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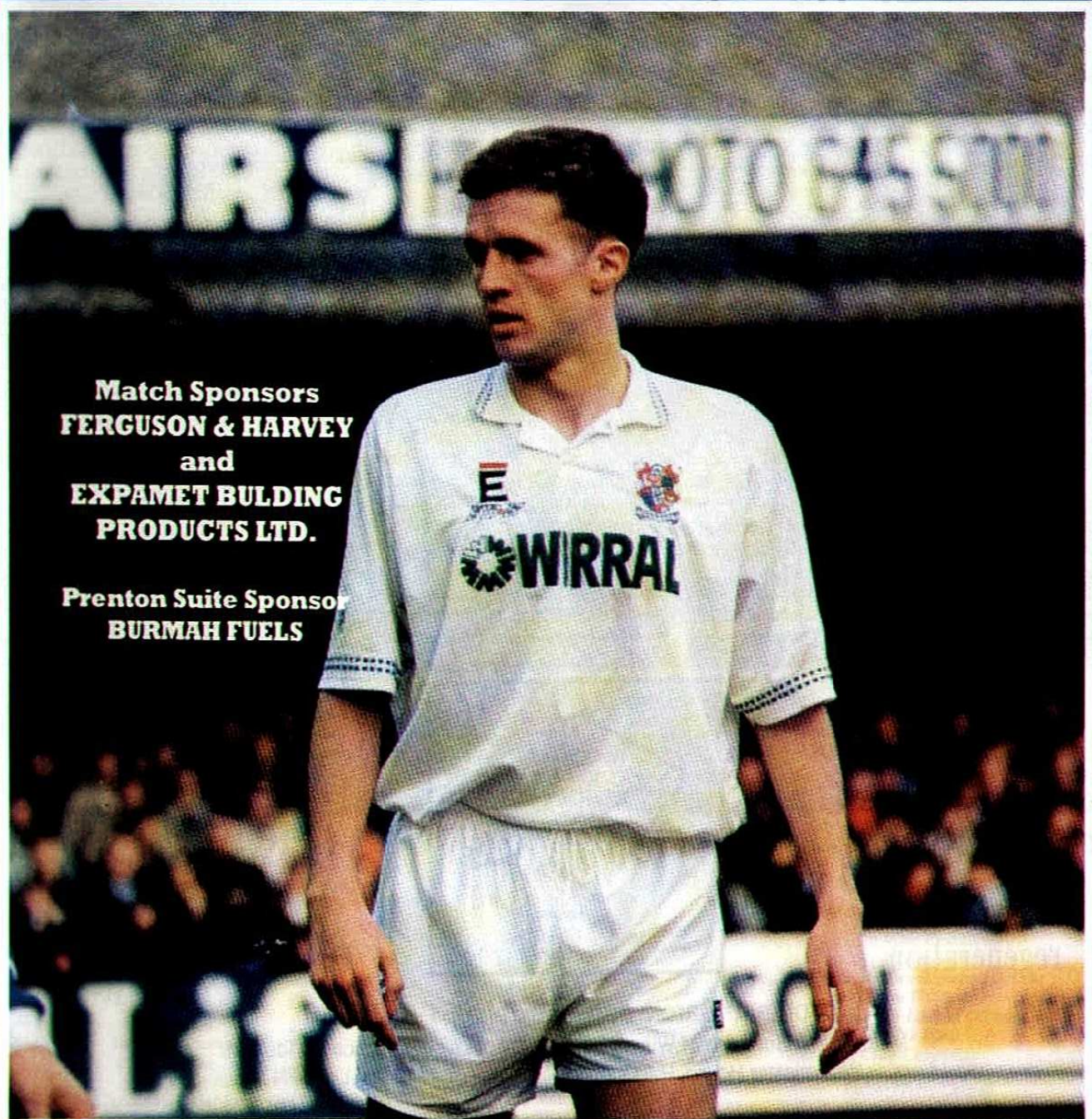
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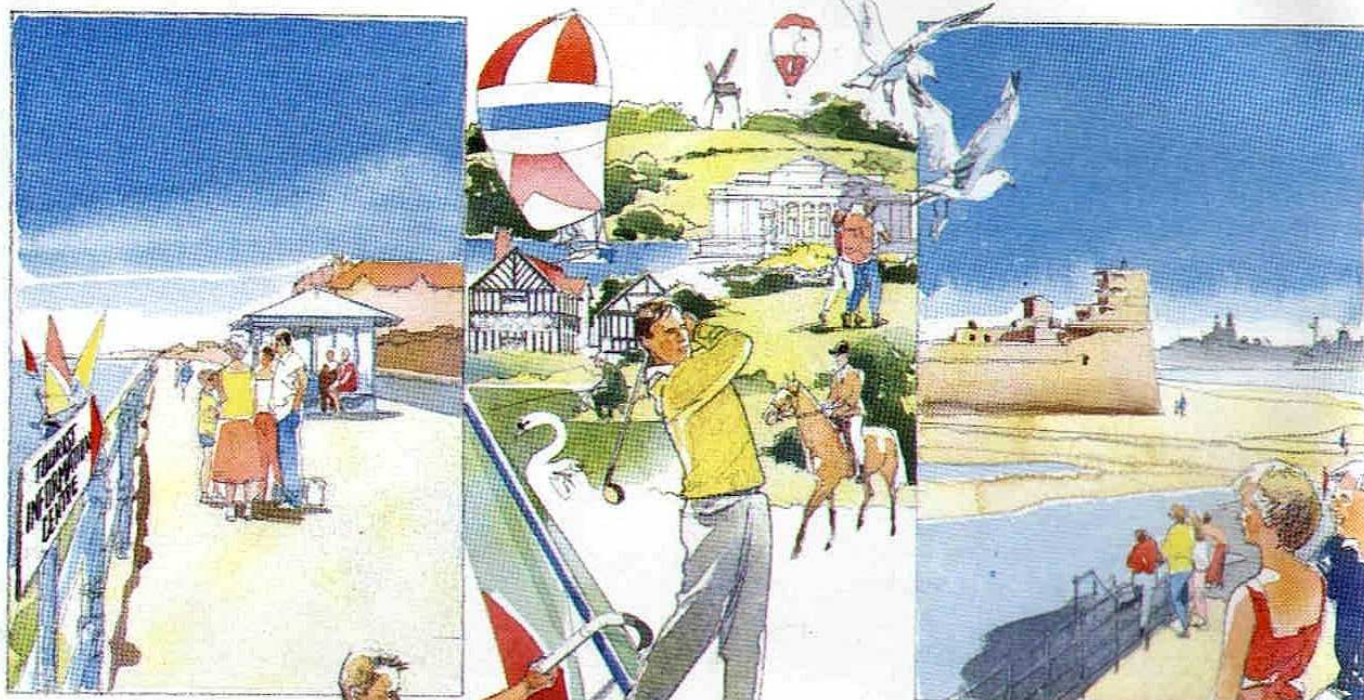
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# AT THE HELM

**A** fortnight ago Director Tony Adams reminded Peter Johnson and myself that it was the sixth anniversary of our coming to Tranmere Rovers. In fact, fanatical Tony knew the day and the hour! The steady progress and notable achievements since those dark days have been well chronicled elsewhere but the rise from the battle against Exeter to stay in the Football League to our current position of fighting for a play off place for the Premier Division has prompted many people to ask various questions, for example; how has it been achieved? what have been the highlights? how do you and the Chairman feel when we are suffering a heavy home defeat? do you ever believe we could sustain Premier Division football? and indeed these questions are thought provoking as we look back on how the past six years have flown by and that is my first personal observation.

Nothing could have been achieved without the financial backing and guidance of Chairman Peter Johnson, whose unstinting support has given the club stability and a secure background within which to operate. The appointment of John King and his shrewd operation in the transfer market has been another important factor together with the enthusiastic support of all key members of staff (the originals from 1987 are still with us) all adds up to a formula for success. Marketing, publicity, media co-operation and the bringing together of all the different economical and social groups within Wirral under the umbrella of the football club has been an undoubted achievement. It is therefore disappointing to sit and watch a home defeat and to see the club suffer a loss of form but I hope our tried and tested formula of striving to keep the momentum forward will overcome these temporary setbacks.

Looking back, highlights have to be our various Wembley appearances with the play-off against Bolton perhaps the most notable achievement of all, but off the field the past six years have also provided enormous satisfaction in seeing the people of Wirral respond to our initiatives.



The formation of the Prenton Pups and the highly successful Football in the Community programme which takes the club out to over a hundred schools in Wirral for quizzes, coaching sessions and match visits.

Whilst many people thoroughly enjoy their football and see it as a leisure diversion from busy business lives, I have been personally surprised during the past six years that to many families, the club is everything, with some spending all their surplus disposable income on club related activity. The unemployed too, of which there are far too many in this area, also see the club as an important facet of their lives as they too wrestle with their own recessionary related problems. I am totally convinced that the football club can and has become a focal point for the people of Wirral, particularly as the

peninsula has given us a very clear definite identity of our own.

This has been a great source of satisfaction. What now faces us in the seasons ahead is to keep up the momentum, not let standards and disciplines on and off the field slip. We must maintain our humility and enviable reputation as a friendly and comfortable club to visit but equally we must battle with conviction for Premier Division football at Prenton Park and to make our contribution to some of the many anomalies that still prevail in the administrative world of football.

A week ago we were resoundingly beaten by Southport Football Club on and off the field. They arrived looking the part, they produced an outstanding performance on the field, reinforcing their current form as runaway leaders of the HFS Loans League. They will almost certainly enjoy a place in the Vauxhall Conference next season and I would be personally surprised if they did not add the Liverpool Senior Cup to League and League Cup trophies also. Their Chairman, Charlie Clapham, has been in regular touch with me over the past six years and shares the ambitions that we have for Tranmere Rovers. Southport is a club that can do it and we wish Charlie and everybody else at Haig Avenue every success in the seasons to come.

Finally, some words of congratulations to John Aldridge for his recent PFA Award, to Tommy Coyne and Pat Nevin for international selection, and to Danny Coyne for his selection as an under 21 candidate between the sticks. Well done to all. Tonight our visitors are Swindon Town and despite the many words spoken and written we extend the customary Tranmere welcome to the Board, Manager and players for what we hope will be a good game of football between two of the divisions most entertaining sides. Enjoy tonight's game and the remainder of the season and remember your support from the stand and terraces is vital.

**Frank Corfe,  
Vice-Chairman**



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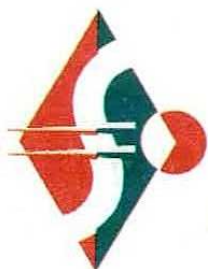
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# Swindon Town

**T**here would be a certain pleasure in Rovers coming out of this game with a win. It's not just a six-pointer, but a historic fixture in the football calendar. Some things are inescapable, like the agony felt three seasons ago at Swindon and also Tranmere because of their notorious 'relegation' and the phoney promotion handed to and then removed from Rovers. There is no point denying this undercurrent exists.

And talking of current there is also the floodlight failure that put a dimmer on Tranmere's shortened success at the County Ground earlier in the season. The fact that the return went Swindon's way only heightened the feelings that run deep at Prenton Park. It rubbed further salt in an old wound.

If Rovers were sitting in mid-table, bothered by neither promotion nor relegation, there would still be a cutting edge to this game. The fact that it represents Tranmere's play-off hopes and, possibly Swindon's, makes it one of those occasions that even the script-writers would not dare imagine.

For all that, there is a respect among football lovers for the way Swindon play. It was a style they developed under Ossie Ardiles, albeit with Lou Macari's men and their contracts. Glenn Hoddle has taken it on and made Swindon realistic challengers for the elite they thought they had reached not so long ago.

Even their harshest critics would have to admit that if Swindon do make it this time it will be on merit. Nothing else. Whoever wins today, it will settle a few arguments.

## The Management

Glenn Hoddle was always a great player for Spurs, where he was appreciated. The fact that he never became an international superstar is a mystery. He could play passes from heaven, but for his country it often did not happen. Perhaps that is one of the reasons why Hoddle chose management when he returned from a successful spell in France with Monaco. Hoddle's arrival was greeted with scepticism in some quarters, but he has proved people wrong. He means it and could go all the way.

Hoddle has suffered because of



*Player-Manager Glenn Hoddle*

Swindon's money troubles and was furious that they sold David Kerslake to Leeds. If a bigger club came in over the close season he would possibly leave. And there are many who have admired his work so far.

The only cloud on Hoddle's horizon is when he will lose his best player, himself. Now a sweeper, Hoddle is still as good as anything around in this division.

Hoddle's number two is old Spurs colleague, **John Gorman**, a handy Scottish full back in his day who also played for that good Carlisle side of the last decade.

## The signings

Hoddle and Swindon have been strapped for cash, so much so that they spent deadline week trying to



*Welsh International defender Paul Bodin*

sign free-transfer right backs or men on loan to get them through the season. The only arrival of note was **Brian Marwood**, whose career lost its way after winning a title medal with Arsenal that barmy evening at Liverpool.

Marwood went to Sheffield United where he also disappeared before finally Hoddle had the faith that there was life in the old right winger. He was a cracking player in his Sheffield Wednesday days and could still provide some telling crosses.

Hoddle will be hoping that some of the money from the sale of Kerslake comes his way, however after a similar sale which saw Fitzroy Simpson move to Manchester City last season he's unlikely to hold his breath in anticipation. It looks as though he will be expected to make a penny do the work of a pound in the transfer market.

