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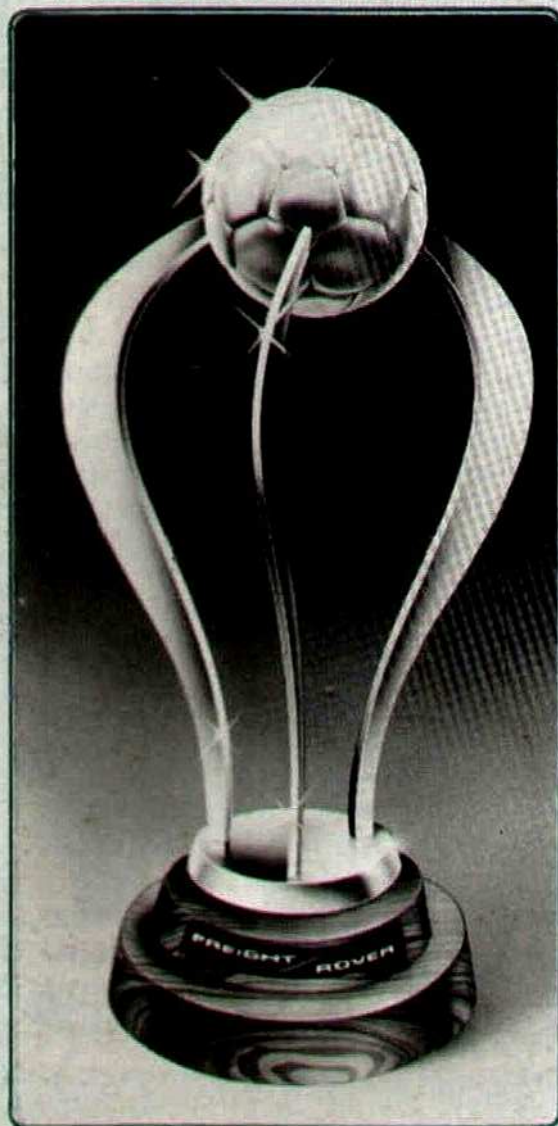


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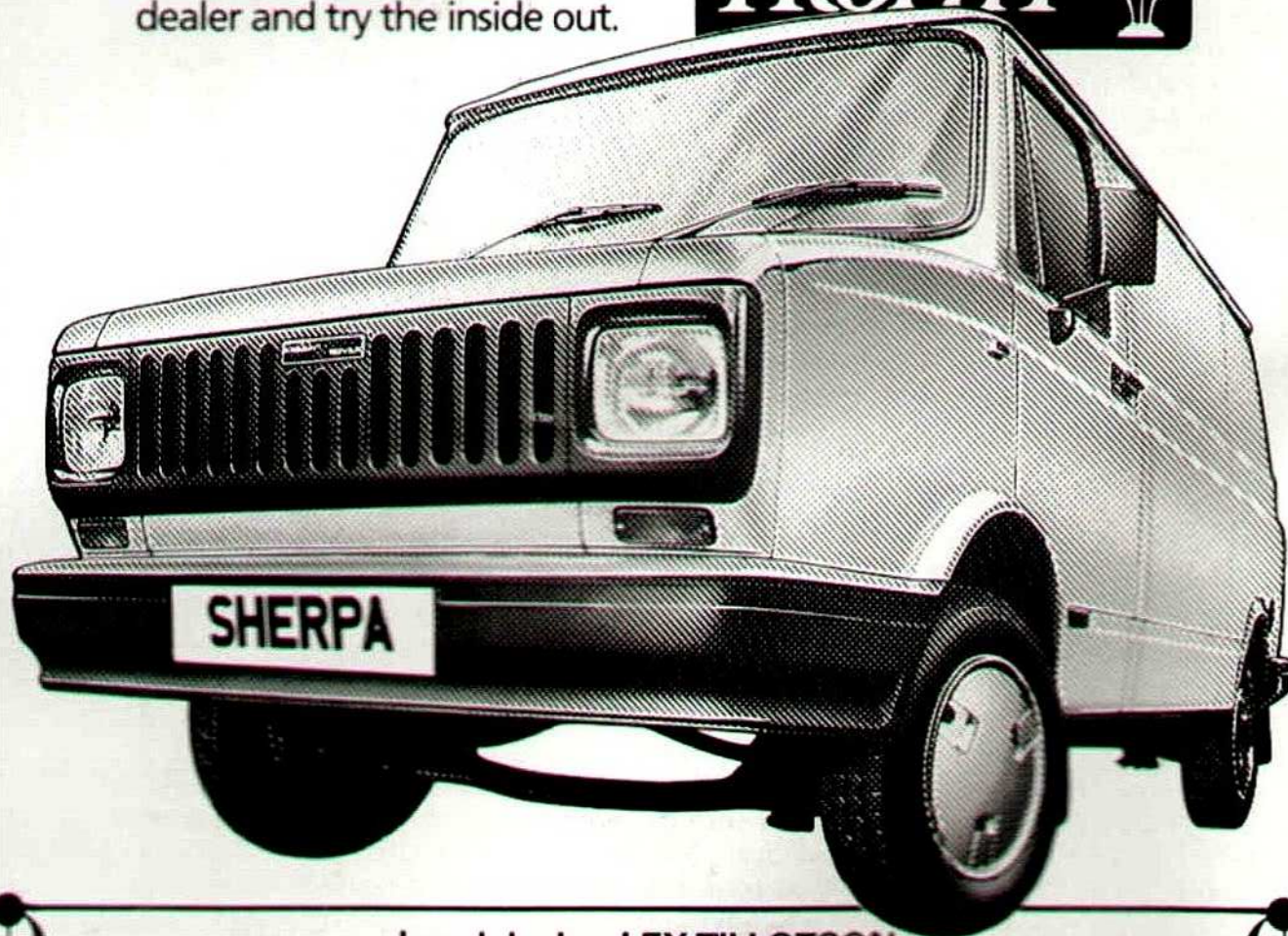
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Welcome Return To Television

