

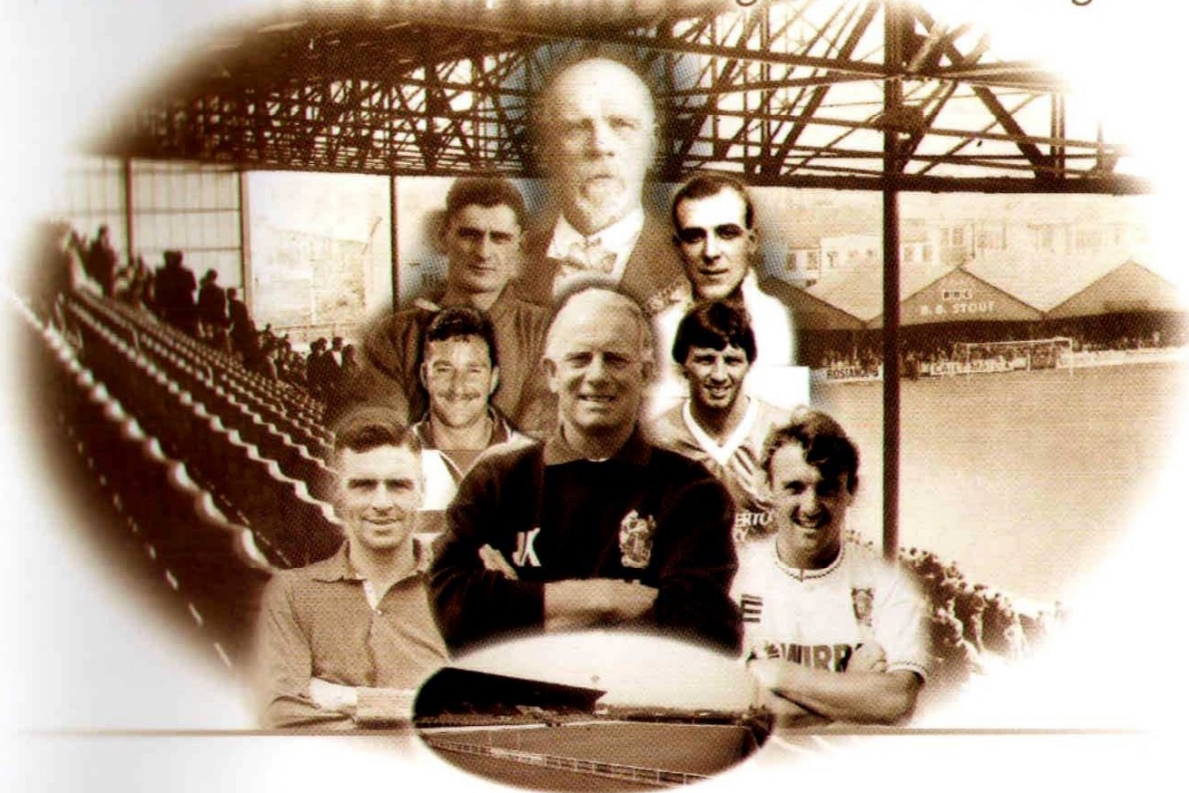
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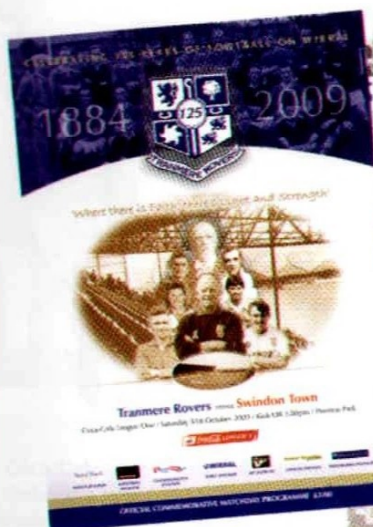
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The Chairman

"Welcome to this afternoon's Coca-Cola League One fixture against Swindon Town Football Club. Today is a very special day for the Club as we celebrate our 125 year anniversary. Formed in 1884, the Club has enjoyed a fine history and the events of today will mark the occasion."

"We have invited as many former players as possible to the game to take part in a parade on the pitch before kick off. As you can imagine, tracking down these players has not been easy. We have been delighted with the response from those we were able to contact and look forward to welcoming them back today. They have all made a contribution to the Club's history and we thank them for that. Some, unfortunately, could not be with us today as they had prior commitments or are still involved in football with other clubs.

I have been very proud to have been owner of the Club since 1987. We have had many memorable days out at Wembley Stadium, some enjoyable trips overseas in the Anglo-Italian Cup and brought some big



name players to the Club. We have been very close to gaining promotion to the top flight of English football, and even closer to playing in the UEFA Cup following our appearance in the Final of the Worthington Cup in 2000. I'm also very proud of the fact that we are a family club that works hard in the community, in schools and with charities.

Reaching the 125th anniversary is an achievement Wirral should be proud of, and hopefully that will be reflected in today's attendance. We really do need the support of the people of Wirral. The bigger our crowds are the more money we have to spend on players and helping the Club back up to where it used to be.

Since our last home game we have continued the process of finding a new manager. After receiving many applications, we have interviewed candidates and are discussing the options available. We want to make sure we appoint the right person to take the Club forward so won't rush into any decision. In the meantime Les Parry will continue to take charge of the first team assisted by Shaun Garnett and Wayne Allison. The three have had a positive reaction from the players since they took charge and they have been well supported by our fans.

Today I'd like to welcome the Swindon Town directors, staff and supporters to Prenton Park. We have had some very memorable meetings with Swindon in the past - not least the Play Off semi finals in 1992-93 - and hopefully today will be another enjoyable contest. I'd also like to welcome David Martin who we signed on loan from Liverpool shortly before our last home game against Brighton and Hove Albion. We are grateful to Liverpool for helping us out and hope David has a successful time at the Club.

Our next home game is the FA Cup First Round tie against Leyton Orient on Saturday, 7th November, kick off 3pm. It remains a very special competition and hopefully the game will be the start of another good cup run. I hope to see you then."

Peter Johnson



The First Ever - Chairman George Dimmer

When Tranmere became a limited company in 1912, George Dimmer was appointed the first chairman (James Hannay McGaul was President until this time) and a week later he had the privilege of opening the new Prenton Park. He remained in his role until 1920.



Les Parry



“

I'd like to welcome everybody to today's match, with a special welcome to those ex-players who have come to help us celebrate our 125th anniversary.”

“I'm sure it's going to be a memorable occasion seeing so many players from the past. It will also make some of us realise how old we are when we see the state of the players we used to watch.”

“If you're reading this, it means I'm still in charge of team affairs which will also mean I've been in a good mood for the past couple of days. That wasn't the case early on in the week when I was a bit down following the nature of our defeat at Hartlepool. I said before the Hartlepool match that all I could promise the fans was a performance from the lads. I'm sure that those of you who were there will agree that they certainly produced a performance and, with the rub of the green going the other way, could have come away comfortable winners. The highlight of the day was our fans' response to the effort from the players, they didn't shut up for the whole match driving us forward even when we were one down. I know I go on about it, but I can't overstate the importance of the vocal support from the fans, especially when things aren't going quite as well as we, or you, would like. Just on that match, I don't really believe in luck, if we take our chances and stop the opposition from taking theirs, we'll win. During the past 3 matches we have had more attempts on goal than most other teams in our division and our keeper hasn't really had to make a save of note. Garno and the chief have been doing a great job on the training ground and the lads have been responding by working really hard. I believe we are improving with each match and once a few of those chances start going in, it will be onwards and upwards.

I have to mention Charlie Barnett's sending off last week. At the time I thought the referee was going to award us the free kick as both lads went in the same and their lad came in from the side. I didn't give a thought to either player doing anything malicious so you can imagine my surprise when Charlie was sent off. I asked the ref to look at the incident again and he said he would. The assessor however, had taken the DVD so it would be midweek before the ref could look at it and get back to me.

Unfortunately and appeal had to be lodged by Monday. We looked at the DVD and the camera angle showed Charlie going in with one foot but the point of impact was obscured by the Hartlepool player. We would therefore have appealed using footage which was inconclusive and no

idea if we had the backing of the referee or not. This was a recipe for a frivolous appeal and an extra match ban, hence our decision not to appeal. I'm all for quick appeals, but if we are going to have them, surely we need to give referees the tools to review their decisions prior to the deadline for making an appeal.

The FA Cup draw could have been worse, we could be playing Leyton Orient away. It's not ideal to draw a team out of your own division but at least our ball came out of R2D2 first. I'm sure all of those of you who travel to our away matches were watching the draw and screaming 'No' every time a team from the edges of Britain came out of the hat first, I was. We have enough long trips in our schedule without having to travel to the likes of Gillingham, Brighton or Aldershot so a home tie was most welcome. The FA Cup is special. The atmosphere is different, the build-up feels different, the nerves are more evident and it's a great occasion. All that said, it's your support that makes the cup that extra bit special so I would ask that you turn out in your droves next week. Bring a friend and I'm sure the atmosphere will hook them into returning week after week.

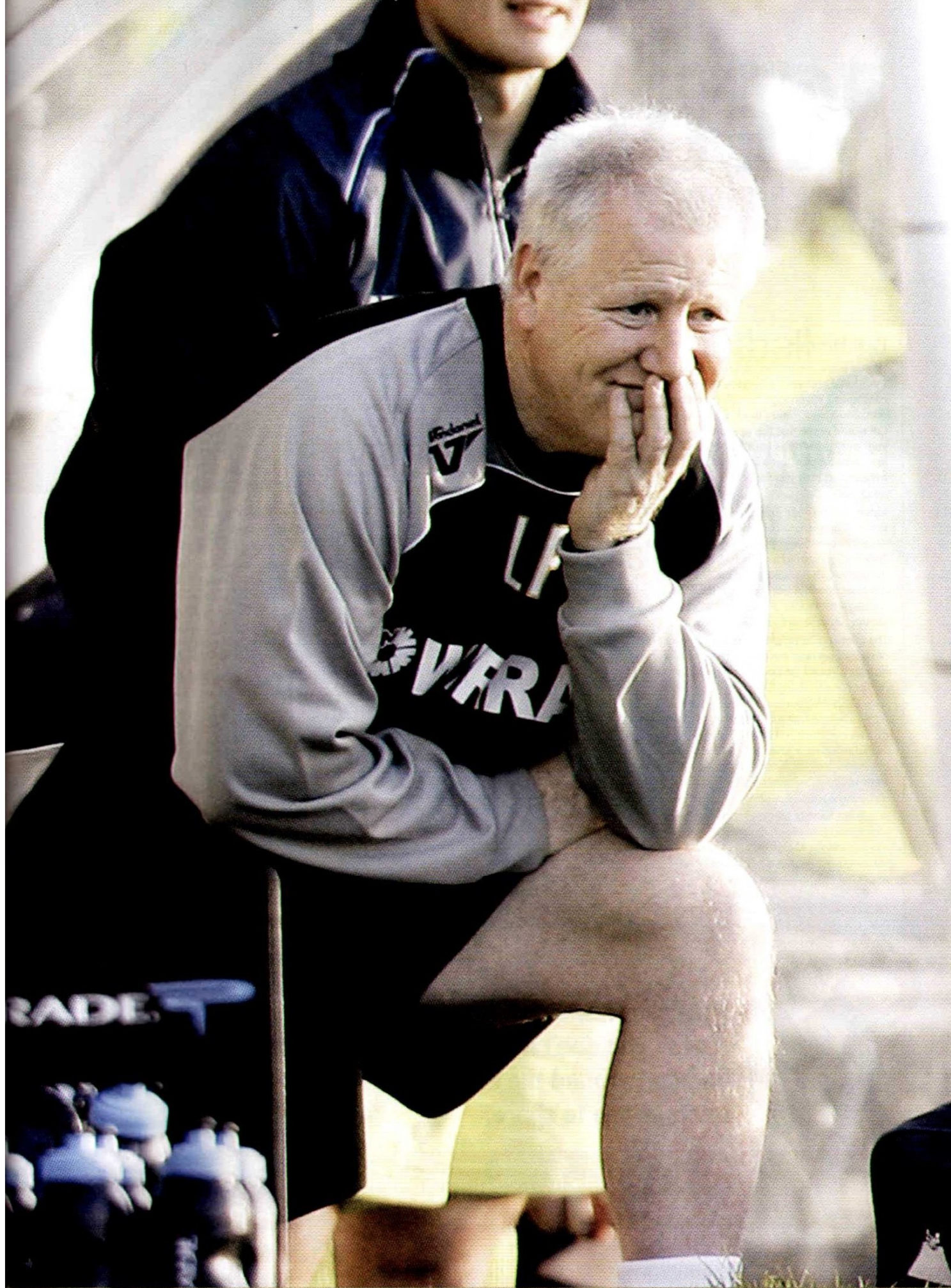
I'd like to welcome the staff, players and fans of Swindon Town. I was delighted to see Peter Shirliff get the assistant managers job at Swindon. He's an excellent coach and I struck up a close friendship with him when he was at Tranmere. I didn't realise how much I missed him until we lined up for the pre-season team photo and I was looking around for him to stand next to so that I looked a bit better than I actually do. I've also got to know Danny Wilson over the past 15 years which is one of the positive things about being involved in football. I used to sit on my dad's shoulders and watch Danny when he played for Sheffield Wednesday so it was great to get to know him. Welcome to all from Swindon.

Finally, a personal welcome to the players who will parade around the ground before today's match. Although I won't know all of them, I will be aware of their names and their contribution to where the Club is today. There will be plenty I do know, some who I have regular contact with and others I won't have seen for a number of years, I can't wait. I hope you all enjoy the celebrations and today's match.”



The First Ever - Team Manager Bert Cooke

It's highly likely that Bert Cooke will forever remain Rovers' longest serving manager. Born in Birkenhead, Cooke took the reins as Secretary-Manager in 1913 and remained in the position until 1935. He brought several of Rovers' most successful players to the Club, responsible for the signings of Dixie Dean, Pongo Waring and Ellis Rimmer. While not a manager in the modern sense as team selection was carried out by the directors, he was also in charge of finances and travel, and he took charge of 578 league games.



FROM A Media Perspective

Past Heroes

'If you know yer history' is a line in a traditional anthem for Everton fans that continues.. 'it's enough to make your heart go ooo...ooo...ooo' - and I think any modern day fan would agree that the ups and downs of your own team takes your heart to highs and lows on a regular basis and influences how you behave and how you feel.

All supporters respect the importance of the history of their club. The recent publication of Rovers 'Complete Record' salutes the past and while I've only the slightest of knowledge about Tranmere compared to Gilbert, Steve and Peter the authors, the unearthing of the photograph on this page from the late 1960s got me thinking about my memories of two of the group in the picture, Dave Russell and George Yardley.

The interview techniques are much different now, of course, we don't have managers and players huddled around the boot of a car with just one microphone to share. On many occasions we have to fight for our space to ask a question and sponsorship defines a clear pecking order of who can ask questions and when. But all those years ago I'd never have imagined I'd now be in the privileged position of conducting interviews with some of the great names in European football.

As for my memories, well Dave Russell was one of a select band of managers who was never sacked and I also seem to recall he was quite a snappy dresser. Always immaculate, as were his manners, and I've been told stories of how respectful of young reporters he always was, no matter how pointless a question seemed to be. He also made a habit of taking time to talk to the fans, something that many modern day managers could take a lead from. Most of all though, Dave was an innovator. Without him the Rovers

production line of local talent wouldn't have begun and players like Roy McFarland, Alan King, Ray Mathias and many more wouldn't have enjoyed the careers they have. Friday night football, the club colours of the 'Super Whites' and the first official club crest can all be attributed to this great servant of the club.

His greatest signing was arguably another face on the photo, George Yardley. He began his career at East Fife, one of Russell's stamping grounds. Yardley scored 68 league goals in 123 appearances with another 13 in cup ties - he was the player every young fan wanted to be like. Alongside striking partner George Hudson and with youngster Ken Beamish supplying the crosses they really were something else...and to think that George started his career as a goalkeeper. He once played for an amateur Scotland team against Wales in the same team as Sir Alex Ferguson and it was only a broken bone in his hand that led to him changing from stopper to striker. After he returned from injury he couldn't get a game, then as a stand-in forward he scored 4 in a reserve game for East Fife and the rest as they say is history!

We all love stories about our club's past and I was struck by this after a phone call from a Rovers fan (Mike I think) to Danny Baker's off the wall programme on 5 live last Saturday morning as I was driving to Hartlepool. He recounted a story from a game in September 1979 when Rovers in Division Four and then managed by John King lost 5-0 at home to Bournemouth. He remembered a pensioner who lived down his street called Mr Brown climbing over the perimeter wall at the Cowshed end and berating a player for his performance using his umbrella as a weapon. These



Derek Jones

days Mr Brown would have been ejected and probably banned for life, back then he returned into the crowd to the cheers of the home fans.

