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LUTON TOWN

Season 1978-79 Match No. 4

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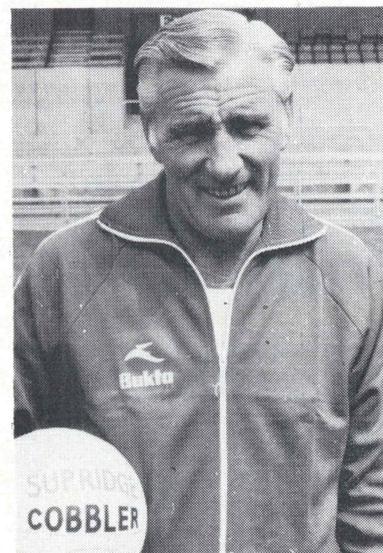
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Talk about



There is nothing like healthy competition in any aspect of life - and particularly within a football club.

But it can present problems for the manager, as I experienced rather unexpectedly last weekend. I was unable to name my team to play Cardiff until the morning of the match.

Injury problems made at least three players doubtful but then, at 11 o'clock, I was told we had a clean bill of health. I knew then I would have only 11 friends that afternoon. There are more considerations than just naming a team for the job.

Do you take a short term view or a long term? Do you go for what you feel is tried and tested or what has the greatest potential?

I decided basically to select the side that did well for me when I first took over as manager last season. The one exception was to play Miah Dennehy on the right wing instead of Bobby Gould.

That meant no place for Bobby and, because Graham Day was back from America, no place either for Tony Pulis. Yet, the previous Saturday, I had made Tony captain at Charlton. And Bobby had scored two goals in our first three League games.

There were arguments for leaving out Peter Aitken because he was coming up for a three-match suspension. But I saw that no reason to penalise him for a further game.

The performance and the result I felt justified my choice.

But it is never a pleasant job telling any player he has been left out. It is even harder when he has done well for you.

You just have to hope the player has the character and is professional enough to accept his manager's decision. Then you have to hope the players you have selected respond by proving you right. It is easy enough to be wise after the event. But that's a luxury no football manager can ever afford.

I hope those of you who came early to the Cardiff match enjoyed the mini-international between our Bristol-based schoolboys and those from the South Wales nursery. I am a great believer in good pre-match entertainment and we are hoping to develop the programme.

Much, of course, depends on the weather conditions. But usually at this time of the year there is scope for a number of ideas. If you have any thoughts on what might be appealing, please let me know.

Bobby Campbell

**PROGRAMME
PRODUCTION**

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Programme Manager:
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Editor: Gordon Bennett
Photographer: Alan Marshall

He's Fan-tastic



ROBIN DONALDSON (17)
is one of our enthusiastic band of young supporters from Filton.

Eastville Ernie



"I was at the hairdressers having a perm when I suddenly remembered you ordered an extra training session this afternoon".

**We Won
The Frys Cup**



Rovers' victorious A-Team with the Fry Club Cup and their individual medals: Back row — Jeff Shaw, Geraint Williams, Mark Hughes, Gary Clarke, Mike Malpas, Mike England, Martin Shaw, Ashley Griffiths; Front row — Paul Petts, Dave Palmer, Glyn Jones, Gary Mabbutt, Harold Jarman. (For full details see In Reserve on Page 11).



Back row — Ingram, Stephens, Stein, Moss, Carr, Sherlock. Middle row — Aizlwood, McNichol, Jones, Aleksic, Turner, Price, Donaghy. Front row — Gutteridge, Fuccillo, West, Hatton, Mr. Peat (manager), Hill Boersma, Johnson.

Luton Town come to Eastville today as the highest scorers in Division Two this season, although nine of their ten goals were recorded in their two home games.

Manager *David Pleat*, who signed nine new players in his first four months as Luton's boss, must have thought he had hit the jackpot on the opening day of the season when his side crushed Oldham Athletic 6-1.

Then followed two tough away games and defeats at Crystal Palace (3-1) and Newcastle United (1-0). Luton returned to the winning trail last Saturday with a 3-0 home win over Charlton Athletic. They also have a 2-0 home League Cup victory, over Wigan Athletic, to their credit.

Former Swindon Town winger *David Moss* is the most expensive of the Luton signings. He cost £110,000 — just £15,000 more than centre half *Chris Turner* signed from Peterborough United despite the attention of several Division One clubs.

VETERAN HATTON

The money for manager *Pleat's* spending spree came from the sale of the Fletcher twins — Paul and Ron — to Manchester City for a total of £435,000.

