley
Mar 13 H Arsenal	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	Walker	Gibson	Kerr	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Six
Mar 16 H Everton	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans ¹	Ormsby	McMahon	Walker*	Kerr	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Six
Mar 23 A Manchester United	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans	Ormsby	McMahon	Gibson	Six	Withe	Cowans	Walters	Rideout
Mar 27 H Stoke City	Spink	Williams	Dorigo	Evans*	Ormsby	McMahon	Six ¹	Rideout	Withe	Gibson	Walters	Walker

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SIDELINES



VILLA 'PICK-ME-UP'

● Manager Graham Turner's 11-year-old daughter Samantha got just the right kind of 'pick-me-up' when a group of Villa players paid a visit to the new Little Aston Hospital.

Young Samantha, one of the hospital's first patients after scalding herself in an accident at home, got a helping hand from Nigel Spink, Tony Dorigo and Allan Evans with 'Doctor' Colin Gibson on call as well.

The Villa men made a tour of the new 50-bed hospital to mark its opening.

● *Photo courtesy of Phil Hill, Evening Mail.*

SPACEMAN GRAHAM!

● If manager Graham Turner ever decides to give up football, there's a job waiting for him as a car salesman!

In fact, the Villa boss almost landed his first sale when he called in at Colliers' Erdington showrooms last week to take delivery of his new vehicle.

Graham was waiting in the showroom when a potential customer walked in and started asking for details of a new model on display. It took a while and a little explaining from the Villa manager before the customer realised that Graham was not there to clinch a sale!

WELL DONE HALESOWEN

● Everyone at Villa Park adds their congratulations to all those that have already been heaped on near neighbours Halesowen Town after their marvellous success at Wembley in the recent FA Vase Final.

Manager Paddy Page and his squad have worked hard for their deserved success and Villa helped Paddy get started in football. He was a junior here for three seasons, playing in our Youth and Reserve teams before carving out a successful stint as a player and then manager in non-League football.

VILLA BIRTHDAYS

● Four Villa men have birthdays over the close season so as this is our last opportunity to wish them all the best for their big days, here's the list: Mark Walters celebrates on 2nd June, Paul Kerr a week later on 9th June, Gary Williams on 17th June and in July, Kevin Poole has a birthday on the 21st.

Enjoy your celebrations lads ... and enjoy the summer break.

AWAY TRAVEL LIVERPOOL v ASTON VILLA Saturday 11th May Kick-off 3 pm

● Coaches to our last away game of the season will leave the Leisure Centre Car Park at 11.30 am and the fare is £4.30. Match tickets can be purchased when booking from the Pools Office during normal office hours. Enclose a sae plus membership details and the correct fare if booking through the post.

The RAC route to Anfield from Birmingham is: M6 north to Junction 21A and then the M62 west to Liverpool. Leave the M62 at Junction 6 and follow the M57 to Junction 2. Follow the A580 into Walton Hall Avenue crossing Queens Drive. Continue into Walton Lane then turn left alongside of the cemetery for the Stanley Park car park on the right. Anfield is a short walk from the car park and with side street parking difficult, it is advisable to use the public car parks.

REMAINING FIXTURES AT VILLA PARK

● Although there'll be no more Canon League football at Villa Park this season, there are still a number of matches set for Villa Park, topped by Dennis Mortimer's Testimonial match against Bobby Robson's England XI on Tuesday 14th May, kick-off 7.30.

Details and ticket information can be obtained by ringing 328-1722.

And the following Friday, 17th May, Villa are playing Birmingham City at St Andrew's for the Lord Mayor's Cup. All proceeds will go to charity and again the club's Information Service (328-1722) will provide details about tickets for this match.

Next Sunday promises to see one of the big games of the season at Villa Park when a club staff team turn out and put their reputations at stake against a Birmingham Post and Mail side. Proceeds are again for charity and the match gets underway at 11 am.

Although not wanting to give too much away to the opposition, the Villa line-up is likely to be selected from: Graham Turner, fitness adviser Tony Ford, Director Peter Ellis, Groundsman Tony Eden, Mark McGuinness from the Ticket Office, Secretary Steve Stride, First Team Coach Malcolm Beard, Youth Coach Brian Little, Kit Manager Jim Paul, Commercial Manager Tony Stephens, his assistant Abdul Rashid, Reserve Coach Bill Short-house, Shop Manager David Bridge-water and Chairman Doug Ellis.