An age of innocence perhaps that left us long ago but what our memories do give us is a real sense of the history of our favourite club. So as we celebrate 125 years of this great club, Tranmere Rovers, it's time to remember your own childhood heroes, think about the things you've seen and the fun you've had supporting your team. **AND THEN LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER 125 YEARS.**



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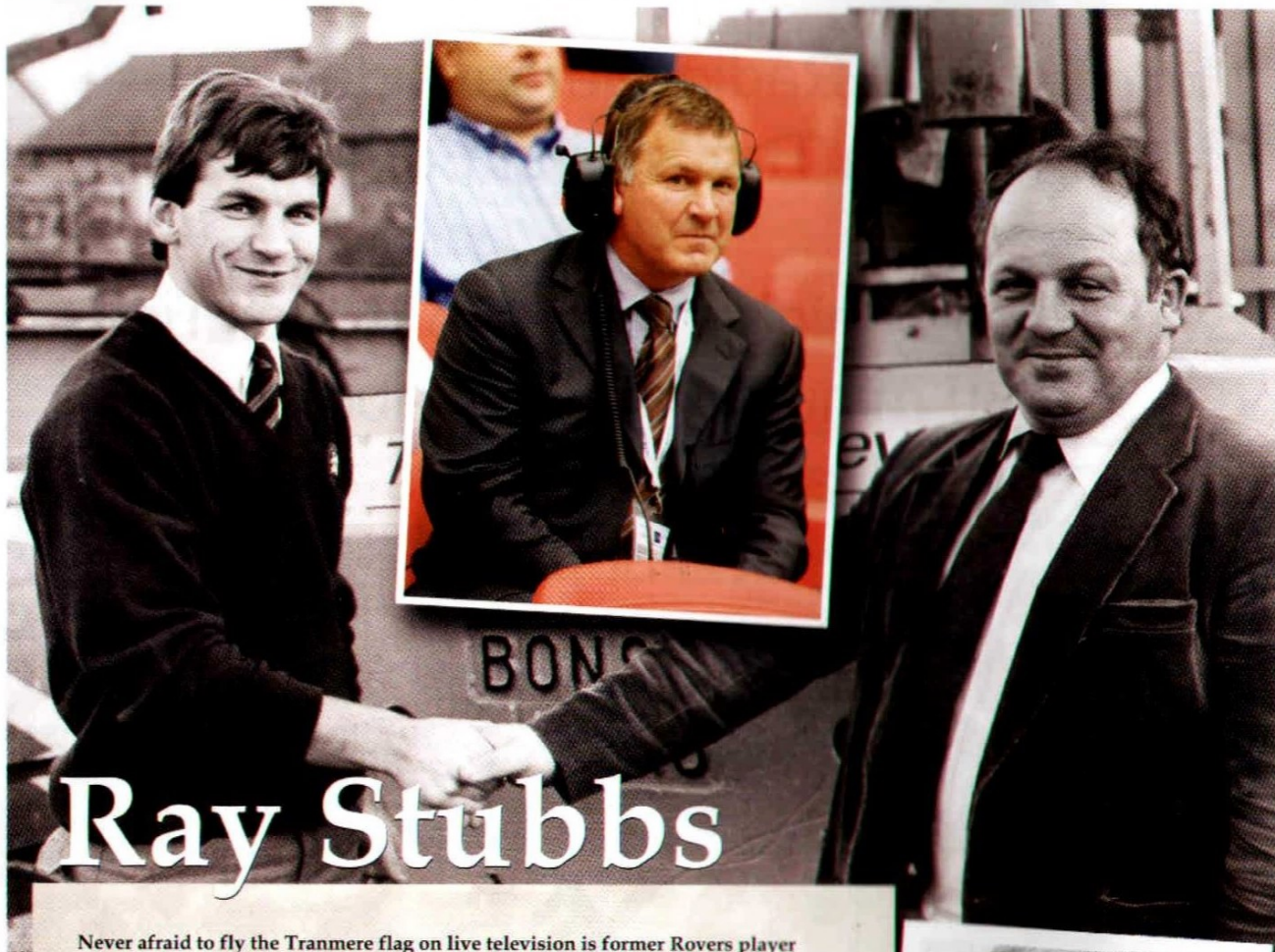
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Ray Stubbs

Never afraid to fly the Tranmere flag on live television is former Rovers player and Commercial Manager Ray Stubbs. On a recent visit to the ground the ESPN Sports Presenter shared some of his favourite Tranmere memories with us.

"It's always so difficult to encompass what you think about something in a few sentences. I think I always retreat to remembering certain things from down the years. I used to be a key holder here at one stage, and when the alarms went off in the middle of the night I had to come down and turn them off. Walking around the ground at two or three o'clock in the morning was such a powerful feeling, you could sense all the history of the Club echoing around.

"Of course you can't get away from the fact that I'm the worst full back to ever represent the Club, and that's something I'm quite proud of! Putting on the first team shirt while it might not have been for a game of any significance for the Club was of massive significance to me. The friendly games that I played for the first team and being on the bench at Manchester United in the League Cup were huge events for me. Wearing a first team shirt was massive for me as a fan.

"Players, managers and teams roll on and on, but the spirit remains the same. Everything changes but nothing changes. I walked round the ground recently, and I know this sounds quite romantic, but I can show people doors I used to paint. I remember relaying the pitch one year, and tidying glasses away...the whole part of being involved in the football club was very special for me. When the Club celebrates this anniversary it encompasses everything that has gone before. Being back inside Prenton Park all these years on has been great for me and I've really enjoyed it."



When former Rovers striker Chris Greenacre heard about today's celebrations, he contacted the Club with a special message.

Now plying his trade in the A-League for Wellington Phoenix, the three times leading scorer fondly recalled his time at Prenton Park.

"Everyone at the Club was brilliant with me when I joined - the staff, the players and the fans. I'll always be thankful for that and I really liked the fact that Tranmere was a friendly, family orientated club.

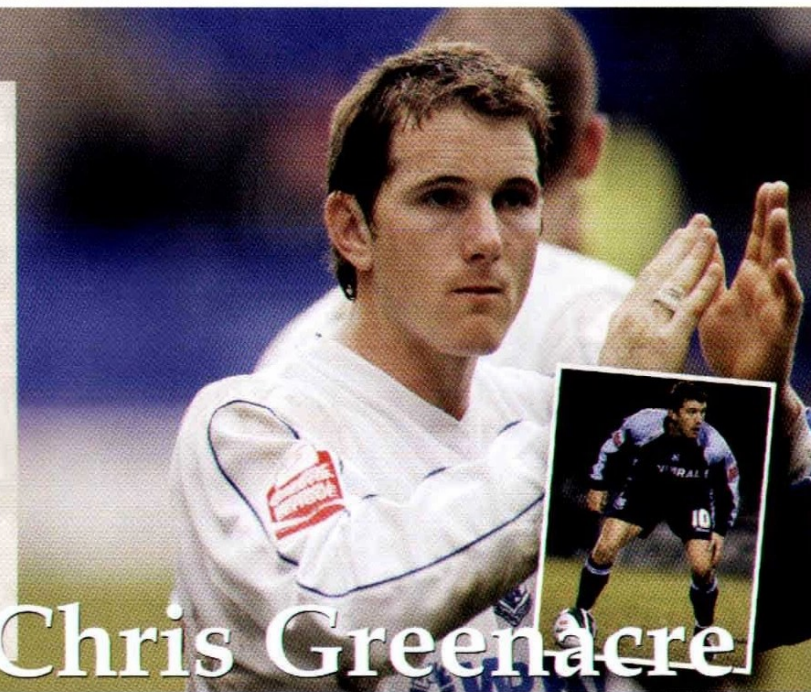
"My only disappointment from my time at the Club was not going up a division but otherwise I only have fond memories from my time there.

"I've made a lot of friends at the Club who I'll keep in touch with for the rest of my life.

"I might be in New Zealand but I always keep an eye out for results and news for the Club.

"I wish everyone at Tranmere all the best for today and the rest of the season."

Chris Greenacre



Not many goals stand out in the Club's history as much as Chris Malkin's extra time strike against Bolton Wanderers in the 1991 Play Off Final at Wembley Stadium.

The striker, who played more than 300 times for the Club between 1987 and 1994, fired the Club to promotion to the old Division Two (now the Championship) before reeling away in celebration.

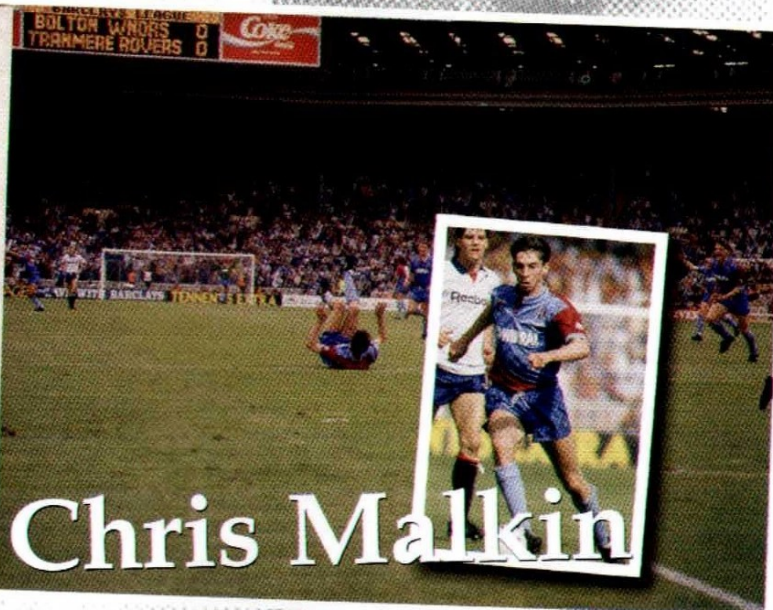
Malkin said: "I've got so many great memories of my time at Tranmere. The people I used to play with and the staff were so brilliant. It was my best time in football.

"The Play Off Final is my favourite memory, I'd had a lot of injuries that season so to get the goal that got us promoted meant a lot to me and a lot to Wirral.

"We had so many great Friday night games they were tremendous times.

"Tranmere is a very special club for me."

Chris Malkin

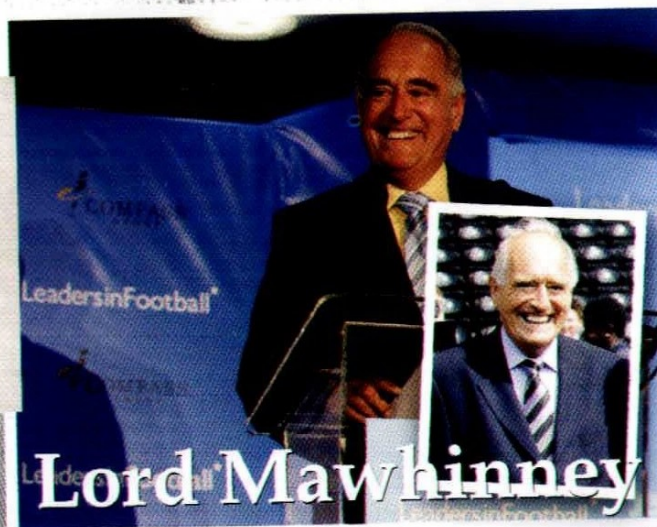


Football League Chairman Lord Mawhinney, who visited Prenton Park for the Carling Cup tie against Grimsby Town earlier this season, said: "I send my congratulations to Tranmere Rovers on the club's 125th anniversary.

"As I observed a few weeks ago, Rovers play an integral role in the Wirral community and are an important focal point for local people.

"Football in Merseyside is considerably stronger thanks to the significant contribution made by the club."

Lord Mawhinney





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Subs not used: Coyne, Sonko, Cresswell.

Swindon: Brezovan, Smith, Ifil, Greer, Vincent, Amankwaah (McNamee 62), Timlin, Kanyuka (Nalis 46), Robson-Kanu, Paynter (Peacock 79), Cox.
Subs not used: Smith, Jean-Francois.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Kay (48).

Attendance: 5,153.

Referee: David Webb (County Durham).



With 19 points from 14 games, Swindon come to Prenton Park just above mid table and only three points adrift of the top six.

The Robins, led by manager Danny Wilson and assistant manager Peter Shirtliff a familiar face around Prenton Park have picked up four wins and seven draws, including victories over Southampton, Southend and Brentford.

Wilson's side has seen a number of changes from last season, with leading scorer Simon Cox departing for West Bromwich Albion. Coming into the County Ground were Gordon Greer, Jonathon Douglas, Scott Cuthbert, David Lucas and Alan O'Brien, while they have also been busy in the loan market, bringing in Simon Ferry and Ben Hutchinson from Celtic along with Alex Revell from Southend.

Last weekend the Robins lost 1-0 at Norwich City, and after the game Wilson commented: "Apart from giving a sloppy goal away I thought we did quite well in large parts of the game.

"We maybe should have got something out of the game, but the difference is in that last third of the pitch.

"The rest of the play was very good and I thought we defended brilliantly at times against a very good Norwich side.

"We put in a good performance but unfortunately we gave a sloppy goal away and that's been the difference.

"There was a little bit of a scramble, it hit somebody and then fell to Martin who scored. It's the rub of the green unfortunately but we didn't react to the second ball.

It's the type of luck that's going against us at the moment and falling to other people, but we've got to change that ourselves.

"Norwich are a handful and have got some good players throughout their side. But I thought we gave a very good account of ourselves, and if we were more clinical in wider areas, we possibly could have got something out of the game.

"I don't worry because we will get it right. We will just continue to work on the areas where we think we need to improve.

"Worry doesn't get you anywhere. We've got to maintain that we can play like we can, but we have to also make ourselves more of a threat in the final third.

"It's not all doom and gloom for us. We've had some very good performances but now need to go and turn them into results."

Today's match is the 59th time the two sides have met and Rovers' 3655th Football League match. All four of the last games played between Tranmere and Swindon have gone the way of the home team with Antony Kay's goal giving Rovers a 1-0 win at Prenton Park last February.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...The first player signed by the Robins for a four-figure transfer fee was Ben Morton who arrived from fellow Third Division South side Torquay United on 30th October 1937 in a £1,000 move. The following season Ben was top scorer for them with 28 League goals.

The Players

David Lucas

David Lucas signed for Swindon Town FC on a free transfer in June 2009 following his release from Leeds United.

Lucas is reunited with former Sheffield Wednesday teammates Lee Peacock and Jon-Paul McGovern at The County Ground, and has signed a two-year deal. He began his career with Preston North End and went on to spend ten successful years with the Lancashire club. He also won International honours whilst with Preston, representing England at Under 21 level. He has since played for Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley and Leeds.

Scott Cuthbert

Swindon Town announced the signing of Celtic defender Scott Cuthbert in July 2009.

The 22-year old came up through the ranks at Celtic Park and Captained the club's Under 19 and Reserve teams.

Cuthbert came through the ranks at Celtic and captained the Under-19's and Reserve teams. He made his debut for the first team in a pre-season friendly with Manchester City in August 2008.

Phil Smith

Phil Smith joined Swindon in late July 2006 from Crawley Town.

Smith had made 74 starts for Crawley Town during a two-year stay, which followed a year's spell at Margate where he made 35 starts. A dependable customer, Smith slotted into become the number one for the remainder of the 2006-7 season following Peter Brezovan's unfortunate injury.

Hasney Aljofree

Experienced centreback who arrives at The County Ground with plenty of Coca-Cola Championship experience.

Previous clubs include Bolton Wanderers, Dundee United and Plymouth Argyle, from where he signed for Swindon on a three-year deal in the summer of 2007.

Lee Peacock

Lee Peacock joined Swindon Town on 20th January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday.

The experienced frontman started his career at Carlisle United as a trainee, but after scoring 11 goals in 52 appearances he made the switch to Mansfield Town in October 1997 for £75,000. It proved to be a



Above: David Lucas

Below: Kevin Amankwaah



productive spell with The Stags with 29 goals in 80 appearances attracting Manchester City who parted with £500,000 for his services. However, his time at Maine Road was not as successful as he would have liked due to injuries, but his next stop certainly was. A £600,000 move to Bristol City in August 2000 heralded the start of a successful four year spell at Ashton Gate. 54 goals in 131 league starts was the result of his stay with the Robins. Next up was Sheffield Wednesday, who he joined on a free transfer in the summer of 2004, on a free transfer.

Craig Easton

Craig Easton arrived at The County Ground in June 2007 to add further experience to the central midfield area.

The former Scotland Under 21 International joins up at The County Ground with over 300 league appearances under his belt.

Easton, 28, started his career at Dundee United where he came up through the ranks to make 162 league starts before departing in the summer of 2004.

He then spent a year at Livingston before joining Leyton Orient in July 2005.

Jon-Paul McGovern

Jon-Paul McGovern joined Swindon Town on Friday 31st August 2007, just hours before the close of the transfer window.

A lively winger who can operate out wide or through the middle, McGovern's arrival was a major boost to Paul Sturrock who had been chasing the player for some time.

The 26-year old was a key cog in Paul Sturrock's Sheffield Wednesday side which won promotion to the Coca-Cola Championship and made over 60 appearances for The Owls during two seasons at Hillsborough.

Kevin Amankwaah

Right back Amankwaah began his career at Bristol City. He eventually left Ashton Gate in February 2005, when he signed for Yeovil Town, initially on loan and then on a permanent basis. Amankwaah signed for Swansea City in July 2006 for a fee of £250,000. He left to join Swindon Town in June 2008.

Michael Timlin

Swindon Town manager Maurice Malpas dipped into the transfer market with the addition of Michael Timlin in May 2008.

DANGER MAN

Billy Paynter

Striker Billy Paynter signed for Swindon Town on Friday 31st August for an undisclosed fee from Southend United.

