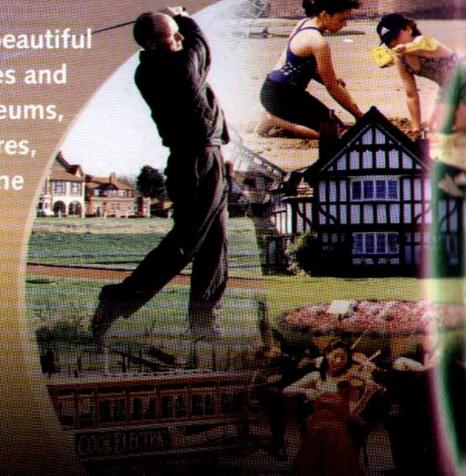


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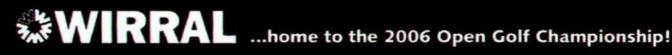
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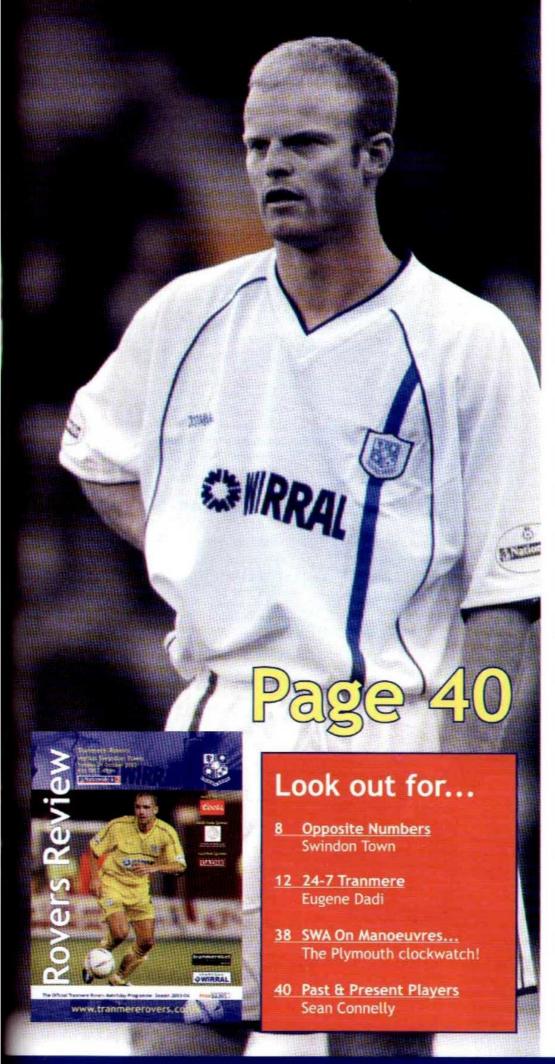


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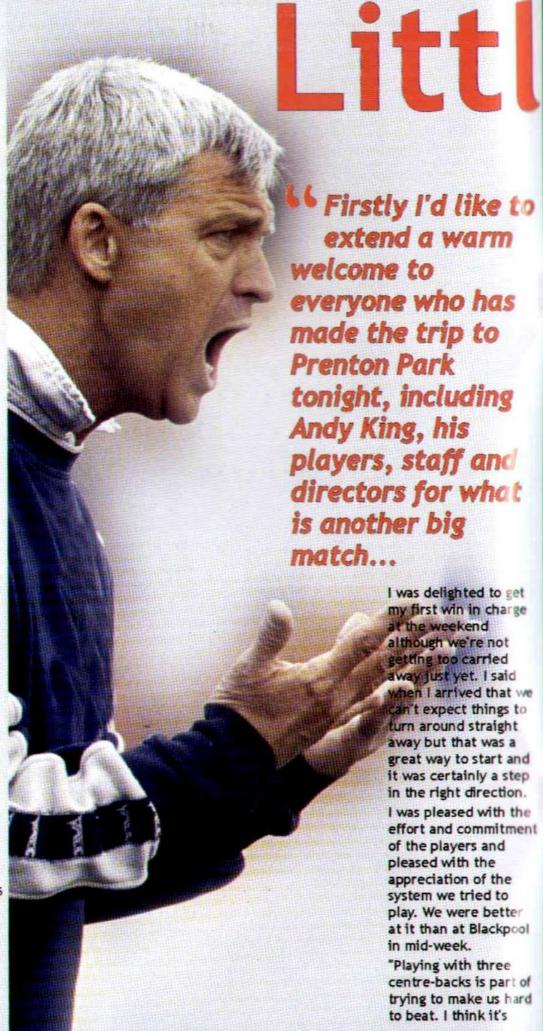
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### e at Large

important to have a system that lends itself to making us stronger defensively, even if you take a little something away from the attack. We will get better with the system."

After going a goal down I would have settled for a point on the day because we were playing against a good side who know how to win but getting the winner was a bonus.

It was a question of using our defenders a little bit further up the park. They had been going backwards and were getting a bit isolated; giving Oldham's forwards too much room. We got them to squeeze up to

make the game tighter.
That helped us up the tempo and ultimately led to Gareth Roberts scoring the winning goal.

I've said that I'm not scared of playing the youngsters. They are mostly around the 20 mark and players should be in the first team by that stage if they are going to have a good career. We have a lot of talent in the squad here at Tranmere and you may well see more coming into the reckoning if they impress me. Tonight's game will be another very tough one, Swindon are another side who know how to win games, they had an excellent start to the season and

will be difficult to beat.

We just have to make sure we don't take anything for granted, Saturday's result is history now and the important thing is tonight and not to lose. I'm not being negative because obviously we'll be going out there wanting to win but at this stage the important thing is not getting beat. Hopefully you'll all get behind us again and show us the support we saw here on Saturday, It's important

that you stay on our side right until the end because as we've seen in the last two matches, this side never knows when it's beaten.

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That was the best start we could have hoped for on Saturday but it's just a small step forward - there's a long way to go. Eleven points separate the sixth and twenty-first places in the table and there are many clubs closely bunched together on points above us.

It's proving to be a far more open and interesting division than we've had for some time with a few names near the top of the table that the pundits hadn't banked on in the summer - including our next visitors to Prenton Park on Saturday 1 November. Bournemouth.

Today's visitors, Swindon Town, have had a good start to the season in the top half of the table. Congratulations to Andy King, the Board and supporters. Like Tranmere Rovers last season. Swindon have taken advantage of the loan system to boost their campaign. This is becoming the norm in our division and to be expected when so many clubs have squads of around twenty including many youngsters.

Last night Tony Adams and I had

another constructive meeting with members of the Club and Supporters Liaison Group.

The ten volunteers are genuinely representative of our supporter base and the meetings we've had have focused on the Club's finances, ticketing, facilities and commercial ideas.

The current volunteer members are:

Colin Wilkes Town Paddock Pam Bethell Tranmere Suite Tranmere Suite Audrey Evans Steward Greg Rodger Main Stand Mike Jones Ian Christley Gateman Lauren Bridge Kop Paul Wood Kop

Ray Stocker

Not a season ticket holder

Roy Dennett

Johnny King

Tony Adams and I meet with volunteer members once a month for a few hours and the meetings usually start at 5.30 pm. Any member can put items on the agenda for discussion so if you have a burning issue then perhaps you should contact the members (by e-mailing

customerservice@tranmererovers.c o.uk or writing to Customer Services at the Club) or meeting them on 3 November at 7.00 pm in Aldo's or you could volunteer to become a member of the CSLG yourself (membership forms available from Ticket Office, Club Shop).

You don't need to be a shareholder or even a season ticket holder to meet with the Board - it's open to anyone who cares and has a few hours to spare each month to put their name forward for the CSLG. It's free and you can genuinely make a difference. For example, following the meeting on 22 September, at the suggestion of the ten members, 26 turnstiles will now be altered to ensure they're more comfortable for supporters and a new low price ticket initiative will be announced for a forthcoming home game to attract new supporters to Prenton Park.

If you would like to meet with the ten supporter members to put forward any matters you'd like to see discussed or to find out what matters they've raised with the Board so far, they will be in Aldo's at 7.00 pm on Monday 3 November. Everyone is welcome.

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Tranmere will be looking to build on their excellent win against Oldham when they kick off against Swindon tonight.

While new boss Brian Little was delighted with the 2-1 win over Oldham he's not getting carried away just yet.

Rovers are still quite away off the pace in the Second Division, with nine points between them and a play off place and it's going to take a while to turn things around but another three points tonight would certainly

While Tranmere were recording founth third win of the season at the weekend. Swindon were on the wrong end of a 3-0 defeat against then bottom of the table Chesterfield at Saltergate, former Rovers loanee Marvin

Robinson bagging a brace.

The defeat means Town have now gone five games without a win, in all competitions their last coming against Peterborough at the end of September, meaning they've slipped from 2nd to 12th in the table.

After an opening say home defeat against Sheffield Wednesday, Town went 10 games unbeaten in the league, with wins over Colchester. Notts County, Wrexham, Grimsby and Peterborough as well as drawing with Bournemouth, Blackpool, Brighton, Barnsley and Luton so

### Swindon Town

tonight will be another tough match.

They are another side who has found scoring easy to come by, netting in every game so far up to the weekend with 23, while Saturday was only the fourth time this season Tranmere have scored two goals and only the 14th and 15th strikes so far in the league.

Tommy Mooney is the main dangerman fro Andy King' side with nine goals already so far, eight of which have come in the league and with strike partner Sam Parkin ruled out through injury the extra pressure will fall on the former Birmingham strikers shoulders.

The 32-year-old arrived at the County Ground in the Summer following his release from St Andrews. After spells at Stoke, Sheffield United and Derby County last season which saw him find the net just four times in 26 appearances it was no surprise when he was released but for Swindon it was a major coup for a player that has played at the highest level.

His current strike partner is Deon Burton signed on loan from Portsmouth, following the injury to last season's leading scorer Sam Parkin but another player they have had on loan is Leeds exciting youngster James Milner, who remains the youngest player ever to score in the Premiership.

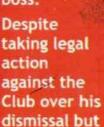
Last season Swindon were the last team to beat Rovers when a goal from the skipper Andly Gurney was enough to take the points at Prenton Park, before Tranmere embarked on their 15 matter unbeaten run until the end of the season.

