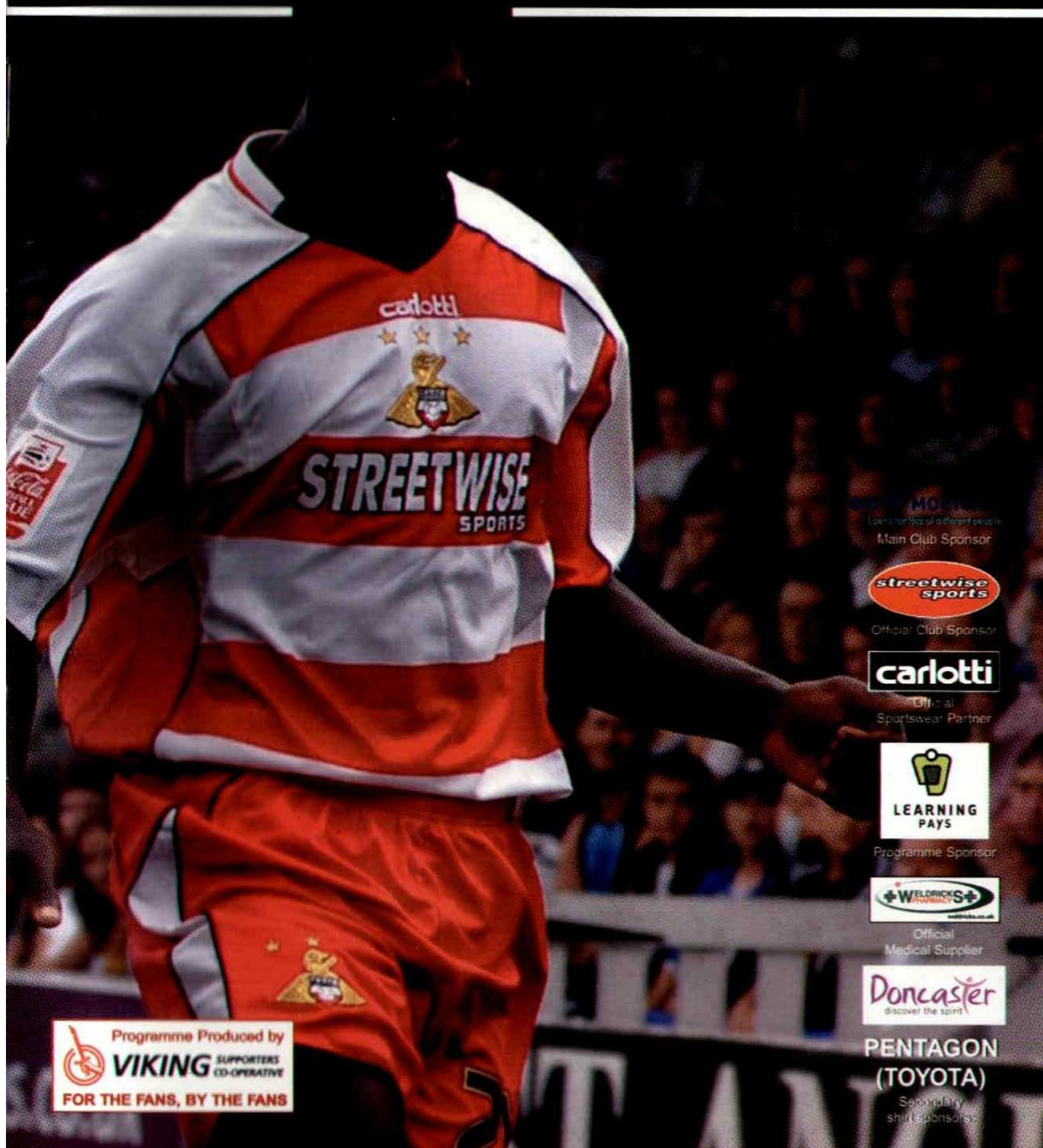


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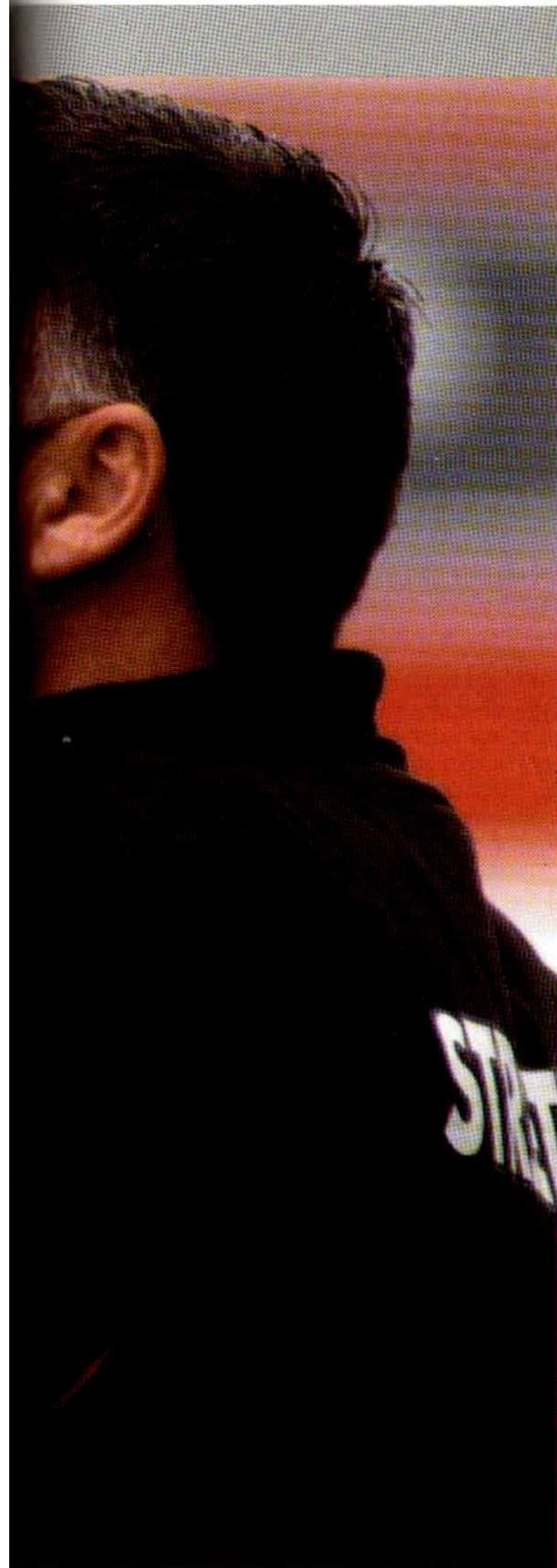
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I would like to wish a warm welcome to the management, players and supporters of Swindon Town for this crucial League One game. What a difference a week makes, after coming away with three wins from a difficult set of games, as well as the club signing up for the new stadium.

We knew when we beat Manchester City we would get all the media interest, but it was important that we kept the players focused on the next game against Barnsley, which we considered to be more important than the cup.

Tonight we have another important game which is against a side that have, like us, not had the best of starts, so again it is important that we take three more points from the match.

After the two previous games last week we knew that we were in for a hard game at Barnsley, with the Tykes having a good start this season. With the game being a local derby there was a lot of tension and a lot of commitment, as you could see. It wasn't easy and even when they went down to ten men it was still hard work. At times, and especially when they went down to nine men, we were giving the ball away too easily. It wasn't until we got the second goal that we settled down and started passing the ball. When a team goes down to nine men, if you keep passing and moving, eventually something will open up. When we both had eleven players we played much better than them at times, and we tended to think that every time we attacked we had to score. It was a good lesson, demonstrating to us that we need to be a bit more patient. At times we gave the ball away instead of biding our time. It was a fantastic second goal by Mulligan who came on to replace Green, who came off with a knock. After Coppinger set the shot up, Mulligan smashed the ball into the back of the net against his former club.

I didn't see the incident leading to the first sending off. I was quite pleased that Coppinger had closed down the left back so quickly, but the next thing I saw was Coppinger in the terrace. If a player raises his arms, it's a sending off. As for the second sending off, Coppinger had just nutmegged their player and in response they took him out which was an obvious straight red card.

It was a terrific week for the club with a win against Scunthorpe on the Saturday, the contract signing for the new stadium on Monday, a great result against Man City on the Wednesday and the result at Barnsley caps off the week.

We fetched Jan Budtz in during the summer, although he missed a bit of pre-season through injury resulting in Baz Richardson being on the bench for the early games of the season. He came on for the injured Andy Warrington in the Manchester City game during extra time, and for the penalties. At Barnsley we were worried the press and media were setting him up for a fall, but he played well and kept a clean sheet. He comes across for a lot of crosses, he is very commanding and his kicking is excellent. He's had a good start in the big games but he's got a lot to do.

We made a few changes on Saturday following the Scunthorpe and Manchester City games, leaving out Leo and Predic, as we felt we needed to play Ravenhill in the Barnsley game. It shows that we have got a decent squad who are all capable of playing well in the first team, and we have lifted ourselves off the bottom of the table.

I hope you all enjoy the game tonight and we take another step up the table.

Have safe journey home.
Dave Penney

FROM THE CHAIRMAN JOHN RYAN

What a momentous week we have just had.

In all of Doncaster Rovers' 125 year history, surely we have never had a better week than the past seven days.

To comprehensively beat Scunthorpe and Barnsley in League One and then to knock Manchester City out of the Carling Cup was fantastic enough, but to combine it with signing for our new Community Stadium was the icing on the cake.

If we can continue our good form this week against Swindon and Bradford, here at the Earth Stadium, we will quickly rise up the league. And, as I keep saying, the cream will eventually come to the top.

I thought the boys were magnificent at Barnsley and handled the very intimidating atmosphere incredibly well.

I thought that Uriah Rennie, the referee, who was heavily criticised by Barnsley fans, had a superb game. And the only surprise to me was that Barnsley only had two men sent off when it could

easily have been four!

If our boys had reacted in anyway I hate to think what would have happened. There's no place in football for this sort of aggression which makes the referees job nigh impossible.

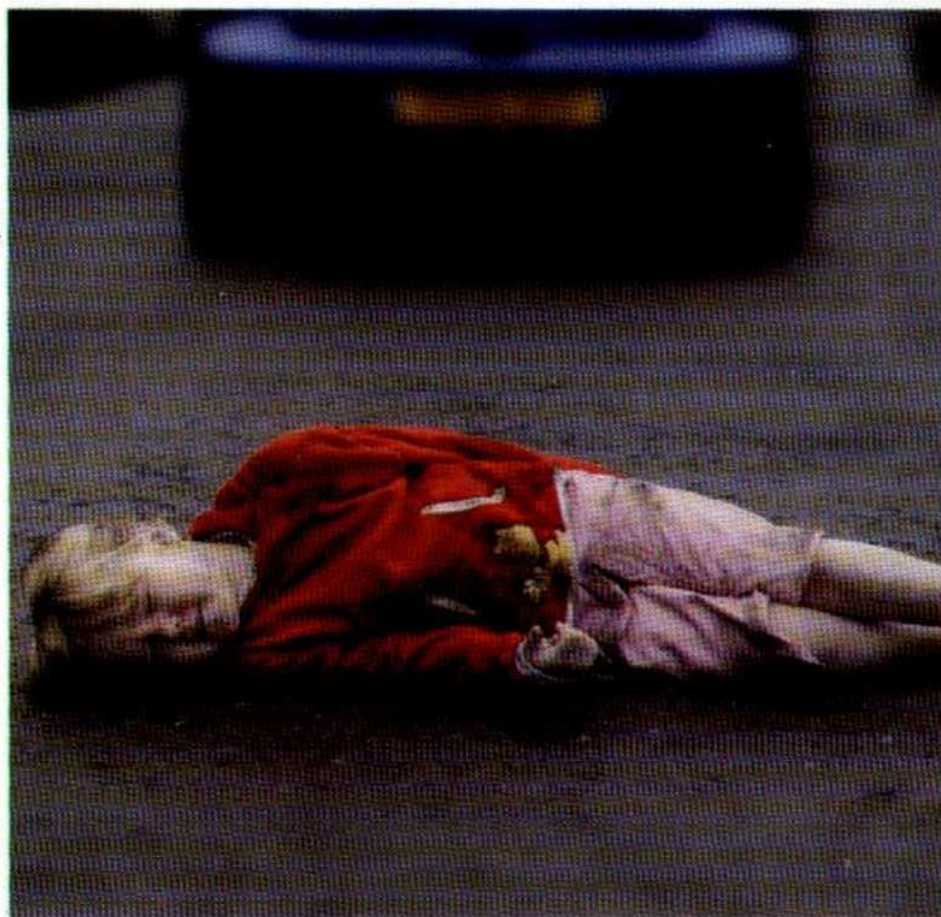
Local derbies are all very well but must be kept in perspective, and I am only grateful James Coppinger didn't sustain a serious injury after he was deliberately targeted by Barnsley.

Unfortunately we have to play them again in three weeks time and one sincerely hopes by then tempers have cooled a little.

Just as a postscript, it is interesting to note how well we play and entertain when we do get a referee who is on top of his job.

Onto today's game with Swindon who are having a thin time of it at the moment. They can still be a very dangerous side, as in my opinion there are no easy games in League One.

May I welcome everyone from Swindon Town who have travelled north this evening for the



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game. It is no easy matter, and a long day in the field, to quote cricket terminology, to travel to some of these away matches – as we have to travel to Bournemouth in ten days time for a Friday evening game.

Since the draw on Saturday for the third round of the Carling Cup, I have been asked what my reactions were to drawing Gillingham at home, and not the likes of Man U, Chelsea or Liverpool.

The main thing is the tie is at home, and while it is a shared gate, we do have the opportunity through our other income streams to add to our share. Secondly, while I said earlier there are no easy games in our division, we have every opportunity to progress to the next round and then look at a big club for a real pay day.

While we remain in cup competitions, alongside aiming to get to top end of this division, it does present quite a workload on the playing, coaching and backroom staff. However, I would rather see us active than rooted to the bottom of the division and out of the cups and the end of season party looming, even before the onset of winter!

May I take this opportunity to wish our fine servant Andy Warrington a speedy recovery from

the broken leg he suffered in last week's tie with Man City.

I remember his last horrendous injury at Southport in the Conference days when he collided with their big striker Simon Parke and then spent quite sometime in hospital for corrective surgery on his facial injuries.

We have handed Andy an extended contract and he deserves this for the part he plays in his squad and is a real committed professional.

Finally, may I thank all the walkers who took part in the Doncaster to Barnsley sponsored walk last Saturday. They tell me Andy Liney was like a greyhound out of trap and was crossing the A1 at Warmsworth before some had even hit the straight in Balby. Well done to you young girls and boys who also stuck it out on a lovely sunny morning and then entered Oakwell to see the best result possible.

I understand from Ray Thomas and Alick Jeffrey I shall be meeting you all on the pitch on Saturday, and I look forward to that.