Soccer's return to our television screens at the beginning of this month has allowed football fans living away from the main First Division grounds to have a new glimpse of the country's top stars in action after a seventh month break.

As someone who was last summer advocating the game being off 'the box', I have to confess the return of Britain's No. 1 sport to the silver screen has not come a moment too soon.

As a football lover, I thought television was a threat to the game. We were being exploited in too many areas. And not enough discretion was being used in compiling programmes.

Out Of All Proportion

Film crews were being instructed not only to cover the football, but also any crowd misbehaviour, which was often blown up out of all proportion.

The hooligan element was receiving far too much exposure. This was attracting more and more of the wrong type of person to matches, and spoiling the enjoyment of the game's legions of well-behaved fans.

With the removal of soccer from our t.v. screens, I have become more and more conscious of the extent to which vandalism and violence has penetrated the streets of every town and city throughout the land. By no means is it solely confined to the football terraces.

Hopefully, the television programme makers will in future concentrate on the game itself, with everything else being put into its correct context.

Can Stimulate Interest

Having spent several months last season as a t.v. soccer pundit, I am also well aware of how television can stimulate the interest of the casual fan in the right way – so he becomes a person who is very keen to see the next game.

To illustrate my point, just look at what Channel Four and American Football have done for each other.

I sincerely hope that our friends locally at H.T.V. and B.B.C. will soon be allowed access facilities to the home matches of Bristol Rovers, Bristol City and Swindon Town to show the general West Country public that professional soccer in this region is really something worth being involved with.

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3,000 EXODUS TO LUTON

An exodus of over 3,000 fans is expected to go to Luton on Saturday for Rovers' first fourth round F.A. Cup-tie for five years.

"I must stress to intending travellers that this game is ALL-TICKET", says managing director Gordon Bennett.

"All our 600 allocation of stand tickets were sold within three days, but there is an ample supply of terrace tickets, and these are on sale both from our office at Hambrook and the Shop at 468 Stapleton Road – and also from the ticket office at the rear of the North Stand tonight."

The Supporters Club are expecting to ferry over a thousand fans on a 20-strong fleet of coaches.

The Presidents Club are also organising an exclusive Executive coach trip.

Other private coach parties have been arranged – and the M4 and M1 motorways will be busy with hundreds of cars carrying more Rovers supporters to Kenilworth Road.



