



## Matt Carragher

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**keeled56**

30-12-16, 08:30 AM

Matt Carragher

Very sad news, passed away aged only 40.

Sent from my LG-V400 using Tapatalk

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**Tosh**

30-12-16, 08:34 AM

Great full back who lifted our last trophy. Sad news indeed. RIP.Attachment 79

1 Attachment(s)

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**ancient mariner**

30-12-16, 08:36 AM

Shocking news, sort of brings some perspective to the problems we think we have.  
R.I.P Matt.

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**Vale fan in Alsager**

30-12-16, 08:53 AM

No age a fab servant .  
R.I.P Matt Carragher .  
Ldv never be forgotten Vale were tremendous that day .

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**valiant steve**

30-12-16, 08:57 AM

RIP. Very sad.

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**valefan16**

30-12-16, 08:59 AM

Genuinely gutting to wake up to this and hopefully gets the remembrance he deserves tonight. When you hear of old players passing you think of 60s and 70s players not 00s!

Thanks for the memories, the LDV and the incredible league run as well as the last Potteries Derby winning Captain!

RIP young man.

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**Vital Spark**

30-12-16, 09:02 AM

Sad news. RIP Matt.

Sent from my iPhone using Tapatalk

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**George**

30-12-16, 09:09 AM

Very sad news. No age at all. Life sucks sometimes.

RIP Captain.

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**CAVALIER**

30-12-16, 09:11 AM

Shocker. RIP Matt

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**Shropshire\_Valiant**

30-12-16, 09:12 AM

That's awful! RIP Matt

True professional and a good servant to the club around the millenium and LDV win time!

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**Another shropshire valiant**

30-12-16, 09:13 AM

His untimely passing certainly needs to be marked at tonight's game, what number did he wear? Maybe we could do a minutes applause on the relevant minute....

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**valeblue**

30-12-16, 09:15 AM

He wore No2 , very sad , lets make him proud tonight ,RIP.

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**rob** 30-12-16, 09:16 AM

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Has anyone got a link to a story please - I want to confirm it before I publish a story but can't see it anywhere.  
Thanks!

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**eh up nah** 30-12-16, 09:19 AM

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That is gutting to hear.  
Great player and servant to our club.

RIP

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**rob** 30-12-16, 09:20 AM

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p.s. thread title has been changed to correct spelling of his surname.

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**Tosh** 30-12-16, 09:21 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **rob** [»](#)

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It was announced on Facebook by the Supporters Club, Rob.

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**newchapel valiant** 30-12-16, 09:25 AM

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RIP Matt really shocked and saddened at this news. Thoughts go out to family and friends at this sad time.

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**rob** 30-12-16, 09:29 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Tosh** [»](#)

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Thanks Tosh.

I'm putting up a story on the front of OVF as a mark of respect and my thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Matt was a player I had a lot of time for. He always seemed to play with a smile on his face but with total professionalism. RIP.

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**mr.hobblesworth**

30-12-16, 09:31 AM

So very sad. Super player and always seemed to have a smile on his face. Have many happy memories of watching him and the side he played in. I can remember his first touch as a Vale player and everyone applauding as he seemed so confident and classy on the ball.

Genuinely upset by this, rest in peace Matty. Can't make it tonight but hope the Vale family give him a fitting tribute.

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**valiant\_593**

30-12-16, 09:38 AM

Gutted. Loved him at the vale and 40 is no age at all r.i.p. Hopefully the lads can dedicate a performance to him.

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**mr.hobblesworth**

30-12-16, 09:39 AM

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **rob** [»](#)

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **mr.hobblesworth** [»](#)

So very sad. Super player and always seemed to have a smile on his face. Have many happy

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I was writing my comment when you put yours up, but that thing about the smile on his face is so true. Really seemed to enjoy life on the pitch and that's how I guess he'll be remembered. That's the thing with footballers, they're kind of frozen in time and remembered in their prime.

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**melv**

30-12-16, 09:40 AM

R I P Matty.Thanks for the memories and all you did during your time at Port Vale.