The 23-year old striker was restricted to just five league starts at Roots Hall after signing a three-year contract with the Blues from then Championship rivals Hull City in August 2006.

The 6'0 striker has scored 60 career goals and made 200 league starts and adds much-needed firepower to the Swindon attack.





Above: Leccinel Jean-Francois

He started his Fulham career as a left-winger but was converted to central midfield by Fulham's then Academy Director, Steve Kean. Following the permanent switch to Wiltshire, 'Timms' has relocated from his London base to Swindon and began the season alongside Lilian Nalis in midfield.

Jonathon Douglas

Jonathan Douglas signed for Swindon Town on a free transfer in July 2009 following his release from Leeds United.

Douglas is a combative midfield player who leads by example. He started his career in Ireland with Monaghan United before a move to Blackburn Rovers in the summer of 2000. In August 2005 he made a loan switch to Elland Road and made 32 league starts during the season, before making the move permanent twelve months later.

Gordon Greer

Gordon Greer became Town's first signing of the summer in 2009 on a free transfer following a successful loan spell with the club. Greer started his career with Clyde, making 32 appearances for the club before moving to England with Blackburn Rovers. Greer only appeared once in his one-year tenure at the Ewood Park club before going on loan to Stockport County. Whilst at Edgeley Park, the centre-back made five appearances and scored



Above: Anthony McNamee

once before making the move back up to Scotland.

He spent the following three seasons with Kilmarnock, making 119 appearances and scoring three goals.

Ben Hutchinson

Ben Hutchinson joined Swindon Town on loan from Celtic in a deal which will keep the striker in Wiltshire until 26th January 2010.

The young striker signed for Celtic from Middlesbrough at the end of the January 2008 transfer window. He made nine appearances for Middlesbrough, and scored on his debut for the club.

He made his Hoops debut in a 3-0 win over Hearts at Celtic Park on February 16 2008, coming on as a late substitute.

Sean Morrison

Sean is a robust centreback who arrived in Wiltshire during the summer of 2007.

After impressive displays for the youth and reserve sides, Morrison was handed a call up to the first team and made appearances against Cillingham and Millwall at the end of the season.

Callum Kennedy

The former Reading defender was granted a taste of first team action by former Town boss Paul Sturrock.

The youngster made a surprise start in the 4-1 win over Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in September 2007.

Comfortable at left-back, Kennedy was a regular for the Town reserves last term and was taken on the pre-season tour to Austria in the summer of 2008.

The player was handed a chance to impress in pre-season with games against Cardiff City and Plymouth Argyle.

Yinka Casal

Swindon Town signed 20-year old defender Yinka Casal on a two-year deal from Dutch club Cambuur just two days before the start of the 2008/09 season.

The versatile player began his career with Fulham's Academy before crossing the Atlantic for a spell with DC United, signing in February 2007.

He then signed for Cambuur Leeuwarden in the summer of 2007 and impressed during his spell with the Dutch club.

He went under the knife in the summer of 2009 to cure a knee injury and is currently recovering from surgery.

Simon Ferry

Simon Ferry joined Swindon Town on loan from



Above: Jon-Paul McGovern

Celtic in a deal which will keep the midfielder in Wiltshire until 26th January 2010.

The midfielder rose through the Celtic youth ranks and trained regularly with the first-team squad when Gordon Strachan arrived at the club in 2005.

He was part of the Scotland Under-19 side that reached the final of the 2006 European Championships and then made his first-team debut on a pre-season tour of Poland.

After injury he made the bench for many of Celtic's games in the 2008/09 run-in and scored the goal that clinched an eighth successive title for the reserves.

Lloyd Macklin

Lightening-quick winger who was joined by Ben Joyce and Callum Kennedy on the pre-season tour of Austria in the summer of 2007.

Macklin came up through the ranks at SN1 and was handed his first taste of first team action in the home pre-season friendly with Bristol City. He then became the youngest ever player to represent Swindon at first team level when coming on against Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in September 2007.

He went on to feature prominently for the youth and reserve teams as the 2007/08 campaign was played out and will be hoping to press for first team involvement now the new season is under way.



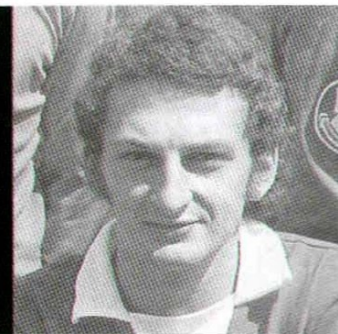
Above: Lee Peacock

Club Connection - Steve Peplow

After beginning his career across the River Mersey at Liverpool, Steve Peplow moved to Swindon Town in 1970 where he made 40 league appearances. Four years later he arrived at Prenton Park when signed by Ron Yeats, and he quickly became a favourite with the fans.

A skilful winger, Peplow made 272 appearances for Rovers, scoring 47 times and making countless more for the likes of Ronnie Moore, Bobby Tynan and John James.

He is still a regular at Rovers home games.



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Last League Game...

Norwich City (1) 1
Swindon Town (0) 0

Coca-Cola League One
Carrow Road
Saturday 24th October 2009

Substitutes: Hutchinson, Peacock, Austin, Paynter, Easton, Morrison, Smith.

Bookings: Timlin.

Goalscorers: N/A/

Attendance: 24,959.

Referee: Grant Hegley (Hertfordshire).



The Manager Danny Wilson

As a player, Danny Wilson won the League Cup with both Luton Town in 1988 and Sheffield Wednesday in 1991. His equaliser for Luton against Arsenal with seven minutes remaining in the 1988 final is arguably the most famous match-saving goal in the club's history. He was also a runner-up in both domestic cup finals with Sheffield Wednesday in 1993. He also made 24 caps for Northern Ireland, scoring 1 goal.

After ending his career, Wilson managed Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City, and Milton Keynes Dons, before being appointed manager of Hartlepool United in June 2006.

In the 2006-07 season, he guided Pools to second from top of League Two and promotion back to League One.

After leaving Hartlepool United last season, he took over the reins at Swindon Town.



Results & Fixtures 2009-10



August

Sat 8	A	Gillingham	L 0-5
Sat 15	H	MK Dons	D 0-0
Tue 18	H	Southampton	W 1-0
Sat 22	A	Oldham Athletic	D 2-2
Sat 29	H	Southend United	W 2-1

September

Sat 5	A	Yeovil Town	W 1-0
Sat 12	H	Colchester United	D 1-1
Sat 19	A	Walsall	D 1-1
Sat 26	H	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1
Tue 29	A	Exeter City	D 1-1

October

Sat 3	A	Brentford	W 3-2
Sat 10	H	Millwall	D 1-1
Sat 17	H	Hartlepool United	L 0-2
Sat 24	A	Norwich City	
Sat 31	A	Tranmere Rovers	

November

Sat 14	H	Leeds United	
Sat 21	A	Carlisle United	
Tue 24	H	Huddersfield Town	

December

Tue 1	A	Stockport County	
Sat 5	H	Leyton Orient	
Sat 12	A	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 19	H	Brighton & HA	
Sat 26	A	Charlton Athletic	
Mon 28	H	Yeovil Town	

January

Sat 2	H	Oldham Athletic	
Sat 9	A	MK Dons	
Sat 16	H	Gillingham	
Sat 23	A	Southampton	
Sat 30	A	Southend United	

February

Sat 6	H	Charlton Athletic	
Sat 13	A	Huddersfield Town	
Sat 20	H	Carlisle United	
Tue 23	H	Stockport County	
Sat 27	A	Leyton Orient	

March

Sat 6	H	Bristol Rovers	
Sat 13	A	Brighton & HA	
Sat 20	H	Norwich City	
Sat 27	A	Hartlepool United	

April

Sat 3	A	Leeds United	
Mon 5	H	Tranmere Rovers	
Sat 10	A	Colchester United	
Tue 13	H	Exeter City	
Sat 17	H	Walsall	
Sat 24	A	Wycombe Wanderers	

May

Sat 1	H	Brentford	
Sat 8	A	Millwall	



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...Swindon Town enjoyed a successful tour of South America in 1912 remaining unbeaten in eight games, two of which were drawn. Of the 21 goals registered, Archie Bown scored 11. The Argentina League were held 2-2, and the Uruguayan League beaten 3-0.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Lee Barnard	Southend	10	2	12
Jordan Rhodes	Huddersfield	9	3	12
Simeon Jackson	Gillingham	8	3	11
Jermaine Easter	MK Dons	7	3	10
Grant Holt	Norwich	7	3	10
Carl Baker	Stockport	7	3	10
Neil Harris	Millwall	6	4	10
Richard Lambert	Southampton	7	1	8
Kevin Lisbie	Colchester	8	0	8

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Carrow Road	Norwich	7	30	4.29
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	7	23	3.29
Huish Park	Yeovil	7	23	3.29
Prenton Park	Tranmere	7	22	3.14
St Marys Stadium	Southampton	7	20	2.86
Edgeley Park	Stockport	7	20	2.86
KRBS Priestfield Stad	Gillingham	7	20	2.86
Banks's Stadium	Walsall	7	19	2.71
Griffin Park	Brentford	7	19	2.71
Community Stadium	Colchester	7	18	2.57
Elland Road	Leeds	7	18	2.57
St James Park	Exeter	7	18	2.57
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	7	18	2.57
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	7	17	2.43
The Valley	Charlton	7	17	2.43
Boundary Park	Oldham	7	16	2.29
Brunton Park	Carlisle	7	16	2.29
The New Den	Millwall	7	16	2.29
stadium:mk	MK Dons	7	15	2.14
Roots Hall	Southend	7	15	2.14
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	6	12	2.00
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	7	13	1.86
County Ground	Swindon	7	12	1.71
Adams Park	Wycombe	7	11	1.57

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 98 Leeds. **shots off target** 110 Leeds.
corners 115 Carlisle. **hit woodwork** 10 Leeds.
offsides 58 Brighton. **fouls** 196 Milton Keynes Dons.
yellow cards 36 Milton Keynes Dons. **red cards** 6 Brighton.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 64 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target**
 32 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots off target** 32
 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 7 Andrew Welsh
 (Yeovil). **Crosses** 69 Matthew Robson (Carlisle).
Offsides 26 Nicky Forster (Brighton). **Fouls** 33 Liam
 Dickinson (Brighton). **Free-kicks won** 37 Grant Holt
 (Norwich).


2009/10 SEASON
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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 428

RIGHT FOOT 241 goals

LEFT FOOT 83 goals

HEADERS 92 goals


Own goals 11 (2.6%), Other body part 1 (0.1%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Chris Martin (MK Dons vs Norwich) 0:17

By a substitute after coming on

Kieran Murtagh (Yeovil vs Carlisle) 0:52

DISCIPLINARY



3.1 cards per match



0.1 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Richard Naylor (Leeds vs Norwich) 0:54

By a substitute after coming on

Graeme Smith (Huddersfield vs Brighton) 1:02

SUB TOTALS

Subs used843

Offsides991

Corners1858

Shots Off Target1627

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

 Total number of goals you
 would have missed by leaving
 every match ten minutes early

0 6 4

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **1700** shots on target, goals constitute **25.2%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **71** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Tranmere 7). There have been **55** penalties awarded this season and of those **41** have been scored (a success rate of **74.5%**). Colchester have been awarded most penalties - **5**. Stockport have given most penalties away **5**. The team to score the most penalties is Stockport **4**. Millwall missed **2** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home side score shown first

0-0	17
0-1	15
0-2	7
0-3	1
0-4	2
0-5	-
1-0	9
1-1	24
1-2	9
1-3	4
1-4	-
1-5	-
1-7	1
2-0	14
2-1	23
2-2	9
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	7
3-1	5
3-2	2
3-3	1
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	3
4-1	2
4-2	1
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	2
5-1	1
5-2	1
5-3	-
5-4	-
7-1	1

*up to and including 25/10/2009



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

No current manager

Danny Wilson

Played 39 Won 12 Drawn 16 Lost 11
For 50 Against 50
Av Pts/game 1.33
Biggest Win(s) Won 3-0 on 2 occasions
Biggest Loss(es) Gillingham 5
Swindon 0 (08/08/2009).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 | No current manager0 | Danny Wilson0
Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Ian Thomas-Moore
21

shots on target

Ian Thomas-Moore
10

shots off target

Ian Thomas-Moore
11

assists

Shaleum Logan 2

crosses

Aaron Cresswell 17

fouls

John Welsh 16

free-kicks-won

Ian Thomas-Moore
20



GAMES SINCE

1	a win	4
0	a home win	4
3	an away win	2
0	a defeat	0
1	a home defeat	0
0	an away defeat	0
6	a score draw	2
23	a no score draw	11
0	conceding a goal	0
1	scoring a goal	2
3	conceding > 1	1
1	scoring > 1	4
5	keeping a clean sheet	9
0	failing to score	0
14	back to back wins	9
2	back to back defeats	0
1	gaining a point	2
0	losing a point	0
14	win by > one	15
4	loss by > one	1

Player with the most...

shots

Billy Paynter 16

shots on target

Billy Paynter 7

shots off target

Alex Revell 10

assists

Jon-Paul McGovern 5

crosses

Jon-Paul McGovern 18

fouls

Jonathan Douglas 14

free-kicks-won

Billy Paynter 18

SHARP SHOOTERS

Tranmere	CCFL Cup		Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup		Tot
Ian Thomas-Moore	3	1	4	Billy Paynter	2	2	4
John Welsh	3	0	3	Alex Revell	2	0	2
Gareth Edds	1	1	2	Kevin Amankwaah	2	0	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....54 | Tranmere wins19 | Swindon wins21
Draws14 | Goals 72 (1.3 per game) | Goals 76 (1.4 per game)
O-0's4 | Times failed to score 14 | Times failed to score 10

Biggest League win at Tranmere for each team:

10/02/1998 & 21/10/1974 Tranmere 3-0 Swindon

24/01/1969 Tranmere 3-5 Swindon



2009/10 LEAGUE STATS



23	Position	11
14	Played	14
3	Won	4
1	Drawn	7
10	Lost	3
11	Goals For	14
29	Goals Against	18
10	Points	19



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	6	24	1	4	2	12

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	0	4	19	3	3	1	10

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	1	18	4	3	0	11

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	0	9	24	0	3	3	15

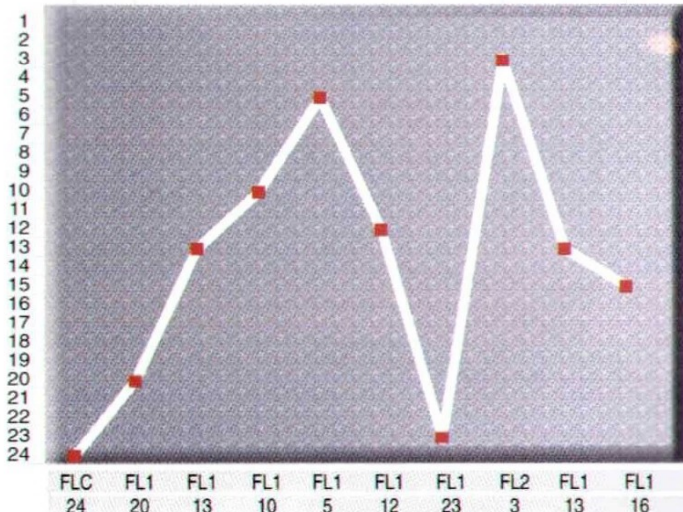
Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-1[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-2[1], 0-3[2], 0-4[1], 0-5[1], 1-2[1], 2-3[1], Draws: 1-1[1]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-1[1], 3-2[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 0-2[1], 0-5[1], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[5], 2-2[1]

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09



*up to and including 25/10/2009



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FIRST TEAM		RESERVES	
NAME	APPEARANCES	NAME	APPEARANCES
G. Porter	10	A. Skelton	14
H. Bell	20	D. Evans	20
D. Frith	27	D. Jones	27
J. Maydon	21	R. Williams	24
R. Millington	20	J. Jones	18
P. Payne	10	J. Dwyer	27
K. McDermott	10	J. Skelton	21
A. Huxley	20	A. Skelton	20
K. Williams	20	J. Green	18
C. McDermott	18	K. Frost	18
T. Eglinton	20	J. O. Howard	1
J. Dwyer	5	W. Charlton	9
D. Jones	4	C. Evans	9
K. Frith	20	K. Frith	9
A. Huxley	20	J. McDermott	1
J. Green	20	D. Moss	1
W. Charlton	20	A. C. Rowley	1
R. Williams	6	K. McDermott	10
		C. McDermott	10
		O. Dwyer	10
		A. Wade	10
		J. Maydon	10

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Football as a Career

We have been requested by the Football League to publish the following statement by the Chairman of the Football Association and the President of the Football League.

In view of the various statements which have appeared in the Press recently, we think that Football Supporters generally should know just what opportunities there are for the professional footballer in The Football League who makes a success of his career.

In addition to his basic weekly wage, the maximum of which is £20 per week, the player is entitled to the following payments under Football League Regulations.

In all League and Friendly matches bonus of £4 for a win and £2 for a draw.

In F.A. Cup Ties the following bonuses—

Round 1	£4	Round 5	£8
Round 2	£4	Round 6	£10
Round 3	£5	Semi-final	£20
Round 4	£6	Final	£25

In the case of drawn matches half the above bonus is paid.