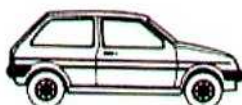
TRAVEL BY COACH

The Supporters Club coaches will leave Eastville at 11.00 a.m. Fare is £6. Members booking their coach tickets must also purchase their match tickets at the same time. Non-members must pay an additional £2 membership fee.

Bookings must be made at 468 Stapleton Road (tel. 510363) within the next 48 hours as there will be difficulties in ordering extra coaches at short notice.

Some coaches are being specially reserved as Family Coaches – when booking, ask for the Family Coaches with the white tickets.

The Presidents Club executive trip will leave the Crest Hotel at 10.00 a.m. Coffee will be served at the hotel before departure. A buffet lunch has been organised at the Pack Horse Hotel, Hemel Hempstead. The fare of £20 includes match tickets and refreshment costs. Bookings must be made through Committee members.



TRAVEL BY CAR

The Automobile Association recommend this route for supporters intending to travel to Luton by private car:

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WELCOME . . .

Bristol Rovers Football Club extends a special welcome to our Family Enclosure this evening to the parties from St. Theresa's School, Southmead, and Silverstar Wolves F.C., Barry. We very much hope they all enjoy the match – and come again in the not-too-distant future.

Helpline Videos

Tonight's match and last Saturday's League game against Darlington will be featured at Bobby Gould's popular video night this Thursday at Hambrook Training Ground (commencing 8.00 p.m.).

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MORE TO CHEER

We are hoping to provide our supporters with more to cheer about tonight than when we played our first group game in the Freight Rover Trophy at Hereford United last week.

The team were given a lot of stick over that performance and there was a suggestion the players didn't take the competition as seriously as they should have done.

That is not so. Whatever game we play, we want to win. Football is our living and the further we progress in all competitions the better it is for us.

Good Home Side

I admit we didn't play well. Hereford are a division below us but a very good home side. We let them control the midfield and they exploited us well.

One consolation from the game for us, though, was an encouraging performance from Lee Portch, making his first team debut due to an injury to Phil Bater.

A case can be argued that there was already too much football during a season and that the Freight Rover Trophy, starting in mid-winter when League and F.A. Cup matches are being postponed, only adds to the congestion.

It didn't take off or attract much attention from the public last season until the very late stages and the pattern looks like being the same this time.

It can cause real problems for clubs such as Newport



LEE PORTCH—made an encouraging debut.

County, who have Welsh Cup commitments too. No wonder players begin to look tired.

Having said that, I'd much rather play two matches a week than train from Monday to Friday. It's far more enjoyable to play – even when you lose.

The fact we went ten days without a game before playing at Hereford should, I suppose, have made us fresh and eager. The opposite was the case, with several of the lads saying they felt jaded. A case of being ring-rusty.

And there you have football summed up. I start off talking about too much football not being good and end up saying a decent break between matches is bad! Who'd be a soccer administrator?

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Two-goal hero of Rovers F.A. Cup triumph over Leicester City, Trevor Morgan, was chosen man-of-the-match by the guests of match sponsors, Saville's Freights. Trevor is photographed with director Geoff Dunford and Mr Alan Saville being presented with his award.



THE

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New £350,000 Sponsorship

This season's competition is the first in a four-year sponsorship worth £350,000 with Freight Rover which virtually doubles the prize fund available to clubs.

Last season the sum available was £27,000. Now it has been increased to £47,500, and both finalists will win a 15-seater Sherpa minibus liveried in their club colours.

Comments League secretary Graham Kelly: "The popularity of last season's Freight Rover Trophy indicated it can provide a lifeline for many clubs as well as a realistic opportunity to experience a Wembley final."

The structure of the competition has been revised to produce a more equitable format, with clubs split into mini-leagues of three for the preliminary round.

Each club will play two matches, one at home and one away. Three points will be awarded for a win, one for a draw – and the top club in each of the mini-leagues will qualify for the area quarter finals.

In the event of two or more clubs having the same number of points, goal difference will apply, followed by the aggregate number of goals scored.

From then onwards, matches will be played on a knock-out basis, with extra time, if necessary, then penalties, except in the area finals which will be played over two legs and extra time, if necessary, and penalties coming at the end of the second leg only.

