

2002— Hurlock beside his England 'B' portrait



the past couple of weekends. In fact most of the boys knew how to have a good drink. It was different back then though, it's not the same now, but it was okay to go down the pub with the lads after training for a few pints back then."

Do you remember anything about your debut in Brentford's win at Fellows Park, Walsall?

"Well I remember that on the way up there on the coach Fred made the driver pull over, gave me 50p, then told me to go and buy some socks. I never had any socks on and for some reason he thought I should be wearing some."

The game was on the telly I think as I did have it on video at some stage but I've lost it along the way. I'd love to get hold of that again as none of my kids have really seen me in action back then and it'd be nice to show them their old dad in action."

Callaghan's sides always seemed to have solid midfields and exciting strikers but the defence always let him down. Would it be fair to say that Danis Salman was the only really decent defender at the club while you were there?

"Danis was a good player yeah. His speed would get him out of a lot of problems. I think you might be right though, maybe Fred lacked some experience in sorting out defences."

We never had many problems scoring goals though with Francis Joseph and Tony Mahoney in the side.

Joseph was a good player and he used to frighten a lot of defences to death and boy could be drink too. Francis and me used to get on well. Gary Roberts too, he was another good lad."

Fred's teams always seemed to have a lot of skilled individuals but he seemed to have a lot of trouble moulding them into a successful team didn't he?

"To be honest I never thought about it much. I never thought much about football tactics and that and I never looked at what Fred should or shouldn't be doing to be honest. I just got out there and did what I did."