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**ELDERBEZZA**

30-12-16, 09:41 AM

Top player who always gave his all! Skillful too. Gutted to hear this terrible news. RIP Matt

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**Arthur**30-12-16, 09:47 AM

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RIP Matty

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**cheshirevaliant**30-12-16, 09:48 AM

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RIP. Terrible news.

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**Smugsy**30-12-16, 09:53 AM

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Awful news. He'll never be forgotten. The man who lifted the LDV in the rain in Cardiff. The phrase "Carragher's Dad" comes up with me and my mate whenever the man of the match goes to someone who didn't really deserve it because Matt had a stinker once but was given MoM and the only way we thought he'd got it was if his Dad had chosen the best player! But that's doing him a disservice because even if he had a bad game, you always knew that Matt would be doing his best and that as a fan, is all you ask from any player. A sad day.

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**frenchie**30-12-16, 09:54 AM

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A great player and servant to the club.

R.I.P.

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**TJHValiant**30-12-16, 09:59 AM

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Really really sad news. A great Vale player and there should be a tribute at tonight's game.

I still think it was an outrage Horton released him and was staggered he could only get a contract at Stafford Rangers.

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**mr.hobblesworth**30-12-16, 10:06 AM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **TJHValiant** [»](#)

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Norman has tweeted that (subject to the referee agreeing) there will be a tribute tonight.

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**PVFC123**30-12-16, 10:14 AM

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RIP Matt, a vale great! Thoughts are with his family at this sad time!

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## TheSage

30-12-16, 10:17 AM

Gosh, that is sad and shocking. So young.  
Good and loyal servant for the Vale.  
My condolences to his family and friends. Terrible news.

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## Shropshire\_Valiant

30-12-16, 10:18 AM

Quote:

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Was just saying to someone on social media, full backs are probably the positions we've struggle the most(looking back) in my 25 years as a fan. There can't be too many who've clocked up 197 games at right or left back(Allen Tankard aside)? I agree I was surprised at the very least he didn't stay in league football longer apart from a short spell at Macc.

I think I've just counted up 6 derby games unbeaten during his time at Vale. Would he have been captain in all of them?

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## Emile

30-12-16, 10:38 AM

Great solid player, possibly the first player to die since I've been watching the vale?

RIP, condolences go out to all of his friends and family.

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## Beza

30-12-16, 10:41 AM

Gutted by this very sad news. Thank you Matty for being a true pro who always played with a warm smile on your face that spread to the fans on the terraces. I feel honoured along with many more Vale fans to have had the pleasure of seeing you put the Port Vale shirt on and Wear it with pride. RIP Matty Carragher a true Captain.

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## SourceOfTheTrent

30-12-16, 10:43 AM

Genuinely shocked. RIP Matt.  
This news is like the terrible time Tommy McLaren passed away at a very young age, just dreadful.

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**whotobeakiller**30-12-16, 10:46 AM

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How did he die? Whom did he live with in the end and what are the circumstances behind it? 40 years old is no age to go...is there more to this?

With respect to Matt and his family it should be let known as fans did respect him and we deserve some closure. He should have something named after him at Vale park...one of the more genuine players who played with a PASSION

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**Howjy04**30-12-16, 10:48 AM

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R.I.P. Matt, Thankyou .

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**old sage**30-12-16, 11:05 AM

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Another piece of our history leaves us RIP Matt a fine servant to the Club.

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**PV1973**30-12-16, 11:07 AM

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Christ that's no age. Very sad news.

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**beasty77**30-12-16, 11:17 AM

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Wow, Rip Matt. Im sure it was Carraghers throw in that led to Cummins goal last time we played Stoke.

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**arthurdog**

30-12-16, 12:09 PM

RIP Captain. Condolences to family and friends

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**Jacko51**

30-12-16, 12:12 PM

Very sad news. 40 is no age at all.

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**pete vale**

30-12-16, 12:14 PM

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **old sage** »

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Agreed, very sad news indeed, RIP Matty. Condolencies go out to all his loved one's

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**vale@rocks**

30-12-16, 12:26 PM

Puts everything into perspective, so young. RIP Matt.