The national Final will be played at Wembley on Saturday 24th May.



Good Crowd For Youths

A 1,000-plus crowd is expected at Eastville next Monday evening for the attractive F.A. Youth Cup-tie against Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 7.30 p.m.).

It's only the second time in Rovers history that our under-18 team has reached the fourth round of this competition, following two superb away wins – 4–2 at Chelsea and 2–0 at Ipswich.

When Rovers reached this stage on the previous occasion in 1979, when the side included Gary Mabbutt, Geraint Williams, Paul Petts, Mark Hughes, Mike England and Phil Kite, over 1,500 turned up to watch a 2–2 draw against Everton and after a 1–1 draw at Goodison, over 1,700 fans braved driving snow to watch the second replay at Eastville, which Rovers lost 4–0.

Although only goalkeeper Tim Carter and striker David Mehew of the present youth team have as yet played in Rovers first team, club officials expect the current under 18 squad to produce just as many products as the 1979 squad.

BRISTOL ROVERS F.C.

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Tuesday 28th January 1986

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SWINDON REVITALISED

Swindon Town's exciting revival and almost-certain promotion at the end of the season will be a tremendous shot in the arm for West Country soccer – and a welcome return of the local 'derbies' enjoyed so much in the past.

This is Swindon's fourth season of Fourth Division football and their experience in the basement has been far from happy, with acute financial problems and several changes in manager – even the remarkable dismissal and reinstatement of **Lou Macari** during six traumatic days less than a year ago.

From that turmoil Town have emerged as a harmonious, united club, harnessing the best intentions of directors, staff, players and supporters – and success on the field, with a giant-killing Milk Cup run adding cream to a solid climb up the League table.

Appointed in July 1984, Mr Macari learnt a lot from his eventful first season. An astute operator, the 36-year-old ex-Celtic and Manchester United striker scoured the country looking for bargain signings and he was quick to snap up two good captures in **Peter Coyne** and **Chris Ramsey**.

At Wembley

Striker Peter Coyne, a 'schoolboy wonder' following hat tricks at Wembley for England Boys who failed to make the grade at Manchester United, now 27, cost just a nominal fee from part-timers Hyde United.

Right back Chris Ramsey, (23), one of Brighton's 1983 F.A. Cup Final team who had seen his career stunted by a serious leg injury in that showpiece, came initially on loan before another small fee secured his permanent transfer.

The subsequent introduction of **Colin Gordon**, aged 23, a tall striker from West Midland Leaguers Oldbury, midway through last season gave the Swindon attack more bite and he finished top scorer with 17 goals, and shared with Chris Ramsey the 'Player of the Year' award.

A leaky defence was substantially improved by recruiting 20-year-old **David Cole** on a free transfer from Swansea City last February, and the rear-

guard rebuilding process was completed with the arrival of **Colin Calderwood**, a 20-year-old Scot, from Mansfield Town for a £27,500 tribunal-fixed fee in the summer.

Another successful summer signing was **Bryan Wade**, (22), a prolific striker, from neighbouring Trowbridge Town.

And the current campaign has seen the arrival of several more significant new faces such as goalkeeper **Kenny Allen**, left back **Paul Roberts** and striker **Dave Bamber**.

Seasoned campaigner Kenny Allen, (29), made his League debut for Hartlepool, but in recent seasons has done a circuit of West clubs with spells at Bath City, Bournemouth and Torquay prior to his move to the County Ground.

Paul Roberts is a 23-year-old former Millwall apprentice who joined Swindon



LOU MACARI – astute architect of revival.



COLIN GORDON – snapped up from West Midland League club Oldbury.



BRYAN WADE – signed in summer from Trowbridge.

P.A. JOKER

The P.A. announcer at Torquay raised a laugh recently when the League's bottom club's Plainmoor ground was swamped by Swindon supporters recently. "Welcome to our visitors", came a deadpan voice over the tannoy. "The Torquay fans will be coming later."

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in September on non-contract terms from Brentford and has taken over the left back spot vacated when on-loan Nicky Coleman returned to Millwall.