Talent Money is also shared amongst the players of successful Clubs as follows—

FIRST AND SECOND DIVISION CLUBS		No. 4 Club	
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No. 2 Club	£800		
No. 3 Club	£600		

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No. 3 Club	£330	No. 3 Club	£110
No. 4 Club	£220	No. 4 Club	£55

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In the case of Friendly matches, an extra payment of £2 minimum and £3 maximum is paid to each player, plus a further £2 if that particular match is televised.

In addition to all these entitlements, Clubs may, and in most cases do, pay removal expenses, when players are transferred, plus an additional sum of up to £200 if the player is transferred at the request of his Club.

When on tour outside England and Wales, the players receive an extra £2 per day out-of-pocket expenses.

Benefit money as a reward for loyal service may be paid up to a maximum of £150 a year during the first five years and £200 a year for succeeding years of service with the same club.

Finally, The Football League Provident Fund puts aside a sum equal to 8% of all these earnings each year which is paid to a player, free of Income Tax, on the 1st January following his thirty-fifth birthday, or following his retirement from League football, whichever is the later.

The Football League Vocational Training Scheme also encourages a player and pays the whole or part of his expenses and fees whilst studying for some other trade or occupation.

The League organisation also absorbs many of its professional players into Managerial, Secretarial, Training and Coaching appointments when their playing career is ended.

The Football Association pays to the star player in representative matches substantial fees and expenses, and also pays to over 200 leading players, who have qualified themselves as coaches, fees for Coaching Courses both at home and abroad.

From this, it will be seen that the oft repeated claim that "a player can only receive £20 a week" is misleading, and that there is every incentive for a player to reach the top and receive ample reward for his efforts from the game itself. It is not necessary for us to remind anyone of the further opportunities which success in the game opens in the field of Television, Newspaper Writings, Advertising, etc.

A. DREWRY, Chairman of The Football Association.
I. RICHARDS, President of The Football League.

Editorial Comment

A great deal has happened since last we met on this page. Rovers won their home games against Bournemouth and Bradford City and sustained their heaviest defeat of the season at Brentford last Saturday in a match that was notable for some excellent football from both sides, but set Brentford out as one of the finest teams in the Division and strong challengers for promotion.

While this was going on at Brentford, our Reserves, in another of their somewhat anemic moods, lost their grip on the Cheshire Senior Cup by going down 3-1 at Congleton in a match they could have won.

But to present the brighter side of the penny there was the continued success of our Juniors, who go from strength to strength. We were glad to note that 600 spectators turned up here to see the 'A' team beat Liverpool 'C' in the West Cheshire League, and the spectators must have been well satisfied not only with the fare served up, but with the knowledge that our policy of searching out and developing local talent is building up a fine reservoir of young players. Quite shortly we hope to see some of the more advanced of these youngsters getting the chance to win their spurs with the Reserves.

To-day we welcome Swindon Town, on their first-ever League visit to Prenton Park and in much happier circumstances than a previous occasion on which our names were linked. That was in 1957 when Rovers had to apply for re-election to the League. Brothers in distress that day were Swindon, who, like Rovers, have confounded many people by a vast improvement in status over the past 18 months.

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Tranmere Rovers (2) 3 Swindon Town (1) 1

League Division Three - Saturday 7th March 1959

Tranmere: Payne, Bell, Frith, R. Williams, Millington, Charlton, Finney, K. Williams, T. Rowley, Green, Eglinton.

Swindon: Chandler, Neal, Bingley, Fountain, Hudson, Owen, Skull, Micklewright, Marshall, Edwards, Darcy.

Referee: A. Murdoch (Sheffield). **Attendance:** 8,234.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Rowley (13), Eglinton (33 pen), Green (68); Swindon - Skull (43).

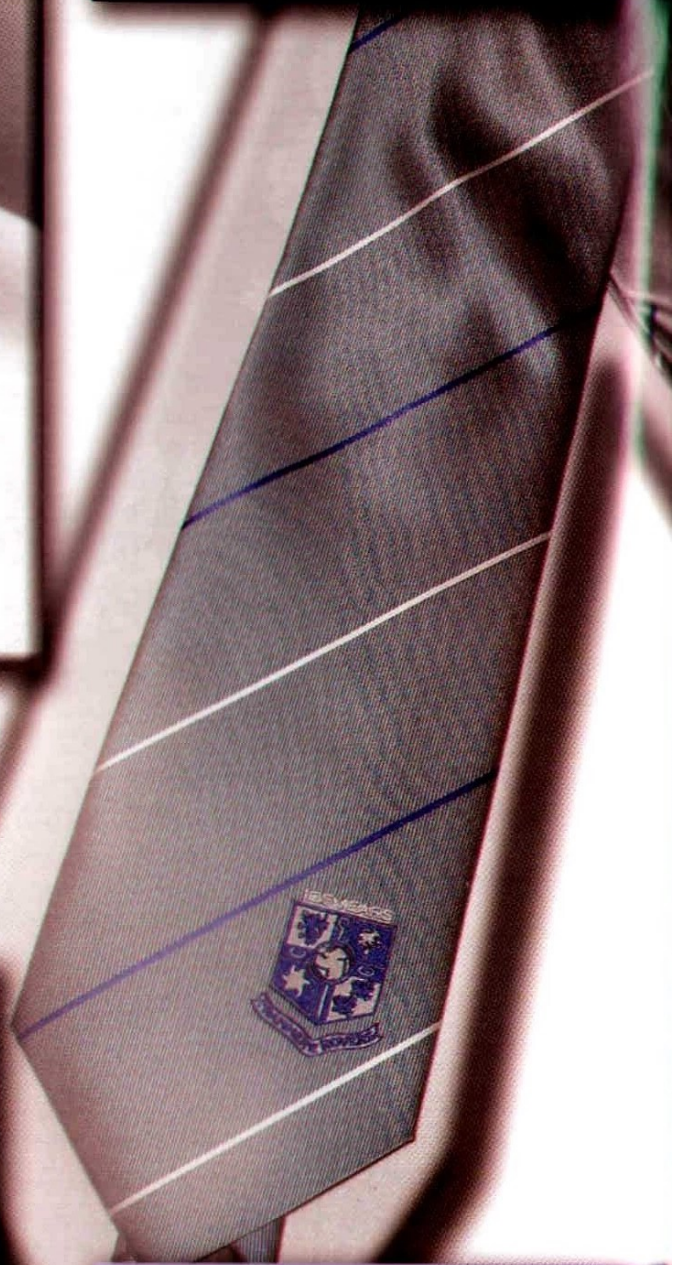
...The total number of penalties scored in Rovers' LDV Vans Trophy Northern Quarter-final tie at home to Carlisle United and during 2005-06 season...

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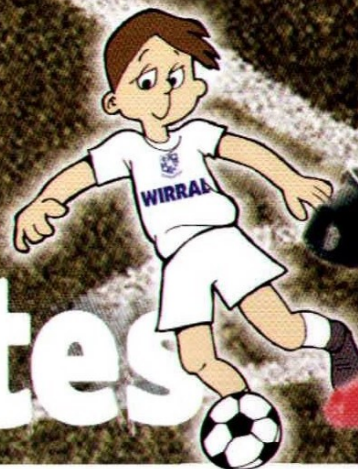


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To win the chance of becoming a mascot during this season, forms are available to customers purchasing a full replica home kit from the Club Shop.

Our Rovers Helpers for the day meanwhile were Matthew Wiggins and Luke Hardwick. Application forms for Rovers Helpers at future games can also be obtained from the Club Shop.



Birthday's

A big Happy Birthday to all our Junior Superwhites.

Toby Oulton, Louise Row, Michael Row and Fintan

Cleary who is pictured below with his sister and fellow Junior Superwhite sporting their Tranmere shirts. Have a great 10th Birthday.

A big Happy 10th Birthday to Thomas Walker who is here today celebrating his birthday with all his family and friends. We hope you all enjoy the game and keep cheering nice and loud for us Superwhite Army!



If you would like to be in the next programme and have a picture you would like to draw for us or have any photographs of you in your Tranmere Kit then please either drop them into the Club Shop or email them to me at jsw@tranmererovers.co.uk it would be great to hear from you.

A big well done to Alex Stokes who guessed closest to the gate for the Brighton game with 5258 just 8 away! You lot are getting a little too good at this! Don't forget to call into the Club Shop before the game so you can get your free TRFC face painting and play 'Guess The Gate'. If you're the closest, you could win a prize!

As it's Halloween tonight we're sure you'll all be getting dressed up and being more scary than usual...if that's possible! Make sure you have lots of fun and keep safe if you are going Trick or Treating and don't eat all those sweets at once!

If you are going out, it would be great to see what you all looked like. If you get any good pictures of you out at Halloween, send them into us at jsw@tranmererovers.co.uk or drop them into the Club Shop.

You should all have received your first Newsletter. Don't forget to get your competition entries into the Club Shop by the 31st October for your chance to win FIFA 09 for the PS3.

Don't forget to hand in your application forms to the Club Shop so you can be a member of the Junior Superwhites.

Finally, as part of our 125 celebrations - here's a blast from our Prenton Pups past. If you're one of our older fans you might even be on this photo (as well as Steve Mungall!)



Commemorative Quiz



Past - 14 Topical Questions

...Based on Tranmere Rovers history

1. How many own goals were scored in favour of Rovers last season?
2. Current club physio and caretaker manager Les Parry has enjoyed many years at Prenton Park - especially in his originally role - but in which year did he join Tranmere Rovers?
3. Legendary manager Johnny King took charge of Rovers over not one but two spells, but between which two years did his first reign take place?
4. The Main Stand is now the oldest structure within our Prenton Park stadium, but in which year was it officially opened?
5. On the day Tranmere Rovers achieved promotion to Division Three, on the last day of the 1988-89 season and against Crewe Alexandra, which team scored first and who scored the goals in an eventual 1-1 draw?
6. When Rovers Aston Villa in the first leg of the League Cup semi-final against Aston Villa, who scored the first goal for Tranmere as a prelude to their 3-1 victory?
7. Prenton Park has staged numerous 'neutral' matches since it opened in 1912, but has played host to just one UEFA Cup tie. Which two clubs were involved and during which in which month and season did the game take place?
8. Former manager Brian Little was installed to the hot seat in October 2003, but against which club, and in which cup competition, did he make his managerial debut?
9. Rovers were of course relegated at the close of the 2000-01 season, but against which club did they host their final match in Nationwide League Division One?
10. When Rovers reached the Quarterfinals of the FA Cup during the 1999-00 season to face Newcastle United at Prenton Park, which clubs did they beat to get to that stage having already received a bye to the Third Round?
11. When Rovers competed in the Anglo-Italian Cup between the seasons 1992-93 and 1994-95, they both hosted and travelled to contest matches in the competition but who were their last ever opponents during the final season?
12. Rovers qualified for the Mercantile Credit Centenary Festival to confirm their first-ever visit to the Twin Towers, but against which club in their final game did they beat 1-0 to achieve this?
13. When Rovers last home match of the 2002-03 with Mansfield Town was abandoned at half time due to the 'floodlight climber', what was the scoreline at that point?
14. Prior to games played in the League, against which non-league club during the pre-season of 1991-92 did John Aldridge make his debut in a Tranmere Rovers shirt?

Past - Who Am I?

...Guess the name of this past player

I was born in Scotland, but proved to be a local hero in more than one part of this region. I almost signed for a top club in Portugal...

...but instead, at Prenton Park and at grounds around the country, formed part of a killer strike force. I suppose you could then say this influenced my ex-player duties which have only earned me coppers...



Past - Three Famous Names

...But who?

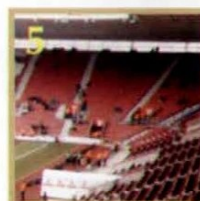
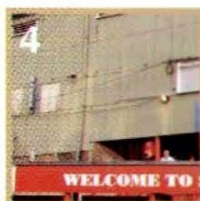
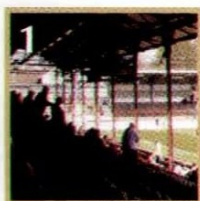


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Current - Which Ground?



...ALL THE ANSWERS ON PAGE 55...

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1987 - 1994	Peter R. Johnson
1994 - 1998	Frank D. Corfe
1998 - 1999	Fred J. Williams
1999 - 2009	Lorraine Rogers
2009 -	Peter R. Johnson

MANAGERS

1913 - 1935	Bert Cooke
1935 - 1936	Jack Carr
1936 - 1939	Jim Knowles
1939 - 1942	Jimmy Moreton
1942 - 1946	Bill Ridding
1946	Tommy Jones
1946 - 1955	Ernie Blackburn
1955 - 1956	Noel Kelly (player manager)
1956 - 1957	Ernie Blackburn
1957 - 1960	Peter Farrell (player manager)
1961	Walter Galbraith
1961 - 1969	Dave Russell
1969 - 1972	Jackie Wright
1972 - 1975	Ron Yeats (player manager)
1975 - 1980	John King
1980 - 1985	Bryan Hamilton (player manager)
1985 - 1987	Frank Worthington (player manager)
1987	Ronnie Moore (player manager)
1987 - 1996	John King
1996 - 2001	John Aldridge (player manager)
2001	Kevin Sheedy / Ray Mathias (caretaker managers)
2001 - 2002	Dave Watson
2002 - 2003	Ray Mathias
2003	John McMahon (caretaker manager)
2003 - 2006	Brian Little
2006 - 2009	Ronnie Moore
2009	John Barnes
2009	Les Parry (caretaker manager)





TRFCTimeline

1884 - Formed as Belmont FC, the name Tranmere Rovers was adopted one year later.

1912 - The Club moved to its present home of Prenton Park in Birkenhead and gained membership of the Football League nine years later. Since then Tranmere has established itself as Merseyside's third club and one of the more successful lower division sides in the Football League.

1924 - A young Birkenhead player named William Ralph "Dixie" Dean made his debut for Tranmere at the age of just 16 years 355 days, a record that would stand for many decades. Dean scored 27 goals in 30 games for Tranmere before being transferred across the River Mersey to Everton where he scored a British record 60 League goals in 1927-28.

1932 - Tranmere draw 2-2 at home to Chelsea in the FA Cup Third Round.

1934 - Tranmere entered the record books in 1934 when Robert "Bunny" Bell scored nine goals - and missed a penalty - on Boxing Day in a 13-4 victory over Oldham Athletic.

1938 - The Club claimed their first ever Championship in the Football League, winning the Division Three North title and a place in Division Two for the first time.

1952 - Rovers claim a huge FA Cup scalp, beating Huddersfield Town 2-1 away from Prenton Park.

1961 - Dave Russell is appointed Rovers Manager and he changes the face of the Club forever by introducing an all white kit.

1972 - The Club has a record attendance as 24,424 pack into Prenton Park for an FA Cup Fourth Round tie against Stoke City.

1973 - Rovers perform another giant-killing act, this time against Arsenal in the Second Round of the League Cup, by winning 0-1 at Highbury - and in time become the only English Football League club to boast a 100% record at the famous old stadium.

1987 - A dark hour but a fantastic silver lining as Rovers secure their place in the Football League

as a late goal from Gary Williams sees them defeat Exeter City 1-0.

1988 - The Club makes its first ever appearance at Wembley Stadium in the Mercantile Credit Football League Centenary Festival, beating Wimbledon and Newcastle before losing to eventual winners Nottingham Forest in the semi finals.

1990 - Tranmere take 22,000 fans to Wembley as a 2-1 win over Bristol Rovers sees them lift the Leyland DAF Cup.

1991 - Wembley success again, this time in the Play Offs as Tranmere gain promotion for the second time in three seasons under John King, this time beating Bolton 1-0 after extra time. That summer, perhaps the greatest football bargain of all time landed in Wirral as Rovers pulled off the signing of John Aldridge for just £250,000 from Spanish side Real Sociedad.

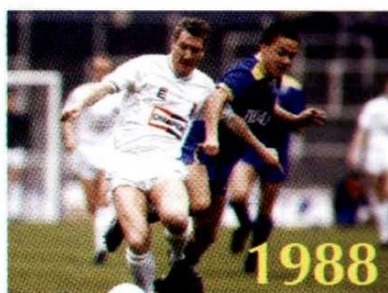
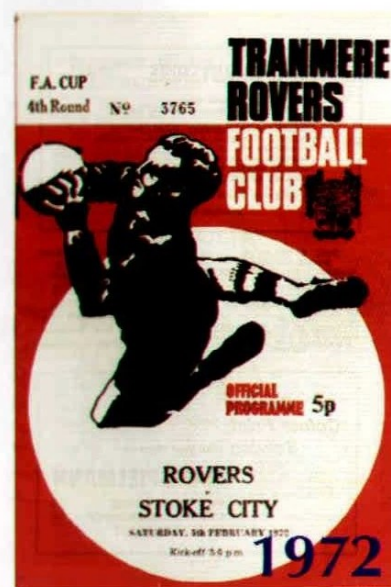
1994 - Rovers are denied a place in the Coca-Cola Cup Final in the cruellest way possible as defeat in a penalty shoot out against Aston Villa in the semi final leaves players and fans heartbroken.

1995 - Tranmere reach the Play Offs for the third year in a row, and for the third time fall short at the semi final stage and miss out on promotion to England's top flight.