Oh yes, two more names in the squad ... goalkeeper by the name of Gordon Banks and a young striker named Gary Shaw who both seem to have the potential to challenge for places!

CLOSED ON TUESDAY

● All the club offices will be closed tomorrow, 7th May, but will be open from Wednesday onwards this week, with the Pools Office taking Travellers Club bookings for the game at Liverpool on Saturday ... see today's Away Travel feature for full details.

The club will be continuing to run organised tours around the stadium during the summer months and if you would like details about dates and times, contact the Villa Park offices.

WELCOME BOYS!

● The club offers a special and very warm welcome this afternoon to the 1,000 or so youngsters from the Birmingham Federation of Boys Clubs who are attending our game with Luton.

The youngsters will be sitting in the Trinity Road Enclosure and we hope they all have a smashing afternoon at Villa Park and thoroughly enjoy the game.

COACH REPORTS



The Birmingham Senior Cup is in the trophy cabinet at Villa Park for the first time since 1912.

It was won by the Central League side last Monday when they defeated Wednesfield Social, of the West Midlands League, in the 100th Final.

There was a fitting conclusion to the 3-1 victory when Dennis Mortimer scored the clinching goal and later went forward, instead of Reserve skipper Dean Glover, to receive the handsome trophy.

But there was a sad story earlier in the day when young full-back Bernie Gallacher had to withdraw from the team after breaking a wrist when he was struck by a shot from Brian Little in a five-a-side at Bodymoor Heath.

'It was hard luck on Bernie because he hadn't missed a game until the final,' said Coach Bill Shorthouse. 'But at least he will be getting a medal.'

Goals from Glover and Ray Walker gave Villa a 2-0 lead in 40 minutes, but Wednesfield, who had displayed their potential in beating Albion in the semi-final, fought back well and scored through Dave Morrison just before half-time.

'All credit to them,' added Bill. 'They worked hard and might have pinched a second goal with a good header. I think they

enjoyed coming down to Villa Park, but from our point of view, it was not the best of performances.

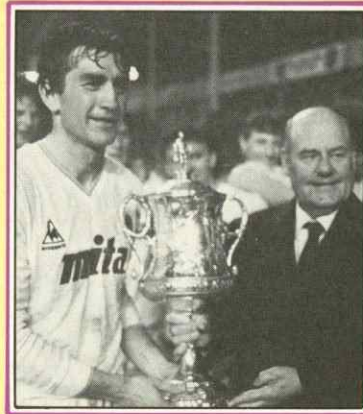
'We should have had a lot more goals. The trouble is that players think these games are going to be easy. The important thing is that they should keep playing as they always do.'

Monday 29th April 1985
Birmingham Senior Cup Final
ASTON VILLA RES 3
WEDNESFIELD SOCIAL 1
Scorers: Glover, Walker, Mortimer.
Villa: Poole, Norton, Hellin, Walker, Bradley, Glover, Obi, Mortimer, Kerr, Palin, Birch.
Subs: Howell, Forman.

Incidentally, Bill Shorthouse would like to thank all the supporters who have followed the Reserves throughout the season. Their backing was much appreciated during a largely-successful campaign.

The side was still in third place in the Central League after a 2-1 win at Manchester City. 'We outplayed them for most of the game,' said Bill. 'But we didn't have much luck in front of goal.'

'Peter Howell beat a defender on the left side and hit an angled shot against the post. Paul Kerr was so certain that it was going in that he didn't move in for the rebound. Then Leigh Palin rattled



Dennis Mortimer takes the Birmingham Senior Cup from Mr Jack Wiseman, Football League Vice-President and FA Council member after the 3-1 win against Wednesfield.

the post and, again, the ball came out.

'For a period of 20 minutes, we had City running about all over the place, but we had only one goal to show for our control, Dennis Mortimer tapping the ball in from a shot by Kerr that was going wide.

'It seemed we might even drop a couple of points when City equalised with four or five minutes to go. It was a bad goal as well. One of their players chased after the ball, Kevin Poole beat him to it, but his clearance hit the forward in the chest and bounced into the net.

'Fortunately, we got a winner straightaway. Dean Glover headed back from a corner by Gordon Cowans and Peter Howell flicked it in with his head. No-one could say it wasn't deserved; it would have been a travesty if we hadn't won.'

Tuesday 23rd April 1985
Central League
MANCHESTER CITY RES 1
ASTON VILLA RES 2
Scorers: Mortimer, Howell.
Villa: Poole, Norton, Gallacher, Mortimer, Bradley (sub: Robinson), Glover, Obi, Howell, Kerr, Cowans, Palin.