While bustling Dave Bamber, the ex-Blackpool, Coventry and Walsall goal ace, aged 26, is currently on loan from Portsmouth, although the two clubs are having difficulty in agreeing a fee to make the move permanent.

That leaves just three regular first choice players surviving from the squad Mr Macari inherited – midfield trio **Charlie Henry, Leigh Barnard** and **Dave Hockaday**.

Converted

Although only 24, Charlie Henry is the longest server. The tough tackling converted defender joined Town as an apprentice and is in his sixth season of senior soccer.

Leigh Barnard, (27), arrived at the County Ground in 1982 on a free transfer from Portsmouth, and nearly joined Exeter City last season after a month's loan to the Devon club.

Brian Hockaday, also 27, joined Swindon in 1982 too. Originally a winger, he came from Blackpool.



LEIGH BARNARD – was formerly with Portsmouth.



CONNECTIONS

Rovers' recruits from Swindon Town include **Dick Plumb**, **Tom McAllister** and **Brian Williams**.

Striker **Dick** came to Rovers in 1965 and scored 9 goals in 39 games. **Tom**, now with West Ham, performed heroics in Rovers' goal during a three-month loan at the end of the 1980/81 relegation season. **Brian**, now at Bristol City, came to Eastville in 1981 in part exchange for **Gary Emmanuel** and scored 15 goals in 172 appearances.

Players moving in the opposite direction include full back **Geoff Fox**, one of the heroes of Rovers' Cup exploits in the early fifties, who joined Town in 1955, and defender **Jack Smith** who had made the same transfer twenty years earlier and went on to manage both Reading and West Brom.

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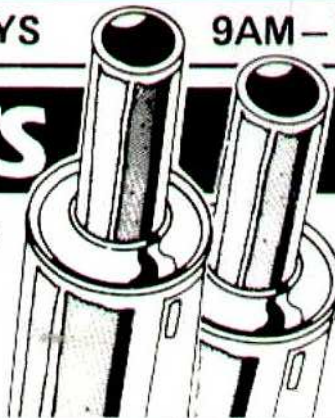
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in opposition

A series in which Rovers players give their personal opinion of a star name in the visitors' line-up



TODAY: TREVOR MORGAN talks to Colin Howlett about **KENNY ALLEN**.

Larger Than Life Character

Two men in direct opposition this evening, were once team colleagues down on the south coast at A.F.C. Bournemouth.

They're Rovers striker Trevor Morgan and Swindon goalkeeper Kenny Allen. And Trevor has a great deal of respect for his old mate.

"He's a larger than life character in every respect. A huge man, totally dominant in the box, but also surprisingly agile to the low shots, which he seems equally at home in reaching."

But however good, any player must have a weakness.

Trevor reacted to that one very much 'tongue in cheek'.

"I don't think that he can down as many pints as he used to, but seriously I can't think of any obvious weakness in Kenny's make-up, he seems to fill all the available space in the goal area, and you treat it as a real bonus if you can knock one past him."

Pals At Dean Court

Trevor Morgan and Kenny Allen were great pals at Dean Court, where there was just one sad period.

"Kenny broke his arm, and was sidelined for a while, but true to the traditional Geordie determination he soon fought his way back into the thick of things."

I can certainly vouch for Trevor's description of Kenny Allen as a 'larger than life' personality, as he was certainly great company in his days with Bath City.

But, on the more serious side, Trevor realises that there's an awful lot to be done on the field tonight.

"We didn't play well at Hereford, but that's behind us now, and so against Swindon we've just got to go out and try and win by the highest possible margin, and cross our fingers that we can still qualify for a place in the final sixteen."



TREVOR MORGAN (left) was a colleague of **KENNY ALLEN** (below) at AFC Bournemouth.



match facts

The Officials for tonight's game are:

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This is the second of three matches in the preliminary group competition. Rovers, Swindon and Hereford United have been placed in a mini-League and the top team after each club has played each other once, goes through to the next phase of the competition. Hereford beat Rovers 2-0 in last week's first game. Hereford play at Swindon next Tuesday (k.o. 7.30 p.m.).

The next fixtures at Eastville are:

Monday 27th January v **Tottenham Hotspur Youth**

(F.A. Youth Cup, round 4, kick-off 7.30 p.m.)