## The Stars

Apart from Hoddle, Swindon have several well-known faces on the First Division scene. They have kept the nucleus of their side and in the case of **Paul Bodin**, brought them back to the fold.

Left back Bodin, a Welsh International, was a star in the old days who went off to Crystal Palace. Very quickly he fell out of the side, not an uncommon thing at that club, and eventually escaped to his old stamping ground. Bodin is a threat going forward and also packs a shot.

Keeper **Fraser Digby** is back in favour after a bad couple of seasons when he lost his place. Strangely he was allowed to go to Manchester United, his old club, for a loan spell before being recalled and taking possession of the gloves again.

Skipper **Colin Calderwood** is talked of as being the next departure, the one that would anger Hoddle the most too. The Scottish centre half is consistency itself and is good enough to play at a higher level. His problem is that he has been with the one club too long that talent scouts are taking him for granted.

Beside Calderwood and in front of Hoddle is the strong-man, **Shaun Taylor**, who was picked up from Exeter City. The big Devonian was a stout performer for them after being found in the under-rated Western League. Taylor can score and will also spill blood to stop an opponent.

**Nicky Summerbee**, son of the famous Mike, has made a niche for himself at right back since the departure of Kerslake but is normally a winger.

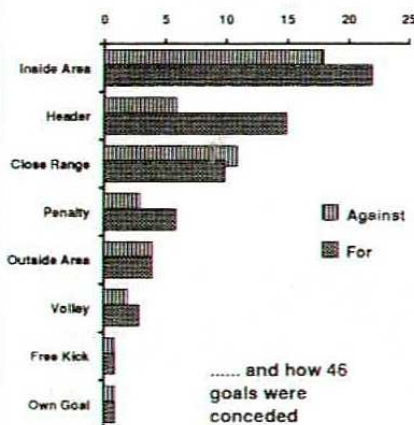
In midfield there is the canny figure of **Ross MacLaren**, who was once

# The Robins



## SWINDON TOWN

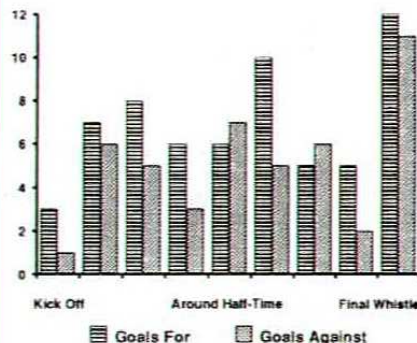
### How Swindon's 62 League goals have been scored



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## FORM AT A GLANCE

Match Analysis (10 min. intervals)  
Of Maskell's 16 league goals, 5 were scored in the first 15 and 5 in the last 17 minutes. But he's not playing today (what a shame).



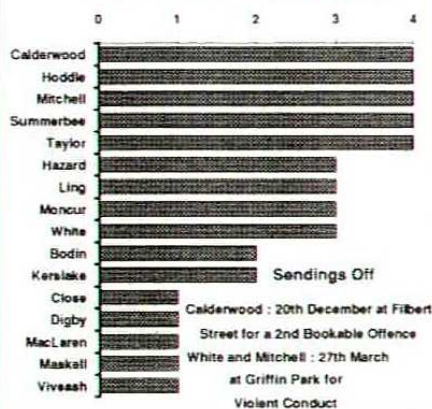
### At The County Ground

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| Sunderland     | 1-0 |
| Cambridge      | 4-1 |
| Bristol Rovers | 2-2 |
| Oxford         | 2-2 |
| Grimsby        | 1-0 |
| Watford        | 3-1 |
| Notts County   | 5-1 |
| Barnsley       | 1-0 |
| Brentford      | 0-2 |
| Southend       | 3-2 |
| Derby          | 2-4 |
| Birmingham     | 0-0 |
| Charlton       | 2-2 |
| Wolves         | 1-0 |
| Millwall       | 3-0 |
| Tranmere       | 2-0 |
| Portsmouth     | 1-0 |
| Newcastle      | 2-1 |
| Bristol City   | 2-1 |

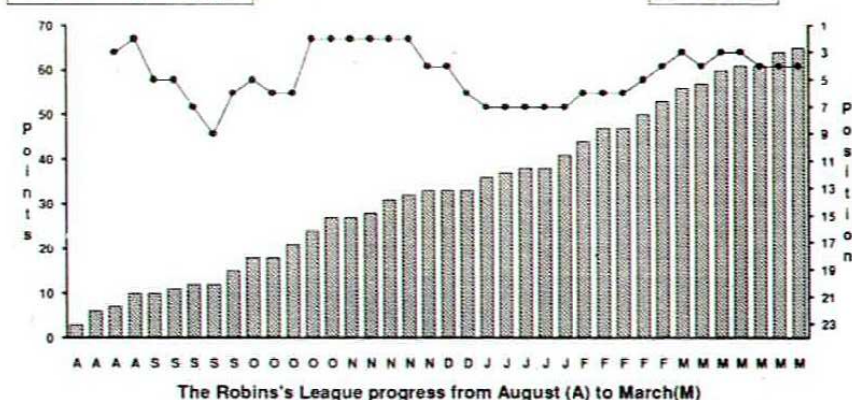
### On their Travels

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Bristol Rovers | 4-3 |
| Wolves         | 2-2 |
| Millwall       | 1-2 |
| Charlton       | 0-2 |
| Portsmouth     | 1-3 |
| West Ham       | 1-0 |
| Newcastle      | 0-0 |
| Bristol City   | 2-2 |
| Peterborough   | 3-3 |
| Leicester      | 2-4 |
| Oxford         | 1-0 |
| Grimsby        | 1-2 |
| Sunderland     | 1-0 |
| Cambridge      | 0-1 |
| Watford        | 4-0 |
| Southend       | 1-1 |
| Luton          | 0-0 |
| Derby          | 1-2 |
| Brentford      | 0-0 |

### 41 Bookings : the Naughty Boys



Biggest Win : 5-1 v Notts County  
4-0 v Watford  
Heaviest Defeat : 5 games by 2 goals



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rejected by Rangers but did well for Shrewsbury before Derby County took him on. MacLaren has been driving Swindon on for years now and is one who deserves a promotion medal for his efforts down the years. He is partnered by the skilful **Martin Ling**, once of Southend.

In attack both strikers **David**

**Mitchell** and **Steven White** owe Hoddle something tonight. They will shortly start a suspension for being sent off at Brentford the Saturday before last. With very few options in attack due to the injury to **Craig Maskell**, it is a problem Hoddle could have done without, particularly as he has also lost the ability of **Micky Hazard** in the engine room.

Mitchell has been around, a Scottish Australian whose big-time career took off at Rangers where he kept Ally McCoist out for a spell. He went off to Chelsea, Feyenoord and Aberdeen among others before finding his way to Swindon. Mitchell leads the line honestly, but has never been prolific despite his sweat.

White is the man who gets the goals, and always has done, from the days he popped them in for Bristol Rovers through spells at Luton, Rovers, Luton and Charlton. He moves about a lot but when the ball falls in

the box he is around to score.

Waiting in the wings are **Paul Hunt**, a product of Swindon's Youth scheme, former Spurs prospect **Shaun Close**, a striker, and defender **Adrian Vivash**. All three will be called on as the resources get stretched that bit further in the final testing weeks.

**Alan Nixon**



Scottish-born defender  
**Colin Calderwood**



Veteran striker **Steve White**

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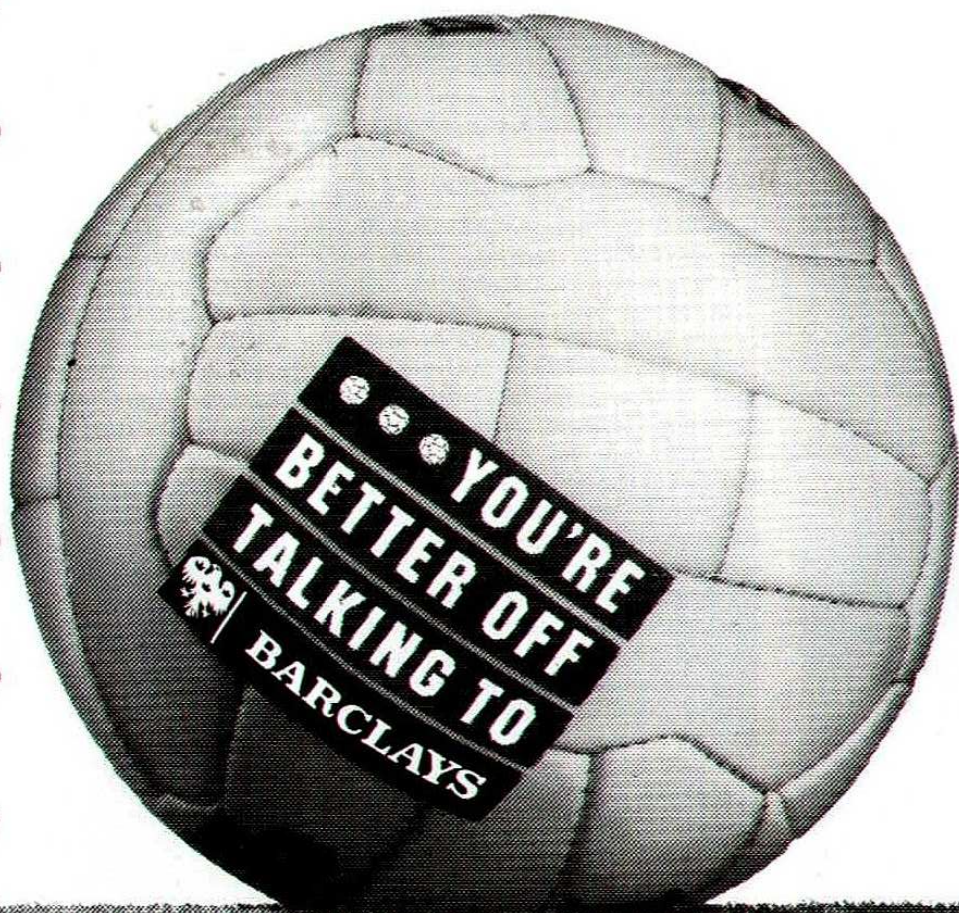
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## TRANSFER VALUATION MADNESS

Has the transfer deadline ever passed with so little activity between clubs? It is indicative of the inflated state of the market and the shortage of real cash (Jack Walker excepted) within the game, that the biggest deal on Thursday 25th March was Efan Ekoko's £765,000 move from Bournemouth to title chasing Norwich City, although the previous day Blackburn, almost inevitably were wheeling and dealing with Kevin Gallacher of Coventry swapping clubs with Roy Wegerlie in a deal rated at £2,000,000. Dalglish also swapped striker Steve Livingstone for Chelsea's Graeme Le Saux.

Good as Stan Colley more may be at the moment, its hard to swallow South-ends' valuation of £2M for a player they bought earlier in the season for £150,000! Are we to believe he is 13 times the player he was eight months ago?

Some 18 months ago when Colley more was playing for Stafford Rangers, Rovers were one of several clubs who had him under the microscope. The verdict then was he was 'ungainly with poor ball control', but Crystal Palace boss Steve Coppell gambled £100,000 on him in January 1991. In his dozen or so appearances for Palace he made little impression and judging by reports Coppell was more than happy to off-load him at a £50,000 profit.

Yet here we are eight months on and a dozen goals to his credit, asked to believe his 'value' has soared to £2,000,000!

If you think thats crazy what about Stockport's valuation on their gangling 'Basketball' player, Kevin Francis. They apparently value the big man at £3,000,000.

It is little wonder therefore that clubs continue to look to Scandinavia, much to the chagrin of the P.F.A., for value for money imports.

Surely the time has come for a panel to put a ceiling on transfer valuations, based on age and international experience, before the game strangles itself and the only people who can afford to buy are Jack Walker at Blackburn and Derby benefactor Lionel Pickering.

## SID THOMPSON R.I.P.

Club Officials were saddened to learn of the death on March 25th of Vice-President Sid Thompson. For many years, Sid was the Manager of the Birkenhead branch of the Allied Irish Bank - the clubs bankers - and as such played a major role keeping the club afloat in the dark days. A regular fan, he was last at Prenton for the Portsmouth match two days earlier. We send our condolences to his family.

# Have We Got NEWS For You!

## SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON THE SITUATION

In the Swindon programme of February 23, one writer took us to task for complaining about the floodlight failure that caused the first match to be abandoned, reminding us of the 1985 match against Peterborough when our lights failed when we were losing 0-1. We of course won the replay 7-0. Fair comment. But we would point out that when an underground cable burned out we had no prior warning and the local Electricity Board Engineers could not fix the fault immediately,



Confrontation! Angry words are exchanged between John Morrissey and eventual winners Cremonese, in the match at Prenton Park

## ANGLO-ITALIAN POSER

With Cremonese crowned Anglo Italian Cup winners after defeating last Fridays opponents, Derby County, 3-1 at Wembley, the future of the competition will no doubt be debated shortly by the League's Management Committee. Victory, by surely the most cynical of the competing clubs, will be met with dismay in many quarters, not least Prenton Park. No friendships were made when they visited Tranmere, and the after match hospitality went untouched as Cremonese sped off into the night having done the job they set out to do in

unlike Swindon who were, we believe, aware of the possibility of a power failure **before** the match.

That is the reason we protested so vociferously.

## KEEGAN SWOOPS FOR CRUSADERS



Unknown to most, there has been a 'transfer' between ourselves and Newcastle in recent weeks. The Liverpool Crusader Majorettes, who performed prior to the Televised Newcastle match so impressed Kevin Keegan he signed them up to perform at St. James Park!

traditional Italian fashion.

