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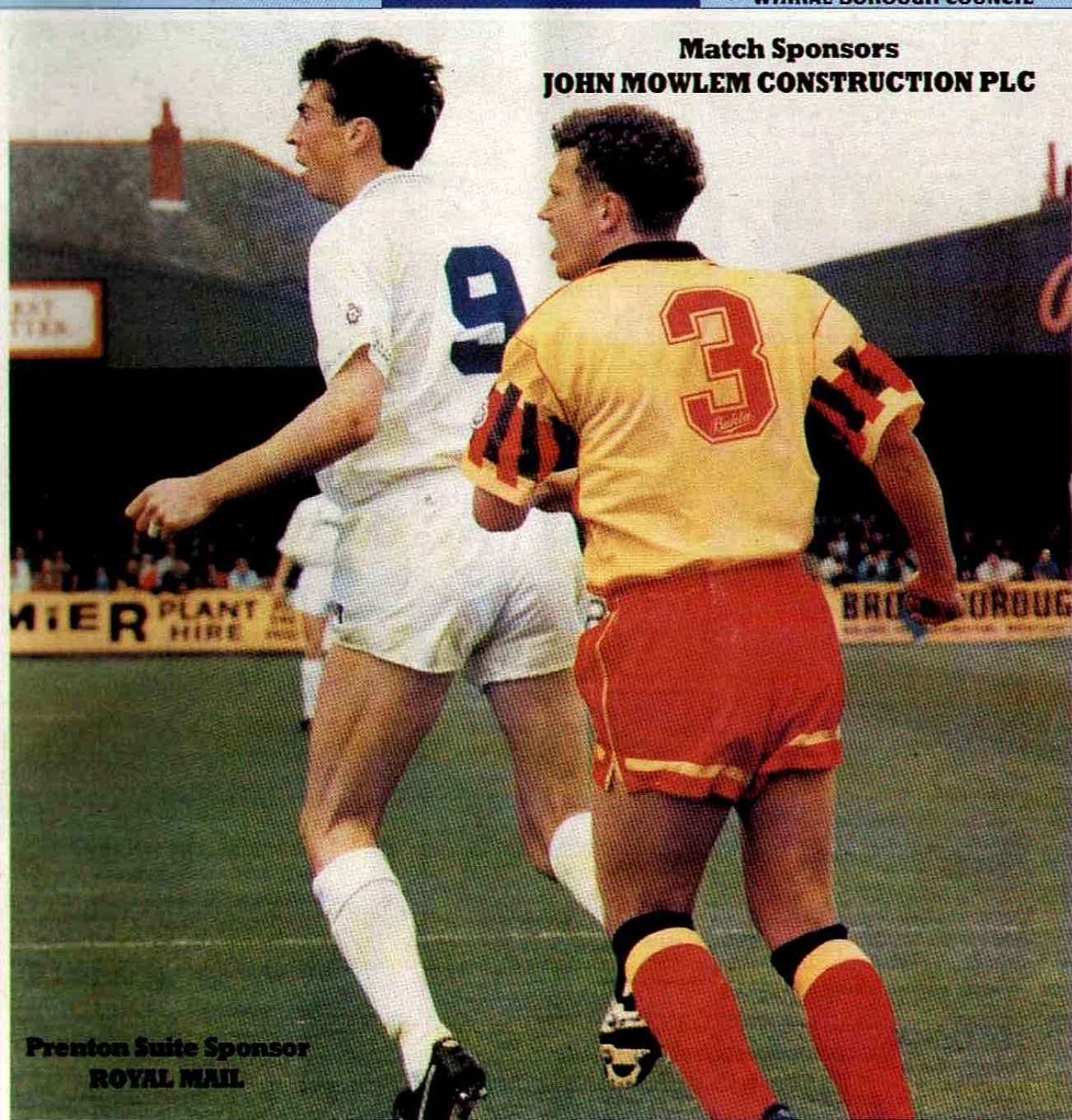
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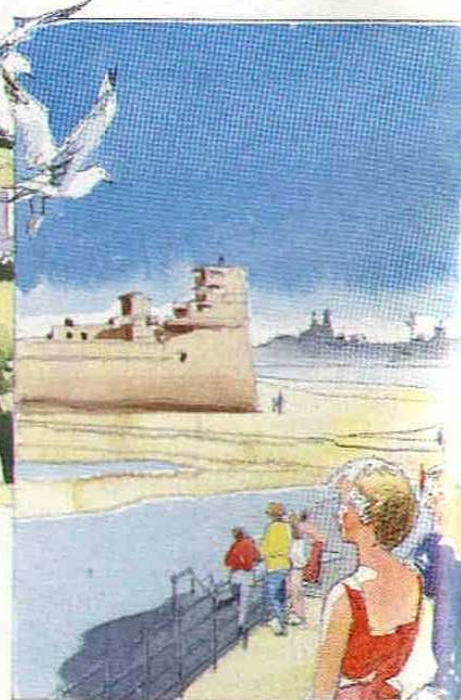
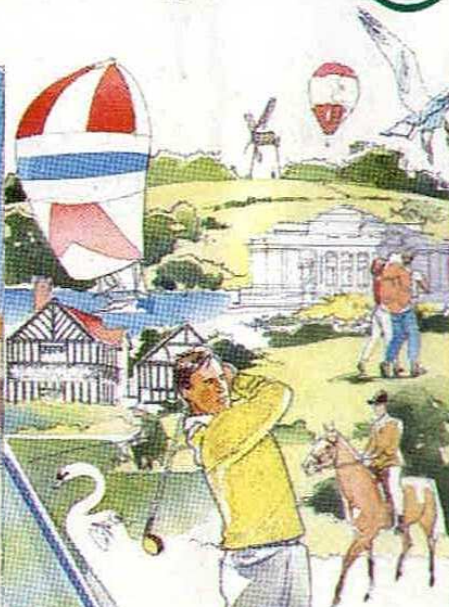
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# AT THE HELM

**W**ell, this is it! Crunch time - 3-1 down with 90 minutes to play. We've not just worked for ten months to get to this stage, we have been grafting hard for six years to get ourselves in a position to bring top flight football to Prenton Park and now we have got it in our sights we don't intend to waste the opportunity.

The players too are hungry to grab their chance. Lads like Aldo, Pat Nevin, Eric Nixon and Mark Proctor didn't jump aboard to look for an easy life outside the Premier Division. They came because Tranmere Rovers is an ambitious and progressive club and they wanted to help steer us to the top flight.

For the younger players and those who have never played at the top level, our current position represents a new and exciting challenge - one they have all dreamt of and together we are all riding a wave which we hope will carry us from the bottom of the Fourth Division to football's Everest.

We know however that there is much to be done yet before we can all bask in the glory of Premier Division sunshine.

Swindon are a very good side, orchestrated by one of the greatest players this country has seen in the last two decades, Glenn Hoddle, but so are we as I think our form over the last ten League matches has proved.

We weren't in second position during November, December and January without good reason. The fact that we slumped after that was, I believe, directly attributable to the loss of John Aldridge, but once the boys realised they could still win without his goals, his return has been a tremendous bonus. We also had to shake things up a bit and that is why I brought in Mark Proctor and Tommy Coyne who have both played their part in our revival to finish fourth.

We kept the momentum going against Watford and Sunderland, two sides with much to prove. Watford are a big, awk-



ward side that play very directly and whose manager, Steve Perryman, is mystified why his side aren't top of the league! They gave us problems on the day but we showed sufficient character to overcome the loss of two defenders and a late penalty award against us to snatch a victory at the death courtesy of the coolest player on the park, Aldo.

That goal secured our place in the Play Offs but we needed to keep the pot boiling against Sunderland who needed three points for very different reasons. We deserved our victory on the night but I'm pleased Sunderland avoided the drop. A club of their stature should not be in danger of relegation.

Our point at Peterborough was not achieved without its problems. Danny

Coyne was so unlucky to be sent off. You felt for the lad as he'd done well up to then. He came for the ball but lost his bearings, fractionally, like opening a door and finding you have fallen down the steps. But we didn't expect anything other than the letter of the law from Mr. Lewis and as usual he was true to form. Even the Peterborough players and crowd appealed on the lads behalf. Danny will come again, that's for sure, and be stronger and wiser for that experience.

After Danny went, Higgy opted to go in goal. Who else would be confidently clowning with the crowd in such a situation? The rest of the lads though were tremendous in protecting Higgy and could with a bit of luck even won the game.

Whatever happens tonight it has still been a tremendous season. Win or lose the hard work doesn't end tonight. There is much yet to be done. Contract negotiations with several players during the summer and a very important application to the Central League for membership are just two items on the agenda. There is no point in us reaching for the Premier Division if we cannot be sure of quality reserve football for those out of the first team.

Hopefully, there will be packed house tonight to cheer us on to Wembley. While we would obviously like to see Prenton Park full regularly, this should be one of those special nights - to score two goals to level the tie is not impossible. We didn't enjoy much luck at Swindon - what with the own goal and Aldo's perfectly good goal being ruled out - perhaps we are due a change of fortune tonight and I would appeal to you to shout yourselves hoarse in the cause. Let's hear the noise rolling down from the stands and terraces. Together we can do it. Let's go for it!

**Regards,  
JOHN KING**



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**T**he script writers have been at it again. The word "play-off" will forever be a link between Tranmere and Swindon, caused by events three years ago and finally to be settled tonight. At least this time it will be on the field of play and not some smoke-filled room in the corridors of power.