Saturday 1st February v **Newport County**
 (kick-off 3.00 p.m.)

Tuesday 4th February v **Southampton Res.**
 (kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

Saturday 8th February v **Doncaster Rovers**
 (kick-off 3.00 p.m.)



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BRISTOL ROVERS

(Blue and White)

- 1 Ron Green
- 2 Vaughan Jones
- 3 Phil Bater
- 4 Byron Stevenson
- 5 Tim Parkin
- 6 Andy Spring
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- 9 Trevor Morgan
- 10 Steve White
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- 2 Chris Ramsey
- 3 Paul Roberts
- 4 Leigh Barnard
- 5 David Cole
- 6 Colin Calderwood
- 7 Dave Bamber
- 8 Charlie Henry
- 9 Colin Gordon
- 10 Brian Wade
- 11 David Hockaday
- 12 Peter Coyne

match facts

The Freight Rover Trophy is not so much a new competition, more the re-birth of one launched 50 years ago!

And in the same way that the Freight Rover is designed to fill the limbo created for Third and Fourth Division clubs out of the F.A. Cup and occupying mid-table positions in the League, so the knock-out Cups for the old Third Divisions North and South were inaugurated in season 1933-34.

Exeter City were the first winners of the Southern Cup, beating **Torquay United** 1-0 in the Final at Home Park, Plymouth.

The following year it was **Rovers'** turn to capture the Cup, after beating Exeter 2-1 in the semi-final, with goals from McNestry and Prout. **Watford** were our opponents in that Final, which was played at Millwall's ground on 15th April 1935. We won 3-2, with goals by Phil Taylor, McKay and Wipfler.

Bristol City also reached the Final once - in 1938. But the competition could not be completed by the end of the season so was held over to the start of the following campaign. **Reading** were their opponents and after a 6-1 first leg victory at Elm Park, the Berkshire club were comfortable winners, despite City's 1-0 win at Ashton Gate in the second leg.

Time ran out again in 1938-39. Although **Torquay United** qualified for the Final, there was not enough time to resolve the semi-final between **Queens Park Rangers** and **Port Vale**, and War was declared early at the start of the following season and all competitive soccer suspended.

However, the competition was re-introduced for one season only in 1946, after the discontinuation of hostilities, with **Bournemouth** beating **Walsall** 1-0 in the Final at Stamford Bridge.

It was, therefore, quite a coincidence that after a break of 38 years, it was **Bournemouth** who became the first winners of the Associate Members Cup two seasons ago, beating **Hull City** 2-1 at Boothferry Park.

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"Mr Blank, I did say Bristol ROVERS, or at least I was going to."

A brief silence followed then . . . "Thank goodness for that, when can you deliver me some tickets. I would like to become a new agent on behalf of my club."