1996 - Aldridge became player manager and guided the Club to Wembley for the sixth time four years later as Tranmere reached the League Cup Final, the last final to be played at the old Wembley. Along the way Tranmere gained a reputation for being League and FA Cup giantkillers, defeating Premier League sides such as Everton, Southampton, West Ham, Sunderland, Leeds, Middlesbrough and Coventry City in the space of two years.

2005 - Now back in Division One, Brian Little's side miss out on Play Off glory once again, this time Rovers losing to Hartlepool United following a penalty shoot out at Prenton Park.

2009 - The Club celebrates its 125 year anniversary. Who knows what lies ahead in the next 125?



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1889-90 - First known team photo taken during that season.

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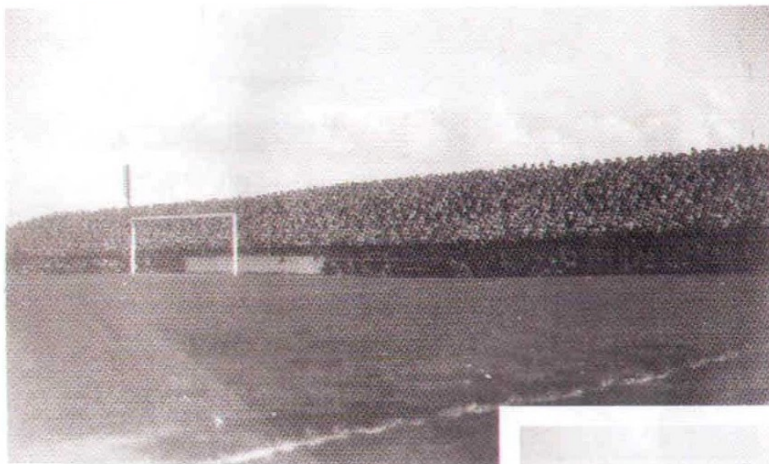
1920 - Before the First Team entered the Football League they were members of the Central League (in which the current Reserve team now competes).

Rovers had replaced Leeds City in 1919 when they were expelled for financial irregularities.



1922 - Rovers are now an established team within the Football League, now contesting their second season in the Third Division North.

They had finished in 18th place (out of 20) the previous season having won 9, drawn 11 and lost 18 games.



1923 - The Open Kop is almost bursting at the seams - all part of an enthusiastic crowd of 13,727 who filled Preston Park to watch Rovers beat Wigan Borough 4-2 on Good Friday 1923.

1923 - In the same season, Rovers beat Barrow 3-0 at Prenton Park - including a goal from fans' favourite Stan Sayer. It was said that Sayer enjoyed a pint and a smoke in the adjacent Prenton Park hotel before each home game.



1923 - The 1923-24 campaign saw the Third Division North expanded from 20 to 22 clubs. Rovers finished 12th (out of 22) at the close of that season - aided by the players shown on this postcard here - and captained by Tom Buchan 'holding the reins.'

1926 - Before a training session, the players enjoy their own 'photocall' as Ted Barton, John Johnson and George Jackson are on the picture, with Vince Matthews in charge of the camera. The backdrop is the Cowshed end of Prenton Park.





1938 - Rovers achieve their first major League success by winning the Third Division North Championship. The team included Reg Spencer, Duke Hamilton, Jack Curnow, Gillie Wassell, Ted Anderson, Archie Clark, Tom Davis, James Cassidy, Pongo Waring, Billy Eden and Ronnie Dellow.

1944 - The players participate in a wartime training session on the Prenton Park pitch, in front of the Cowshed which was at the time had a five-span roof.



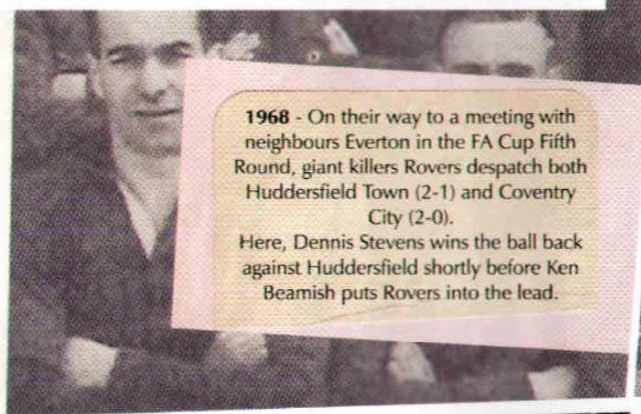
1947 - The Football League returned to 'normality' in time for the 1946-47 season, and enabled Rovers in particular to complete the fixture list. Here, Rovers challenge Oldham at Boundary Park and despite having gone a goal down, then run out 2-1 winners.

1952 - The Rovers team who are set to face Chelsea in the FA Cup Fourth Round at Stamford Bridge, line up for a group photo outside their London hotel. Having already beaten First Division Huddersfield in the previous round, and despite their brave efforts, Chelsea run out eventual 4-0 winners.

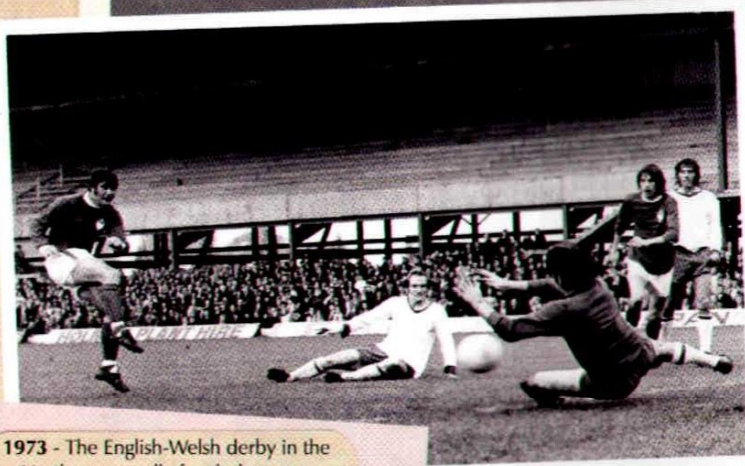




1963 - Thanks to manager Dave Russell, White is now the predominant colour of Rovers home kit, having seen it replace the blue shirts previous seasons. Russell believed that Rovers required their own 'identity' apart from their larger neighbours Liverpool and Everton.



1968 - On their way to a meeting with neighbours Everton in the FA Cup Fifth Round, giant killers Rovers despatch both Huddersfield Town (2-1) and Coventry City (2-0). Here, Dennis Stevens wins the ball back against Huddersfield shortly before Ken Beamish puts Rovers into the lead.



1973 - The English-Welsh derby in the North was usually fought between Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham and Chester, and still remains a fiery affair whenever any of the clubs meet. On this occasion at the Racecourse Ground, which is undergoing redevelopment, the sides battle out to an eventual 0-0 draw.



1978 - From mid-August 1977 through to mid-January 1978, Rovers fielded an unchanged team spanning 28 league matches. Dickie Johnson, Ray Mathias, Eddie Flood, Les Parry, Dave Philpotts, Clive Evans, Steve Peplow, Mark Palios, Ronnie Moore, Bobby Tynan and Russell Allen made up the eleven.





1985 - Talking of anniversaries, 'Bunny' Bell and the famous match ball make an appearance at Prenton Park against Burnley, to celebrate 50 years since Rovers' record 13-4 victory over Oldham. 'Bunny' scored nine goals that day, acknowledged here by Frank Worthington.

1986 - The weather grasps yet another firm grip on the fixture calendar, in particular a home meeting with Swindon Town. Attempts to clear the snow covered pitch are made by the supporters of both clubs in an effort to get the game on - which is a success not only those who attend but also for Rovers who win 3-1.



1981 - Re-election was the process that preceded automatic relegation and promotion between the Football Conference and the Football League. Rovers were forced to apply on three occasions - 1925-26, 1955-56 and 1980-81, which the team managed by Bryan Hamilton unfortunately found themselves pulled into.

1983 - Complete with sponsored shirts, Rovers 'A' team as they were known, and including the likes of Shaun Garnett and Steve Vickers, are all set for another season in the Lancashire League. Rovers had been consistent members since 1961 having left the West Cheshire League the season before.





1988 - Visits to Wembley were dominant between 1987-88 and 1990-91.

When Rovers made their first ever appearance at the Twin Towers for the Mercantile Centenary Festival in 1988, over 3,000 noisy supporters travelled from Wirral, equal to almost any home attendance at Prenton Park that season.

1988 - Meanwhile on the pitch, Rovers were the surprise package beating FA Cup finalists Wimbledon and Newcastle United, before taking Nottingham Forest to a penalty shootout in the semi-final the following day. Its fair to say that the whole weekend had nationally put Tranmere Rovers firmly 'on the map'.



1990 - Major cup success for the Club was finally achieved when Rovers lifted the Leyland DAF Trophy at Wembley, having beaten Bristol Rovers in the 1989-90 final.

Both Ian Muir and Jim Steel provided the goals in either half to compliment a pulsating tie.

1991 - Rovers' dramatic Third Division Play-Off Final against Bolton Wanderers was decided by a single, extra time goal which would bring Second Division football back to Prenton Park for the first time in over 50 years. Manager John King deservedly then enjoys the adulation of the crowd.





1988 - After 30 years of shedding light over Prenton Park the original set of floodlights are dismantled to make way for the current pylons. The first set were erected in 1958 and paid for by the Supporters Association who raised over £15,000 to cover the costs.

1988 - Shortly after this, the new lights are officially opened in a league match against Colchester United.

But against Hartlepool United a month later, it didn't however affect the referee's eyesight as Rovers players challenge Ian Muir's shot which has been "clearly handled on the line".



1990 - Post match celebrations within the visitors dressing rooms and amongst the Rovers players as Wembley beckons once again. This time, it follows an aggregate victory at Preston North End, which has set up a meeting with Birmingham City at in the Final of the Leyland DAF Trophy.

1991 - Off the field, Rovers had their fair share of TV appearances, some a little more stranger than others. In this case, a spot on the short-lived Granada soccer quiz 'Go For Goal'. Flanked either side of team captain and local comedian Stan Boardman are Chris Malkin and Steve Mungall, as together they go on to beat Bolton Wanderers convincingly 5-0.





1992 - The new season is underway, as John Aldridge starts where he left off the previous season, scoring an abundance of goals. Cambridge United are the latest victims of the 'Gunslinger' here, as he helps Rovers to a 2-0 victory.

1992 - Rovers venture into Europe for the very first time this year, travelling to such places as Pisa via the Anglo-Italian Cup. Having seen a full day of torrential rain, the pre-match line up at the Arena Garibaldi is just the lively springboard to an eventual 1-0 victory, with the goal scored by Kenny Irons.



1994 - Rovers' cup giant-killings having already seen them beat Premiership side Aston Villa 3-1 at Prenton Park. In the second leg, Villa Park hosts another classic slice of cup football with Rovers taking the hosts to a dramatic penalty shoot-out and just miss out on their first major cup final.

1994 - Prenton Park undergoes a transformation during the summer, with three sides of the ground redeveloped to accommodate 16,000 spectators. The Kop is the last of the structures to be completed, and already looms large over the pitch and players in a midweek match with Charlton Athletic.





1996 - A plate of chicken wings ensure Italy comes to Wirral, courtesy of Ivano Bonnetti who all but gatecrashes the Rovers dressing room. Flamboyant indeed, he did however appear for just one season in a Rovers shirt before joining Crystal Palace. He then returned home to his native Italy to join Genoa.

1999 - The scoreboard says it all. Rovers are about to embark on a fairytale trip to their first major cup final appearance, and get off to a blistering start by sweeping away Premiership side Coventry City at Prenton Park. More glorious nights are set to follow against Oxford, Barnsley, Middlesbrough and Bolton before reaching the hallowed turf.



2000 - Culmination of those victories over the season is rewarded by over 30,000 spectators from Wirral who head to Wembley for the Worthington Cup Final to face Leicester. One nil down, Rovers then strike back as David Kelly defies the Foxes defence to level the scores with a great strike. Rovers however lose the game 1-2, but not their dignity.

2001 - One of the greatest FA Cup comebacks ever? Many seemed to think so, when Rovers wiped out Southampton's 3-0 first half lead to deservedly claw their way back and not only level the scores but go on to win the Fifth Round Replay 4-3 - rubber stamped by Stuart Barlow's close range effort which sends the Prenton Park crowd simply delirious.



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Thoughts from the stands...

Whoever would have thought the creation of the young lads of Belmont and Lyndhurst Cricket clubs - apparently alongside a ditch in Borough Road - would have stood the test of time for 125 years and given immense joy to so many in the intervening period.

After all, playing the new game of Association, rather than Rugby football, was merely a means to extend sporting activity throughout the winter after the cricket season finished. In 1884 they played their first full season as Belmont Football club before adopting the name that means so much to us these days.

Now, this is neither the time, nor place for a history lesson about our formative years or to wax lyrical about the famous matches and players that have captured the imagination. The recently published 'Complete Record' nails that in every respect.

However, little of that massive tome was written from a personal perspective - what shaped my relationship with Tranmere Rovers and the treasured memories I have, so the Editor's request affords me a rare luxury.

Compared to most of my friends I came to watching professional football comparatively late. My first Rovers match was the FA Cup replay against First Division Coventry City on 21 February 1968. Along with 20,000 others I squeezed into the Borough Road and watched in awe as George Yardley and George Hudson sent the Sky Blues packing. Oh, how we danced with joy on the muddy pitch at the final whistle.

But matches like that were few and far between. For a few years my visits to Prenton Park were sporadic, interlaced with trips to Goodison Park and occasionally, Anfield. Being part of a local league team that played on Saturday afternoons also limited my opportunities to watch how the professionals did it.

Regular Friday night football was not only a financial fillip for the club, it reawakened my interest in Rovers and our boozy Friday nights out commenced in the Borough Road side watching the tortuous labours of Jackie Wright's team of honest artisans. At least when Ron Yeats took over there was a sprinkling of glamour as St John and Bobby Graham strutted around Prenton Park.



I can remember little now about the matches we watched but can recall with a chuckle the night fullback Freddie Molyneux climbed over the Borough Road fence to confront his perennial barracker, a farmer called Donald, who stood near to us, inviting the said gentlemen to take the throw with the aside, "Go on mate, you reckon I'm rubbish, lets see if you can do better....." The crowd cheered with delight at his discomfort.

Through coaching and training my team, Glasshouse in the Birkenhead and Wirral League, enduring friendships

were eventually forged with Dickie Johnson, Ray Mathias, Ray Stubbs, and Ronnie Moore, all of which cemented my affection for the club.

By 1976, when we cheered the lads onto promotion with Ronnie our rapier sharp spearhead, I was very fortunate to have unfettered access behind the scenes. That, along with a career swerve into football journalism, was to pave the way for me being invited to become the club's programme editor some years later in 1984.

These days it's the funny things one remembers. Like the day pensioner Charlie Lindsey whacked the Bournemouth keeper across the backside with his walking stick in 1979 and was cheered loudly by the crowd as he was frogmarched from the cowshed to the police room - even doffing his hat to Bill Bothwell en route! Press photographer Barry Farrell made a fortune from the photo having goaded the old boy into doing it!

By 1981 though sadly there was a terrible stench of decay around Prenton Park. I remember sitting in Jack Butterfield's office and him telling me we made more from the monthly celebrity dinners than we did from a 1,100 gate on matchdays. Times were desperate but everyone rallied around. From adversity came unity and strength.

A hardy band of supporters, myself included, fought to keep the club alive until the Council provided some security. Then Osterman's great American dream turned sour and once again, like a punch drunk boxer, we wobbled but thankfully avoided hitting the canvas.

That's what makes all the subsequent success we enjoyed under John King from 1987 onwards and to a degree John Aldridge later on - all the sweeter. You have to endure the bad times to appreciate the good and supporting a football club is a rollercoaster experience, and of course that is just as relevant in our current predicament.

Seeing Rovers promoted and win the Leyland DAF at Wembley was magical, equally the satisfaction of representing England in the Anglo-Italian Cup. Watching with pride as support blossomed and grew along with expectation. I'll confess I had tears in my eyes as 30,000 greeted the team for the Worthington Cup final in 2000 amid a cacophony of noise and fireworks.

No doubt the club's founders, those raw 15 year old church going lads, might also shed a tear - with glowing pride - if they could see us, and the stadium, 125 years on. Not bad for an idea conceived in a muddy ditch!

Peter Bishop





On This Date



...1891...

While competing within the Liverpool and District League, Rovers contest one of 32 friendly games played during the season, away to Liverpool Caledonians. Rovers win 1-0.

...1896...

In the First Round of the FA Cup, Rovers play host in an 'away' tie to Warrington St Elphin's. They win 5-1.

...1903...

It's another FA Cup tie, this time in the Second Round and at home to fellow Combination side Oswestry United. The sides cannot be separated in a 2-2 draw.

...1908...

Having won the Combination Championship the previous season, Rovers continue their good form and thrash Nantwich at Ravenshaw's Field 5-1 in another Combination fixture.

...1914...

World War One is already underway when Rovers visit Chester in the Lancashire Combination Division One. They win 2-0 as a crowd of 5,000 spectators earn the home club gate receipts of £75.

...1925...

Rovers are now a fully-fledged Football League club playing in the Third Division North, and in the process of achieving a seventh place finish, beat Lincoln City 2-0 at Prenton Park in front of a crowd of 5,458. Centre forward Fred Marquis and outside left Bob White are the players on target.

...1931...