For the uninitiated the trouble began before and after Swindon won promotion to the top flight via a Wembley showdown with Sunderland. In the aftermath came a league ruling that they should forfeit that win and go down TWO divisions as a punishment for contract crimes. In their place, it was believed, would go Tranmere, who had failed by a narrow margin against Notts County, in their own play-off game a division down. So by a quirk of fate and not little naughtiness Rovers had finally won promotion. The celebrations were such that preparations for the following season were well under way when the FA reversed the League decision and decided the half measure of putting Swindon into the old Second Division was the best course. There was no promotion for Tranmere!

Ever since, the name Swindon has been muttered darkly in these parts. Talking of darkly there was also the case of the failing floodlights earlier this season, with Rovers in sight of a great away win. The replay, with the punters being charged for the privilege, went the other way.

So it was no surprise that pumped up Rovers settled at least one score in the last home game, with a Kenny Irons hat-trick. The result did much to fire a run to fourth place by our own lads and did not help Swindon's bid for automatic promotion. Thanks to the system that allows consolation prizes for the teams finishing out of the top two, horns are locked again tonight.

This game has enough passion and meaning already, but the throwing together of these sides with that recent history promises that the tie should be one of those occasions that join

## Swindon Town



**Player-Manager Glenn Hoddle**

folklore and will keep grandfathers in stories to grandchildren well into the next century.

### THE MANAGEMENT

Glenn Hoddle must wonder what all of this rivalry is about. He was still an aristocrat in France with Monaco when the Swindon scandals were dogging the headlines. The departure of Ossie Ardiles, part prompted by the fall-out of that row, opened the door for Hoddle. After that eyebrow-raising move the cynics have been forced to admit it was an inspired choice.

Hoddle the player was and at this level still is, a genius, but was never fully rewarded with medals or caps. He could easily have been a butterfly consigned to the pages of history as a nice player who entertained but never carved a notch at the places that mattered. But as a boss he has shown a depth of knowledge and commitment that belies his slender frame and those twinkling feet.

There will be a big club some day for Hoddle to boss and he may be a leader of the game, bringing back old virtues of passing and skill. Like Kevin Keegan he has proved that good players can become good bosses without selling out their principles.

Whether Swindon can sustain his irresistible rise is another matter. Money has been short, as was his temper when they sold David Kerslake to Leeds. There are many big clubs who are just waiting for Swindon to fail to test Hoddle's keenness for personal promotion, Chelsea, Derby County, you name them.

Hoddle has learned his trade well and quickly, but above all he has put his stamp on the side. They will play classy football tonight and if they match that with guts then this should be a classic.

### THE TEAM

Many of this side are remnants of the team that won and then lost promotion three years ago. It is hard not to feel sympathy for them as people rather than the agents of a plot that was unearthed by investigations. Rules were broken but they still sweated their way to a promotion they deserved on the pitch.

That row seemed certain to wreck the side and force them away, but many have lived to fight this other day. With that background it is unlikely they will give up the fight while there is hope.

Colin Calderwood has been the leader since the early days back in the old Third and Fourth



Back row, left to right: John Moncur, Darren Hall, Fraser Digby, Paul Hunt, Nicky Hammond, David Bennett, Craig Maskell, Steve White. Middle row: John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Ross McLaren, Nicky Summerbee, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, Adrian Viveash, David Mitchell, Andrew Thomson, Kevin Horlock, Andy Rowland (Reserve Team Coach). Front row: Kevin Morris (Physio), Martin Ling, David Kerslake (now Leeds), Wayne O'Sullivan, Glenn Hoddle (Team Manager), John Gorman (Assistant Manager), Paul Bodin, Shaun Close, Micky Hazard, Eddie Buckley (Kit Manager).

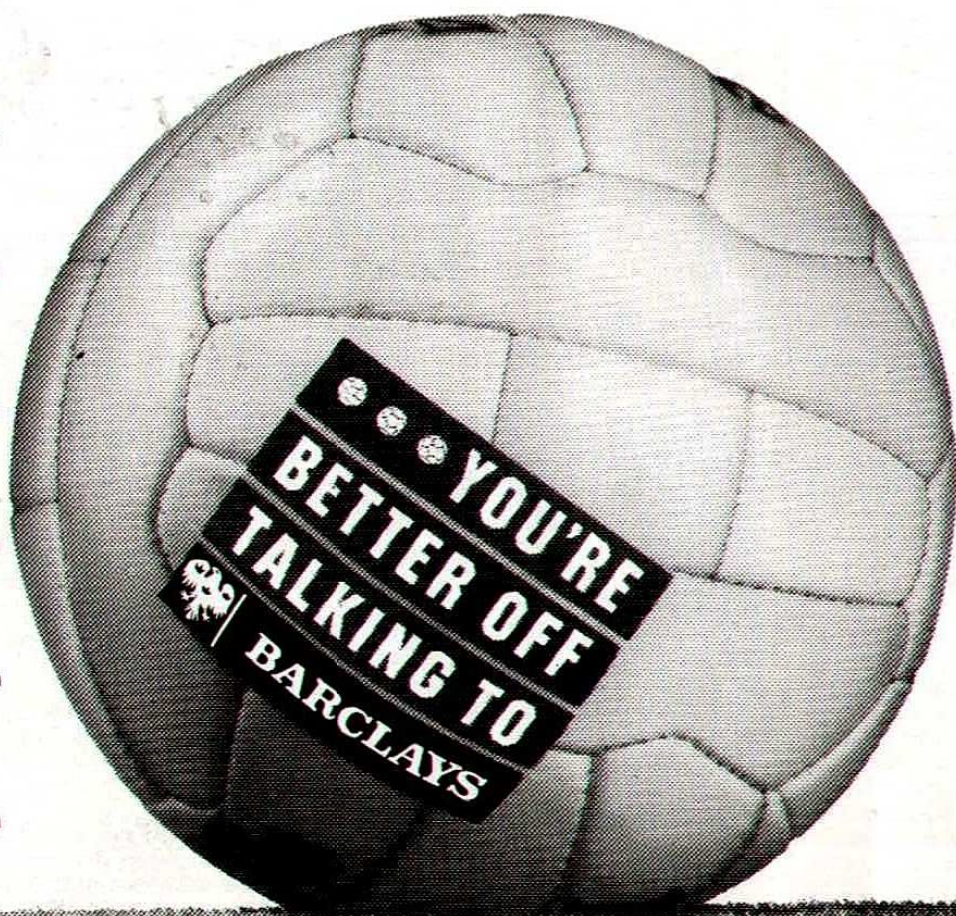
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## HOPE YET FOR UNLUCKY 'TANK'

Unlucky Tony Thomas could be back for a possible Wembley date according to physio Alec McLellan. Tony has a rupture in a bone in the leg he broke earlier this season, but Alec believes it could be healed in the next few weeks, so there is hope yet for 'Tank'.

Said Tony: "This is my fourth lay off inside two years and obviously it is very depressing, but I've been told the damage is not as bad as I first thought. We will just have to wait and see."

## SEEN AND HEARD...

Tommy Young, that firebrand midfielder of the 1976 promotion side, was back at Prenton Park for the Watford match. Made redundant by the NCB in Yorkshire recently, Tommy was a guest of Ronnie Moore and thoroughly enjoyed his afternoon meeting old friends... Forget the whingeing by Watford boss Steve Perryman about the last gasp penalty award, they got what they deserved - nothing! That was the view of the majority of the players, who were very critical of the physical approach adopted by the Hornets. What was it Steve Perryman said 18 months ago about "it takes two teams to produce a good game and one side didn't want to play?"... Sunderland striker Peter Davenport was one of several players from both sides to fall foul of fussy rookie referee Edward Wolstenholme. After the game Peter said, "He told me he was booking me for 'violent use of a finger!' All I did was point to the crowd and say 'don't let them influence you ref. I couldn't believe it!!'"

## FOSTERS' U21 CAP FOR WALES



Mike Foster made his debut for Wales at Under 21 level against the RCS (ex-Czechoslovakia) on April 27th, despite the fact he has yet to make a first team appearance. With Danny Coyne and Alan Morgan on the bench, Mike thought he'd scored the winner after racing onto a through ball to make the score 2-1, however he was denied by a linesman's flag. Wales drew the match 1-1. Congratulations are in order for Mike on what we hope will be the first of many caps.

# Have We Got NEWS For You!

## WE CAN COUNT ON NATWEST!

The club would like to express their thanks to gatemens Neil Rogers and Matthew Langley who donated two coin weighing machines no longer required by their full time employers NatWest Bank, to the club for use in the cash room. Many thanks.

## GET WELL TO SUPPORTERS

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to two separate supporters who are very ill at present. Firstly, Mr. James Roper who collapsed at Birmingham and is now recovering in Birmingham's Heartland Hospital, and secondly ardent fan Mr. Peter Manger (a car park steward) who is recovering after an operation to treat a brain haemorrhage in Walton Hospital.

## PUT YOUR SHIRT ON US

It obviously pays to wear your Tranmere jersey on days out! Mr. Trevor Williams of Sandycroft, Clwyd wrote asking us to extend his thanks to some fellow supporters - members of Greasby Scouts - who came to his aid on April 15th when he ran out of petrol en route to Farnau. Mr. Williams shirt was recognised by the Scouts.

## IN PRAISE OF THE OTHER 'TEAM'

As this is our last programme of the season it falls to the Editor to thank all those that have contributed throughout the season including Alan Nixon for the visitors pages, Tony Evans for his programme reviews, John Troup for his wacky look at Rovers, 'Family Man' Simon Jones, Allen Price who compiles the travel page, Jonathan Caswell, now studying journalism in Darlington for his previews, Carol Dalziel for the Supporters News and Backstage, Dave Williams of the Globe for the Prenton Pups page, Bill Graves for the Youth and Reserves page, Andy Quayle our groundsman who compiles the

divisional statistics, Gil Upton for his historical backup, photographers Frazer Bird and Peter Fardoe, cartoonist Val Marshall, and Tim Healey for the new visitors form guide. I am also grateful to Steve Williams, Nigel Coates, Nobby Abbott and the commercial office staff, John King, Ray Mathias and Warwick Rimmer plus our Chief Executive Frank Corfe for their support and assistance throughout the season. Thanks to everyone, we couldn't do it without you. Last but not least Arthur Boyd at Tech Litho and Peter Outten at Typebase for putting up with my numerous late changes and you the reader for buying the programme.