Fees of £50,000 each were paid for *Mark Aizlwood*, a defender from Newport County, and

veteran *Bob Hatton* from Blackpool. After scoring against Charlton last week, Hatton now needs two goals to reach 150 in League games. He has played for Wolves, Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle and Birmingham as well as Blackpool and Luton.

The Luton scouting net is cast very wide and brought two players from across the Irish Sea. Both *Terry Hayes* from Linfield and *Mal Donaghy* from Larne have played for the Northern Ireland under 21 side.

NON-LEAGUE SIGNINGS

There have also been some important signings from non-League soccer. *Brian Stein* came from Edgware Town last season and *Kirk Stephens* from Nuneaton in the summer.

The form of Stein, Hatton and Moss has meant former Liverpool *Phil Boersma* was unable to get into the side until last Saturday's game.

In Luton terms, *Pasquale 'Lil' Fuccillo* and *Ricky Hill*, both former apprentices are veterans with the club. But the longest serving professional is defender *Paul Price* who was recruited in 1971.

Goalkeeper *Milija Aleksic* cost £20,000 when he was signed from Plymouth Argyle in January 1977.

ALAN KING

BRISTOL ROVERS 'SPONSORKIT' 1978/79 SEASON

PLAYER	BOOTS £20	TRACK SUIT £15	SHIRT £10	SHORTS & SOCKS £5
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GRAHAM DAY	Eagle Luxury Coaches, 20-57 Seaters, Continental Tours. Tel. 555556			
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STEVE HARDING	The Ivor Bennett Theatrical Agency Ltd. Tel. Bristol 712812 Bands, Discos and Caberet.			
TONY PULIS	Decimal Business Machines Ltd. Leading Office Equipment Suppliers Tel. 294591/5			
FRANKIE PRINCE	Eagle Luxury Coaches. Operators of Day and Extended Tours Tel. 557530			
DAVID WILLIAMS	Avon Engraving, Bannerman Buildings, Bannerman Road, Easton. Tel. 554683			
PAUL HENDRIE	Hobbs (Quarries) Ltd, Flax Bourton 2031	Burnsmith Disco Show Tel: Steve 624016		
MIAH DENNEHY	Bradshaw Microwave Ltd., 104-107 Redcliffe Street, Tel. 292772			
BOBBY GOULD	Thomas Steelwork, Clayhill Works, St. George, Tel. 657441			
PAUL RANDALL	Anderson's Foodmarkets, 17/18 Market Place, Glastonbury. Tel. 32807			
DAVE STANIFORTH	Hobbs (Quarries)	Orpheus Rising Antiques, 82 St. Nicholas Market Tel. 556108	The Brian Blackmore Showband Minehead	I. Oughton & D. McFarland The R.A.T.S.
MIKE BARRY	R. Bacon & C. W. Lowe, Acorn Record Shop, Yeovil	Hobbs (Quarries)	Mark Smith	John Kayes
ALAN HOULT	Toucan Publicity & Print, Hounds Road, Chipping Sodbury Tel. 313567			
STEVE WHITE	The Trident Public House, Downend, Bristol			
ANDREW EVANS	Ken Jones Car Spares Tel. 559570	Hobbs (Quarries) Ltd. Flax Bourton 2031	Roy Cashley, Monte Carlo Cafe	
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WAYNE JONES	The Bristol Rovers Presidents Club (by the members)			
HAROLD JARMAN	Paul Ashdown, 'Townstalk', Bedminster Down. Tel. Long Ashton 2441			

Today ROBIN PERRY talks
to our much-travelled
Bristol-born centre back

GRAHAM DAY

It was good to be back in a Bristol Rovers shirt last Saturday after another summer playing the States.

People ask me if I get fed up with football but although it is the same game I play over here and in America, the two worlds are so totally different that the change is as good as a holiday.

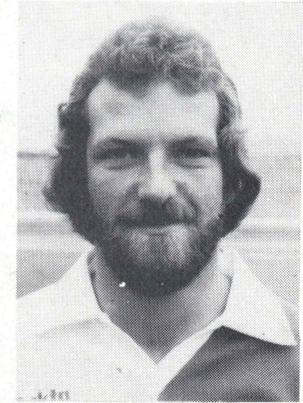
After three seasons with Portland you could call me almost a veteran of the North American League. Certainly the novelty of playing there has worn off and, although I again enjoyed the summer, my attitude is that it has been a job of work to earn a few extra pennies and add to my footballing experience.

The days of British players thinking they can go over for a paid holiday are past. Soccer in the States has developed considerably since I first went there, and the standards are now much higher and the game more professional in every aspect.

It has been interesting for me because in each of my seasons with Portland I have played under a different manager.

