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Baggies Battle Cry [www.baggiesbattlecry.co.uk](http://www.baggiesbattlecry.co.uk)

*Baggies Battle Cry* is the work of Smethwick born, West Bromwich Albion season ticket holder, Steve Skidmore - known in music circles as 'Skidders' (after his surname, not his underpants). He is member of Leamington Spa based acoustic duo *Bukechi*, writing and recording his own music as well as with *Bukechi*. Skidders also plays electric, acoustic and bass guitar as a session musician for bands such as *Beneva*, singer/songwriter *NaTasha* & Paul Hogg and once Smethwick-based Kevin Rowland of *Dexys Midnight Runners*, at such venues as the Forum and the world famous Cavern Club in Liverpool.

The first version of *Baggies Battle Cry* was released last year into the British Charts as an instrumental, but after feedback from various quarters, it was clear a version with lyrics was required to drive the Hawthorns' crowd. So Skidders drafted his musical partner of *Bukechi*, Sammi Houston, to lay down her amazing vocals. Joined by rap virtuoso Tat Supreme who has performed with the likes of number one group *Nizlopi*, *Baggies Battle Cry*'s second release was 16th March 2008.

"Sammi has an amazing voice", said Skidders.

"She always thrills our audiences and we are hoping this new single will amaze the *Baggies* fans".

The single is available from iTunes or by SMS text "WBA" to 82822. CDs will be available and sold at selected records stores, such as *Swordfish Records* in Birmingham.

Skidders who lived in Smethwick and Oldbury (in *Dog Kennel Lane*, where the Hawthorns Club used to be and adjacent to *Bristnall Hall Lane* where Frank Skinner lived and was brought up), now lives in Royal Leamington Spa and has his own recording studio *Breac Studios* and Indie record label *Breac Records*.

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