## BIRTHDAY BOYS

Belated birthday wishes to Ian Muir who was 30 on May 5th, and Steve Mungall who is 35 on May 22nd. Congratulations.

## OH, DANNY BOY!

Poor Danny Coyne. His dream debut at Peterborough became a nightmare when he became only the second ever Rovers player to be sent off on his debut - the last being Gerry Case at Torquay in 1967 - for 'deliberate' handball. Said Danny, "Obviously I'm gutted. My family had come down and then that happens. I cannot have stepped over the line by more than a foot or so. I've just got to forget about it now". Danny's hero, Neville Southall, has been dismissed twice this season for the same offence.

## FORZA (FORWARD) REGGIANA!

Rovers first ever Italian opponents, Reggiana, are set for the Serie B championship and matches against AC, Inter and Lazio next season. They have a seven point lead over rivals Cremonese, so that 0-0 draw wasn't a bad result after all was it?

## KAREN TO THE RESCUE

Like an episode from '999', Mark Hughes' wife Karen, dramatically saved the life of Steve Cooper's little son Dale while the two neighbours were shopping in Wigan. Dale stopped breathing after a fit and as Mum Hayley froze with terror, Karen - a trained nurse - administered a life-saving kiss of life. Well done Karen! We are told Dale is O.K. now.

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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our members for their support during the winter months and sincerely hope that you continue to use the club in great numbers during the close season. Our plans for the summer combine some very attractive Bass promotions including, reduced beer prices, quizzes, tastings, in fact a programme planned to take us through till Christmas.

There will be of course our weekly programme of top acts, and some to look forward to are SPEAKEASY, GENO, TUPPENCE-A-PINT and the return of the fabulous due GROUND HOG, who on their last visit literally "brought the house down", certainly an act not to be missed.

And finally, my thanks to all staff at the Prentonian and here at the Club, for all their hard work. Thanks to you all.

Enjoy tonight's game.

**Nobby**



One time youth player Billy Geary (centre) was a happy man after he won the special 'Cashline' holiday. With him is Steve Vickers and Peter Curtis of Overseas Leisure Ltd., who supplied the holiday.



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I suppose the first thing to say is that we should be grateful for the opportunity to actually read a Peterborough programme. After all, Posh decided back in September that our Anglo-Italian Cup clash warranted the production of a teamsheet only!

Unfortunately, I'm not sure that the long wait has been worthwhile! I could find a total of only FOUR pages of reading matter, which I suspect is a record for this season.

Manager Lil Fuccillo quite rightly praises the club's staff and the supporters for their tremendous achievements this season – the most successful ever for The Posh. Surprisingly he has been working without a contract, but hopes to resolve that situation before next season.

There is certainly no shortage of photographs, the majority of which are in colour, including one of former Everton youngster Marcus Ebdon who must have been very proud of his free kick which beat Dave Higgins, the latest claimant to Chris Woods' England No. 1 shirt!

The coverage of Tranmere was neatly laid out and up to date. The only misprint referred to Ged as BRENNAN! In the pen pics section Steve Cooper is fondly remembered for the crucial role he played for Posh in their play-off success during his loan spell at the end of last season. Apparently he was nicknamed "Elastic" after his tremendous header which took Peterborough to Wembley!

# Programme Parade by Tony Evans



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So Peterborough's programme presented no real challenge to our top three, which coincidentally almost exactly mirrors the top three Division One League positions. Just to recap, WEST HAM came top of the pile with 88 points out of 100. It's colourful and neatly laid out format reflects the life of a club who has always strived to organise itself just as well off the pitch as it does on it.

Similarly, NEWCASTLE (87 points) have this season produced a programme whose excellent quality befits the champions. SUNDERLAND, like their great North Eastern rivals, charge only £1 for their top class programme which shares second place in the Programme Parade Awards and certainly takes the honours for the Cover Design of the season with its innovative idea of merging a print of a Sunderland shirt with that of their opponents for the day.

Not surprisingly all three of these programmes were also voted among the top six in the highly regarded "Match Weekly" Awards.

Finally, courtesy of our opponents programmes, we offer the following team of misprints who have "appeared" for our beloved team during the past season.

1. Erik Nixon; 2. Ian Dolan; 3. Gerry Brennan; 4. Kenny Crons; 5. Steve Mungrel; 6. Dave Martingdale; 7. Eric McNab; 8. John Alderidge; 9. Charlie Makin; 10. Pat Niven; 11. Terry Thomas.

Now they sound like a team we know a song about – don't we children!! See you next season.

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As the dust settles on the first Premier League many observers would say Manchester United's title was won above some of the most mediocre and inconsistent challenges for a championship ever seen.

Maybe the influx of foreign stars and the absence of the country's creme de la creme has had a bearing but there is no doubting standards have fallen.

BSkyB's involvement may have added some extra sparkle to football as a spectacle but the TV schedule has been detrimental and punishing on the players and subsequent quality of football.

There are still too many games as Graham Taylor's squads have testified - not once has he been able to name his best players without selection being hampered by injuries.

But whether, if common sense prevailed, the amount of fixtures will be reduced remains to be seen.

Certainly, despite the cries from every club, there has been little evidence to suggest the powers that be will sacrifice some of the TV cash for the sake of less games.

The kick to keeper rule has been a notable change which many would say has improved the game and after early hiccups players now seem to have adapted competently. However, the initial theory that it would encourage more 'attack from the back' play is still to be proven. One thing that certainly hasn't improved is consistency among referees.

When our own Danny Coyne can be dismissed for accidentally handling outside his area but Jan Wouters can go unpunished for his 'assault' on Paul Gascoigne, action has to be taken.

As Alan Ball's actions showed, frustration at such discrepancies is reaching boiling point and the League and FA should use the close season to good effect and straighten out interpretation of the rules.

• Don't forget to vote for your Wirral News Group Player of the Year in this week's edition of the News and give yourself the chance of winning two VIP tickets at the awards dinner on May 27th at the Prentonian.

Now for tonight's competition: We have a signed photo of John Aldridge to give to the first person to correctly answer the following:

1. Who is Swindon's leading goalscorer?
2. Who scored for Rovers in their last Play Off Semi Final?
3. How many league goals has John Aldridge scored this season?

Answers to: Family Club, Wirral News Group, 76 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead L41 5AN. Closing date is May 24th.



## TODAYS WIRRAL NEWS GROUP MASCOT

Tonight's Wirral News Group Mascot is 11-year-old Nikki Snow from Whitby, South Wirral. A pupil at Whitby Catholic High School, Nikki goes to most games with Dad Phil and has been a supporter for 5 years. Her favourite player is Eric Nixon and says Rovers' Leyland DAF success was her best moment watching the side.



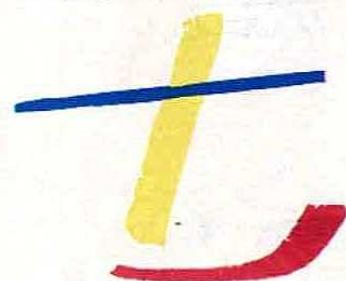
Our second mascot is Paul Walsham who is 11 years old and lives in Wallasey. He attends Mosslands School and plays for Hearts FC U12's in the Wallasey League. He is also a member of Tranmere Rovers School of Excellence. Paul's favourite player is Johnny Morrissey.

Swindon's mascot is 13 year old Martyn Fisher from Park South, Swindon, who attends Oakfield School. His top players are Glenn Hoddle and Craig Maskell.



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# TRANMERE IN THE COMMUNITY

## Girls Under 16's

**BRADFORD** ..... 1  
**TRANMERE** ..... 7

Tranmere Girls U16's finished their League campaign in style by beating runners-up Bradford 7-1. This was an excellent performance with Carrienne Selby helping the cause considerably by notching four goals whilst carrying an injury. Natalie Preston, Laura Brown and super-sub Debbie "Penelope" Mills scored the other three goals. This result confirmed Tranmere as winners of the league having achieved an unbeaten record over the eight games. Carrienne Selby and Natalie Preston were voted joint Players of the Match with Laura Brown also turning in a good performance.

## Greater Manchester Girls Under 16's Cup Semi-Final

**TRANMERE** ..... 18  
**BIDDULPH** ..... 0

Tranmere Ladies Under 16s reached the final of the Manchester U16's invitational competition by virtue of this resounding victory. This was an excellent performance as the scoreline suggests with the game being a personal triumph for Carrienne Selby who scored eight. Natalie Preston also weighed in with five goals. Sarah Tyson and Kelly Shimmin scored two apiece with Angela Jebbs completing the rout.

The girls will now play Bradford City U16s in the final with this game being a much closer affair.

Whatever happens in the final the competition has been great experience for the girls who have now played eight games and won each one over the last four weeks.

The improvement over this period has been remarkable and now some of these girls can hopefully progress that one step further into the senior squad.

## SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS (Sponsored by McDonalds)

We now have application forms available for our three Summer Soccer Schools which have kindly been sponsored by McDonalds - Birkenhead Branch.



