

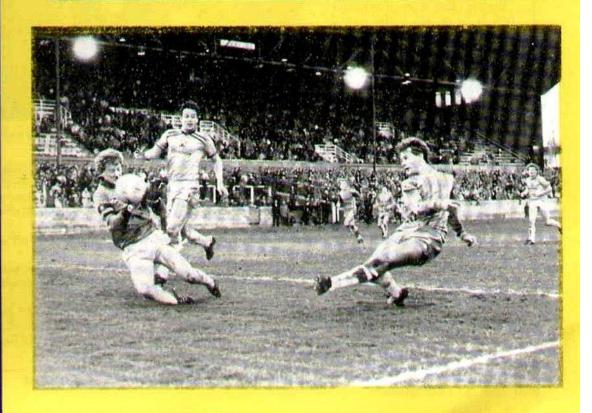


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NEWS DESK

Congratulations are due to David Burgess. The match against Burnley marked the reliable defender's 200th League appearance for Rovers.

"Bunny" Bell's famous matchball is to go on show permanently in a glass case, together with photographs and mementos from 1935. The Club are indebted to Mr. David Kerr of Dawson Avenue, Birkenhead, who has kindly donated the ball to us. David won the ball in 1977, when Bunny raffled it for charity. Several publications, including Football Monthly Match



"Bunny" Bell presents a £1000 Lottery cheque to Mr. & Mrs. O'Toole of Higher Bebington.

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Weekly, Shoot and even The Times have, or are, covering the story of our biggest victory.

Gary Williams' tremendous free kick was a major talking point of the Burnley match. "Every time I get near goal these days, I think I can score", said Gary. "Billy Rodaway got into their wall, so I knew he would duck, all I had to do was get my aim right". Which was just as well, otherwise that shot would have ripped Billy's head off!

A reminder that next weeks "Derby" with Chester, at Sealand Road, kicks off at 11.00 a.m. Rovers fans should use the Saughall Road end of the ground.

In off the Post . . . Mr. Melvyn Partridge of 10 Broadmead, Parbold, Near Wigan, is selling his collection of Wigan Ath. Programmes, including all those between Wigan and ourselves since 1978. Any takers?

Our two Freight-Rover Trophy group matches are pencilled in for Tuesday, 14th January at Bury and Monday, 20th January against Preston at home.

Next Saturday, we entertain Prescot Cables in the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Senior Cup. The kick-off at Prenton Park is 11.00 a.m.



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Frank Speaking . . .

Ed. How disappointed were you with the defeat at Cambridge, when most people predicted a good victory?

F.W. Very – particularly as we murdered them during the first half hour. We scored a good goal, then gave them two bad goals and made things difficult for ourselves again. However, they played with a renewed commitment and their performance on the night was 100% better than when they played here.



Ed. The victory over Burnley was thoroughly deserved, did you find it easy to watch or did you find yourself playing every move?

F.W. I was nervous beforehand, but once the game started and the lads got into their stride, I settled down. After a good first half performance, to come in at half time 0-1 down, was typical of the way, things have gone this season. But we justifiably won the game with two very good goals from Doug Anderson and Gary Williams.

Ed. Gary Williams was saying after the match how you encouraged him to get into shooting positions, do you like to see all the outfield players looking for goals?

F.W. Every player has a licence to score goals, that's what the game of football is all about. We will always encourage attacking play because that is what George Mulhall and I believe in. Having said that, when players do get forward, we must ensure that extra man in defence, should our moves break down.

Ed. Swindon are doing well at present, yet we could have defeated them earlier this season. What are your views on them and the job Lou Macari is doing there?

F.W. Lou Macari is obviously doing a very good job down there and good luck to him, but on our performance at Swindon, we were unlucky not to get a result there as we competed well and played some very good football.

OUR TEN YEAR RECORD AGAINST SWINDON TOWN HOME AWAY SEASON DIVISION RESULT | SCORERS ATTENDANCE RESULT SCORERS 75-76 4 76-77 3 0 - 12648 1 - 1 Allen 77-78 3 1 - 1 Allen 2812 0 - 178-79 3 1 - 1 Peplow 2150 1 - 4 Kerr 4 79-80 4 80-81 81-82 4 82-83 4 2 - 0 Wellings, Aspinall 1521 2 - 4 Brown, Kerr 83-84 4 2 - 1 Ferguson, Baillie (own goal) 2543 1 - 1Baillie (own goal) 84-85 0 - 2 2053 1 - 2Clayton SUMMARY: W D 12 2 4 6 12 19

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CLUB FACTS

Swindon Town F.C. County Ground, Swindon, Wilts. Player Manager Lou Macari Club Nickname "Robins" Record Attendance: 32,000 v. Arsenal, F.A. Cup, 1972