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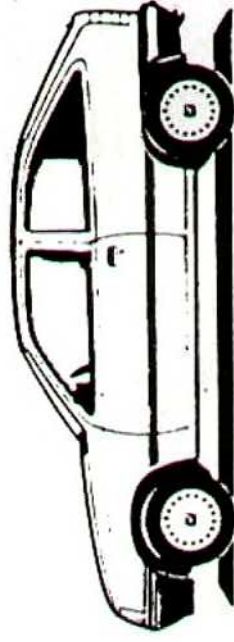
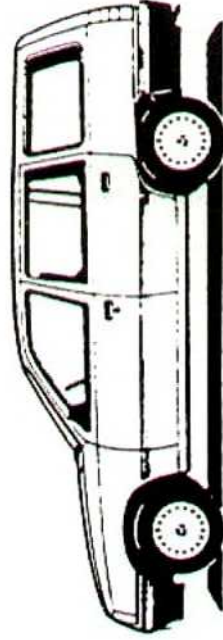
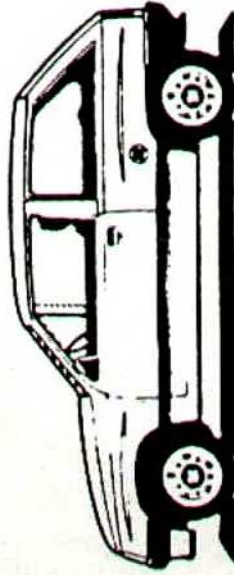
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Sun. Aug.	18 Darlington	A	3-3	4,196	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White†
Sat. Aug.	20 Newport County (M.C. 1-1)	H	2-0	2,777	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Mon. Aug.	24 Brentford	H	0-1	4,140	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Aug.	26 Reading	A	2-3	3,329	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Aug.	31 Derby County	H	0-0	4,961	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Sept.	3 Newport County (M.C. 1-2)	A	0-1	2,612	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Sept.	7 Newport County	A	0-3	2,775	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Mon. Sept.	14 Bristol City (Glos Cup)	A	0-1	4,894	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Sept.	17 Wokingham Wanderers	H	0-0	3,077	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Sept.	21 Lincoln City	H	4-3	3,244	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Sept.	24 Walsall	H	0-1	3,785	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Sept.	28 Birmingham City (M.C. 2-1)	H	2-3	4,332	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Sept.	5 Swansea City	A	1-0	4,008	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Oct.	1 Notts. County	H	1-1	3,549	Vaughan	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Oct.	5 Plymouth Argyle	A	2-4	5,622	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Oct.	8 Birmingham City (M.C. 2-2)	A	1-2†	3,486	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Oct.	12 Rotherham United	H	3-2	3,499	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Oct.	19 Doncaster Rovers	H	2-0	3,822	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Oct.	22 Bolton Wanderers	H	2-1	4,208	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Oct.	26 A.F.C. Bourne	A	1-6	3,798	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Nov.	2 York City	H	0-1	4,174	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Nov.	5 Bury	H	2-1	2,614	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Nov.	9 Blackpool	A	2-4	4,387	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Nov.	16 Brentford (F.A.C. 1)	A	3-1	4,216	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Nov.	23 Cardiff City	H	2-1	4,563	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Dec.	7 Swansea City (F.A.C. 2)	A	2-1	4,250	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Dec.	14 Gillingham	H	1-0	4,224	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sun. Dec.	22 Brentford	A	0-1	3,742	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Thur. Dec.	26 Wigan Athletic	A	0-4	3,722	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Dec.	28 Reading	H	0-2	7,552	Center	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Jan.	4 Leicester City (F.A.C. 3)	H	3-1	9,392	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Wed. Jan.	15 Hereford United (F.R.T. 1)	A	0-2	1,770	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Sat. Jan.	18 Darlington	A	3-1	3,395	Green	Spring	Davies	Stevenson	Parkin	Jones	Radcliff	O'Connor	Radcliff	Prentice	Tanner	White
Tue. Jan.	21 Swindon Town (F.R.T. 2)	H														
Sat. Jan.	25 Luton Town (F.A.C. 4)	A														
Sat. Feb.	1 Newport County	H														
Tue. Feb.	4 Bolton Wanderers	A														
Sat. Feb.	8 Doncaster Rovers	H														
Tue. Feb.	11 Chesterfield	A														
Sat. Feb.	15 Wolverhampton Wanderers	H														
Sat. Feb.	22 Walsall	A														
Sat. Mar.	1 Swansea City	H														
Tue. Mar.	4 Notts. County	A														
Sat. Mar.	8 Plymouth Argyle (F.A. Cup 6)	H														
Sat. Mar.	15 Rotherham United	A														
Sat. Mar.	22 A.F.C. Bourne	H														
Sat. Mar.	29 Bristol City	A														
Tue. Apr.	1 Wigan Athletic	H														
Sat. Apr.	5 Bury	A														
Wed. Apr.	9 Derby County	A														
Sat. Apr.	12 Blackpool	H														
Sat. Apr.	19 Cardiff City	A														
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THAT OTHER CUP-TIE

Action from Rovers' 3-1 giant-killing victory over Leicester City.



ABOVE – STEVE WHITE sprints through the Leicester defence in one of Rovers' exciting second half forrays on the First Division club's goal.

BELOW – RUSSELL OSMAN just thwarts Steve White in another dangerous attack.



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where are they now?