Rovers 'til I die
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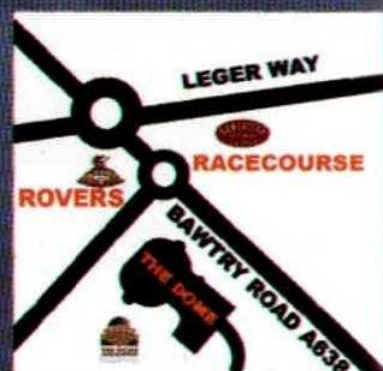
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Andy Warrington

Andy was carried off on a stretcher during extra time of last Wednesday's Carling Cup match against Manchester City, following an accidental collision with City's Onuoha. He was taken to hospital, where it was found that he had suffered a broken tibia bone. Fortunately it was a clean break, so no surgery was required, but his

leg will be in a pot for around three months. However, club physio Barrie Windle said "After the pot is off we can start his rehab, but he will play again this season." Better news for Andy, and for Rovers, came with Andy's acceptance of a one year extension to his contract at Doncaster Rovers.

We would like to wish Andy a quick and full recovery, and look forward to his return to the first team squad.

Doncaster Rovers would like to thank Manchester City, and David James, for their concern at Warrington's injury last Wednesday. England keeper James visited him after the match, and presented him with his gloves and shirt.



Cup News

LDV Vans Trophy

Doncaster Rovers have been drawn away to Barnsley in the first round of the LDV Vans Trophy. The match will be played on Tuesday, 18th October, kick-off 7.45pm

Carling Cup

After last week's momentous victory over Manchester City, Rovers were in the draw for the third round of the Carling Cup on Saturday lunch time. They were first out of the hat, and have been drawn at home to fellow League One club Gillingham. The third round of the Carling Cup is due to be played in the week commencing 24th October.

A great week for Doncaster Rovers!

Saturday, 17th September

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Great performance sees Rovers back on form!

Monday, 19th September

Contracts signed to build new Community Stadium, Mowlems to start building on 12th October.

Wednesday 21st September

Rovers beat Premiership club

Manchester City 3-0 on penalties in the Carling Cup Second Round after it finished 1-1 at the end of extra time.

Saturday 24th September

Won at Barnsley (again!) with a Paul Green goal and a superb Dave Mulligan volley from 30 yards.

Rovers fans took part in Sponsored Walk from Belle Vue to Oakwell to raise money for the youth team.



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A Word from YOUR Director

Eeee-aye-adio, up the Football League we go!!

What a week! Two great local derby victories have more than doubled our points total to see us commence that inevitable climb up the League, and, sandwiched between them, a magnificent sudden-death victory over Manchester City, to knock the Premiership giants out of the Coca-Cola Cup. Little surprise then that we've featured the highlights of the last week in tonight's programme, for, as John Ryan says in his page, this has surely got to have been the greatest week in Rovers' long history.

It's been a pretty hectic week for Donny Dog, too! Three "performances" at matches and one at a promotional event were the least of a week that took in a gruelling 23 mile walk to Barnsley (along with other fans raising money for the Youth Team), followed the next day by a mad dash over the hurdles in the Mascot Grand National. Indeed, whether I actually make it on to the pitch tonight will very much depend on my recovery from all the consequent aches, pains, and blisters!

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who sponsored me in the Walk to Barnsley and the mascot Grand National, both contributing to the re-launched and expanded Youth Academy. You will also notice that the Coin Trail, which raises funds exclusively for the Youth Team, has now past £36,000, so please pat yourselves on the back tonight as this has all come from donations (some more voluntary than others!) from you, the fans.

Given the massive national impact created by our victory over Manchester City, I couldn't help rubbing salt into the wound by ribbing "Moonchester", their match day mascot, at the Mascot Grand National. I must say, he took it in good spirit, and was happy to have his photograph taken with me.

It was also good to meet "Rocky Robin", the Swindon mascot, and I made sure I got a photograph with him as well, to go in tonight's programme. Unfortunately, he is unable to attend the match, so hopefully one of the Swindon fans present will be able to show him the photograph (or even purchase an extra

programme for him – it all helps the Rovers' funds!). Tom (his real name) expressed little confidence in Swindon getting anything from tonight's match, (an opinion I must say I share!), especially given their present form and our current level of confidence. He also predicted that he wouldn't do very well in the Grand National, and he was certainly right about that, so let's hope his tipping is as good this evening!

Enjoy the game, and let's continue that rise up the League, so we can finish the song I started at the top of the page!!

Up the Rovers!

Andy Liney



Donny Dog pictured with Rocky Robin, the Swindon Mascot



Down, but not out, Moonchester.

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Thanks go to R. Ellis, of Ellis Car & Van Hire, for donations made on behalf of the Royal Hotel.

Coin Trail News

As anticipated, with the big crowd at the Manchester City game we had a good collection, raising £340.07 in the bar and £158.28 in the ground, and totalling £498.35 for the day. The collection was somewhat curtailed at the Barnsley match, firstly due to Rigo's mobility being affected by his 23 mile walk to get there, and secondly because I was unable to get the other collection pot to Mel Rothwell, who had also offered to assist. The result was an unusually low £69.48, which takes the total to

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Mascot Grand National

On Sunday, it was the seventh Mascot Grand National at Huntingdon, the first race on the day's card, which was televised live on Sky Sports, as well as attracting coverage from the world's media. Our own Donny Dog represented Rovers, and came in a creditable 12th in a field of over sixty runners.

The race was won, in controversial circumstances, by a trained athlete, who had been paid to appear as the Sun newspaper's "mascot", and had only registered on the day of the race. Some of the other competitors were also obviously taking the event quite seriously, including two entrants who were disqualified for having spikes on their mascot boots!

On a lighter note, even the more bizarre of the football mascot costumes were totally eclipsed by some of the non-sporting entrants, which included a horse loaded with foam bricks (the mascot of an equine charity), and a giant, but not very aerodynamic, portable radio, the mascot of "Q 105", a local radio station.

Donny Dog was one of a large number of mascots given a 30m head start in the race on account of wearing giant boots. However, he tells us that the greater handicap was the giant blisters inside the boots, a consequence of having walked the 23 miles from Doncaster to Barnsley in the same outfit less than 24 hours previously! Like the Barnsley walk, Donny Dog was sponsored in the Grand National to raise funds for the Rovers' Youth Team.

Donny Dog tells us that meeting other mascots was something of an eye-opener, as well as being a great experience. Several football mascots do the job on a full-time professional basis, some have their own support team, and one who participated in the race, Deepdale Duck (Preston North End), even has his own sponsored club car!! How the other half live!!



Donny Dog is pictured here circling the Parade Ring before the start of the big race.



Donny Dog celebrates completing the race with the other mascots.

Sponsored walk to Barnsley

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered the walk to Barnsley on 24th September to raise money for the Rovers' Youth Team. Several thousand pounds was raised on the day.

Of 62 walkers who set out bright and early on Saturday morning from Belle Vue, only six actually completed the walk. The "magnificent six" (pictured on arrival at Oakwell) were Donny Dog, Andy "Rigo" Webb, Rob Hailes, Dave Carr, and Gary Long. They completed what turned out to be a 23 mile route (via Conisbrough, Denaby, Mexborough, Manvers, Wath, Wombwell and Darfield!) in 4 hours 48 minutes. Despite Donny Dog being in this group, we will resist the temptation to say that this pack was in the lead throughout, or that they were dog tired on arrival!

To the disappointment of others in the walk, who could have completed the route, "time" was called by the police at about 1.45 pm, who insisted that they be picked up en route by coach and brought to the "finish" line due to time constraints. Nevertheless, it was a magnificent effort by all concerned, and John Ryan will invite all the entrants on to the pitch at the forthcoming Bradford City game for a lap of honour.



SPONSOR A GOAL

We successfully reintroduced the "Sponsor a goal" scheme last season, which raised over £3,000 towards the Rovers Youth Team. By popular demand, we are again running this way of raising money for the club.

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Fans who have still not paid last season's sponsorships are asked to please contact Andy Liney to arrange payment. Rovers scored 65 League goals, meaning that a 50p pledge equates to £32.50, and a £1 pledge is £65. Thank you for your support!

Total amount sponsored per goal: £35.50

Number of goals scored in League One: 11

Total value of pledges to date: £390.50



We are all aware that clubs currently lose their Football League status automatically if they finish in the bottom two positions in League Two. But of course that hasn't always been the situation. Prior to automatic promotion and relegation between Division Two and the Football Conference (or Vauxhall Conference as it was previously named) clubs sought re-election to the Football League if they finished at the wrong end of the table. In the early years almost all Football League clubs were re-elected – indeed some non-league clubs claimed the existence of an 'old boys' network' as year-after-year they tried unsuccessfully to make the transition from non-league. Occasionally clubs would make the break into the League world and of course that meant that some clubs dropped out through being outvoted. I've recently been delving through the archives at two of them – Barrow and Bradford Park Avenue.

Barrow Football Club were founded in 1901 and initially played at a ground with the beautiful name of The Strawberry. Following their success in the Lancashire Combination in the early 1920s, the club were promoted to the old Third Division North of the Football League. Barrow's tenure in the Football League came to an end in 1972. At the League's AGM on 2nd June they initially tied with Hereford United with 26 votes each, but when it went to a second ballot Barrow only polled 20 votes and Hereford recorded 29 votes and were duly elected to the Football League. The club is currently managed by ex-Rovers' striker Lee Turnbull and competes in the Nationwide Conference North.

Bradford Association Football Club as it was called at their formation in 1907, used the name of its ground -

Park Avenue - so as to differentiate itself from Bradford City Football Club and Bradford Northern Rugby League Club.

The club competed in the First Division of the Football League from 1914 until 1921, but towards the end of their League career languished in the lower divisions. In 1970 Avenue were not re-elected and Cambridge United took their place in the Football League. Cambridge were Southern League champions and at the League's AGM collected 31 votes while Bradford Park Avenue with 17 votes had one less than Northern Premier League runners-up Wigan Athletic – yes, the very same Wigan Athletic that now grace the Premiership.

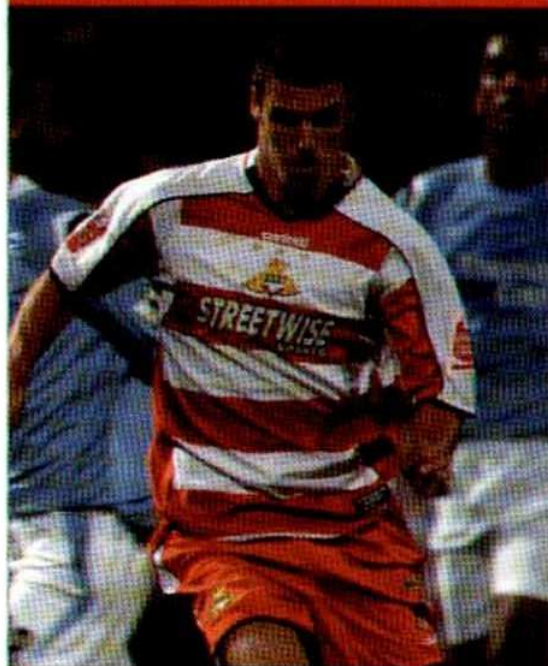
In April 1973 the club sold Park Avenue to a property company and moved in to ground share with neighbours Bradford City at Valley Parade. In the 1973-74 season the club announced that it would stop playing at the end of the season. On 3 May 1974 the shareholders agreed to liquidate the company with reported debts of £57,652.

Gradually those interested in preserving the club got together and Park Avenue were reformed, initially playing local league football. They were struggling for a ground and for three seasons they ground shared at Mount Pleasant home of Batley Rugby League Club. Avenue now play at the Horsfall Stadium, which is approximately one mile from the original Park Avenue ground. The club compete in the Premier Division of the UniBond League (formerly the Northern Premier League). Incidentally TV sports commentator John Helm is a Vice-president of the club.

by Alan Smith



Bradford Park Avenue's ground in the 1960's



MATCH REPORT

Wednesday 21st Sept 2005

Carling Cup Round 2

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After extra time:

Rovers won 3-0 on penalties

ROVERS: Warrington, McGuire, McDaid, S. Roberts, Albrighton, Green, Coppinger, Predic, Fortune-West, Guy, McIndoe

Substitutes: Ravenhill (for Predic, 52), Heffernan (for Guy, 81), Budtz (for Warrington 105), N. Roberts, Mulligan

MAN CITY: James, Onuoha, Thatcher, Dunne, Distin, Reyna, Sun Jihai, Ireland, Sibierski, Vassell, Hussein

Subs: Croft (for Hussein, 66), Jordan (for Reyna, FT), Sommeil, DeVlieger, Richards

Goals:

Rovers: McIndoe (pen, 118)

City: Vassell (pen, 95)

Penalties:

McIndoe (scored, 1-0), Vassell (missed, 1-0), Coppinger (scored, 2-0), Sibierski (saved, 2-0), Heffernan (scored, 3-0), Dunne (saved, 3-0)

Attendance:

8,228 (1,574 away fans).

Referee: G. Salisbury

Assistant referees:

C. Barker & A. Smith

Yellow cards:

Rovers: McDaid

City: Thatcher, Ireland, Croft

Red cards:

Rovers: None

City: Onuoha (serious foul play, 105 mins).

Rovers recorded their first ever victory over top-flight opposition in the League Cup when they overcame Manchester City in a dramatic penalty shoot-out. After a goalless 90 minutes, a penalty for each side sent the tie to the penalty competition where Rovers were triumphant by 3-0.

Rovers kept the side that beat Scunthorpe, with the exception of an enforced change, Lewis Guy replacing the cup-tied Jonathan Forte. City made much of the early running and after Sun Jihai headed wide when well placed, Andy Warrington was called upon to make fine saves from Sibierski, Hussein and Vassell. At the other end, a sweeping move allowed Guy to find Michael McIndoe, but his low shot was cleared by Ireland.

The second half was a cagey affair with few chances - both Sean McDaid and Ireland seeing long distance efforts saved. However, in the final minute Sibierski found Croft on the right and his low centre was smashed against the crossbar by Sun Jihai.

The game moved into extra time, but Rovers suffered a body blow after five minutes of the additional period. Dunne made a surging run out of defence and as he broke into the area he stumbled over Phil McGuire's outstretched leg. A penalty was awarded, and Vassell beat Warrington to put City ahead.

At the end of the first period there was further bad news for Rovers, as Warrington was hurt in a challenge with Onuoha. The City man received a harsh red card, later rescinded, but Warrington departed on a stretcher with a fractured tibia, allowing Danish 'keeper Jan Budtz to make his debut. Rovers tried hard to make their man advantage count, and Mark Albrighton headed straight at James after skipper Leo Fortune-West had flicked on a throw-in. Then with two minutes remaining substitute Paul Heffernan appeared to be pushed by Distin as the two contested a long throw. The referee pointed to the spot and McIndoe kept his cool to fire past James. In the dying seconds Budtz made a fine save from Vassell, and the tie went to a penalty competition.