Record Victory: 10-1 v. Farnham Breweries,

F.A. Cup, 1925 Record Defeat:

10-1 v. Man. City, F.A. Cup, 1930 Most Capped Player: Rod Thomas, 30, Wales

Most Appearances: John Trollope, 770, 1960-1980

Football League Cup Winners 1969 Anglo Italian Cup Winners 1970

Record Fee Received: £250,000 for Paul Rideout

to Aston Villa 1983 Record Fee Paid: £150,000 to Southampton for Dave Peach 1980

SWINDON TOWN



Back Row - Left to Right:

Mark Hughes, Peter Lango, Andy Wollen, Charlie Henry, Colin Gordon, Colin Calderwood, Chris Ramsey,

Third Row - Left to Right:

John Trollope (Asst. Manager), Brian Wade, Leigh Barnard, Mark Gardiner, Scott Endersby, John Findlay, Alan Churchward, Derek Hall, Andy Rowland, David Hockaday, Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist).

Second Row - Left to Right:

Sean Prowse, Peter Coyne, Sheldon Lee, Lou Macari (Team Manager), Jamie Reynolds, Martin Davidson, Mark Payne.

Front Row - Left to Right: Gary Gillette, Nick Hüghes, David Law.

After all the publicity surrounding his fall-out with Harry Gregg, his sacking and subsequent reinstatement, Swindon boss Lou Macari has got down to the business of getting promotion and has not made a bad job of it, as the Wiltshire team currently sit proudly on top of Division Four.

While Swindon have illustrated their credentials in the League, they dipped out of the F.A. Cup at the first hurdle to Bristol City, after a replay. However, their moment of glory came earlier in the season, when they despatched First Division Sheffield Wednesday from the Milk Cup.

Swindon's goal has had four different custodians this season, Jake Findlay, Scott Endersby (now Carlisle), Richard Key and, currently Kenny Allen, who has experience with Hartlepool, Bournemouth and Torquay. Former Brighton full back Chris Ramsey, who played in the 1983 F.A. Cup Final, occupies the right back spot while Charlie Henry has taken over the left back berth from Nicky Coleman. Charlie has come through the Youth Scheme. The two central defenders are likely to be ex-Swansea centre half David Cole and Colin Calderwood, a Scottish defender, previously with Mansfield Town.

The engine room of Swindon's team consists of Paul Roberts, ex-Portsmouth and Peterborough dynamo Leigh Barnard and Dave Hockaday. Hockaday made 178 appearances for Blackpool before joining the Robins in 1983 and has settled into a midfield role after spells on the wing and up front.

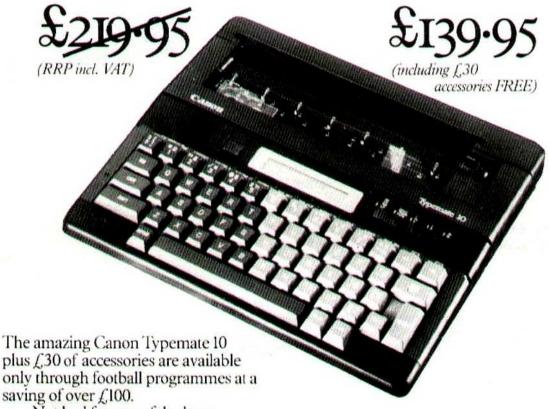
Striker-in-chief Colin Gordon is sure to be a threat today, as he leads their scoring charts, was signed from non-League Oldbury United in 1984. His co-strikers have been ex-Manchester United Peter Coyne and another former non-League striker Bryan Wade. Big Dave Bamber has also been on loan from Portsmouth. His chequered career has taken him to Blackpool, Coventry and Walsall. Macari himself, of course, is still available to play, but he rarely plays up front these days, prefering to guide his team from the full back positions or midfield.

Swindon Town, above all else, will always be remembered for their fairytale "Roy of the Rovers" victory over Mighty Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final at Wembley. Swindon's 3-1 success, which saw goals from Smart and Don Rogers (2), rocked the Football World, but gave hope to every lower division club (they were in Division Three at the time) with Wembley aspirations.

For the record, the Swindon Team that day was:

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DARRELL GRIERSON

Birthplace: Blackpool. Date: 30.10.68.

PROFILE Height: 6' Weight: 12st. 7lbs. Married: No.

His Previous Club: Blackburn — Schoolboy Forms.

Schoolboy Rep. Honours.: Blackpool and Lancashire.

His Job or Trade Before Football: He has none.

Best Save: Reflex save at Goodison Park v. Merseyside.

Current Player he most Admires: No one in particular.

Favourite Team: Liverpool. Hero as a Boy: Kenny Dalglish.