Now League bosses must face up to a competition which witnessed 19 sent off and 79 cautions, poor crowds in England and total disinterest in Italy. While the Final attracted a 32,000 plus crowd, that was largely due to Derby's excellent support. On the plus side however, good relations were established on the trips to Reggiana and Pisa (who invited Rovers officials to meet them at the Final), Rovers enjoyed their first taste of European Football, and despite two expensive trips to Italy managed a small profit on the whole affair. Given the interest in English Football in Scandinavia, how about an Anglo-Swedish or Norwegian Cup. At least we'd have some support out there!!

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## Capped while with Rovers by David Ogden

Recent followers of Rovers may not realise that the days of international players in the side were until recently a rare phenomenon. Pat Nevin scored for Scotland against Malta in February and John Aldridge hit a hat trick for the Republic of Ireland against Latvia earlier this season. Aldo's Eire team mate Tommy Coyne has also joined the fold with the promise of adding to his nine caps, but still no Rovers player has represented England at full international level.

How many Rovers fans can name the earlier international stars? Dixie Dean quickly comes to mind, having scored eighteen goals in sixteen England appearances in the 20's. However he was not capped during his brief Tranmere career, all his international appearances coming during his outstanding career with Everton. Similarly, Roy McFarland won twenty eight caps for England while with Derby County and Steve Coppell gained forty two caps with Manchester United. A current ex-Tranmere international is Colin Clarke, Portsmouth's Northern Irish striker. He was called up while at Rovers but never played.

All these players went on to international recognition after they left Rovers for clubs in higher divisions. What about the lesser known stars of their day who achieved international call ups during their Prenton career?



national player in the days before the club joined the Football League. He played for Wales in their 0-2 defeat by England at Cardiff on 16 March 1914. Rowlands left for Reading at the end of the season, having helped Rovers win the Lancashire Combination title.

**Jack Brown**, a team mate of Dixie Dean was Rovers' next international star. Signed from Glenavon, where he had already been capped for Ireland, Brown won two more caps while with Rovers in 1924. Normally an inside right, he switched to the right wing against England to accommodate Tucker Croft in the side. Brown later recalled that Croft failed to appear until twenty minutes before kick off, claiming to have downed four pints of porter. It certainly calmed his nerves, for Croft scored the winning goal in a 2-1 win for the Irish. Brown's final appearance for his country was in a 1-2 defeat to Wales. He scored eleven goals in forty eight league matches for Rovers.



**Bert Gray**, a Welsh keeper was Rovers' most capped player until Aldo's international exploits. In 1931 the Home International series was held in the last three months of the year and despite three defeats, Gray kept his place in the Welsh side. A 2-3 home defeat to Scotland was followed by a 1-3 defeat to England at Liverpool. A 0-4 defeat in Ireland completed his long held record run of appearances. Gray played in a total of one hundred and ninety two league games for Tranmere and led the

side to victory in the Welsh Cup in 1935. He was also capped during his spells with Oldham, Manchester City, Manchester Central (!) and Chester, earning a total of twenty four caps for his country.

For the record, **A.C. Lewis**, a right winger who played in eight league games for Rovers was selected for the Wales amateur side in 1932/33. **T.L. Davis** won two of his four Ireland caps in 1938 while with Rovers against Czechoslovakia and Poland. An inside right, he scored six goals in ten league games for Tranmere.



Finally, the last Rovers international before the present era was **Tony Rowley**, a centre forward who cost £3,500 from Liverpool. In 1959 he played for Wales in a 1-4 defeat to Northern Ireland in Belfast, his only cap at the age of twenty nine. The previous Saturday he had scored four for Tranmere in a 9-0 win over Accrington. 'His intelligent and artistic touches were as delightful as ever' reported the Birkenhead News. Rowley scored fifty one times in his one hundred and eight league appearances for Rovers.

Who will be the next Rovers player to earn full international recognition? Eric Nixon for England, Danny Coyne for Wales? Whoever, the club's ascent up the league structure will surely mean that international calls will be far more frequent than in Rovers' darker days.



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Without being too unkind, I think it would be fair to say that the opening two sentences of manager Alan Buckley's column set the ton for the rest of The Mariners' programme. He writes: "Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to tonight's game against Tranmere Rovers". Given that introduction, it is perhaps not too surprising to read on the visitors page of somebody called Ian DOLAN or of somebody called Neil Wods who apparently scored both Rovers' goals at Blundell Park last season. Woods, in fact, scored both Grimsby's goals against us in a 2-2 draw!

To be fair, things do improve after that, but rarely rise above the mediocre.

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Like most things connected with the set up at Upton Park, the Hammers' programme is more than ready for the Premier League.

Although the clubs who enjoy relatively high attendances and, therefore, programme sales, should always be able to produce better quality publications, this is not always the case. Editor Tony McDonald and his team deserve full credit then for a programme packed with interesting well-written features, top quality photographs and a tremendous array of statistics, all presented in a tidy, but attractive layout style.

The Rovers coverage is fairly brief, but well researched, apart from the seemingly commonly held view (judging by several other programmes this season) that we PAID £120,000 for Ronnie Moore to Cardiff City. In those days,

# Programme Parade by Tony Evans



back in the 70's, when Ronnie was sold to the South Wales club, it would have been headline news if Tranmere had paid £120 for a player!

Each week a different Hammers supporter is the "On The Road" reporter at the previous away match. The piece, in

this issue featured West Ham's recent demise at Notts County (we know how it feels!) and was very amusingly written. I suppose, though, that anybody with a name like Delphis Lefrancois would have to have a good sense of humour!

**SOUTHEND UNITED** Price: £1.40  
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Normally the main incentive to splash out £1.40 on what, over recent seasons, has been a disappointing programme, would be to try and decipher the mysterious messages hidden in manager Colin Murphy's column. What a let down then to discover a perfectly run-of-the-mill piece in fully comprehensible English!

Unfortunately the remainder of the content is much more predictable, being a replica of last season's dull, unoriginal format. There are no colour photographs (except for adverts!) and far too much space is filled with general football items.

The section on Tranmere merely reproduces the standard pen-pics and standard background information. It is largely accurate, but deadly dull, just like the programme itself.

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**T**he role of agents in football once again came under fire last week from PFA Chairman Gordon Taylor.

Football's wheeler-dealers were accused of turning the game into a state similar to the 'slave trade' with their involvement in bank-busting transfer feals – and that's a view shared by increasing numbers.

More and more players are holding out for the best offers as clubs barter with their contracted agents who take a percentage cut in the deal. And, while some players benefit, others lose out to the less proficient men-in-the-middle... and so do the clubs.

Tranmere Chairman Peter Johnson is one of the growing band to show distaste in their involvement. He voiced his concern in an interview in the Wirral News earlier this season. He too believed that agents were a major reason for transfer prices rocketing and 'silly money' being paid in personal terms for players.

Transfer fees often help football with large sums being passed down invariably from big, wealthy clubs to their more poverty-stricken rivals of the lower leagues.

Yet agents' involvement can mean deals breaking down because clubs aren't prepared to be pushed into a corner and break their pay structure – subsequently clubs are also no prepared to pay the transfer fee.

Players can also lose out when an agent doesn't fulfill initial promises to find sponsorship deals and other fringe benefits open to them if sought out.

So more the reason for reducing their involvement in the game. But then again football has invited these people into its confidence and indeed many agents are former players.

Some obviously work out better for players, probably at the right price, but the only way out now seems to be to try and reduce the involvement of agents and consider it a lesson learnt.

Some players won't be happy, while for others it will be a relief – it certainly will be to managers and chairmen. So it seems the only way forward is to put limits on agents' working within deals between clubs and players but for other 'outside' projects leave the onus and risk with the player. Maybe then there will be less greed in the game and more clubs less financially stricken.

Now for tonight's competition. We have two tickets for a future game to give to the first person to correctly answer:

1. Which club did Glenn Hoddle play for?
2. Which Swindon player was recently transferred to Leeds?
3. Who scored for Rovers before the lights went out at Swindon earlier this season?

Answers to: Family Club, Wirral News Group, 76 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead L41 5AN. Closing date is April 12th.



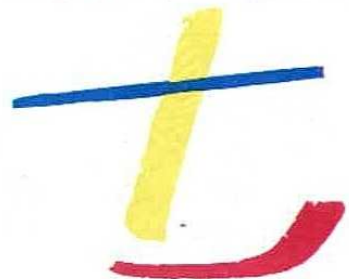
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Tonight's Wirral News mascot is eleven year old JOANNE BIRCH, from Heswall. Joanne attends Prenton High School and has been following Rovers for four years. Her favourite player is John Aldridge and her greatest moment was our victory in the Play-Off Final.

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# TRANMERE IN THE COMMUNITY

## MAY HALF-TERM SOCCER SCHOOL

With both of our Easter Soccer Schools now over-subscribed we are now taking bookings for our May Half-Term Soccer School. The course will run for four days between Tuesday 1st June and Friday 4th June starting each day at 10am and ending at 2pm. The course fee will be £22 which enables the child to be given qualified coaching and supervision from Tranmere's Community Coaches.

A ground tour will be given to all the participants with a certificate of attendance being presented at the end of the week by a guest celebrity. Throughout the week numerous competitions will be running with trophies and medals going to the winners and runners-up. Lots of other prizes will be presented during the course to children showing enthusiasm and endeavour.

Boys and girls of all standards are welcome to attend what will be an action-packed fun week. One hundred places will be available to boys and girls aged between 7-12 so please phone early for application forms and further information - Steve Williams 051 608 2354.



## SCHOOLS COACHING PROGRAMME

We have now completed another course of coaching sessions at some of Wirral's Junior Schools and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hospitality.

The following schools were involved with Tranmere Rovers coaching sessions over a 6 week period - Vyrer Junior School, Bidston Village Junior School, Park Primary School, Fender Junior School, Barnston Junior School, St. Michael's Junior School, Mill Park Junior School, Greasby Junior School.

A new activity schedule will be arranged after Easter with more schools becoming involved in our programme. We will also be running a penalty competition within Wirral's Junior Schools with every school being invited to take part. Again I would like to thank each and every one of Wirral's schools for their continued involvement with our scheme.

## TRANMERE LADIES UNDER-16 - 5-A-SIDE CHAMPIONS

Tranmere Junior Girls 5-a-side team completed their Everton Park 5-a-side League fixtures by taking the League title beating Bootle in their last game 4-0. Our 'B' team also come third in the 12 team league which was a marvellous feat considering that they are all under thirteen.

The team actually won the league by eight clear points only conceding three goals in their 22 games. Natalie Preston was easily the top goalscorer with Lyndsey Scarisbrick also weighing in with some well taken efforts.

The 'B' team pushed hard at the top all season showing remarkable maturity for their age. Kelly Shimmin was top goalscorer with Denise Campbell holding the team together with some tough tackling and lots of running.

In the Open Age Competition Tranmere Ladies finished the season runners-up by one point. Molly Gardner was the teams top scorer with Louise Edwards showing some ferocious tackling attributes in her performances.

All three teams will now be involved in the Everton Park Cup competition with hopefully more success coming to our Club.

## FIVE-A-SIDE FINAL TABLE

|                   | P  | W  | D | L  | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Tranmere Jurs     | 22 | 19 | 2 | 1  | 61  |
| Wilko 'A'         | 22 | 15 | 6 | 1  | 53  |
| Tranmere Jurs 'A' | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4  | 48  |
| Alsop 'A'         | 22 | 14 | 5 | 3  | 47  |
| Broadgreen 'A'    | 22 | 12 | 2 | 8  | 38  |
| Wilko 'B'         | 22 | 9  | 5 | 7  | 32  |
| Bootle High       | 22 | 6  | 6 | 10 | 24  |
| Arch. Blanch      | 22 | 5  | 5 | 12 | 20  |
| Peter Lloyd 'B'   | 22 | 4  | 5 | 13 | 17  |
| Broadgreen 'B'    | 22 | 1  | 5 | 16 | 8   |
| Peter Lloyd 'A'   | 22 | 0  | 6 | 16 | 6   |
| Alsop 'B'         | 22 | 0  | 5 | 14 | 4   |



Kelly Shimmin, top scorer for Tranmere Juniors U16s



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# TRANMERE ROLL CALL...