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**saintvaliant**

30-12-16, 12:35 PM

Such sad news. 40 is no age at all.

RIP Matty.

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### valeparklife

30-12-16, 12:48 PM

I loved that team he was captain of. So sad. RIP.

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### Robbie Earle's Perm

30-12-16, 01:02 PM

Exceptionally hard working and wholehearted player who captained the club to one of very few major honours.

RIP to a Vale hero.

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### ClintonBoulton

30-12-16, 01:04 PM

Couldn't believe it this morning.....solid, dependable left back. RIP Matt...40 is nowt. Deep condolences to his family.

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### NellyThe Valiant

30-12-16, 01:24 PM

Tragic news indeed, so very young. RIP Matty.

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### pvmc

30-12-16, 01:24 PM

Far too young. R.I.P Matt

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### TheSage

30-12-16, 01:26 PM

More of a right back, like you Clinton!  
But it's true, there can't be many Vale captains who have lifted a trophy for us and he is in a very exclusive club.  
That winning LDV team was, for a spell, a joy to watch.

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### Class personified

30-12-16, 01:32 PM

RIP Matt. Condolences to his family.

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### tunstallpotter

30-12-16, 01:59 PM

Absolutely terrible news. Thoughts and prayers with his family, RIP Matt x

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## Essex Vale

30-12-16, 02:08 PM

I was devastated to read this sad news today, of course at such a young age it was a real shock. Matty always played to his best standard and even when he had a bad game it was never through lack of effort. Of course he was the last Vale Captain to lift a trophy. It was his throw that allowed Micky Cummins to score at the Britannia. I remember one of his first games for Vale against Middlesbrough at the newly opened Riverside. Paul Merson was playing for Boro who won 2-1 with two highly disputed penalties. The first one given against Matty when their left winger took a dive in the box, the second a ridiculous handball that never was against Neil Aspin. Matty never lost his focus and kept working hard in that game even though Merson was almost unstoppable. A lesser character might not have recovered from a baptism of fire like this.

We signed him on a free transfer from a team in a lower league and he gave wonderful service. He could play in any defensive position, but right back was his best. He was not big or particularly strong but he worked hard to develop a long throw from which we scored many goals. He was a great organiser. Oh I would love to see him in his prime playing for Vale right now. He would organise Smith and Streete and give them such confidence to attack every ball knowing that Matty was there to pick up any loose balls. He could then deliver an accurate pass sometimes long, for a speedy winger to run on to.

He gave wonderful service to Port Vale and if he lived his life liked he played his football, he was a man of humour, but determined, hard working, who never knew how to give up, and who took people with him because he lead by example.

True football fans cannot be conned, there will be warm applause at tonight's game in memory of a genuine Vale man who made a major contribution which is deep in our memory. I am sure that his family is proud of him, they have every right to be.

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## mr.hobblesworth

30-12-16, 02:37 PM

Although his illness was none of our business, I wish we could have made sure he knew how highly the Port Vale fans thought of him and how he will live long in our collective memories.

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## nightmare in a damaged brain

30-12-16, 02:49 PM

RIP Matty. Some nice gesture and condolences posted on Oatcake forum from Stoke supporters as well. Fair play God Bless

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## Rudge's Flat Cap

30-12-16, 03:07 PM

RIP Matty Carragher.

Easy to play people up after they've passed away, but Matty was certainly a very good defender for Vale who could play centre back or full back. He had a lot of quality and once he left we never had the defence right for years.

Best memory of him I think is the 1-0 win V Wigan at the JJB in 2002. We were really up against it and they were on their climb through the leagues at the time. Matty gave a man of the match performance with some real heart on sleeve defending.

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**ClintonBoulton**30-12-16, 03:44 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **TheSage** [»](#)

More of a right back, like you Clinton!

But it's true, there can't be many Vale captains who have lifted a trophy for us and he is in a very exclusive club.

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Yep...sorry. I was genuinely so upset when I read the news....should have proof read it.Mind you he could have played all along the backline, and not moaned. He was a good pro.  
Was in Cardiff for the Final and somehow my mobile it rang home in my pocket.....my Missus could hear the crowd but couldn't make herself heard despite shouting down the phone so she got a full match report, including my shouting and singing she wasn't expecting!