Each course will be packed with fun a competitions with each participant receiving quality coaching from Tranmere's Community Coaches. Each child who attends the course will receive a voucher for a free McDonalds burger with lots of meal vouchers also being on offer to the various competition winners. The course fee is a reasonable £22 which enables the enrolled child to have four days of football fun with the added benefit of having a tour of Prenton Park. Certificates of Achievement are given out at the end of the course along with trophies and medals for competitions winners. Special guest visits are also planned!

Course details are as follows:

### COURSE ONE

Dates: July 26th - July 29th

Times: 10am to 2pm

Venue: Borough Road Playing Fields

Course Fee: £22

Course Age Limit: 7-12

Course Limit: 100 boys & girls

### COURSE TWO

Dates: August 23rd - August 26th

Times: 10am to 2pm

Venue: Borough Road Playing Fields

Course Fee: £22

Course Age Limit: 7-12

Course Limit: 100 boys & girls

### COURSE THREE

Dates: August 31st - September 3rd

Times: 10am to 2pm

Venue: Borough Road Playing Fields

Course Fee: £22

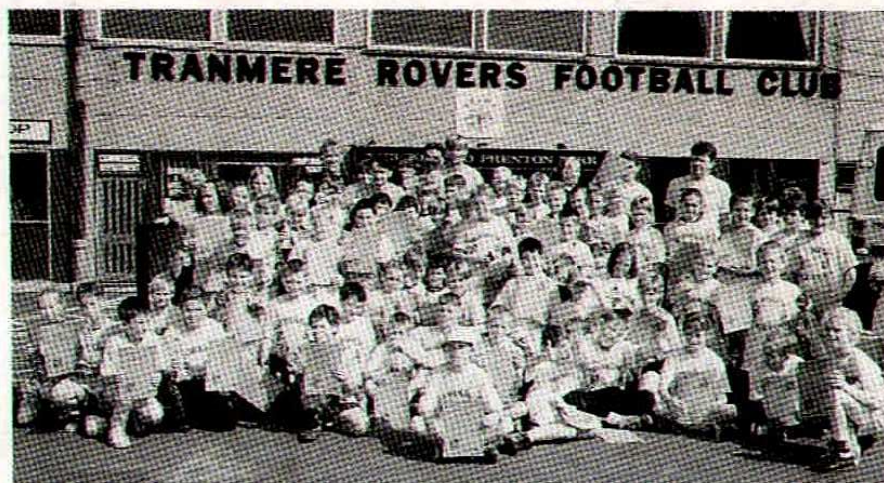
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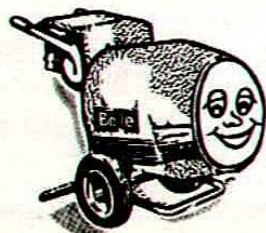
## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

We are still taking bookings for children's birthday parties to be held at Prenton Park. The parties are held in the Sponsors Lounge with the children being treated to a Tranmere Rovers Video Show whilst eating their food.

Before the children actually settle down for their eats they are taken for a game of football and given a tour of the ground. The birthday child plus a friend or parent are also invited to attend a Tranmere home game as a present from the club. The price for the parties is £25 and further information can be gained by phoning Steve Williams or Shirley Wareing on 608 2354.



Participants from last year's Summer Soccer School outside Prenton Park with Pat Nevin and Shaun Garnett



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# TRANMERE ROLL CALL...

Player Int. Hons Birthplace/Date	Ht/Wt Signed From Date/Fee	1st line - League Games		2nd line - Cup Games		Excludes Play-Off Statistics	
		1992-93 Apps. Goals	1993-94 Apps. Goals	1994-95 Apps. Goals	1995-96 Apps. Goals	1996-97 Apps. Goals	1997-98 Apps. Goals
John Aldridge - Eire Liverpool 18.9.58	5-11 11.4 Real Sociedad 06.91 £250,000	29+1 21	22 22	72+1 43	409+27 224	69+2 52	
Graham Branch Liverpool 12.2.72	6-2 12.2 Heswall 06.91 Free	+3 -	+7 -	- -	1 -	1 -	
Ged Brannan Liverpool 15.1.72	6-0 12.3 Y.T.S. 07.90 -	38 1	69+4 3	- -	- -	- -	
Steve Cooper Birmingham 22.6.64	5-11 11.10 Barnsley 12.90 £100,000	3+3 -	16+16 3	167+37 38	29+6 5		
Danny Coyne - WY Prestatyn 27.8.73	6-0 12.7 Y.T.S. 07.92 -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	
Tommy Coyne - Eire Glasgow 14.11.62	5-11 12.0 Celtic 03.93 £350,000	9+3 1	9+3 1	- -	- -	- -	
Michael Foster - W.U21 Bangor 24.9.73	5-8 10.10 Y.T.S. 10.90 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
Dave Higgins Liverpool 19.8.61	6-0 11.0 Caernarvon 06.87 Free	40 4	252+3 9	- -	- -	- -	
Mark Hughes - W.U21 Port Talbot 2.2.62	6-0 13.0 Bristol City 12.85 £3,000	7+3 -	251+6 9	106+2 4	16+1 -		
Kenny Irons Liverpool 4.11.70	5-9 11.0 Y.T.S. 11.89 -	40+2 7	105+12 20	- -	- -	- -	
John McGreal Liverpool 2.6.72	5-11 10.11 Y.T.S. 07.90 -	- -	3 -	- -	- -	- -	
Neil McNab - S.U21 Greenock 4.6.57	5-7 10.10 Man. City 01.90 £125,000	30+1 2	94+11 6	428+19 25	69 4		
Chris Malkin Bebington 4.6.67	6-3 12.0 Stork AFC 08.89 Free	35+1 7	115+47 35	- -	- -	- -	
Dave Martindale Liverpool 9.4.64	5-11 11.10 Caernarvon 06.87 £1,500	18+8 2	116+37 9	- -	- -	- -	
Alan Morgan Aberystwyth 2.11.73	5-10 11.00 Y.T.S. 07.92 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	
John Morrissey - Eng. Y. Liverpool 8.3.65	5-8 11.9 Wolves 10.85 £8,000	42+1 5	273+22 44	6+5 1	- -	- -	
Ian Muir - Eng. Y. Coventry 5.5.63	5-8 11.0 Brighton 08.85 Free	7+4 2	261+18 125	9+2 3	- -	- -	
Steve Mungall Bellshill 22.5.58	5-8 11.5 Motherwell 07.79 Free	29+6 3	449+19 13	14+6 6	- -	- -	
Pat Nevin - Scot Glasgow 6.9.63	5-6 11.9 Everton 08.92 £300,000	43 13	52 13	337+41 68	88+10 18		
Eric Nixon Manchester 4.10.62	6-4 15.7 Man City 07.88 £50,000	45 -	232 -	97 -	26 -		
Ian Nolan Liverpool 9.7.70	6-0 11.10 Marine 07.91 £12,000	14 -	48 1	- -	- -	- -	
Mark Proctor - EU21 Middlesbrough 30.1.61	5-10 11.9 Middlesbrough 03.93 on loan	13 1	13 1	- -	- -	- -	
Tony Thomas Liverpool 12.7.71	5-11 12.5 Y.T.S. 02.89 -	16 -	129+1 10	- -	- -	- -	
Steve Vickers Bishop Auckland 13.10.67	6-3 12.0 App 08.85 -	42 -	239+1 11	- -	- -	- -	

## PASSING BACK...

On this day **1987** . . . England draw 1-1 with Brazil at Wembley, Gary Lineker scores the England goal. Two managers settle in for their first day at new clubs Graham Taylor at Aston Villa and Dave Bassett at Warford . . . **1983** Kenny Dalglish receives his Football Writers' Footballer of the Year Award from Pele and Steve McMahon settles in at Aston Villa after his £400,000 move from Everton . . . **1979** John Toshack scores a hat-trick for Wales as they beat Scotland 3-0 in Cardiff, England (Watson, Coppell) beat Northern Ireland away 2-0 and at Wembley Stafford win the FA Trophy . . . **1972** George Best dropped by Northern Ireland after he vanishes and then turns up in Spain on 'holiday', Malcolm McDonald leads the line for the first time for the England v. Wales match which witnessed a goal from Rodney Marsh. Best announces he's retired at 26!



## MATCH of the DAY

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TRANMERE ROVERS



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(All Red)

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**First meeting:** October 18, 1968 (A) 2-1

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## SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL...

