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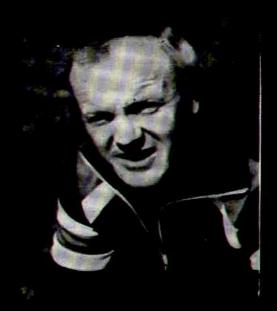
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## BILLY BREMNER

There's nothing like football to build you up one week and knock you down the next - or the other way round as has been the case in the last fortnight. In our home match against Newport there were far too many players not wanting to compete. In fact, there were probably only four players who could hold their heads up after the game - Without wishing to name names, the rest were not spared from criticism straight after the game and there were a few harsh words spoken to them. I used the mid-week reserve match to experiment and to bolster confidence somewhat by playing the first team at



Haliax. The result (a 6-0 win) doesn't matter but what did matter was that we showed a better attitude and a more impressive pattern of play emerged as a result. Young COLIN DOUGLAS scored a hat trick and got himself in some very useful positions, and that didn't do him any harm at all. If truth be told the run-out didn't do any harm and we looked all the better for it in our game at Millwall.

I keep harping on about attitude and commitment, but they are important facets of the game and down at Millwall the lads gave 100%. They competed well and no-one let the side down. I brought STEWART MELL back into the side and he and COLIN DOUGLAS scored the goals at vital times for us. We looked a lot more solid at the back where STEVE LISTER was particularly strong. One important aspect too was the breaks went for us as opposed to against us, as has been the case in recent weeks. Like everything else, you need that little bit of luck and we got it at 1-0 when they hit the post and we went down and scored within a couple of minutes to make it 2-0.

I still believe one of the faults in our game is that there is too much fear - fear to go out and play - and that's why I was delighted to hear that we won the "Pepsi Golden Goals Award" for our goalscoring achievements in February. Although our results weren't over-impressive we did play in making the games that much more enjoyable to watch by attacking opposing sides. Even in defeats at Chesterfield and Preston, we showed that we were always willing to go forward and that has resulted in entertainment value for spectators - though not the result for us. We shall continue to attack sides until the end of the season and I'm sure that will bring just dividends for the Club.

## WELCOME



## **SWINDON TOWN**

Back row (left to right): Brian Hughes, Jimmy Allan, David Round, Mark Stevens, Kevin Baddeley

Middle row (left to right): Chris Kamara (now with Brentford), Roy Greenwood, Charlie Henry, Gary Emmanuel,

Mike Graham, Roy Carter (Captain)

Front row (left to right): Dave Peach, Andy Rowland, Steve Abbley, Craig Moores, Paul Rideout, Kenny Stroud, Howard Pritchard, Russell Lewis, Martin Blacker.

Swindon Town's **JOHN TROLLOPE** played at left back in Swindon's famous 3-1 League Cup Final victory of 1969 when a tremendous display lifted the trophy from the might of Arsenal. Now the Club's Manager, Trollope has been with the Club since 1960 and eventually made a Club record 727 appearances in the League. He has been Manager since November 1980 when he made his last appearance as a player. Since he took over last term the club have battled against relegation despite the form of some extremely talented young players including former England schoolboy striker **PAUL RIDEOUT**.

Rideout signed professional forms last year but made his debut as an apprentice in November 1980 when he scored one of the goals which beat Hull City. he may be better known for the hat-trick he scored as an England schoolboy against Scotland schoolboys two years ago at Wembley.

ANDY ROWLAND made 42 league appearances last season scoring 12 goals and he has already scored several useful goals this term. A former Derby County apprentice he led the goalscoring charts for his second Club - Bury - for three seasons before moving to Swindon n 1978. He also scored a smashing hat-trick against Sheffield United just over a year ago.

Yorkshire-born ROY GREENWOOD may be better known for his 124 league appearances for Hull City since his debut in 1971. Further moves took him to Sunderland d Derby before joining Swindon in March 1980. He made 26 appearances last season scoring 4 goals and was recently on the scoresheet again when he netted Town's equaliser against Wimbledon last month.