The first year it was Vic Crowe, the old Aston Villa chief. Last year it was Brian Tiler and this time I was back with my old Eastville boss Don Megson.

It was fascinating to see him adapt his approach to the different and easier-going attitude. Everyone needs to get on socially because you go on 10-day trips and take in three away games — so you all have to relax together as well as work together.



Rovers in Review

Soccer is still quite a way behind American football and baseball in public popularity but it has now really got off the ground in the States and there is a good quality of American and Canadian born players coming into the game and making an impact.

Gates will vary a lot, from 4,000 when you play in Rochester to anything up to 70,000 in New York. At Portland during a season when we reached the semi-finals of the championship playoff, we averaged 12,000. It could have been better.

The game will continue to develop if for no other reason than it is much cheaper to play than American football, baseball and ice hockey — and also because it doesn't require you to be a physical freak. With basketball you have to be 7ft tall, with American football the bigger you are the better — and there aren't many small ice hockey players about either!

Soccer commands only a three per cent viewing audience when screened on TV compared with 70 per cent for American football and 50 per cent for basketball.

But it is increasing and will go on doing so as youngsters grow up with the game. There is tremendous scope for coaching. This is an area that interests me more and more and I hope to sit for my preliminary badge this winter and perhaps work up next year to the full FA badge.

Socially, I enjoyed meeting and playing against international stars from a number of countries. And it was good to bump into familiar faces from home. I played against Ray Graydon three times when we took on Washington Diplomats and it was great to chat about Bristol — and Rovers in particular.

Graham was a late recruit into League football, playing for St. George in the Gloucestershire County League and for the county youth side after leaving school.

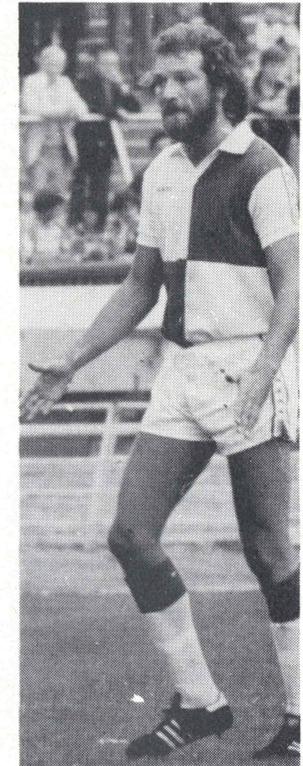
He served an apprenticeship as a pipe-fitter/welder, joining Rovers first as an amateur at the age of 17 and then as a part-time professional until signing a full contract on completing his outside apprenticeship.

Graham, now 24, made his League debut against Fulham at

Eastville on March 11th, 1975, and since then has made 121 appearances, scoring one goal.

After starting as a centre-forward, he was switched to a central defensive position by Rovers.

He is married and he and his wife, Jane — a secretary — live in Kingswood. Graham has spent three of the last four summers playing on loan for Portland Timbers in the North American League.



ACTION REPLAY



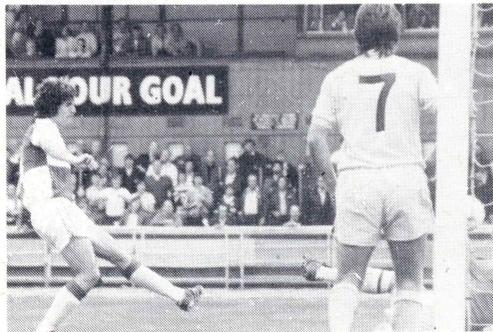
Above: No. 1 — Cardiff's teenage goalkeeper John Davies looks forlorn as MIKE BARRY's corner was deflected by Steve Grapes into his own goal with Gerry Byrne and Dave Roberts helpless on the line.

Below: No. 2 — PAUL RANDALL, who always scores against Cardiff, directs his side-footed shot firmly into the net well clear of Gerry Byrne and John Davies.