1st line - League Games 2nd line Cup Games

| Player                   | Int. Hons   | Birthplace/Date                        | 1992-93<br>Apps. Goals | Transmere Career<br>Apps. Goals | Other Career<br>Apps. Goals |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| John Aldridge - Eire     | 5-11' 11.4  | Real Sociedad<br>Liverpool 18.9.58     | 26 19<br>9 5           | 69 22<br>23 23                  | 409+27 224<br>69+2 52       |
| Graham Branch            | 6-2' 12.2   | Heswall<br>Liverpool 12.2.72           | +3 -<br>+1 -           | +7 -<br>+2 -                    | 1 1<br>- -                  |
| Ged Brannan              | 6-0' 12.3   | Y.T.S.<br>Liverpool 15.1.72            | 30 1<br>9 -            | 61+4 3<br>27 -                  | - -<br>- -                  |
| Steve Cooper             | 5-11' 11.10 | Barnsley<br>Birmingham 22.6.64         | 3+3 -<br>1+1 -         | 16+16 3<br>6+5 1                | 167+37 38<br>29+6 5         |
| Danny Coyne - WY         | 6-0' 12.7   | Y.T.S.<br>Prestatyn 27.8.73            | - -<br>- -             | - -<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| Tommy Coyne - Eire       | 5-11' 12.0  | Celtic<br>Glasgow 14.11.62             | 6 1<br>- -             | 6 1<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| Michael Foster - W.Y.    | 5-8' 10.10  | Y.T.S.<br>Bangor 24.9.73               | - -<br>- -             | - -<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| Dave Higgins             | 6-0' 11.0   | Caernarvon<br>Liverpool 19.8.61        | 32 2<br>6 -            | 244+3 7<br>61 -                 | - -<br>5 -                  |
| Mark Hughes - W. U21     | 6-0' 13.0   | Bristol City<br>Port Talbot 2.2.62     | 7+3 -<br>5+2 -         | 251+6 9<br>64+4 2               | 106+2 4<br>16+1 -           |
| Kenny Irons              | 5-9' 11.0   | Y.T.S.<br>Liverpool 4.11.70            | 32+2 3<br>11 2         | 101+12 16<br>28+4 6             | - -<br>- -                  |
| John McGreal             | 5-11' 10.11 | Y.T.S.<br>Liverpool 2.6.72             | - -<br>+1 +1           | 3 -<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| Neil McNab - S. U21      | 5-7' 10.10  | Man. City<br>Greenock 4.6.57           | 30+1 2<br>9 -          | 94+11 6<br>28+3 2               | 428+19 25<br>69 4           |
| Chris Malkin             | 6-3' 12.0   | Stork AFC<br>Bebington 4.6.67          | 28+1 6<br>9+1 1        | 108+47 34<br>28+14 9            | - -<br>- -                  |
| Dave Martindale          | 5-11' 11.10 | Caernarvon<br>Liverpool 9.4.64         | 13+8 1<br>3+2 -        | 111+37 8<br>32+8 3              | - -<br>4 -                  |
| Alan Morgan              | 5-10' 11.00 | Y.T.S.<br>Aberystwyth 2.11.73          | - -<br>- -             | - -<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| John Morrissey - Eng. Y. | 5-8½' 11.9  | Wolves<br>Liverpool 8.3.65             | 37+1 5<br>10+1 3       | 274+22 44<br>70+5 10            | 6+5 1<br>+1 -               |
| Ian Muir - Eng. Y.       | 5-8½' 11.0  | Brighton<br>Coventry 5.5.63            | 7+4 2<br>3+4 -         | 261+18 125<br>59+5 35           | 9+2 3<br>2 -                |
| Steve Mungall            | 5-8' 11.5   | Motherwell<br>Bellshill 22.5.58        | 28+2 3<br>8+1 -        | 448+15 13<br>90+3 3             | 14+6 6<br>- -               |
| Pat Nevin - Scot         | 5-6' 11.9   | Everton<br>Glasgow 6.9.63              | 35 12<br>9 2           | 44 12<br>9 2                    | 337+41 68<br>88+10 18       |
| Eric Nixon               | 6-4' 15.7   | Man City<br>Manchester 4.10.62         | 38 -<br>11 -           | 225 -<br>65 -                   | 97 -<br>26 -                |
| Ian Nolan                | 6-0' 11.10  | Marine<br>Liverpool 9.7.70             | 12 -<br>5 -            | 46 1<br>11 -                    | - -<br>- -                  |
| Mark Proctor - EU21      | 5-10' 11.9  | Middlesbrough<br>Middlesbrough 30.1.61 | 5 -<br>- -             | 5 -<br>- -                      | - -<br>- -                  |
| Tony Thomas              | 5-11' 12.5  | Y.T.S.<br>Liverpool 12.7.71            | 10 -<br>3 -            | 123+1 10<br>27 1                | - -<br>- -                  |
| Steve Vickers            | 6-3' 12.0   | App<br>Bishop Auckland 13.10.67        | 34 -<br>7 1            | 291+1 11<br>65+1 8              | - -<br>- -                  |

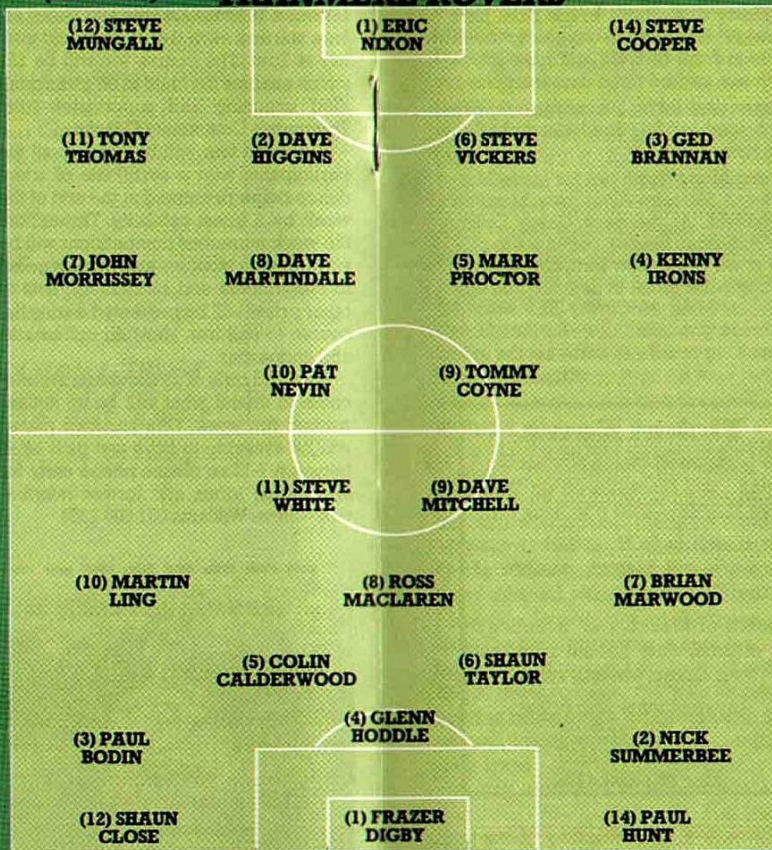


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TRANMERE ROVERS



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| A | 15 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 26 |
| T | 29 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 36 | 45 |

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## PASSING BACK...

**5 Years Ago:** Rovers en route to Wembley warm up with a 2-1 victory at Swansea via goals from Ian Muir and 'Crackers' McCarrick, Swindon go down 2-1 at home to Blackburn in Division 2. Aldo scores twice as Liverpool beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 in the FA Cup Semi-Final, Wimbledon came from behind to beat Luton in the other semi. At 17 years 240 days Alan Shearer scores a hat-trick for Saints.

**10 Years Ago:** Goals from Batty and Baillie see Swindon through at home to Aldershot but Rovers fail to score in a 0-0 draw at Chester, who appoint a new boss in John Sainty. Larry Lloyd is sacked at Wigan and Bobby Charlton takes over as 'caretaker'.

**20 Years Ago:** Rovers draw 2-2 (Young, Crossley) with Plymouth while Ray Treacy nets for Swindon in a 1-1 draw at Cardiff. Sunderland beat Arsenal 2-1 in the FA Cup Semi-Final to meet Leeds at Wembley.

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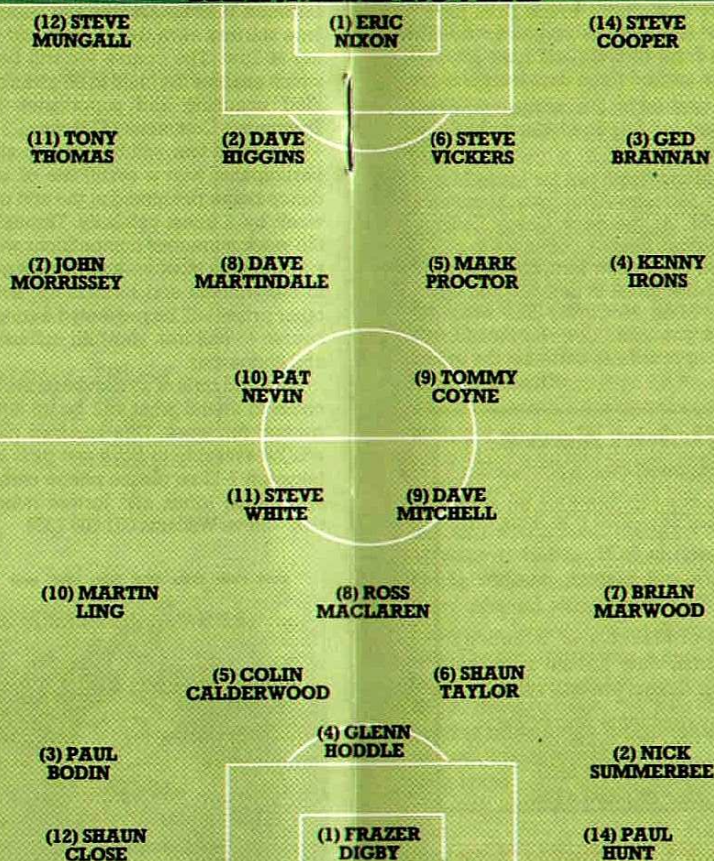


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## SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL...

Stats up to Apr. 2

| Player           | Birthplace/Date         | Pos   | Transfer Fee | Date    | Previous Clubs  | Int | 1992-93 Lge |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|---------|---|-----|-------------|
| Frazer Digby     | Sheffield 23.1.67       | (G)   | £32,000      | Dec 86  | Man. Utd., Oldham (L)   | Eng | 25 -        |
| Colin Calderwood | Stranraer 20.1.65       | (D)   | £30,000      | July 85 | Mansfield Town  | -   | 38 2        |
| Glenn Hoddle     | Hayes 27.10.57          | (D)   | -            | Apr 91  | Tottenham, Monaco   | Eng | 33+1 1      |
| Ross MacLaren    | Edinburgh 14.4.62       | (D/M) | £140,000     | Aug 86  | Glasgow Rgrs, Shrewsbury, Derby County  | -   | 14 -        |
| Paul Bodin       | Cardiff 13.9.64         | (D)   | £225,000     | Jan 91  | Cardiff, Bath, Newport, Swindon, Crystal Palace, Newcastle (L)                  | Wal | 28+1 8      |
| Nick Summerbee   | Altrincham 26.8.71      | (D)   | -            | July 89 | Ex. YTS   | -   | 28+3 3      |
| Shaun Taylor     | Bideford 20.2.63        | (D)   | £200,000     | July 91 | Bideford, Exeter City   | -   | 38 9        |
| Adrian Viveash   | Swindon 30.9.69         | (D)   | -            | July 88 | Ex. YTS   | -   | 4 -         |
| Martin Ling      | West Ham 15.7.66        | (M)   | £15,000      | July 91 | Exeter, Swindon, Southend, Mansfield, Swindon (L)                               | -   | 35 3        |
| John Moncur      | Stepney 22.9.66         | (M)   | £80,000      | Mar 92  | Spurs, Donc, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Brentford, Ipswich, Notts Forest (all loan) | -   | 11+2 1      |
| Micky Hazard     | Sunderland 5.2.60       | (M)   | £130,000     | Sept 90 | Spurs, Chelsea, Portsmouth  | -   | 25 2        |
| Dave Mitchell    | Glasgow 13.6.62         | (F)   | £30,000      | July 91 | Frankfurt, Rangers, Feyenoord, Chelsea, Newcastle (L)                           | Aus | 31+4 7      |
| Craig Maskell    | Aldershot 10.4.68       | (F)   | £250,000     | July 92 | Southampton, Swindon (L), Huddersfield, Reading                                 | -   | 27 16       |
| Steve White      | Chipping Sodbury 2.1.59 | (F)   | Free         | Feb 86  | Bri. Rovers, Luton, Charlton, Lincoln, Luton, Br. Rovers                        | -   | 17+12 8     |
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| LEAGUE PLACING                            | 1987-88 DIVISION 2 Av Att. 9,542 | 1988-89 DIVISION 2 Av Att. 8,692 | 1989-90 DIVISION 2 Av Att. 9,433 | 1990-91 DIVISION 2 Av Att. 9,507 | 1991-92 DIVISION 2 Av Att. 9,871 |
| F.A. CUP PLACING                          |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |

## MATCH OFFICIALS...

**Referee:** Mr. David Allison  
Best behaviour today for 44-year-old David is a Schoolmaster! Perhaps inspired by the World Cup he took up the whistle in 1966 and is now enjoying his 13th season as a league referee. His top appointments so far include the '88 FA Youth Cup Final, a Rumbelows Cup Semi and an England v. W. Germany U18 match at Wembley ... Away from football, he loves cricket and the theatre, so he should be able to spot any play acting!

**Linesmen:**  
Mr. D. G. Nolan (Red Trim)  
Mr. G. A. Racey (Yellow Trim)

**Reserve:** Mr. R. Garner

## LANDMARKS...

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**Biggest victory:** 3-0 1974-75  
**Heaviest defeat:** 3-5 1968-69  
**Last home win:** 3-1 1985-86  
**Last home draw:** 0-0 1991-92  
**First meeting:** October 18, 1958 (A) 2-1  
**Last meeting:** 1992-93 0-2  
**Biggest away victory:** 2-1 1958-59  
**Heaviest away defeat:** 1-4 1978-79

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## Coming Next . . .

### BARNSELEY

**Easter Monday, 12th April**  
**5.00 p.m. kick off**

(or when the TV men say we can start!)

We have to thank the Rev. Tiverton Preedy for the fact that this fixture takes place at all. Yes from such doyens of South Yorkshire history sprang the Tykes. The good Reverend (or Tivo to his friends?) was very concerned about his 'boys' and what they might get up to without structured activities.

