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# Kenny



WELCOME back to Ewood for the first League game here for three weeks, and a particularly warm welcome to our visitors Swindon Town.

Although Ray Harford and I came to Ewood on the day that we played Plymouth it was, of course, Swindon — at the County Ground — who provided the opposition for our first game in charge.

We lost to a late goal that day and it would be nice to think we could turn the tables on them this afternoon. But what happened back in October will have no bearing on today's game.

*One thing we do know is that Swindon are a side who like to play good football. You wouldn't expect anything else from a team with someone like Glenn Hoddle in charge.*

## Reunion

On a personal note, it will be nice for me to see their assistant manager John Gorman again this afternoon. John and I 'grew up' together at Celtic Park in our younger days.

It was disappointing not to have a game last weekend, following the postponement of the F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie at Notts County and I know it must have been frustrating for our supporters who would have been looking forward to a game against a First Division side.

There may have been some who felt that, with an improvement in temperatures on Saturday, the game might have even gone ahead.

*But I think that, when the weather puts a major doubt over a fixture taking place, it's wise to make an early decision so that everyone knows the situation.*

The last thing we want is to have thousands of supporters travelling a fair distance, not knowing whether they are going to be able to see a game or not.

A lot of people made the long

midweek trip to Cambridge and were bitterly disappointed when the match had to be abandoned at half time. Some, in fact, didn't even make it because travelling conditions were so hazardous.

So I have no complaints at all about last weekend's decision.

Back to this afternoon's game and we know we will — as always — have to give it everything we have if we are to claim the result we want.

*Like ourselves, Swindon enjoy trying to play good football and that should mean an entertaining and interesting afternoon for everyone.*





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**With  
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REPORTS come from the Police at Rovers away matches, praising our travelling fans for their humour and general behaviour. The players and the club staff love to hear this. It makes us proud of the supporters who follow us.

Most people who come to home games get behind the club and cause no bother at all. However, since attendances here have gone up, a small minority have been taking advantage. There have been some complaints about bad language and unnecessary aggression, especially in the Walkersteel stand, where some fans have been running to the fence to wave fists at players and rival fans. There have also been complaints about behaviour at the rear of the Blackburn End terraces.

We don't want things to get out of hand here, especially with the team performing so well. We want visiting fans to leave this ground impressed with the quality of our play and with the noisy, but tolerant, quality of our support. This message is aimed at the few who are in danger of going 'over the top'. Enjoy yourselves, but don't spoil it for other fans.

All supporters will know that we have CCTV here and the Police will arrest those people who break the law. They have our full support in that. But, no-one wants arrests at Ewood Park. We want the fans to get behind the team without causing any 'aggro.' The police and everyone else here want the club in the Premier League next season, but not at the cost of falling from our own high standards.

If supporters would like to comment on

this message, or have any information or observations that are relevant, please feel free to contact me personally or the Police Match Commander, Superintendent E. Walsh at the Central Police Station, Northgate, Blackburn (telephone 0254 51212, Extension 3544).

Thanks for your co-operation in this. Enjoy the game, get behind the team and discourage others from causing us problems.

## Double Eagle

CONGRATULATIONS to Alan Wright on being named Barclays North West Young Eagle of the Month for December. He will receive his award — an inscribed salver — before today's game. It is the second time he has won this regional prize. The last time was a year ago when he was at Blackpool.

## Drinks warning

SOME fans are still taking canned and bottled drinks into the ground. This is against ground regulations and any fans in possession of cans or bottles can expect to be relieved of them.

## Lost anything?

THE club has quite a collection of personal belongings which people have left behind or lost on the ground. These are kept at the Ticket Office so if you have mislaid anything — please inquire.

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# SCENE & HEARD

THE 'bond' schemes which have caused such unrest and heartache at Arsenal and West Ham have prompted Leeds United to tread softly, softly as they consider ways of financing ground development at Elland Road.

And the signs are that it could well pay off, with supporters club chiefs proving amenable to proposals to issue a £500 bond to help raise part of the cash for a £5.5 million stand.

Leeds will still go ahead with plans to obtain the views of season-ticket holders before deciding whether to introduce the scheme. But they believe their bond could be a winner, because it offers a £200 bonus through a £100 discount on a season ticket over seven years.

That's more like it. If you ask fans to put up money, you must give them something back in return. Something, that is, apart from simply the right to buy a season ticket as Leeds have clearly realised.

With corporate hospitality, sponsorship and executive boxes having an ever-increasing presence and influence at major sports events, football would do well to remember one thing. The cash they bring in may be vital but, without the thousands of ordinary fans cheering for their team, professional football — as a spectacle and an occasion — wouldn't mean a thing.

STILL on the subject of supporters — missing ones — Crystal Palace chairman Ron Noades has been sounding warnings at Selhurst Park.

Angry that Palace's Rumbelows Cup home tie

**With PETER WHITE**

**Lancashire Evening Telegraph.**



against Nottingham Forest saw the lowest gate of the quarter finals, he said: "I have been criticised for setting high admission prices in the past. The charges were rock bottom at £10 a seat and £6 standing, yet many supporters still did not come."

Mr Noades also warned that Palace wouldn't be able to hold on to their star players or develop the club unless income improved.

Trouble and strife at Selhurst it seems.

THE positive side of soccer is shining through again, not least through a campaign conceived by the footballing Wallace brothers Danny, Ray and Rod.

Football's massive campaign to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis has been joined by Luciano Pavarotti, who is producing a special single as the campaign's official theme tune.