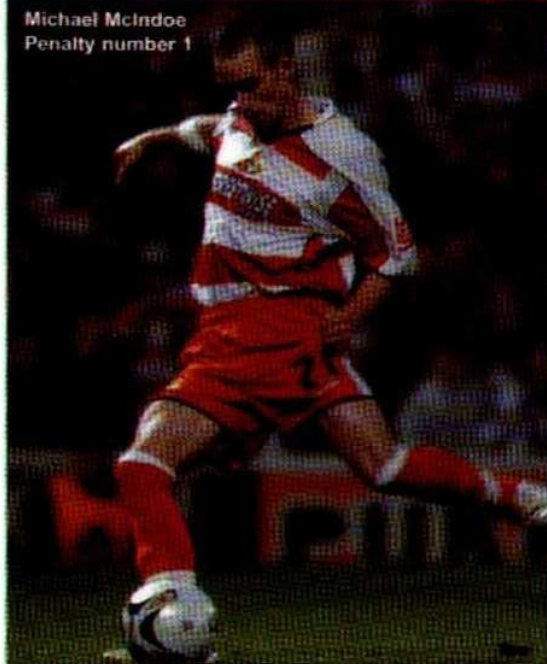
In the penalties Rovers took the early advantage when McIndoe scored and Vassell blasted his effort against the bar. James Coppinger extended the lead with an excellent effort and Budtz then blocked Sibierski's kick.

Heffernan's copybook penalty put Rovers three ahead and made the contest sudden death, and when Budtz turned Dunne's kick against the post, Belle Vue erupted.

A wonderful week for Rovers - Scunthorpe defeated, the contracts for the new stadium agreed and victory over a top-class Manchester City side. Life is sweet if you're a Rover!

THE PENALTIES

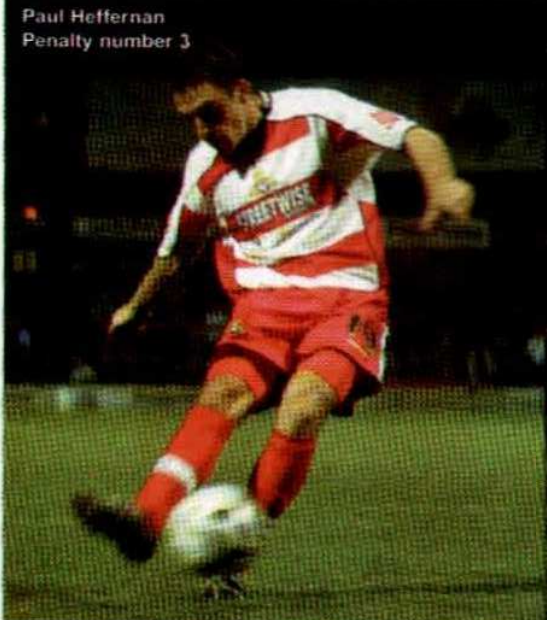
Michael McIndoe
Penalty number 1



James Coppinger
Penalty number 2



Paul Heffernan
Penalty number 3



Jan Budtz
saved the penalties that saw City defeated

THE SAVES



Andy Warrington and City's Nedum Onuoha challenge for the ball in extra time - the Rovers keeper is then carried off after breaking his leg

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SWINDON TOWN

The last meeting between Rovers and Swindon was at Belle Vue on February 22nd this year in a League One fixture, sandwiched between games with Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday. Rovers fell behind as early as the fifth minute to a goal from Holmes, but Neil Roberts equalised on the half hour. Dave Mulligan and James Coppinger had plenty of space down the Rovers right, but Swindon held firm despite being under increasing pressure as the game went on.

Teams

Rovers

Warrington, Mulligan, Fenton, Foster, Ryan, Coppinger, Doolan, Green, McIndoe, Blundell, Roberts

Substitutes: McSporran.

Unused substitutes: Flitney, Rigoglioso, Priet, Ravenhill

Swindon: Evans, Jenkins, Heywood, O'Hanlon, Duke, Igoe, Smith, Hewlett, Holmes, Parkin, Proctor,

Substitutes: Ifil, Howard, Slabber

Unused substitutes: Book, Miglioranza

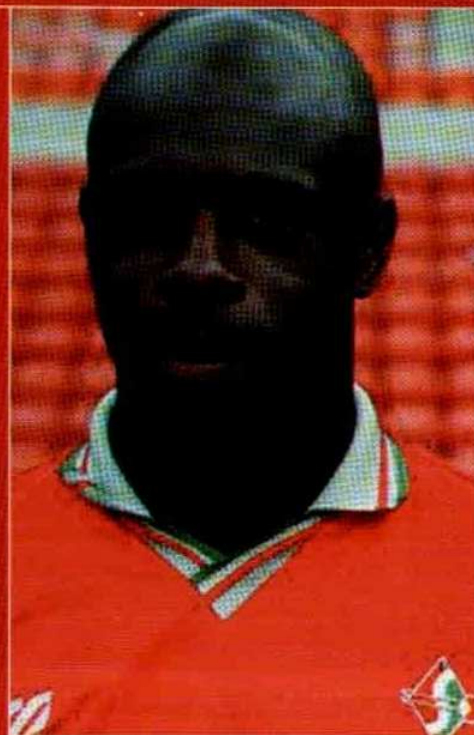
The two teams also drew 1-1 at the County ground in December. In a "game of two halves", Rovers had all the pressure in the first half and took

Iffy Onuora

Caretaker Manager

Placed in charge yesterday (Monday) following the sacking of Andy King, until the weekend, Iffy was on the coaching staff as the Youth Development Officer at Swindon. King departed from the County Ground after a five year stint at the club, but recent poor results have led to his departure, which sees the club in 23rd position in League One.

Born in Glasgow, Onuora had a long and successful career, with over 500 first team games to his name in a 15-year playing career which took in Huddersfield Town, Mansfield Town, Gillingham, Swindon Town, Sheffield United, Wycombe Wanderers, Grimsby Town and Tranmere Rovers



a deserved lead when a Jamie Price cross was converted by Gregg Blundell. The second half saw Swindon dominant and Sam Parkin equalised mid way through the half. Rovers were forced to hang on towards the end.

Teams Swindon

Evans, Jenkins, Heywood, O'Hanlon, Garrard, Igoe, Howard, Hewlett, Nicholas, Parkin, Roberts

Substitutes: Duke

Unused substitutes: Book, Fallon, Reeves, Smith

Rovers

Warrington, Price, Fenton, Ryan, Morley, Johnson, Green, Ravenhill, McIndoe, Blundell, Roberts

Substitutes: McSporran, Doolan

Unused substitutes: Jones, Rigoglioso, Albrighton

ONE TO WATCH

STEVE JENKINS

A vastly experienced defender, he has been capped by Wales 16 times. Steve began his career at Swansea and was transferred to Huddersfield for £275,000 in 1995. He has also served Birmingham, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough before joining the Robins, initially on loan.

Career statistics (league games only):

Swansea (1999-1995): 155 apps, 10 sub, 1 goal

Huddersfield (1995-2003): 257 apps, 1 sub, 4 goals

Birmingham (2000-2001) (loan): 3 apps, 0 sub, 0 goals

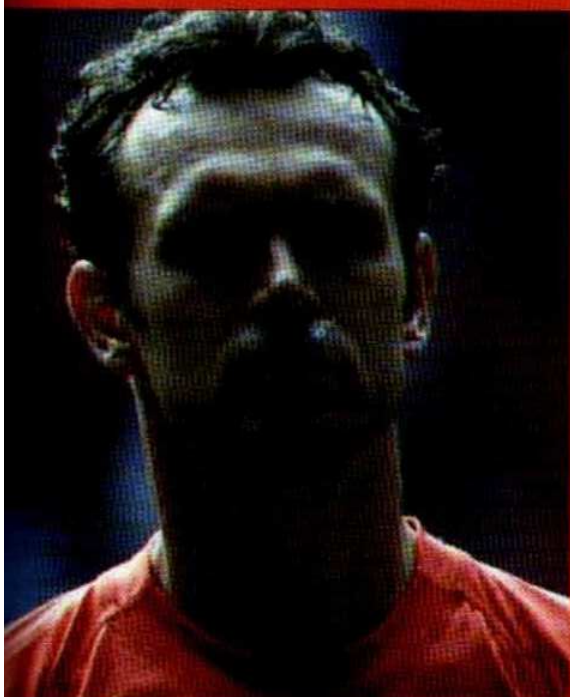
Cardiff City (2003): 4 apps, 0 sub, 0 goals

Notts County (2003-2004): 17 apps, 0 sub, 0 goals

Peterborough (2004): 11 apps, 3 sub, 1 goal

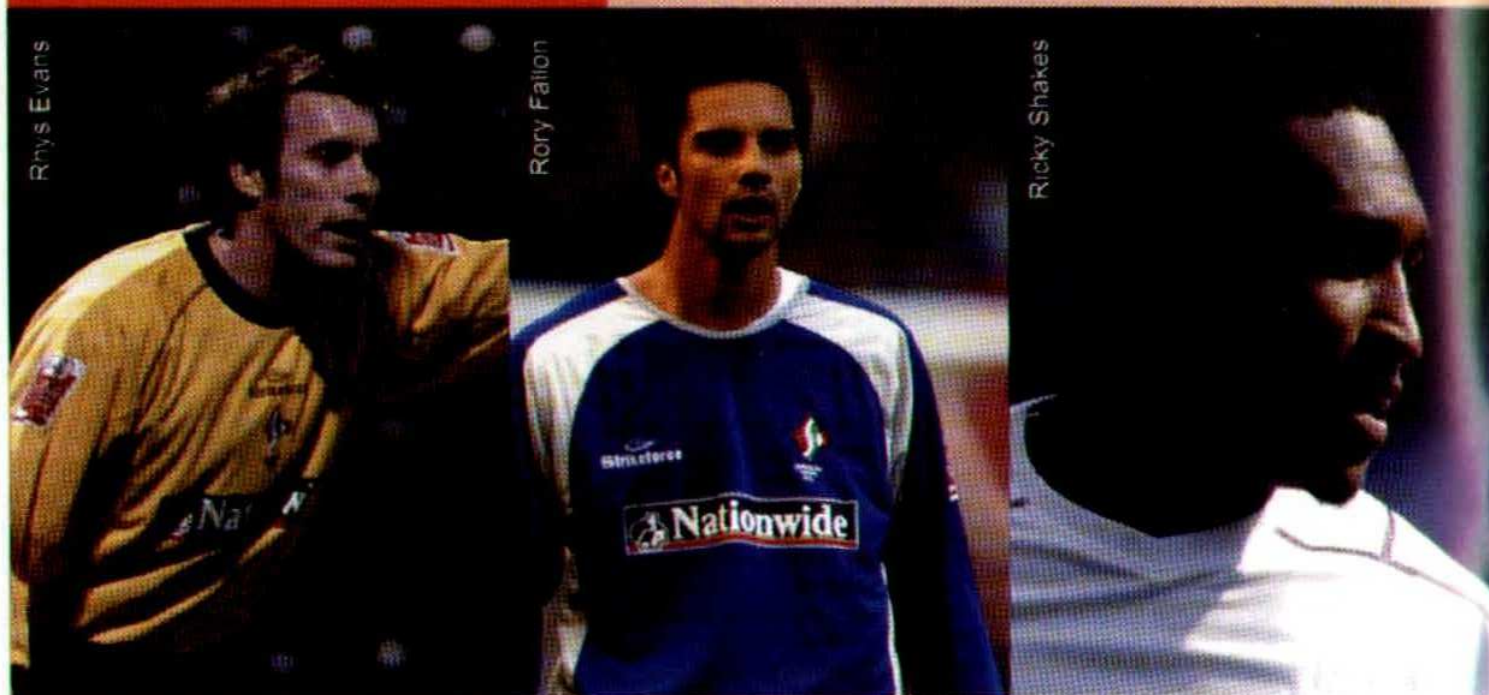
Swindon Town (2004) (loan): 4 apps, 0 sub, 0 goals

Swindon Town (2004-2005): 22 apps, 2 sub, 1 goal



THE OPPOSITION

SWINDON TOWN



Rhys Evans (goalkeeper)

Formerly of Chelsea, Rhys has played for England at under 21 level. He started his career at Leyton Orient. Initially signed by Andy King as back up to Bart Griemink, Rhys has made the keepers position his own with a string of top quality performances.

Sean O'Hanlon (defender)

Sean was a product of the Everton youth system but left to go in search of first team football. Certainly one for the future, O'Hanlon has been a rock at the heart of the Swindon defence.

Jack Smith (defender/midfielder)

The younger brother of Watford's Tommy Smith, Jack was signed from Watford in the summer of 2005. He played every minute of all Swindon's games so far this season.

Nicky Nicolau (defender/midfielder)

Nicky started his career at Arsenal in 2001. In March 2004 he was loaned to Southend United and impressed enough to be signed fully two months later. Nicolau played for Southend in the play-off final against Lincoln last season, but left to join Swindon during the summer.

Jerel Ifil (defender)

Jerel is a powerful defender that eventually joined Swindon from Watford for £70,000 in the summer of 2004, having had three loan spells with them. A fans favourite, he also had a loan spell with Huddersfield Town in 2002.

Gareth Whalley (midfielder)

Originally a trainee at Crewe Alexandra, he moved to Bradford City in July 1998 for £600,000. A regular in their Premiership team, he left to join Cardiff on a free transfer in 2002. Gareth spent last season at Wigan Athletic as they were promoted to the Premiership, before joining Swindon in the summer.

Rory Fallon (striker)

Rory was signed from Barnsley in 2003 having appeared over fifty times for the Tykes. He scored in the last minute of his last Barnsley game, and was educated at the same school as our own Dave Mulligan. He has also represented his native New Zealand at full international level.

Stefani Miglioranza (midfielder)

Born in Brazil, Stefani is a product of the American College Football circuit, but he holds an Italian

passport. From Chicago Fire he joined Everton on trial, before joining Portsmouth, where he played 25 games before joining Swindon on a free transfer. A stylish player, he can play in defence or midfield.

Jamie Cureton (striker)

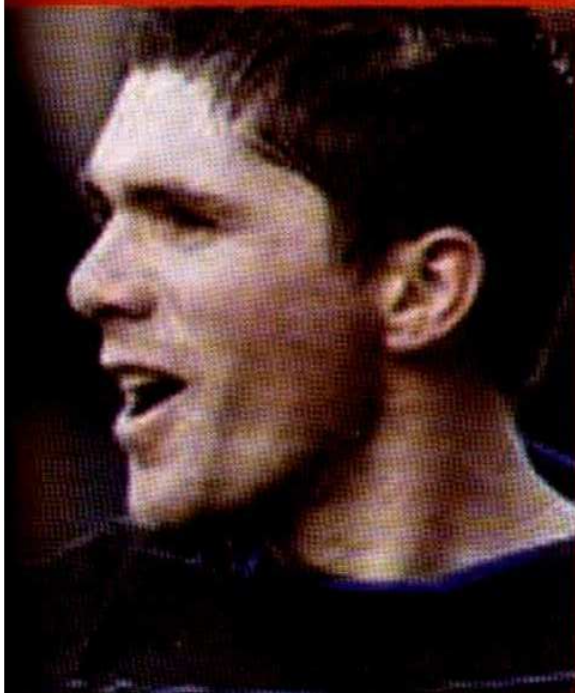
Another striker with bags of league experience. Jamie was born in Bristol in 1975. His career started with Norwich City, but after three seasons he went back home, joining Bristol Rovers for £200,000. Plenty of goals followed with 68 goals in 160 games for Rovers, followed by 50 in 108 for Reading. He followed this with a lucrative move to Korea to join Pusan Icons, but never settled and returned to the UK to join QPR in 2004. Jamie signed for Swindon on a free transfer in June 2005.