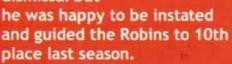
### Meet The Manager...

Andy King is in his second spell in charge at the County Ground after replacing Roy Evans in December 2001.

His first spell saw Swindon perform the great escape in the penultimate game of the season but it

wasn't
enough to
keep him in
the job, he
was replaced
in June 2001
by the
former
Liverpool
boss.







Nationwide League Division Two 8/2/03 Tranmere Rovers 0 Swindon Town 1 (Gurney)

9/11/02 Swindon Town 1 (Parkin) Tranmere Rovers 1 (Jones)



### Rhys Evans - Goalkeeper>>>

The big, tall and strong Swindon-born young goalkeeper has been involved at several England youth levels and has been in the England U21 squad. Loan spells (from Chelsea) at Bristol Rovers, QPR and, most recently, Leyton Orient have provided him the first team experience he needs ahead of his move to Swindon.



### Andy Gurney - Defender and Captain

Andy joined Reading from Torquay in January 1999 for £100,000 as an attack-minded, right-sided defender that could also play in midfield. He missed just four games in his first season and last year - made 45 appearances in all competitions. He also finished the campaign as the Club's second highest goal scorer with eight goals and he is particularly dangerous from free-kicks.



### Adi Viveash - Defender < < <

Dominant central defender who signed for local rivals Reading at the beginning of July 2000 on a 'Bosman' style free transfer from Walsall. Captain at the Bescott stadium for two seasons and a vital member of the team that won promotion from Division Two in 1998/99. Two-time player of the year during his time with the Saddlers

### Alan Reeves - Defender

Experienced centre back who is particularly strong in the air - Reevesy's efforts have been awarded with a playing/coaching role next season. Reeves has had an incredible season and had it not been for Parkin's goals, he would have won the Player of the Year Award. It's all a far cry from the previous season when the former Wimbledon defender had his doubters (Colin Todd even told him he was surplus to requirements in 2000) - but he has since brought them round with some tough and tenacious performances at the heart of Town's defence and Andy King's faith in him has paid off.

### Matthew Heywood - Defender

It's been another consistent year for Town's most effective defender and after a slow start, he returned to the kind of form that saw him sweep up in the 2001/02 Player of the Year Awards. Heywood failed to break through at Burnley's Turf Moor and, after being alerted as to his availability by former scout, Shaun Reid, Andy King snapped him up on a free transfer.

Heywood is proving to be a great asset to the club · if they can hang on to him. It is no coincidence Town's defensive record improved dramatically following his arrival and whilst he may not have scored as many goals as the previous season · he can pitch in with the odd goal too.

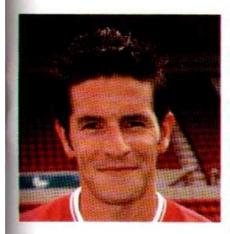


### Bryan Howard - Midfielder < < <

The youngster joins Town from Southampton having playing for the Saints reserves for two years. The 20-year old left-sided midfielder has featured in England's youth set up and this year set up Nathan Tyson for his first against Germany at the Madejski Stadium. Scored the equaliser against Luton Town on October 1st and also played for England U20 this month.







### David Duke - Midfield < < <

'Dukey' will feel slightly aggrieved with the tag of 'Most Improved Player' last season but he hardly missed a game and rarely put a foot wrong on the left hand side of Town's midfield. The Scotsman arrived on a free transfer from Sunderland in 2000 having never managed a start for the Black Cat's first team. Duke appeared regularly in his first season with the Robins. He combined well with Sol Davis down the Robins' left and is a good crosser of the ball - last year he became more affective beating players and he contributed more to the team with his hard work and endeavour.

### Matthew Hewlett - Midfielder

An attacking central midfielder, Matt Hewlett was once tipped for the top by all at Ashton Gate. The former Bristol City player was called into the England Under 21 squad, but a number of injuries curtailed his flourishing career. In the end Hewlett made over 100 appearances for City, but left them to join Town on a Bosman in the summer of 2000. He was a regular for Colin Todd until being hit by injury once again and went on to play just 26 league games. Last term he was virtually ever-present (43 games in all competitions) despite never really hitting top gear and he will be hoping for a better start this time around. However, he did add his second goal to the Swindon tally with a rare effort against Stockport at Edgeley Park.

### Steve Robinson - Midfield

Tough-tackling and energetic right-footed midfield terrier signed from Birmingham City for £50,000 in February 2001, he was an automatic choice for the Robins for the remainder of the season and more recently, has signed a twoyear extension to his contract.

Last season he made 45 appearances and scored twice, doubling his Swindon tally! Scored two crackers in pre-season and King will look for more from 'Turbo' this season.

### Deon Burton - Striker>>>

Signed on a month's loan from Portsmouth in time to make his debut in the defeat at Chesterfield. The Jamaican international was on loan at Walsall, where he played three matches but allowed to move to Swindon to get some more first team games under his belt. He started his career at Portsmouth before moving to Premiership Derby County for £1million but after loan spells with Barnsley and Stoke he returned to Fratton Park for a quarter of the fee they received but he has made just 10 appearances.



### Star Man...

Tommy Mooney - Striker Tommy joined Town from Birmingham in July this year. He joined previous club Birmingham from Watford and, over the course of his career, he has spanned the highest and lowest levels of English football.

In the 2001-2002 season, he scored five goals in his first five games for Birmingham. He still managed to score 15 goals in 38 games in all competitions despite injury against Crewe in October robbing him of six weeks worth of action.

### Current Form...

Division 2 27/9/03 Swindon 2 (Parkin, Milner) Peterborough 0

Division 2 1/10/03 Swindon 2 (Milner, Howard) Luton 2 (McSheffery, Forbes)

Division 2 4/10/03 **Bristol City 2** (Peacock, Brown) Swindon 1 (Mooney)

Division 2 11/10/03 Swindon 1 (Mooney) Stockport 2 (Barlow, Wilbraham)

Division 2 18/10/03 Chesterfield 3 (Robinson 2, Cade) Swindon 0



Eugene Dadi is the latest name to be placed up front - only this time on life off the pitch, as he now talks to Becky Ashton...

What really annoys you and why?
People who don't respect anything just because they have money.

What do you think is your most annoying habit and why? I don't know you'll have to ask others.

What CD is on in your car at the moment?
A CD by my girlfriend.

What song can't you get out of your head and why?

'His eye is on the Sparrow' (song by my girlfriend on the CD mentioned above).

What was the last film you watched and was it any good? A DVD of 'The Assassin' - no, I fell asleep before the end.

What programme do

you never like to miss? 'Sex in the City'.

What was the last thing you bought? Furniture for my new flat.

What do you spend the most money on? At the moment my flat.

What is your most treasured possession in the world and why? The love of my family and girlfriend.

If you could have any meal today what would it be? Any Chinese meal and anything my girlfriend cooks for me.

What other sporting event would you pay to watch? I went to Anfield to watch Liverpool v Arsenal. I'd never been before but I had heard all about the atmosphere.

What was the last concert you went to and was it any good? It was in Glasgow - Dionne Warwick. I met her and chatted to her, which was great.

Who has the worst dress sense at the club and why?

Everyone because they don't understand my sense of style (when I wore my trainers with my suit they all laughed!).

What is your favourite item of clothing and why?

I just like my own style so am pretty happy with all my clothes. If you could change places with anyone who would it be and why? Nobody, I'm quite happy just to be myself (sometimes)

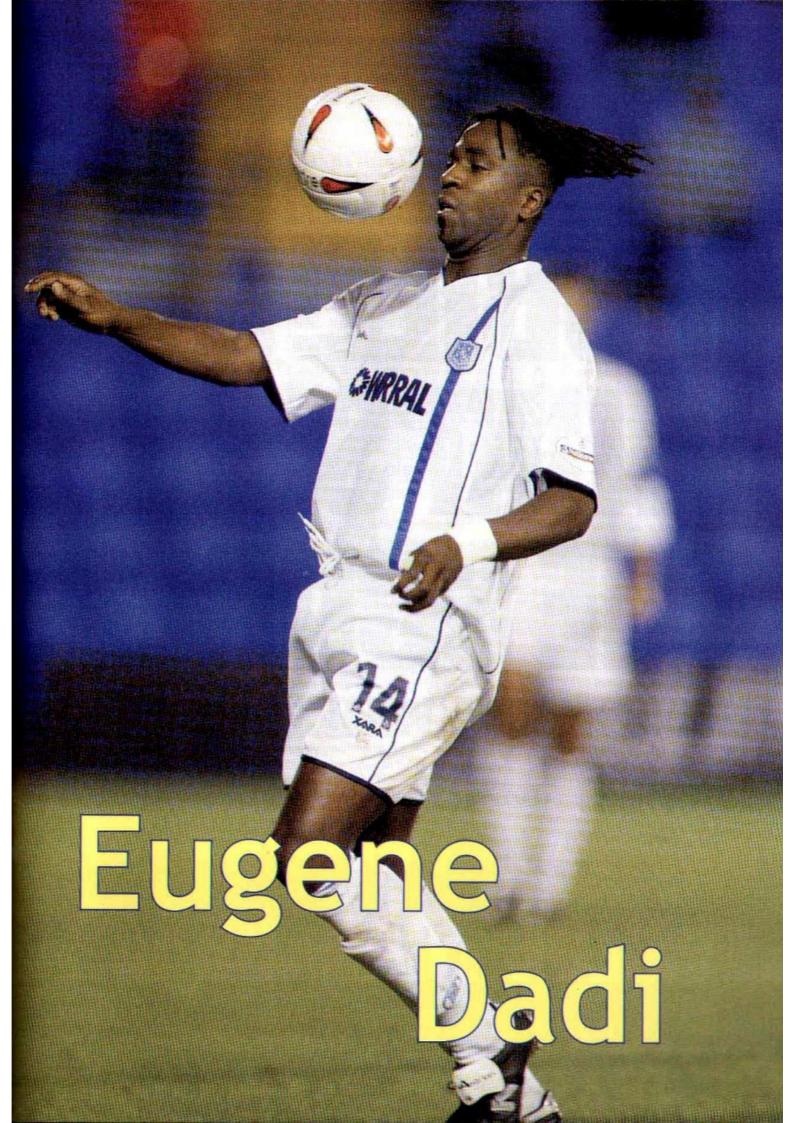
If you could meet anyone past or present who would it be and why? Nelson Mandela because of his story and

Do you have any hidden talents? I try to play the guitar.

what he represents.