Building society Nationwide are sponsoring football's fund-raising efforts so, if you get the chance to contribute, dig deep!

## CUP DRAW REVIVES MEMORIES OF KENNY'S LATE WINNER

IT was difficult to get excited about last Sunday's F.A. Cup Fifth Round draw. When you still have to play a Fourth Round tie away to First Division opposition that's hardly surprising and I dare say it was the same for many football fans up and down the country.

Still, being paired — if Rovers go through! — with either Norwich or Millwall did prompt a few memories. The last time Rovers met both these teams in F.A. Cup action they were also involved

in RELEGATION seasons!

Norwich were Fifth Round opponents way back in 1965-66 at Carrow Road and I can remember only too clearly how the home team pulled back a two-goal deficit in the last 10 minutes. Rovers, however, went on to win the Ewood replay 3-2.

As for Millwall, they visited Ewood in the 1978-79 season for a 'home' F.A. Cup tie, having been banned from The Den. And there's another twist to this particular saga.

Rovers won 2-1 and qualified for a trip to Anfield where they were beaten 1-0 by a late goal from KENNY DALGLISH. Robbed! I'm sure he was offside/handled the ball/fouled somebody...

Interestingly Millwall's assistant manager Ian McNeill, confident his team can win at Norwich, echoed the thoughts of many people in the game when he said: "It looks like a good year. Once every 10 years or so a Second Division team gets to the final. With so many First Division clubs already out, this could be the year."

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# VISITORS FILE

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** Defender. The only surviving member of Town's Fourth Division championship-winning side of 1985/86. Colin has made over 250 League and cup appearances since being signed for just £27,500 from Mansfield Town prior to that record-breaking campaign.

**SHAUN CLOSE.** Striker. Signed from AFC Bournemouth for £70,000 two years ago. Went to Dean Court in March, 1988, from Tottenham, where he began his career as a trainee.

**FRASER DIBGY.** Goalkeeper. This former England Under-21 keeper has missed just a handful of games for Swindon in the last three seasons and passed the 200-appearances milestone last spring. An ex-Manchester United apprentice, he first arrived at the County Ground from Old Trafford, on loan, in March, 1986. Signed on a permanent basis in December of that year.

**RICHARD GREEN.** Defender. Released by Shrewsbury Town in the 1990 close season. Richard signed for Swindon in January, 1991, following a successful trial. Began his career as an apprentice at Gay Meadow and went on to record almost 150 first-team appearances for the Shropshire club.

**MICKY HAZARD.** Midfield. Signed from Portsmouth for £130,000 in September, 1990, Micky inherited the Town's number four shirt from the transferred Alan McLoughlin. Last season he made 38 League and cup appearances, scoring eight goals — his best tallies since 1981/82 when he was an up-and-coming star at White Hart Lane. He won both F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup medals with Tottenham before joining Chelsea for £300,000.

**PAUL HUNT.** Midfield. One of only two locally-born players in the current squad. A former club trainee, Paul signed full professional forms in July, 1989, and made his League debut against Barnsley two months later.

**TOM JONES.** Midfield. Has missed just five league games since arriving at the County Ground from Aberdeen for £80,000 in September, 1988. Formerly an apprentice at Chelsea, he was released in 1983 and joined Farnborough Town, moving on to Weymouth in 1986. Filled in at right-back for the absent David Kerslake on five occasions last season.

**DAVID KERSLAKE.** Midfield/Defender. A £110,000 signing from Queens Park Rangers in November, 1989,

## Welcome to SWINDON TOWN

David has struggled to gain a regular first-team spot in more than six years at Loftus Road. Gained England honours at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels. All his appearances for Swindon have been at right-back.

**MARTIN LING.** Midfield. Slightly-built midfielder now in his second spell at the County Ground, having rejoined Town from Southend United for a small fee. Began his career with Exeter City before signing from Swindon in July, 1986, but after just two League appearances moved on to Roots Hall 93 days later.

**NESTOR LORENZO.** Defender. Arrived at the County Ground on loan from Italian League club Bari in November, 1990 and signed for £160,000 a month later. Scored on his Football League debut against Portsmouth. Capped 25 times for Argentina and appeared in the 1990 World Cup Final.

**ROSS MacLAREN.** Midfield/Defender. In his 12th season as a professional and his fourth at Swindon. Absent only once during the last two campaigns, through suspension, Ross normally plays just in front or just behind the back four. With Shrewsbury for five years, he joined Derby in 1985 for £67,500 and picked up a Second Division championship medal there two years later.

**DAVID MITCHELL.** Striker. Capped 17 times for Australia, David was signed in July from Chelsea for a nominal fee. Made just one appearance last season for the London club, which he joined from Feijenoord for £200,000 in December, 1988. Previously with Glasgow Rangers, where he scored 10 goals in only 26 full appearances between 1983 and 1985.

**DUNCAN SHEARER.** Striker. Has maintained an impressive goal-every-other-game average since making his Football League debut for Chelsea in February, 1986. A club-record £230,000 signing from Huddersfield Town in June, 1988, Duncan has recorded tallies of 16, 27 and 23 for Swindon.

**NICKY SUMMERBEE.** Striker. Nicky has a bright future and a good football pedigree, as his father, grand-father and great uncle all had careers in the Football League. His father is the former Swindon,



**GLENN HODDLE** was born in Hayes, Middlesex, 33 years ago and was appointed Swindon Town manager upon the sudden departure of Ossie Ardiles to Newcastle at the end of last March. The former England midfield man will be hoping to add to the 370 Football League appearances and 88 goals he recorded in a 12-year career at Tottenham,

prior to leaving for Monaco in the summer of 1987. He made a number of appearances in Swindon's reserve side last season — as sweeper.