Stats up to May 10

Player	Birthplace/Date	Pos	Transfer Fee	Previous Clubs	Int	1992-93 Lge
<b>Frazer Digby</b>	Sheffield 23.1.67	(G)	£32,000	Man. Utd., Oldham (L)	Eng	U21 33 -
<b>Colin Calderwood</b>	Stranraer 20.1.65	(D)	£30,000	Mansfield Town	-	46 2
<b>Glenn Hoddle</b>	Hayes 27.10.57	(D)	-	Tottenham, Monaco	Eng	41+1 1
<b>Ross MacLaren</b>	Edinburgh 14.4.62	(D/M)	£140,000	Glasgow Rgrs, Shrewsbury, Derby County	-	22 -
<b>Paul Bodin</b>	Cardiff 13.9.64	(D)	£225,000	Cardiff, Bath, Newport, Swindon, Crystal Palace, Newcastle (L)	Wales	34+1 11
<b>Nick Summerbee</b>	Altrincham 26.8.71	(D)	-	Ex. YTS	-	36+3 3
<b>Shaun Taylor</b>	Bideford 20.2.63	(D)	£200,000	Bideford, Exeter City	-	46 11
<b>Adrian Viveash</b>	Swindon 30.9.69	(D)	-	Ex. YTS	-	5 -
<b>Martin Ling</b>	West Ham 15.7.66	(M)	£15,000	Exeter, Swindon, Southend, Mansfield, Swindon (L)	-	43 3
<b>John Moncur</b>	Stepney 22.9.66	(M)	£80,000	Spurs, Donc, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Brentford, Ipswich, Notts Forest (all loan)	-	11+3 1
<b>Micky Hazard</b>	Sunderland 5.2.60	(M)	£130,000	Spurs, Chelsea, Portsmouth	-	30+2 3
<b>Dave Mitchell</b>	Glasgow 13.6.62	(F)	£30,000	Frankfurt, Rangers, Feyenoord, Chelsea, Newcastle (L)	Aus	37+4 11
<b>Craig Maskell</b>	Aldershot 10.4.68	(F)	£250,000	Southampton, Swindon (L), Huddersfield, Reading	-	32+1 18
<b>Steve White</b>	Chipping Sodbury 2.1.59	(F)	Free	Bri. Rovers, Luton, Charlton, Lincoln, Luton, Br. Rovers	-	20+14 8
<b>Shaun Close</b>	Islington 8.9.66	(F)	£70,000	Spurs, Bournemouth	-	1+6 -
<b>Brian Marwood</b>	Seaham 5.2.60	(F)	Free	Hull, Sheff. Wed., Arsenal, Sheff. Utd., Boro (L)	Eng	6+4 1

Also in Squad: Kevin Horlock (D) 13+1 app. 1 goal

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### SWINDON TOWN'S 5 YEAR LEAGUE & CUP RECORD

	LEAGUE	LEAGUE	LEAGUE	LEAGUE	LEAGUE	
	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	
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LEAGUE PLACING	DIVISION 2 Av. Att. 9,542	DIVISION 2 Av. Att. 8,692	DIVISION 2 Av. Att. 9,433	DIVISION 2 Av. Att. 9,507	DIVISION 2 Av. Att. 9,871	LEAGUE CUP PLACING

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## ROVERS AWAY FILE 1992-93

With only our annual outing to Wembley to come (hopefully!) it's time to look back over another enjoyable season of following Rovers away. These are my personal recollections of our Division One travels in 1992-93.

**Best ground visited:** Notts County deserve the honours in this category for the incredible conversion of Meadow Lane from a supermarket car park into a top class stadium.

**Worst ground visited:** It would perhaps be unfair to point the finger at Bristol Rovers who have Vauxhall Conference club Bath City as their landlords. Southend and Cambridge are probably the worst of the rest.

**Strangest entrance to a ground:** The vote here must go to Luton where one literally walks underneath somebody's bedroom to pass through the turnstiles!

**Strangest exit from a ground:** Definitely at Charlton, where it took ten minutes for everybody to push through one gate in the corner of the ground - and that was supposedly for a fire safety drill.

**Best terrace view:** The high terracing at Molineux provided a marvellous vantage point from which to enjoy our two goals.

**Worst terrace view:** Watford and surprisingly West Ham both of which have high fences at the away end which obliterate much of the view.

**Best floodlights:** Charlton's new lights deserve this award, but unfortunately were not bright enough for the journalists in the press box who credited our first goal to Aldo when he was at least two yards away.

**Worst floodlights:** .....  
(I'll leave this category to be filled in by our friends in the away enclosure!)

**Best Rovers goal:** Several to choose from, but John Morrissey's 20-yard curler at Oxford just clinches it.

**Strangest Rovers goal:** Neil McNab's "walk in" at Cambridge after the high bounce beat both the offside trap and the advancing keeper.

## HOME and AWAY

**Best opposition goal:** Carl Leaburn's thumping header at Charlton.

**Best Rovers performance:** The victories at Derby and Leicester were memorable but for the sheer quality of the football the performance against Oxford was my personal choice, particularly after last season's disasters at The Manor Ground.

**Worst Rovers performance:** Take your pick from Notts County, Portsmouth or Bristol Rovers.

**Worst pre-match entertainer:** Unquestionably Harry Palmer at Newcastle whose "singing" brought laughter from all sections of the terraces.

**Friendliest fans:** The atmosphere at West Ham, particularly outside the ground, was reminiscent of the pre-hooligan days when fans of both sides could mingle happily with never a hint of trouble.

**Least friendly fans:** At Derby exactly the opposite was the case. Enough said!

**Most helpful police/stewards:** I feel that the authorities' approach to fans in general is improving almost everywhere as the threat of hooliganism subsides, but the police and stewards at Luton stood out as being particularly friendly and co-operative.

So there you have my memories of following Tranmere this season. No doubt you have many more, but here's hoping that they are all surpassed by the events at Wembley on May 31st.

**Tony Evans**

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Ticket prices £12, £16, £19, £21, £25, £29. Family enclosure £21, £19. U16/OAP half price.

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### Supporters Football

The Supporters' team finished their season with a 6-0 defeat at the hands of fourth placed Houlihans. Despite having the better scoring opportunities and the help of a strong wind we trailed by one goal at half time, but the second half started in the worst possible manner when the visitors took full advantage of the elements to score direct from the re-start. This signalled Houlihans taking full control and we never looked like getting back into the game.

So... if you are over 18 and wish to join the Supporters' team, please contact me, Ken Walklett, any evening or weekends on 051 652 8828.

Next season, we will again be entering a team in the Wirral Sunday League as well as playing against visiting supporters and taking part in the National Supporters Club Cup.

Don't forget the Friendship Cup at Notts. County on Sunday 23rd May. Anyone interested in going should contact me at the above number.

### Player of the Year

Thank you for all the votes cast at the last home game. At the time of writing, the final date for the presentation disco and buffet could not be fixed, but it will be held on either Friday May 28th or Friday June 4th. If you wish to reserve a ticket in advance, contact Martin Venables in the Prentonian Suite.

### Best Wishes...

From all at TRFC go to life-long supporter George Tinker of Higher Bebington, who is currently recovering after major surgery. We hope he will soon be fit, well and able to be back at Prenton Park for the new (Premier League!?) season.

### Thank you...

As is customary at this time of the season, I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who has contributed to this column throughout the year. A special thanks should go to my long-suffering mother, Joyce, who, although having no interest in football, often finds herself acting as an unpaid secretary and telephonist for Tranmere's business. It can only get worse...

**Carol Dalziel**



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Signing in... midfield dynamo Mark Proctor was a surprise visitor at the last meeting of the Prenton Pups. Mark, who joined Rovers on loan from Middlesbrough until the end of the season, was only too pleased to sign autographs.

Little bundle of joy Ben Beard should be in no doubt where his football loyalties lie - and he is just two weeks old!

Ben's proud parents, Jayne and Jeff Beard, of Wallasey, are ardent Tranmere supporters and have been to every Rovers' match this season, but when Jayne went into labour on the night of Sunderland's important visit to Prenton Park they were determined not to miss out...

So while Ben was preparing for his imminent arrival, mum and dad to be were following every kick of the football variety by listening to the match broadcast on the radio at Arrowe Park Maternity Hospital.

Ben would have become one of the youngest members of the Prenton Pups, Tranmere Rovers' official club for youngsters which is sponsored by the Wirral Globe.

Unfortunately, he could not be registered as membership for this season has closed - simply to save people from paying the £2 annual membership fee with the start of the new year being in August.

Organiser Sue Beedles, however,

arranged for a special Prenton Pups birthday card, signed by Rovers' first team squad, to be sent to Ben, whose delighted grandparents, Joan and David Beard, are also Tranmere supporters. So, too, are their three other sons, Paul, Alan and David.

Because the Prenton Park pitch is being ripped up soon after tonight's game, the annual Prenton Pups sports day, which usually marks the end of the season's activities, will not be held this year. The start of the Pups' new year coincides with the big kick off in August - let us hope it is a "premier" occasion all round!

The following Prenton Pups are celebrating birthdays this week: Wednesday, May 19 - Carly Beedles, Mark Humphreys; Thursday, May 20 - John Hughes, Khalifa Hollywood; Friday, May 21 - Jonathan Mampaey; Monday, May 24 - David Kendrick; Tuesday May 25 - Phillip Coumbe. Two Prenton Pups, Lindsey Forshaw and Kelly McBride, had birthday candles to blow out last week. Congratulations to you all.

Finally, a very special birthday to Tranmere Rovers' longest-serving player, Steve Mungall, who is 34 years young this coming Saturday (May 22). Steve, who has experienced just about every football emotion during his 14 seasons at Prenton Park, has visited the Prenton Pups' meetings on several occasions and the youngsters extend their warmest birthday greetings to the popular Scot.