He approached a local landowner who gave him the field we now call Oakwell, "So long as you behave yourselves!" One suspects that sufficient grounds already exist, therefore, to expel the club from the ground. Barnsley are not known for their good behaviour.

Yet I am sure that Tivo will be very pleased as he looks down from the right hand of the great Yorkshire God, Oswaldtwistle, that the team currently contains both a Bishop and an Archdeacon.

If Rovers are to break their current TV duck, special plans must be made for former Cooper colleague David Currie and the dynamic Wayne Biggins. I am not sure what Mel Machin had to offer that was sufficient to entice Biggins to Oakwell but be assured he is an excellent player. Perhaps Machin received divine intervention through the good offices of the Reverend.

I am keen especially keen that Rovers should put one over the Tykes. I have taken an enormous amount of stick from one pupil in my school who's family hail from the dark and desolate land of Barnsley, ever since our 1-3 reverse in December. So be warned Moss family we will win handsomely! Unless, of course you have a direct line to the good Reverend.

**Allen Price**

# HOME and AWAY

## Travelogue - Millwall

**Barclays League Division One**

**Saturday, 10th April, 1993**

**Kick-off 3pm at The Den**

**Getting there:** Tranmere Travel Club: Executive coaches only at £12.50 (concessions £11) leaving Prenton Park at 9am. Members only, usual conditions apply.

**Rail:** Nearest stations are South Bermondsey (BR) and New Cross Gate (BR and East London Line). For further details ring 051 709 9696.

**Car:** From M1 follow A1 (sp London and City) and continue following signs for Shoreditch and Whitechapel. Following the Ring Road (sp Dover) to cross the Tower Bridge. After approximately 2 miles at roundabout turn left into the Old Kent Road (A2). After 4 miles turn left at the Canterbury Arms pub into Ilderton Road, car parking to right.

**Mileage:** 240 miles

**Timing:** Five hours to allow for Central London traffic.

**Radio:** Usual London stations

**The Den:** Visitors terracing via Ilderton Road End (part covered) £8, no concessions, £13 seats. This is an ALL TICKET game, so tickets should be purchased from our ticket office prior to travel.

**Disabled:** Wheelchairs are accommodated in South Stand, booking is necessary on 071 639 3143.

**Programme:** £1.40.

This should be our last ever visit to The Den. If building work keeps to plan next season Millwall will play their home games at Senegal Fields! Pity our promotion to the Premier League means that we will miss out on this inestimable pleasure.

### Rovers v. The Lions

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**Last time at The Den:** Wednesday, 11th March 1992, Lions 0, Rovers 3. A John Morrissey goal and a brace from John Aldridge ensured an emphatic three points in front of 6,456 worthies. Bruce Rioch was sacked three days later!

**Lions recent form:** Birmingham (a) 0-0, Cambridge (a) 1-1, Sunderland (h) 0-0, West Ham (a) 2-2.

**Danger Men:** Watch out for Jamie Moralee and Malcolm Allen, plus Alex Rae in midfield. At the back Casey Keller, their American keeper, continues to provide good protection for Colin Cooper and company. Mean in defence and tidy up front, Mick McCarthy has welded together a good side, however their form is not as impressive as earlier in the season.

**Allen Price**

## ... Ticket News ...

The postponed match against Sunderland will be replayed on Tuesday, May 4th - 7.30 p.m. kick off.

This match is NOT all ticket, and there are still a small number of Stand Tickets available for sale.

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### Supporters' Football

The Supporters' teams recent poor run of results continued as they lost for the second time in three days when they were beaten 4-0 by mid-table Princeton on Tuesday March 30th. The Supporters' teams lack of defensive qualities was the main reason for this, rather than Princeton being a vastly superior team.

**Forthcoming fixtures:** Thursday April 8th versus Red cat, away at Arrowe Park. Kick off 6.15pm. Sunday April 11th versus Wirral Health, away at Arrowe Park. Kick off 11am. Friday 16th April versus Red Cat, home at Higher Bebington Road. Kick off at 6.15pm.

We are due to play a team of visiting Barnsley Supporters on Easter Monday. The match will take place at Shaftesbury Boys Club on Borough Road, Birkenhead (next to Prenton Park) with a noon kick off. All supporters will be welcome.

I now have further details of the Nottingham Friendship Cup, which is being run by the Notts County supporters and which takes place on Sunday May 23rd. We have been drawn in Group One with Supporters teams from Oldham, Preston, Bristol City, Leicester City, Bury and Birmingham City. The first round is on a mini-league basis, with the top two teams in the three groups, plus the two highest scoring runners-up, progressing to the second, knock-out stage. The competition takes place during the course of one day only, and all supporters are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact me, Ken Walklett, on 051-652 8828, or find me at any of the games listed above, for directions etc.

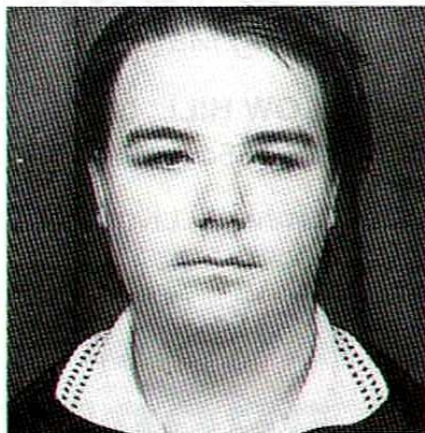
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**MEET** 14-year-old Prenton Pup **William Witt**, who has eyes only for Tranmere Rovers...

William, a pupil at Rock Ferry High School, has no other favourite team - "I'm true and white!" is how he puts it.

The chip-loving youngster has been following Rovers for the last five years and the best goal he has seen during that time was Tony Thomas' strike, just 7.7 seconds into the game, against Southend.

William's favourite past player is Jim (now PC) Steel and of the current squad goalkeeper and skipper Eric Nixon is the one he most likes to see in action.

Watching Rovers make it through to the fourth round of the FA Cup, only to bow out at home to Ipswich, earlier this year provided William with his best moment as a Tranmere suppoer, but the sending off of John Aldridge at Oldham in the third round brought the biggest feeling of despair.

The match he rates as the best he's seen at Prenton Park was last season's Zenith Data Cup classic against Newcastle United, which Rovers eventually won on penalties after the sides had starred in a 6-6 thriller.

William's best team of Rovers' players, past and present, reads: Nixon, Higgins, Nolan, Irons, Hughes, Vickers, Morrissey, Aldridge, Steel, Muir, Nevin. Subs: Thomas and Bishop.

THIS is little Laura Reilly nestling in the arms of proud dad Gerrard - and wearing a Tranmere Rovers' hat on her young head.

Our story about Laura becoming one of, if not the, youngest Prenton Pup appeared in the programme for the Portsmouth match. Since then, Gerrard has kindly sent this picture... all the way from Germany.

Laura, who was enrolled within hours of being born, weighed in at 9lbs 2oz when she made her debut last month. She lives in Leopoldshane with proud mum Anke Freudenthal and dad Gerrard, who is an avid Rovers' fan.

Until recently, Gerrard, who used to live in New Hey Road, on Birkenhead's Woodchurch Estate, was a lance corporal in the British Army, having signed up in 1984.

**A reminder** - as if it was needed! - that the winner of the Prenton Pups' Tranmere Player of the Year Award will be announced at tomorrow night's meeting at the Tranmere Suite, here at Prenton Park (7pm).

Hopefully, the winner will be there in person to collect the handsome trophy in front of the youngsters who have been voting for the award each month since the season began. A full report and picture will appear in next week's Wirral Globe, the newspaper which sponsors Rovers' hugely successful official club for youngsters.

A final reminder, also, to those who are going on the Prenton Pups' special to the Midlands for the forthcoming Division One game against Birmingham City. The all-in tickets (£3.50 each) must be paid for at tomorrow night's meeting. The coach is already fully booked - so make sure your seat is paid for!

Time now to congratulate the following Prenton Pups who have celebrated birthdays in the last week or so:

David Ledsom, Neil Williams, Christopher Cooper, Andrew Hill, Neil Johnson, Sean Rivett, David Stewart.

And finally, a special welcome to these youngsters who are the latest recruits to the ever-growing family of Prenton Pups:

Ben Humphreys, Mark Humphreys, Richard Smith, Daniel Turner, Michael Fearon, Adam Fearon, Gary Francis, Matthew Peers.



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| Aug  | 22 | H | Mansfield Town     | L | 2-5 |
|      | 25 | A | Rochdale           | W | 1-0 |
|      | 29 | A | Barrow             | L | 1-2 |
| Sept | 1  | H | Rochdale           | W | 5-1 |
|      | 5  | H | Bradford City      | L | 0-1 |
|      | 9  | A | Wrexham            | L | 0-3 |
|      | 12 | A | Chesterfield       | L | 1-2 |
|      | 15 | H | Wrexham            | W | 6-1 |
|      | 19 | A | Darlington         | L | 1-2 |
|      | 21 | A | Stockport County   | L | 0-6 |
|      | 26 | H | Halifax Town       | W | 1-0 |
|      | 29 | H | Stockport County   | D | 2-2 |
| Oct  | 3  | A | Carlisle United    | W | 2-0 |
|      | 10 | H | Bradford PA        | D | 1-1 |
|      | 17 | A | Port Vale          | L | 0-2 |
|      | 24 | H | Crewe Alexandra    | W | 1-0 |
|      | 31 | A | Chester            | W | 2-1 |
| Nov  | 7  | H | Southport          | W | 2-0 |
|      | 14 | A | York City          | D | 0-0 |
|      | 28 | A | Workington         | L | 1-2 |
| Dec  | 5  | H | Gateshead          | L | 1-4 |
|      | 19 | A | Mansfield Town     | L | 0-2 |
|      | 25 | A | Grimsby Town       | L | 0-1 |
|      | 26 | H | Grimsby Town       | L | 2-4 |
| Jan  | 1  | H | Hartlepool         | W | 3-2 |
|      | 2  | H | Barrow             | W | 1-0 |
|      | 16 | A | Bradford City      | L | 0-1 |
|      | 23 | H | Chesterfield       | L | 1-2 |
| Feb  | 20 | H | Carlisle United    | L | 1-2 |
|      | 27 | A | Bradford PA        | W | 2-1 |
| Mar  | 3  | H | Barnsley           | L | 0-1 |
|      | 6  | H | Port Vale          | L | 1-3 |
|      | 10 | H | Darlington         | W | 1-0 |
|      | 13 | A | Crewe Alexandra    | W | 2-1 |
|      | 20 | H | Chester            | W | 2-1 |
|      | 27 | A | Southport          | D | 0-0 |
| Apr  | 3  | H | York City          | D | 1-1 |
|      | 5  | A | Hartlepool         | W | 2-1 |
|      | 10 | A | Scunthorpe United  | L | 1-3 |
|      | 16 | H | Accrington Stanley | W | 1-0 |
|      | 17 | H | Workington         | W | 4-2 |
|      | 19 | A | Accrington Stanley | W | 1-0 |
|      | 21 | A | Barnsley           | L | 0-3 |
|      | 24 | A | Gateshead          | L | 1-2 |
|      | 27 | H | Scunthorpe United  | D | 1-1 |
|      | 29 | A | Halifax Town       | D | 1-1 |

# THE WAY WE WERE

## 1953-54 THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)



Harold Atkinson Cyril Done  
— top scorers in 1953-54

## Tranmere Rovers League Appearances and Goalscorers — 1953-54

Atkinson 23(11); Bell 46(1), Harlock 2(0); Lloyd 11(0); Payne 35(0); Steele 29(0); T.A. Williams 6(1); Kieran 45(0); Bainbridge 28(4); Iceton 10(1); Millington 21(0); Davies 11(2); Gibson 14(0); Jackson 1(0); Lamont 43(0); McDevitt 41(4); W.R. Williams 41(4); Done 30(25); Mycock 8(1); Davies 1(0); Fleming 32(0); Jolley 2(2); Jones 9(0); Woan 17(2).

## The Way We Were ... in 1953-54

The fact that Rovers attendances dropped drastically to a post war lowest average of 9517, reflected a poor campaign which saw the team finish 14th with 43 points from 46 matches, having started badly with a 2-5 home defeat by Mansfield.

When Rovers thrashed Wrexham 6-1 with Cyril Done scoring a hat-trick hopes were high that they had at last turned the corner, but just two weeks later the same side were humiliated 0-6 at Stockport to highlight their inconsistency. Nevertheless, Done still finished top scorer with 25 league goals plus six in the F.A. Cup from 35 matches. Harold Atkinson netted 11, but other than that the marksmanship from others was sadly lacking.

None of the new signings that season, Don Woan, Pat Jackson, Mike Fleming, Keith Davies and Derek Jones made much impact so it was left to the old stagers yet again to lift spirits. In the F.A. Cup an away victory at Gateshead (2-1) was followed by a 2-2 draw at Accrington before Rovers won 5-1 (Done 3) in the home replay. But in the 3rd round Leyton Orient held us to a 2-2 draw at home, and finished off the job 4-1 at Brisbane Road, in front of 14249 fans. The reserves meanwhile lost to Liverpool, 1-2, in the semi-final of the Liverpool Senior Cup and to Chester after a replay in the Cheshire Bowl final. The pressure was beginning to mount on Manager/Secretary Ernie Blackburn...

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## Behind the Scenes...



## Barbara Moore and the Red Cross Team

The Red Cross have been in attendance at Tranmere Rovers' matches for about 20 years, and Barbara Moore herself has been coming to Prenton Park for 15 of those years. She has been a Red Cross member for nearly 50 years, having joined them, rather than St. John's Ambulance Brigade, for their international connections and humane reputation, at the end of the War.

