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DIVISION III

SWINDON TOWN

v.

TRANMERE ROVERS

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NEWS and VIEWS

We welcome once again to the County Ground, Tranmere Rovers. We last played them in season 1960-61 with the following results: away 2—2; home 1—0. Unfortunately the Rovers finished that season in 21st position and so were relegated to Division 4. Last season they deservedly gained promotion and we are glad to meet them once again. No doubt many of our supporters listen to Sports Parade at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. Should they be near the Board Room today they will probably recognize the deep brown voice of "Bill Bothwell", the man who sums up the northern games from Manchester. A delightful person, and a fine broadcaster. It is worth while listening to Sports Parade if only to hear his pleasant, bright, cheerful voice.

Tranmere Rovers is a club of long standing, having been founded in 1883. It was one of the original members of League Division 3 (North), and at the end of season 1957-58, when that league amalgamated with Division 3 (South), Tranmere Rovers by virtue of being in 11th position, became part of the new Division 3 and remained so until 1961.

They have not hit the top spots in championships, but certainly produced two of the greatest centre-forwards in league history, namely Dixie Dean (transferred to Everton) and "Pongo" Waring (to Aston Villa).

Match played at Tranmere, 22nd August, 1960. 2—2. Half-time 2—0.

Tranmere Rovers: Payne; Jones, Frith; Heydon, Millington, Harrop; Finney, Williams, Rowley, Barnett, Eglington. Scorers: Finney (2nd minute), Barnett (43rd minute).

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Swindon Town: Burton; Wollen, Trollope; Morgan, Owen, Woodruffe; Summerbee, Hunt, Mellor, Jackson, Chamberlain. Scorer: Chamberlain 2 (4th and 79th minutes).

Referee: Mr. A. E. Ellis (Halifax).

Match played at Swindon, 31st August, 1960. 1—0. Half-time 0—0.

Swindon Town: Burton; Wollen, Trollope; Morgan, Owen, Woodruffe; Summerbee, Hunt, Mellor, Jackson, Chamberlain. Scorer: Jackson (79th minute).

Tranmere Rovers: Payne; Billington, Frith; Heydon, Millington, Best; Sinclair, Williams, Finney, Barnett, Eglington.

Referee: Mr. L. Callaghan (Merthyr Tydfil).

Attendance: 10,781. Receipts: £1,279 3s. 6d.

Unfortunately, we have not made a very impressive beginning to the season. Is history going to repeat itself? We began very badly last year.

After the home draw with Newport County (what a hectic last 15 minutes — crossbar, upright, everything but the back of the net) we journeyed to Stockport to play Friday evening. The first half was most enjoyable, good open football, and everyone was happy. Immediately after the interval came two quick goals, and Swindon were right up against it. However, we fought back and, had chances been accepted, could easily have come home with a point.

The following Tuesday the Cup replay at Newport was most disappointing. We had a large following of supporters, but their return trip could not have been very happy. Our lads couldn't seem to get going. They never really got into the game. Try as they did nothing seemed to go right. We hit the upright in the first five minutes, but that was the nearest we

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came to scoring. It certainly was not our night. Both Newport County's goals were headed in from corner kicks.

We have often been asked to keep our supporters better advised on the news of injured players, and this we will try to do. The difficulty is that if the programme notes are written on a Wednesday, the ordinary injury has time to mend between then and the match day on Saturday, so that we could well be discussing a player's injury in the programme when he is actually fit enough to play in the match. Obviously if we are unlucky enough to suffer serious injury to any of the players we will keep you posted on the player's progress, such as if and when they have started training again. At the moment we have rather too many injuries. Keith Morgan has been troubled with an injured knee most of the summer, but will probably begin training on Monday. David Harper is recovering rapidly from the injury sustained against Newport County, and we hope he will be fit enough to play today (Saturday). Barry Lowes is still receiving treatment. The knee could heal quickly or may take some time. Barry Jeffrey had a groin strain, but is now in light training. Vince Mascia is also back in light training after a strain. Dave Clark, who had a cartilage operation in the summer, has started playing. With a reduced playing staff we need freedom from injuries and all players available, especially with mid-week games, both in Division III and the Combination.

