

CHAPTER 12.

The season's preparations were of great intent. New players recruited included J. Power (from London) K. McGuinness (Awaba), B. Hallan (Cessnock) A. Simmonds (Cessnock) R. Hawkshaw (Leichhardt A) while local juniors included Ross Morgan, C. Manuel, G. Moase. After the season opened a former Scot junior, A. Brady was secured from Tamworth.

After the 22 rounds, Adamstown finished in fourth place but with added power in attack, it beat Wallsend by 2 to 1 in the semi-final. But its 2-0 win over Lake Macquarie in the final was a fine effort.

During the season the former Charlton Athletic player, Tommy Mason took over the team.

The XI in the final success was - W. Mahoney, C. Nicholls, C. Allanson, A. Brady, W. Thomas, A. Turnbull, W. Cook, A. Simmons, B. Burgess, M. Hamilton, R. Dobbins.

The Reserves had a wonderful series of successes. In an 18 games competition the team won 13, drew 4 lost 1, scoring 50 goals to

In the semi-final, Adamstown Rangers beat Cessnock by 4 to 2 but lost to West Wallsend by 2 to 1 in a classic contest. In the 'Eleven A' Cup, Adamstown was placed third to Lake Macquarie and Cessnock.

In the Ampol Cup, Adamstown went out in the first round beaten by Wallsend by 1 to nil. In the Daniel Cup, Adamstown entered the semi-final to lose to Wallsend by 3 to nil.

The club's clever forward, A. Simmons, was chosen in the State XI which toured Queensland.

List of appearances is: W. Cook 29, C. Nicholls 28, A. Turnbull 27, M. Hamilton 26, C. Allanson 26, R. Hawkshaw 25, B. Burgess 25, K. McGuinness 18, R. Dobbins 16, H. Hallan 14, R. Morgan 14, W. Mahoney 13, A. Simmons 13, A. Thomas 11, A. Brady 9, J. Power 6, B. Lambert 4, C. Moore 3, C. Manuel 2, R. Windsor 2, A. Pepperall 2, J. Davies 2, J. Mitchell 2, L. Taylor 1, G. Moase 1.

Goalscorers were :- K. McGuinness 17, M. Hamilton 15, B. Burgess 15, A. Simmons 14, W. Cook 9, R. Dobbins 5, C. Nicholls 3, L. Taylor 2, A. Brady 1, G. Moase 1, J. Davies 1.

For the 1962 season, playing changes were few. Among the newcomers were J. Easton, N. Maddison, N. Townsend, but generally speaking, the senior eleven soon became very stable.

Both the senior and the reserves won their premierships an excellent double. Let us numerate the results:-

WEST DIVISION.

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
<u>ONE</u>	9	7	1	1	21	12	15
<u>TWO</u>	9	7	2	0	25	14	14
<u>TOTAL</u>	18	14	3	1	46	26	29

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	4	1	4	30	15	12
AWAY	9	6	0	3	22	8	15
TOTAL	18	10	1	7	52	23	27

The senior XI was beaten at Speer's Point, by Lake Macquarie by 3 to 2 in a grand game that held the big crowd until the final whistle.

Despite this shock move, more was to follow for the strong reserves fell to Cardiff at Adamstown by 3 to 2. Let us record both matches.

PLAYERS: B. Hallam, J. Easton, C. Allanson, A. Brady, A. Thomas, J. Power, W. Cook, A. Simmons, R. Dobbins, B. Burgess, M. Hamilton.

RESERVES: W. Mahoney, W. Wagstaff, R. Richards, R. Morgan, N. Maddison, J. McLachlan, R. Speers, A. Turnbull, C. Manuel, B. Lambert, B. Walker. Despite the disappointment of these defeats, the club officials were quick to offer congratulations to our opponents. But the quality of the soccer proved beyond doubt that the game was on the up grade and the 'Buds' were a leading force in this improvement.

District honours came to C. Allanson, W. Mahoney, B. Burgess, A. Brady. In the Ampol final, after playing a 1 all draw, the 'Buds' fell to Lake Macquarie in the replay by 2 to 1.

The Season's statistics were:-

Appearances: C. Allanson 28, A. Brady 28, M. Hamilton 28, B. Burgess 26, J. Power 26, J. Easton 25, A. Simmons 25, A. Thomas 24, R. Dobbins 24, W. Cook 18, W. Mahoney 16, B. Hallam 12, J. Mitchell 6, N. Maddison 5, A. Turnbull 5, N. Townsend 5, R. Speers 3, C. Manuel 3, B. Lambert 1.

Goalscorers: A. Simmons 20, R. Dobbins 18, B. Burgess 14, M. Hamilton 4, W. Cook 4, A. Brady 3, C. Manuel 1, B. Lambert 1, N. Townsend 1.

It is noted that international Nicholls retired after years of faithful service.

The 1963 season did not see the all round brilliance of 1962. In fact one of the greatest disappointments to loyal fans was the failure to qualify for the Australia Cup.