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17	Gateshead	46	17	10	19	72	90	44
18	Darlington	46	17	8	21	82	95	42
19	Oldham	46	12	15	19	66	74	39
20	Bradford PA	46	16	3	27	66	93	35
21	Chester	46	10	13	23	55	84	33
22	Southport	46	10	12	24	52	94	32
23	Tranmere	46	7	13	26	51	91	27
24	Crewe	46	6	9	31	43	110	21

Aug	20	A	Hull City	L	1-4
	25	A	York City	L	0-1
	28	H	Hull City	L	2-4
Sept	1	H	Oldham Athletic	W	2-1
	4	H	Accrington Stanley	L	1-2
	8	A	Mansfield Town	L	0-3
	12	A	Accrington Stanley	L	0-1
	15	H	Southport	D	1-1
	18	H	Hartlepool	L	0-1
	22	A	Chesterfield	L	1-3
	24	A	Hartlepool	L	1-5
	29	H	Chester	W	3-1
Oct	6	H	Barrow	L	0-2
	13	A	Darlington	D	1-1
	20	H	Rochdale	D	2-2
	27	A	Gateshead	L	1-3
Nov	3	H	Wrexham	L	2-4
	10	A	Derby County	L	0-4
	24	A	Scunthorpe United	W	4-1
Dec	1	H	Bradford PA	L	0-3
	15	A	Workington	L	2-3
	22	H	York City	D	3-3
	25	A	Bradford City	L	1-4
	29	A	Oldham Athletic	L	0-1
Jan	1	H	Crewe Alexandra	W	3-0
	5	A	Stockport County	L	1-3
	12	H	Mansfield Town	W	3-1
	19	A	Southport	L	0-1
	26	H	Stockport County	D	2-2
Feb	2	H	Chesterfield	D	2-2
	9	A	Chester	D	1-1
	16	A	Barrow	L	0-5
Mar	2	A	Rochdale	L	0-1
	9	H	Gateshead	D	0-0
	13	H	Workington	D	1-1
	16	A	Wrexham	L	0-1
	23	H	Derby County	L	0-1
	30	A	Crewe Alexandra	D	0-0
Apr	6	H	Scunthorpe United	W	4-2
	8	H	Darlington	D	2-2
	13	A	Bradford PA	W	2-1
	15	H	Bradford City	D	0-0
	19	A	Carlisle United	D	2-2
	20	H	Halifax Town	L	0-2
	22	H	Carlisle United	L	0-1
	27	A	Halifax Town	L	0-4

# THE WAY WE WERE

## Tranmere Rovers League Appearances and Goalscorers - 1956-57

Bell 45(0), Lloyd 14(0); G. Payne 32(0); Steele 8(0); Williams T.A. 18(1); Kieran 38(1); Millington 46(0); Davies 13(1); McDavitt 34(7); Williams W.R. 20(0); Fleming 23(1); Jones 32(1); Kelly N. 23(4); Kidd 11(1); Stephens 1(0); Dodd 30(10); Clinton 9(0); Godwin 14(2); Gwatkin 20(6); Heydon 32(1); Hill 6(1); Holder 13(1); Molyneux B. 11(3); Rees 10(4); Spink 7(3).



Ralph Millington - the only ever-present during 1956-57 season

The gradual slide that had started in 1955 gathered momentum in 1956-57 season to leave Rovers facing a re-election nail-biter at the end of the season. Noel Kelly's first full season in charge was memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Indeed, the first 18 matches produced just two victories and it never got any better with only seven victories all season - our worst ever record apart from 1938-39. Goals were a problem. New signing Jim Dodd registered only 10 from centre forward in a side that was creaking and in need of a major overhaul. Even the FA Cup failed to lift spirits, Rovers being dumped out by non-leaguers Bishop Auckland, 2-1 away, at the first hurdle.

The chance of Liverpool Senior Cup glory died at the semi-final stage to Everton, while defeat by Stockport in the Cheshire Bowl final put the cap on a miserable campaign.

Not surprisingly for a team in 23rd place, gates were down to an average of 5,963. It was with great relief therefore that re-election was successful at the League AGM in June.

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### BOB EVANS

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On a personal note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my "victims" of the Backstage feature this season for their courtesy and co-operation, often at very short notice. It's been fun and informative talking to everyone, and I hope I haven't unduly upset or libelled anyone!

Carol Dalziel



## BACK STAGE

## CENTRE STAGE

### PHIL JOHNSON

**Date/Place of birth:** April 7th, 1975 Liverpool

**Position:** Full back or midfield

**Tell us about your family and home:** I live in Litherland with Dad Dave, Mum Sue, my sister Katie and brother Scott.

**What are your hobbies/interests and do you have a secret talents:** Tennis and golf. I play off an 11 handicap which isn't bad. If I've got a secret talent it's well hidden and I'm still looking for it!

**Do you have any routines/superstitions you follow before games:** Though there's no particular reason, I never put my ties on until I come back in after the warm up.

**What position did you start in as a boy, and where would you really fancy yourself playing now:** I've always played at fullback or midfield. As a kid I played for Lander Road School, Litherland High and Crosby and District Schools. I love to play at centre forward but I know I'm too small to play there.

**How would your team mates describe you as a person:** Hopefully someone lively, good company who gets along with everyone else.

**What frustrates you about your own ability:** My physical build! At the moment I'm too slight and need to build up my weight and strength – hence all the steaks I eat. Also I could be a better header of a ball.

**What is your most embarrassing/or worst moment in football so far:** In a schools Cup Final, I turned to find my keeper with a backpass but he'd come off his line and my lob from about 20 yards soared over his head into the net.

**What is the best stadium you have played at and which ground has the best playing surface:** Old Trafford is the best ground – the scale, the place and the facilities are fantastic, but the playing surface at Goodison is the best.

**Who is the best player you have ever faced and how did you get on:** I've played against Jan Molby, Jamie Redknapp and Mark Walters who were playing in Liverpool's 'A' team. Thankfully I wasn't up against any of them directly.

**What personal honour has given you the most satisfaction:** Being offered a YTS place at Tranmere and then becoming a professional a few weeks ago.

**Has anyone in particular helped you along in your career so far:** My Dad obviously, my former Sunday League manager at Littlewoods, Andy Thornbury, and everyone at Tranmere, particularly Warwick.

**What is the funniest or silliest piece of advice you have ever had:** When I came on as sub at Old Trafford in the Youth Cup Quarter Final in '92, Warwick shouted "hit him" as Ryan Giggs took the ball up to me. I slid in missed him and he accelerated away leaving me on my backside. Let's say I avoided looking at the bench after that!

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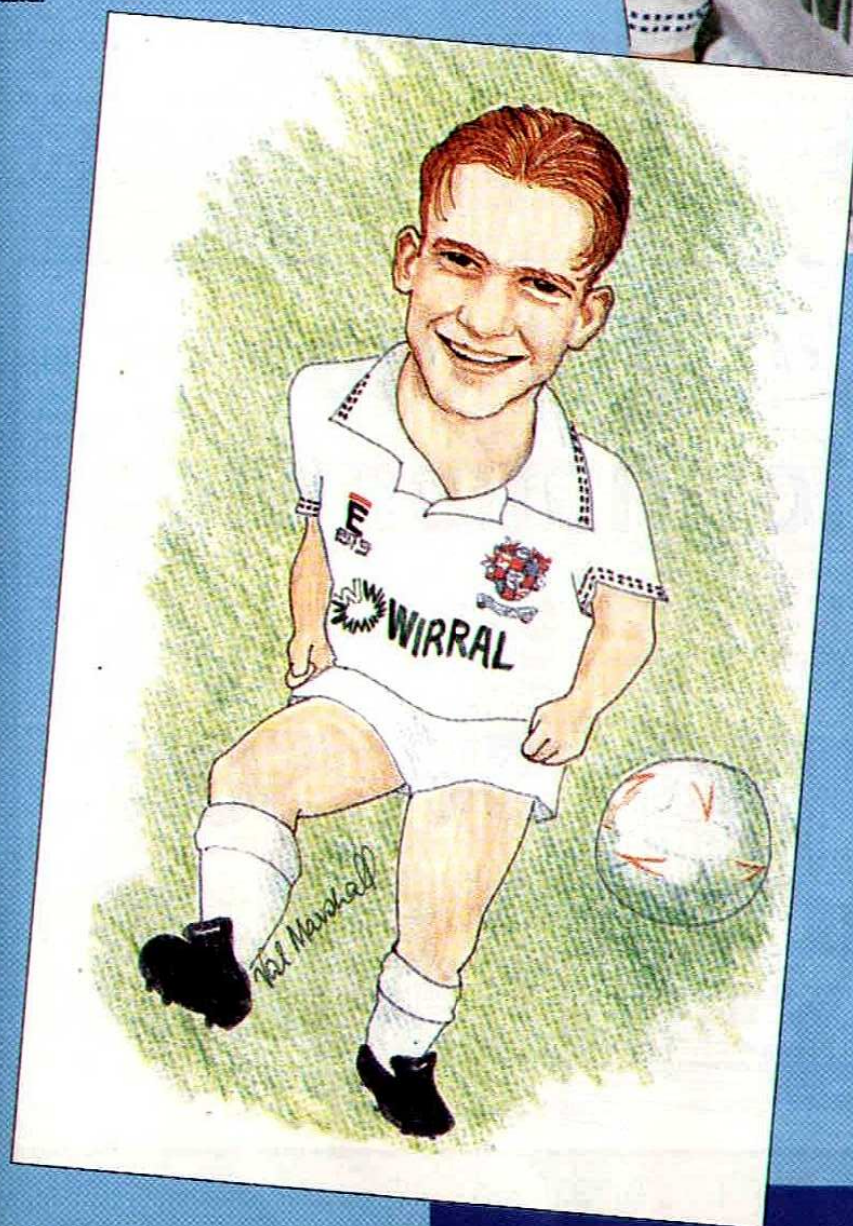
**What is the funniest insult you have ever heard from the terraces or the funniest incident seen:** I tend to switch off when I'm playing and ignore the things that the crowd (when we have one) shout. Ronnoe Moore says the most useful quality a player can possess is crowd deafness.

**What do you like about Tranmere Rovers:** The atmosphere. We all have a good laugh but at the end of the day the job gets done.

**What is the highlight of your career so far:** I can't really think of one so far. I try to play well all the time and go out to win.

**Looking back, what is the worst aspect of being an apprentice:** The pressure you are under in the last six months of your apprenticeship, not knowing whether you'll be taken on as a pro. Also collecting the gear in at Levers on cold, wet days.

**Which of your team mates would you not fancy sharing a room with on an away trip and why:** Tommy Cassidy, he's very boring! Everyone else is sound.



**Which other sports stars/show business stars do you like:** My top sports stars are Linford Christie, Nick Faldo and Nigel Mansell. I love comedy films especially those with John Candy, Steve Martin and Leslie Neilson in.