Goalkeeper **JIMMY ALLAN** is approaching his 300th League appearance for Swindon - his only League appearance for Swindon - his only League club - with whom he made his debut in 1971. He missed only one match all season last term.

Youngsters CHARLIE HENRY and KEVIN BADDELEY will probably line up at full back for tonights game - Henry signed pro' two years ago and had a successful unbroken spell of 21 League matches at right back last term between December and April.

**BADDELEY**, in contrast, made his debut last term following a successful apprenticeship with Bristol City before moving to his native Swindon last summer. He scored his first league goal for Swindon in this seasons 3-2 home win over Exeter.

Midfield player **BRIAN WILLIAMS** began his career with Bury before moving to QPR and Swindon where last year he made 31 league appearances scoring three times from the penalty spot.

Neath-born **RUSSELL LEWIS** completed his 100th League game for Swindon early this season having signed for Swindon in 1976. Voted last year's "Player of the Year" he made 37 appearance in the League last season.

Partnering Lewis in the back four will be **KEN STROUD** who is Swindon's longest serving player. Now with over 300 League appearances under his belt he made his debut way back in September 1971. A London born six-footer, stroud scored one goal last season (against Hull at the County Ground) in 29 consecutive appearances.

**BRIAN HUGHES** will line up today in a central midfield role and he is a tireless worker. he made his full debut just over 18 months ago after signing professional forms in the summer of 1980. Like Stroud he only scored one goal last term but was quick off the mark this season when he scored against Wimbledon in Swindon's first game of the season.

In super form so far this season has been **ROY CARTER** who was spotted whilst playing in the Western League eight years ago. He joined Swindon four years ago after having helped Hereford United to the Third Division Championship in 1976. Carter is a versatile player who can play in attack, defence or midfield and has already scored some useful goals this season.

Like team-mate Baddeley, **HOWARD PRITCHARD** began his career with Bristol City and made 38 league appearances for the Robins before joining Swindon last summer. He scored two goals for City last season including the winner in a home game against Sheffield Wednesday.

Other players in the reckoning today will be **GARY EMMANUEL** who began his career with Birmingham City and later moved to Bristol Rovers and striker **KEN BEAMISH** who was once on Bury's books and missed out on both league matches against Rovers last season whilst with his first ever Club Tranmere. He is now player/coach with Swindon.



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## Rovers Notes

Winners of the Third Division Pepsi Golden Goals Award for February were none other than Doncaster Rovers!

Whilst results didn't all go Rovers way during the month's matches, the goals scored earned Rovers £1,000 in the newly-sponsored awards scheme recently approved by the Football League which gives bonus points for goals scored. For the record the points were worked out as follows:

Chesterfield (away), Glynn Snodin's goal won two points; Exeter City (away), Steve Lister's goal scored from the penalty spot earned another two points; Chester (home), four goals from Glynn Snodin, Steve Lister, Alan Little and Daral Pugh earned four points only, but there were three extra points for scoring more than three goals in the one match; Reading (away) Alan Little, Dick Dawson and Daral Pugh scored Rovers three goals which earned six points with, again, an additional three for scoring three goals.

The two points that clinched the award were won when Dick Dawson scored a consolation goal in the 1-3 defeat by Preston at the end of the month. Ironically in second place with 21 points for the month were Burnley who beat Rovers during the same month at Belle Vue.

London must be the place to be these days for Doncaster Rovers following a fine 2-0 win over Millwall last week. One of only two other away wins in the league also took place in London back in September when an Alan Warboys penalty earned three points off Wimbledon. It should be interesting watching Rovers against Fulham and Brentford during the next couple of months!

That win came as something of a boost to everyone at the club and capped a smashing week for former Celtic striker Colin Douglas. Colin scored a hat-trick in a 6-0 Reserve Team win over Halifax during the week and followed this up with another great goal at

Millwall. He has now scored in all three league games for Doncaster Rovers during the season, having notched some early season goals in the Northern Intermediate League. He has become very popular amongst Rovers supporters during his first season at the club and will probably benefit even more with the imminent return of Alan Warboys.