In the premiership race, Adamstown finished equal on fourth place with Newcastle Austral. However, the Austral with a superior goal average of 30 to 26 to the 'Buds' 37 to 36 was the deciding factor. The loss of Barry Burgess and A. Simmons, Clyde Allanson, J. Easton and A. Thomas left several weaknesses both in attack and defence. The Reserves, now playing in the Alliance premiership, finished fifth along with Cessnock and Merewether.

However, the seniors qualified for both the final of the Craven and Daniel Cup - but failed to win either trophy.

In the former trophy, Adamstown lost to Newcastle Austral by 1 while Wallsend won the Daniel Cup by 5 to 2.

The league record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	3	3	3	17	15	9
AWAY	9	4	4	1	19	21	9

R. Howells 19, D. Johns 19, R. Richards 16, N. Maddison 16, J. McNally 15, T. Nolan 15, R. Dobbins 12, C. Manuel 12, J. Easton 11, W. Wagstaff 10, A. Simmons 9, W. Cook 8, L. Freeman 6, B. Lambert 5, R. Burgess 5, L. Bush 5, H. Young 4, B. Walker 4, J. McFarlane 4, R. Mahoney 2, R. Cameron 1, W. Carroll 1, J. Moore 1, M. Morelli 1.

Goalscorers were; D. Johns 9, M. Hamilton 8, A. Simmons 8, R. Dobbins 7, R. Howells 6, T. Nolan 3, A. Brady 3, B. Lambert 2, C. Manuel 2, R. Burgess 2, W. Cook 1, B. Walker 1.

The selection called on 28 players for 27 games revealed a somewhat flaw in the teams strength.

Events in 1964 did not brighten the history of the club.

There was quite a few new faces when coaching began. Included in this group were B. Daykin, Ray Baartz, J. Dorman, C. Curran, R. Cameron and a few juniors.

The league programme saw the 'Buds' finish on fifth position - really level on 20 points with Wallsend, which qualified because of better goal average.

The Reserves again did very well and won the Alliance title.

The results of their programmes were:

Players

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS
1ST XI	9	6	3	0	24	19	12
2ND XI	9	3	4	2	22	21	8
RESERVE	18	9	7	2	46	40	20

The reserves had 13 wins, 2 losses, 3 draws - scoring 66 against 17.

In the Ampol Cup final, Adamstown lost to Wallsend by 1 to 0. The 'Buds' eleven comprised J. Dorman, W. Wagstaff, J. McNally, C. Curran, N. Maddison, J. Power, R. Howells, R. Baartz, W. Collins, A. Simmons, W. Cook.

After a record win v Kearsley in the first round of the Ampol Cup, Adamstown caused a sensation by going under to the powerful and virile Jesmond team by 3 to 2.

Appearances for the season were:-

J. Power 27, B. Daykin 25, R. Baartz 25, J. Dorman 24, J. McNally 24, W. Cook 24, R. Howells 22, C. Curran 22, D. Johns 17, N. Maddison 15, A. Simmons 14, R. Parkes 10, J. Easton 9, R. Cameron 9, R. Dobbins 7, W. Wagstaff 7, W. Collins 4, B. Clarke 4, B. Hallam 3, R. Mahoney 2, C. Elkovick, B. Tapp 1, P. Watkins 1, G. McClembor 1, R. Cameron 1.

Goalscorers were: R. Howells 12, W. Cook 10, C. Curran 9, A. Simmons 7, B. Daykin 7, R. Baartz 6, D. Johns 5, R. Dobbins 3, W. Collins 2, R. Cameron 1, J. Power 1.

Before the 1965 season opened, the Adamstown club, with strong financial support from the Rosebuds Social Club, sent two of its most promising players, Doug Johns, 20 years old, and Ray Baartz 18 years, to Manchester United for a six months training course with the famous club. This idea of football scholarship could be a great incentive for young players. Johns returned home after the course was completed, while Baartz remained as a Manchester United player for an extra 12 months.

The club's innovation received favourable comment in the press, radio and television.

The 1965 season saw the introduction of the Under 21 years division.

Coach, R. Cameron took over early and a successful season was experienced. The team won the Daniels Cup by beating Awaba 5 to 2. The winning eleven comprised G. Furrell, J. McNally, A. Phillips, R. Cameron, C. Elkovitch, A. Brady, W. Cook, M. Parker, P. Palmer, D. Johns, R. Howells. The acquisitions to the playing staff included the former Welsh international, D. Palmer, M. Parker, A. Oldham and G. Turrell.

At the end of the premiership, Adamstown finished in second place to Wallsend. In the Alliance, the eleven finished on level terms in second place with Wallsend, while the Under 21 years shared the leadership with Weston and Wallsend, all on 30 points.

The full figures for the seniors are:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	6	0	3	27	8	15
AWAY	9	4	3	2	16	16	10
TOTAL	18	10	3	5	43	24	25

In the Craven Cup, Adamstown finished in fourth place for an 800 prize.

On the personal note, Palmer scored 4 goals in the Daniel Cup final - a club record for that trophy. In the 9 home games, the 'Buds' defence only conceded 8 goals - a truly great effort.

A diligent research has been made to compile records listed in this book.