Ricky Shakes (midfielder)

A winger with plenty of pace, Shakes signed from Bolton along with Charlie Comwyn-Platt. Ricky has had loan spells at Bristol Rovers and Bury and scored twice in his seven appearances for the Shakers.

ONE TO WATCH

TONY THORPE



A much travelled striker, Thorpe started out with Leicester City, but it was at Luton Town that he came to prominence. After a return of fifty goals in 120 games, he was subject of an £800,000 move to Fulham. He was only with the Cottagers for three months before he moved on again, this time to Bristol City for £1million. Tony didn't stop scoring there either, with 51 goals in 128 games. After three loan spells at Luton, he rejoined them on a free transfer in 2002. Further moves to QPR and Rotherham have seen Tony keep up the ratio of a goal every other game

Career statistics (league matches only):

Leicester City (1991-1992) (trainee): 0 apps, 0 sub, 0 goals

Luton Town (1992-1998): 93 apps, 27 sub, 50 goals

Fulham (1998): 5 apps, 8 sub, 3 goals

Bristol City: (1998-2002): 102 apps, 26 sub, 51 goals

Reading: (1999) (loan): 6 apps, 0 sub, 1 goal

Luton Town (1999) (loan): 7 apps, 1 sub, 4 goals

Luton Town (1999-2000) (loan): 30 apps, 2 sub, 15 goals

QPR (2003-2005): 26 apps, 15 sub, 10 goals

Rotherham United (2005) (loan): 5 apps, 0 sub, 1 goal

Swindon Town (2005): 4 apps, 1 sub, 1 goal

Andy Nicolas (defender)

A member of Liverpool's under 19's in 2003, Andy joined Swindon in July 2003. He was loaned out to Chester last season. A left sided defender with good pace, he possesses a very dangerous long throw, but he's only made one appearance for the Robins so far this season.

Kyle Lapham (defender)

Kyle is a local lad that has come through Swindon's Centre of Excellence. He signed a one year deal in the summer and is highly thought of by the club.

Charlie Comyn-Platt (defender)

Signed from Bolton in the summer of 2005, having been with Bolton from the youth set up. Played in three cup ties at Bolton, but was loaned to Wycombe last season where he made three league appearances.

Christian Roberts (striker)

Christian started his playing days at his home town club, Cardiff City. After loan spells at Hereford and Irish club Drogheda, he signed for Exeter City on a free transfer. After a scoring record of 18 goals in 67 starts for the Grecians, he joined Bristol City for a nominal fee. His

last move was to Swindon in October 2004 for a £50,000 fee. He became an instant hit with a goal on his debut.

Michael Pook (midfielder)

A "box to box" midfielder, Michael has progressed through the youth team and was given a professional contract in the summer. Still only 19, he has started every game this season.

Patrick Collins (defender)

A former Sunderland defender, Patrick is currently on loan from Sheffield Wednesday. Highly rated, he signed a two year deal at Wednesday in the summer of 2004 and started 25 games with the Owls in their promotion season last term. Collins represented England at youth level on 15 occasions.

Ben Willis (midfielder)

Ben is an energetic midfielder who impressed in the Under 17's last season. He was given a squad number in November 2004 and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy.

Colin Heath (midfielder/striker)

Colin is currently on loan from Manchester United where he scored ten goals for the reserve and youth teams last season. He also was loaned out to Cambridge United last season.

Tom Heaton (goalkeeper)

Also on a six month loan from Manchester United, England Under 20 international keeper Tom was a regular in the reserves and youth teams at Old Trafford last season. Tom has started the season as Swindon's number one keeper.



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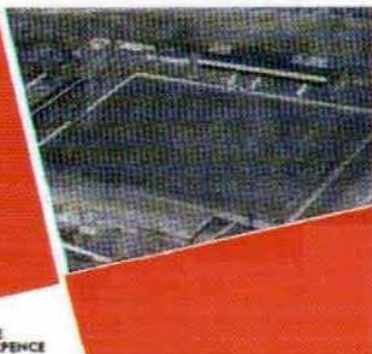
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Friday, 22nd October, 1965

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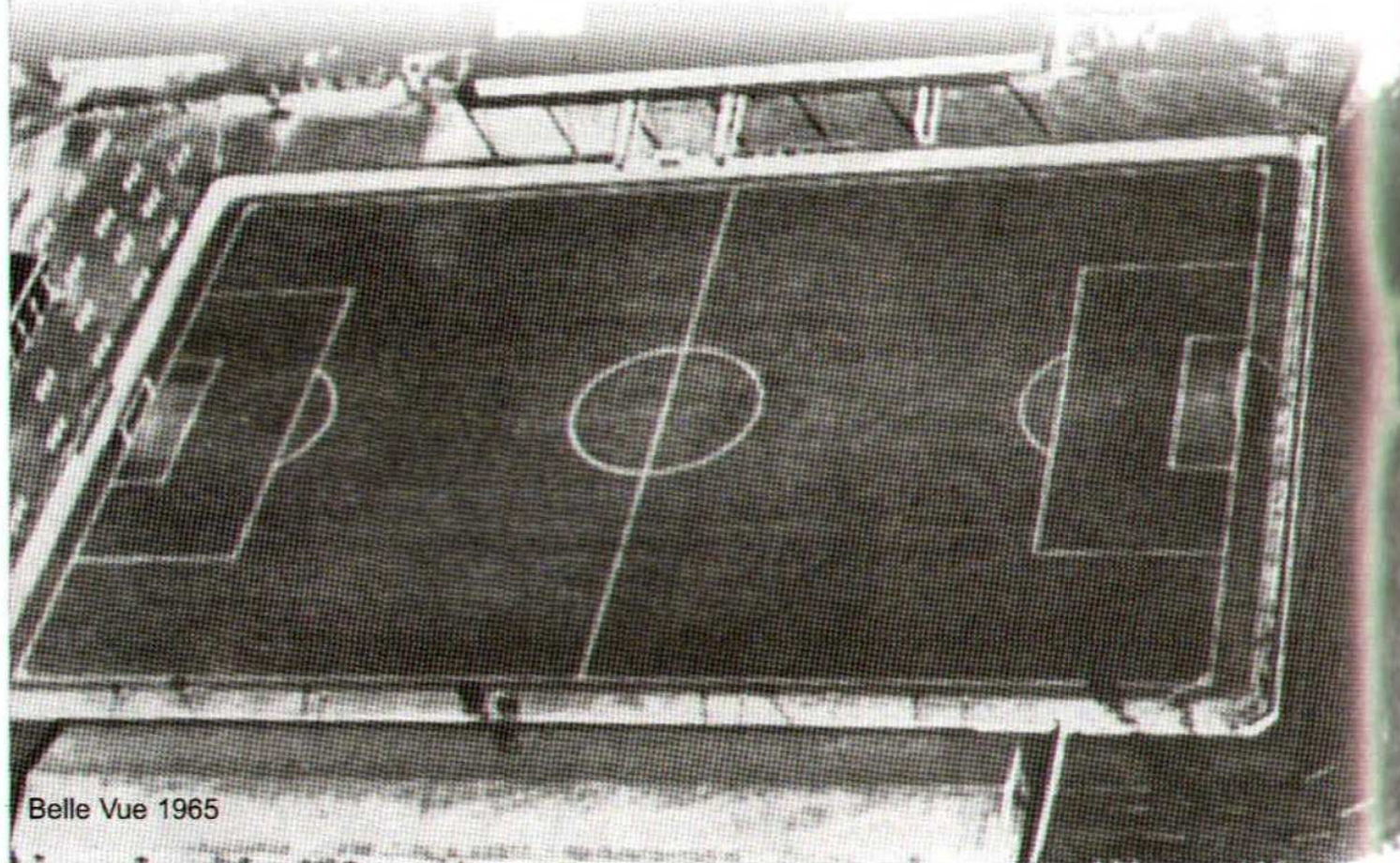
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FOURPENCE

"Disgusted of Doncaster" was busy in the letters column of the Yorkshire Evening Post after the game at Tranmere. The critics who really matter, the fans, gave Bill Leivers' "defeat with honour" approach a real panning. Most felt that Rovers needed to play a more adventurous game if they were to get back into the

promotion frame. In particular, the withdrawal of Alick Jeffrey into a midfield role did not go down well. Yet Leivers did have a problem. Apart from the dependable Geordie, John Wylie, he lacked a reliable midfield linkman. With his wealth of experience, Jeffrey could play this role, but at the cost of a blunted attack where Ogden and Sheffield tended not to complement one another. Realising he would have to make bricks without straw, Leivers drafted in local-born John Fairhurst for the visit of Colchester. Fairhurst, a wing-half who had been at Belle Vue for four years without establishing himself, would play linkman, with Jeffrey up front and Ogden behind. Otherwise, the side lined up as at Tranmere.

Unfortunately, the punters (and the Manager) had little chance to judge the Fairhurst

experiment. A thick fog swirled around Belle Vue all evening. It was touch and go whether the game would start, but it did, although little could be seen of it. Bernard Dixon recalls the Popular Side faithful chanting "anybody here seen Kelly, K-E Double-L- Y?" as full-back Brian of that ilk disappeared into the mist. It was generally agreed that the visitors deserved the lead right-winger Kaye gave them on 25 minutes. At once referee Tinkler consulted his linesmen and abandoned the game, which remains the last League game to be started at Belle Vue and not run its course. No one was happy. Rovers would have to play the Essex club's travelling costs and share receipts from the 'replay' 50/50. Colchester felt that the referee could have waited to see if the fog cleared, and the fans demanded a refund (which they did not get). It was not a



Belle Vue 1965



happy night all round. Still, the wheel turned on. A week later, Rovers prepared for their third meeting of the term with Barnsley, who were still well in touch with the leading sides. Leivers made only one change from the XI for the fog-bound Colchester game, Paul Durrant replacing Colin Grainger. The line-ups at Oakwell on the evening of Friday 29th October 1965 were:-

ROVERS: Dawson: Kelly, Nicholson; Wylie, Ripley, Ricketts; Robinson, Jeffrey, Sheffield, Fairhurst, Durrant.

Sub: Grainger.

BARNSELY: Ironside: Parker, Brookes; Jackson, Swallow, Duerden; Earnshaw, Bettany, Kerr, Ferguson, Hewitt.

Sub: Murphy.

From the start, a change of emphasis was evident in Rovers' play. Fairhurst's presence in midfield allowed "King Alick" to roam menacingly along Barnsley's back-line. It came as no surprise when the positive Rovers opened the scoring just before the interval. Ironside botched a clearing kick and Phil Robinson's lob was going in before Brookes' hand intervened on the line. Jeffrey knocked in the penalty. On 53 minutes, Durrant broke clear on the left and chipped into the middle where Ricketts, another genie freed from the midfield bottle by Fairhurst, scored with a low shot. Barnsley were down but not out, and two minutes later Hewitt halved the deficit from the edge of the area. As if to remind everyone that this was a local

derby, Jackson was forced to retire with damaged ribs, Murphy coming on in his stead. It remained a tight affair for a while, but nine minutes from time the dam burst. That man Fairhurst and Robinson set up Laurie Sheffield to make it 3-1. Minutes later Sheffield scored again when Swallow misjudged Kelly's long ball out of the defence, and then came the goal of the game. Nicholson found Durrant on the left, he passed to Sheffield, who set up Jeffrey to complete the nap hand. Barnsley 1, Rovers 5. Suddenly the world was a happier place for Rovers' fans, and "Disgusted of Doncaster" took a week's holiday.

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On 10th September 2005, £1000 was won on our Saturday Yankee Lottery. The lucky winner, Mr A White, can be seen pictured here, being presented with his cheque by the Rovers' vice-chairman, Stuart Highfield before Saturday's match against Scunthorpe United.

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GOOD EVENING

Welcome to tonight's League One encounter against Swindon Town. The lads from Wiltshire haven't had the best of starts to the current season, culminating in Andy King's departure from the club yesterday, but I'm sure they will be up for the battle tonight.

Anyway, enough of that. What a night it was at the old lady known as Belle Vue on Wednesday evening! I can't speak highly enough of the players who worked their hearts out for 120 minutes against a highly talented Manchester City side who stood fifth in the Premiership prior to the game. And what can be said about the penalties that Macca, Copps and Heff took? We try to show the children we work with the correct ways of doing things, and we had four perfect examples of how to take a penalty. Not forgetting, of course, Mr Budtz, who had a look of Peter Schmeichel as he kept the City boys at bay. The old lady was certainly rocking, and what a way to say goodbye before we close her down next year!

Hopefully, the 5,000 plus Red Army will have been at Oakwell and we've had three wins in a week.

Yet another Rovers follower!

Mexborough Doncaster Road Junior School is the latest school to become part of the Rovers football family. Rovers in the Community coaches started work at the school yesterday. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Welcome Athelstone and Rossington Hall

We would like to wish groups from Athelstone Special School and Rossington Hall Special School, who will be attending the game this evening. We hope they enjoy the match.

Happy birthday, Craig!

Belated happy birthday wishes go to Community Coach, Craig Housley, who celebrated his seventeenth birthday last Monday.

Welcome, McCauley

A warm welcome to Chris Meadow and his McCauley. Year 9 and 10 students, who are acting as ball boys at tonight's game. We hope the boys have a great night with us, and see a healthy home victory at full time.

REACTing to Rovers

REACT Training Academy are visiting the Earth Stadium tomorrow. The group, who all have learning difficulties, will take part in a series of coaching drills before watching a video of our new state of the art stadium.

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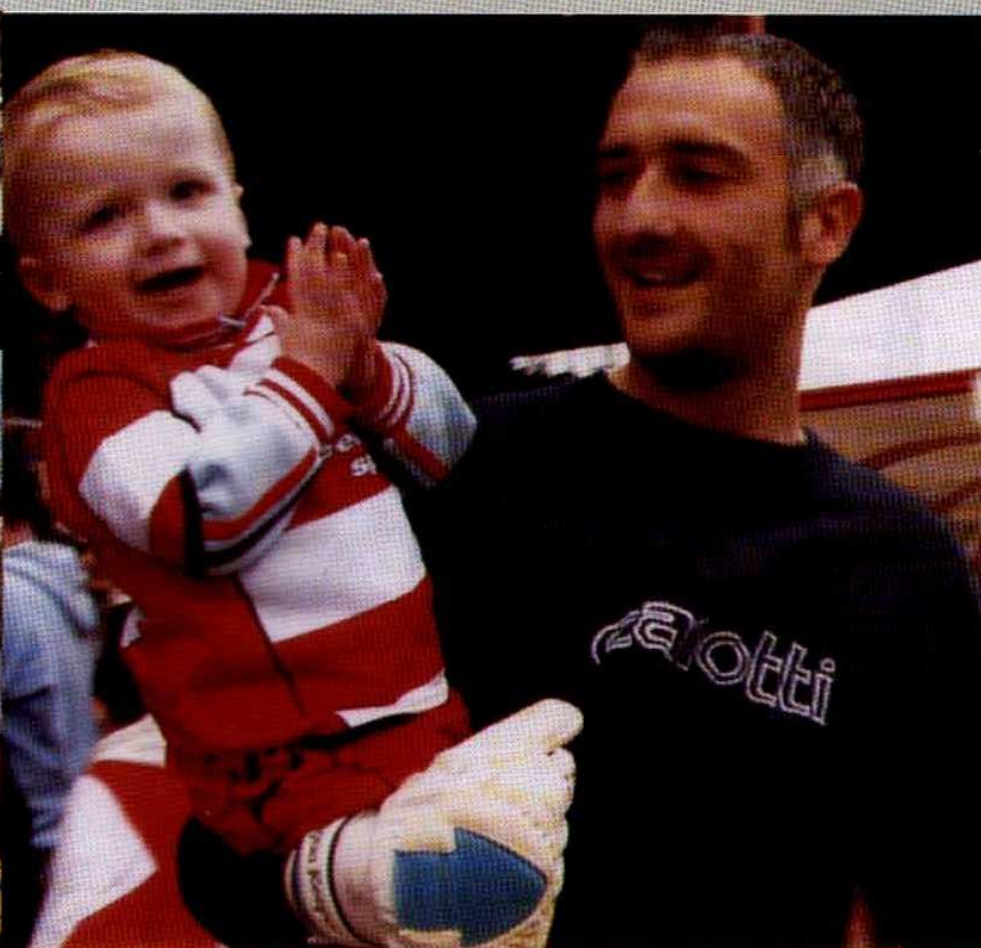
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Thank you, Thorne

A big Donny thank you to Thorne Colliery Under-14's who did an excellent job as ball boys against Manchester City. The lads were a credit to both themselves and the name of Doncaster Rovers.