Ironically, Lincoln City provide the opposition once again, this time though at Sincil Bank in the Third Division North. Despite goals from George Lewis and Fred Urmson, Rovers eventually lose 2-4 in front of 7,623 spectators.

...1936...

Oldham Athletic arrive at Prenton Park, and watched by 6,091 spectators, then leave with a point as both sides draw 3-3. Pongo Waring grabs a brace to add to Joseph Carter's strike.

...1942...

In the midst of football played under wartime conditions, Southport visit Prenton Park for a Football League North One fixture. The result is a 2-2 draw played in front an estimated crowd of around 3,000.

...1953...

The first game played on this date after the Second World War sees Rovers visit Sealand Road in a Third Division North fixture. They are victorious scoring a 2-1 victory thanks to a Harold Atkinson brace in front of 6,824 spectators.

...1959...

Shrewsbury Town are the visitors to Prenton Park in the now relatively new surroundings of the Third Division. 9,004 spectators watch Keith Williams, Tommy Eglington and Charlie McDonnell all help Rovers to a share of the spoils in a 3-3 draw.

...1973...

Having famously beaten Arsenal in the previous round, First Division Wolves are next in line for Rovers in the League Cup Third Round. But in front of an impressive crowd of 14,442 (some of which are housed under a roofless Cowshed!), their brave efforts throughout the 90 minutes cannot see them repeat their giant-killing feats and have to settle for a 1-1 and a replay to be played at Molinieux two weeks later. The hero of the last round, centre forward Eddie Loyden incidentally scores rovers' goal.

...1980...

The team is under the guidance of new player manager Bryan Hamilton, and Clive Evans and Jim Lumby's brace sees Rovers beat Bury in a Division Four game 3-1 at Prenton Park witnessed by a crowd of 2,432 the biggest home gate since Hamilton took over at the beginning of that month.

...1981...

On the early steps to promotion from Division Four, Bournemouth grab a narrow single goal victory at Prenton Park inflicting Rovers third defeat that month and in front a disappointing crowd of just 1,732.

...1989...

In their challenge for an eventual play-off spot, Rovers are halted in their tracks with a Halloween night horror show at Gay Meadow. Despite a goal from Mark Hughes, Shrewsbury Town are 3-1 winners in a game which attracts a crowd of 4,927.

...1998...

A share of the spoils against Cheshire neighbours Stockport County, as both sides draw 1-1 at Prenton Park. 6,597 witness amongst other things Scott Taylor scoring for Rovers.

...2000...

A dramatic night at Prenton Park ends in a dream victory for Rovers as it's as Premiership Leeds United who are the latest victims of the hosts giant killing feats during that era. Leeds are two goals to the good thanks to Darren Huckerby, but then 11,681 look on as Steve Yates capitalises on Andy Parkinson equaliser, and who then goes on to score a sensational extra time winner, having already seen the sides draw 2-2 in normal time.

...2006...

A forgettable night at Prenton Park for the majority of the 2,036 spectators, which sees not only a dreary contest but also any hopes Rovers have of making the Quarterfinals of the LDV Vans Trophy in a single goal defeat to Darlington.





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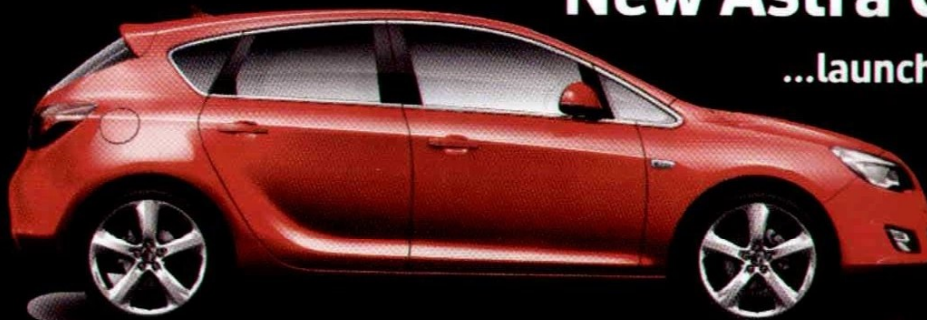
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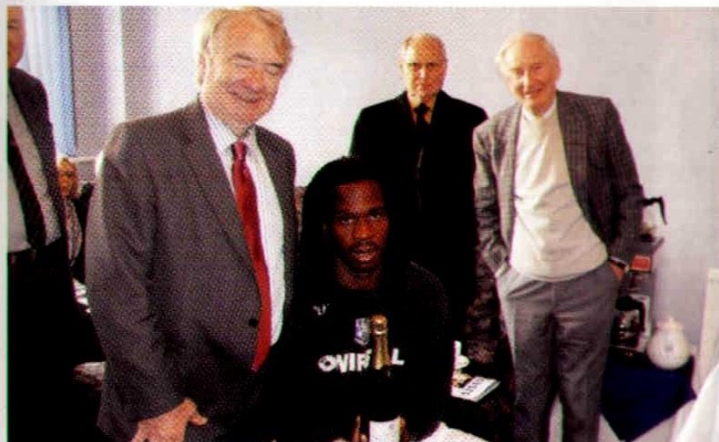
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Our **Vice Presidents Members** rounded the awards off by nominating **Zoumana Bakayogo**...

Our mascots, lined up alongside the club captains and match officials for the customary pre-match photocall.

Our '**R Factor**' winner on the day was **Chris James-Parr** who rightfully claimed his signed matchball following his successful conversion - Congratulations to him!



Equaliser Winner



The holder of the day's winning Equaliser ticket was **Gary Booth** who collected a cheque for **£569.50** at half time - **Congratulations Gary!** Don't forget your Equaliser ticket this afternoon - you could be one of our worthy winners drawn at half-time and at every home game this season!



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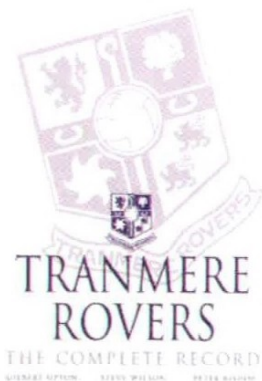
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History

Without doubt the best source of any historical information is the recently released **Tranmere Rovers: The Complete Record** written by Gil Upton, Steve Wilson and Peter Bishop.

The book, which was an instant hit with Rovers fans will solve arguments, provide unforgettable snippets of trivia and has every statistic you could ever need. Launched in the Club Shop at Prenton Park (pictured here), the book is a bargain at just £19.99.



Milestones



A host of Rovers players have passed milestones for the Club in recent weeks. Alan Mahon and Paul McLaren reached the 150 game and 100 game marks respectively earlier in the season while Gareth Edds played his 50th game for the Club when we played at Bury in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Chris Shuker reached the 125 mark when we hosted Stockport County and Ian Thomas-Moore hit the 150 mark in the same game. Last but definitely not least, at Hartlepool last Saturday Ian Goodison - currently the Club's longest serving player - played his 250th game for Rovers. Congratulations to all six players and let's hope there's plenty more to come.

Thanks

Thanks to all supporters who helped publicise today's celebrations, especially those from www.thecowsheds.co.uk.

Thanks also go to the former players who kindly gave up their time to come to today's game. You'll always be a part of Tranmere history.

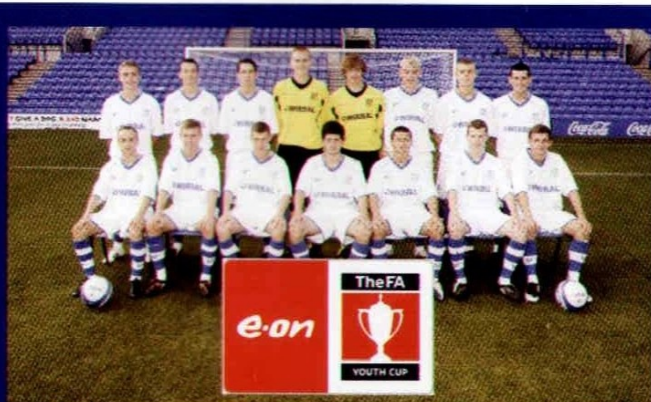
FA Youth Cup First Round

Tranmere's Under-18 side will take on Farsley Celtic in the First Round of the FA Cup.

The Yorkshire side defeated Staveley Miners Welfare 5-3 a week last Monday night in the Third Qualifying Round to set up the tie at Prenton Park against Shaun Garnett's team.

It will be the first time the two sides have met in the FA Youth Cup and is only Rovers' second home draw in the competition out of the last 14 ties the Club will have played in since Shaun Garnett took charge of the Youth team.

The match will take place on Tuesday, 3 November, kick off is now 7.30pm. Admission is £3 for Adults, £2 Concessions.



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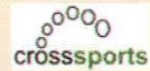
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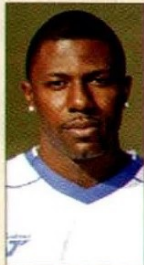
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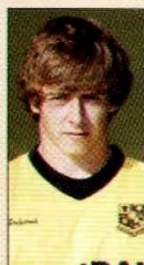
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EXPLICIT CONTENT

"I'm expecting to be inundated with complaints about knees, hips and ankles today. No, not from our present crop of crocks but from the ex-players who will be attending today's match."

"It's always the same with ex-players, they all have an ailment, a sore knee or more than average wear and tear because they played when you just got on with it. Not so many years ago, players would go over on an ankle and be told to stamp it on the ground to make it better. Even when the stamping caused the bone to stick through the skin some were told to grit their teeth and get on with it. That's my problem, I was born 20 years too late, I would have fitted into that culture like a snugly fitting sock. My stock response to injuries of "shut up and get on with it" would not have seemed as out of place at it does today. The problem today is that players are a bit more informed, you can't bluff them because they've always got a mate with the same injury who was treated differently and got over their injury quicker. I only typed that paragraph to get the old players talking about how it used to be. If you were standing by one at bar and have just had to sit through a 15 minute story about what it was like in the olden days when you headed the lace of the ball and saw stars, shame. Seriously, a welcome to all our ex-players and I hope you have as an enjoyable day today as we will have seeing you.

Today's column should have the word injury replaced with illness because that's our big problem at the moment. As you know, Michael Ricketts missed 2 matches through illness but started training again on Monday although he still wasn't 100%. Not taking his medication as instructed would not have helped. The doc had told him to get some Beecham's Powders but unfortunately, they don't sell them in Harrods and he won't shop anywhere else. Shay Logan has also been ill and it was very unfortunate that his illness just so happened to coincide with a double training session on Monday with the afternoon session comprising of 20 x 200m sprints with exercises in between. At least he got over it quickly and was able to come in on Tuesday full of the joys of sprint and a bounce in his step. Shay has trained all this week so will be available for selection today.

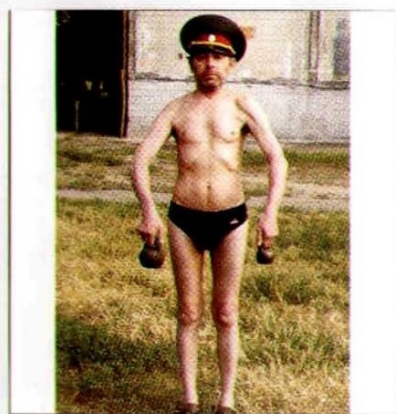
The only player who remains ill is John Welsh. He has been off since Tuesday and the Doc reckons he may not have recovered sufficiently to be involved today. I'm writing this on Wednesday due to it being a special programme so we still have a few days for him to get over it. If he is still not right towards the end of the week I'll probably leave him because illness knocks more out of you than injury. It will be difficult for him to last 90 minutes if he was still on his sick bed on Thursday or Friday. We'll just have to wait and see.

Charlie Barnett has been struggling with his upper back this week. He tried to keep up with me and Craig Curran on the weights on Monday afternoon and he's just not built for it. We were in Total Fitness and I told him to go over to where they have those pink and mauve dumbbells with little handle on them but he wouldn't listen. I think he was frightened of all the slim young ladies in there. Anyway, he tried to keep up and now it looks as if he will be out for 2 to 3 weeks which is a shame because he's banned for 3 weeks anyway for a sending off that never was. It just means he'll spend it in the happy home with Bas Savage and me.

Talking of Bas, he's coming on leaps and bounds. That's a bad idiom to use because he can't leap and he can't bound but he is still making really good progress. Bas is now able to run at half pace and has stepped up his ball work so we've progressed from him trapping a bag of cement to his second touch being a header. Some things don't change even after injury. Me and him play a form of football golf every day as a warm up and he even won one hole out of 12 on Monday so I'm going to have to start using my right foot soon. The problem with him progressing so well is that he can now see that he's not far off doing some proper work and that's frustrating for him. The carrot is dangling just in front of his nose, mind you, in his case means it's quite a way off. Bas is still looking at early next year to be involved again but, with my other hat on, the quicker the better."



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No - There really were TWO Les Parry's...

Never seen running onto the pitch with a physio bag, centre back Les Parry made 292 appearances for Tranmere after making his debut in 1972. The Wallasey born defender saw his career sadly cut short by injury, and he was even unable to take part in his own testimonial match against Derby County.

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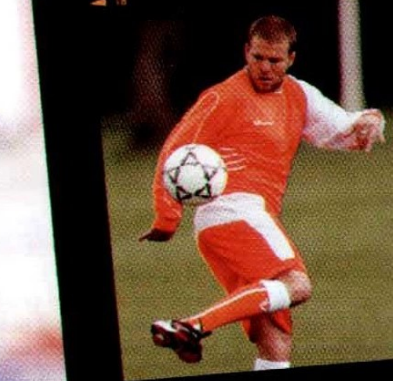
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Memorabilia

Justin Williams & Tony Coombes on the Tranmere treasure trove case...



Something of a puzzle for this week's Memorabilia.

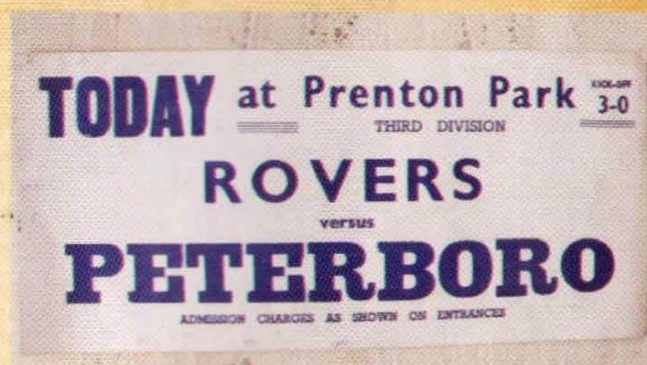
These 3 fixture signs were found a few years ago in a box which contained a small collection of 1960s programmes and some old Rovers newspaper cuttings.

The box had been left behind in a loft in Eastham by the previous occupants and came my way as the new owners were having a clear out. Measuring 36cm x 16cm (about 14" x 6") the signs are made of cardboard and are intriguingly printed on both sides. Covering the fixtures for the first team games against Mansfield Town, Peterborough United and the Cheshire League fixture against local rivals New Brighton the signs can be traced to the back end of the 1967/68 season (February and April '68).

Pictured here with the match day programmes for the two league games to give a better idea of their size, the signs must have been used to advertise that days' opponents as they are printed up with the words "TODAY" and "TONIGHT", so clearly they were only for use on the day of the game.

Can anyone cast any more light on these items?

Were they pinned up at the turnstiles, or other entrances at the club to remind the faithful who we were playing (remember this was before the days of Tannoy announcements)? Or were they displayed elsewhere maybe buses or local shops? If you know the answer then please contact the club at the address printed on page 3.

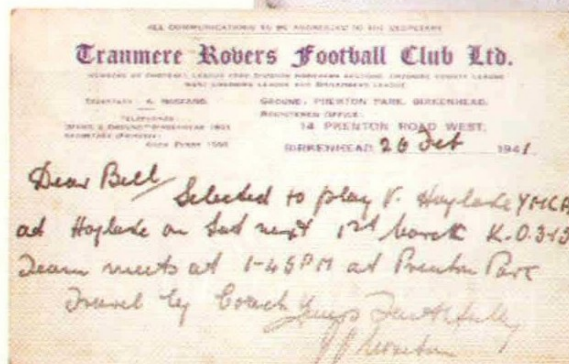


With of course no access to email, especially during World War Two, most players were notified by the Club in relation to team selection simply by postcard.

This particular example relates to young player Bill Anderson, a member of Rovers 'C' team who assisted the Club while playing in the Birkenhead League.

The card - just one of a set of many including team photographs that were kindly donated to our programme producer recently - is signed by Jimmy Moreton requesting Bill's attendance in order to play Hoylake.

A more in depth feature into this unique collection will be covered in a future programme.



Do you have any interesting or unusual pieces of Rovers memorabilia?
If so, why not share it with us within the pages of the programme - contact Tony Coombes here at the Club.

Fans' Message Board...

Happy Birthday!

Happy 16th Birthday Daniel Evans - Love from Mum, Dad, Brother Jack and Auntie Audrey - and best wishes from all at TRFC!



Happy Birthday 21st Birthday Amy Freel - for tomorrow - best wishes from all your family and friends, and of course all at TRFC. Amy has now been a supporter of Rovers for over 17 years now having been brought by equally fervent fan Martin - and looking forward to another victory at today sepecial day for the Club!

