

Alan Deakin - Footballer

ALAN DEAKIN (BORN 27 NOVEMBER 1941) WAS BORN AND LIVED IN MARY STREET, BALSALL HEATH. HE WAS AN ENGLISH FOOTBALLER DURING THE 1960S.



HE WAS THE CAPTAIN OF ASTON VILLA AND ALSO PLAYED FOR WALSALL. HE IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF MIKE DEAKIN WHO ALSO PLAYED IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, MOST NOTABLY FOR CRYSTAL PALACE.

DEAKIN SIGNED FOR THE CLUB AS A 15-YEAR-OLD. HE BECAME A REGULAR IN THE SIDE DURING THE 1960–61 SEASON AND COLLECTED A LEAGUE CUP WINNERS' TANKARD AT THE START OF THE FOLLOWING SEASON. HE BROKE HIS ANKLE DURING THE 1964–65 SEASON, BUT RECOVERED TO SKIPPER THE SIDE FOR THE 1966–67 SEASON. DEAKIN ALSO PLAYED FOR THE ENGLAND UNDER 23 TEAM.

DEAKIN LEFT VILLA FOR WALSALL IN 1969, HAVING MADE 231 LEAGUE APPEARANCES FOR THE CLUB AND SCORED 9 GOALS. HE WENT ON TO PLAY 50 LEAGUE GAMES FOR WALSALL BEFORE RETIRING IN 1972.

ON RETIREMENT FROM THE GAME HE BECAME A WELDER. HE NOW LIVES IN ALDRIDGE IN THE WEST MIDLANDS AND HAS PLAYED FOR THE ASTON VILLA "OLD STARS"

WHEN ALAN LEFT IN MARY STREET SCHOOL IN 1953, THE SCHOOL STRUCK A SPECIAL TROPHY FOR HIM AS THE GREATEST SPORTSMAN THE SCHOOL HAD EVER KNOWN. HE EXCELLED NOT ONLY IN SOCCER BUT AT CRICKET & ATHLETICS. IF THE SCHOOL HAD PLAYED RUGBY, NO DOUBT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN

AN OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN THAT SPORT TOO!