Hopefully by the October half term, the guys and girls will have a far better understanding of football in general.



Andy Warrington and his young son pictured prior to the promotion celebration before the home game against Carlisle in 2003/04

The Belle Vue Experience

There are still limited places available on match days to take in the Belle Vue experience. The Belle Vue Experience takes place on all Saturday match days and some midweek match days. It caters for boys and girls teams, and similar organisations such as youth and community groups between the ages of 7 & 18, and follows the following pattern on match days:

10.30am – Introduction to tour
 10.40am – The Belle Vue tour, including all parts of Belle Vue
 11.45am – Quiz - what do you know about Doncaster Rovers?
 12.00pm – Let's fly you into Belle Vue – we fly the group into the new stadium via video link
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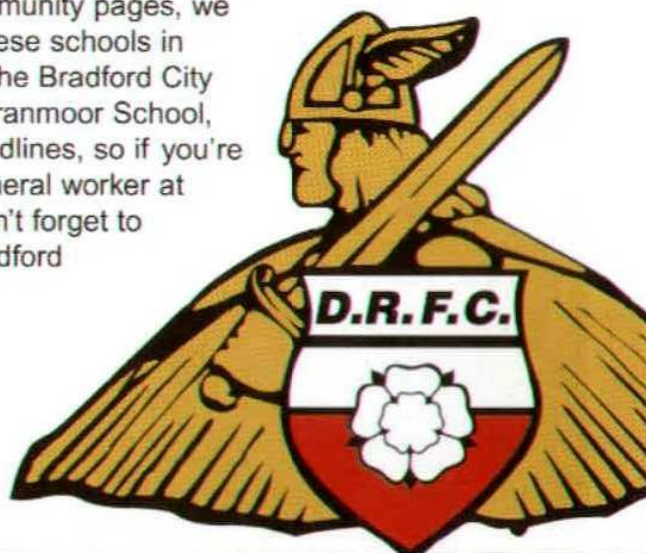
Get well soon, Andy

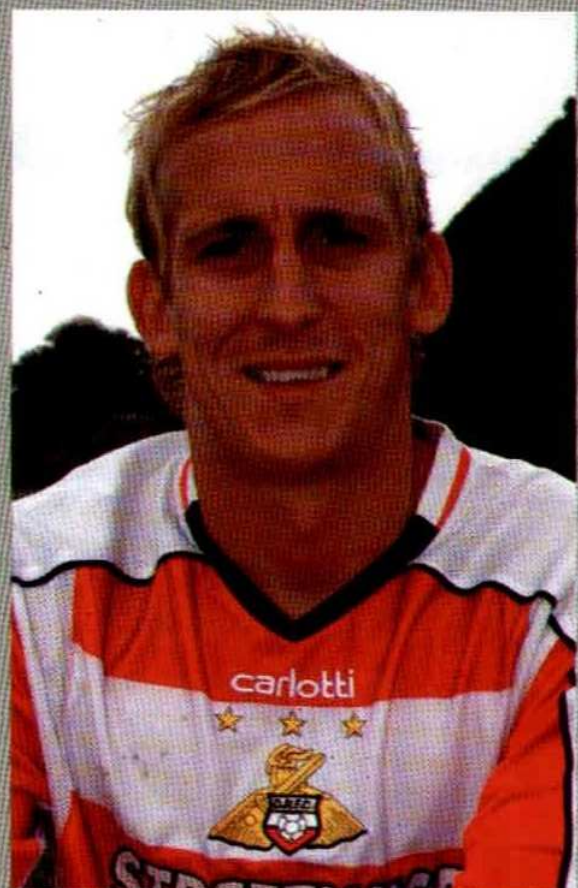
Rovers in the Community would like to wish Rovers keeper Andy Warrington a quick recovery after breaking his leg against Manchester City last Wednesday. "Andy's a great bloke, and we wish him well," said Richard Bailey.

Your school in profile

The Community team are coaching in over 25 schools this term, and as a new and exciting item to our already excellent community pages, we will profile some of these schools in future programmes. The Bradford City programme will see Tranmoor School, Armthorpe hit the headlines, so if you're a teacher, child or general worker at the school, please don't forget to buy a copy of the Bradford programme!

Rovers 'til I die!
 Richard & Eric






Neil Roberts signed for Wrexham straight from school – originally signing YTS forms and then turning professional. He signed for Wigan Athletic in 2000 and had loan spells at Hull City and Bradford City before joining Rovers last year. He told me of the managers under whom he has played before he came to Rovers, it's a high profile list including - Brian Flynn (who was a one-time Rovers' skipper), John Benson, Bruce Rioch, Steve Bruce, Paul Jewell, Brian Little and Colin Todd.

He made his Rovers' debut in October last year in the 2-0 defeat at Vale Park and during last season he scored some important goals for Rovers, including a late equaliser down at Kenilworth Road against eventual champions Luton Town at the end of November.

Like most pros, 27 year-old Neil remembers vividly his first ever Football League game. "It was for Wrexham against Carlisle in the 1997/98 season and I scored on my debut in a game that finished 2-2." He also reminded me that he played three times for Wales at full international level. "Once at The Racecourse Ground against Switzerland and then two away games - against Azerbaijan and the USA."





I wondered if Neil ever fancied playing any other sport at competitive level? "Not really, it's always been football in our family ever since I can remember and I suppose brother Stephen and myself were destined to become professionals ever since school days.

Neil is quite philosophical about life as a professional footballer. He says: "It's sometimes quite amusing when you find that some players that you may have had regular hard battles against over the years sign for the same team.

I asked Neil if he has settled into the 'Yorkshire culture' – his reply was instant. "We have a young family and to be honest we absolutely love the area; the people here are so friendly and we are really happy in Doncaster."

Of course, now that brother Steve is with the club it will feel more like home from home for the Welshman, and I wondered if Neil still kept his nickname of 'Robbo' now that, in reality, there are two "Robbo's" on the books.

"You've hit on an interesting one there," he replied. "Gregg Blundell started to call me by my middle name, which is Wynn (as befits my Welsh roots). As Steve is now with the club, I'm sure that Wynn is going to stick with me and that Steve will inherit the nickname of 'Robbo'. If that's the case then I really don't mind."

I wondered what part Neil played in persuading Steve to join Rovers during the close season. "Understandably he asked me a lot of questions about the club and the area and the other players before putting pen to paper, but in all fairness I couldn't see any reason for him not to come across to Doncaster. If he enjoys his time here as much as I am doing, he won't regret the move."

Incidentally, the Roberts brothers are the first brothers on Rovers' books for seven years.

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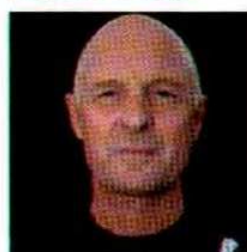
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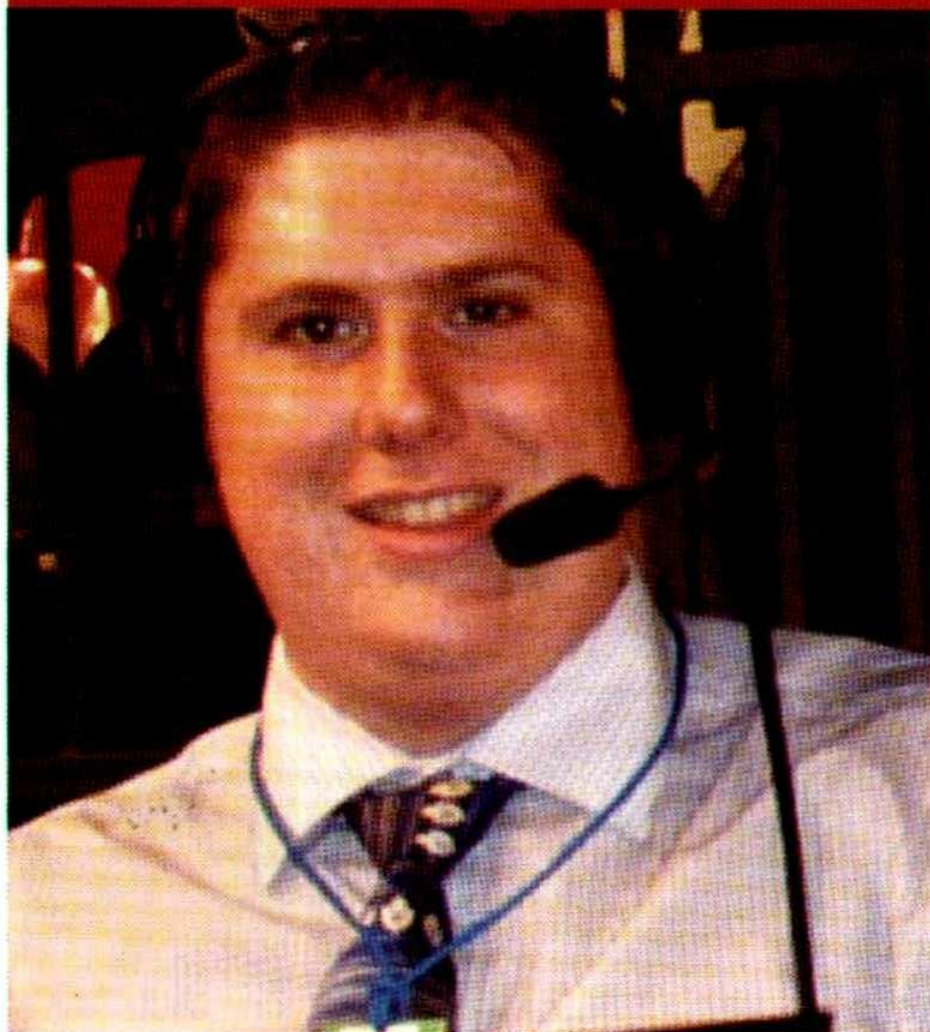
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SOUTH YORKSHIRE FOOTBALL SCENE



What a night! I know it still gives me a buzz to think back to last Wednesday when this place was electric and Doncaster Rovers completed their biggest cup shock in recent memory. For me, it was lovely to come back to Belle Vue as it was my first visit of the season and so it is always nice to see all the old faces around the press box that I used to see every week. I always felt Rovers had a chance, but I think it even Hollywood would have struggled to come up with some of the drama that happened and expect you to believe it!

If you look at the game, Manchester City were probably the better side, Claudio Reyna looked in a different class in the centre of the park, he seemed to have so much time on the ball. As the game wore on I thought hang on, there REALLY is a chance here, McIndoe had a good shot

hacked away when it looked like it would go in. At the other end Andy Warrington was commanding, claiming crosses that last season would have left him in two minds. Steve Roberts and Mark Albrighton headed and kicked everything that went their way and Sean McDaid was a real work horse at left back. I felt he really showed why as a youngster he was so highly rated, he could end up being a very shrewd acquisition for Dave and Mickey. As extra-time loomed and City hit the bar, my gut feeling was penalties. Well I was right, but the roller coaster ride had only just begun. Having seen the replays on the telly, I think it was a spot kick and Darius Vassell tucked it home well. I was gutted, really deflated and I am sure there are many of you who felt the same, but the sound inside Belle Vue seemed to lift a notch. Then ball

breaks in the area and Warrington makes another top save, he got caught by Nedum Onoua and lay on the ground in a great deal of pain. It was a very unlucky for Andy who'd played out of his skin and he will now miss the most of the rest of the season. Onoua received a red card, it was game on again, Jan Budtz - welcome to Donny!

I passed the commentary over to Paul Walker at the end of the first period of extra time, hoping penalties would come. A big crowd, a TV audience and a moment when Rovers needed a cool head, one man was always going to do something. When Michael McIndoe placed the ball on the penalty spot, there was no doubt in his or my mind that he was going to score. 1-1. Full time - penalty shoot out!

I put my headset back on and picked my team sheet off the floor and thought about how the heck Jan would do on the pens. McIndoe scored again, England international Darius Vassell stepped up and slammed it off the bar.

James Coppinger looked like a boy out there, great penalty 2-0. We went pitch side, Luke who was behind the goal soaked up the atmosphere, Antoine Sibierski moved forward, went to Budtz right and the big Dane guessed right and pushed clear, poor penalty but good save.

Paul Heffernen is number three, in the commotion it was hard to recognise him. He took the best one of the lot beating David James to his right.

So Man City miss, Rovers go through!

It was my penalty to commentate on, it started well, I got the name wrong!.... "Here comes David Dunn...." I think it was the nerves... "I mean Richard Dunne" What will he do? What can I say? "He must score or Rovers are through to round three, up he

comes, right footed....pushed against the post..." Now I had no idea where the ball had gone, it looked like it was clear, in a split second I looked at the half way line and Rovers were running towards the net.... **"IT'S SAVED, DONCASTER ROVERS ARE THROUGH.... JAN BUDTZ ON HIS DEBUT IS THE HERO....ROVERS HAVE BEATEN MANCHESTER CITY OF THE PREMIERSHIP ON PENALTIES..."** My mind was racing, I was I suppose just on autopilot and trying to say something with Dean Barrick jumping on me. There was a pitch invasion... **"And BELLE VUE HAS GONE BARMY."**

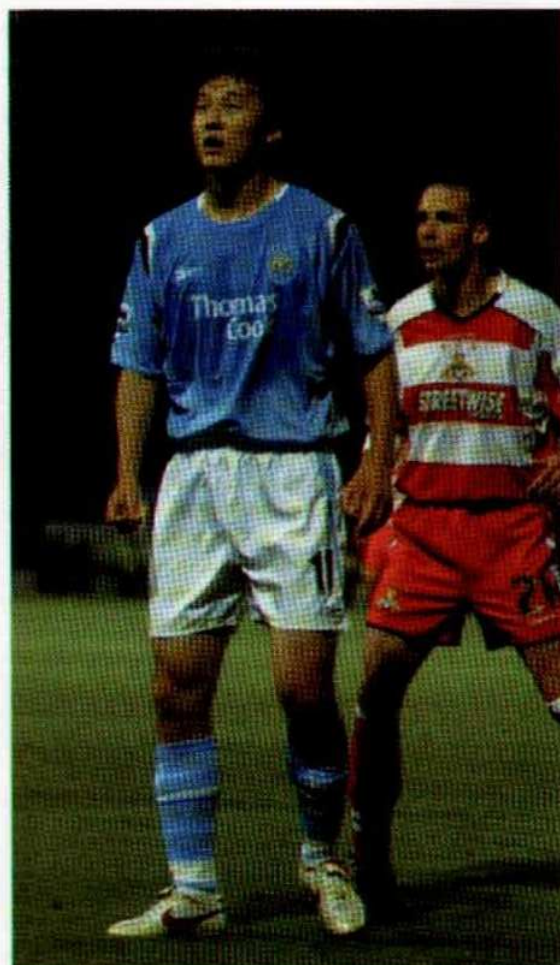
I have heard the winning moment a hundred times now it still gives the same spine tingling feelings in my body I felt on the night. Was it a good bit of commentary? Not really, but probably for me, one of the most enjoyable nights I have had in

the commentary box. I hope you enjoyed all of the reaction as you got back in cars and headed home into the night all smiling and happy. I know the following day despite the fact I didn't get home until 1.30am and got up at 7 o'clock, I was smiling all day long. What a night! Let's hope for a repeat sometime soon and that it will be the start of the turn around to the season for Donny.