Also on the scoresheet in both matches was striker Stewart Mell who has only a handful of first team appearances this season, but has still scored three goals in four full appearances. He scored a breathtaking first goal down at Millwall last week after latching on to a flick-on from Colin Douglas. It was also his aggrressive running that led to Rovers second goal scored by Douglas and won him many national newspapers 'Man of the Match' awards for Rovers. Stewart, of course, is a local lad and was signed just over two years ago before a Boxing Day match at Walsall. Although Stewart didn't play in that match, he did make his debut as a non-contract player the following week when he came on as substitute in a home defeat by Huddersfield. His record in the league is 26 full appearances, eight substitute appearances.



Stewart Mell brilliant goal



Calling all Junior Rovers Members. Are you looking for someting to do on Sunday, 21st March (a week on sunday) for the day? If you are, why not come along on the Junior Rovers latest venture - a day trip to Maine Road, home of Manchester City.

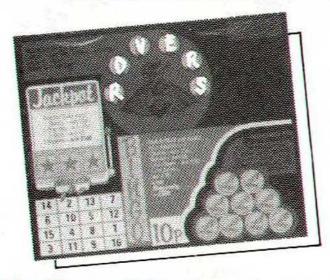
The trip which departs from Belle Vue at 8.30 a.m. and is open to members and parents will include a Junior Blues meeting and your chance to meet Internationals JOE CORRIGAN (England), ASA HARTFORD (Captain of Scotland) and several more of the City team including England Under 21 Internationals NICKY REID and TOMMY CATON.

Immediately after the meeting the party have been invited along to watch a six-a-side competition involving Manchester City, BBC Radio Manchester, Independent Station Picadilly Radio and our very own Doncaster Rovers. Playing for Rovers will be Manager BILLY BREMNER, Assistant Manager DAVE BENTLEY, Reserve Team Coach DAVE PUGH and probably Junior Rovers Chairman ALAN BURBANKS and Secretary STEVE TOPLISS. Chief Scout MICK HUGHES may well wind up in goal reportedly because he's the widest in the travelling party!

The trip is expected to be back in Doncaster at around 5.30 p.m. Anyone interested in coming along may report to the Supporters Club Office or the main office immediately after tonights game or on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Bookings will also be taken prior to next Tuesday's match against Carlisle United. The cost will be £2.00.

Don't miss out on the Junior Rovers latest big day out!

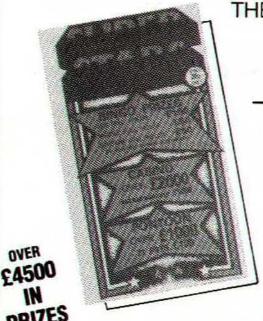
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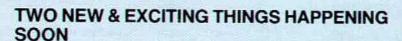
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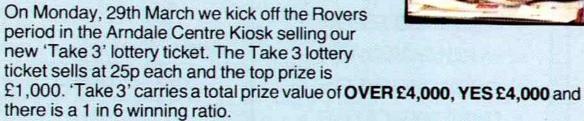
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Commercial Manager





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March also sees the launch of our new 20p Bingo lottery ticket 'Windfall'. To follow the successful steps of Supercash and Superstars, both leadersin 1981 - Windfall, which has been specially designed, will be on sale for 20p and carries a top prize of £1,000. Although it is basically a 'Bingo' ticket is also has 3 Instant Games - Bandit - Stargame and the £1,000 top prize is paid out on Pontoon. As you can see there is no lack of money to be won on Doncaster Rovers NEW and exciting lottery tickets which will be on sale very

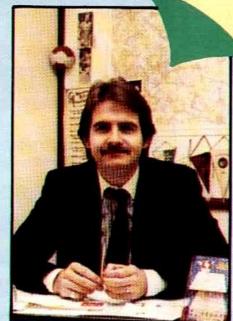
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- 4. IAN SNODIN
- 5. STEVE LISTER
- 6. HUGH DOWD
- 7. DARAL PUGH
- 8. DAVE HARLE
- 9. COLIN DOUGLAS
- 10. GLYNN SNODIN
- 11. STEWART MELL