Coach Bill Shorthouse and Villa's Senior Cup-winning team pose after the Final with the trophies.

The Youth team suffered a 4-1 defeat at Leicester after a disappointing performance in which the home side looked sharper to the ball and showed greater commitment.

'It seems a long time since we were so well beaten, but there are no complaints. Over the whole game, Leicester were the better side and deserved to win,' said coach Brian Little.

'We didn't play too badly in the first half when it was 1-1, but it was all over when Leicester scored three goals in 10 minutes.

'Gary Shaw played through a full 90 minutes for the first time. I think he is a bit worried about how strong the knee is and whether he is doing enough for the team.

'But as I've said to him, if he keeps playing for 90 minutes and is ready for the first team next August, then it is all worthwhile.

'I know how he feels from my own experience with knee trouble. In the last few weeks, I've been letting him know how I felt when I was coming back. There are things I can say to re-assure him.'

Saturday 27th April 1985
Midland Intermediate League
LEICESTER CITY 4
ASTON VILLA 1
Scorer: Forman.
Villa: Belford, English, Gallacher, Hellin, Robinson (sub: Bates), Grainger, Forman, Shaw, Ritchie, Howell, Vacanti.

The Villa youngsters are scheduled to play either Walsall or Stoke City in the final of the Midland Intermediate League Cup at Villa Park on Thursday (kick-off 2.15 pm).

We are still awaiting a date for the Final of the Sunblest Bakeries Midland Youth Cup in which we will meet either Birmingham or Albion.

The Youth team are Italian-bound again next month. Having played in Milan, Turin and Ischia during the last two years, they are to take part in an Under-18 tournament in Milan from 8th to 16th June.

RESERVE FIXTURES 1984-85			
Date	V	Opposition	F A
Aug 25	A	Nottingham Forest	1-0
Aug 29	H	Newcastle United	5-2
Sept 4	A	Derby County	1-1
Sept 12	H	Sheffield United	2-0
Sept 18	A	Coventry City	1-1
Sept 26	H	Nottingham Forest	1-1
Oct 3	A	Barnsley	0-0
Oct 11	H	Everton	2-0
Oct 16	A	Notts County	3-1
Oct 24	H	Bradford City	3-0
Nov 7	A	Stoke City	3-1
Nov 14	H	West Bromwich Albion	2-0
Nov 21	H	Liverpool	5-1
Nov 24	A	Manchester United	0-2
Nov 28	A	Huddersfield Town	2-1
Dec 5	H	Sheffield Wednesday	2-0
Dec 12	A	Blackburn Rovers	0-1
Dec 19	H	Manchester City	1-0
Jan 30	H	Coventry City	0-3
Feb 6	H	Barnsley	1-1
Feb 27	H	Stoke City	2-3
Mar 4	A	Sheffield United	4-0
Mar 9	H	Manchester Utd	0-1
Mar 12	A	Bradford City	0-3
Mar 18	H	Derby County	1-0
Mar 20	H	Notts County	5-0
Mar 23	A	Liverpool	1-1
Mar 26	A	Everton	1-0
Apr 10	H	Huddersfield Town	9-0
Apr 13	A	West Bromwich Albion	1-2
Apr 16	A	Sheffield Wednesday	2-4
Apr 23	A	Manchester City	2-1
May 1	H	Blackburn Rovers	
May 8	A	Newcastle United	

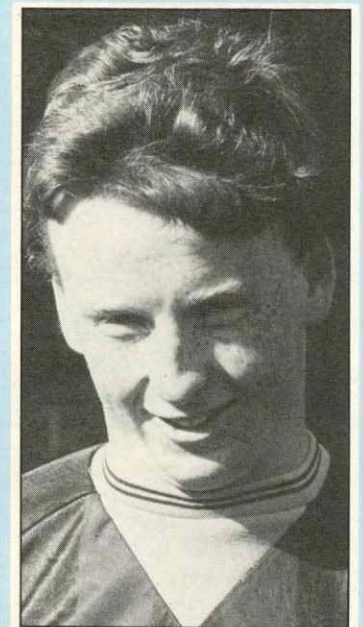
* Home Central League games kick-off at 7 pm