Tell us one thing about you that we didn't already know?
I acted in German when I was in Austria for 1 year.







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You then discover such things as you don't have babies just by rubbing belly buttons. Then you grow up and find out that your wife was just having a laugh when she promised to love, honour and obey you. I soon found out that children aren't a godsend and blow me down, another belief was shattered last week, it's not only sprinters that pull hamstrings! Ask Kevin

He came back from training telling me he had pulled a hamstring and

C\*\*\*\*\*\*s. Kevin has pulled his hamstring fairly badly but not months out badly. He will be out for at least a couple of weeks and knowing Kevin he will be back sooner than later.

Having Kevin with me adds to my centre half tally. I've now got as many as the boss because as you know, lan Sharps is still recovering from his knee ligament injury. I've been letting lan combine his training with looking for a new house over the past week. He's

"He could hardly walk when he got off the bike, his bum was killing him. I must admit, I've never ultra sounded that particular bit of a player's anatomy before, it looked like the Japanese flag"

he was limping badly. Well anybody knows that only sprinters pull hamstrings so I didn't believe him and spent the next half an hour testing other bits and bobs that it was more likely to be other than his hamstring. He was getting a bit annoyed when I was testing everything else and just kept saving "But it's my hamstring". By the time I got to checking to see if his eyelids were opening and closing OK he was fairly angry so I thought I had better have a look at his hamstring just in case it was pulled. Blow me, it was, another myth hit the dust and I'd only just got over there being no F\*\*\*\*

been cycling around the Wirral looking for a new house. Currently he lives in an apartment in Heswall. The only problem is that it is full of OAPs and the walls are very thin and they have the telly on very loud. The other problem is the noise and flashing lights of the ambulances pulling up every night, mind you that's lan's fault. Jemma finds it hard to be guiet in the sack and 26 of the male residents have had to be taken to hospital after choking on their false teeth. I know you think I'm messing but that's the reason he wants to move to a detached house. If you see him on his house hunting travels

this week give him a toot. He did Willaston, Heswall, West Kirby, Hoylake, Moreton, New Brighton, Seacombe and back to the ground all in one day last week. He could hardly walk when he got off the bike, his bum was killing him, I must admit, I've never ultra sounded that particular bit of a player's anatomy before, it looked like the Japanese flag. Mind you the 2-inch diameter ultra sound head was just the right size. I was giggling to myself when I ultra sounded Danny Harrison's lip straight after, lan should step up his work this week and will hopefully train with the lads towards the end of the week. He should then be OK for the reserve match next Wednesday.

Just a final little note to send my best wishes to Jimmy Olsen, James's dad. He's not been too well and I got to know him and Linda quite well when we were in Belfast for a week after James broke his neck a couple of years ago. They are both fantastic people so get well soon Jim.

Sorry it's a bit short today but got other things to sort out. Went to see Calendar Girls last night and I'm going to produce a nude 2004 calendar with all the women who work in the offices, including the Chairman. Or I could do one of the players! Watch this space. 99



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### IN IT TO WIN IT?

The First Round of this seasons FA Cup competition takes place on Saturday 8 November.

Prior to this, the draw for Round One will take place next Saturday afternoon at approximately 5.05pm, coverage of which will be live on BBC1.

Let's hope it a good one!





### NATIONWIDE CHEQUES OUT

Following the success of Ladies' Week last season, Tranmere Rovers will again be taking part in the Nationwide Supporters of Tomorrow scheme.

Tranmere Rovers' scheme was kick off at the game on Tuesday 30 September as nationwide handed over a cheque to Tony Adams (pictured left), Associate Director, at our recent home match against Wycombe Wanderers.

### **AUCTION-EARED**

A reminder once again regarding the

Tranmere Rovers Supporters Association second Race Night and Memorabilia Auction at Aldo's (Pretorian) on Saturday 1 November - following the home match with Bournemouth.

With all proceeds going toward future sponsorship at the club, the customary runners and riders will make their appearance alongside a very interesting selection of, and in most cases, one-off TRFC related memorabilia for you to bid for.

Doors open at 7.00pm as the auction kicks off at 7.30pm.

Entrance is by ticket only, priced at £1 each, and are available either by telephone on 07790 521 557 or 07957 940 529. Alternatively you can place an order via the official association email address trsa.direct@btopenworld.com, and from association members at all matches.

More club news in our next programme.

If you can't wait until then, why not log onto the club's new-look official website at www.tranmererovers.co.uk



### Pontin's Holidays League Premier Division

Tue 19 Aug	A	Sheffield Wednesday	L	1-2
Wed 27 Aug	H	Preston North End	D	1-1
Wed 10 Sep	Н	Walsall	W	2-1
Wed 24 Sep	A	Sheffield United	L	1-2
Wed 8 Oct	H	Burnley	W	4-3
Wed 22 Oct	A	Barnsley		
Wed 29 Oct		Huddersfield Town		
Wed 5 Nov	H	Stoke City		
Wed 19 Nov	A	Rotherham United		
Wed 26 Nov	H	Bradford City		
Wed 10 Dec	A	Hull City		
Mon 12 Jan	A	Preston North End		
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Wed 4 Feb	A	Stoke City		
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### Pontin's Holidays League Cup

Wed 13 Aug	A Macclesfield Town	W 5-2
Wed 17 Sep	H Wrexham	L 0-2
Wed 3 Dec	A Carlisle United (2pm)	

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5	Huddersfield	5	2	3	0	10	6	4	q
6	Bamsley	5	2	1	2	11	8	3	7
7	Tranmere	5	2	1	2	9	9	0	7
8	Sheffield	5	2	1	2	6	€	0	7
9	Stoke City	5	2	1	2	10	11	-1	7
10	Bradford City	5	1	1	3	7	10	-3	4
11	Hull City	5	0	1	4	4	12	-8	1
12	Burnley	5	0	0	5	5	20	-15	0

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### Reserves win thriller...

### Tranmere Rovers Reserves 4

### **Burnley Reserves 3**

Pontin's Holidays League Premier Division

Wednesday 8 October 2003

Tranmere finally saw of local rival Burnley with the odd one goal in seven at Prenton Park in the Pontin's Holiday League Premier Division.

The 4-3 win saw Tranmere move up to seventh in the table and ended a run of three consecutive defeats.

After going in 1-1 at half time few would believe that the another five goals would be scored and after coming from behind three times Steven Jennings scored the all important fourth goal with just five minutes remaining.

Burnley included former Tranmere loanee Tony Grant in their starting XI, while Rovers only three players with any first team experience.

It first blood to the visitors on the night, as trialist Edward Kerr scored the opener after 18 minutes, firing home from the edge of the area following a left wing cross from Matt O'Neill.

Jamie McGuire bought an excellent save out of Hale, in the Clarets goal, before Alan Navarro equalised for Rovers in the 40th minute. A left wing cross by Carl Tremarco was only half cleared and

Navarro was on hand to side foot home from 12 yards out.

Kevin Gray almost gave Tranmere the lead just after the break; his header forcing a good save from Hale but it was Burnley who retook the lead on 69 minutes.

Neal Trotman flicked on a long throw by O'Neill and Joel Pilkington struck the ball past Russell Howarth, in the Rovers goal. Tranmere were back on level terms nine minutes later, Jamie McGuire heading home from a free kick by Alan Navarro.

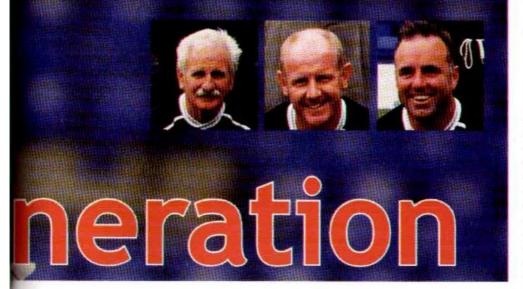
With just 11 minutes left the action was only just beginning, Burnley retaking the lead for the third time from the penalty spot. Paul Linwood was penalised for fouling Trotman in the area and Hindle made no mistake from the spot.

Just minutes later, substitute Ged Scott made it 3-3 when he fired home from close range before Jennings secured the win with the goal of the night.

The youngster spotted the Clarets keeper off his line and from just over the half way line lobbed him in spectacular style.

Tranmere: Howarth, Vaughan (Fowler 72), Tremarco, Linwood, Gray, Navarro, McGuire, Jennings, Dickinson, Robinson (Scott 62), Brown. Subs not used: Martin, Palethorpe, Pinch.





### Youngsters overhaul Rochdale...

### Rochdale Under-19's 0

Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance

North West Conference

Friday 17 October 2003

After a forced break from action, with the Youth Alliance Cup fixture with Mansfield postponed, Tranmere seemed to benefit from the rest, beating Rochdale 4-0 on Friday.

With the FA Youth Cup First Round match due to be played last night, they were forced to bring the trip to Rochdale forward but it had no effect as a brace from Tom Rooney coupled with strikes from Dagnall and Brown gave them their second 4-0 win of the season.

The first goal came after 15 minutes, Thomas Rooney with his first of the afternoon, set up by his strike partner Chris Dagnall.

The youngster, fresh from scoring his first senior goal broke through on the right before cutting inside and rolling it across for Rooney to fire home.

15 minutes later, the lead was doubled when Rooney chased a long ball over the top, beating the keeper to the ball and he made no mistake poking the

ball home.

Half time Rochdale 0-2 Tranmere Rovers

Tranmere continued the second half where they left off, Paul Brown making it 3-0 midway through the half. The winger cut in from the left and hit an angled shot into the far

Shortly after Dagnall got in on the act firing home from a very acute angle for his eighth of the season at all levels.

All is all a good performance and result and excellent preparation for the FA Youth Cup First Round tie with Darlington College, that we'll bring you full coverage off in our next programme.

Rovers are also due to take part in both the Lancashire FA Youth Cup (to be drawn shortly), plus their rearranged Youth Alliance League Cup tie with Mansfield Town on Saturday 15 November - the winners travelling to Darlington in Round Two...

Tranmere: Palethorpe, Vaughan, Tremarco, Martin, Pinch, Scott, James, Fowler, Dagnall, Rooney. Brown.

Subs: Dickenson, Jones, Quadrio.





### Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance North West Conference

Sat 9 Aug	A Burnley	W 4-0
Sat 16 Aug	H Bury	W 1-0
Sat 23 Aug	A Oldham Athletic	L 0-2
Sat 30 Aug	H Carlisle United	D 1-1
Sat 6 Sep	A Preston North End	L 1-2
Sat 13 Sep	H Stockport County	W 2-0
Sat 20 Sep	A Wigan Athletic	D 1-1
Fri 14 Nov	A Carlisle United	W 4-1
Sat 4 Oct	H Blackpool	L 0-1
Fri 17 Oct	A Rochdale	W 4-0
Sat 25 Oct	H Preston North End	
Sat 1 Nov	A Stockport County	
Sat 8 Nov	H Wigan Athletic	
Sat 29 Nov	A Blackpool	
Sat 6 Dec	H Rochdale	
Sat 13 Dec	H Burnley	
Sat 10 Jan	A Bury	
Sat 24 Jan	H Oldham Athletic	
Merit Divisio	on Matches begin Sat 31	Jan

### Pepsi FA Youth Cup

Mon 20 Oct A Darlington College (1)(7.45pm)

### Lancashire FA Youth Cup

Fixtures to be confirmed

Umbro Isotonic Youth Alliance League Cup

H Mansfield Town Sat 15 Nov

\*Played at Prenton Park Kick Off 7.00pm

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### Next Home Game:

Umbro Isotonic Football League Youth Alliance **North West Conference** 

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### Kennel

The kennel will be open before tonight's game until 15 mins before kick off, so come along and get all your sweets and drinks. There will also be another chance to win a t.r.f.c. prize in our kennel competition so why not come along and have a go.

### Oldham game

At last a much needed win for the lads, and what a fightback with two brilliant goals from lain Hume and Gareth Roberts so well done lads and give us more of the same tonight.

### Next meeting

As this is the last home game before the next meeting just a little reminder that it is the Halloween party on Thursday 30th October at 7pm in the Tranmere Suite. There will be the usual half time guiz and raffle as well as lots of spooky extras.

Don't forget to come along in fancy dress as there is a prize for the best costume. to be judged by one of the players.

At our last meeting a few members asked if it was possible to have a tour of Prenton park, i have discussed this with Lorraine Rogers and will let you know all about this at the next meeting.

The new manager has got off to a great start with that great win against Oldham so lets get behind him and all the lads and cheer them on to win again tonight. C'mon you Whites.

Diane

Membership still available Please ring 0151 609 3333

### TwoStats

### Comebacks - Games won by teams who were trailing

Blackpool	3	Brentford	1	Swindon	1	Notts County	0
Port Vale	3	Brighton	1	Tranmere	1	Oldham	0
Wrexham	3	<b>Bristol City</b>	1	Barnsley	0	Peterborough	0
Bournemouth	2	Plymouth	1	Chesterfield	0	OPR	0
Luton	2	Rushden	1	Colchester	0	Sheff Wed	0
Hartlepool	1	Stockport	1	Grimsby	0	Wycombe	0

### Nationwide Division 2 2003-2004 Season - The Stats So Far

Highest Attendance	24,630Sheff Wed v Oldh	am
Lowest Attendance	3,079Colchester v Bristol (	City
Average Cate	7,081	腰
Aggregate Attendance	1,168,393	
Biggest Home Win	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	77
Biggest Away Win	Port Vale 1-5 Plymouth	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Hartlepool 8-1 Grimsby	4
Total Games	165	
Home Wins	69 (42%)	
Away Wins	43 (26%)	
Draws	53 (32%)	
1-1 Draws	19 (12%)	
0-0 Draws	14 (8%)	
Winning Sequence	Colchester	4
Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	_11
Losing Sequence	Chesterfield	6
Winless Sequence	Wycombe, Chesterfield	13
Total Yellow Cards	538	
Total Red Cards	41	
Current Winning Sequence	Bournemouth, Barnsley, Plymouth	_2
Current Unbeaten Sequence	QPR	_11
Current Losing Sequence	Port Vale, Swindon	3
Current Winless Sequence	Wycombe	.13

### Set Piece Power - Goals Scored & Conceded from Free Kicks

	cored	AllFo	or %	Cor	ncede	d All Ag	rt %
Hartlepool	7	25	28	Bristol City	4	9	44
Stockport	4	17	24	Brighton	3	11	27
Swindon	5	23	22	Colchester	3	19	16
QPR	5	24	21	Bournemouth	2	13	15
Luton	4	24	17	Peterborough	3	20	15
Brentford	2	14	14	Brentford	3	-21	14
Peterborough	2	15	13	Oldham	3	21	14
Wycombe	2	15	13	Blackpool	3	22	14
Plymouth	4	32	13	Grimsby	3	22	14
Barnsley	2	16	13	Barnsley	2	15	13
Blackpool	2	19	11	Sheff Wed	2	15	13
Sheff Wed	2	20	10	Luton	2	23	13
Rushden	2	21	10	Rushden	3	23	13
Port Vale	2	22	9	Stockport	3	24	13
Chesterfield	1	11	9	Tranmere	3	24	13
Brighton	2	24	8	Wycombe	3	28	11
Oldham	2	26	8	Swindon	2	20	10
Notts County	1	13	8	Chesterfield	2	21	10
Tranmere	1	15	7	Port Vale	2	22	9
Bournemouth	1	16	6	Wrexham	1	12	8
Colchester	Partis	16	6	Plymouth	1	17	6
Bristol City	- 1-9150	17	6	Hartlepool	1	18	6
Grimsby	1	18	6	Notts County	1	25	4
Wrexham	0	11	0	QPR	0	9	0

### Throwaways - Games lost by teams who were in the lead

Oldham	3	Barnsley	1	OPR	1	Brighton
Wycombe	2	Blackpool	1	Sheff Wed	1	Bristol City
Grimsby	2	Colchester	1	Stockport	1	Chesterfield
Rushden	2	Luton	1	Tranmere	1	Hartlepool
Swindon	2	Notts County	1	Bournemouth	0	Plymouth
Peterborough	1	Port Vale	1	Brentford	0	Wrexham

### Use Your Head! - Goals Scored & Conceded from Headers

CHARLES THE STATE OF	Scored	All Gls	%	Con	ceded	All Gls	%
Plymouth	14	32	44	Barnsley	6	15	40
Bournemou		16	44	Rushden	9	23	39
Tranmere	6	15	40	Brentford	8	21	38
Port Vale	8	22	36	Brighton	4	11	36
Sheff Wed	7	20	35	Bournemouth	4	13	31
Luton	8	24	33	Luton	6	23	26
Stockport	5	17	29	Stockport	6	24	25
Brentford	4	14	29	Peterborough	5	20	25
Wrexham	3	11	27	Oldham	5	21	24
Swindon	6	23	26	Plymouth	4	17	24
Barnsley	4	16	25	Blackpool	5	22	23
Rushden	5	21	24	Hartlepool	4	18	22
<b>Bristol City</b>	4	17	24	Bristol City	2	9	22
Chesterfield		11	18	Colchester	4	19	21
Grimsby	2	18	17	Tranmere	5	24	21
Notts Count	v 2	13	15	Sheff Wed	3	15	20
Wycombe		15	13	Chesterfield	4	21	19
Brighton	2	24	13	Wycombe	5	28	18
QPR	3	24	13	Wrexham	2	12	17
Colchester	2	16	13	Notts County	4	25	16
Oldham	3	26	12	Swindon	3	20	15
Hartlepool	2	25	8	Grimsby	3	22	14
Peterboroug		15	7	Port Vale	3	22	14
Blackpool	1	19	5	QPR	1	9	11

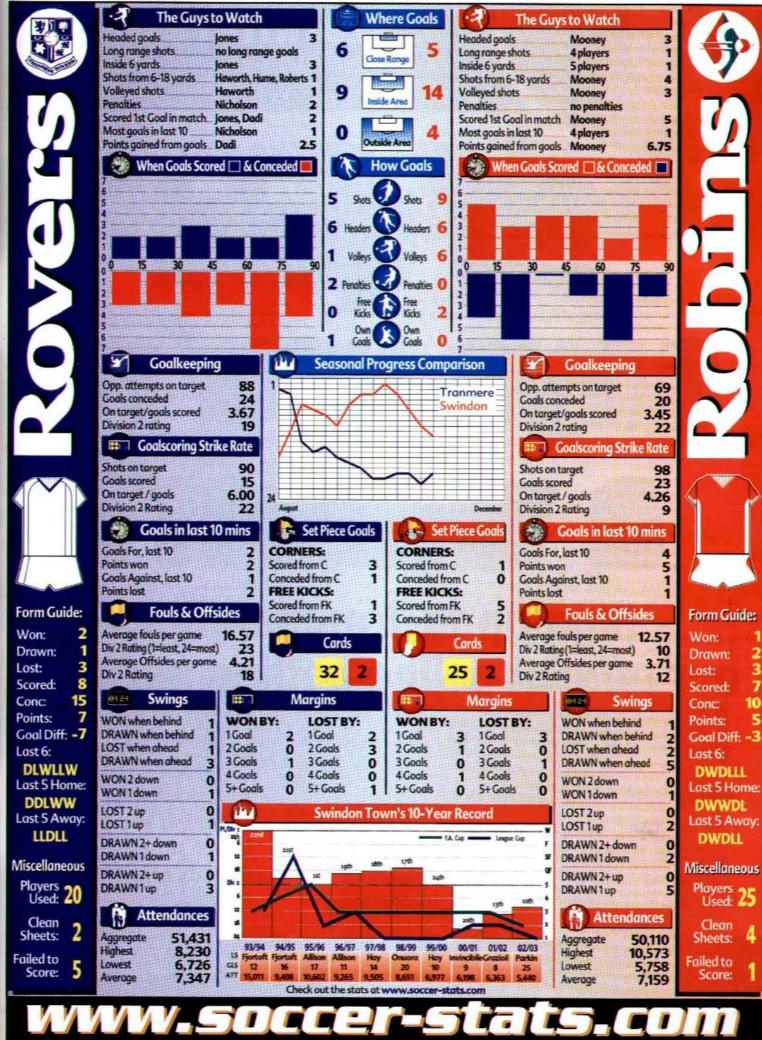
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	Scored	Corn For	%	盟 万	Conc	Corn Agt	96	
Port Vale	5	68	7.4	Wycombe	5	68	7.4	
Sheff Wed	4	61	6.6	Chesterfield	5	89	5.6	
Grimsby	3	68	4.4	Brentford	6	117	5.1	
Wrexham	3	75	4.0	Bournemouth	3	61	4.9	
Brighton	3	78	3.8	Bristol City	3	65	4.6	
Rushden	3	79	3.8	Notts County	3	70	4.3	
Brentford	3	83	3.6	Stockport	3	74	4.1	
Luton	3	84	3.6	Blackpool	3	79	3.8	
Plymouth	3	84	3.6	Oldham	2	59	3.4	
Bristol City	3	85	3.5	Rushden	3	97	3.1	
Blackpool	2	59	3.4	Barnsley	2	68	2.9	
Tranmere	3	90	3.3	Plymouth	2	73	2.7	
QPR	2	68	2.9	Colchester	2	76	2.6	
Colchester	2	72	2.8	Grimsby	2	85	2.4	
Stockport	2	82	2.4	Port Vale	2	93	2.2	
Bournemouti	1 2	83	2.4	Brighton	1	54	1.9	
Oldham	2	85	2.4	Peterborough	1	66	1.5	
Hartlepool	1	53	1.9	Hartlepool	1	69	1.4	
Barnsley	1	54	1.9	Sheff Wed	1	73	1.4	
Chesterfield	1	67	1.5	Wrexham	1	77	1.3	
Peterborough	1 1	73	1.4	Tranmere	1	79	1.3	
Swindon	1	84	1.2	Luton	1	81	1.2	
<b>Notts County</b>	0	83	0.0	QPR	0	59	0.0	
Wycombe	0	78	0.0	Swindon	0	64	0.0	