Barbara is originally from Harrogate and trained as a nurse at St. James' Hospital, Leeds. She came to the Wirral 35 years ago with her late husband, who, incidentally, was a rugby follower. Barbara says that she is not a football fanatic herself, but does always look out for Rovers' results.

She is the undisputed Red Cross leader at Tranmere, and she teaches, examines and trains both her own team and the Rovers' stewards. She also liaises with the Ambulance Service and the Police. Had she had any thoughts of giving this position up, her mind was changed by the events at Hillsborough.

Barbara is in attendance at every home game, and normally arrives about an hour and a half before the kick off. She is usually one of the last to leave, as well as one of the first to arrive, especially if a player has been badly injured and needs attention, and can sometimes still be at the ground at 10.30pm. She and her team consist of about a dozen people, all of whom give up their time and skills voluntarily for the Red Cross; they are based in the First Aid Room under the Main Stand.

Away from Rovers, Barbara, who lives in Oxton, enjoys reading, driving and music - she likes to go to the Philharmonic Hall - and is very involved with her local Church.

**Carol Dalziel**

# BACK STAGE

# CENTRE STAGE

## Mike Foster

**Date/Place of Birth:** 24/9/73 Bangor, North Wales.

**Height:** 5ft. 8in.

**Weight:** 10st 10lbs

**Position:** Left back

**Nickname:** I've got several! The most acceptable one I'm admitting to is 'Fossa'.

**Tell us about you family and home:** Mum Michelle, Dad Dave, brother John and sister Elizabeth (both married and living away). My Mum and Dad live in Porthmadog. I share a rented house in Birkenhead with Danny Coyne and Alan Morgan.

**What are your hobbies/interests and do you have a secret talent?** Snooker, badminton, cross country running. It's not exactly a secret but I fancy myself a bit at snooker.

**Do you have any routines/superstitions you follow before games?** I'm always first to go out for the warm up. Don't ask me why!

**What position did you start in as a boy, and where would you really fancy yourself playing now?** I started playing as a sweeper for Porthmadog when I was twelve. Since then I've moved to left back and am quite happy playing there.

**How would your team mates describe you as a person?** Quiet, not particularly outgoing.

**What frustrates you about your own ability?** My right leg is a bit of a joke, I'm all left sided. Also I'd like to be physically stronger.

**What is your most embarrassing/or worst moment in football so far?** Shaun Garnett taking the micky out of me over the tannoy system at an F.A. Youth Cup match at Prenton Park. I've never been so embarrassed in my life!

**What is the best stadium you have played and which ground has the best playing surface?** Old Trafford is the best stadium but the pitches at Anfield or Goodison are superior.

**Who is the best player you have ever faced and how did you get on?** Franz Carr who was playing for Forest Reserves. Don't ask how I got on - he skinned me with his pace.

**What personal honour has given you the most satisfaction?** My Welsh Caps at U15, U16 and U18 level. I have 16 caps in total.

**Has anyone in particular helped you along in your career so far?** My Father Dave and all the coaching staff here at Tranmere.

**What is the funniest or silliest piece of advice you have ever had?** Probably being to 'go out and win it' at Old Trafford. It was well meant, but we had no chance against United's youngsters and knew it.

**What is the funniest insult you have ever heard from the terraces or the funniest incident seen?** When we were at United and losing 8-1 someone in the crowd shouted 'you need snookers!'

**What do you like most about Tranmere Rovers?** Apart from Peggy's food, we've a great set of lads here and there's a lot of micky taking - I get my fair share. It's a good place to be.

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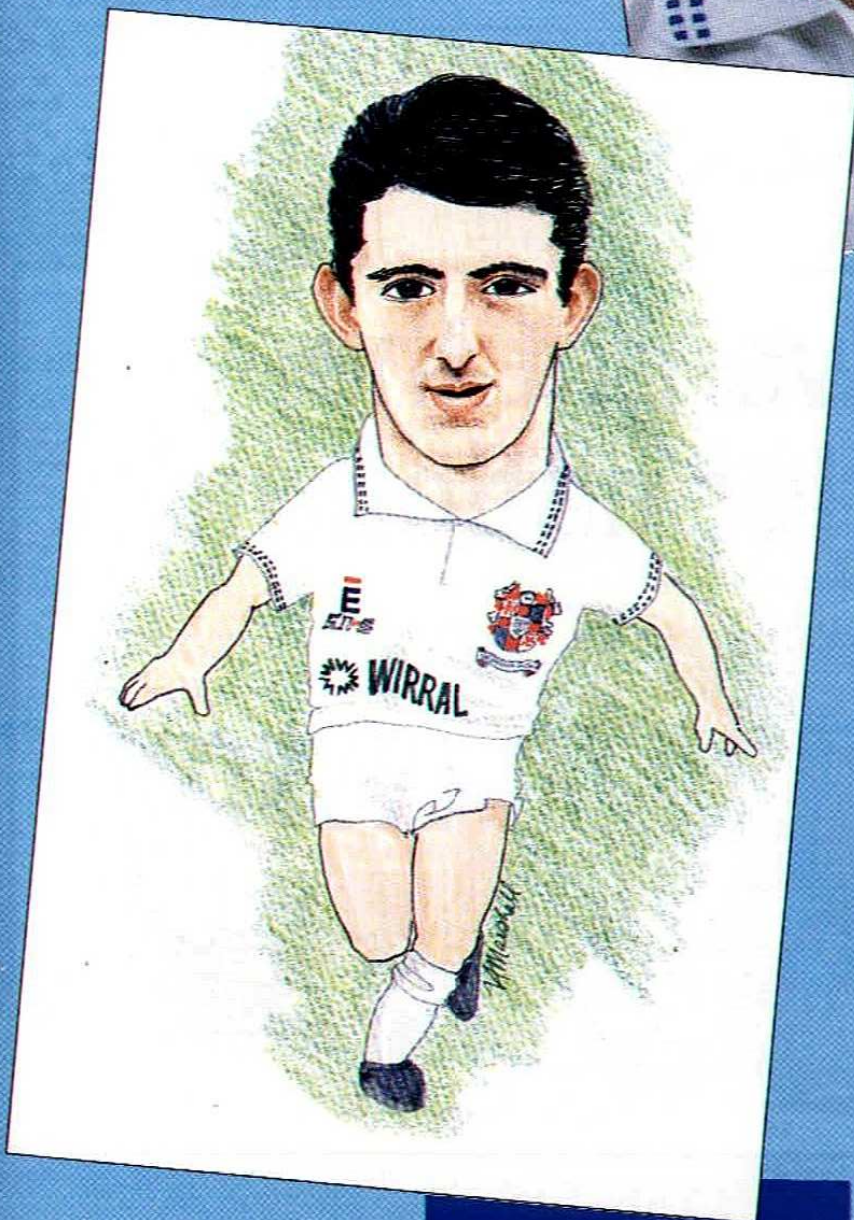
**What is the highlight of your career so far?** Being selected as 'Standby' for the Welsh Under 21 squad. That was a great boost when I've yet to make my first team debut.

**Looking back, what is the worst aspect of being an apprentice?** As I was only an apprentice for two weeks before being offered a professional contract at 17, I can't say really.

**Which of your team mates would you not fancy sharing a room with on an away trip and why?** Shaun Garnett or Muiry, as they both hate the Welsh. In fact, I'd rather not room with any of the English players! All the sheep jokes get boring after a bit.

**Which other Sport star's/Show Business stars do you like?** Ian Botham and TV Pundit Jimmy Greaves. Chubby Brown is my favourite comedian.

**What is the best goal you have ever scored?** I don't get many but one does stand out when I was playing left mid-field for the reserves last year. Marty put me away with a great pass and I lobbed the keeper as he came out.



**What, if anything, scares you?** I don't like heights or spiders and Danny's cooking terrifies me. You never know what he's put in it.

**What type of people do you avoid?** Shaun Garnett and Ian Muir around the corridors of Valley Road because they cannot pass me without slaughtering me!

**What do you remember of your Tranmere Rovers debut?** In the reserves in a friendly match at Porthmadog, which was special to make my debut in my home town, with friends and family looking on. We won as far as I can remember.

**If you could watch football somewhere other than Tranmere each week, where would you go?** Porthmadog F.C. the surroundings are great and the crowd friendly.

**If you could play alongside any famous player to learn from him, who would it be?** Glenn Hoddle. I'm not just saying that cos he's here tonight with Swindon. He is the best passer of the ball there's been in the last 20 years.



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**W**e are now coming to the end of another season with both the Lancashire League teams having only three matches left in their respective leagues.

This year for the first time we have also operated an Under-16 team which have played on Sunday mornings against all the other Lancashire League professional clubs.

This has proved very useful as a means of selecting our trainees for next season. Although the season is coming to an end for the professionals it is still a hectic time on the youth and schoolboy scene.

We have to select our trainees for next season and we have to organise trials to decide our schoolboy squads.

Unfortunately this means having to omit some boys who have been with you all year. This is a very difficult thing to do as the boys are so enthusiastic and dedicated and also it is very hard to differentiate between a lot of the boys at the younger ages.

Many players mature at a later age and any boy in this situation can take heart from players now playing in the Football League who have at some stage in their career been rejected by a club.

It is also judgement time for our existing trainees who either get taken on as professionals or leave the club after two years. They all have my very best wishes for the future.

**Warwick Rimmer**

**O**nce again it looks as though we have won the Midland Senior League for the second year running. With only two league games left against Darlington at home and Halifax away nobody can catch us. We also have the

## Bill Graves reports on Rovers RESERVES

### LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

|                     | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | pts |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Liverpool B         | 25 | 20 | 3 | 2  | 81 | 20 | 63  |
| Preston NE B        | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4  | 92 | 48 | 52  |
| Carlisle Utd        | 24 | 15 | 4 | 5  | 66 | 47 | 49  |
| Everton B           | 25 | 14 | 5 | 6  | 61 | 36 | 47  |
| Wigan Ath. A        | 24 | 13 | 6 | 5  | 68 | 33 | 45  |
| Manchester United B | 27 | 14 | 3 | 10 | 65 | 41 | 45  |
| Manchester City B   | 27 | 12 | 6 | 9  | 50 | 34 | 42  |
| Tranmere Rovers B   | 27 | 11 | 9 | 9  | 49 | 34 | 42  |
| Crewe Alexandra A   | 24 | 10 | 6 | 8  | 65 | 55 | 36  |
| Burnley B           | 23 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 57 | 33  |
| Blackpool B         | 24 | 9  | 2 | 13 | 40 | 54 | 29  |
| Blackburn B         | 25 | 7  | 6 | 12 | 49 | 60 | 27  |
| Bury A              | 26 | 4  | 5 | 17 | 29 | 68 | 17  |
| Rochdale A          | 25 | 4  | 2 | 19 | 28 | 80 | 14  |
| Stockport County A  | 26 | 3  | 5 | 18 | 37 | 92 | 14  |
| Marine Youth        | 24 | 3  | 2 | 19 | 18 | 84 | 11  |

cup games still to play so that should keep us playing to the end of the season.

Although the league is not as strong as we would like it to be, you still have to go out and be professional in your approach and full credit must go to all the players for their performance throughout. We all know it is not easy for a player to accept sometimes being left out of the first team and having to play reserve team football, but again they have gone out and applied themselves right and shown excellent professionalism - not only for their play but the help and encouragement they have given to the youngsters who have been in the team.

Hopefully this summer our application for the Central League and the votes we receive will see us playing the standard of football that is suitable for our players (that means not having such a gap between Premier League football and Reserve team football!)



Ian Parr (Under 15's) signed Schoolboy forms pictured with his father, Scout Mick O'Brien and Warwick Rimmer, Youth Development Officer.

We played a friendly game two weeks ago against Liverpool Reserves and proved that we can play at that level. The quality in the match was of the highest standard, with Liverpool having no fewer than eight first team regulars playing who would get in any Premier League team in the country - but we matched them. So hopefully we can get the votes that will see us playing Central League football for the 93-94 season.

**Ray Mathias**

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| Tranmere  | 0 |
| Southport | 3 |

### Liverpool Senior Cup - Semi-Final

Southport gained revenge for dismissal in last year's Liverpool Senior Cup Semi-Final with a comprehensive victory on March 30th.

The HFS League leaders, riding high on the back of a 23 match unbeaten run and well supported with over half of the 1,110 crowd wearing orange and black, largely outplayed Rovers who fielded a side with a considerable sprinkling of first teamers.

But as often happens the players who felt they had nothing to prove lost to the players who had everything to prove.

Southport scored three times through Derek Goulding, Chris Warmley and Steve Haw to emphasise that their dreams of GM Vauxhall League and maybe League football once again at Haig Avenue are well founded.

**Tranmere:** D. Coyne, Mungall, Nolan, McGreal, Hughes, Morgan, McNab, Cooper, Branch, Muir, Smith (Foster). Sub not used: McCullagh.