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Seth Bennett



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Good luck and best wishes to Andy Warrington
Keep your chin up son!

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Good evening, and welcome to this evening's League One game against Swindon Town. I would also like to welcome Richmonds Solicitors, our match sponsors, to the ground today, and thank them for their support of Doncaster Rovers. I hope that they will have an enjoyable evening with us.

Our match sponsors for last Wednesday's game against Manchester City were Aggregate Industries and Nicola McBurnie. Our match ball sponsors were Crozier Jones, Chartered Accountants and Sporting Memorabilia. They are pictured on this page making their "Man of the Match" presentations to Jan Budtz and James Coppinger after the game.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their sponsorship, and hope that they all enjoyed their evening. With extra time, and the penalties, they certainly got plenty of evening!

Happy birthday wishes for today go to Nick Ryall, of Ryall & Sons, who have booked one of the hospitality boxes for the season. Happy birthday from all at Doncaster Rovers.

We must thank everyone for their great support at the Manchester City game last Wednesday – I'm sure that everyone enjoyed the game! Also, last Saturday saw a sponsored walk from Belle Vue to Barnsley's Oakwell ground. Thank you to everyone who took part in the walk, and to everyone who sponsored any of the walkers. We'll



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Saturday 17th September 2005

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Rovers (2) 3

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Rovers: Warrington, McGuire, McDaid, S. Roberts, Albrighton, Green, Coppinger, Predic, Fortune-West, Forte, McIndoe

Substitutes: Ravenhill (for Predic, 87), Mulligan (for Coppinger, 90), N. Roberts, Heffernan, Budtz.

Scunthorpe: Musselwhite, Stanton, Williams, Crosby, Hinds, Barracrough, Taylor, Ryan, Sharp, Keogh, Beagrie

Subs: Corden (for Beagrie, 41), Sparrow (for Ryan, 45), Johnson (for Keogh, 79), Byrne, Capp

Attendance: 6,699

Goals: Rovers: Fortune-West (15), McIndoe (25), Forte (60)

Scunthorpe: Sharp (51)

Referee: M. Halsey

Assistant referees: P. Canadine & N. Bannister

Yellow cards: Rovers: None

Scunthorpe: Sparrow

Red cards: None.

Rovers ended a sequence of four successive defeats with a fine victory over local rivals Scunthorpe United. They played some excellent, fast-paced football, the like of which Rovers fans have not seen much so far this season. Stephen Roberts made his first start since joining from Wrexham in the summer, while Uros Predic and James Coppinger returned in midfield. After a slightly shaky opening, Rovers went ahead after 15 minutes. Scunthorpe failed to clear Michael McIndoe's cross and Paul Green's chip was met by a powerful close range header from Leo Fortune-West who registered his first goal of the campaign. The strike gave Rovers confidence and they tore into the visitors, increasing their lead on 25 minutes. Coppinger's cross was deflected into the path of McIndoe who fired a low drive past Musselwhite. Coppinger almost added a third when he jinked past several defenders but his low shot lacked power and was held by the visiting 'keeper.

Rovers' 2-0 half time lead lasted for only six minutes of the second period. Sean McDaid was hurt in a tackle and with him out of action Taylor was able to get away down the right. His low cross fell neatly into the path of Sharp who shot past Andy Warrington. This came as a blow to Rovers and for a while they were on the back foot. However, they lifted the pressure on the hour with a superbly crafted third goal. Predic's excellent long pass found Jonathan Forte on the right and the on-loan striker beat his man before curling an exquisite shot over the stranded Musselwhite and into the net. Rovers confidence surged back, and although Scunthorpe had a goal disallowed on 73 minutes when Sharp was ruled to be offside, they had opportunities to extend their lead before the end. It was a fine team performance by Rovers and if they can repeat it on a regular basis they will not be near the foot of the League One table for much longer.



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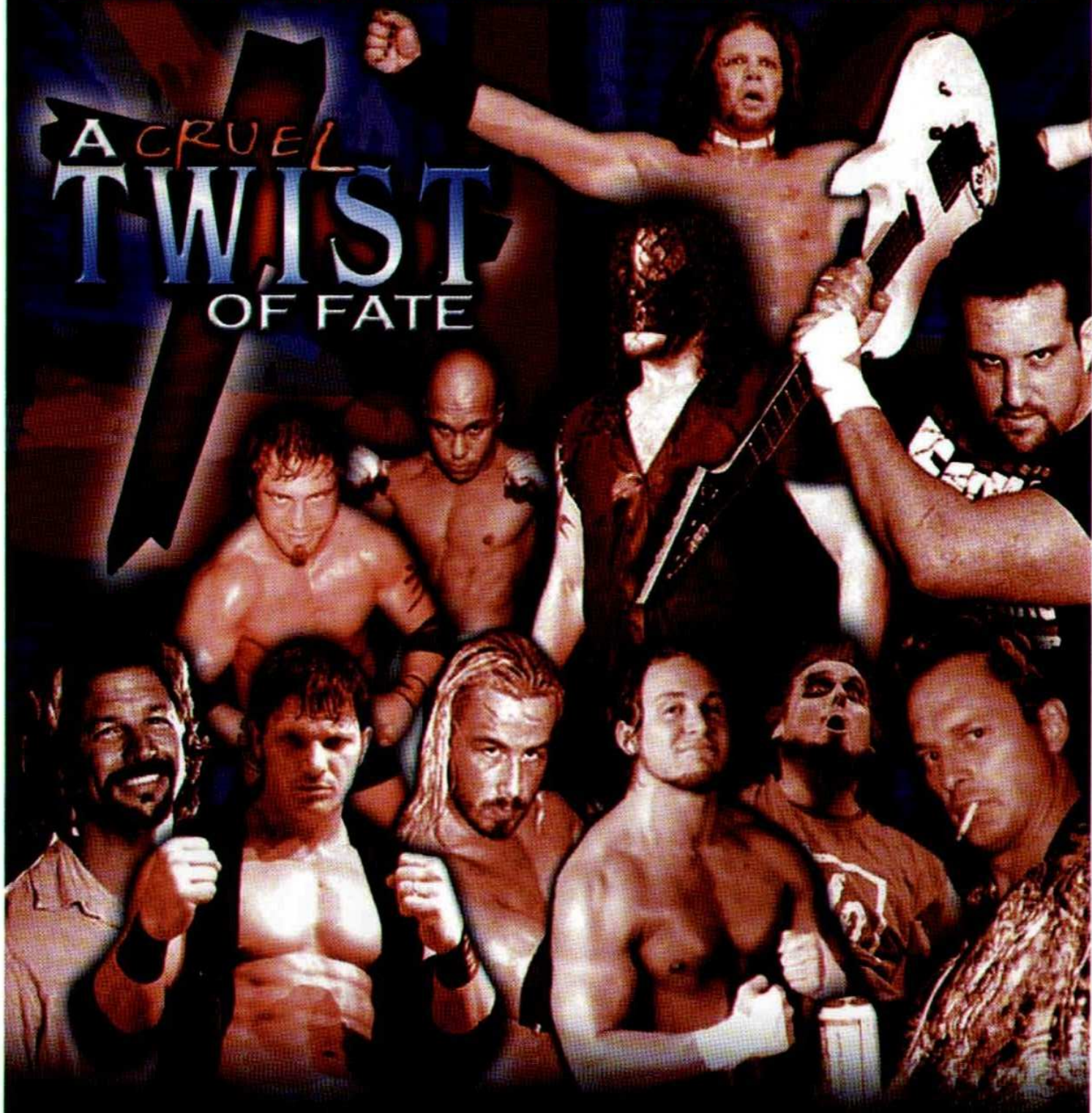
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Our next away match in Coca Cola League One is a week on Friday, when Rovers make the long trip to Dean Court to face Bournemouth. The Supporters Club are running coaches to this game, and their details can be found elsewhere in the programme. However, for those of you travelling independently, the following information may be useful:

By Road:

Leave Doncaster on the M18 southbound, before joining the M1 in a southbound direction. Continue on the M1 until you reach junction 15a, and then take the A43 towards Towcester, Brackley & the M40. Continue on this road until you reach junction 10 of the M40 and join the M40 in a southbound direction. At junction 9 leave the motorway, and join the A34 towards Oxford, Abingdon and the south. Continue on the A34 until you reach junction 9 of the M3 (roughly 60 miles). Join the M3 here heading southbound towards Eastleigh and Southampton, and at the end of the M3 join the M27 westbound towards Bournemouth, and Poole. The M27 motorway ends at junction 1, and becomes the A31. After roughly 13 miles you will see a left turn off for the A338, and you need to take this road as it leads you into Bournemouth and the ground is well signposted from this road, and after around 8 miles you may be able to see the tops of the floodlights.

Parking:

There is ample space in the council car park just beyond the ground in Kings Park. Alternatively then there is local street parking in the nearby area, but be warned that there are restrictions imposed in some areas.

By Rail:

Pokesdown is the nearest station to the ground, but unfortunately most trains end up at Bournemouth Central station, which is around two miles from the stadium and is really too far to walk. Your best bet would be to take a taxi should you arrive there. However, if you arrive at Pokesdown station, take a left out of the station and go

over the footbridge before taking another left. This road will then take you into the park. Walk through the park in the direction you approached it from, and the ground is right in front of you.

Trains from Doncaster to Bournemouth on match day are as follows:

Depart 12:37, Arrive 17:20
Depart 13:12, Arrive 18:09
Depart 14:13, Arrive 18:48

You will need to change trains twice on each journey.

For the return journey:

Unfortunately there are no trains after the match which gets you back in Doncaster on the same night. For details of Saturday's train times please visit www.thetrainline.co.uk

The Stadium:

Dean Court was completely re-built around four years ago and during the process the pitch was rotated 90 degrees. Originally built with three similar sides, an uncovered fourth stand was erected last summer to replace the unused end behind one of the goals. Away supporters will either be housed in the covered East Stand along one side of the pitch, or the uncovered South Stand behind one of the goals.

Ticket Information:

At the time of writing no information has yet been released regarding tickets for this match. Please check at the ticket office or in the local media for further announcements.

Food and Drink:

The Queens Park pub by the dual carriageway is popular with both home and away supporters, and is only around a five to ten minute walk from the stadium. Alternatively then "The Portman" pub on Ashley Road (the other side of the park to the stadium) is highly recommended for food.



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DONCASTER ROVERS BELLES



Doncaster Rovers Belles 4 Birmingham 1

TWO first half goals from Scottish international Pauline Hamill put Belles on the path to their biggest league win for more than a year. Following hard on the heels of their victory over Fulham the previous week it was a big boost for the Belles.

Manager John Buckley said sportingly: "I thought we deserved to win but the final score was a bit

harsh on them because they had a lot of possession and were probably the better side in the first half."

Buckley was particularly pleased with the way his defence coped with the threat of visiting stars like England international Karen Carney.

He added: "Carney is a phenomenal player but I thought we contained her very well and we defended brilliantly all afternoon."

Belles went in front in the eighth minute following good work by Vicky Exley and teenage striker Carla Cantrell whose final cross bounced back off the bar for Hamill to fire home from close range.

Birmingham hit back ten minutes later when Sally Lacey hammered home a cracking shot from 20 yards that gave goalkeeper Catherine Beaver no chance.

Doncaster were back on top before the interval when Exley and Cantrell combined again to set up Hamill to restore their lead before the interval.

Both sides hit the woodwork before Belles began to assert themselves in a more open second half and Michelle Walsh made it 3-1 racing through to beat the keeper to a defence splitting pass from Julie Twaddle.

Cantrell capped another excellent display when she notched the fourth in spectacular style cutting in from the left before unleashing a tremendous 20 yard shot which rocketed in off the crossbar.

In profile – Hayley Buck

Hayley Buck plays for our development side, under management team Bob Sanderson and Danny Gough. She played an important role in the Belles' championship-winning reserve side last season, playing many games in midfield.

Hayley started playing football for Fishlake as a nine year old, she then joined Moorends before moving to the then-named Doncaster Belles at twelve years old.

I asked her how women's football has changed in the eight years she's been involved. She says: "It's now more professional and growing very fast."

She believes the present set-up at the Rovers Belles is the best ever, and has utmost respect for John Buckley and his coaching team. I asked Hayley what she thought about the links between Rovers and the Belles. Her reply was "It's the best way to go forward with the new stadium etc."

Hayley loves playing for the ladies side of Rovers, and like many other youngsters at Belles is the future lifeline of the club. Footnote – Hayley is also the manager for Rovers Belles Under-14's.

Richard Bailey



First team fixtures

Sun Aug 14th	SUNDERLAND	L 3-1
Sun Aug 21st	Charlton	L 0-1
Sun Aug 28th	FULHAM	W 1-0
Sun Sept 4th	Birmingham	W 4-1
Wed Sept 7th	EVERTON	L 0-3
Sun Sept 11th	LIVERPOOL D 2-2	W 4-3P
Sun Sept 18th	Chelsea	W 2-1
Sun Sept 25th	LEEDS UNITED	H
Sun 2nd Oct	BIRMINGHAM	H
Wed 5th Oct	Everton	A
Sun 16th Oct	Bristol	A
Sun 23rd Oct	ARSENAL	H
Sun 30th Oct	Leeds United	A
Sun 13th Nov	CHELSEA	H
Sun 20th Nov	BRISTOL	H
Sun 4th Dec	Sunderland	A
Sun 11th Dec	CHARLTON	H
Sun 18th Dec	Fulham	A

Home matches played at Belle Vue or Cantley Park

P=Penalties

The FA Women's Premier League		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Everton	5	4	0	1	15	2	13	13
2	Arsenal	4	4	0	0	17	5	12	12
3	Charlton Athletic	4	4	0	0	7	2	5	12
4	Doncaster Rovers Belles	6	3	3	0	8	9	-1	9
5	Sunderland	5	2	1	2	8	7	1	8
6	Leeds United	6	1	3	2	10	14	-4	5
7	Bristol Academy	6	0	2	4	6	12	-6	4
8	Fulham	6	1	4	1	6	12	-6	4
9	Birmingham City	2	0	1	1	2	5	-3	1
10	Chelsea	6	0	5	1	3	14	-11	1

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Junior Rovers

High Drama at Belle Vue - Penalty Shoot-Out!
What can I say! What a result this was, something that we could never have expected to happen, and I am sure all of you who were at the match thoroughly enjoyed the highs and lows of the game. Congratulations to all the team - and don't forget it was a team effort and everyone played their part.