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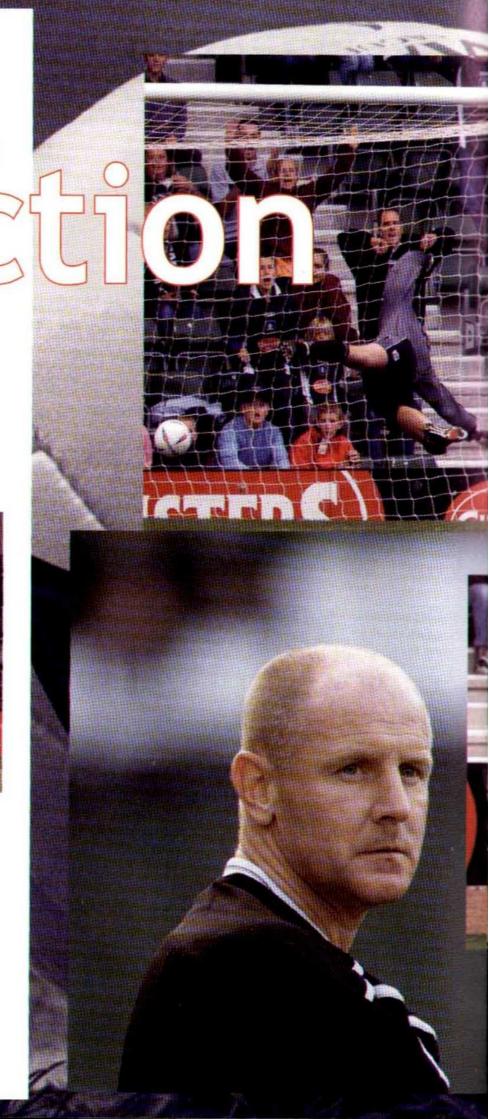
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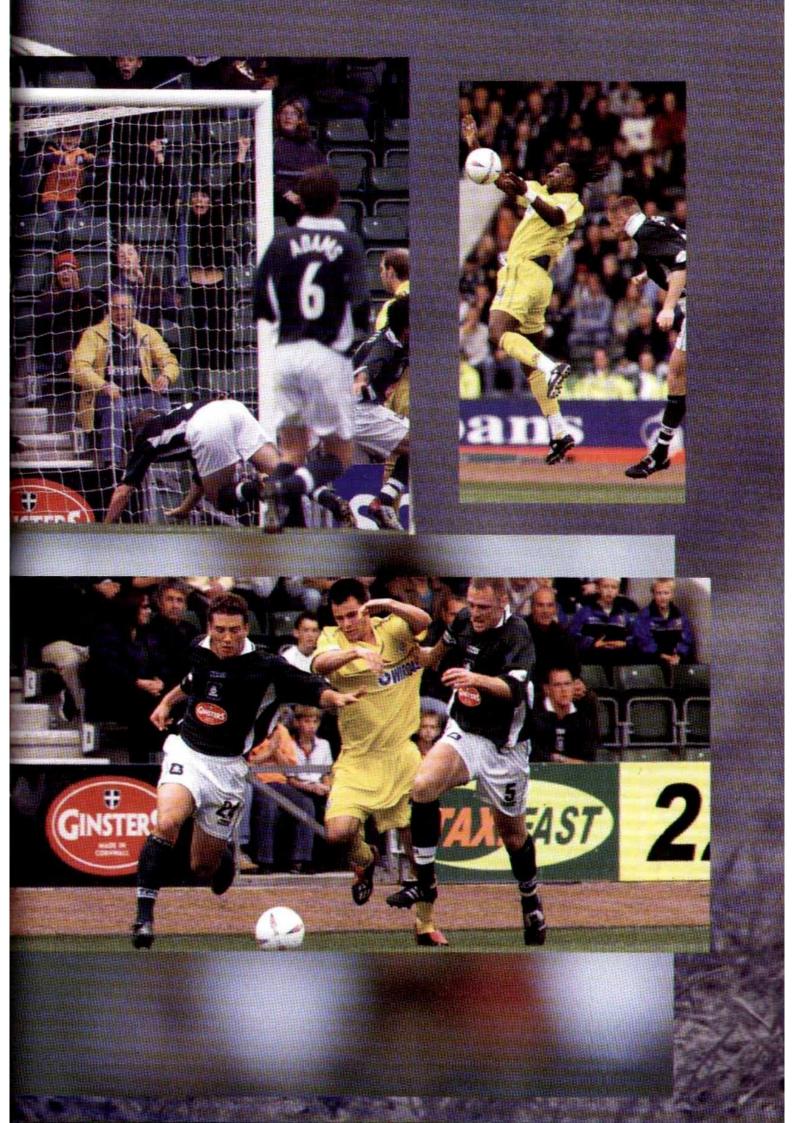
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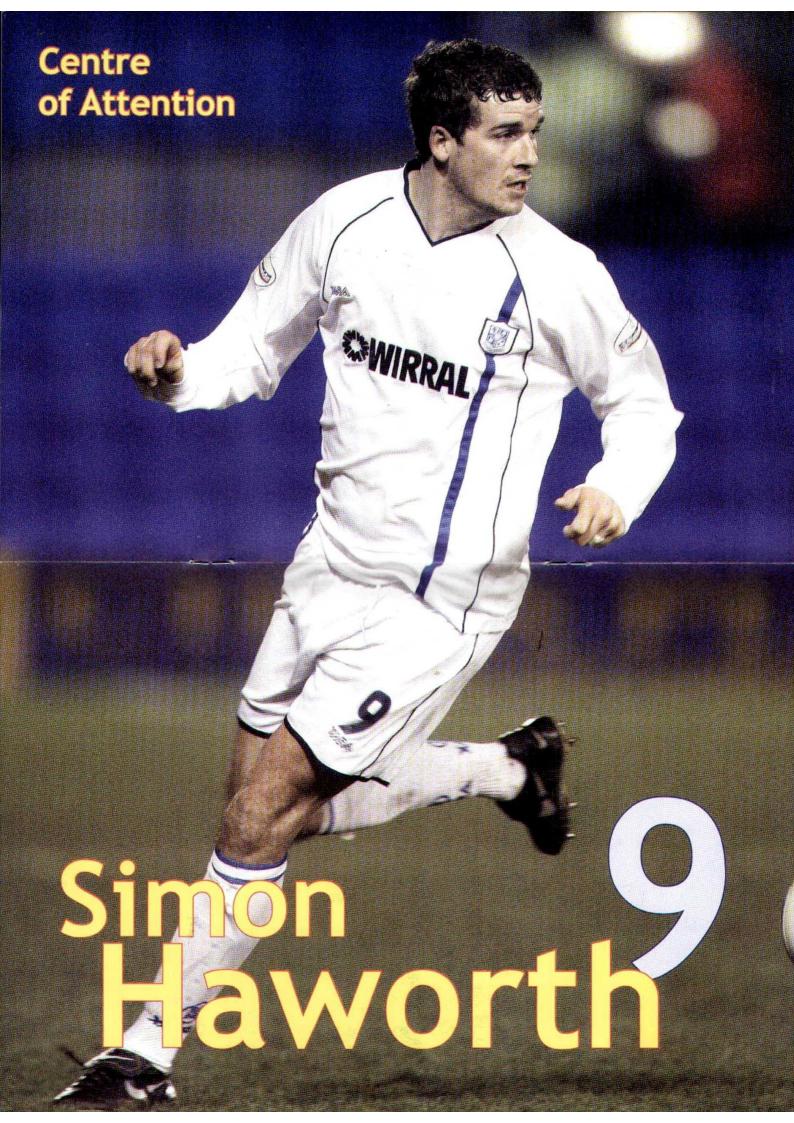


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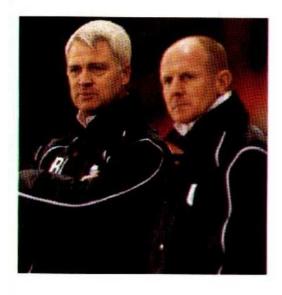