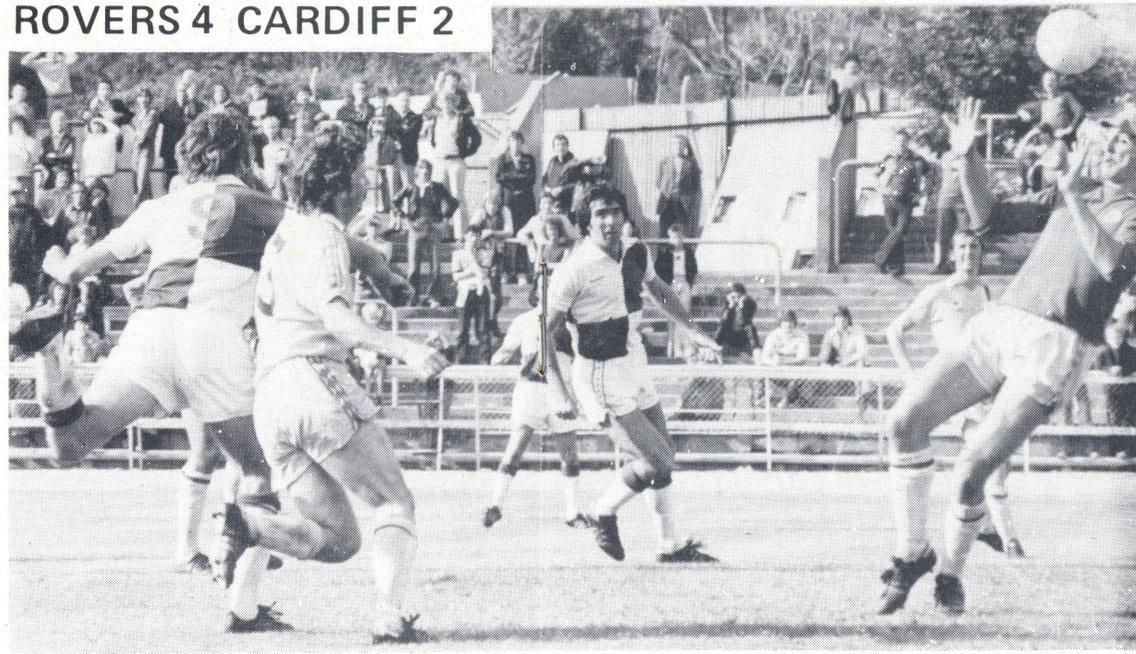
Top right: No. 3 — DAVE STANIFORTH's brilliantly-headed first League goal of the season, with Keith Pontin, Alan Campbell and John Davies all stranded.

Bottom right: No. 4 — It's another superb DAVE STANIFORTH header. This time he's beaten Freddie Pethard, and Mike Barry, Bobby Gould and Rod Thomas watch the ball sail past hapless John Davies.

Photographs by ALAN MARSHALL



ROVERS 4 CARDIFF 2



EASTVILLE ECHOS

The floodlighting system at Eastville has been brightened up at a cost of over £6,000.

Since we agreed 18 months ago that our lights could be used for speedway and greyhound racing as well as football, our landlords, Bristol Stadium Ltd., have been responsible for their maintenance.

"We have removed 21 of the old tungsten bulbs from each floodlight pylon and replaced them by 8 high-pressure sodium lamps," explained Stadium electrician Tony Wilde.

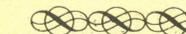
"These new ones are six times brighter than any equivalent lamps, and the improvement is tremendous," he added.



Wayne Jones has an opportunity to renew his friendship with Luton manager David Pleat this afternoon.

"When I went to Lilleshall on F.A. Treatment of Injuries courses, he was often there on coaching courses and we played 5-a-side against each other and became quite pally," explains Rovers' physiotherapist.

Eastville teenagers Martin Thomas and Vaughan Jones also know one of the Luton players very well — Mark Aizlewood, the former Newport County starlet who captained both Martin and Vaughan in last season's Welsh youth internationals.



Frankie Prince's latest Testimonial function at the Luxury Liner in Bath proved a great success. The superb evening ended with organiser David Heath and his friends handing Frank a welcome three-figure cheque.

"Daddy Cool" of Fishponds Road are sponsoring Frank's Disco at Romeo and Juliets in Nelson Street on Wednesday 20th September (8pm). Music is to be provided by Sound Advice and tickets are £1.



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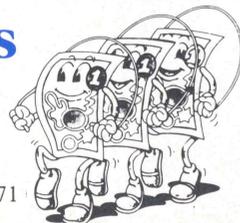
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In Reserve

One of the most interesting Reserve games seen at Eastville for a long time ended with our youngsters securing a narrow 3-2 victory over Fulham.

Paul Hendrie gave us an early lead but Fulham went ahead with a goal either side half-time and Rovers showed commendable character to fight back and win through goals by Hendrie again and Steve White.

Two days later our "A" Team won the Fry Club Cup, convincingly beating Avon St. Phillips 3-0 in the Final after victories over Sun Life Insurance (8-2), Tabular Beaufort (2-1), Hambrook (3-2), and Almondsbury-Greenway (3-0) in the earlier rounds.