**What is the best goal you have ever scored:** When we got beat 1-6 at Liverpool in the Youth Cup I scored our goal. There was a good move through midfield and I ran onto Micky Edwards' pass to fire in from 18 yards.

**What, if anything scares you:** Nothing really - except Chris Bates' driving.

**What type of people do you avoid:** Snarlers and people who think they are above everybody else.

**What are your musical tastes:** REM - basically anyone.

**If you could watch football somewhere other than Tranmere each week, where would you go:** I used to support Everton though I don't bother going now. If I had the time and wasn't playing I'd go back to watch.

**If you could play alongside one famous player to learn from him, who would it be:** I'd love to play alongside Gazza or any of the top continental players.



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# END OF SEASON REPORT by Warwick Rimmer

All too quickly we have come to the end of another season at youth level. The 'A' team finished third in the Lancashire League Division One which turned out to be a three horse race. For most of the season Manchester United, Everton and ourselves made all the running and Everton just pipped us to the runners-up place on goals tally by winning their last match. However it was a splendid season for the team.

The younger players finished half way in Division Two which was quite creditable considering we played most games with several schoolboy players.

The Conference League completed its first season - this is a league for our Under 16 team on Sunday mornings - and proved a very useful league to judge potential trainees.

Last Sunday was an active day at Prenton Park with all Our School of Excellence boys playing. The ages ranged from Under 9 upwards to Under 14 playing on the main pitch to finish their season.

## 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
31 Oct	Marine Res	3-1
7 Nov	Liverpool 'A'	1-0
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
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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'	1-2
10 Apr	Chester City 'A'	0-0
17 Apr	Blackburn 'A'	2-3

## Bill Graves reports on Rovers RESERVES



Two Wirral lads, Jamie Fitzsimmons and Ricky Lampkin have joined Rovers on U14's schoolboy forms

John Conroy can take great credit for the organisation of this event which went off so smoothly. We have had a very pleasing year with the young boys. Five players from the Under 12 & 13 age groups did very well in the National Trials and two of our Under 14 boys had the honour of being offered scholarships at the FA National School at Lilleshall.

I would like to thank all the coaches at our Centre of Excellence who have put in so much hard work during the year. I would also like to praise our Scouts, as although training and coaching is very important without getting a good supply of young talent to the club it would not be possible. We have super boys at all levels and it is a great credit to all these people.

Last but not least I would like to thank old stalwart Alec Muir for his valuable help with the youth teams, he seems to get younger every day.

We all would like to wish the first team squad the best of luck in this vital game.

## Disappointing end to season

Saturday, May 1st

Lancashire League, Division Two	
CREWE	2
TRANMERE	0

A very disappointing result from the

final game of the season but in mitigation Tranmere fielded a very young side.

Tranmere: M. Jones, Cassidy, A. Rogers, G. Jones, Gerrard, D. Rogers, Mahoney, Johnson, Brownrigg, Allen, Armstrong. Subs: Bate, Watt.

## Season Appearances

Allen 23, Armstrong 5, Bate 19, Biggs 1, Bayliss 1, Brownrigg 1, Conroy 2, Cassidy 24, Dale 1, Davies 3, Donahue 6, Edwards 5, Evans 15, Fitzpatrick 20, Gerrard 25, Hammond 5, Harvey 1, Hughes 2, Jardine 4, Johnson 19, G. Jones 13, M. Jones 24, Kenworthy 9, Lampkin 1, McCullagh 4, McCrystal 1, McKenna 1, Moore 21, Mahoney 1, Morgan 1, Nuttall 1, Parkinson 7, Pratt 1, Reynolds 1, Rimmer 1, Roberts 1, D. Rogers 22, A. Rogers 2, P. Smith 12, S. Smith 1, Watt 22, Walker 1, Williams 9.

During the season 43 players were used in the Lancashire League Division Two - Our three "junior" teams have utilised 111 players in total - everyone with promise gets a chance at Tranmere!

## 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
12 Dec	Wigan Ath. 'A'	0-0
1993		
9 Jan	Blackpool 'B'	0-1
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'	2-2
17 Apr	Blackpool 'B'	1-0
1 May	Crewe 'A'	0-2

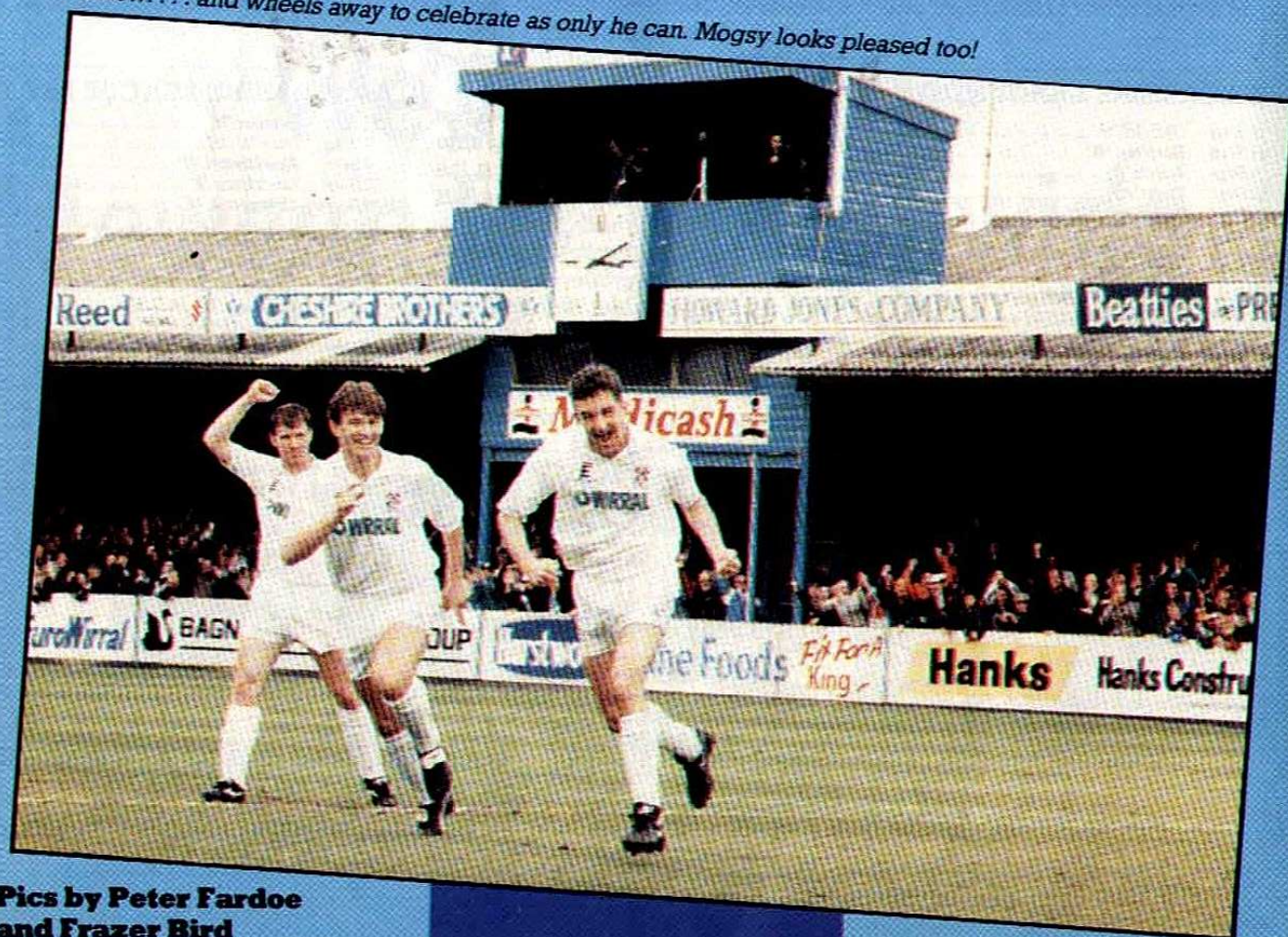
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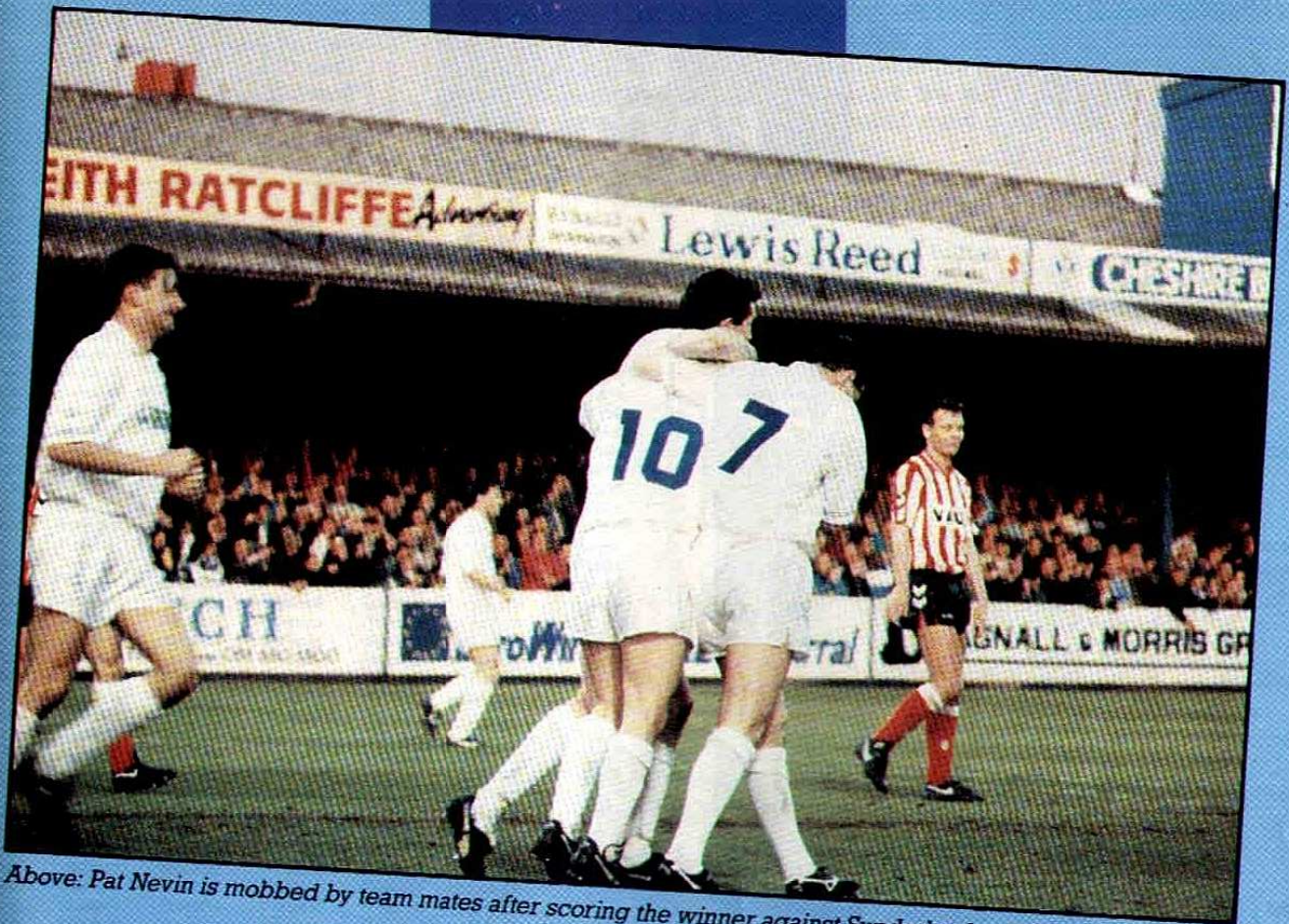
Above: Back in the old groove. Aldo cracks in the first against Watford...