Assistant Manager John Gorman is 42, was born in Winchburgh, Scotland and arrived with Glen Hoddle last April. He is a former Celtic, Carlisle United and Tottenham full-back.



**BACK:** Colin Calderwood, Adrian Viveash, Richard Green, Fraser Digby, Shaun Taylor, Nicky Hammond, David Mitchell, Nestor Lorenzo, Steve White.

**MIDDLE:** John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Nicky Summerbee, Darren Hall, Paul Trollope, Edwin Murray, Fitzroy Simpson, Shaun Close, Steve Foley, Martin Ling, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Manager).

**FRONT:** Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist), Paul Hunt, David Bennett, Ross MacLaren, Duncan Shearer, Glenn Hoddle (Manager), John Gorman (Assistant Manager), Tom Jones, David Kerslake, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).

Manchester City and England forward Mike.

**FITZROY SIMPSON.** Midfield. Signed as a trainee in July, 1987, making his League debut 30 seconds from the end of the Town's visit to Shrewsbury in December, 1988. Made 30 full appearances last season, wearing every outfield shirt except the number two, and scored four times.

**SHAUN TAYLOR.** Defender. A £200,000 signing from Exeter, Shaun was City's captain and Player of the Year in their Fourth Division championship-winning side of 1989/90. Came into League football late, being 23 when he arrived at St. James's Park from Western League club Bideford Town. Strong and durable central

defender who has missed just two games in the last three seasons.

**ADRIAN VIVEASH.** Defender. This Swindon-born 21-year-old progressed through the ranks at the County Ground, starting his career as a winger. Has now slotted into a back-four position and featured at left-back in the latter part of last season.

**STEVE WHITE.** Striker. Now approaching the veteran stage, Steve was a free transfer signing five years ago from Bristol Rovers, where he began his League career in 1977. Moved to Luton and Charlton for fees totalling £350,000 between his two spells in Bristol.

## FORM GUIDE — SWINDON'S LAST TEN GAMES

Date	Opponents	Res	Gate	Scorers	Pos in Lge
Dec 17	Crystal Palace (LC-4) ....	H 0-1	10,044		—
Dec 20	Ipswich Town .....	H 0-0	7,404		7
Dec 26	Bristol City .....	A 1-1	14,636	Shearer	9
Dec 28	Barnsley .....	A 1-1	8,357	Shearer	9
Jan 1	Millwall .....	H 3-1	9,746	Shearer (2), Ling	7
Jan 4	Watford (FAC-3) .....	H 3-2	9,817	Shearer (2), Mitchell	—
Jan 11	Cambridge United .....	H 0-2	10,878		8
Jan 18	Leicester City .....	A 1-3	14,226	Bodin	9
Jan 25	Cambridge Utd (FAC-4) A	3-0	7,428	Calderwood, Shearer (2)	—
Jan 28	Oxford United .....	H 2-1	8,926	Kerslake, Shearer	8

(Up to and including January 28)

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# SHOOTING STARS

HAROLD FLEMING was not only a prolific scorer in Swindon's early days but was also club captain. He could scarcely have given them a better start to their Football League history than by scoring four of the goals in a 9-1 win against Luton in their first-ever Football League game. It still stands as a club record over 60 years later. Jack Johnson and Tommy Phillipson, who went on to play for Wolves, were other useful goalscorers of the early Twenties while Ted Nash was a most consistent goalkeeper for some 15 seasons in the Twenties and Thirties.

Then there was Harry Morris (whose real name was David) who banged home 216 goals between 1926 and 1933, including 47 in 1926/27. Later in the Thirties Bert Morton and Alan Fowler had their moments as strikers and then after the war came Maurice Owen who, after getting well over a hundred goals as a striker, had a successful spell as a defender with his career at his one and only Football League club stretching over 16 seasons.

The Fifties saw Northern Ireland international Norman Uprichard in goal, George Hudson a stouthearted defender and Andy Micklewright a more than useful striker. Sam Burton had many good years in goal and then, in the Sixties, came Bert Head's team of outstanding young talent. Mike Summerbee, a tearaway winger equally happy in the centre

## GEOFF ALLMAN spotlights the visitors' star players down the years.

of the attack, Bobby Woodruff the long-throw specialist, Ernie Hunt the chunky little inside forward, all made outstanding contributions while Don Rogers, a most talented left-winger, won the Football League Cup final against Arsenal in 1969 in extra time.

Peter Noble, a splendid utility player, and goalkeeper Peter Downsborough both stayed into the Seventies when the skills of Trevor Anderson and diminutive Alan Mayes were to the fore. Nor must we forget the prolific David Moss, who went on to do equally well for Luton and then returned to Swindon in 1985.

John Trollope, who made 770 appearances between 1960 and 1980, deserves an article to himself. Then there has been the goalscoring of Andy Rowland in the Eighties. Colin Gordon also had his moments as a striker as did Jimmy Quinn, while in goal Fraser Digby joined the long list of excellent Swindon goalkeepers.

And so to Duncan Shearer, another great goalscorer, and a second generation of young players coming along in Nicky Summerbee and Paul Trollope. The fount of talent known as Swindon Town is still there.