ACHIEVED SUCCESS

Fielding primarily a mixture of apprentices and schoolboys, the quality of our football, against some of the best senior amateurs in Bristol drew widespread praise.

The players who achieved success in this demanding tournament were (in order of appearances):

5 — Mark Hughes, Jeff Shaw; 4 — Ashley Griffiths, Gary Mabbutt, Mike Malpas, Dave Palmer, Martin Shaw; 3+2 — Harold Jarman; 3 — Gary Clarke, Mike England, Philip Kite; 2+2 — Steve Williams; 2 — Glyn Jones, Geraint Williams; 1+2 — Mark Pinker; 1 — Shaun Carey, Ian Holloway, Hugh Lake, Mark Owen, Paul Petts; —+1 — Steve Owen.

Scorers: 6 — Gary Mabbutt; 3 — Ashley Griffiths, Steve Williams; 2 — Harold Jarman; 1 — Mike England, Mark Hughes, Jeff Shaw, Martin Shaw.

WELCOME SCOTLAND B.C.

We extend a warm welcome to our special guests at this afternoon's match — our Glasgow-based "nursery" team, Scotland Boys Club.

Thirteen players, accompanied by officials Jim McCue, Robert McDonald, Tommy Knox and Ian Wilson, are spending the week-end in Bristol, being assessed by youth coach Harold Jarman.

LETTERBOX

Dear Mr. Terry,

When you see Graham Day tell him his award as Portland Timber's No. 1 All-Round Player of the Year was genuinely on merit, not just because we like him so much as a person.

We hope Graham does as well for you as he did for us, and we wish Rovers every success in your new season.

I must compliment you on the new Rovers' Programme. It's outstanding, great cover, good colour, excellent content. I'm really impressed. Pictures in it are great also.

STELLA FLEMING,
President, Portland Timbers
Boosters Club,
Portland,
Oregon, U.S.A.

Chipper
to sign



MARTIN SHAW (above) is to sign a full-time professional's contract on his eighteenth birthday next Thursday.

Nicknamed "Chipper" by former youth coach Colin Dobson after scoring in consecutive matches with shots over the goalkeepers' heads, he has been an Eastville apprentice since leaving Whitefield School, Fishponds 14 months ago.

A discovery of scout Stan Montgomery, his skill on the ball and thoughtful passing lead youth coach Harold Jarman and reserve team manager Bill Dodgin to predict he will be a strong candidate for first team football if he continues to work hard.

SOME DIARY DATES AT EASTVILLE

Next Wednesday 13th Sept. (2.30 pm)
LUTON TOWN RESERVES (F.Comb.)
Next Saturday 16th Sept. (3 pm)
NORWICH CITY RESERVES (F.Comb.)
Tuesday Week 19th Sept. (7.30 pm)
SWANSEA CITY YOUTH (S.Jun.F.Cup)

AT HAMBROOK

Saturday 23rd Sept. (12 Noon).
NOTTM. FOREST INTERS (M.I.Lge.)

Dear Mr. Burns,

Although an exiled Rovers' supporter, I was able to make the recent Fulham game and I congratulate you on the new programme which makes excellent reading.

I am a keen programme collector, and have a good selection of rare items. Pre-war Rovers programmes are exceptionally difficult to find and the only ones in my collection are for away matches, including an F.A. Cup 2nd round 2nd replay v Norwich at Stamford Bridge in 1913 (Rovers won 2-1).

If anyone can help me in my collecting, I should be very interested to hear from them.

ELLIOT JACKSON
29 Stuart Road,
Ham, Richmond,
Surrey TW10 7QU

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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES, GOALSCORERS, RESULTS AND