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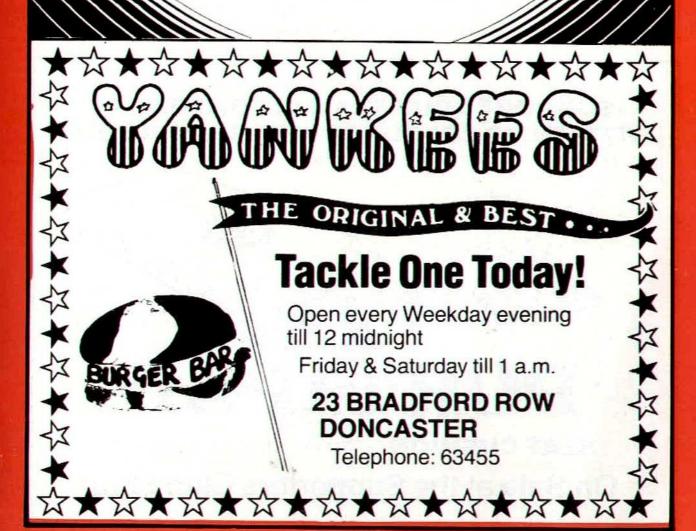
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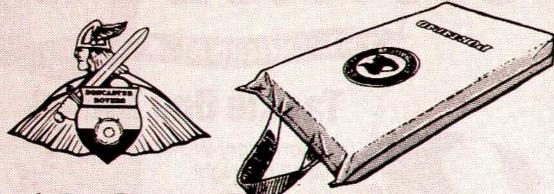
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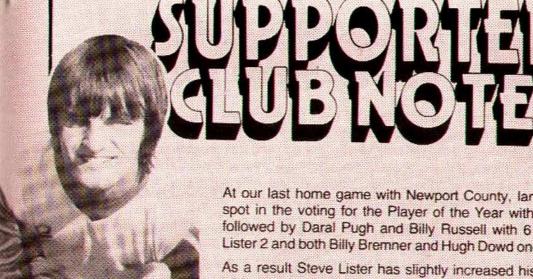
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Steve Lister leads the way

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As a result Steve Lister has slightly increased his lead in our league table with 65 points followed by Alan Warboys 58, Richard Dawson 52, Glynn Snodin 42 and Pat Lally 40.

Our Cash Draw prize was unclaimed at the Newport County match so tonight's prize is worth £7. Don't forget to claim within 20 minutes of the end of the game if your membership number is the lucky one announced at half-time. In our second draw, two main stand tickets

for tonight's match have been won by Philip Tacey, 14 Leverton Road, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts. (membership no. 275).

We shall be running coaches to Bristol Rovers on Saturday, 20th March, leaving at 9 a.m. when the fare will be £5. You can book your seat tonight.

We have been approached by one of our regular supporters - Paul Charlesworth of 18 Leahurst Road, West Bridgeforth, Nottingham who travels from Nottingham to Belle Vue for hour home games and Paul wonders whether there is any other supporter travelling from that area by car who would be prepapred to offer him a lift. He would obviously be prepared to contribute towards the costs. If you are able to help, please contact Paul on Nottingham 231127.

The National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs to whom we are affiliated, are running a National 7-a-Side Football Competition and we are entering a team drawn from the members of our Bentley & Retford Branches. The Northern Area Competition will be played at Leeds Playing Fields, Huddersfield on Sunday, 25th April commencing at 11 a.m. A buffet with soft drinks and sandwiches will be available. We shall probably be organising a coach for the team and supporters so if you are interested in coming along and supporting the lads, keep your eye on these notes for future announcements. We are informed that apart from ourselves, Manchester United, Huddersfield, Hull City, Preston North End, Liverpool and Middlesbrough have entered at the time of going to press.