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**dauidatpreston**30-12-16 03:48 PM

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**Lornelounger**30-12-16, 04:01 PM

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Very saddened to hear this. Thoughts go out to his family - RIP Matt. Lovely guy, who you knew would give value for money every game. Fitting that he should be remembered by the club tonight.

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**Magicman**30-12-16, 04:26 PM

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Shocking news. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

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**Doha**30-12-16, 05:07 PM

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<https://youtu.be/OKlqxqSxj24?t=199>

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**the valiant**30-12-16, 05:17 PM

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R.I.P matty SO SAD

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**ClintonBoulton**30-12-16, 05:34 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Doha** [»](#)

<https://youtu.be/OKlqxqSxj24?t=199>

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Eeeee....just had a warm glow! (Watching that, obviously!)

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## Another shropshire valiant

30-12-16, 11:02 PM

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Very well respected round of applause from the fans tonight, and all credit to the Chesterfield fans as well....

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## Howjy04

30-12-16, 11:09 PM

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R.I.P.Matt.  
From Mark Goodlad.

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## Howjy04

30-12-16, 11:10 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Another shropshire valiant** »

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A respectful thread on the Oatcake.

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## mr.hobblesworth

30-12-16, 11:13 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **Howjy04** »

R.I.P.Matt.  
From Mark Goodlad.

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What does this mean?

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## Howjy04

30-12-16, 11:17 PM

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Quote:

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Originally Posted by **mr.hobblesworth** »

What does this mean?

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Mark is a good friend of mine. I spoke to him today about Matt.

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**mr.hobblesworth**

30-12-16, 11:28 PM

Ah, right. That's nice, thanks.

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**LancyTony**

31-12-16, 12:30 AM

I couldn't believe he was only 40, so I did a quick check on Wiki. "...Found this little quote: He played 56 of the club's 57 games in 2000-01, playing in a defence of Michael Walsh, Sagi Burton, Allen Tankard, and goalkeeper Mark Goodlad..." what we wouldn't give for a defence like that, again?

A very fine player at the time when Vale had some very good teams, playing football the right way! A very sad loss, commiserations to his family...I still can't believe that 40, though! Much too young!!!

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**billys biscuit tin**

31-12-16, 01:20 AM

Very sad to hear about the passing of our former captain Matt Carragher so early at only 40. A very good solid defender and true professional...as worthy a captain as i've ever seen in a Vale shirt.

Great memories of him playing right back and if I remember correctly as sweeper during the period when Brian Horton found a team that clicked, for a period of that season we were brilliant. We've never been as good since.

Thoughts are with his family and friends.

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**paultvale**

31-12-16, 03:09 AM

Terribly sad news about a great player for our club. So many happy memories of watching him and so pleased we kept a clean sheet tonight, as if somehow in his honour. RIP Matty

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**Houston Valiant**

31-12-16, 05:01 AM

I read the sad news on the BBC Football website at 8am here in Houston. I couldn't get my head around the fact that a man so young, who was a great servant to the Vale as a captain, a leader with a smile on his face, and the last man to lift a trophy for the club, had died. May he rest in peace, and my condolences to his family and friends. Life can be so cruel at times.

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**Yukon**

31-12-16, 08:07 AM

It was a very well observed minutes applause & it was nice to hear his name sung again. I hope his family can take a tiny bit of comfort in the fact he is still so well respected and fondly remembered by us all.

## PapaSmurf55

31-12-16, 08:34 AM

Must add my condolences to those listed above.

Matts was a true Vale legend, and the captain of one of the best ever Vale teams

I pray that his family can take some comfort from the comments made by fans who remember and respected him as a player and as a man.

God Bless

Sent from my iPad using Tapatalk

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## Tosh

31-12-16, 09:17 AM

Is there a way of printing these messages off and sending them to Matt's family? I'm sure they'd be touched.

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## ADS

31-12-16, 03:48 PM

Great defender and captain. So sad and no age at all. RIP Matt

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