Rovers Remembers

The Club sends its deepest sympathies to the friends and family of **Percy Steele** who sadly passed away last week at the age of 85. Percy played 338 times for Rovers between 1945 and 1956 and was rewarded with a testimonial at the end of his time at the Club. A full back who joined from local side Carlton, Percy also played for Dundee United, Burscough, Pwelli and English Electric.



Have you got a special message for the programme this season? It can be someone's birthday, celebration, holiday photo or just a bit of Rovers-related news. If you have, send it to the programme team at the usual address.

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For readers who are very recent recruits to the super white army today's programme nostalgia spot will serve as a tasty reminder that this is far from the only season Rovers have found themselves caught up in affairs at the wrong end of the table equivalent to the third tier of the league.

Indeed, as we leaf through these thirty year old pages, we shall see that our position was even worse than the (hopefully!) temporary struggle we are currently experiencing.

MATCH CONTEXT

Amazingly the Division Three table, as it affected Swindon and ourselves, bore a striking resemblance to the one you were no doubt studying with a certain amount of apprehension before you come to the match today. Taking a far inferior goal difference into account, (I told you there were great similarities back in 1979!) Rovers were effectively seven points from safety, as we sat just one place off the bottom. The Robins, meanwhile, just like their present-day counterparts, had their eyes on the prize of promotion to Division Two which, in those days, of course, could only be achieved by finishing in the top three. With several games in hand on most of their rivals, the five point gap looked as though it could still be closed, even with the award of only two points for a win. No doubt Bob Smith's side viewed the arrival of Johnny King's strugglers to their home territory with the hungry anticipation of some of the merciless predators currently brought to our television screens in Sir David Attenborough's brilliant "Life" series!

PROGRAMME DESIGN AND LAYOUT

Somehow the very plain front cover seemed to reflect a much simpler footballing age than the one in which we find ourselves today. Not even the usual details of the date or competition details were allowed to clutter up the very uncomplicated red and white design. What a contrast to the glossy front cover in your hands at the moment with a plethora of sponsorship names alongside the action photo.

Inside it was a case of black and white print and a few photos with a plain red border around the double pages of the centre spread.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Ironically, that centre spread was the "In Town Today" feature on Rovers, so the colour looked particularly out of place given our colours at the time of royal blue shorts to accompany our white shirts. I wonder if any of the smiling faces beaming out of the full-page team photo will be among the parade of former players on view today. If they are, no doubt they will be framed by much less hair than they were in 1979 when long locks and curly perms were very much in vogue. Sadly one popular player who took part in this match won't be with us this afternoon. The late and much-maligned John Kerr was bravely trying to take up the goal-scoring mantle from Ronnie Moore who had moved to Cardiff City before the transfer deadline. Tony Pullein, in his background piece on Tranmere, found the deal rather surprising, writing that the £120,000 record transfer fee may not appear to be such good business if Ronnie's departure contributed to our relegation. Surprising as that particular leaving of Prenton Park may have been, it was certainly not quite as newsworthy as the subsequent exit by the same Rovers legend thirty years later!

The programme also contained a new Swindon team photo taken, for some strange reason, inside the social club. One member of The Robins squad, who didn't face us in the match, is nowadays a very well-known face (and voice!) on our weekend television screens! (See quiz question below).

Among the adverts for local businesses was one for Rimes Coaches inviting Swindon fans to follow the team on the long trip to Bury the following Tuesday. I would guess that those loyal Town fans sitting in the Cowshed Stand today, after a journey of similar length, paid slightly more than the 1979 fare of £2:55!

MATCH OUTCOME

In spite of another fine strike by John Kerr, Swindon goals by Rowland (2), Mayes and Mc Hale pushed us nearer the dreaded drop. As we were relegated come May, The Robins fell short of their promotion target. For the sake of everybody inside Prenton Park today let's hope both outcomes are different this time around!

QUIZ QUESTION

Who was the 1979 Swindon player now presenting and reporting for Sky Sports?

ANSWER FROM BRIGHTON PROGRAMME

Richard Carpenter was the Seagulls player sharing his name with the slightly more famous brother of Karen Carpenter.



On the Horizon

Mark McKean on what's coming soon - home and away



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What was the final result when the clubs last met at Prenton Park?: 7th February 2009 (League One). Tranmere Rovers 0 Leyton Orient 0.

Where did they finish last season?: Fourteenth (Fifty-six points).

One interesting fact: Three of the then Clapton Orient's players Richard McFadden, William Jonas and George Scott were killed during the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and have plaques commemorating their service on a Wall of Remembrance at the Ocean Villas.

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- Norwich City was founded in 1902 and lost its first competitive match - an FA Cup Preliminary Round tie at Lowestoft Town - 5-0. The club was wound up in November 1918, but was reformed three months later.

- City joined the Football League in Division Three (South) in 1921 and finished 16th in its inaugural season.









- Norwich's biggest honours to date have been two League Cup victories. They became only the second club to lift the trophy after a 4-0 aggregate win over fourth-division Rochdale in the two-legged 1961/62 final, and then beat Sunderland 1-0 in the 1984/85 final at Wembley (both sides were relegated that season). They have also won the Second Division (Championship) title on three occasions - 1971/72, 1985/86 and 2003/04 - and won the Division Three (South) title in 1933/34.

- Jeremy Coss was never a regular goalscorer from midfielder but, twice in 1993/94 season, he spectacularly went into City's history books. His stunning volley gave The Canaries a famous victory over Bayern Munich at Munich's Olympic Stadium the only English side to beat Bayern there (he also scored in the return leg to send Norwich through). He repeated the stunning strike on the final day of that season to become the last player to score in front of the terraced Kop at Anfield as City beat Liverpool 1-0.

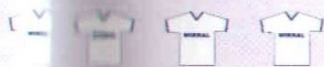
- Norwich's famous fans include chef Delia "Where are you? Let's be having you." Smith, who is also the club's joint majority shareholder, and Stephen Fry.

TRAVEL DETAILS ON PAGE 61

Results & Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Res	HT	Att	Away	Pt	Ps	Ct								
Sat 8 Aug	A Yeovil Town	L 0-2	0-1	4,349	518	0	21	--	Daniels	Logan	Taylor	Gunning	Cresswell	Shuker	McLaren	Welsh
Tue 11 Aug	H Grimsby Town (CC1)	W 4-0	3-0	3,527	201	--	--	--	Daniels	Logan	Broomes	Goodison	Cresswell	Shuker	McLAREN	Welsh
Sat 15 Aug	H Gillingham	W 4-2	1-1	5,590	227	3	11	B	Daniels	Logan	Goodison	Gunning	Cresswell	Shuker	WELSH	McLaren
Tue 18 Aug	H Milton Keynes Dons	L 0-1	0-0	5,744	188	3	17	B	Daniels	Logan	Gunning	Goodison	Cresswell	Shuker	Welsh	McLaren
Sat 22 Aug	A Leeds United	L 0-3	0-2	21,692	602	3	21	--	Daniels	Logan	Gunning	Goodison	Cresswell	Shuker	McLaren	Mahon
Tue 25 Aug	H Bolton Wanderers (CC2)	L 0-1	0-1	5,381	718	--	--	--	Daniels	Cresswell	Edds	Goodison	Taylor	Mahon	McLaren	Welsh
Sat 29 Aug	H Charlton Athletic	L 0-4	0-2	5,147	399	3	22	B	Daniels	Logan	Cresswell	Goodison	Gunning	Mahon	Welsh	McLaren
Sat 5 Sep	A Carlisle United	L 0-3	0-0	5,269	293	3	23	--	Daniels	Logan SO	Cresswell	Goodison	Gunning	Welsh	McLaren	Edds
Sat 12 Sep	H Walsall	L 2-3	1-1	4,858	251	3	23	B	Daniels	Broomes	Cresswell	Goodison	MAHON	Welsh	McLaren	Edds
Sat 19 Sep	A Exeter City	L 1-2	0-1	4,901	216	3	23	--	Collister	Broomes	Logan	Cresswell	Goodison	Carole	Welsh	McLaren
Sat 26 Sep	H Colchester United	D 1-1	1-1	5,341	215	4	23	C	Daniels	Broomes	Logan	Cresswell	Goodison	Carole	Welsh	McLaren
Tue 29 Sep	A Wycombe Wanderers	W 1-0	1-0	3,899	184	7	22	--	Daniels	Broomes	Logan	Cresswell	Goodison	Carole	Welsh	McLaren
Sat 3 Oct	A Millwall	L 0-5	0-4	8,046	224	7	22	--	Daniels	Broomes SO	Logan	Cresswell	Goodison	Carole	Welsh	McLaren
Tue 6 Oct	A Bury (JPT2)	L 1-2	1-0	1,903	439	--	--	--	Daniels	Edds	Goodison	Taylor	Cresswell	Barnett	Welsh	Mahon
Mon 12 Oct	H Stockport County +	L 0-1	0-0	5,645	406	7	22	B	Daniels SO	Broomes	Bakayogo	Logan	Goodison	Mahon	McLaren	Edds
Sat 17 Oct	H Brighton & Hove Albion	W 2-1	1-0	5,250	425	10	22	B	Martin	Broomes	Bakayogo	Logan	Goodison	WELSH	McLaren	Edds
Sat 24 Oct	A Hartlepool United	L 0-1	0-1	3,428	207	10	23	--	Martin	Broomes	Bakayogo	Logan	Goodison	Welsh	McLaren	Edds
Sat 31 Oct	H Swindon Town	3.00pm						B								
Sat 7 Nov	H Leyton Orient (FAC1)	3.00pm						C								
Sat 14 Nov	A Norwich City	3.00pm						--								
Sat 21 Nov	A Leyton Orient	3.00pm						--								
Tue 24 Nov	H Southend United	7.45pm						B								
Tue 1 Dec	A Huddersfield Town	7.45pm						--								
Sat 5 Dec	H Brentford	3.00pm						B								
Sat 12 Dec	A Southampton	3.00pm						--								
Sat 19 Dec	H Bristol Rovers	3.00pm						C								
Sat 26 Dec	A Oldham Athletic	3.00pm						--								
Mon 28 Dec	H Carlisle United	3.00pm						B								
Sat 2 Jan	H Leeds United	3.00pm						A								
Sat 9 Jan	A Gillingham	3.00pm						--								
Fri 15 Jan	H Yeovil Town	7.45pm						B								
Sat 23 Jan	A Milton Keynes Dons	3.00pm						--								
Sat 30 Jan	A Charlton Athletic	3.00pm						--								
Sat 6 Feb	H Oldham Athletic	3.00pm						A								
Sat 13 Feb	A Southend United	3.00pm						--								
Sat 20 Feb	H Leyton Orient	3.00pm						C								
Tue 23 Feb	H Huddersfield Town	7.45pm						B								
Sat 27 Feb	A Brentford	3.00pm						--								
Sat 6 Mar	H Southampton	3.00pm						A								
Sat 13 Mar	A Bristol Rovers	3.00pm						--								
Fri 19 Mar	H Hartlepool United	7.45pm						B								
Sat 27 Mar	A Brighton & Hove Albion	3.00pm						--								
Sat 3 Apr	H Norwich City	3.00pm						A								
Mon 5 Apr	A Swindon Town	3.00pm						--								
Sat 10 Apr	A Walsall	3.00pm						--								
Tue 13 Apr	H Wycombe Wanderers	7.45pm						C								
Sat 17 Apr	H Exeter City	3.00pm						B								
Sat 24 Apr	A Colchester United	3.00pm						--								
Sat 1 May	H Millwall	3.00pm						B								
Sat 8 May	A Stockport County	3.00pm						--								

-- Own goal



							Substitutes					Referee
Wels	Mahon	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Fraughan	Cornell	Broomes	Collister	Macauley	Baker	--	A. Hall	
Wels	Mahon	THOMAS-MOORE	CURRAN	Taylor	EDDS	Cornell	Collister	Macauley	Fraughan	--	A. Taylor	
McLan	Mahon	Curran	THOMAS-MOORE 2	Edds	GORNELL	Collister	Taylor	Macauley	Barnett	Fraughan	C. Pawson	
McLan	Mahon	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Taylor	Edds	Cornell	Collister	Macauley	Barnett	Fraughan	J. Moss	
Maho	Welsh	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Taylor	Fraughan	Ricketts	Collister	Edds	Cornell	Barnett	E. Ilderton	
Wels	Shuker	Curran	Cornell	Fraughan	Barnett	Ricketts	Collister	Broomes	Macauley	--	N. Miller	
McLan	Shuker	Thomas-Moore	Cornell	Ricketts	Fraughan	Edds	Curran	Barnett	Taylor	Collister	P. Tierney	
Edds	Shuker	Mahon	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Fraughan	Taylor	Ricketts	Cornell	Barnett	Collister	C. Boyeson	
Edds	SHUKER	Ricketts	Curran	Taylor	Collister	Bain	Cornell	Barnett	Fraughan	--	M. Haywood	
McLan	Edds	RICKETTS	Thomas-Moore	Mahon	Shuker	Bain	Curran	Barnett	Taylor	Coughlin	D. Philips	
McLan	Shuker	Ricketts	Thomas-Moore	Mahon	Bain	Curran	Barnett	Edds	Taylor	Collister	S. Bratt	
McLan	Shuker	Ricketts	THOMAS-MOORE	Edds	Mahon	Curran	Barnett	Taylor	Collister	Bain	F. Graham	
McLan	Shuker	Ricketts	Thomas-Moore	Mahon	Curran	Taylor	Barnett	Edds	Collister	Bain	C. Scott	
Maho	Carole	Bain	CURRAN	Fraughan	Thomas-Moore	Collister	Logan	Shuker	--	--	A. Haines	
Edd	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Cornell	Welsh	Shuker	Collister	Ricketts	Barnett	Cresswell	Taylor	R. Booth	
EDD	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Cornell	Taylor	Barnett	Mahon	Cresswell	Collister	Bain	Shuker	J. Waugh	
Edd	Thomas-Moore	Curran	Cornell	Barnett SO	Bain	Shuker	Mahon	Daniels	Cresswell	Taylor	G. Sutton	

Commemorative Quiz - Answers from Page 24

Topical Questions

1. One - versus Leeds United (away), Saturday 18th April 2009.
2. 1991.
3. 1975 and 1980.
4. 1968.
5. Tranmere, Ian Muir for Rovers and Paul Clayton for Crewe.
6. Ian Nolan.
7. Rangers (Scotland) and Shelbourne (Republic of Ireland), July during the 1998-99 season.
8. Blackpool, LDV Vans Trophy (First Round).
9. Nottingham Forest.
10. West Ham United (Home 1-0 - Round 3), Sunderland (Home 1-0 - Round 4), Fulham (Away 2-1 Round 5).
11. Leece.
12. Scarborough.
13. 2-0 to Rovers.
14. Heswall.

Who Am I?

Answer: Jim Steel

Which Ground?

1. Griffin Park, Brentford.
2. Memorial Ground, Bristol Rovers.
3. Brisbane Road, Leyton Orient.
4. St James' Park, Exeter City.
5. St Mary's Stadium, Southampton.
6. Roots Hall, Southend United.