Several of our members have suggested that during the close season we should organise a day trip for members. Various venues have been suggested, including Alton Towers, Southport, Blackpool, etc. If you are interested, please let us know, together with any alternative venues which you think might be more suitable.

Over half the season has now gone but it is still not too late for you to sponsor the Rovers team or your favourite player. All you do is to undertake to pay a sum of money for each goal scored. This can be as little as 1/2 p a goal. Call at the Supporters Club Office for details.

## Meet the Revers

Many Rovers supporters are already arguing amongst themselves as to whether IAN SNODIN will be one of the greats to be considered for the Rovers "Hall of Fame" - which is quite a feat in itself as young lan is still only 18 years of age and has only just completed his 60th appearance in the League. You could say that he has got the whole of the football world at his feet as he is also a regular in the England Youth side. Not only that but he's also won his place - in full colour - on the front of the Rovers Match Magazine.

"It's quite a rare picture, actually" says young lan "because I'm actually standing still during a game - it must have been a very fast shutter speed. Seriously, I'm enjoying my football at the moment - I feel as though I want to get more and more involved in games and my confidence is growing all the time. Playing in the Third Division is a bit different to playing in the Fourth as the standard is much higher and you have just that fraction longer on the ball."



lan impressed the pundits with his performances at home to Newport and for England Youth in Glasgow recently. That was his fourth England cap and despite losing 1-0, he's convinced England can win the second leg. "I think we'd have won in Scotland if we'd had a full squad available. It was funny one day while training before the match, the England Youth Team Manager asked Dave Harle to curl some free kicks in from the left with his left foot. I fell about laughing - he couldn't kick a ball with his left foot to save his life!"

A close friend of lan's, Dave has recently passed his driving test and is currently acting as Chauffer for the two of them.

"I've got my test coming up soon but with Dave driving me about, I'm not bothered if I don't pass!" explained lan.

Outside interests for lan include golf and training a side called Fullerton FC who play in one of the local leagues and who have only been beaten once, since young "Snod" took over coaching duties two months ago. By the way, girls, lan is still single and not courting but - a word of warning if your're thinking of writing to lan, there's a rumour that lan's fan mail is handled by David Harle!

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#### Northern Intermediate League Fixtures

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25	Chesterfield	Away	3-2
Sept 12	York City	Away	1-1
19	Newcastle United	Home	0-0
26	Darlington	Away	0-3
Oct 3	Hull City	Home	0-2
17	Hartlepool United	Home	0-1
4	<b>Huddersfield Town</b>	Home	1-1
31	Sunderland	Away	0-1
Nov 7	Rotherham United	Away	0-0
14	Huddersfield Town	Away	1-1
21	York City	Home	2-0
Dec 5	Leeds United	Away	0-5
12	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	P
19	Lincoln City	Away	P
26	Barnsley	Home	P
30	Chesterfield (LC)	Away	P
Jan 2	Chesterfield	Home	P
9	Newcastle United	Away	P
16	Darlington	Home	P
23	Grimsby Town	Home	1-0
30	Barnsley	Away	0-3
Feb 6	Sheffield Wednesday	Home	0-1
16	Sheffield United	Away	2-1
20	Leeds United	Home	1-2
27	Sunderland	Home	1-1
Mar 4	Chesterfield (LC)	Away	1-3
6	Sheffield United	Home	0-3
13	Grimsby Town	Away	
20	Hartlepool United	Away	
27	Rotherham Unitied	Home	
Apr 3	Hull City	Away	
10	Middlesbrough	Away	
17	Middlesbrough	Home	
May 1	Newcastle	Away	
8	Barnsley	Home	
15	Chesterfield	Home	