Talking of mid-week games, we play Barrow on Monday evening. This means leaving Swindon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, travelling so far, stopping overnight and proceeding the next morning, reaching Barrow at 6 p.m. After the match we make the return trip, travelling all through the night, arriving in Swindon at 8 a.m. Some weary people will dismount from the bus at the County Ground. One of the joys of football!

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Height 6ft. 2ins. Weight 13st. Has been likened to the late Frank Swift and there may be significance in the fact that Jimmy hails from close to the Manchester City ground which "Swiftie" adorned for so many years. At 6ft. 2ins. he is the tallest man on Rovers' books. Signed from Runcorn F.C., he had one full season in Tranmere Rover's Cheshire League side then had the distinction of helping them to win promotion in his first season in League football in which he never missed a match. Combines soccer with cricket and is Brian Statham's understudy as a Lancashire pace bowler.

STAN STORTON (Full-back)

Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 2lbs. A Yorkshireman — from Keighley, to be precise — and as uncompromising on and off the field as the traditional "Tyke". Emerged in League football with Bradford City, moved on to Hartlepool United and arrived at Prenton Park on a free transfer.

EDDIE ROBERTSON (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. There are only two Scots on the Prenton Park playing staff and Eddie, who hails from Edinburgh, has had the longer experience of English football. Came south as a winger with Bury, but was transformed by Manager Russell when he was the incumbent at Gigg Lane, into a flying full-back, and his overlapping proved troublesome to many an opposite number. Moved from Bury to Wrexham and after one successful season there was, surprisingly, allowed to go. That was when Mr. Russell snapped up another useful "free" and Eddie has proved over four seasons an excellent defender, a loyal clubman and a shrewd deputy captain.

BARRY MARTIN (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 4lbs. Although he hails from Birmingham, Barry's name is more closely associated with Blackpool where he was a first-teamer for a number of years. After a brief spell with Oldham Athletic, Barry joined Tranmere Rovers in 1965. Injury cost him his first-team place last season, but he made a splendid come-back as deputy centre-half in the vital matches after Easter which clinched promotion.

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RAY POINTON (Full-back)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 10st. 3lbs. Like the experienced Martin, Ray has frequently deputised as a centre-half. Indeed, it was as a pivot that he joined Tranmere Rovers straight from school in Bebington, and although he has yet to make his first appearance in the League side he has been a regular for more than a season in the Cheshire League side and seems sure to move up to a higher grade in the current season.

JOHNNY KING (Wing-half)

Height 5ft. 7ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs. It is as a right-half that Johnny is best known, but he also figured at full-back towards the end of last season and may develop a new career there. Anything is within the capacity of this great-hearted player who seemed finished as a player when he suffered an Achilles injury. But after a year in and out of hospitals and after several operations he defied the gloomiest predictions to captain the promotion-winning side in its closing matches. Although born in London, he was brought up on Merseyside, made his name with Everton and reached Prenton Park six years ago by way of Bournemouth.

GRAHAM WILLIAMS (Outside-left)

Height 5ft. 5ins. Weight 10st. 3lbs. If there had been a ballot last season for Tranmere Rovers' No. 1 crowd-pleasure, the little Welshman would have been a strong candidate. Although possessor of a dozen full caps and with wide experience in all divisions as a player with Bradford City, Everton, Swansea Town and Wrexham, Graham had disappeared into non-League football before Manager Russell brought him back to where he clearly belongs.

ALAN KING (Left-half)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 11st. 2lbs. Birkenhead-born and bred and one of the first of Manager Russell's schoolboy finds to make the first team grade, which he did three seasons ago. At the beginning of the 1967/68 season, Alan had already played more than 170 games in the first team.

RAY MATHIAS (Wing-half)

Height 5ft. 9ins. Weight 11st. 3lbs. Another native of Liverpool who joined Tranmere Rovers almost straight from school and graduated to full-time status through the ranks of the apprentices.