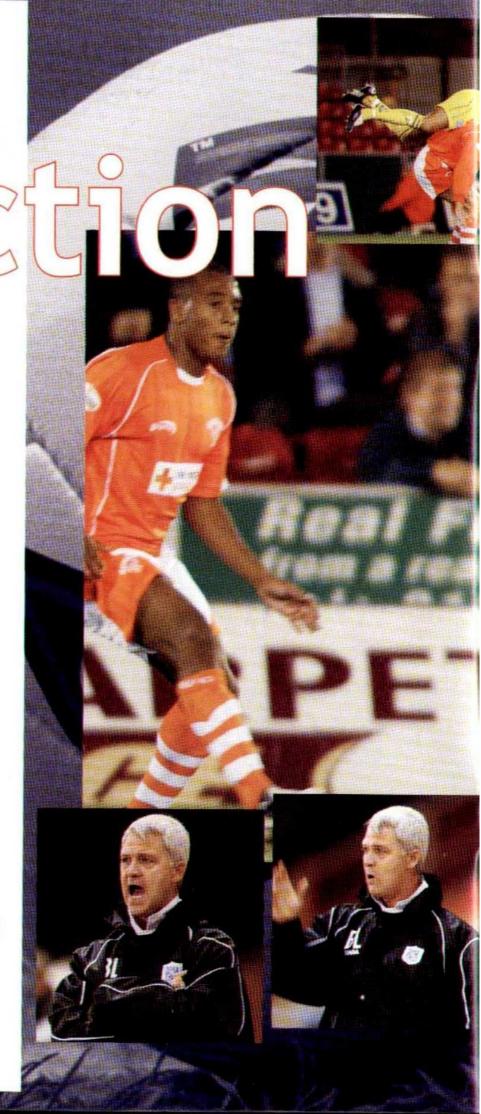
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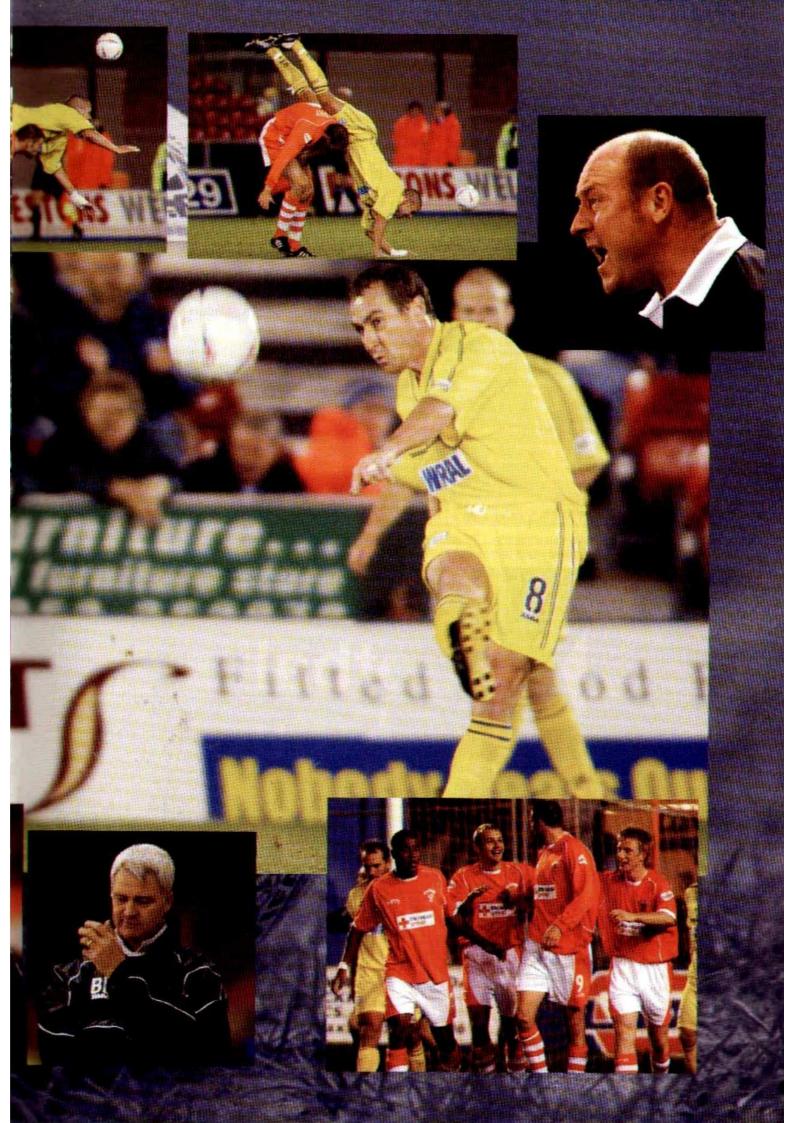
### Blackpool 3

Tuesday 14 October 2003 LDV Vans Trophy First Round

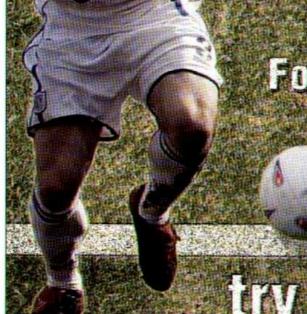


Sunk at the 'Pool, the lights go out early on Rovers' LDV Trophy hopes...





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Our Dixie Dean Guests also awarded lain Hume their vote as their man of the match...

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Our VP's scored a hatrick as they also chose lain Hume as the main man...



The afternoon's winning Equaliser ticket was in the possession of Mr David Beale who picked up a cheque for £796.50...



### Alan and James Quizzed

Last weeks player visit took us to Bebington High Sports College where we took Alan Navarro and James Olsen to have a chat with some of the pupils.

The school is always willing to take part in any activity we have to offer and we have excellent links with the school. Alan and James thought they had de ja vu as they visited the school last season but it was for a soccer school we held at the school and the children were much smaller that day.

They had prepared numerous questions for

both players but one young lady seemed to take upon herself to ask most of the questions herself as the rest of the group seemed a bit shy. She did an excellent job though and she could look forward to a career in journalism or as a chat show host if the visit was anything to go by.

The visit went very well with the pupils finding out some very interesting stuff about Alan and James who handled the questions well from our young interviewer. I would like to say a big thank you to Alan and James.

### Tranmere Rovers 6 A-Side Competition

Our annual 6 a-side competition is now up and running and it is taking place on a Friday at the Oval in Bebington. We have been running the competition for fifteen years and each year it gets bigger and better with over sixty teams entering this year. The winners will go on to represent Tranmere Rovers in the area finals and will be looking to emulate last year's winners Woodchurch CE who became National Champions when they played at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

The first two weeks have seen some excellent and very competitive football on display from the youngsters. Both weeks have been very closely contested with teams going through to the finals on goal difference and we even had to have a play off on one pitch with last years winners Woodchurch CE having to battle it out against last years runners up Redcourt - St Anselm's. Last years final result was reversed with Redcourt sneaking a 1-0 win in a very hard fought game which meant last years winners had to bow out at the first stage after putting up a good display to hold on to the trophy.

The teams through to the finals so far are Lingham, Egremont, Christ the King, St Werburgh's and Redcourt-St Anselm's. These teams and the rest of the finalists will return for the finals at the end of November.

### RESULTS

WEEK 1

PITCH 1:

St Joseph's (Wallasey) 0 Church Drive 0; Lingham 2 Gorsthills 0; St Joseph's 0 Gorsthills 0; Lingham 0 Church Drive 0; St Joseph's O Lingham 1; Gorsthills 1 Church Drive 0.

PITCH 2:

Egremont 0 Stanton Road 0; St Oswald's 3 Arrowe Hill 0; Egremont 3 Arrowe Hill 0; St Oswald's 1 Stanton Road 1 : Egremont 2 St Oswald's 0: Stanton Road 2 Arrowe Hill 0.

WEEK 2

PITCH 1:

Grove Street 0 Christ the King 2: Liscard 1 Bidston Avenue 0 : Grove Street 0 Bidston Avenue 1; Liscard 1 Christ the King 1; Grove Street 0 Liscard 2; Bidston Avenue 0 Christ the King 2.

PITCH 2:

St Werburgh's 2 Meadow 1 : Great Meols 0 Birkenhead Prep 0; St Werburgh's 0 Birkenhead Prep 0; Great Meols 0 Meadow 0 ; St Werburgh's O Great Meols O; Birkenhead Prep 0 Meadow 0.

PITCH 3:

Prenton 0 Woodchurch CE 2; St Paul's 0 Redcourt 4; Prenton 0 Redcourt 1; St Paul's 0 Woodchurch CE 3; Prenton 3 St Paul's 0; Redcourt 0 Woodchurch CE 0

PLAY OFF GAME

Redcourt 1 Woodchurch CE 0.

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When I first set eyes on the programme for our recent wist to Home Park I had an immediate feeling of deja vu. As part of their centenary celebrations, Argyle have chose to enhance their already excellent match day magazine by attaching a cardboard wraparound of a programme cover from years gone by.

Wherever possible, the chosen cover is from a past programme against the day's opponents and by an amazing coincidence the one used for our fixture was the exact copy I had already selected for our archive feature Irny Iirst-ever wsit to Home Park-Ed]II. Hence my strange feeling of being transported twenty-six years back in time!

Incidentally, I understand that for last month's match against Luton, the editor mischievously used a wraparound for a programme against their deadly local rivals Watford, which, not surprisingly, did not meet with universal approval Hatters fans!!

The Centenary theme is picked up at times on the inside pages too, with articles such as "Argyle Centenary Hall of Fame" (featuring former player and manager, John Hare) and "100 Years of Argyle" remembering matches and world news from past seasons.

The Pilgrims are also rapidly approaching another notable landmark and have launched an innovative competition to gain extra publicity for it. Fans are invited to predict the opponents, the minute of the game and, of course, the scorer of the club's 5000th league goal. With 4,972 strikes already on the board, it looked for a while on 11th October that our almost total capitulation, as the goals rained past John Achterberg, would render the competition meaningless!

After the less than memorable efforts of Notts county and Luton, which I have recently reviewed, I was a pleasure to enjoy such a well designed and interesting programme with so many original touches and all for just £2!

It was just a pity that the 1977 cover couldn't inspire our players to reproduce the performance of their counterparts from that year (see below).

### GOALS:

Best Article Radio Devon's Gordon Sparkes wrote a humorous column giving a fascinating behind-thescenes account of his expenences reporting on Argyle.

### Best Quote

It always infunates and amazes me when the substitution of one of our players is greeted by

sarcastic applause on ironic cheers by so-called supporters. After similar treatment had been dished out to his young full-back Peter Gilbert, on a season's long loan from Birmingham. Plymouth boss Paul Sturrock felt equally indignant and said, "Whether they (the supporters) believe it's the right substitution or not, they should give their appreciated to the player - whether he's good, bad or indifferent." I trust Peter appreciated our small part in his rehabilitation by allowing him to score his first Argyle goal!