Date	V	OPPONENTS	F	A	Atten.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Aug. 1	H	CARDIFF C. (A/S Cup)	1-0		5,090	Thomas						
5	A	BRISTOL C. (A/S Cup)	1-6		9,874	Thomas	Aitken	Bater	Pulis	Harding	Barry	Dennehy
8	A	FULHAM (A/S Cup)	1-2		2,437	Thomas	Aitken	Bater	Pulis	Harding	Barry	Dennehy
12	H	HEREFORD U. (L. Cup)	2-1		5,002	Thomas	Aitken 1	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Barry	Dennehy
16	A	HEREFORD U. (L. Cup)	0-4		5,130	Thomas	Aitken	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Barry	Dennehy
19	H	FULHAM	3-1		5,950	Thomas	Jones V	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Barry	Dennehy
22	A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	1-3		6,005	Thomas	Aitken	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Barry	Dennehy
26	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	0-3		7,545	Thomas	Jones V	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Barry	Dennehy
2	H	CARDIFF CITY	14-2		6,855	Thomas	Aitken	Bater	Pulis	Taylor	Aitken	Dennehy
9	H	LUTON TOWN										
16	A	WEST HAM UNITED										
23	H	WREXHAM										
30	A	CAMBRIDGE UNITED										
7	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
14	A	NOTTS. COUNTY										
21	H	ORIENT										
28	A	LEICESTER CITY										
Nov. 4	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED										
11	A	FULHAM										
18	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC										
25	H	SHEFFIELD UNITED										
Dec. 2	A	SUNDERLAND										
9	A	MILLWALL										
16	A	BURNLEY										
23	H	STOKE CITY										
26	A	CRYSTAL PALACE										
30	A	PRESTON NORTH END										
Jan. 1	H	BRIGHTON & HOVE A. F. A. Cup 3										
6	A	LUTON TOWN										
13	A	WEST HAM UNITED										
20	H	WREXHAM										
Feb. 3	A	CAMBRIDGE UNITED										
10	H	BLACKBURN ROVERS										
17	A	NOTTS. COUNTY										
24	H	ORIENT										
Mar. 3	A	LEICESTER CITY										
10	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED										
17	A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC										
24	H	SHEFFIELD UNITED										
31	A	SUNDERLAND										
Apr. 7	H	CRYSTAL PALACE										
14	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE A.										
17	A	STOKE CITY										
21	H	BURNLEY										
28	A	MILLWALL										
May 5	H	PRESTON NORTH END										
7	A	CARDIFF CITY										

*Player Substituted Scorers in Bold Type †Own Goal

FLASHBACK FLASHBACK FLASHBACK

FIVE YEARS AGO

Rovers dropped their first point of the season when held to a 1-1 draw at Grimsby on Sat. 8th Sept. 1973.

Bruce Bannister's clever flick set up a chance for Bryn Jones to give Rovers an 11th minute lead.

Grimsby equalised 23 minutes later when Lew Chatrley rammed home a penalty and from then on the game degenerated into a rather scrappy stalemate.

Team - Eadie, Jacobs, Parsons, Green, Taylor, Prince, Jones (B), Stanton, Warboys, Bannister, Dobson. Att.: 7,640.

TEN YEARS AGO

After conceding a 34th minute goal by Cliff Wright, Rovers fought back to defeat Hartlepool 2-1 in a Friday evening game at Eastville on 6th Sept. 1968.

Pools goalkeeper George Smith fumbled a Wayne Jones clip a minute before half time and Ken Ronaldson hooked in Rovers equaliser.

Then, with 5 minutes to go, Harold Jarman's perfectly-judged centre was headed home by Stuart Taylor.

Team - Taylor (L), Parsons, Mabbutt, Taylor (S), Lloyd, Prince, Jarman, Williams (J), Jones (W), Ronaldson, Jones (R). Sub. Gaydon. Att.: 7,284.

ATTENDANCES

	8	9	10	11	Sub
Williams	Staniforth	*Randall 1	Clarke	*Hoult	
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Williams	Gould 1	Randall 1	Barry 1	*Hoult	
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Williams	Staniforth 2	Randall 1	Barry	*Gould	

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Unsettled by the inclusion of half-fit goalkeeper Howard Radford - preferred to untried third-teamer Micky Munden (17) - Rovers went down 3-1 at Sheffield Wednesday on Sat. 6th Sept. 1958.

Centre half David Pyle headed into his own goal after only 30 seconds, but Rovers got back on level terms within 5 minutes when Alfie Biggs headed against the bar and Dai Ward pounced on the rebound. But Howard Radford allowed Howard Wilkinson's 30-yard free kick to slip into goal in the 22nd minute and ten minutes later Wilkinson scored again with a low shot.

Team - Radford, Doyle, Watling, Sykes, Pyle, Sampson, Petherbridge, Biggs, Bradford, Ward, Hooper. Att.: 28,963.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES

	League		Cups	
	A	G	A	G
Barry	4	2	5	—
Bater	4	—	5	—
Dennehy	4	—	5	—
Randall	4	1	5	2
Taylor	4	—	5	—
Thomas	4	—	5	—
Williams	4	—	5	1
Gould	3+1	2	-1	—
Aitken	3	—	5	1
Prince	3	—	2	—
Pulis	3	—	5	—
Jones V	2+1	—	—	—
Staniforth	1+1	2	—	1
Day	1	—	—	—
Clarke	—	—	4	1
Hoult	—	—	1+2	—
Harding	—	—	1	—