Referee: K. Breen (Liverpool)

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### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIV 1

|         |                     |     |
|---------|---------------------|-----|
| 22 Aug  | Oldham 'A'          | 2-0 |
| 29 Aug  | Burnley 'A'         | 3-0 |
| 5 Sept  | Bolton 'A'          | 3-0 |
| 12 Sept | Bury 'A'            | 4-1 |
| 19 Sept | Chester City 'A'    | 7-2 |
| 26 Sept | Man City 'A'        | 3-1 |
| 3 Oct   | Blackburn           | 1-1 |
| 10 Oct  | Blackpool 'A'       | 4-1 |
| 17 Oct  | Crewe Alex Res      | 3-3 |
| 24 Oct  | Burnley 'A'         | p-p |
| 31 Oct  | Marine Res          | 3-1 |
| 7 Nov   | Liverpool 'A'       | 1-0 |
| 14 Nov  | Crewe Alex Res      | p-p |
| 21 Nov  | Bolton 'A'          | 2-0 |
| 28 Nov  | Man. Utd. 'A'       | 3-5 |
| 5 Dec   | Liverpool 'A'       | 1-0 |
| 11 Dec  | (Fri) Morecambe Res | 4-1 |
| 19 Dec  | Blackburn 'A'       | p-p |
| 1993    |                     |     |
| 9 Jan   | Man. City 'A'       | 2-1 |
| 16 Jan  | Everton 'A'         | 0-1 |
| 23 Jan  | Rochdale 'A'        | 0-1 |
| 30 Jan  | Man. Utd. 'A'       | 1-7 |
| 6 Feb   | Oldham Ath. 'A'     | 2-0 |
| 13 Feb  | Marine Res.         | 5-1 |
| 20 Feb  | Bury 'A'            | 1-0 |
| 27 Feb  | Rochdale Res.       | 2-1 |
| 6 Mar   | Crewe 'A'           | 2-0 |
| 13 Mar  | Everton 'A'         | 2-0 |
| 20 Mar  | Morecambe Res.      | 6-1 |
| 27 Mar  | Burnley 'A'         | 4-1 |
| 3 Apr   | Blackpool 'A'       | -   |
| 10 Apr  | Chester City 'A'    | -   |
| 17 Apr  | Blackburn 'A'       | -   |

### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIV 2

|         |                   |     |
|---------|-------------------|-----|
| 22 Aug  | Burnley 'B'       | 2-3 |
| 29 Aug  | Bury 'B'          | 5-0 |
| 4 Sept  | Blackburn 'B'     | 5-2 |
| 12 Sept | Blackburn 'B'     | 4-3 |
| 19 Sept | Liverpool 'B'     | 1-3 |
| 26 Sept | Everton 'B'       | 1-2 |
| 3 Oct   | Carlisle 'A'      | 1-1 |
| 10 Oct  | Crewe Alex 'A'    | 2-2 |
| 17 Oct  | Stockport 'A'     | 2-1 |
| 24 Oct  | Burnley 'B'       | 0-2 |
| 31 Oct  | Preston NE 'B'    | 3-2 |
| 7 Nov   | Rochdale 'A'      | 4-2 |
| 14 Nov  | Everton 'B'       | 1-0 |
| 21 Nov  | Man. Utd. 'B'     | 1-0 |
| 28 Nov  | Marine Youth      | 5-0 |
| 5 Dec   | Marine Youth      | p-p |
| 12 Dec  | Wigan Ath. 'A'    | 0-0 |
| 19 Dec  | Carlisle Utd. 'A' | p-p |
| 1993    |                   |     |
| 9 Jan   | Blackpool 'B'     | 0-1 |
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| 23 Jan  | Liverpool 'B'     | p-p |
| 30 Jan  | Bury 'B'          | p-p |
| 6 Feb   | Man. City 'B'     | 1-1 |
| 13 Feb  | Man. City 'B'     | 1-0 |
| 20 Feb  | Preston NE 'B'    | 1-1 |
| 27 Feb  | Marine Youth      | 2-0 |
| 6 Mar   | Liverpool 'B'     | 1-1 |
| 13 Mar  | Stockport 'A'     | 2-0 |
| 20 Mar  | Carlisle          | 2-2 |
| 27 Mar  | Man. United       | 1-2 |
| 3 Apr   | Wigan Ath. 'A'    | -   |
| 17 Apr  | Blackpool 'B'     | -   |
| 1 May   | Crewe 'A'         | -   |

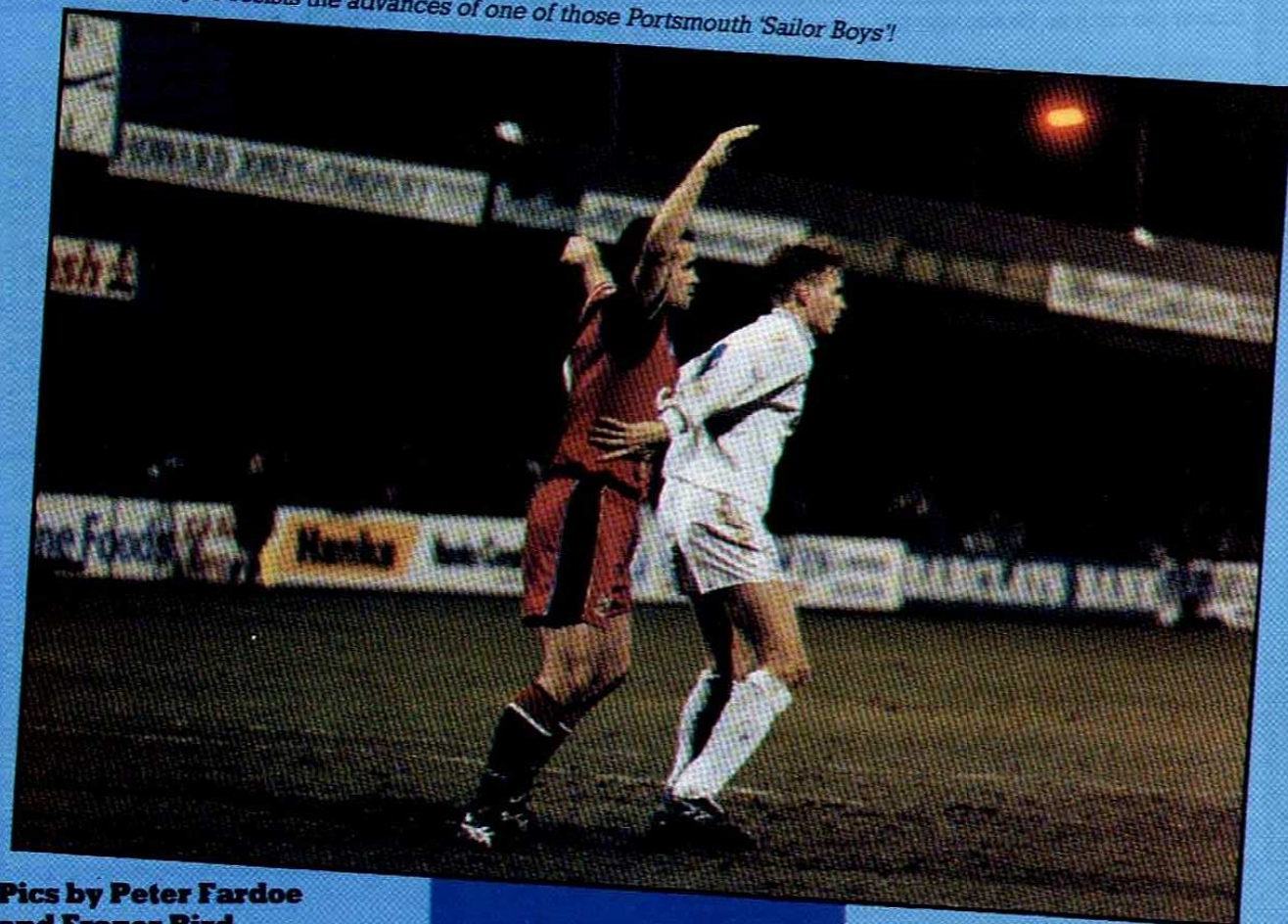
# & YOUTH





*Above: He might be only 5ft. 6in but Pat Nevin jumps higher than 6ft. Gavin Maguire*

*Below: Coyne resists the advances of one of those Portsmouth 'Sailor Boys'!*







*Above: Ged Brannan finds himself the meat in a Portsmouth sandwich*

*Below: Ouch! Graham Branch takes a tumble after a tackle from Chris Price*







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|      | Date    | Opponents         | Event    | Score | Att.   | Pts. | Pos | 1     | 2         | 3          | 4            | 5         | 6         | 7           |
|------|---------|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|------|-----|-------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| AUG  | Sat 15  | Cambridge United  | BL       | 2-0   | 5,248  | 3    | -   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons        | Hughes    | Garnett   | Morrissey   |
|      | Wed 19  | Blackpool         | CCC1 IL  | 3-0   | 3,719  | -    | -   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons        | Hughes    | Garnett 1 | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 22  | Sunderland        | BL       | 0-1   | 16,667 | 3    | 15  | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons★       | Hughes    | Garnett   | Nevin       |
| SEPT | Tues 25 | Blackpool         | CCC1 2L  | 0-4   | 2,734  | -    | -   | Nixon | Brannan★  | Nolan      | Irons        | Hughes    | Garnett   | Nevin       |
|      | Fri 28  | Bristol Rovers    | BL       | 2-1   | 5,458  | 6    | 8   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons        | Hughes★   | Garnett 1 | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 1  | Peterborough      | AI Pre 1 | 0-0   | 1,954  | -    | -   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons        | McNab     | Garnett   | Morrissey   |
| OCT  | Sat 5   | Luton Town        | BL       | 3-3   | 6,801  | 7    | 9   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan      | Irons        | Garnett   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 12  | Grimby            | BL       | 1-1   | 5,330  | 8    | 9   | Nixon | Brannan   | Nolan★     | Irons        | Garnett   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 15 | Wolves            | AI Pre 1 | 2-1   | 3,511  | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| NOV  | Fri 18  | Charlton Athletic | BL       | 0-0   | 6,055  | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey★  |
|      | Sat 26  | Oxford United     | BL       | 2-1   | 4,683  | 12   | 9   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Martindale   | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey 1 |
|      | Tues 29 | Notts County      | BL       | 3-1   | 5,403  | 15   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan 1  | Martindale   | Mungall 1 | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| DEC  | Sat 3   | Bristol City      | BL       | 3-0   | 5,975  | 18   | 5   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Martindale   | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 10  | Newcastle United  | BL       | 0-1   | 30,137 | 18   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Martindale★  | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 17  | Birmingham City   | BL       | 4-0   | 7,901  | 21   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons 1      | Mungall 1 | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| JAN  | Sat 24  | Watford           | BL       | 2-3   | 6,937  | 21   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers★  | Morrissey 1 |
|      | Fri 30  | Peterborough      | BL       | 1-1   | 8,068  | 22   | 4   | Nixon | Hughes    | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 3  | Southend United   | BL       | 3-0   | 5,870  | 25   | 3   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey 1 |
| FEB  | Sat 7   | Leicester City    | BL       | 1-0   | 13,538 | 28   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Wed 11  | Reggiana          | AIC      | 0-0   | 2,251  | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 14  | Brentford         | BL       | 3-2   | 7,852  | 31   | 3   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons 1      | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| MAR  | Sat 21  | Portsmouth        | BL       | 0-4   | 9,982  | 31   | 3   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 24 | Cremonese         | AIC      | 1-2   | 5,727  | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins★  | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 28  | Derby County      | BL       | 2-1   | 15,665 | 34   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| APR  | Fri 4   | West Ham United   | BL       | 5-2   | 11,782 | 37   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons 1      | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 8  | Pisa              | AIC      | 1-0   | 700    | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons 1      | Mungall   | Hughes    | Morrissey   |
|      | Wed 16  | Cosenza           | AIC      | 2-1   | 3,659  | -    | -   | Nixon | Hughes    | Brannan    | Irons 1      | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey 1 |
| MAY  | Sat 19  | Wolves            | BL       | 3-0   | 9,758  | 40   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 26  | Millwall          | BL       | 1-1   | 13,118 | 41   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons★       | Mungall   | Hughes    | Morrissey 1 |
|      | Mon 28  | Barnsley          | BL       | 1-3   | 8,204  | 41   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall 1 | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| JUN  | Sat 2   | Oldham Athletic   | FAC3     | 2-2   | 13,389 | -    | -   | Nixon | Hughes    | Brannan★   | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 9   | Charlton Athletic | BL       | 2-2   | 8,337  | 42   | 3   | Nixon | Higgins   | Hughes     | Irons★       | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tue 12  | Oldham Athletic   | FAC3     | 3-0   | 12,825 | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers 1 | Morrissey 2 |
| JUL  | Fri 15  | Oxford United     | BL       | 4-0   | 8,317  | 45   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins 1 | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 23  | Ipswich Town      | FAC4     | 1-2   | 13,683 | -    | -   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 26 | Notts County      | BL       | 1-5   | 5,642  | 45   | 2   | Nixon | Higgins 1 | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| AUG  | Sat 6   | Cambridge Utd     | BL       | 1-0   | 4,802  | 48   | 4   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons★       | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 13  | Luton Town        | BL       | 0-2   | 8,723  | 48   | 5   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 20  | Bristol Rovers    | BL       | 0-1   | 5,135  | 48   | 5   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| SEP  | Tues 23 | Swindon Town      | BL       | 0-2   | 10,059 | 48   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan★     | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sun 28  | Newcastle United  | BL       | 0-3   | 13,082 | 48   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Martindale   | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 6   | Bristol City      | BL       | 3-1   | 8,810  | 51   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan SO | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers★  | Morrissey   |
| OCT  | Tues 9  | Brentford         | BL       | 1-0   | 7,993  | 54   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Mungall   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Sat 13  | Leicester City    | BL       | 2-3   | 9,680  | 54   | 7   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | McNab     | Vickers   | Morrissey 1 |
|      | Tues 16 | Grimby Town       | BL       | 0-0   | 5,686  | 55   | 6   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Irons        | Proctor   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| NOV  | Sat 20  | West Ham United   | BL       | 0-2   | 16,369 | 55   | 7   | Nixon | Higgins   | Mungall    | Irons        | Proctor   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 23 | Portsmouth        | BL       | 0-2   | 7,472  | 55   | 7   | Nixon | Higgins   | Nolan      | Irons        | Proctor   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Fri 26  | Southend United   | BL       | 2-1   | 4,147  | 58   | 8   | Nixon | Higgins   | Brannan    | Martindale 1 | Proctor   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
| DEC  | Fri 2   | Derby County      | BL       | 2-1   | 7,774  | 61   | 7   | Nixon | Higgins★  | Brannan    | Irons        | Proctor   | Vickers   | Morrissey   |
|      | Tues 6  | Swindon Town      | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
|      | Sat 10  | Millwall          | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
| JAN  | Mon 12  | Barnsley          | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
|      | Sat 17  | Wolves            | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
|      | Sat 24  | Birmingham City   | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
| FEB  | Sat 1   | Watford           | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
|      | Tues 4  | Sunderland        | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |
|      | Sat 8   | Peterborough      | BL       | -     | -      | -    | -   | -     | -         | -          | -            | -         | -         | -           |