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Statistics

Coca-Cola League One

		Home					Away					PTS	GD
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1 Leeds	14	5	2	0	14	4	5	1	1	11	4	33	17
2 Charlton	14	5	2	0	12	5	3	3	1	11	7	29	11
3 Colchester	14	6	0	1	13	5	2	4	1	12	6	28	14
4 MK Dons	14	4	1	2	9	6	4	1	2	7	6	26	4
5 Norwich	14	4	2	1	18	12	2	2	3	8	8	22	6
6 Bristol R	14	3	1	3	7	9	4	0	3	13	13	22	-2
7 Huddersfield	14	5	2	0	20	3	1	1	5	8	13	21	12
8 Millwall	14	4	3	0	13	3	1	3	3	6	7	21	9
9 Oldham	14	2	3	2	7	9	3	2	2	6	5	20	-1
10 Hartlepool	14	2	2	3	6	7	3	2	2	9	7	19	1
11 Swindon	14	2	4	1	6	6	2	3	2	8	12	19	-4
12 Yeovil	14	3	3	1	14	9	1	3	3	5	8	18	2
13 Southend	14	2	3	2	8	7	2	2	3	11	11	17	1
14 Walsall	14	2	4	1	11	8	2	1	4	5	10	17	-2
15 Brentford	14	3	2	2	10	9	1	3	3	5	8	17	-2
16 Gillingham	14	4	2	1	15	5	0	1	6	5	18	15	-3
17 Leyton Orient	14	2	2	3	8	9	2	1	4	7	17	15	-11
18 Carlisle	14	2	1	4	7	9	1	4	2	8	11	14	-5
19 Exeter	14	2	4	1	10	8	1	1	5	4	15	14	-9
20 Stockport	14	1	2	4	6	14	2	3	2	7	8	14	-9
21 Brighton	14	2	0	5	7	11	1	4	2	8	13	13	-9
22 Southampton	14	3	3	1	13	7	2	3	2	10	9	11	7
23 Tranmere	14	2	1	4	9	13	1	0	6	2	16	10	-18
24 Wycombe	14	1	2	4	4	7	0	3	4	9	15	8	-9

Club all-time record goalscorer
Ian Muir -180



Players Statistics & Appearances

Player	Pos	Birthdate	Squad Number	Country of Birth	Season 2009-10				Rovers Career	
					League		Cup		Total	
					Apps	Sub	Apps	Sub	Apps	Sub
Kithson BAIN	STR	26/05/82	15	Grenada	0	(4)	1	(0)	1	(4)
Zoumana BAKAYOGO	DEF	17/08/86	24	France	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
Tom BAKER	MID	07/11/91	17	England	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Charlie BARNETT	MID	19/09/88	19	England	0	(2)	1	(1)	30	(8)
Marlon BROOMES	DEF	28/11/77	8	England	8	(0)	1	(0)	9	(0)
Sebastian CAROLE	MID	08/09/82	21	France	4	(0)	1	(0)	5	(0)
Joe COLLISTER	GOL	15/12/91	13	England	1	(2)	0	(0)	1	(2)
Andrew COUGHLIN	GOL	13/01/93	22	England	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Aaron CRESSWELL	DEF	15/12/89	19	England	10	(0)	3	(0)	21	(6)
Craig CURRAN	STR	23/08/89	25	England	7	(3)	3	(0)	24	(50)
Luke DANIELS	GOL	05/01/88	1	England	10	(0)	3	(0)	13	(0)
Gareth EDDIS	MID	03/02/81	13	Australia	6	(4)	2	(1)	35	(18)
Ryan FRAUGHAN	MID	11/02/91	20	England	0	(4)	0	(2)	0	(5)
Ian GOODISON	DEF	21/11/72	5	Jamaica	12	(0)	3	(0)	240	(9)
Terry GORNELL	STR	16/12/89	14	England	4	(3)	1	(1)	9	(13)
Gavin GUNNING	DEF	26/01/91	15*	Ireland	5	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)
Shaleum LOGAN	DEF	06/11/88	2	England	12	(0)	1	(0)	13	(0)
Alan MAHON	MID	04/04/78	10	Ireland	7	(4)	3	(0)	109	(48)
Josh MACAULEY	STR	02/03/91	21	England	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)
David MARTIN	GOL	22/01/86	26	England	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Paul McLAREN	MID	17/11/76	6	England	13	(0)	2	(0)	106	(0)
Michael RICKETTS	STR	04/12/78	18	England	5	(2)	0	(1)	5	(3)
Bas SAVAGE	STR	07/01/82	7	England	0	(0)	0	(0)	45	(4)
Chris SHUKER	MID	09/05/82	23	England	9	(3)	2	(0)	113	(13)
Ash TAYLOR	DEF	02/09/89	12	Wales	1	(6)	2	(1)	3	(8)
Ian THOMAS-MOORE	STR	26/08/76	9	England	12	(0)	1	(1)	123	(25)
John WELSH	MID	10/01/84	11	England	12	(1)	3	(0)	15	(1)

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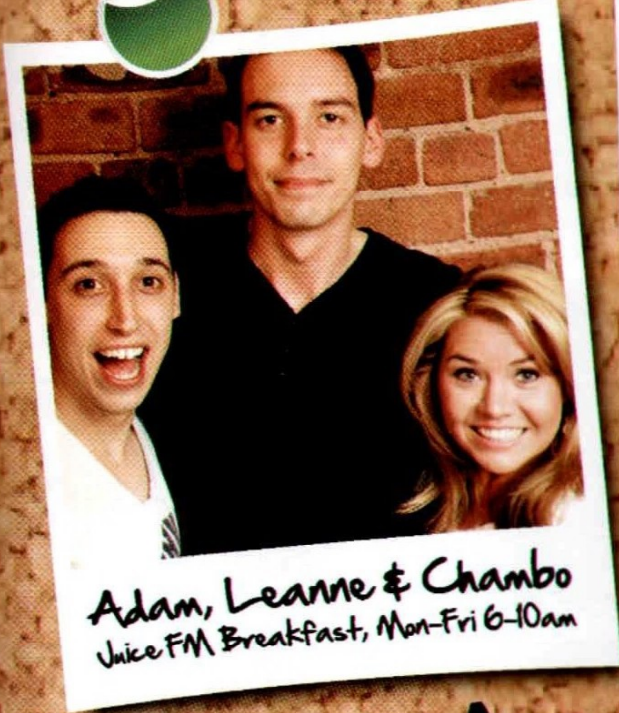
Goalscorers

Cup goals include all cup competitions

Player	2009-10		Rovers	
	Lge	Cup	Total/Career	
Kithson BAIN	0	0	0	0
Zoumana BAKAYOGO	0	0	0	0
Tom BAKER	0	0	0	0
Charlie BARNETT	0	0	0	3
Marlon BROOMES	0	0	0	0
Sebastian CAROLE	0	0	0	0
Joe COLLISTER	0	0	0	0
Andrew COUGHLIN	0	0	0	0
Aaron CRESSWELL	0	0	0	1
Craig CURRAN	0	2	2	10
Luke DANIELS	0	0	0	0
Gareth EDDIS	1	1	2	4
Ryan FRAUGHAN	0	0	0	0
Ian GOODISON	0	0	0	3
Terry GORNELL	1	0	1	2
Gavin GUNNING*	0	0	0	0
Shaleum LOGAN	0	0	0	0
Alan MAHON	1	0	1	15
Josh MACAULEY	0	0	0	0
David MARTIN	0	0	0	0
Paul McLAREN	0	1	1	6
Michael RICKETTS	1	0	1	1
Bas SAVAGE	0	0	0	9
Chris SHUKER	1	0	1	16
Ash TAYLOR	0	0	0	0
Ian THOMAS-MOORE	3	1	4	32
John WELSH	3	0	3	3
Own Goals	0	0	0	128

All stats include Coca-Cola League One, FA Cup, Carling Cup, Johnstone's Paint Trophy and Play Offs

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Chris B
Mon-Friday 10am - 1pm



Baz Todd
Mon-Fri 1 - 4pm



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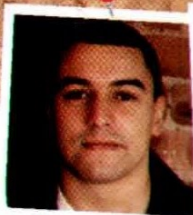
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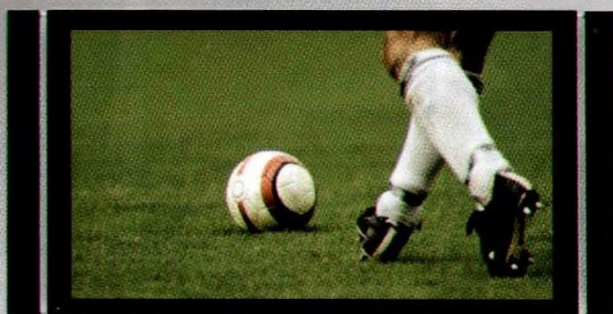


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The following safety policy shows our commitment to ensuring safety within the Stadium.

Stadium Safety Policy

Spectators' safety at the Stadium is of paramount importance. We therefore make public our safety policy which is as follows:

1. Provide an organisational structure for the implementation of safety on matchdays.
 2. Provide training for all matchday staff.
 3. Comply fully with the Stadium Safety Certificate.
 4. Undertake to carry out emergency procedure practices during events.
 5. Arrange for emergency contingency plans.
 6. Maintain records of all events held at the Stadium.
 7. Continually monitor and improve Club Safety systems.
 8. Liaise with all other agencies on matters relating to safety and ground control.
 9. Positively encourage spectators to communicate safety issues to the Club.
 10. Ensure that spectators are aware of the Stadium emergency procedures.
- If you have any enquiries or suggestions regarding any safety issues do not hesitate to contact the Club's Safety Officer, Keith Bailey.

Ground Regulations

NOTICE: Entry to the Ground is expressly subject to acceptance by the visitor of the Ground Regulations and the rules and regulations of FIFA, UEFA, The Football Association, The FA Premier League and The Football League in respect of the relevant

competition. The Ground Regulations incorporate the Club's Customer Charter. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.

Copies of the Ground Regulations are on display on signs in all stands at Prenton Park.

No Smoking

In conjunction with the Football League, Prenton Park is a designated no smoking venue. This affects all seating, hospitality suites and concourses.

Family Friendly Areas

For the 2008-09 season, the Club will again be operating Family Friendly Areas within the ground. We are also taking part in the Football League's 'Enjoy the Match' campaign aimed at enhancing the matchday experience in Family Friendly Areas.

These are recommended for families and perhaps some new supporters. These areas are close to entrances, exits and facilities. Specially trained stewards will be close by. We will be asking supporters to respect the fact that families and young children are in these areas.

Code of Conduct for Family Friendly Areas:

Football is a family sport and your safety and enjoyment is of paramount importance. Please encourage the players, respect the match officials and help to create a great atmosphere. The Family Friendly Areas of our stadium are subject to a zero tolerance policy with regard to anti-social behavior:

- *Threatening behavior
- *Foul or abusive language
- *Racial, homophobic or discriminatory abuse are strictly forbidden and will result in ejection from the ground and possibly arrest.

Your support and adherence to this Code of Conduct is greatly appreciated.

If you witness anti-social behavior:

To help supporters report any abusive language or inappropriate behaviour at Prenton Park on matchdays, the Club has introduced a special text message service. To make reporting easier, supporters can now send a text message to 07928407450 with the details and location of the incident and the Club will deal with it accordingly. Please feel free to ask for any assistance from the Club stewards and/or any other matchday staff. If you wish to report any incidences of anti-social behaviour please speak to any steward who will be pleased to help you in confidence. Alternatively you may wish to contact the Club via our Safety Officer Keith Bailey on 0151 609 3380. Please ensure to note the relevant row and seat numbers so that we can monitor the area you have pinpointed.

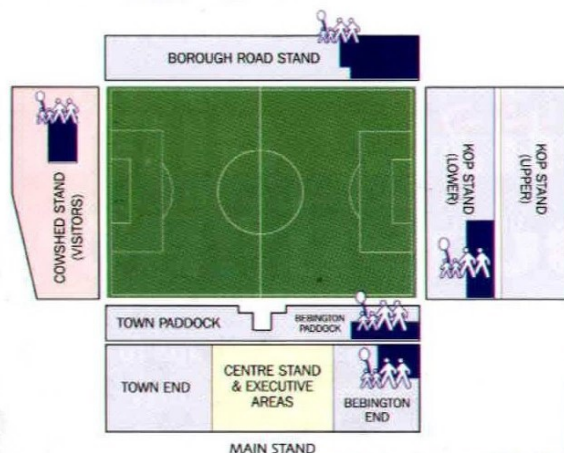
Please note: CCTV is in use in and around the ground and the Club may use or pass to the Police or any Football Authority for use in any proceedings.



Family Friendly Areas

The Family Friendly Areas are:

- Lower Kop - Rows N-Z, seats 115-139.
- Bebington Paddock - Rows F-O, seats 1-37
- Borough Road - Rows A-D, seats 199-232, and rows E-M, seats 190-232.
- Main Stand - Rows A-I, seats 1-22.
- Cowshed - Rows H-J, seats 35-44.



...History - It Happened at Prenton Park...

The only UEFA European Fixture to take place at Prenton Park was a UEFA Cup First Qualifying Round Tie First Leg between Shelbourne (Ireland) & Rangers (Scotland) on Wednesday 22nd July 1998.

Due to fears of sectarian violence, and after discussions between the two clubs and UEFA, it was decided that Prenton Park would be the venue for the first leg with Shelbourne as the Home team.

The match finished 3-5 in favour of Rangers after Shelbourne (at the time an amateur side) had earlier taken a shock 3-0 lead. As a result of this game, Rangers were fined 25,000 Swiss Francs and warned by UEFA after some of their fans caused trouble at the game. UEFA also told Rangers that should they be drawn to play in Ireland in the future in UEFA Competition they would be required to fulfil the fixture.



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Tuesday 24th November 2009

Kick Off 7.45pm

CATEGORY 'B' FIXTURE

Tickets now on sale - Season Ticket Voucher 9

MATCHDAY TICKET PRICES SEASON 2009-2010

AREA	TICKET TYPE	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Main Stand	Adult*	£22	£19	£16
	Seniors 60 and Over*	£10.50	£10.50	£10.50
	Young Persons 17-22 years*	£13.50	£13.50	£13.50
	Juniors 16 + Under*	£5	£5	£5
Paddocks & Johnny King Stand	Adult	£20	£17	£14
	Seniors 60 and Over	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
	Young Persons 17-22 years*	£11.50	£11.50	£11.50
	Juniors 16 + Under	£5	£5	£5
Kop Stand	Adult	£19	£16	£13
	Seniors 60 and Over	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
	Young Persons 17-22 years*	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
	Juniors 16 + Under	£5	£5	£5
Cowshed Stand (Away Supporters)	Adult	£20.50	£17.50	£14.50
	Seniors 60 and Over*	£9.50	£9.50	£9.50
	Young Persons 17-22 years*	£9.50	£9.50	£9.50
	Juniors 16 + Under	£5	£5	£5
Tranmere Suite +	Adult*	£29	£26	£23
	Juniors 16 + Under*	£13.50	£13.50	£13.50
Vice Presidents Suite +	Adults*	£34	£31	£28
	Juniors 16 + Under*	£16	£16	£16

* Tickets must be purchased prior to the match

Printed proof of ID must be produced to purchase Young Persons tickets
Home supporter Seniors 60 and Over can now pay cash at the turnstiles but proof of ID must be shown

+ No Seniors and Young Persons tickets available in these areas

Away Games



Norwich City v Tranmere Rovers

Carrow Road - Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 14th November 2009 - Kick Off 3.00pm

Road / Postcode - Satellite Navigation:

Carrow Road NR1 1JE

Admission

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

Although the match is not designated 'all-ticket', you are advised to purchase your ticket in advance due to the small section of seats currently available to visiting supporters.

Jarrod Stand - All-Seated

Prices - Adults (22-59) £19.00, Seniors (60 and Over) £12.00,

Under 21s (12 to 20) £12.00, Juniors (Under 12) £4.00.

For all details on disabled tickets, please contact the Tranmere Rovers Ticket Office.

Official Coach Travel*

Departure from Prenton Park: 7.00am

Executive Only - Adults £25.00, Concessions £23.50.

Travel Club Members please deduct £2.00 from the above prices.

*Subject to minimum number of bookings



For all travel and ticket details ahead of all away games this season, visit www.tranmererovers.co.uk, check the official matchday programmes or call 0871 221 2001 (option 1).

PLEASE NOTE:

*All coach bookings must be made 48 hours prior to the scheduled fixture date.

*All official club coaches enforce a NO-SMOKING and NO ALCOHOL policy.

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For all other enquiries email tickets@tranmererovers.co.uk

Tranmere Rovers



Swindon Town



Player	Goals
1 Luke DANIELS	
2 Shaleum LOGAN	
3 Aaron CRESSWELL	
4 Gareth EDDS	
5 Ian GOODISON	
6 Paul McLAREN	
7 Bas SAVAGE	
8 Marlon BROOMES	
9 Ian THOMAS-MOORE	
10 Alan MAHON	
11 John WELSH	
12 Ash TAYLOR	
13 Joe COLLISTER	
14 Terry GORNELL	
15 Kithson BAIN	
16 Josh MACAULEY	
17 Tom BAKER	
18 Michael RICKETTS	
19 Charlie BARNETT	
20 Ryan FRAUGHAN	
21 Sebastien CAROLE	
22 Andrew COUGHLIN	
23 Chris SHUKER	
24 Zoumana BAKAYOGO	
25 Craig CURRAN	
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Player	Goals
1 David LUCAS	
2 Scott CUTHBERT	
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4 Jonathan DOUGLAS	
5	
6 Hasney ALJOFREE	
7 Jon-Paul McGOVERN	
8 Craig EASTON	
9 Ben HUTCHINSON	
10 Michael TIMLIN	
11 Anthony McNAMEE	
12 Phil SMITH	
13	
14 Sean MORRISON	
15 Kevin AMANKWAAH	
16	
17 Callum KENNEDY	
18 Alan O'BRIEN	
19 Lescinel JEAN-FRANCOIS	
20 Billy PAYNTER	
21 Lee PEACOCK	
22 Lloyd MACKLIN	
23 Nathan THOMPSON	
24 Temitope OBADEYI	
25	
26 Jakub JESIONKOWSKI	
27 Kasali CASAL	
28 Mark SCOTT	
29 Kurt HAMMONDS	
30 Simon FERRY	
31 Alex REVELL	
32 Charlie AUSTIN	
33 Alex HENSHALL	
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Match Officials

Referee:

A. Bates

Assistant Referees:

C.N. Harwood & C. Kavanagh

Fourth Official

W.D. Smallwood

Full Time Result:

Half Time Score:

Attendance:

Man of the Match:



Fixtures

Friday 30th October 2009

Southend United v Gillingham (7.45pm)

Saturday 31st October 2009

Brighton & HA v Hartlepool United

Carlisle United v Charlton Athletic

Exeter City v Brentford

Leeds United v Yeovil Town

Leyton Orient v Southampton

Millwall v Colchester United

MK Dons v Bristol Rovers

Stockport County v Norwich City

Tranmere Rovers v Swindon Town

Wycombe Wanderers v Walsall

Sunday 1st November 2009

Oldham Athletic v Huddersfield Town

(2.00pm)

All 3.00pm kick off unless stated

NEXT AT PRENTON PARK

Tranmere Rovers v Leyton Orient

FA Cup sponsored by E-on First Round / Saturday 7th November 2009 / Kick Off 3.00pm

Category 'C' Prices - Tickets Now On Sale - Call 0871 221 2001 (Option 1)

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First Round - Tuesday 3rd November 2009 - Kick Off 7.30pm - Prenton Park

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