DIVISION TWO TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
Stoke City	4	3	1	0	6	1	7
Crystal Pal.	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
Wrexham	4	2	2	0	2	0	6
West Ham U.	4	2	1	1	9	4	5
Brighton	4	2	1	1	4	1	5
Burnley	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Oldham Ath.	4	2	1	1	8	9	5
LUTON TN.	4	2	0	2	10	5	4
Preston N. E.	4	1	2	1	9	8	4
Cambridge U.	4	1	2	1	3	2	4
Orient	4	2	0	2	5	4	4
BRISTOL ROV.	4	2	0	2	8	9	4
Sunderland	4	2	0	2	4	6	4
Blackburn R.	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Charlton Ath.	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Leicester C.	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Sheffield U.	4	1	1	2	4	5	3
Fulham	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
Newcastle U.	4	1	1	2	2	4	3
Notts. Co.	4	1	1	2	6	9	3
Millwall	4	1	1	2	4	8	3
Cardiff C.	4	0	1	3	5	11	1

SECOND TEAM APPEARANCES

	A	G	A	G
Clarke	3	—	Brown	2+1
Harding	3	—	Mabbutt	2+1
Hendrie	3	2	England	2
Jones G	3	—	Griffiths	2
Palmer	3	—	Hoult	2
Shaw M	3	—	Jones V	1
White	3	2	McCrohan	1

COMBINATION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
West Ham U.	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Tottenham H.	3	3	0	0	9	5	6
Arsenal	4	1	3	0	9	4	5
Fulham	4	2	1	1	7	4	5
Oxford Unt.	4	2	1	1	7	5	5
Luton Town	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Ipswich Tr.	4	1	2	1	7	5	4
Plymouth Ar.	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Norwich City	3	2	0	1	6	5	4
BRISTOL ROV.	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Bristol City	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Southampton	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Leicester C.	4	1	1	2	6	6	3
Chelsea	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Q. P. R.	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Crystal Pal.	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Birmingham C.	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Hereford U.	4	0	2	2	5	9	2
Orient							



SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

by Eric Godfrey

Congratulations to Bristol Rovers' "A" team who won the Fry Club Soccer Cup for the first time by beating Avon St. Philips 3-0 in the final which was held at Keynsham. This will bring a lot of satisfaction to Youth Officer Gordon Bennett and Coach Harold Jarman who both work so hard behind the scenes. Well done, lads!

The money raised by our Sponsored walk, last season, is coming in very slowly and I appeal to those walkers who have still not paid in to forward their remittances as soon as possible. In some cases sponsors have not fulfilled their promise to pay walkers and this is the reason for the delay. To date we have received £432.00. Some of this money has been spent to help Club Physiotherapist Wayne Jones with equipment for the Remedial Room. So far we have purchased a bicycle exerciser - £116.64, a rowing machine - £10.00, a set of dumb bells - £29.89, eight "collars" - £6.82, and a "wobble" board - £25.70. Anticipating enquiries concerning the last item of equipment I would hasten to explain that a "wobble" board is a circular board with a centrally fixed convex piece of wood. Players stand on the edge of the circular board which wobbles at various angles and this strengthens the ankles and leg muscles. It is quite difficult to maintain a balance.

Our older members will remember that many years ago we made a loan of £750.00 to one of the players. The outstanding debt appeared on our annual balance sheet year after year and we made many attempts to collect this money. Eventually the debt was "written off" as irrecoverable and the matter was forgotten. You can imagine my surprise when the player concerned telephoned me on August Bank holiday Sunday and asked if he could call and see me at home. I agreed and he called and paid me the £750.00! My faith in human nature has been restored!

The Supporters' Club handbook giving a match by match summary for seasons 1946 - 1962 proved to be very popular. We are hoping to provide a sequel to this handbook but, at the present time, we are experiencing some delay because of lack of advertisers. If anyone is interested in advertising space they are invited to contact me c/o Bristol Rovers' Supporters Club, 468, Stapleton Road, Bristol, BS5 6PA.

AWAY DAY with R.A.T.S.

ROVERS AWAY TRAVEL SERVICE ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO WEST HAM UNITED
NEXT SATURDAY
(16th September)

By Coach
Fare: £2.70

Departure time from
the Stadium: 10.0 a.m.

TO CAMBRIDGE UNITED
THREE WEEKS TIME
(30th September)

By Roverail
Special Train

(Details will be
available later).

WALLCHARTS OFFER: The Bristol Evening Post's superb full-colour Rovers' Wallcharts are on sale, price 25p. They include the team photograph, players' pen-pictures and our complete fixture list, and may be obtained from the Club Shop, the Post's Temple Way offices, and leading newsagents.