## LEAGUE TABLE

|                | HOME |    |    |    | AWAY |    |    |    |     |
|----------------|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|-----|
|                | P    | W  | D  | L  | P    | W  | D  | L  | Pts |
| Newcastle      | 39   | 12 | 6  | 1  | 42   | 13 | 11 | 3  | 6   |
| West Ham       | 39   | 12 | 5  | 2  | 39   | 16 | 9  | 5  | 6   |
| Portsmouth     | 39   | 15 | 2  | 2  | 37   | 8  | 5  | 8  | 7   |
| Swindon        | 39   | 14 | 4  | 2  | 38   | 19 | 5  | 7  | 7   |
| Millwall       | 39   | 13 | 5  | 1  | 44   | 16 | 4  | 10 | 6   |
| Leicester      | 38   | 11 | 4  | 4  | 34   | 22 | 8  | 4  | 7   |
| Tranmere       | 38   | 11 | 4  | 4  | 39   | 20 | 7  | 3  | 9   |
| Grimby         | 38   | 10 | 6  | 4  | 31   | 23 | 6  | 1  | 12  |
| Wolves         | 39   | 9  | 6  | 5  | 33   | 23 | 5  | 6  | 8   |
| Barnsley       | 39   | 10 | 4  | 5  | 25   | 15 | 5  | 10 | 25  |
| Charlton       | 39   | 8  | 8  | 4  | 23   | 16 | 5  | 5  | 9   |
| Derby          | 37   | 7  | 1  | 10 | 30   | 29 | 8  | 5  | 6   |
| Peterborough   | 38   | 5  | 9  | 5  | 24   | 24 | 8  | 2  | 9   |
| Watford        | 39   | 6  | 6  | 7  | 25   | 29 | 6  | 5  | 9   |
| Sunderland     | 38   | 8  | 5  | 7  | 27   | 23 | 4  | 4  | 10  |
| Brentford      | 39   | 6  | 4  | 10 | 22   | 26 | 6  | 4  | 9   |
| Luton          | 39   | 5  | 11 | 4  | 23   | 25 | 4  | 6  | 9   |
| Notts County   | 37   | 8  | 6  | 5  | 27   | 18 | 2  | 7  | 10  |
| Oxford Utd     | 38   | 6  | 6  | 7  | 24   | 18 | 4  | 7  | 8   |
| Bristol City   | 38   | 7  | 5  | 6  | 22   | 23 | 4  | 5  | 11  |
| Birmingham     | 39   | 9  | 2  | 8  | 24   | 25 | 2  | 7  | 11  |
| Cambridge      | 39   | 6  | 5  | 9  | 22   | 30 | 3  | 8  | 8   |
| Southend       | 38   | 5  | 8  | 6  | 26   | 21 | 4  | 4  | 11  |
| Bristol Rovers | 39   | 6  | 4  | 10 | 25   | 36 | 3  | 5  | 11  |

## FACTS AND FIGURES

| TOP SCORER     | AV. ATT. | TOP ATT. |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Kelly 20       | 28,905   | 30,137   |
| Morley 17      | 15,809   | 24,679   |
| Whittingham 35 | 11,350   | 21,028   |
| Maskell 17     | 9,645    | 16,570   |
| Moralee 13     | 8,413    | 12,445   |
| Walsh 9        | 15,110   | 19,687   |
| Aldridge 19    | 8,056    | 13,118   |
| Groves 10      | 5,725    | 9,119    |
| Bull 12        | 13,751   | 17,270   |
| Biggins 9      | 6,780    | 13,263   |
| Pardew 7       | 7,081    | 12,945   |
| Kirton 15      | 15,587   | 21,478   |
| Adcock 15      | 7,619    | 14,487   |
| Furlong 17     | 8,391    | 13,115   |
| Goodman 10     | 17,204   | 28,098   |
| Blissett 16    | 8,461    | 11,912   |
| Gray 15        | 7,985    | 9,684    |
| Draper 8       | 7,671    | 15,267   |
| Durmin 11      | 6,746    | 9,506    |
| Cole 11        | 11,553   | 15,446   |
| Peschisolidi 6 | 10,789   | 19,053   |
| Claridge 6     | 5,532    | 8,077    |
| Benjamin 7     | 4,497    | 5,804    |
| Taylor 11      | 5,910    | 7,706    |

**Highest Home Win**  
Millwall 5 Notts Co. 0 (19 Sept)  
West Ham 6 Sunderland 0 (11 Oct)

**Highest Away Win**  
Bristol R. 1 Barnsley 5 (3 Nov)

**Highest Individual Scorer**  
(4) Durmin (Oxford)  
(4) Whittingham (Portsmouth)

**Highest Attendance**  
30,137 Newcastle v Tranmere  
30,137 Newcastle v Wolves

**Lowest Attendance**  
3,219 Southend v Notts Co

**Top Scorers (League)**  
Whittingham (Portsmouth) 35  
Kelly (Newcastle) 20  
Aldridge (Tranmere) 19  
Furlong (Watford) 17  
Maskell (Swindon) 17  
Morley (West Ham) 17



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**AND FINALLY...** Considering Stan Flashman made his fortune screwing football fans for Cup Final tickets, his demise as Barnet chairman will not be mourned by the football world. Having made himself a laughing-stock while earning Barry Fry and his players much public sympathy, there remains the question of how he was ever allowed to continue in that capacity for so long. I know of a club official at amateur level who was stripped of his position by the FA, after admitting he sold ONE Cup Final ticket, allocated to his club, for greater than its face value. So why has Flashman been allowed to cock a snoot at the authorities for so long? If he hasn't brought the game into disrepute I don't know who has.

| 8             | 9          | 10          | 11         | 12          | 14          | Referee          |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Aldridge 1    | Malkin 1   | Martindale  | Thomas     | Muir        | Branch      | J. Rushton       |
| Aldridge 2    | Malkin     | Martindale★ | Thomas     | Muir        | Branch★     | T. Holbrook      |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Thomas     | Muir        | Morrissey★  | J.A. Kirkby      |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Thomas     | Muir        | Morrissey★  | K. Lupton        |
| Aldridge      | Nevin      | Muir 1      | Thomas     | McNab★      | Branch      | V. Callow        |
| Aldridge      | Nevin      | Muir        | Thomas★    | Malkin      | Mungall★    | J. Key           |
| Aldridge 1    | Nevin 1    | Muir 1      | McNab      | Malkin      | Mungall     | P. Foakes        |
| Aldridge      | Nevin 1    | Muir        | McNab      | Malkin      | Mungall★    | D. Allison       |
| Aldridge 2    | Malkin★    | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Cooper★     | A. T. Fitzharris |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Cooper★     | G. Singh         |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin 1    | McGreal     | Cooper      | R. Gifford       |
| Aldridge 1    | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Irons       | Cooper      | K. Hackett       |
| Aldridge 2    | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin 1    | Irons       | Cooper      | K. Barrett       |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Irons★      | Cooper      | I. Cruikshanks   |
| Aldridge 2    | Cooper     | McNab       | Nevin      | Muir        | Hughes      | K. Cooper        |
| Aldridge      | Cooper     | McNab       | Nevin      | Muir        | Hughes★     | R. Pawley        |
| Aldridge      | Malkin 1   | McNab       | Nevin      | Cooper      | McGreal     | I. Hendrick      |
| Aldridge 1    | Malkin     | McNab 1     | Nevin      | Cooper      | Hughes      | J. Lloyd         |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | Hughes      | Nevin 1    | Cooper      | McGreal     | A. Bulsk         |
| Aldridge      | Malkin★    | McNab       | Nevin      | Muir★       | -           | T. Ward          |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin 2    | Cooper      | Hughes      | S. Lodge         |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Hughes      | F. Groves        |
| Aldridge      | Malkin 1   | McNab       | Nevin      | Muir        | Hughes★     | L. Bazzoli       |
| Aldridge 2    | Malkin     | McNab       | Martindale | Muir        | Hughes      | J. Watson        |
| Aldridge 3    | Malkin 1   | McNab★      | Nevin      | Muir        | Martindale★ | P. Harrison      |
| Cooper★       | Martindale | Muir        | Nevin      | Malkin★     | McGreal     | I. Borrett       |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab SO    | Martindale | Cooper      | McGreal     | L. Brignoccoli   |
| Aldridge 3    | Malkin     | McNab       | Martindale | Muir        | Hughes      | J. Key           |
| Aldridge      | Muir       | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale★ | McGreal     | J. Kirby         |
| Aldridge      | Muir       | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Hughes      | A. Smith         |
| Aldridge 1 SO | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin 1    | Martindale★ | Muir        | R. Hart          |
| Aldridge 1    | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin 1    | Martindale★ | Muir        | J. Martin        |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Muir        | R. Hart          |
| Aldridge 2    | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin★     | Martindale★ | Hughes      | K. Hackett       |
| McNab         | Malkin     | Muir★       | Nevin 1    | Martindale★ | Hughes      | K. Cooper        |
| McNab         | Malkin     | Muir★       | Nevin      | Cooper★     | Martindale  | A. Dawson        |
| Martindale    | Malkin     | McNab 1     | Nevin      | Hughes      | Muir★       | P. Don           |
| Aldridge      | Malkin★    | McNab       | Nevin      | Martindale  | Muir★       | K. Redfern       |
| Aldridge      | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin★     | Muir★       | Martindale  | M. Bodenham      |
| Martindale    | Malkin     | McNab       | Nevin      | Brannan     | Muir★       | R. Lewis         |
| McNab         | Malkin     | Muir★       | Nevin      | Irons       | Hughes      | M. Peck          |
| Martindale    | Malkin 2   | McNab       | Nevin 1    | Hughes★     | Branch      | M. Pierce        |
| Nevin 1       | Malkin     | McNab       | Thomas     | Hughes      | Branch      | P. Vane          |
| Nevin         | Coyne★     | Malkin 1    | Thomas     | Martindale  | Branch★     | J. Lloyd         |
| Coyne         | Malkin     | Nevin       | Thomas     | Martindale  | Branch      | B. Hill          |
| Coyne         | Malkin★    | Nevin       | Thomas     | Martindale  | Branch★     | M. Reed          |
| Cooper★       | Coyne      | Nevin       | Thomas     | Martindale  | Branch★     | A. Flood         |
| Irons         | Coyne 1    | Nevin       | Thomas     | Hughes      | Branch      | G. Pooley        |
| Martindale    | Coyne      | Nevin 2     | Thomas     | Mungall★    | Cooper      | R. Dilkes        |

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## RESERVE FIXTURES & RESULTS

### Midland Senior League - Northern Division

|         |                      |      |   |
|---------|----------------------|------|---|
| 2 Sept  | Wrexham              | 4-3  | (Branch, Hughes Vickers, McGreal)             |
| 30 Sept | Darlington           | 6-0  | (Cooper 3, Morgan 2, Branch)                  |
| 8 Oct   | Stockport            | 2-0  | (Smith, OG)                                   |
| 18 Oct  | Northampton (KO Cup) | 11-2 | (Muir 5, Irons 3, Jones, Hughes, Cooper)      |
| 21 Oct  | Halifax LC           | 3-0  | (Muir 2, OG)                                  |
| 4 Nov   | Wrexham LC           | 2-3  | (Muir, Smith)                                 |
| 30 Dec  | Stockport (Cup)      | 1-3  | (Own goal)                                    |
| 6 Jan   | Halifax Town         | 1-2  | (Morgan)                                      |
| 20 Jan  | Wrexham              | 1-0  | (P. Smith)                                    |
| 10 Feb  | Carlisle             | 1-0  | (Thomas)                                      |
| 17 Feb  | Darlington           | p-p  |   |
| 24 Feb  | Stockport            | 3-2  | (M. Smith 2, Hughes)                          |
| 3 Mar   | Hartlepool           | 6-0  | (Branch 2, Morgan, Thomas, McCullough, Jones) |
| 17 Mar  | Halifax              | 2-1  | (Mungall, Branch)                             |
| 24 Mar  | Hartlepool           | 3-1  | (G. Jones 2, Morgan)                          |

|     |                |   |
|-----|----------------|---|
| TBA | Darlington     | - |
| TBA | Carlisle (Cup) | - |
| TBA | Carlisle       | - |

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