DAVID PARRY (Wing-forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 11st. There was a lot of surprise when Blackpool released this 19-year-old winger after he had made 78 appearances in their Central League side.

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MANDY HILL (Outside-right)

Real name Stephen, but wouldn't be recognised under that label on any football ground in the land. Like Martin, he came to the fore at Blackpool and looked like the natural successor to Stan Matthews. Won an Under-23 England cap and was still regarded as first-team material when Manager Russell negotiated his transfer to Tranmere Rovers three seasons ago.

DAVID KENNEDY (Outside-right)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 10lbs. Another newcomer to the professional staff after two seasons as an amateur. Born in Birkenhead 18 years ago, he graduated through Schools' football and Birkenhead Boys' Club to Tranmere Rovers' junior team and towards the end of last season made the Cheshire League.

GEORGE YARDLEY (Inside-forward)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 12st. We almost added "and goalkeeper" for George has actually won international honours with Scotland's amateurs as a goalkeeper. He also has the distinction in having played in Australian football.

GEORGE HUDSON (Centre-forward)

Height 5ft. 10ins. Weight 12st. 3lbs. Cost Tranmere Rovers their highest ever transfer-fee when he was bought from Northampton Town last February to spearhead the final drive for promotion. Ironically he could have been a Rovers' player seven years earlier for a mere £200.

KENNY BEAMISH (Centre-forward)

Height 6ft. Weight 12st. 3lbs. Signed on part-time forms 1st July, 1966. Has made good progress through Junior teams and during the 1966-67 season was the leading goal scorer with the Reserve team, scoring 24 goals.

JOE PRITCHARD (Inside-forward)

Height 5ft. 11ins. Weight 12st. 3lbs. This product of Birkenhead Schools football has been described as "the man in the engine room", which seems pretty apt since he served his apprenticeship as a shipwright at Cammell Lairds.

ROY SINCLAIR (Inside-forward)

Height 5ft. 8ins. Weight 10st. 5lbs. A highly-talented player who can have the crowd raging at him and then shouting his praises almost in the same nonchalant move. Has superb ball control and a powerful shot when he cares to use it.

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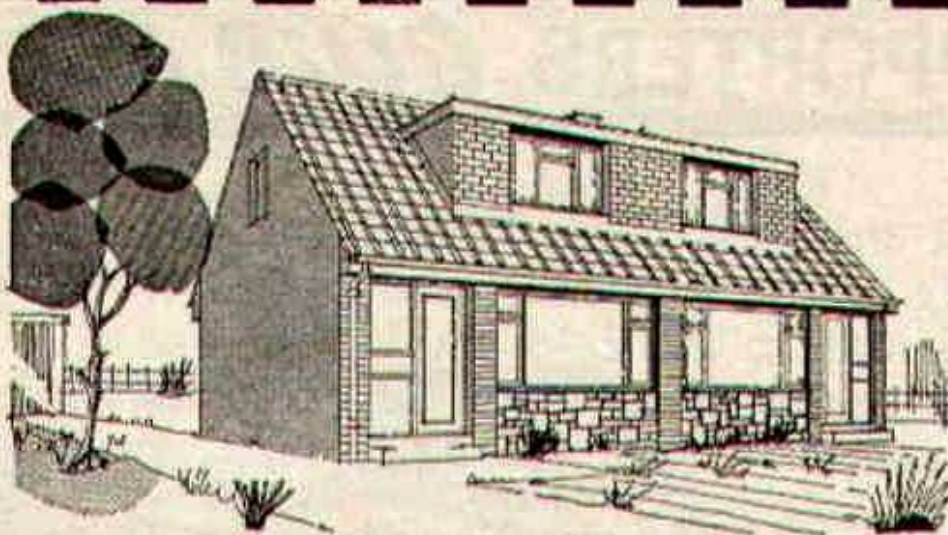
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SUPPORTERS *CLUB NOTES*

The first matches of the season has proved a veritable Curate's egg. On the good side, coming back from a goal down against Brighton to win 2—1 and Newport to draw 1—1. An early injury to our new winger, Barry Lowes, prevented him from showing what I feel will be his true worth.