### Best Photograph

The sun shiring on the dreadlocks of midfielder Jason Brent, in an aerial duel against Wycombe, produced a colourful, gravity-defying moment perfectly captured by the photographer.

### Best Onginal Ideas

- A key on the squad line-up page highlights injured and loan players and even those on international duty such as lain Hume.
- \* The fixtures chart, cleverly titles Pilgrims' Progress, also uses a key to give the exact playing position of all those involved, e.g. LM - Left Midfield.

### Best Rovers Reference

Very generously not hinting at the scale of the disaster awarting us by providing only a very small space on the back cover's match record chart in which to record the scorers!

### VET TITLE PLANE



- Very bland Rovers coverage, relying mainly on standard pen-pics.
- \* Although well written and excellently illustrated with a wide array of action shots, too much space is taken up by match reports.

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Even back in 1977 many clubs had begun to refer to their programme as a matchday magazine. Certainly the imaginative and colourful cover design of Plymouth's programme for our visit to Home Park on 15th October that year probably deserved the biffing.

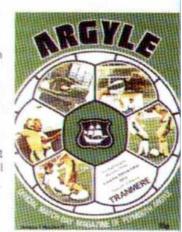
The other nineteen pages were not quite so eyecatching, but still gave some good value for 15pl

Although I'm sure the visit of promotion-chasing Transmere generated plenty of excitement on the South Coast, perhaps everybody connected with The Pilgrims could be forgiven if they were teeking slightly under whelmed having just hosted Manchester United's "home" leg of their European Cup Winner's Cup tie against St Etienne. This strange scenario had arisen owing to crowd trouble during an earlier European match at Old Trafford. Argyle were celebrating not just their share of the gate receipts from the attendance of over 30,000, but the accolades from all parties fro their first class organisation on the evening.

The home side had two well-known "Brians" in their ranks, leading scorer Hall, the former Liverpool star, and Bason, signed from Chelsea. The latter was put under the spotlight in the Player Profile feature and, like most similar columns at the time, his responses revealed the less glamorous lifestyle of footballers in the 1970's. Brian's hobbies were looking after his house and his car - a humble mini!

The Rovers side that won 1-0 at Home Park in this

match, to go to the top of the old Third Division, was the famous unchanged eleven that Johnny King was able to field for a staggering TWENTY EIGHT league matches (32 including cup ties) from the start of the season until 20th January! | very much doubt if that will ever happen again!



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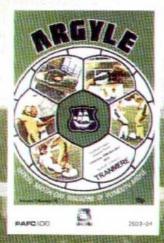
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# Super White Army On Manoeuvres

# It was just one of those days really(!)...







...5.56am - Alarm bells' ringing! Dazed and confused, ft's a bit of a fight as the old legs connect with the jeans, before heading off to the kitchen for tea and Weetabix (four of them required in this case). Radio goes on, and its news of aims to shape up the team in readiness for the trip to Home Park. A milk float passes just as I'm leaving the house, and the milkman waves with that 'rather you than me' expression written all over his face.

The alternative clockwatch!

6.47am - Still blurry -eyed, we're climbing aboard with just enough time to survey the coach for those familiar faces. It's the real die-hards in attendance, assembled like a scene 'Die-Hard 2', you know, when the crack SWAT team is all waiting with baited breath ready to take on the terrorists holding the international airport to ransom, and knowing full well it could be a one-way mission.

7.08am - The last of the 'team' are on board, and we're off - and still in semi-darkness. Someone pipes up about concerns over the new managerial situation. while another tells him to shut up and stick to his copy of 'Four-Four Two' (it was actually 'Escort', but don't tell anyone will you?). The cry goes up to Audrey's favourite line of 'Would you like a drink?' and you know for sure there is no turning back now! Before long, on goes a copy of the now-famous Germany versus England 5-1 video, confirming that on that day (or night) the Germans were in fact an absolute pile of you-know what, while England lapped up a rare victory over the old enemy. No doubt aimed to get everyone in the mood for the days' 'double event', its quickly followed by Tranmere versus Wycombe, which possesses possibly the poorest sound quality you can imagine added to the squeaky and totally biased tones of commentator Paul Rice.

8.49am - Daylight in full swing now - and much like everyone else on board, I'm beginning to wake up. and wonder what I'm actually doing here. There are some who've decided to make a weekend of it, and should be well ahead of us by now, no doubt swanning it up in a pub somewhere.

10.51am - Stop off time at the services. Looking a little lost, not one of the SWA has any idea of what lies ahead of them, but tend to mill around the shop/restaurant horrified at the prices, while our friend with the 'magazine' decides to upgrade to a hardbacked book, added to a packet of expensive Soft

11.18am - In contrast to the footy video coverage, the movie 'Two Girls and a Guy' goes on, to then contain some the most abusive language captured on record. It quickly and thankfully disappears - and is replaced by an equally distasteful Paul O'Grady's TV programme recorded from the night before! Quality entertainment at its best, this provokes the SWA passengers to switch off totally and retire to the land of Nod, dreaming of Rovers hatricks and all three points like last season.

12.56pm - 'What? We're here?' Up the sliproad, the signpost for 'Home Park 3 miles' appears on our left, as attentions turns to escapism and a pre-match pub visit, or even a stretch of the legs in and around the ground area. After six attempts (honestly!), both the coach and the local stewards finally get their act together, as we park up, alighting on terra firmer, as everyone goes their separate ways.

1,51pm - Not much doing in the way of scenery, the SWA slowly start filing in through the turnstiles, as happy-clappy stewards point out that there's no turning back now. Many are encouraged to use the cheaper gates, no doubt in sympathy to a long trip

down, which in turn is gratefully accepted by our

2.23pm - We're waiting with baited breath now, while the Pilgrim Mascot is annoying the away support with his 'gestures' before toying with our caretaker assistant boss Glyn Salmon in order to make up for his despicable actions. In turn, he then suffers a hail of abuse from the Brady Bunch at the back of the stand and quickly retreats to centre of the pitch.

2.49pm - With the ground still less than half full, and our section rather desolate, I'm now counting the fans walking in '84-85-86-87...'. After all there's seems nothing else better to do. The lack of support is all rather heartbreaking, and even now the mood of 'I have a funny feeling about this' seeps slowly into the brain. It's funny really, but I had the same experience at Southampton in the Worthington Cup last season.

3.01pm - The dogs out of the traps, and the hares' running - as we then annoyingly lose the ball. Quickly regained, here comes our first chance...and it's gone.

3.04pm - It's almost like being at the pictures now - as everyone sits down at the drive-in to take in the opening credits, hoping for a much better sequel this time around. The plot and the acting however sadly flop as the film soldiers on.

3.07pm - 0-1. The secret agent is caught out and is gunned down by his own men. The audience look on in shock, as the enemy runs rampant over the base, shooting anything in sight.

3.38pm - 0-2. The guy doesn't get the girl, as she runs off with someone else at the last minute, and leaves the guy in pieces.

3.44pm - 0-3. The movie now enters its scary bit, as the audience look on in horror as the local axe man mauls another sad victim. Who's next they wonder?

3.47pm - Half-time - thankfully it's the intermission. but the text messages are flying in from the folks back home. You feel you don't want to spoil the outcome, but then tell them not to go and see it if they can help it and pick a different film. Meanwhile, the large sized Kit Kat is consumed quickly - Mummy always used to say 'don't eat your tea so fast', but in this case I'll make an exception! Pravers are then said, as the actors take to the set, and the intermission is now

4.04pm - Second half is underway, as we look to get off the grid and make some effort to retrieve at least something. The movie is now though running short of ideas, and is let down further by more wooden

4.08pm - 0-4. The Minis are cruising through the streets and sewers leaving the Italian Police behind for dust. The resulting chase leaves some cars a complete wreck.

4.19pm - 0-5. With the ship now sinking, Leonardo De Caprio and Kate Winslett look desperately for a way

off the boat. They soon realise though that they're not going anywhere.

4.32pm - 0-6. You just hope that they don't make yet another sequel, as the Terminator blows away half the building without a scratch.

4.41pm - Believe it or not, the SWA youngsters backed by the Brady Bunch are now out singing the home fans with their rendition of 'We can see you sneaking out!', as they try to make light of the disastrous movie they've just seen - of which has no chance of winning any Oscars this year.

4.52pm - Credits roll. Feeling like the poorly cat put down out of its misery by the vet, its now time for the small SWA hordes to leave the theatre and face the rather large Plymouth hordes lurking just around the corner. Rightly so, they gleefully show those smirking faces, while a few actually look a little embarrassed. The text messages are now coming in now thick and fast, while crossing the car park, and are running up a rather hefty bill added to the flashing low battery sign.

5.14pm - Finally rounding up those few waifes and strays, who were heading toward for a refund at the box office, we finally leave the coach park, much to the delight of both sets of fans. The homers, who like a royal party route, linger and wave at the bus stop opposite to our own who just want to see the back of Devon full stop!

5.56pm - As the complaints, thrown food, split drinks etc. begin to die down, the England game is quickly tuned in over the speakers, as the coach driver tries desperately to raise everyone's flagging spirits with a song. It fails miserably; as the younger ones return fire with some quick one-liners I just can't repeat. C'est

7.45pm - The England game is over, and Beckham and Co. are through to Portugal. Still rather unimpressed, the coach party now trundle on in nearsilence, before Trigger Happy TV' fills a brief gap with some light headed humour involving some over-sized squirrels beating up a country camper eating his dinner on a park bench. My sides are splitting now(!)...

8.14pm - The services beckon, as the still despondent and dreary eyed young SWA clamber for the last whopper on offer at the in-house Burger King. Once back on, news of Wales going a goal down to Serbia and Montenegro is sarcastically lapped up to relieve

10.26pm - Almost home now, the numbers begin to dwindle as individuals alight at their respective stops leaving the lucky(!) few to ponder on Tuesday's efforts to overturn a 'Dog Day Afternoon'.

11.04pm - The drop off point back at Prenton is

received in darkness once again. Collared by a few homers walking down the road, they then ask silly questions such as 'you didn't go did you?" or 'what went wrong?" but this is quickly drenched at the bar of the Clipper by a drink - that J20 never tasted so good!.....Night everyone!