#### North Midlands League Fixtures

Date	Opponents	Venue	Res
Sept 2	Sunderland	Home	0-8
7	York City	Away	P
16	Barnsley	Home	1-2
21	Bradford LC 1-1	Home	2-0
Oct 13	Chesterfield	Home	1-1
27	Grimsby Town	Away	1-6
Nov 4	Halifax Town	Home	3-1
10	Hull City	Away	1-1
17	Lincoln City	Home	0-1
24	Middlesbrough	Away	0-3
Dec 1	Mansfield Town	Home	4-3
8	Notts County	Away	2-3
14	Bradford City LC 1-2	Away	P
22	Rotherham United	Home	P
Jan 5	Scunthorpe United	Home	1-2
11	Sunderland	Away	P
19	York City	Home	2-1
27	Bamsley	Away	0-1
Feb 2	Bradford City	Home	1-2
10	Chesterfield	Away	0-5
24	Grimsby Town	Home	2-2
Mar 2	Halifax Town	Away	6-0
8	Hull City	Home	0-0
17	Lincoln City	Away	(A. S.)
22	Sunderland	Away	
24	Middlesbrough	Home	
30	Mansfield Town	Away	
Apr 6	Notts County	Home	Marine 18
12	Rotherham United	Away	
20	Bradford City (LC)	Away	
27	Scunthorpe United	Away	
29	Rotherham United	Home	
May 3	Bradford City	Away	
12	York City	Away	

#### LEAGUE GAMES & GOALS 1981/82

	Арр	Sub	Goals
Willie Boyd	24		
Billy Bremner		1	
Terry Cooper	14		
Richard Dawson	21	1	7
Colin Douglas	24	2	2
Hugh Dowd	25		1
David Harle	17	3	1
Glen Humphries		1	
Steve Humphries	4		
Pat Lally	23		
Steve Lister	27		4
Alan Little	9	1	2
Stewart Mell	4	4	3
Ian Nimmo	4	4	1
Keith Parkinson	5		
Daral Pugh	27	1	6
Billy Russell	22	2	2
Glynn Snodin	22		4
Ian Snodin	21		1
Carl Swan	1_		
Alan Warboys	14		4

#### **LEAGUE DIVISION 3**

		HOME						AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	28	7	5	1	23	11	7	4	4	22	17	51
Chesterfield	29	9	4	2	23	12	6	2	6	16	15	51
Carlisle	27	11	2	1	25	10	4	2	7	12	16	49
Oxford	27	7	3	3	17	10	6	4	4	20	17	46
Burnley	29	7	5	2	22	13	5	5	5	20	21	46
Reading	31	8	5	4	30	26	4	3	7	15	24	44
Lincoln	29	7	5	3	24	12	4	5	5	17	17	43
<b>Bristol Rovers</b>	31	9	3	4	25	20	3	4	8	14	26	43
Southend	30	7	6	4	21	17	4	4	5	13	13	43
Walsall	30	8	4	4	26	15	3	5	6	11	14	42
Millwall	29	7	2	6	23	18	4	6	4	17	19	41
Brentford	31	4	4	6	11	10	7	3	7	20	21	40
Gillingham	28	7	3	4	29	21	4	3	7	11	19	39
Plymouth	31	8	4	4	25	15	2	5	8	13	23	39
Huddersfield	30	7	3	5	26	17	3	5	7	15	21	38
Portsmouth	30	6	6	2	19	10	2	6	8	15	26	36
Swindon	29	6	3	6	26	23	3	6	5	12	18	36
ROVERS	28	7	1	5	20	15	3	5	7	18	27	36
Exeter City	29	8	2	4	29	26	2	4	9	20	35	36
Newport	29	5	5	4	15	13	3	4	8	18	23	33
Bristol City	29	4	5	6	15	19	4	4	6	13	16	33
Preston N.E.	29	5	5	4	12	12	3	3	9	15	26	32
Chester	22	2	8	3	13	15	4	1	10	14	27	27
Wimbledon	27	5	3	5	16	18	2	3	9	17	200	27

## Revers Diary

The end of the bad weather brings with it a return to a two-match week and Rovers have seven first team matches to fit into the 28 days of February - following the last day of January where we start withour usual in-depth analysis fo Rovers affairs on a day to day basis

#### **JANUARY**

31st The Managers, Secretaries and Coaches Association meeting to be held in Coventry is postponed and will be held in a fortnights time.