On the bad side, the chanting from the Town End stand must occupy every true supporter's thoughts, together with possible remedies. I know the solving of this problem is occupying the Board's mind, and the Supporters' Club members, I am sure, will give the Board every support in their endeavours. In a letter to the Evening Advertiser on Monday, 28th August, Mr. Mattick, of New House, Coate, appeals to the Town enders to drop this language and substitute good, wholesome, vocal support. One couldn't agree more — if this does the job — but support for the Board in more stringent action, if this proves necessary, must also be given.

The replay of the League Cup at Newport on Tuesday, 29th August, was most disappointing, as this prevents a visit from Blackpool, so bringing back the flavour of the big game to the County Ground, as a continuation of last season's F.A. Cup games, with the extra confidence the lads gained to help in the League matches. Today's game, therefore, has an added importance.

Press rumours are again rife on the subject of Don Rogers. The Chairman of the Club, and the Manager, have made it abundantly clear that such claims by the Press are unfounded. It is a pity that some stronger action can't be taken against reporters who indulge in such speculations. Once again,

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Arsenal feature strongly in the rumour, and one would like to be able to print a public renunciation of the rumours by Arsenal, and if the other Clubs mentioned could also be persuaded to disassociate themselves from these ill-founded suggestions by underemployed sports writers, so much the better.

The Supporters' Club Competition has got off to a good start this year, and Phil Hart, our Promoter, asks that any Supporter — particularly anyone living in out of town areas where, at the moment, we have no agent — wants to become an agent, he, or any Committee member, would be only too glad to put him on the trail. Village football, cricket and other sports clubs could also improve their finances, and thereby their sports equipment, by becoming agents through a delegated officer, such as their Secretary or Treasurer. Cricket clubs in Cornwall have quickly cottoned on to this and an increasing number are taking advantage this football season to provide the cricket gear for 1968. So, clubs, why wait? Get in now for next season's bats and pads.

A new Handbook is about to go to the publisher, and it is hoped that it will be on sale in the Supporters' Club shops well before Christmas.