# Sean Connell

Sean Connelly disproves the myth that footballers aren't the brightest with a degree in Physiotherapy under his belt and a career to fall back on.

The Rovers defender was a late starter in the game - not signing professional terms until he was 22 and had already furthered his education and completed a degree.

Like most other schoolboys his big dream was to become a professional footballer but when it came down to it he took the sensible option and continued with his education.

Growing up in Sheffield he had trials with his beloved Sheffield Wednesday but that's where the interest ended, instead he signed schoolboy forms with neighbours Rotherham but his education always took priority.

It would have been easy to take the decision to sign professional terms but Connelly always believed that if he was good enough he'd make it, whenever that might be:

"It was difficult to decide to continue with my education and I have my parents to thank for that. I'd been at Rotherham for four years as a schoolboy but they were keen for me to stay on at school so I did my A'levels when I was still at Millmoor and then at 18 it just didn't happen and I drifted into non-league and carried on in education before Stockport came along.

"Playing football was all I ever wanted to do but I

was fortunate enough that I'd always wanted to do physiotherapy as well, my mum's in the medical profession and I did a lot of voluntary work at the spinal injury unit in Sheffield so I'd always got a second career in mind and I've been very fortunate really."

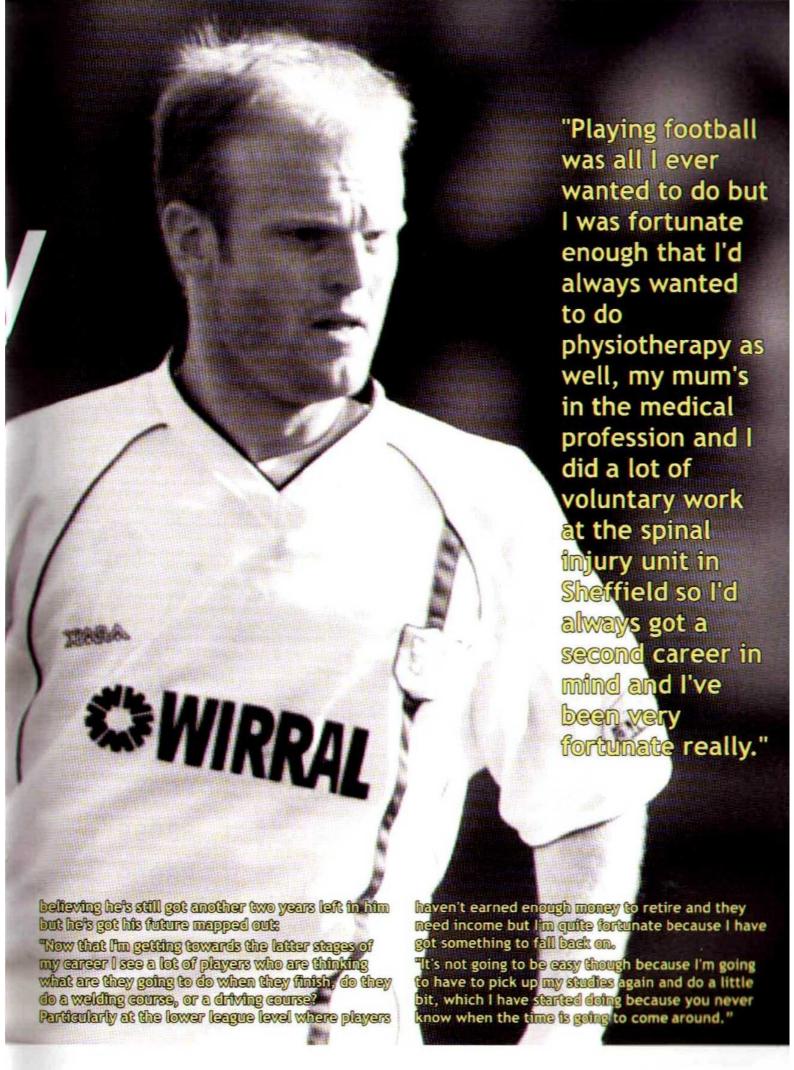
It wasn't always plain sailing though and there were times when he thought maybe his time had passed:

"It was hard at first I even packed in playing completely for six months at 17//18 because I got disillusioned and I dare say there's a lot of people out there who go through the same thing but I always had hope that things would work out.

"Once I had the offer of the professional contract from Stockport in some aspects it was hard to carry on with the degree, but doing physiotherapy likept seeing people who were injured and I always know that with football I was always one tackle away from finishing, so in the back of my mind, as much as I wanted to play football, II always know that it could be such a short-lived career."

The 33-year-old has certainly made up for lost time, after just 11 years in the game he's already amassed over 400 appearances, an impressive number by anyone's standards:

Connelly isn't planning to hang up his boots just yet





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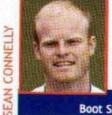




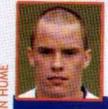


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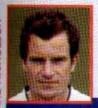


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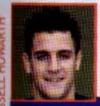
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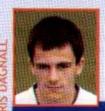


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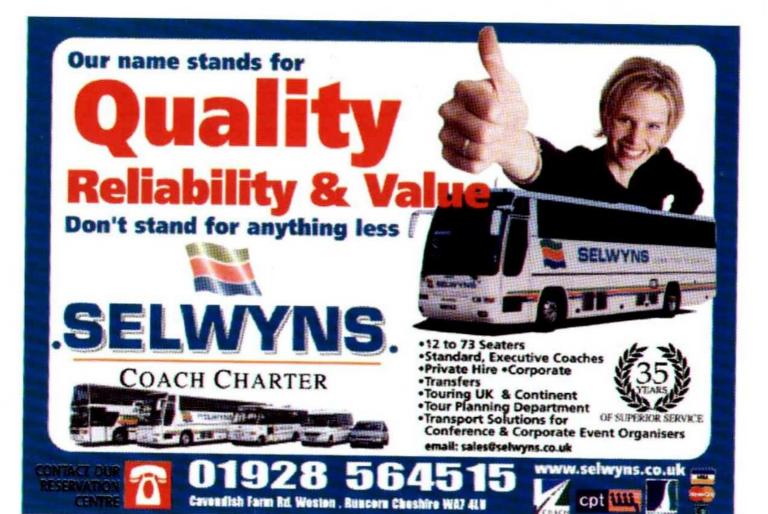


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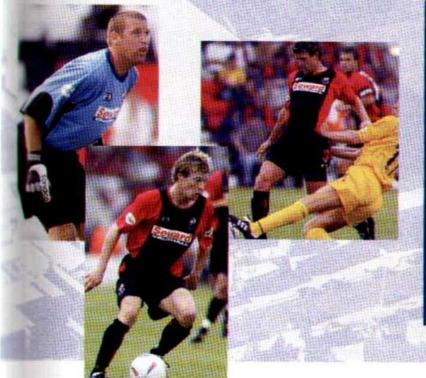


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# The Next Instalment

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### Bournemouth

Nationwide League Division Two. Saturday 1 November 2003 KO 3.00pm

After making a quick return to Division 2 by virtue of winning last season's play-off final, Sean O'Driscoll's men have made a solid start racking up 20 points at the time tonight's programme went to press.

The Cherries proved resolute in their last visit to Prenton Park, earning a 0-0 draw two seasons ago, Bournemouth now provide a danger through attackers James Hayter, leading scorer Steve Fletcher, and Northern Ireland international Warren Feeney.

November 1 is the time for Royers to go cherry picking, let's hope that our opponents will be ripe for the taking on the day!

Mark McKean



# Queens Park Rangers

Nationwide League Division Two Saturday 25 October 2003 at Loftus Road

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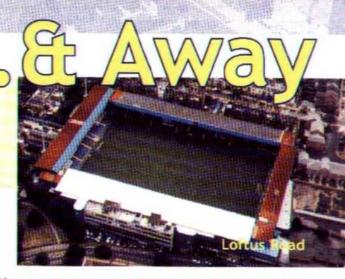
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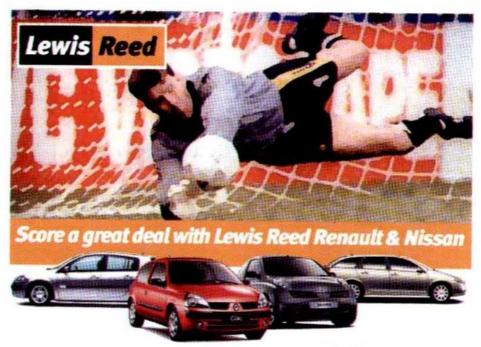
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If ever an away ground has been a happy hunting ground, Loftus Road surely has been one for Tranmere in recent years.

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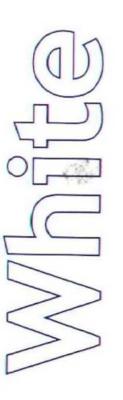




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NAVARRO	Alan	3	6	0	32	6	2
Midfield, England,		The second second	-				
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OLSEN	James	0	0	0	1	5	0
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PALETHORPE	Philip	0	0	0	0	0	0
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ROBERTS	Gareth	17	0	1	197	6	8
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ROBINSON	Paul	0	0	0	0	0	Û
Forward, England,			12.	9	1		-
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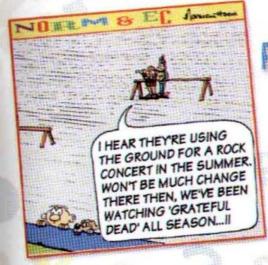


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- 5. Name the former Portsmouth centre forward who went on to manage Birmingham City. West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa.

- 6. Which other Premiership club has Spurs caretaker boss David Pleat managed?
- 7. Who skippered Aston Villa to League and European success in the early '80's?
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#### The Match Officials

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Mr. T. J. Simm

**Assistant Referee:** 

Mr. E. J. Tarry

Fourth Official:

Mr. N. D. Swarbrick

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#### This Week's Fixtures

Tuesday 21 October
Bournemouth v Luton
Blackpool v Rushden
Brentford v Brighton
Chesterfield v Hartlepool
Grimsby v Notts County
Peterborough v Barnsley
Port Vale v QPR
Stockport v Colchester
Wrexham v Oldham
Wycombe v Bristol City
Wednesday 22 October
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**Next Home Game: versus Bournemouth** 

35 Andy Hayton

Nationwide League Division Two, Saturday 1 November 2003, Kick Off 3.00pm

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