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 1st It's the first day of work for Mrs SANDRA SNELL who takes up duties as Rovers Manager Billy Bremners secretary, whilst the Rovers 5-a-side team is defeated in the semi-finals of the English Schools FA/Asda competition held in Sheffield.
- 2nd WILLIE BOYD and ALAN WARBOYS are still unfit as Rovers take on top of the table Chesterfield at Salter Road. An impressive Chesterfield win 3-1 though a late Rovers fight back involving a consolation goal from GLYNN SNODIN gives our supporters something to cheer. Popular Rovers landlady, Mrs Norbury, celebrates her birthday with lodgers BILLY and DARAL PUGH.
- 3rd Rovers Manager BILLY BREMNER wins a high court libel case against Odhams Newspapers and it is alleged that £100,000 compensation should be paid together with £60,000 costs. Everyone at Belle Vue is delighted and its reported that a drink or 2 was consumed in celebration! ALAN WARBOYS has a successful "laminectomy" i.e. the removal of a painful disc, and he is the first person Manager Billy Bremner visits on his return from London.
- 4th The "Rover Roadshow" is on the road again this time to the Supporters Club meeting at one of the successful branches in Retford. In attendance are Director GRAHAM SMITH, President IAN NIMMO, Player BILLY RUSSELL and Secretary ROGER READE. Several interesting points are again discussed including the age old subject of police expenses.
- 5th Radio Sheffield's ROGER KILNER is again a welcome guest at Belle Vue to interview Manager BILLY BREMNER. Meanwhile WILLIE BOYD is declared fit to travel for another evening stay prior to the match against Exeter City. ALAN LITTLE celebrates his birthday the same day.
- 6th In a dour performance Rovers are narrowly defeated by goal scoring Exeter City, though a STEVE LISTER penalty again gives some consolation to the travelling band of Rovers supporters. Meanwhile back at Cantley Park in Doncaster the Juniors lose to a last minute goal scored by Sheffield Wednesday.
- 7th Popular Laundry Lady LIZ WARD celebrates her 21st birthday . . . or thereabouts!
- 8th Officials from the Football League investigate Rovers latest claim for a grant from the improvement trust, to improve ground safety. Approval is given at the Rovers Board Meeting to increase the share capital of the Company - further details to be released in the near future.
- 9th Rovers still hit by injuries experiment with new signing KEITH PARKINSON playing in an unaccustomed role as a striker. In the end Burnley steal the points with a second half goal.
- 10th The Rovers crash against an impressive Chesterfield line up by 5-0 though the Rovers side included several youngsters whilst Chesterfield included £100,000 rated striker Phil Walker and £60,000 John Stirk. Rovers Scout Maurice Smith celebrates his birthday today.
- 11th Exeter City announce that they are prepared to release former Barnsley player MIKE LESTER and Rovers show some interest.
- 12th It's a light morning's training at Belle Vue preparing for the match against Chester, and SALLY HOLDEN spends her last day at Belle Vue before leaving to have a baby. Rovers help near neighbours Scunthorpe United with a little bit of assistance following the departure of their Manager and Secretary during the week.
- 13th Chester provide the opposition in a thrilling match which Rovers eventually win by 4-3 despite giving away a 3-1 lead, the goals coming from GLYNN SNODIN, ALAN LITTLE, STEVE LISTER & DARAL PUGH though BILLY RUSSELL also claims the winning goal. Meanwhile the Intermediates give a much better account of themselves despite losing 1-0 to Sheffield Wednesday.
- 14th It's Valentines Day which is quite appropriate for the ever romantic GLYNN SNODIN and its also his birthday. Meanwhile attending a Junior Rovers Club meeting with around 100 members present are players IAN NIMMO, CARL SWAN, COLIN DOUGLAS, BILLY RUSSELL, DARAL PUGH, Chief Scout MICK HUGHES, Reserve Team Coach DAVE PUGH and Secretary ROGER READE.





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