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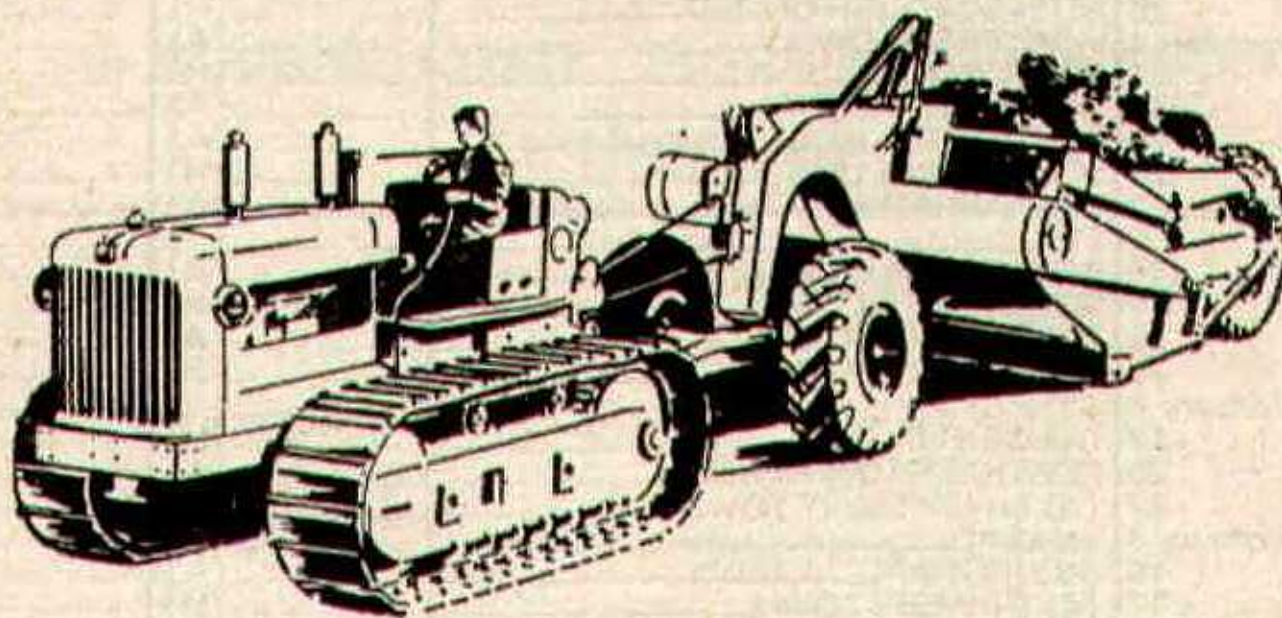
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22	NEWPORT COUNTY (League Cup).....	10,870 (H)	1—1
25	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	9,103 (A)	0—2
29	NEWPORT Co. (League Cup Replay).....	8,100 (A)	0—2
September 2	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	(H)	
4	BARROW.....	(A)	
9	THE ORIENT.....	(A)	
16	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	
23	WALSALL.....	(A)	
26	BARROW.....	(H)	
30	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	
October 4	READING.....	(A)	
7	BURY.....	(A)	
14	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(H)	
21	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(A)	
24	READING.....	(H)	
28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	
November 4	MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(A)	
11	WATFORD.....	(H)	
13	TRANMERE ROVERS.....	(A)	
18	SOUTHPORT.....	(A)	
25	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(H)	
December 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(A)	
9	(1).....	()	
16	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION.....	(A)	
19	STOCKPORT COUNTY.....	(H)	
26	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(A)	
30	TORQUAY UNITED.....	(H)	
January 6	(2).....	()	
13	THE ORIENT.....	(H)	
20	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
27	(3) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(H)	
February 3	WALSALL.....	(H)	
10	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	
17	(4) GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(H)	
24	BURY.....	(H)	
March 2	BOURNEMOUTH & B.A.....	(A)	
9	(5) SHREWSBURY TOWN.....	(A)	
16	COLCHESTER UNITED.....	(H)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
30	(6) MANSFIELD TOWN.....	(H)	
April 6	WATFORD.....	(A)	
12	OXFORD UNITED.....	(A)	
13	SOUTHPORT.....	(H)	
16	OXFORD UNITED.....	(H)	
19	SCUNTHORPE UNITED.....	(A)	
23	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(H)	
27	(S.F.) OLDHAM ATHLETIC.....	(H)	
May 4	BRISTOL ROVERS.....	(A)	
11	GRIMSBY TOWN.....	(A)	
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29	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(A)	0—4
September 2	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(A)	
9	WALSALL.....	(H)	
16	GILLINGHAM.....	(A)	
23	ARSENAL.....	(H)	
October 7	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(A)	
14	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(A)	
31	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(H)	
November 4	WEST HAM UNITED (C).....	(H)	
18	SOUTHAMPTON (C).....	(H)	
29	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (C).....	(A)	
December 2	ARSENAL (C).....	(H)	
12	ARSENAL (C).....	(A)	
16	CHELSEA.....	(H)	
23	SOUTHAMPTON.....	(A)	
26	COVENTRY CITY.....	(H)	
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January 2	COVENTRY CITY.....	(A)	
6	IPSWICH TOWN.....	(H)	
16	WALSALL.....	(A)	
20	GILLINGHAM.....	(H)	
27	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(A)	
February 3	ARSENAL.....	(A)	
10	BIRMINGHAM CITY.....	(H)	
17	LEICESTER CITY.....	(A)	
24	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(A)	
March 2	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(H)	
9	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(H)	
20	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(A)	
23	PETERBOROUGH UNITED.....	(H)	
30	WEST HAM UNITED.....	(A)	
April 6	LEICESTER CITY.....	(H)	
20	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.....	(H)	
30	NORTHAMPTON TOWN.....	(A)	
May 4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.....	(H)	



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