Most Memorable Match: At Goodison Park for Lancs. v.

Merseyside.

Biggest Disappointment: Not making U16 England team.

His Worst Injury: Three torn tendons in ankle. Favourite Away Ground: Old Trafford.

Biggest Influence on Career: Dad! Hobbies/Sports: All sports bar Rugby and Cricket.

Likes listening to Music.

Musical Tastes: Most Music. Car: Talbot Horizon. Fav. Newspaper: Sun and Star.

Favourite Holiday Hot Spot: Florida/Miami. Best Player Ever Faced: Adrian Heath.

Prof. Ambition: To have a long career in football and play for England v. Scotland at Wembley.

Career After Playing: Not quite sure yet.

BEHIND THE SCE

A Series about the people who make Rovers tick over smoothly.

ALEC MUIR

During his 24-year association with Tranmere Rovers, Alec Muir has followed the careers of players like Roy McFarland, Steve Coppell and Derek Mountfield with a warm glow of satisfaction, as they blossomed from raw youngsters into internationals. Though he admits that he never discovered any players, "Walter Skinner and Harry Buckley were mainly responsible for that", Alec looked after dozens of players who subsequently made the first team.

"You don't make good players", said Alec, "they've either got it or they haven't, all you can do is encourage them to develop the right habits and

work on their game. Of course, there were plenty who never made it because they lacked commitment. I remember three lads from Holy Cross, about 10 years ago, who had more skill than I ever dreamed about, but they wouldn't train"

Alec was born in Inverkeithing, near Dumfermline, in 1923 and, after Army Service, joined Billy Liddell's old team Lochgelly Violets. In the summer of 1947, he followed in Liddell's footsteps and joined Liverpool. But opportunities to shine at outside left were limited and, after two years he left Anfield, having made only 4 appearances. Spells with South Liverpool, New Brighton, Prescot Cables and Ashville followed, until Dave Russell persuaded him to hang up his boots at 39 and take charge of the Reserves, along with Jimmy Harris and Eddie Tunney, who ran the "A" and "B" teams.

The boots though came out of retirement two years ago at Barrow, when the Reserves were a man short. Said Alec with a laugh: "The missing player turned up with half an hour to go - but there was no way I was going off! I managed the full 90 minutes at sweeper and we drew 1-1. Not bad, considering I was 58 at the time!"

Alec, who works for Liverpool Council's Purchasing Department, now helps Dave Philpotts train the Reserves on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Has he a current tip for the first team? "Ay", he growled in his broad Scottish accent, "I think Stevie Vickers could make it, with maybe one or two others".







1985 . . . That was the Year that was . . .

New Years' Day, 1985 . . . A 2-0 home defeat of Scunthorpe, which saw goals from John Clayton (his 16th of the season) and on-loan Robert Kelly (from Leicester), kept us in 8th position. The following week, we thrashed Peterborough 4-1 at home, with Colin Clarke, one of their former players, helping himself to a couple of goals just to make Posh feel even more uncomfortable.

January 29th... After losing two successive away games at Blackpool and Swindon, goals from Clarke, Gary Williams, John Clayton and Mark Palios, gave us a 4-1 victory over Blackpool in the Freight Rover Trophy.

February 1st... Irish goalkeeper Billy Irwin arrives for a few weeks trial, but leaves after two reserve games, while Neville Powell departs for Bangor City. Rob Kelly and John Platt return to Leicester and Bolton respectively, when their loan period ends. February 7th... Another defeat at Rochdale signals the end of Bryan Hamilton's five year reign at Prenton Park. Chairman Bruce Osterman says: "Bryan was well liked by everybody, including me, but we weren't winning. Sometimes, when a new regime arrives, there are conflicts and someone has to go. We weren't for him and he wasn't for us". February 8th... Ray Mathias takes over as caretaker boss with the rallying call: "We can still gain promotion". Though some doubted his words – he was nearly proved right. Ray's first game in charge, results in a 2-1 defeat at Halifax in front of 900 spectators. February 23rd... Dave Burgess gets married... Three days later Rovers get back in the winning vein at Crewe, where Mark Hilditch marks his return to action after a long spell of injury, with a goal in our 3-1 victory.

March 2nd . . . Tragedy for poor Mark Hilditch as he breaks a leg at Torquay, though the team hold out for a 1-1 draw. March 5th . . . John Aspinall's late goal sinks Blackpool at Bloomfield Road. March 19th . . . Burnley are knocked out of the Freight Rover Cup after a dramatic penalty shoot-out.

April 1st . . . John Clayton's brace, in the 4-1 defeat of Port Vale, took his tally to 30 goals and pepped up Rovers after a defeat at Colchester, three days earlier, in which Nick Sinclair had been sent off. April 11th . . . Rovers crash out of the Freight Rover Trophy, 3-1 to Wigan – now managed by Bryan Hamilton, who steers them to victory at Wembley.