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

#### DIVISION ONE

(Up to and including January 25)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe Alexandra A .....	19	15	2	2	57	27	47
Manchester City A .....	17	11	3	3	43	16	36
Tranmere Rovers A .....	19	10	4	5	49	26	34
<b>Blackburn Rovers A ....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>
Manchester United A ....	16	9	4	3	39	20	31
Bolton Wanderers A .....	19	8	5	6	33	32	29
Marine Reserves .....	20	7	6	7	44	38	27
Burnley A .....	18	7	5	6	43	37	26
Everton A .....	18	7	4	7	38	40	25
Liverpool A .....	17	6	6	5	33	23	24
Morecambe Reserves .....	19	7	3	9	30	32	24
Preston North End A ....	19	5	3	11	58	51	18
Chester City A .....	20	4	4	12	26	66	16
Oldham Athletic A .....	18	3	1	12	21	46	10
UMIST .....	19	1	1	17	7	88	5

#### DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including January 25)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United B ....	22	16	2	4	59	20	50
Liverpool B .....	21	13	4	4	39	25	43
Preston North End B ....	21	12	3	6	37	34	39
Crewe Alexandra B .....	19	12	2	5	45	21	38
Blackpool A .....	21	10	4	7	39	35	34
Everton B .....	19	9	3	7	46	28	30
Stockport County A .....	21	9	3	9	43	41	30
Tranmere Rovers B .....	19	9	3	7	30	28	30
<b>Blackburn Rovers B ....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>
Wigan Athletic A .....	20	7	5	8	38	25	26
Carlisle Youth .....	22	6	4	12	33	38	22
Manchester City B .....	18	6	3	9	24	33	21
Rochdale A .....	21	5	5	11	32	46	20
Bury A .....	19	4	7	8	29	46	19
Marine Youth .....	21	4	2	15	23	56	14
Burnley B .....	18	3	3	12	24	58	12

See latest match reports on pages 22 and 23

# OFF THE PARK

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

TODAY I want to bring to your notice and emphasise that there are many ways in which you, the supporter, can give your support to Blackburn Rovers Football Club.

You can support the club — and therefore the team — off the pitch as well as on it.

In the programme for the match against Bristol City I referred to the fact that street traders were selling items near to the ground that were exactly the same as items which could be purchased in the Club Shop. I

### Another £500 winner!



One of our recent Double Your Money winners, Mrs J.M. Greenwood, is seen here receiving her £500 cheque from Rovers' defender Colin Hendry accompanied by Keith Hill.

With  
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also explained how, by buying those items from our shop, you would be supporting the club and therefore the team.

*Now I want to refer to travel arrangements to away matches.*

In recent weeks private enterprises have been offering travel facilities to our away fixtures and, on occasion, advertisements have inferred that they are being organised in conjunction with the club, which is completely untrue.

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Veka Ltd sponsored the match against Bristol City and chose Mike Newell as their Man of the Match. Here he receives his award from the company's managing director Mr Peter Abbott who is accompanied by Rovers' director Mr Keith Lee.



Mike Newell was McEwan's Man of the Match in the game against Bristol City and here he receives a pack of lager from Charles Williamson, Sales Director, Matthew Brown PLC, watched by guests Sue and Kevin Dowd and Michelle and Tony Watkinson.



The Plummer family, of Blackpool, sponsored the kit for the Bristol City match. David Plummer, who was celebrating his 21st birthday, receives an autographed ball from Colin Hendry watched by mum and dad Wendy and Derek, sister Jackie and Wayne Scott.



The ball for the Bristol City game was sponsored by Rawlings Brothers and here Terry Cruise receives an autographed ball from Mike Newell watched by Leigh Tugwood, Rod Forrest and Bernard Calvert.

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Send you application form to me, Peter Devine, Community Office, Blackburn Rovers F.C., Ewood Park, Nuttall Street, Blackburn BB2 4JF.

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# CHATTERBOX

OBVIOUSLY there have been major changes at the club during the last 12 months, and two months spring to mind in particular.

**January, 1991,** Jack Walker became the major shareholder.

**October, 1991,** saw Kenny Dalglish appointed manager of the club.

Kenny arrived in a blaze of publicity, bringing Ray Harford with him to join Tony Parkes and Asa Hartford in his 'Boot room'.

What has happened on the playing side is well known to you all. We find ourselves at the top of the division and looking forward to visiting Notts County on Tuesday in the rearranged cup tie — in fact match days are days to look forward to again. Last season's match days were sometimes not too pleasant!

*It is early days yet, but we must make sure we are FIRST over the LAST fence — no other fence matters.*

## Activity

Away from the playing side much hard work is being done by the Board and office staff. Results on the field lead to greater activity off it and there are several topics on which I should like to bring you up to date.

**All-ticket matches:** Our home gates are over 40% up on last year and the capacity for home fans is 15,147 and 4,800 for away fans. We did request that the Darwen End Enclosure be brought back into use for the Cambridge game but, although it was seriously considered by the Licensing Authority, they felt it was impractical now that the temporary Police Control Box is in the vicinity. We are therefore bound to use the Darwen End for visitors for the time being.

We have been near capacity for home fans and we took the decision to make matches all ticket for the rest of the season in conjunction with the police because we do not want to see any of our own spectators locked out on matchdays. Surely it is better to buy a ticket and guarantee getting into a match.

*We have reprinted season tickets for the rest of the season and people are realising that season ticket holders this season get priority when purchasing for next.*

We also appreciate that it is not convenient for everyone to get to Ewood during the week so we have arranged outlets for buying terrace tickets. Details can be found in the local press or by ringing Ewood.