Robin Perry brings you up-to-date with Rovers' stars of yesteryear



TERRY OLDFIELD: NEW CAREER IN FINANCE

Terry Oldfield, who is hoping to embark on a new career in the world of finance with former Rovers teammate Ray Mabbutt, has a somewhat dubious claim to fame as a player.

The one and only game in which he captained Rovers was at Bradford Park Avenue in April 1963 – the fixture which led to the breaking of the bribery scandal and life soccer bans on goal-keeper Es Million and striker Keith Williams.

Alfie Biggs, who had been skippering the team, was unfit to make the trip and Terry was given the job.

Bristol-born Terry started his soccer career with City, going to Ashton Gate straight from school. Although he played most of his football for Rovers in midfield, he was a forward originally and was in the City team which played Arsenal in the quarter-finals of the F.A. Youth Cup.

His teammates included Shadow Williams, later also to join Rovers, Gordon Parr and Alec Briggs.

Clifton St Vincents

Terry didn't graduate to the senior ranks at City and played for crack Downs League club Clifton St Vincents before joining Rovers as a part-timer in the summer of 1958.

He played for Rovers Colts, then members of the Western League, while doing his National Service in the Army and became a full-time professional on his demob in September 1960.

Terry made nearly 150 first team appearances, scoring 11 times, before being released in the summer of 1966.

Wrexham signed him and promptly made him captain. But the following April, in the second leg of the Welsh Cup Final against Cardiff City at Ninian Park, he suffered an injury which finished



TERRY OLDFIELD – originally a forward.



RAY MABBUTT – to link up with Terry again.

his playing career.

His knee was badly dislocated and a nerve snapped, leaving Terry permanently with a dropped foot.

He spent a while coaching at Bradford Park Avenue but then returned to Bristol to work for country estate agents Cooper and Tanner for eight years.

Next Terry moved into the pub trade, keeping the Red Lion at Bath before a spell as steward of Bristol City Supporters Social Club.

"I ran a Sunday team while at the Red Lion but have had no involvement in football since then", said Terry.

But he still enjoys his other great sporting love – cricket. The former Somerset Second XI bowler captains Brislington II. The side includes his 16-year-old son, Darrel, who is a useful prospect – and a bowler like his Dad.

There's always a dip into Rovers' history in THE PIRATE



NEIL SETTLED AT OXFORD

With so many departures from Rovers since the two clubs met in the first round of last season's Milk Cup, Swindon will not be too familiar with most of the players wearing blue and white tonight.

The Eastville squad that three times went so close to clinching that elusive promotion prize is now scattered around the length and breadth of English soccer.

One of the most prominent departures in the summer was Welsh international full back Neil Slatter.

He took advantage of freedom of contract to join the club who made the dramatic rise from Southern League to First Division of the Football League – Oxford United.

"I didn't play in United's first team at the beginning of the season, as the manager obviously wanted to keep faith with the players who won promotion, but I've now played about twenty or so games at left-back, and am settling in quite well."

First Division

But what about the difference in environment between a Third and First Division club?

"Well, there's not a lot of difference between Rovers and Oxford.

"Up at the Manor Ground they just try and get on with the job day by day, and they certainly don't try and project a 'flash-Harry' image."

Of course the man who's done as much as anyone for Oxford United, is millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell, but according to Neil, Mr Maxwell does not call at the club as his traditional big showman image would



FLASHBACK – NEIL SLATTER being presented with his first Welsh international cap by Barry Bradshaw.

suggest.

"He comes into the dressing room just before kick-off, but apart from that we hardly ever see him.

"Even the manager very often has difficulty in tracing him – he's obviously a very busy man."

As with almost all former Bristol Rovers players, Neil Slatter still keeps in touch with some of his former colleagues.

Rovers Score

"I have a chat occasionally with Geraint Williams and Ian Holloway, and, of course, I always listen out for the Rovers score, and I'm pleased that they seem to have recovered so well from their rather sluggish start."

But Neil still has one major disappointment.

"Wales not qualifying for a trip to Mexico was a tremendous blow, but we'll just have to hope for better luck next time round."

photo quiz

Playing in Wiltshire

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The Rovers player in this photograph of a game at Sheffield United almost a decade ago now plays for Wiltshire non-League club Trowbridge Town. Name him.

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