Below: ... and wheels away to celebrate as only he can. Mogsy looks pleased too!



Pics by Peter Fardoe  
and Frazer Bird





Above: Pat Nevin is mobbed by team mates after scoring the winner against Sunderland



Below: Pat Nevin causes panic in the Watford defence as he jinks to the line





# STATS & FACTS

First Sub - ★  
Second Sub - \$  
Own Goal - †  
Sent Off - SO  
Goalscorers - Bold

	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 Pro 1	0-0	1,984	-	-	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	Grimsby	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	12-3	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
MAY	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
JUN	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	3,689	-	-	Nixon	Hughes	Brannan	Irons 1	Mungall	Vickers	Morrissey 1
JUL	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
AUG	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	12,525	-	-	Nixon	Higgins	Nolan	Irons	Mungall	Vickers 1	Morrissey 2
SEP	Fri 15	Oxford United	BL	14-0	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
OCT	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
NOV	Tues 23	Swindon Town	BL	0-2	10,059	48	6	Nixon	Higgins	Nolan★	Irons	Mungall	Vickers	Morrissey
	Stu 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
DEC	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	Grimsby Town	BL	0-0	5,686	55	6	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
JAN	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†	Brannan	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
	Fri 26	Southend United	BL	2-1	4,147	58	8	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Martindale 1	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
FEB	Fri 2	Derby County	BL	2-1	7,774	61	7	Nixon	Higgins★	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
	Tues 6	Swindon Town	BL	3-1	8,335	64	7	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons 3	Proctor★	Vickers	Morrissey
	Sat 10	Millwall	BL	0-0	9,392	65	7	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Mungall
MAY	Mon 12	Barnsley	BL	2-1	6,436	68	6	Nixon	Higgins 1	Brannan	Irons 1	Proctor†	Vickers	Morrissey
	Sat 17	Wolves	BL	2-0	13,600	71	6	Nixon	Higgins 1	Brannan	Irons	Proctor 1	Vickers	Morrissey
	Sat 24	Birmingham City	BL	0-0	14,600	72	6	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
JUN	Sat 1	Watford	BL	2-1	8,315	75	5	Nixon	Higgins★	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Morrissey
	Tues 4	Sunderland	BL	2-1	9,685	78	4	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Martindale 1
	Sat 8	Peterborough	BL	1-1	8,189	79	4	D. Coyne SO	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers	Martindale
JUL	Sun 16	Swindon	POSF	1-3	14,230	-	-	Nixon	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Proctor	Vickers†	Morrissey 1

## LEAGUE TABLE

## FACTS AND FIGURES

	HOME				AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	Pts
Newcastle	46	16	6	1	58	15	13	3	73
West Ham	46	16	5	2	50	17	10	5	83
Portsmouth	46	19	2	2	48	9	7	8	83
Tranmere	46	15	4	4	48	24	8	6	92
Swindon	46	15	5	3	41	23	6	8	93
Leicester	46	14	5	4	43	24	8	5	108
Millwall	46	14	6	3	46	21	4	10	91
Derby	46	11	2	10	40	33	8	7	82
Grimsby	46	12	6	5	33	25	7	1	55
Peterborough	46	7	11	5	30	26	9	3	11
Wolves	46	11	6	6	37	26	5	7	11
Charlton	46	10	8	5	28	19	6	5	12
Barnsley	46	12	4	7	29	19	5	5	13
Oxford Utd	46	8	7	8	29	21	6	7	10
Bristol City	46	10	7	6	29	25	4	7	12
Watford	46	8	7	8	27	30	6	6	11
Notts County	46	10	7	6	33	21	2	9	12
Southend	46	9	8	6	33	22	4	5	14
Birmingham	46	10	4	9	30	32	3	8	12
Luton	46	6	13	4	26	26	4	8	11
Sunderland	46	9	6	8	34	28	4	5	14
Brentford	46	7	6	10	28	30	6	4	13
Cambridge	46	8	6	9	29	32	3	10	10
Bristol Rovers	46	6	6	11	30	42	4	5	14

TOP SCORER	AV. ATT.	TOP ATT.
Kelly 24	29,100	30,364
Morley 18	16,314	27,399
Whittingham 42	13,238	24,955
Aldridge 21	8,081	13,118
Maskell 19	10,599	17,149
Walsh 12	15,185	19,687
Moralee 13	9,212	15,821
Kitson 17	15,037	21,478
Groves 10	6,189	14,402
Adcock 16	8,007	15,445
Bull 13	13,891	17,270
Pardew 7	7,034	12,945
Biggins 9	6,468	13,263
Durnin 11	6,629	9,506
Cole 11	11,428	21,854
Furlong 17	8,390	13,115
Bartlett 7	7,956	15,267
Collymore 8	5,729	12,813
Peschisolidi 6	12,016	22,234
Gray 16	8,132	10,959
Goodman 15	17,348	28,098
Blissett 17	8,482	11,912
Clanridge 6	5,516	8,077
Taylor 12	5,783	7,706

**Highest Home Win**  
Newcastle 7 Leicester 1

**Highest Away Win**  
Bristol R. 1 Barnsley 5

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

**Highest Attendance**  
30,364 Newcastle v Sunderland

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

**Top Scorers (League)**  
Whittingham (Portsmouth) 42  
Kelly (Newcastle) 24  
Aldridge (Tranmere) 21  
Maskell (Swindon) 19



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**AND FINALLY...** If the aggregate scores were level at the end of 90 minutes, there would be 30 minutes extra time. If there was no further scoring during extra time Rovers would go through by virtue of the away goals rule. Should Swindon score to leave the aggregate scoreline 4-4, 5-5 or even 6-6 at the end of 120 minutes the match would be decided on penalty kicks. As nobody's heart could stand the tension it is up to us to do the business inside the 90 minutes.

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	E. 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. Buksh
Aldridge	Malkin★	McNab	Nevin	Muir★	-	T. Ward
Aldridge	Malkin	McNab	Nevin 2	Cooper	Hughes	S. Lodge
Aldridge	Malkin	McNab	Nevin	Martindale	Hughes	R. 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	E. 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★	E. 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
Martindale	Coyne	Nevin	Thomas	Mungall★	Branch	D. Allison
Martindale	Malkin	Nevin	Thomas	Hughes	McNab	D. Gallagher
Martindale★	Malkin	Nevin	Thomas	Coyne★	Mungall★	J. Watson
Malkin	Coyne	Nevin	Thomas	Mungall	Branch	P. Harrison
Malkin	Coyne★	Nevin	Thomas	Aldridge★	Mungall	R. Groves
Aldridge 2	Malkin	Nevin	Thomas	Mungall★	Coyne T.★	K. Lupton
Aldridge	Malkin	Nevin 1	Nolan	Mungall	Coyne T.★	E. Wolstenholme
Aldridge	Malkin 1	Nevin	Nolan	Mungall	Coyne T.	R. Lewis
Aldridge	Malkin	Nevin★	Nolan	Mungall	Coyne T.★	A. Gunn

## 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)
15 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)
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)
12 Apr	Darlington	4-1	(Cooper 3, Muir)
21 Apr	Halifax	5-0	(Aldridge 2, Kenworthy 2, Branch)
27 Apr	Hartlepool	7-1	(Cooper 3, McCullagh 3, Kenworthy)
29 Apr	Carlisle	4-0	(Cooper 2, Branch, McGreal)

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