Unfortunately, there was a downside to the game and that was the loss of our keeper Andy Warrington who suffered a broken leg and will be out for some time to come.

We send him all our best wishes and look forward to seeing him back in his Rovers shirt as quickly as possible.

If anyone would like to do us a drawing of the game, or make a "Get Well Soon" card for Andy they would all be much appreciated, so bring them along to the Junior Rovers Office as soon as possible and we will print them on this page of the programme.

Birthday Greetings this week go to Junior Rovers members James Gill and Lucy Gardner.

Rita & Jill Martin



Mascots



We have two mascots for this evening's match, Ben and Craig Wilkinson. Ben is eight years old and goes to Armthorpe Tranmoor Primary School. He plays football for Armthorpe Rovers Under-9's, and also likes playing cricket,

ice skating and playing on his PlayStation. Ben does not like having to tidy his bedroom and Newcastle United. His favourite players are Michael McIndoe and Neil Roberts because of their skills and they can score goals.

When Ben found out that he was going to be a mascot, he was very excited, and he couldn't wait to tell all of his friends - it was a dream come true.

Craig is twelve years old, goes to The Armthorpe School and plays football for Armthorpe Rovers Under-13's. He likes playing on the PlayStation, and

going swimming. He supports Newcastle United (which presumably explains why Ben doesn't like Newcastle!). Craig says that he also doesn't like tidying his bedroom, school and homework. His favourite Rovers players are Lewis Guy and Paul Green.

When Craig found out that he was going to be a mascot this evening, he was excited and can't wait to walk out onto the pitch with the players.

We hope that Ben and Craig enjoy their evening with us, and hopefully that they've seen Rovers pick up another three points at the end of the game.

Our mascots for our last home game, against Manchester City last Wednesday, were Natasha and Isabella Douglas. We hope that they had a great time with us - they certainly saw a great result!



FUNZONE!

Quick Easy Quiz

Which division do the following teams play in?
(Most are easy)

1. Barnsley / 2. Fulham / 3. Worksop
4. Shrewsbury / 5. York / 6. Bolton
7. Wigan / 8. Armthorpe Welfare / 9. Retford
10. Kidderminster

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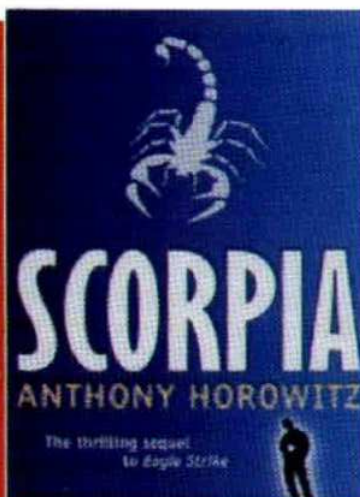
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Scorpia Anthony Horowitz

Scorpia is a brilliantly written book and is a very good read. Anthony Horowitz has written Stormbreaker, Point Blanc, Skeleton Key and this is his latest instalment in the Alex Rider Series. He uses comedy and surprising twists at the end of every page to spur the reader on. I personally think that all his books are a great success; he really outdid himself on this book. However, you may need to read the three previous books to get the bigger picture.

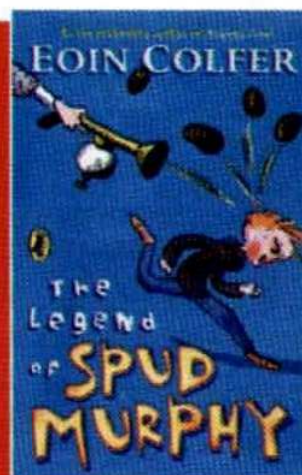
9/10 Richard Hughes
10E Hunger Hill School



The Legend of Spud Murphy Eoin Colfer

I have given the legend of Spud Murphy 8/10. The reason I did not give it 10/10 is because I thought the writing was more for kids than 12 year olds. Other than that I thought the content was very good and made you want to read on. I especially liked the characters, the way they individually tried to outsmart each other turn by turn. Overall I would recommend this book as a fast and funny read for children of younger ages or anybody wanting a short enjoyable story.

By Jack Thornton (age 12)
7I Hunger Hill School



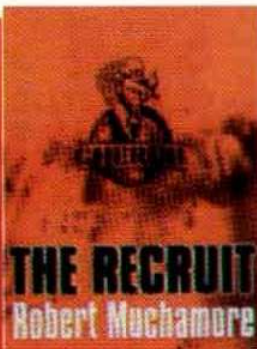
Answers

1 - League 1; 2 - Premiership; 3 - Conference North; 4 - League 2; 5 - Conference National; 6 - Premiership; 7 - Premiership; 8 - Northern Counties East Premier; 9 - Northern Counties East Div 1; 10 - Conference National

The Recruit Robert Muchamore

This is a story about a boy called James Choke who loses his mum, and he and his sister have to be put into a foster home, but his sister's dad takes her home with him and refuses to take James with him. During his stay at the foster home James mixes with the wrong crowd and gets into trouble with the police. He gets taken to a camp and is asked if he would like to join a kids version of the secret service, he accepts this offer and has to have his name changed. When James finishes basic training he gets his first mission and he meets the girl of his dreams. I would give this a 10/10 it was so funny and in parts it was moving.

By Suzanne Green – Hunger Hill School



Missing Abby by Lee Weatherly

It was easy to get into the book as it was very interesting and I love to read it. If I could read the book again I would, as it was so exciting.

The main characters were: Abby & Emma

The book called Missing Abby is about a girl going missing and her parents report her missing on Sunday 5th September, 2004. The girl said before she went missing she was going shopping with her friends but her friends phone her house to ask where she is. Her parents thought that she was out with her friends but wasn't. I would recommend this book for 10 years and over. I have not read any books by this author but I would like to read a book by this author again. If I could read another book to follow on to this book I would, it was very interesting I would give this book a mark of 9/10.

By Kirsty Jackson, Age 11. Danum School

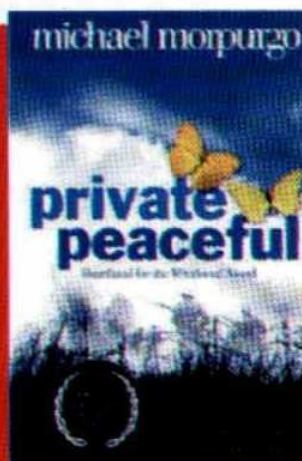


Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

I really enjoyed the book and thought it was very interesting and enjoyable to read. It is written in the present tense and first person, but it is set during the First World War, I found this rather unusual. The book is based on true facts about the First World War, which makes it very believable and more a real life book than war. There are two separate storylines in the book, one is the childhood of the main character, Thomas Peaceful, and the second is about his life in the First World War. It follows his life from when he is young to when he is in the middle of the War, then the story ends. I thought this was an unusual way to end a story and I would have liked to read more after this point.

I really enjoyed the book and would recommend it to a real-life/war fan. It was quite short and easy to read but very exiting.

Katie Marshall
Age 11. Danum School



Best Friends by Jacqueline Wilson

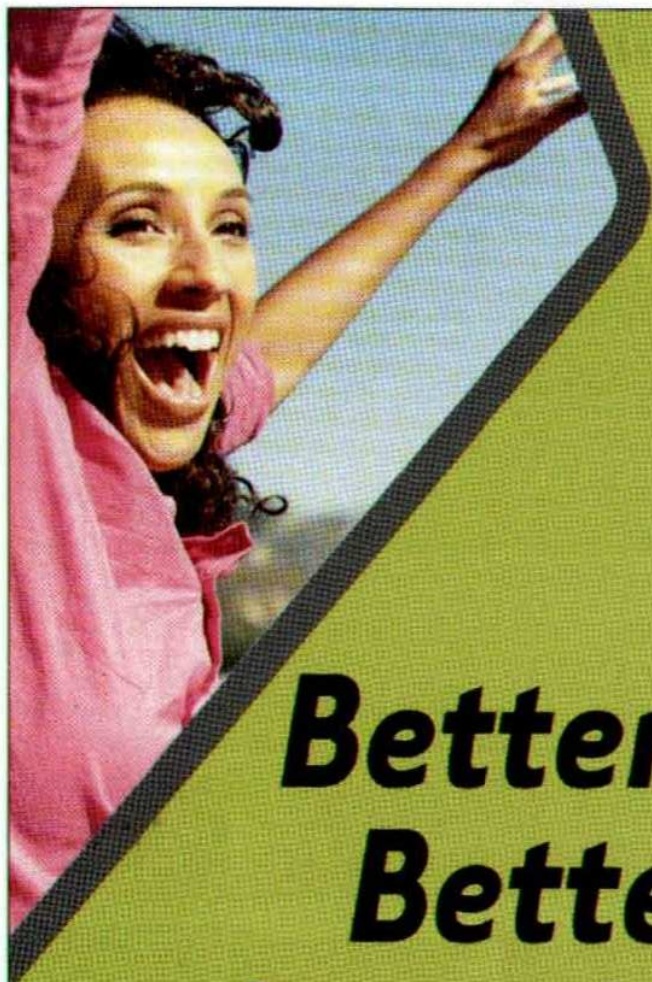
The main characters in this book are Alice and Gemma, the two best friends.

Alice and Gemma have been best friends ever since they were born. They always share their secrets with each other, and always sit next to each other in class. It doesn't matter that they are very unlike each other in many ways. For example, Gemma is more loud and talkative and Alice is more quiet and listening. Gemma always ends up looking a mess while Alice always stays nice and neat. They know each other as well as they know themselves. But one day, Gemma finds out that Alice has a secret, a secret she hasn't told Gemma...

I really really really enjoyed this book as I could relate to it really well and it was a pleasant, funny book to read. I liked how the author made the two best friends so unlike each other as it made it more interesting. It had a good plot that made me want to read on. I also liked this book because it's a reality book for girls, so it was great for me. I'm so glad this book made the shortlist because it was brilliant all the way through. I would recommend this book to people from ten years and older as it was a brilliant book, which was easy to understand, though I think girls would prefer it to boys. I would give this book 20 out of 10 because it was so good.

By Annie Fielding, Age 12. Danum School





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It's stupid-o'clock PM on Wednesday, September 20th. Actually, technically, it's Thursday now. I know I'm not the only one due back at work first thing in the morning and I'm writing these notes with this Swindon game still almost a week away. The Barnsley game will have been and gone, and hopefully been another Rovers victory, but tonight I've had the privilege of enjoying one of the most

thrilling Wednesday nights ever (and no, I don't mean I was watching 'Lost').

The debate about football being boring is now almost as dull as it alleges the game itself has become. Well, I don't know about you, but I've just seen an exhilarating display of how football is still very much entertaining. It's also heart-stoppingly exciting, laced with passion and desire and – at this level at least – definitely value for money.

I've seen a young Danish goalkeeper earn the quickest man of the match award I've ever seen, handling a pressure-cooker of a debut by keeping out penalties from an England international striker and two other Premiership regulars. All this after replacing an outstanding shot-stopper willing to sacrifice his own right leg as his team fought a one-goal deficit with just 15 minutes to go. I've seen a winger almost explode with passion for his red and white hoops and watched two determined but goal-shy attackers demonstrate the guts to be there when it counts by beating England's number one in the tensest of situations.

Warrington, McGuire, Roberts, Albrighton, McDaid, Coppinger, Predic, Ravenhill, Green, McIndoe, Fortune-West, Guy, Heffernan and Budtz: the latest line-up that can take its place in the Rovers history books.


There's no point always thinking back to 1998, but it's appropriate at times like this. No kits. No money. A pyromaniac crook in charge and almost no club. And now: consecutive promotions, a new stadium, a chairman more passionate than any other in the country and one of England's brightest prospects managing the team. Tonight is a great night to be a Donny Rovers fan.

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Infirmity: 12.45pm

Belle Vue: 12.30pm

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Non-members: £22.00

U16's: £18.00

Walsall

Saturday, 22nd October 2005

Coach departs:

Retford: 10.00am

Bawtry: 10.15am

Hare & Tortoise: 10.20am

Punches: 10.25am

Infirmity: 10.30am

Belle Vue: 10.45am

Carcroft Club: 9.30am

Bentley Pavillion: 9.40am

Don Valley (Jossey Lane): 9.50am

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10.00am

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Bentley Pavillion: 5.55pm

Don Valley School: 6.00pm

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Today's members draw winner is:
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for which your number has been
drawn. Any unclaimed numbers roll
over to the next home game)

Man of the Match Voting: Wrexham (Away):

Andy Warrington came out on top
today with 12 points. Tim Ryan was
next with 9, followed by: David
Mulligan 7 and Ricky Ravenhill 2.



Port Vale (Away)

Away to Port
Vale the voting
went as follows.
Tim Ryan
(LEFT) 5, Sean
Thornton 5, Neil
Roberts 4,

David Mulligan 3, James Coppinger
3, Michael McIndoe 3, Andy
Warrington 2, Philip McGuire 1,
Paul Heffernan 1, Stephen Foster 1,
Nick Fenton 1, Adam Hughes 1.
Huddersfield (Home)
Voting for the Bank Holiday game
was Tim Ryan 9, Uros Predic 9,
Neil Roberts 4, Lewis Guy 3,
Stephen Foster 2, Adam Hughes 2,
Michael McIndoe 1.

Tim Ryan won the Main Branch
Player of the Month for August with
49 votes.



North Doncaster Branch's "Away Player" of the month for September:

(leading votes
only)

1 Paul Green - 11 votes

2 Jonathan Forte - 8

3 Mark Albrighton - 7

4 Michael McIndoe - 6

4 James Coppinger - 6

6 Leo Fortune-West - 5

6 Ricky Ravenhill - 5

The next meeting of the Disabled
Supporters Club will be in the
Viking Supporters Club (Rovers
Return) at 12 noon on Saturday, 1st
October 2005, before the Bradford
City game. All are welcome to
attend.

I am sure I speak not only on behalf
of the Supporters Club, but all
supporters in wishing Andy
Warrington a speedy recovery to
the injury that he sustained during
an outstanding display against
Manchester City. Andy gave his all
for club and cause, a performance
that he can be very proud of. So
once again, we wish you all the best
and thank you for such a heroic
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Ian Perkin (Vice-Chairman
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COMPETITION!

Noel and Liam Gallagher are well known as being Manchester City fans, so to coincide with this evening's Carling Cup match, we have an exclusive programme OASIS competition for you to enter, which is only open to readers of this programme. The winner of the competition has the chance to win a signed Oasis artwork print!

oasis



"Don't Believe The Truth" is the sixth Oasis studio album and went straight to number one on release in July. The first two singles from the album, "Lyla" and "The Importance Of Being Idle", also hit the top spot and future single, "Let There Be Love" is tipped to do the same, capping off what has been a fantastic year for the band.