Ticketed games also have the advantage of quicker entry to the ground — no waiting for change etc. Obviously some fixtures are more attractive than others and produce better 'gates' and some people may ask why we do not just make those fixtures all-ticket. We believe that

## With ROBERT COAR

Chairman, Blackburn Rovers  
Football Club



there would be more confusion by varying the system.

**Ticket sales:** We are currently selling tickets for two games or so in advance, but we are also exploring a computerised system which will speed up bookings and enable bookings to be made for games well in advance.

**Ground Development:** There has been much publicity about this, naturally. The unfortunate thing is that both the press and the public think that ALL information, ALL drawings, ALL details are available immediately an idea is put forward. They want the information before it is available.

## Discussion

Everyone has been working hard on the plans for the ground — Where does everything go? How does the ground need to work on matchdays? What facilities do we need on non-match days? How many boxes? — the list seems endless.

We are discussing the development with the local residents and their committee and before the plans are formally submitted to the Borough we shall discuss the scheme with the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and the Licensing Authority as well as obviously the planners themselves.

*Contrary to the opinion of some we are in discussion with many parties.*

However the simple fact is that, as yet, not even the Board has seen the final plans and elevations of the proposed development which will be used by the architects when they submit the planning application to the Borough. As soon as the planning application is submitted these will be made public.

Mr Walker is intent on providing a facility of which the town can be proud and which can be used by generation of Blackburnians to come.

## Effort

We are only in the first 'heat', but I can assure you that Jack Walker, the Board, Kenny, his staff and players want to win the heat and go into the next race and the next race after that.

*There can be no guarantees of success, but I can assure you there will be plenty of hard work and effort by all concerned.*



Mike Newell blasts at goal in the game against Bristol City.



David Speedie gets his 13th goal.



Nicky Reid charges through from midfield at Portsmouth.



David Speedie gets his 13th goal of the season against Bristol City.



Alan Wright puts over another of his troublesome crosses at Portsmouth.

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ON this page in the programme for the game against Kettering Town we commented on the services being offered to away games by private enterprises. Since those notes were written there have been further cancellations of coaches to away games by two such operators.

Both operators cancelled their coaches to Ipswich leaving supporters who bought tickets without transport. Again, as happened after the cancellation of a private operator's coach to Cambridge, the official Away Travel Club was able to accommodate some of the supporters who were let down.

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# FAMILY CLUB

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## Brother for Hope

CONGRATULATIONS from everyone in the Family Club to Scott and Tracey Sellars on the birth of their son, Conor. They already have a daughter, Hope, and her new brother weighed in at 6lb 11ozs.

## Thanks

ANN and Ken Forshaw would like to thank most sincerely the ball boys and girls, the Family Club committee and everyone connected with Blackburn Rovers for the beautiful cards, gifts and good wishes received on the birth of Bethany Jayne.

Bethany Jayne would also like to apologise for keeping everyone waiting!

## Prizewinners

ON our Awayday to Portsmouth the quiz was won by Neal Haworth and his prize is a free trip to Grimsby. Alison Hunt won the prize of being Blackburn Rovers' mascot at Notts County and the Guess the Crowd winner was Matthew Hatton who won an autographed football.

## Panto trips

MEMBERS going on Pantomime Trip No. 1 are reminded that they should be here at the ground tomorrow morning at 11.15am. Don't be late!

All money for Pantomime Trip No. 2 should now have been paid.

## Football training

DON'T forget that due to the pantomime trip we will NOT be holding football training tomorrow



The kit for the F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Kettering Town was sponsored by British Gas and here Gordon Cowans is pictured with Ken Edwards, John Norris, Norman Bingham and Derek Overend.

## With BARBARA MAGEE



morning or on Sunday, February 16, which is the day of the second pantomime trip.

## Awayday to Grimsby

WE have organised a Family Awayday to Grimsby Town on February 8. The cost is £14.00 which includes a stand seat for the game. Unfortunately we will not be given a discount for this match. Departure times are: Darwen Leisure Centre 10.45am; Albion Hotel, Ewood 11.00am; Bridge Street, Blackburn 11.15am; Boar's Head, Accrington 11.30am.

## Awayday to Middlesbrough

WE may be able to arrange to play football with the Junior Members of Middlesbrough before the game on February 22. Ask a Family Club Committee member in the Family Enclosure today or ring me at the Club during the week for further details.

## Super subs!

OUR Family Night on January 23 was a great success due mainly to Steve Livingstone and Gary Tallon stepping in at short notice for Keith Hill who had gone away with the first team squad. Thanks, Steve and Gary, on behalf of everyone who attended — you were absolutely brilliant!

## Mascots

TODAY'S Rovers' Matchday Mascot is Joe Stewart who is 11 years old and attends Hollins County High School, Accrington.

Joe's hobbies are football, cricket and music and his favourite Rovers' players are Colin Hendry and Kevin Moran.

Swindon Town's mascot is Andrew Ciezarek who is ten years old and is a keen Swindon supporter, although he lives in Simonstone. He attends St. Mary's Junior School, Lango, represents his school at football and has recently had trials for Ribble Vally Under-11s. His favourite Swindon player is Colin Calderwood.



Joe



Andrew

# RESERVES



## With ASA HARTFORD Reserve Team Manager

SINCE my last notes we have completed three matches, winning two and drawing the other.

The first of the three games was the 0-0 home draw against Liverpool which saw the return of Stuart Munro and Mike Duxbury after ankle operations. Terry Gennoe also returned after a long absence to remind us that he is still a very capable goalkeeper.