**NEXT
MATCH**

Football League Division Two

WREXHAM

Saturday 23rd September 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL SCENE

Although fund-raising is probably the most highly-competitive business there is today, it is nice that those of us in football can get together and help one another.

We have a Football League Commercial Managers Association with regular meetings at which we pool our ideas and relate experiences, working as an organisation for the benefit of British football in general.

In a cut-throat field, it is good to know you are not operating on your own. And, of course, the general activities of a League club's commercial department have become so broad that a free exchange of views and ideas can be extremely helpful.

We have a meeting in Bristol over at Ashton Gate on September 14 for all the clubs in the South West and I am looking forward to some stimulating discussion.

We at Rovers have launched a sponsorship scheme and are awaiting replies from the 500 Bristol area businesses we circulated with a brochure explaining the benefits of the project.

It is a very reasonable way of promoting your business and at the same time helping Rovers to promotion.

I am sure if you look through our fixture list you will spot at least one match that warrants your company's backing. If so, please contact me on Bristol (0272) 556967 or 553424.

There are also a few vacancies for matchball sponsors at £30 a time.



AT THE TRUE BLUE CLUB

Tonight and Next Saturday: Dancing to MERV McKAY BAND with CHRISTINE
Special Attractions - Two Fabulous Cabarets that cannot be missed.

Tomorrow: BEST OF BRITISH

Next Sunday: BOLLARDS

MATCH BALL

Today's Match Ball has been kindly
donated by:

GRAND HOTEL

Broad Street, Bristol 1.

REFEREE

TOM REYNOLDS (Bratton, Wilts).

A former Swansea builder who now runs a hotel near Westbury, he first took up a whistle in the old Bristol Church League (now the Avon League).

Moved up to the Football League through the Welsh League and Football Combination and was appointed to the U.E.F.A. and F.I.F.A. Referees Panel in 1974.

HALF TIMES

A	BIRMINGHAM Liverpool	K	BRIGHTON Oldham Ath.
B	COVENTRY C. Chelsea	L	BURNLEY West Ham Un.
C	EVERTON Middlesborough	N	CARDIFF C. Cambridge U.
D	IPSWICH T Aston Villa	P	CHARLTON A. Wrexham
E	MAN. CITY Leeds United	R	CRYSTAL PAL. Sunderland
F	NOTTM. FOR. Arsenal	S	FULHAM Sheff. Unt.
G	Q. P. R. Man. United	T	LEICESTER C. Notts. Co.
H	SOUTHAMPTON Wolves	U	NEWCASTLE U. Blackburn Rov.
I	SPURS Bristol City	X	ORIENT Stoke City
J	WEST BROM Norwich C.	Y	PRESTON N. E. Millwall

BRISTOL ROVERS



Martin Thomas

Blue & White

	Height	Weight
	ft.in.	st.lb.
1 MARTIN THOMAS	6-0	12-11
2 TONY PULIS	5-10	11-8
3 PHIL BATER	5-10½	11-12
4 GRAHAM DAY	6-1	12-4
5 STUART TAYLOR	6-4½	14-6
6 FRANKIE PRINCE	5-10	11-5
7 MIAH DENNEHY	5-9	11-2
8 DAVID WILLIAMS	5-10½	12-7
9 DAVE STANIFORTH	6-0	11-12
10 PAUL RANDALL	6-0	12-6
11 MIKE BARRY	5-10	11-8
Sub. BOBBY GOULD	6-0	12-4

Team Changes

LUTON TOWN



Milija Aleksic

Orange & Navy

	Height	Weight
	ft.in.	st.lb.
1 MILIJA ALEKSIC	6-0	13-11
2 GRAHAM JONES	6-0	12-7
3 MARK AIZLEWOOD	6-0	12-8
4 RICKY HILL	5-9	11-10
5 CHRIS TURNER	6-1	12-9
6 PAUL PRICE	6-0	12-8
7 MAL DONAGHY	5-10	12-6
8 LIL FUCCILLO	5-10	11-8
9 BRIAN STEIN	5-10½	11-8
10 BOB HATTON	5-10	12-1
11 PHIL BOERSMA	5-10	11-7
Sub. ALAN WEST	5-10	11-10

Team Changes

REFEREE:

Mr. T. H. C. REYNOLDS (Wilts.)

LINESMEN:

(Red) T. ATKINS (Exeter)

(Orange) E. G. MORGAN (Merthyr)

Match Summary

SCORE	Rovers _____	Vistors _____	Attendance _____
Goalscores	_____	_____	Remarks _____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____