Oasis have also just finished a very busy summer, including the V Festival and their very own stadium tour.

To celebrate this success we have a great prize for you to win in this exclusive competition - a signed Oasis artwork print!

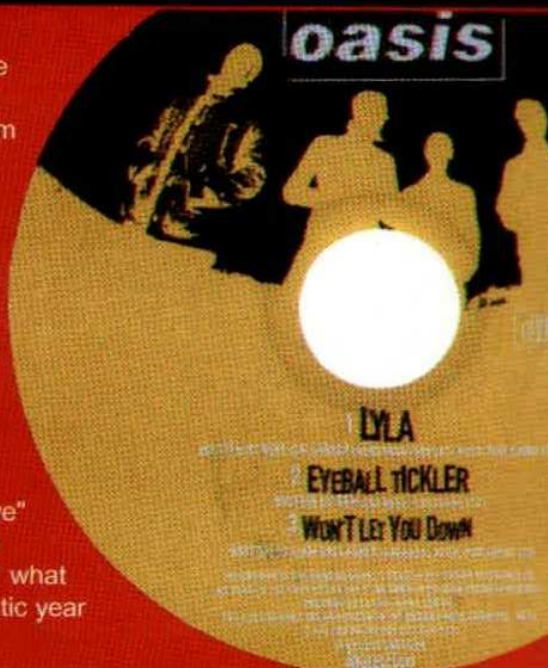
The winner will be selected randomly from all the correct answers received at the Rovers club office by 28th September.

All you have to do is answer the following question:

Where are Oasis headlining Noise & Confusion this December?

- A. Old Trafford, Manchester
- B. Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
- C. Madjeski Stadium, Reading

Entries can be submitted either by email to steveuttley@roversmedia.co.uk or by post to Doncaster Rovers FC, Earth Stadium, Belle Vue, Bawtry Road, Doncaster DN4 5HT, marking your envelope "OASIS competition".



LEAGUE ONE REVIEW

Steve Howard & Stuart Elliott



Strikers you can rely on for twenty goals a season are becoming rare commodities in English football, none more so than in League One.

They are the key to getting out of any division, especially League One, with last season's promoted sides Luton, Hull and Sheffield Wednesday all having strikers who hit the 20-goal target: Steve Howard, Stuart Elliott and Steven MacLean respectively.

So it came as no surprise last week when Huddersfield Town manager

Peter Jackson told clubs sniffing around his talented and prolific frontman Pawel Abbott, that they'd have to stump up a large figure if they are to prise the Polish star away in January. The danger for League One clubs is that they can get a reputation as a selling club - an image Rovers have shed by splashing out £125,000 on the man they hope can bring them 20 goals, Paul Heffernan. Two seasons ago Huddersfield sold Jon Stead to Blackburn for £1.25million while they were challenging for promotion in the old Third Division. Stead left, the goals dried up and Town missed out on promotion.

Abbott has scored nine goals already this season, on the back of 27 last term, and Jackson rightly acknowledges that selling a 20-goal striker would kill their promotion hopes.

"We don't have to sell players any more. We want to build for the future and it would take a massive bid for any of my players to leave the Galpharm Stadium. Pawel's got nearly a goal a game, he's still only 22 and he's got a big future."

Teams that have 20-goal a season men to lead the line are near

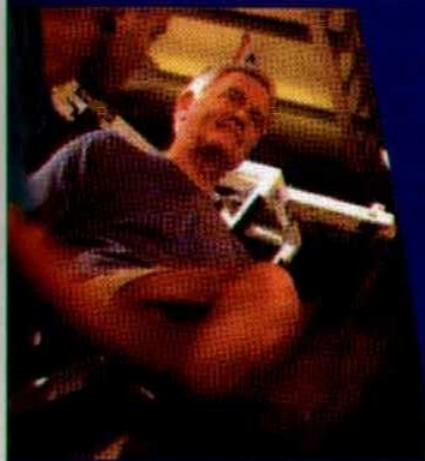
certainities to be there or thereabouts come the end of the season. Bradford City have Dean Windass, Swansea have Lee Trundle and Mick Harford's shrewd acquisition of Deon Burton is already paying dividends.

Like Doncaster, Bristol City went in search of goal scorers in the summer and their twin acquisitions of Marcus Stewart and Michael Bridges have yet to settle in. Adam Boyd is still not 100% fit following a pre-season injury, but as soon as Heffernan, Stewart and Boyd start finding the net more frequently, watch Rovers, City and Hartlepool start climbing the league.

Then there are those sides with a striker who has a 20-goals a season in him somewhere, who could cause a stir and reach the play-offs - think Matt Fryatt at Walsall, Billy Paynter of Port Vale and Izale Mcleod at MK Dons.

For those with little hope of a 20-goal frontman like Blackpool - who sold their only 20-goal frontman Scott Taylor - Chesterfield and Yeovil; a long, hard season beckons.

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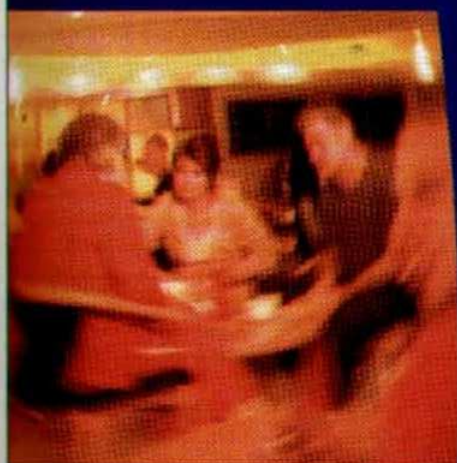
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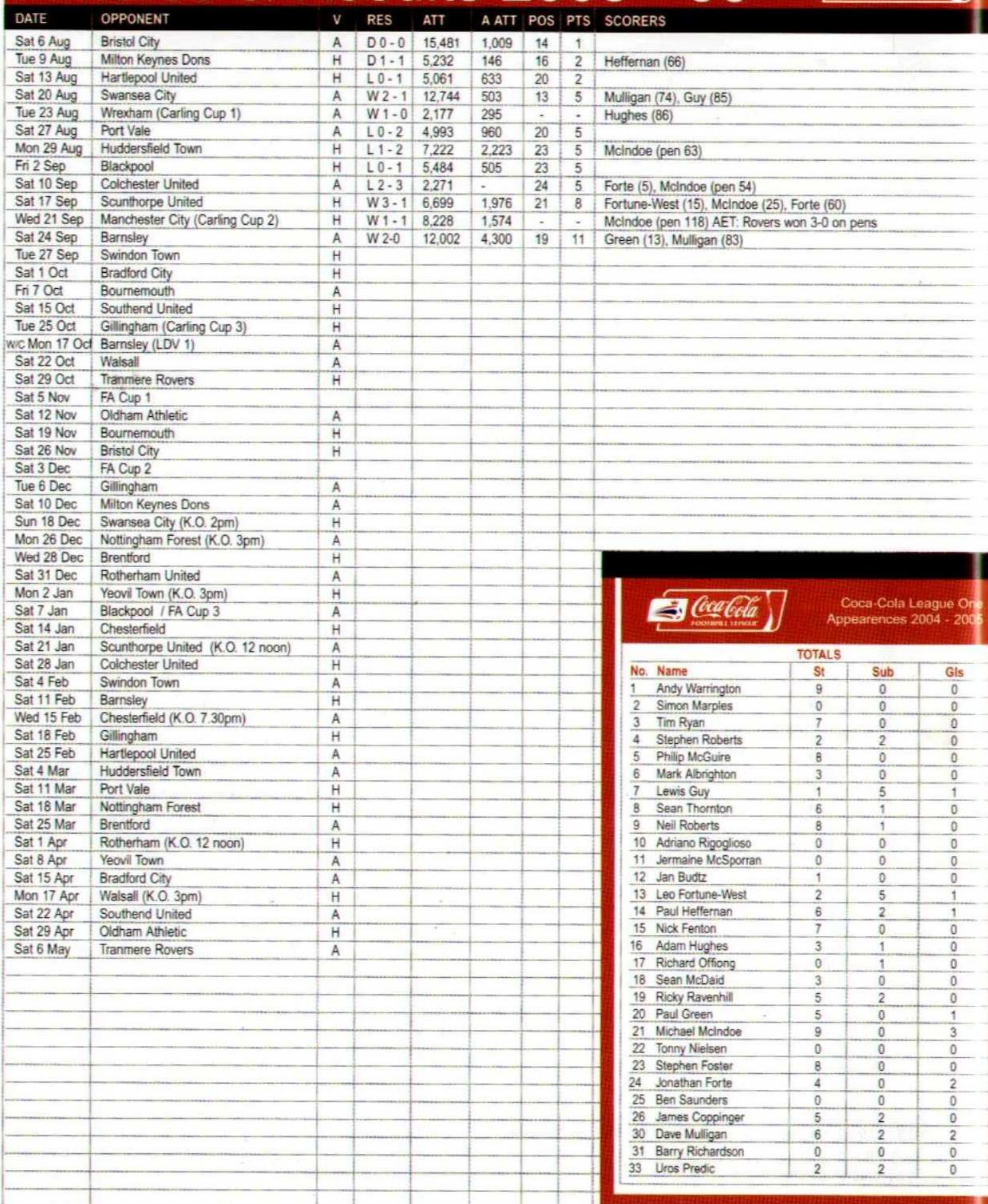
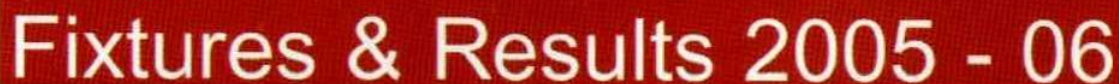


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Today's Fixtures

Bournemouth v Swansea City
 Bradford City v Colchester United
 Bristol City v Barnsley
 Doncaster Rovers v Swindon Town
 Gillingham v Chesterfield
 Hartlepool United v Rotherham United
 Huddersfield Town v Tranmere Rovers
 Milton Keynes Dons v Scunthorpe United
 Nottingham Forest v Blackpool
 Southend United v Yeovil Town
 Walsall v Brentford

Tomorrow's fixtures

Port Vale v Oldham Athletic

Statistics 2005 - 2006



Coca-Cola League One Table 2005 - 2006

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Swansea	10	3	1	1	13	5	3	1	1	13	9	12	20
2 Southend	10	3	1	1	10	6	3	1	1	10	6	8	20
3 Huddersfield	10	4	0	1	10	8	2	2	1	8	5	5	20
4 Brentford	10	3	1	1	8	4	2	1	2	8	7	5	17
5 Scunthorpe	10	3	1	1	7	5	2	1	2	9	9	2	17
6 Oldham	10	3	0	2	7	5	2	1	2	5	8	-1	16
7 Bradford	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	2	1	8	6	3	15
8 Chesterfield	10	2	0	3	7	7	3	0	2	10	10	0	15
9 Walsall	10	2	1	2	10	12	2	2	1	7	5	0	15
10 Rotherham	10	2	1	2	11	7	2	1	2	2	4	2	14
11 Barnsley	10	3	1	1	6	3	1	1	3	5	6	2	14
12 Port Vale	10	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	4	8	0	14
13 Tranmere	10	2	3	0	11	6	1	1	3	3	6	2	13
14 Nottm Forest	10	3	0	2	8	5	1	1	3	7	9	1	13
15 Colchester	10	2	2	1	6	5	1	2	2	4	6	-1	13
16 Bournemouth	10	2	3	0	5	2	1	1	3	4	8	-1	13
17 Blackpool	10	2	1	2	6	7	1	3	1	5	8	-4	13
18 Yeovil	10	2	2	1	5	5	1	1	3	4	8	-4	12
19 Doncaster	10	1	1	3	5	6	2	1	2	6	6	-1	11
20 Hartlepool	10	0	3	2	6	9	2	1	2	6	7	-4	10
21 Gillingham	10	2	0	3	4	8	0	4	1	4	7	-7	10
22 Bristol City	10	1	4	0	7	5	1	0	4	5	15	-8	10
23 Swindon	10	2	0	3	11	11	0	1	4	1	6	-5	7
24 Milton Keynes Dons	10	0	4	1	4	6	0	2	3	5	9	-6	6

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Fixtures & Results Key

■	Starting Player
➔	1st Substitute Off
➔	2nd Substitute Off
➔	3rd Substitute Off
➔	1st Substitute On
➔	2nd Substitute On
➔	3rd Substitute On
■	Unused Substitute
■	Booked
■	Sent off



GLYNN SNODIN

1984

Bolton Wanderers were the visitors to Belle Vue, their first game with the Rovers in eighty years. They arrived on the back of a 7-2 thrashing of Plymouth Argyle, but the home team pulled out all the stops, and returned as 2-0 winners, thanks to a brace of goals from Glynn Snodin.

Brother Ian contrived to miss a penalty, but a first ever league victory over the "Trotters" was not to be sniffed at – even after eighty years of waiting.



BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN

1975

Goals aplenty as the Rovers took on Southport at Belle Vue in a Division Four fixture. The home side eventually ran out winners by five goals to two, although the teams were level at 2-2 at the interval. Peter Kitchen with a hat-trick and two from Brendan O'Callaghan with two were the men on target as the

Rovers netted five goals in a league game for the first time in nearly two years.



LAURIE SHEFFIELD

1966

A bad day at the Manor Ground saw the Rovers lose 1-6 against Oxford United. A horrendous season witnessed the Rovers conceding four goals or more on no fewer than sixteen occasions during the course of the campaign, and Laurie Sheffield's goal on this date provided little in the way of consolation.



ALICK JEFFREY

1956

Alick Jeffrey hit fifteen goals in the first thirteen games of this season, before breaking his leg in an England Under 23 clash against France in Bristol. What his final total would have been for the season, had this not

happened, scarcely bears thinking about, but he certainly hit form in the away game at Bury, notching a hat-trick as the Rovers and the "Shakers" shared eight goals in a 4-4 draw, with Tommy Ewing the other scorer for Doncaster.



PAUL TODD

1946

Heady days at Belle Vue as the Rovers crushed Accrington Stanley 5-0. Clarrie Jordan weighed in with a hat-trick to bring his total for the season to eight in eight league games, whilst Bert Tindill and Paul Todd also added to their respective tallies. By the end of the season, these three would have amassed no fewer than

73 league goals between them as the Rovers took the Third Division (North) Championship.



GEORGE GLADWIN

1936

The Rovers arrested a run of four successive defeats with a useful 1-0 home victory over Aston Villa. The previous four games had included two heavy defeats at the hands – or feet – of Plymouth Argyle (0-7) and Chesterfield (1-5), both away from home, but a single goal from George Gladwin – later to be transferred for a club record

fee to Manchester United – proved to be enough to beat the Villa on their first visit to Doncaster on league business.

1901

The Rovers were a league club of just three weeks standing when they visited Middlesbrough more than a hundred years ago. Unbeaten thus far, they were fairly walloped at the old Linthorpe Road Ground, losing by 0-6. Middlesbrough ended the season as runners-up to W.B.A in the old Second Division, whilst the Rovers eventually finished seventh in their first season. Moreover, they beat the champions, W.B.A, here in Doncaster, and held them to a draw at the Hawthorns.

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