As there were no official records available there is a big chance that errors may occur - especially in club officials.

Appearances were: R. Cameron 30, A. Brady 29, C. Elkovitch 28, J. Dorman 26, C. Curran 24, J. McNally 23, W. Cook 23, D. Palmer 22, D. Johns 22, M. Parker 20, A. Oldham 20, R. Howells 16, B. Daykin 16, P. Watkins 7, G. Turrell 5, J. Power 5, K. Jones 4, S. Dalrymple 4, A. Simmonds 4, Col. Jones 3, A. Phillips 3, G. Strong 3, T. Dobson 3, A. Gallagher 2, J. Easton 2, B. Clark 2, A. McClenhais 2, R. Dobbins 2, J. Archibald 1, R. Murnane 1.

Goalscorers: P. Palmer 13, R. Howells 11, D. Johns 9, M. Parker 8, A. Oldham 7, W. Cook 4, J. McNally 4, A. Brady 3, R. Cameron 3, B. Daykin 2, S. Dalrymple 2, A. Simmonds 2, G. Strong 2, C. Curran 1, K. Jones 1, P. Watkins 1, J. Power 1, R. Murnane 1.

The end of the season semi-finals saw Adamstown beat Wallsend 4 to 2 after a 2 all draw. Wallsend entered the Grand Final to oppose Adamstown again after beating Lake Macquarie by 3 to 1. The grand final between Wallsend and Adamstown drew a crowd of 6127.

Wallsend averaged its semi-final defeat by winning by 3 to 1.

Adamstown XI on that occasion was J. Dorman, B. Daykin, K. Jones, R. Cameron, C. Elkovitch, A. Brady, W. Cook, A. Oldham, D. Palmer, D. Johns, R. Howells.

Once again so close but the Grand Final pennant still not flying over "Rosebud House".

...beginning of the 1966 season, there was a general confidence that the foundation work of 1965 would stand behind the 'Buds' in this campaign.

The Welsh international D. Palmer left, so did J. McNally and Simmonds.

But the return of Ray Baartz from his 18 months schooling with Manchester United was a pleasing compensation. Another newcomer, P. Fairleigh became a regular with the seniors.

Let us examine the premiership results of the three teams:

SENIORS

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	6	3	0	22	16	12
AWAY	9	6	3	0	22	14	12
TOTAL	18	12	6	0	44	30	24

There is a distant equality between the home and away achievements - in fact the away record is slightly better.

RESERVES.

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	6	1	2	23	10	14
AWAY	9	6	1	2	23	15	14
TOTAL	18	12	2	4	46	25	28

UNDER 21 years.

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	6	1	2	18	8	14
AWAY	9	6	2	1	12	8	13
TOTAL	18	12	3	3	30	16	27

In the reserves were A. Watkins, P. Watkins, S. Dalrymple, G. Strong, T. Dobson, R. Harris, G. Smith, A. Milgate, R. Hancock, J. Ballaca, R. Murnane, T. Lewis, D. Oakey, P. Johns, B. Harris, G. Farrell, K. Jones, J. Power.

The Daniel Cup now played on a 3 round basis saw Adamstown take a place in the semi-finals on goal average. The 'Buds' showed a well balanced plan of attack and defence to take out the premiership finishing on 23 points with Newcastle Austral one point behind.

In the semi-final, Adamstown fell to Newcastle Austral by 3 to 1 but regained a place in the grand final by eliminating West Wallsend by 4 to 3 in a classic tie brilliantly refereed by George ...

There was gloom for the Grand Final when player-coach R. ... was unfit. The team played tight football and a 1 all ... resulted.

Then the replay at Wallsend early in October.

Senior Appearances were: W. Cook 30, M. Parker 29, R. Baartz 28, G. Strong 27, P. Fairleigh 27, C. Carran 26, C. Elkovitch 25, R. ... 2, J. Archibald 19, S. Dalrymple 18, D. Johns 17, C. Davies ... G. Farrell 14, P. Watkins 13, G. Strong 6, K. Jones 6, J. Power 3.

Goalscorers were: R. Baartz 18, R. Howells 16, D. Johns 7, C. Curran 4, S. Dalrymple 4, W. Cook 4, G. Strong 3, M. Parker 2, R. Cameron 2, Power 1, P. Watkins 1, C. Jones 1.

Club History was made as the club entered the Australia Cup for the first time. Unfortunately it bowed out to South Coast United 3 to 2 at Speer's Point.

The eleven on that occasion was:-

Harrell, Fairleigh, Elckovitch, Cameron, Archibald, Parker, Cook, Baartz, Power, Curran, Howell.

Ray Baartz scored both Adamstown's goals. The 'Buds' eleven in the Grand Final replay v Newcastle Austral was - C, Davies, Fairleigh, Elkovitch, Cameron, Archibald, Parker, Cook, Baartz, Dalrymple, K. Jones, Howell.

In the first final C. Curran replaced R. Cameron.

The curtain fell on a highly successful season as

Senior - Premiership Won.

Reserves - Premiership 2nd place.

Under 21 - Premiership 2nd place.