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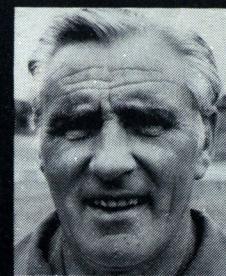


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Bobby Campbell's *Talkabout*



An early lesson

The League Cup seems to have become a jinx competition for Bristol Rovers. For the fourth time in four years, we have made our exit in the first round.

Going out again to opposition from a lower division was disappointing in itself but letting slip a 2-1 lead held at the end of the away leg at Torquay made it even worse to accept.

Supporters already know my views on the value of a cup run — how it gets the whole place buzzing with excitement and eager anticipation of the next round.

To be out of one of the two major competitions virtually before the season has started is a bitter blow to everyone, not least the supporters, who braved atrocious conditions to come to Eastville for the second leg last Tuesday and were not exactly well rewarded.

Apart from the chances we missed, we did not play with the determination usually associated with Bristol Rovers and were punished for it by a Torquay team who, I am the first to admit, played very well in both legs of the tie.

I would much rather still be in the League Cup but perhaps an early lesson is not a bad thing. We need to sort out why we can play with so much spirit at Torquay on the Saturday and dispay a lack of it on our home ground only three days later.

A DIFFERENT STORY

Complacency was always a danger after taking a lead in the away leg and I was at pains to impress on the team that the return match was an entirely different game that had to be won.

If we had taken one of those early chances, it might have been a different story. Someone said they reckoned we missed eight simple opportunities. Without having to think very hard, I can recall five or six

But it is no good looking back at a game that proved so big a disappointment — particularly for Terry Cooper and Stewart Barrowclough. It certainly wasn't the kind of home debut they expected, especially after the big contribution they both made in the game at Torquay.

Now it is left to us to restore our pride by rolling up our sleeves and really getting cracking with our Second Division programme.

I wish Torquay every success in the second round and congratulate Mike Green, our old skipper here at Eastville, on the fine job he is doing in his first managerial appointment.

And, while awarding bouquets — well done Gary Mabbutt in being selected for the England Youth party for an international tournament in Yugoslavia later this month and early next.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that Paul Petts, chosen for the shadow squad, will also get a call-up.

WELCOME

LUTON TOWN



Back Row: A. Pearson, S. Heath, L. Harriott, D. Heale, C. Goodey, W. Turner, G. Stamen, R. Hollis. 2nd Row: D. Carter (coach), M. Doneghey, M. Aizlewood, J. Findley, G. Jones, A. Judge, K. Stephens, B. Stein, J. Moore (coach). 3rd Row: P. Fuccillo, R. Hill, M. Baxby, K. Gutteridge (ass. manager), D. Pleat (manager), J. Smith (chief exec), R. Hatton, P. Prior, A. Birchenall, D. Moss. Front Row: A. Cosby, R. Johnson, J. Plotnowski, T. Murphy, F. Bunn, H. Walker, M. Conquest, J. Cole, J. Woodward, N. Madden, R. Bryant.

Hatters join Big Spenders

writes Alan King

Luton Town rank alongside Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham as the big summer spenders of the Second Division.

Having splashed out nearly half a million pounds on just two players, manager David Pleat must have been upset at his side's quick exit from the Football League Cup.

After a 3-0 first leg defeat at Gillingham, the "Hatters" could only manage a 1-1 draw at home against the Third Division side.

Defender Mike Saxby from Mansfield Town is the most expensive of the two signings, representing a £200,000 investment.

Irish midfield man Tony Grealish's fee was fixed five days ago by the League's independent tribunal at £125,000. His former club, Orient, had wanted £350,000.

LUTON'S RECENT HECTIC TRANSFER DEALINGS

COMINGS

Player	To	Date	Fee
Terry Hayes	Linfield	March 1978	£30,000
Mark Aizlewood	Newport County	April 1978	£50,000
David Moss	Swindon Town	May 1978	£110,000
Mal Donaghy	Larne	June 1978	£20,000
John Lucas	Man. United	June 1978	Free
Steve Sherlock	Man. City	June 1978	£5,000
Kirk Stephens	Nuneaton	July 1978	£50,000
Bob Hatton	Blackpool	July 1978	£95,000
Chris Turner	Peterborough Utd.	July 1978	£15,000
David Lawson	Everton	Oct. 1978	£15,000
John Findlay	Aston Villa	Nov. 1978	£95,000
Steve Taylor	Oldham Ath.	Jan. 1979	£50,000
Alan Birchenall	Blackburn Rov.	March 1979	Free
Mike Saxby	Mansfield Town	July 1979	£200,000
Tony Grealish	Orient	Aug. 1979	£125,000

GOINGS

Player	From	Date	Fee
Steve Buckley	Derby County	Jan. 1978	£165,000
John Faulkner	Memphis	March 1978	£15,000
Jimmy Husband	Memphis	March 1978	£15,000
Paul Futcher	Man. City	May 1978	£350,000
Tim Smith	Trowbridge	July 1978	Free
Ron Futcher	Man. City	July 1978	£80,000
Phil Boersman	Swansea City	Sept. 1978	£30,000
Jim McNichol	Brentford	October 1978	£30,000
Melia Alekscic	Tottenham H.	Dec. 1978	£100,000
Terry Hayes	Linfield	Jan. 1979	£20,000
David Lawson	Stockport C.	March 1979	£15,000
David Carr	Lincoln City	July 1979	£25,000
Steve Taylor	Mansfield Town	July 1979	£75,000

HE'S IN CHARGE



David Pleat has been manager of Luton Town since February 1978 when he took over from Harry Haslam, who moved to Sheffield United.