Liverpool played with a sweeper, five men in midfield and two forwards and for 15-20 minutes their numerical advantage in midfield posed a few problems for us. We adjusted by pushing in a full back — either one, depending on which side the play was developing — with the other full back giving the other defenders a bit of cover.

Gradually we got on top, and indeed for the last 20 mins of the game we did everything except score. It was a tremendous display which unfortunately earned us only one point.

TEAM: (4-4-2) — Gennoe, Duxbury, May, Dobson, Munro, Skinner, Reid, Richardson, Shepstone, Thorne, Donnelly.

Our 1-0 victory at Coventry, through a well taken penalty from Craig Skinner, was a hard-fought scrap rather than an end to end thriller. Although we never hit the heights in this performance it was gratifying to pick up the points in a gritty display. We restricted the home team to a couple of half chances which our Polish goalkeeper dealt with competently. Alexander Klak also covered himself in glory with a terrific save from a penalty given 10 minutes before we scored.

TEAM: (4-4-2) — Klak, Holt, May, Dobson, Munro,

Skinner, Reid, Richardson, Shepstone, Thorne, Johnrose.

With free admission being the order of the day to enable us to have another look at our Polish trialist Alexander Klak, we entertained Sunderland in front of a 1,000-plus crowd (I didn't realise we had so many Scottish people living in the Blackburn area!)

We started the game brightly enough with Paul Shepstone the instigator in a lot of our better moves.

Sunderland opened the scoring when Colin Pascoe was allowed too much freedom in our box when he finished off a good right-wing cross from Paul Williams. We rallied and continued to play attractive football, creating and missing a few chances before David May finally equalised for us.

Simon Garner put us in front going into the interval with a typical piece of opportunism, coolly slotting home from 12 yards.

Paul Shepstone got the goal his performance deserved when he cleverly rounded Tim Carter before rolling the ball into an empty net.

Our fourth and best goal in an emphatic 4-1 win was scored by substitute Peter Baah when he sprinted 40 yards to get on the end of a superb cross from Stuart Munro.

TEAM: (4-4-2) — Klak, Sulley, May, Dobson, Munro, Skinner, Holt, Richardson, Shepstone, Hendry, Garner.

Our next home game, v Sheffield United, is on Wednesday, February 5.

THE 'A' team continued their winning run at home to Preston North End at Pleasington a fortnight ago writes Jim Funnell (last week's fixtures falling foul of the weather).

The team showed seven changes to the side that beat Everton away the previous week, a few of the apprentices having the chance to show what they could do. They did very well indeed and it was only the brilliance of the North End keeper that kept the scoreline blank for most of the first half.

It took a very good goal by Peter Baah to break the deadlock some 10 minutes before half-time. He used his pace to intercept a through ball, round the keeper and score from an acute angle. The second half continued in much the same pattern with their keeper again having to

## PASSING BACK

### 10 YEARS AGO

On a bone-hard frozen pitch at Stamford Bridge, the Rovers earned a point in a 1-1 draw.

The Rovers dominated the first half, but it was Chelsea who took the lead through Lee, one minute after the restart.

After 62 minutes, Ian Miller got the equaliser.

The game was later shown on BBC's Match of the Day programme.

Rovers: Gennoe, Branagan, Hamilton, Arnott, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Stonehouse, Bell, Garner, Brotherston.

Attendance: 11,768.

### 20 YEARS AGO

ANOTHER fine show by the Rovers as they continued their vast improvement away from home. It was their first-ever visit to Wrexham for a League match and they impressed the Welsh crowd by their skill and whole-hearted enthusiasm.

They ran and worked for each other, playing as a perfect team, and really deserved something more than a 1-1 draw — the goal being scored by John McNamee after eight minutes.

Rovers: Jones, Heaton, Wood, Bradford, McNamee, Martin, Price, Garbett, Eccles, Parkes, Field.

Attendance: 4,459.

## With Jack Tipping

### 30 YEARS AGO

GREAT goalkeeping by Fred Else earned the Rovers a point against Cardiff City at Ninian Park.

That the game ended at 1-1 was due to the fact that Cardiff missed two penalties.

Barrie Hole (later a Rover) had his shot turned away by Else, and later Moore shot straight at the goalkeeper who pushed it out for Woods to complete the clearance.

The Rovers' equaliser came in the last minute, Ian Lawther heading in a Douglas cross.

Attendance: 13,799.

# AND YOUTH

be at his best to keep out shots and headers from several of our players. It was Lee Moss who eventually managed to get through this last line of defence with a well taken hat-trick. Two headers and a shot that tore the net off the upright put paid to any ideas Preston had of claiming a point. Although they did score a consolation goal right on the final whistle it was a thoroughly well-deserved victory for the youngsters.

TEAM: (4-4-2) — Blenkinship, Cullen, Sulley, Metcalf, Pickup, Butterworth, McGarry, O'Shaughnessy, Johnrose, Moss, Baah. Subs: Thornton for Moss (80 mins) and Wai Man for Butterworth (80 mins).

The 'B' team have had a couple of fixtures, both away on Merseyside, the first being at Liverpool. It was a difficult pitch for the teams to play on, being hard from the few days and nights of frost — especially down the middle. But both teams adapted very well and some good football was played that morning. We took the lead with an opportunist goal from Steve Grunshaw mid-way through the first half. It was a lead we held until the 44th minute when a mix-up in our defence let their forward in with a simple task of tapping the ball into our net.