April – May . . . Victories over Chester, Southend, Stockport, Bury and Exeter, lift Rovers to finish in 6th place, only 9 points adrift of promoted Bury. John Clayton scored his 30th League goal of the season, against Stockport, only to find the anticipated Canon £10,000 prize was non-existent! Colin Clarke, who earlier forced himself into the Northern Ireland squad, is named "Player of the Year" just ahead of Clayton. Speculation continues about the position of Manager . . . Mike Lyons and Phil Neal top the wanted list.

June . . . John Williams, Colin Clarke and John Clayton refuse new terms. John Aspinall, Mark Palios, Mark Ferguson, Seamus Heath, Dave Higgins, Ian McMullen and Andy Lee, are all given free transfers, while Gary Williams returns to Sweden.

July . . . John Williams and Colin Clarke move to Port Vale and Bournemouth respectively, for tribunalset fees. Ronnie Moore and Frank Worthington are interviewed for the Player-Manager's job, however, before an announcement is made, Ray Mathias leaves to join Bryan Hamilton at Wigan. Frank Worthington is the new boss and he brings along his old coach from Bolton, George Mulhall, as his assistant. New players include Billy Ashcroft, Ray Train, Mike Hollifield, David Miller and Ian Muir.

August 17th . . . The season starts with a defeat at Orient, but both Worthington and Clayton notch hat-tricks in the first home game, a 6-2 defeat of Cambridge. Rovers are the subject of another T.V. Documentary – but crash to their second defeat in days to Chester. Clayton signs for Plymouth for £24,000, as he is out of contract, while half the ground is close because of new safety regulations.

October 2nd . . . John Morrissey signs from Wolves for an £8,000 fee to follow Mark Hughes on loan from Bristol City – a deal later to become permanent for a £3000 fee. October 4th . . . Nigel Adkins breaks a cheekbone as Rovers draw 2-2 at Southend – Barry Siddall signs as cover, on loan from Stoke. October 29th . . . Ian Muir scores 4 as Rovers thrash Peterborough 7-0 – an earlier game having been abandoned through Floodlight failure.

November 19th . . . lan Muir's winner secures victory in the F.A. Cup at Chesterfield in a replay – our first win there since 1962.

December 10th... Rovers dip out of the F.A. Cup at Bury and Frank Worthington is sent off. **December 14th...** Mark Hughes is sent off at Hereford, but Rovers still win 4-1 with a tremendous performance. **December 26th...** The 50th Anniversary of our 13-4 defeat of Oldham. We beat Burnley 2-1 and Rovers present a silver salver to the 9-goal hero of that day, "Bunny" Bell.

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DAVE PHILPOTTS

IN RESERVE Considering the very windy conditions we encountered during our game at home against Morecambe Reserves, the first half saw us produce some good controlled football. Thus a lot of chances came our way, of which we converted two through Willaston winger Steve Whitehall and Stuart Heap.

It was Steve's first goal for our reserves and resulted from a fine near post cross. Steve timed his run to the near post perfectly, to side foot his goal home. Stuart's goal came courtesy of a tremendous shot from the edge of the box, which I don't think many keepers would have saved, with the

exception of our own Nigel Adkins, of course.

After finishing the first half 2-0 in front, we scored within five minutes of the restart, after a fine run by Mark Hilditch down the left flank provided a simple tap-in chance for Stuart Heap to grab his second.

We did take things a bit too easy after going three up and allowed Morecambe to come into the game, giving them a consolation goal at the end of the game.

Let me again introduce you to another of our younger players. John Conway has played for our reserves for parts of last season and this, filling the right back position in each game. He gives all he can while playing and has steadily improved with each game.

John has joined us for training during his school holidays on a couple of occasions and is willing to work on any part of his game to improve himself. Having to travel from Bolton, makes it awkward at times for him to come training, but he is enjoyable to work with when here.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - 21st DECEMBER, 1985 Rovers Reserves 3 v. Morecambe Reserves 1

Team: Adkins, Woodward, Hollifield, Vickers, Garnett, Edwards, Miller, Birch, Heap, Hilditch, Whitehall.

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Referee:

N. L. WILSON (Morecambe). Building Maintenance Officer. Married with two children. Commenced refereeing in 1967, progressing via North Lancashire, West Lancashire and Northern Premier Leagues. Interested in cricket, walking and all sports. Refereed Northern Premier League Cup Final in 1977, lined an Egyptian League game and League Cup Final in 1981, Norway v. Denmark in 1982, Scotland v. Uruguay in 1983 and Charity Shield in 1984.

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