RESERVE APPEARANCES 84-85			
Belford	1	Kerr	21
Birch	9	McKenzie	2
Bremner	2	McMahon	2
Bradley	20	Mortimer	19
Cowans	5	Norton	29
Curbishley	8	Obi	21
Daley	9	Ormsby	6
Day	2	Palin	25
Dorigo	12	Poole	21
Evans	1	Rideout	7
Forman	3	Ritchie	1
Foster	5	Robinson	6
Gallacher	20	Six	3
Gibson	1	Spink	8
Glover	29	Walker	13
Greenhalgh	2	Walters	3
Hellin	7	Williams	3
Howell	9	Own Goal	1
Hutchings	17		2

MID. INTER APPEARANCES 84-85			
Bates	2	Hutchings	20
Belford	22	Kerr	1
Birch	2	Little	1
Bradley	6	McKenzie	12
Burke	4	Mitchell	8
Campion	1	Norton	5
Curbishley	2	Obi	6
Daley	10	O'Connell	1
Denoon	1	Palin	7
Docherty	1	Poole	3
English	17	Rideout	1
Forman	19	Ritchie	16
Gallacher	19	Robinson	20
Glover	5	Shaw	2
Grainger	13	Smith	1
Greenhalgh	7	Spink	2
Hellin	22	Vacanti	17
Howell	21	Own Goals	2

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES 1984-85			
Aug 25	A	Shrewsbury Town	1-0
Sept 1	H	Leicester City	1-4
Sept 8	H	Birmingham City	2-1
Sept 15	A	Coventry City	1-3
Sept 22	H	Derby County	3-2
Sept 29	A	West Bromwich Albion	2-1
Oct 6	H	Nottingham Forest	2-2
Oct 13	A	Port Vale	3-0
Oct 20	H	Stoke City	1-1
Oct 25	A	Notts County	2-2
Nov 3	H	Wolverhampton W.	2-2
Nov 10	H	Mansfield Town	1-1
Nov 15	H	Walsall	3-4
Dec 1	A	Nottingham Forest (LC)	2-1
Dec 8	A	Mansfield Town (LC)	1-5
Dec 15	H	Notts County (LC)	0-1
Dec 22	H	Coventry City	1-0
Jan 12	H	West Bromwich Albion	1-0
Feb 2	H	Notts County	1-2
Feb 23	A	Birmingham City	3-1
Mar 2	A	Mansfield Town	0-1
Mar 16	H	Port Vale (LC)	8-2
Mar 30	A	Leicester City (LC)	2-0
April 6	H	Derby County (LC)	5-0
April 13	H	Shrewsbury Town	3-1
April 20	A	Stoke City	1-1
April 27	H	Leicester City	1-4
May 4	A	Nottingham Forest	
May 11	A	Wolverhampton W.	
May 18	H	Port Vale	
TBA	A	Walsall	
	A	Derby County	

* Home matches are played at Bodymoor Heath, kick-off 11 am



BERNIE GALLACHER Broke wrist in training

MATCHFACTS



Our final Villa Cubs mascot of the season is 12-year-old Simon Field of Redbrook Covert, Kings Norton, who'll be leading out the teams this afternoon. Simon attends the Primrose Hill School and his kit this afternoon has been generously donated by Le Coq Sportif. We thank the company for their support throughout the season.

ASTON VILLA		LUTON TOWN	
KEVIN POOLE	1	LES SEALEY	
GARY WILLIAMS	2	TIM BREACKER	
TONY DORIGO	3	MITCHELL THOMAS	
ALLAN EVANS	4	PETER NICHOLAS	
DEAN GLOVER	5	STEVE FOSTER	
GORDON COWANS	6	MAL DONAGHY	
PAUL BIRCH	7	RICKY HILL	
PAUL RIDEOUT	8	BRIAN STEIN	
PETER WITHE	9	MICK HARFORD	
COLIN GIBSON	10	EMEKA NWAJIOBI	
MARK WALTERS	11	DAVID PREECE	
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Ipswich v Stoke
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Manchester Utd v Nott'm Forest
Newcastle v Tottenham
West Ham v Norwich

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Wimbledon
Cardiff v Crystal Palace
Leeds v Shrewsbury
Middlesbrough v Birmingham
Notts County v Man City
Oldham v Fulham
Portsmouth v Carlisle
Sheffield Utd v Blackburn
Wolves v Huddersfield

DIVISION THREE

Bolton v Bradford City
Burnley v Bristol City
Derby v Swansea
Doncaster v Orient
Hull v York
Lincoln v Walsall
Plymouth v Newport
Preston v Wigan
Reading v Brentford

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