## Excellent

We regained the lead well into the second half with a well-taken goal from Lee Moss who ran on to an excellent defence-splitting ball from Paul Ainscough. There were several half chances for both sides, but neither team could capitalise on them. So, a good away win against the table toppers of Liverpool.

## With JIM FURNELL Youth Team Manager



TEAM: (4-4-2) — Blenkinship, Cullen, Munro, Ainscough, Pickup, Scott, Lindsay, O'Shaughnessy, Moss, Grunshaw, Tallon. Subs: Metcalf for Lindsay (44 mins) and Berry I. not used.

It was a much different story the following week when we once again travelled to Merseyside, this time to play Everton. Our young team didn't know what had hit them when the Everton team took a 5-0 lead just after half time. Pat Nevin had scored four of them, and their defence was well marshalled at the back by Kevin Ratcliffe — yes it was that sort of a team that our lads had to contend with!

Needless to say they couldn't match the experience of the older players and Everton ran out 9-1 winners, our goal coming from a penalty converted by Paul Ainscough. I think we would have got more out of this game in terms of valuable experience than the Everton players.

TEAM: Ridgway, Berry I., Berry J., Gill, Scott, Pickup M., Lindsay, Ainscough, Grunshaw, Hitchen, Tallon. Subs: Davies for Gill (60 mins) and Paver for Pickup M. (55 mins).

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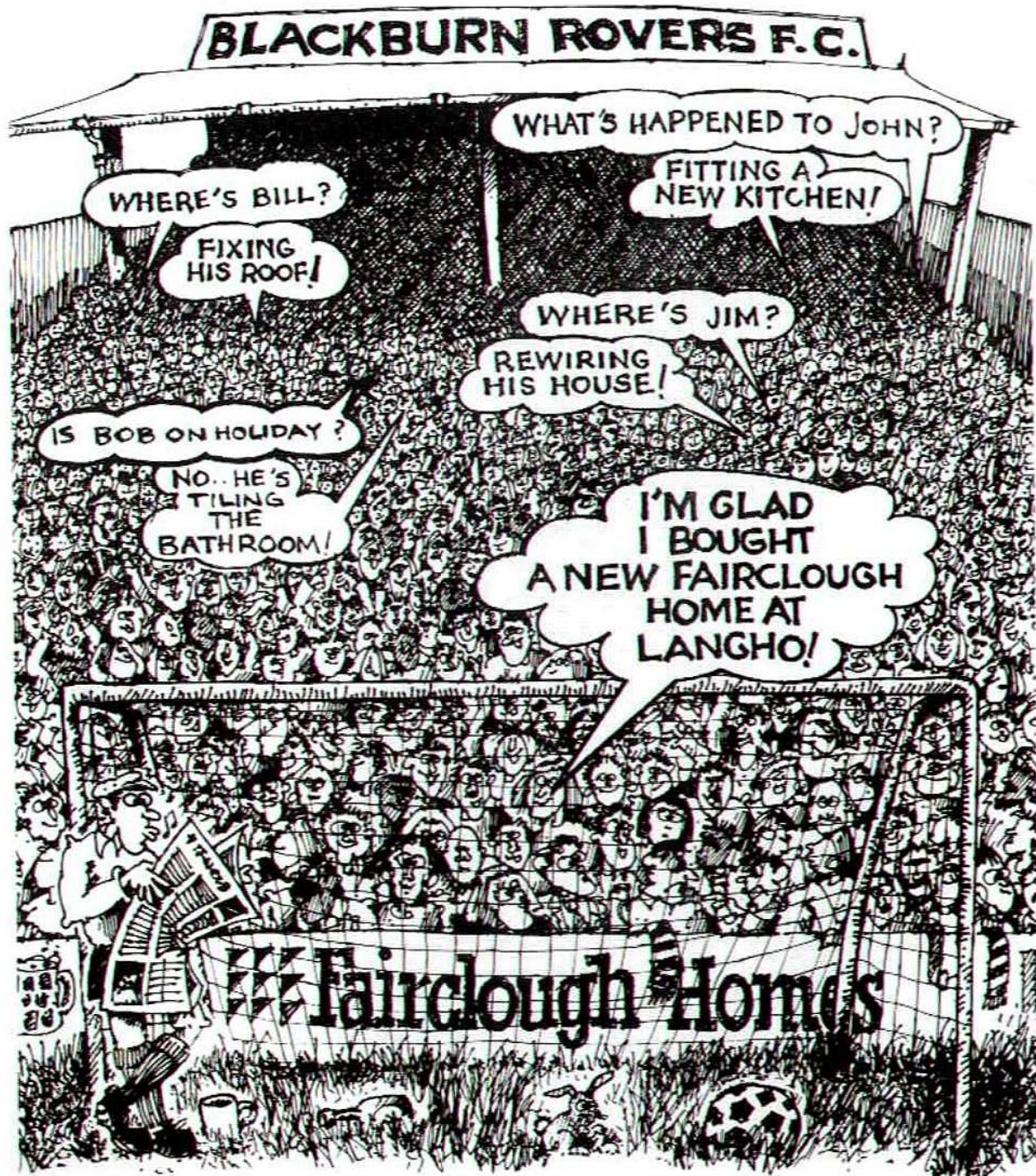
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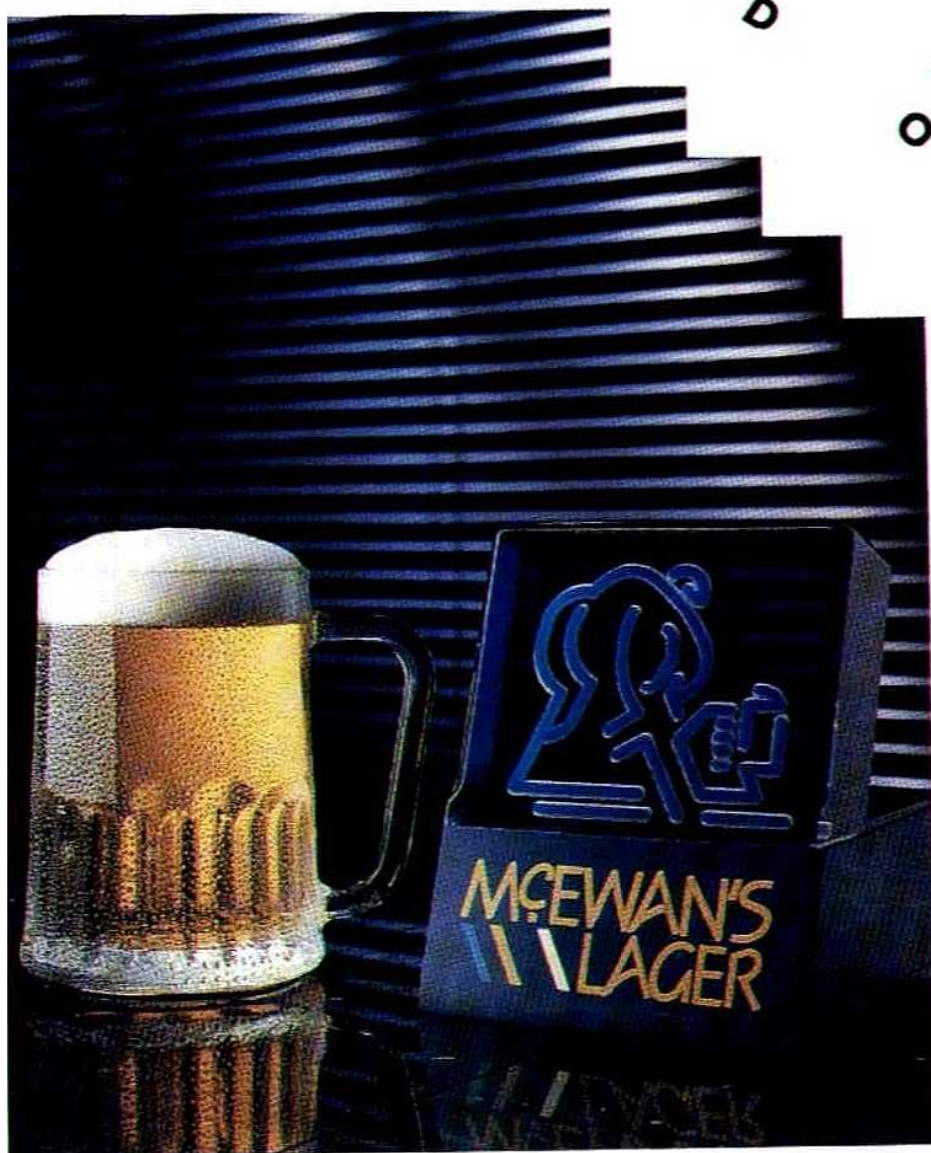
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Ground tickets can, of course, also be purchased from the Ticket Office at Ewood Park between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Mondays to Fridays.

**STAND TICKETS**, which are restricted to members, can **ONLY** be obtained from Ewood Park.

## F.A. CUP FOURTH ROUND

OUR postponed F.A. Cup tie against Notts County has been re-arranged for next Tuesday night, February 4, at the County Ground, kick-off 7.45pm.



If the match is a draw the replay will be at Ewood Park on Tuesday, February 11, kick-off 7.45pm. The result of any replay will, of course, decide whether we are playing away in the Cup on Saturday, February 15, or at home in the League to Newcastle United.

Up-to-date information and ticket details will be announced in the local press, on local radio and on Blackburn Rovers' Club Call line as soon as it is available.

## REDUCED PRICES AT CAMBRIDGE

**SUPPORTERS** who travelled to Cambridge on December 10 only to see the match abandoned at half-time will be glad to know that admission prices will be **reduced** when the game is replayed.

Admission to the terraces will cost £4 for adults and £1 for children and OAPs. **Seats** will be priced at £8.



# BLACKBURN ROVERS

# SWINDON TOWN

Bobby MIMMS	1	Fraser DIGBY
Richard BROWN	2	David KERSLAKE
Alan WRIGHT	3	Paul BODIN
Gordon COWANS	4	Martin LING
Keith HILL	5	Colin CALDERWOOD
Kevin MORAN	6	Shaun TAYLOR
Jason WILCOX	7	Micky HAZARD
Nicky REID	8	Duncan SHEARER
David SPEEDIE	9	Tom JONES
Mike NEWELL	10	Ross MACLAREN
Scott SELLARS	11	David MITCHELL
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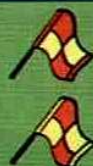
### REFEREE



#### Gerald Ashby

Gerald, of Worcester, is a finance manager and married with one daughter. He began refereeing in the Worcester and District League in 1972 and progressed through the West Midlands Regional League to the Football League's linesmen's list in 1982 and the referees' list in 1985. He was a linesman for the Portugal v Sweden international in 1986 and the 1990 game between Marseille and Lech Poznan.

### LINESMEN



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