He had been on the Luton coaching staff since 1975 and prior to that was manager of Nuneaton Borough.

A former England youth player he had five clubs in his playing career. He started with Nottingham Forest and later played for Luton, Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City and Peterborough United.

PEN PICTURES

JOHN FINDLAY (goalkeeper): A Scot who spent eight years at Villa Park before his £95,000 move to Luton in November 1978. He started with Villa as an apprentice and made his League debut in April 1974 against Sunderland. But he played only 14 games in all.

KIRK STEPHENS (defender): He has made the transition from non-League soccer to the Second Division with immediate success. Signed from Nuneaton in June 1978 for £5,000 he went straight into the League side at the start of last season.

PAUL PRICE (defender): In his eighth year with the club he has twice had his career interrupted through injury. He broke his leg in 1974 and again in 1975. He made his debut at Oxford in April 1973.

MIKE SAXBY (defender): Luton's record signing who moved from Mansfield Town during the close season for a fee of £200,000. He started with Mansfield as an amateur and became an apprentice in July 1974. Six months later was given a full professional contract but he has played less than 80 League games.

MARK AIZLEWOOD (defender): A former skipper of the Welsh youth side he has also played for his country at under 21 level. He was still a schoolboy when he made his League debut for Newport County in March 1976. He became a full professional in October 1977 and joined Luton in April 1978 for a £50,000 fee.

MAL DONAGHY (midfield): Joined the club from the Irish side Larne in June 1978 for a £20,000 fee. He won an under 21 cap four months before his move to England.

PASQUALE (LIL) FUCCILLO (midfield): Born in Bedford his parents are Italian and he has been with Luton since May 1973 when he joined as an apprentice. He became a full professional in July 1974 and made his League debut — against Derby County — five months later. He scored seven goals last season.

ALAN WEST (midfield): A former England under 23 player who cost the club £80,000 when he was signed from Burnley in October 1973. He had earlier been due to join Sunderland but the move was called off at the last minute. He played in Division Two promotion winning teams for both his clubs.



Kirk Stephens

Previous Meetings

by Geoff Allman

Like Rovers, Luton were elected to the League on the creation of Division Three (South) in 1920, and the two clubs' careers have run along remarkably similar courses.

They both continued in the Third (South) until Luton were promoted in 1937, but were re-united in Division Two in 1953 after Rovers' championship win.

Luton reached the top flight two years later, but Rovers were still in the Second when they came back down in 1960.

They sank into the Third in 1962, a year before Rovers, but fell into the Fourth in 1965. Luton resumed games against Rovers after winning promotion in 1968, then climbed back into Division Two in 1970, to be followed by Rovers five years later.

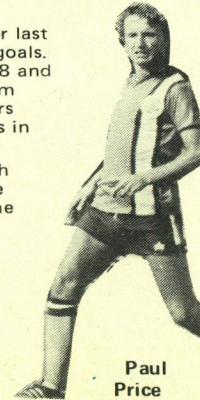
Rovers' overall record in these games reads:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
29	12	11	6	54	31	35
29	3	7	19	27	76	13

The teams for last season's corresponding fixture on 9th September were:

Rovers: Thomas, Pulis, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Barry.

Luton: Aleksic, Jones, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Price, Donaghy (Sub. West), Fuccillo, Stein, Ingram, Moss, Rovers won 2-0 (Scorers: Staniforth, Randall; Att.; 6,508).



Paul Price

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Tribute to retired
Supporters' Club chief

UNIQUE – that's Eric



Unique – That's the word which keeps cropping up when people assess Eric Godfrey's contribution to Bristol Rovers' Supporters' Club.

A Committee member since the club's formation in 1947 and Chairman and Hon. Secretary for the last 30 of those 32 years, he decided to retire this summer.

In the 1950's and early-60's – before Commercial Managers started professional lotteries – Mr. Godfrey inspired the Supporters' Club into the top voluntary fund-raising organisation in the entire League.

"His must be an unique example of devoted and loyal voluntary service," wrote his successor Ron Batt in the Annual Report.

Rovers' Vice-chairman Alan Seager, who takes a keen interest in Supporters' Club affairs, stresses that Eric Godfrey "worked while others merely talked".

"He is unique because he has done so much for Bristol Rovers – and is still going to, for although retiring from the Supporters' Club, he will continue to be an active Director of the Football Club".

One Supporters' Club member felt so strongly that his retirement should be marked appropriately he anonymously donated £500 to launch an Eric Godfrey Football Foundation to help youth football.

For Mr. Godfrey firmly believes in fostering youths – at both professional and amateur levels – and, whenever possible, accompanied Rovers' successful youth team on their away trips last season.

Ironically, it was on the journey home after seeing Rovers win the South West and Wales Youth Cup at Hereford that he became ill, and the subsequent operation at Frenchay Hospital prevented him from saying his "farewells" at the Supporters' Club's annual meeting.



An informal shot of the new Supporters' Club Committee: (left to right) Steve Howard, Jane Browne, Joan Bruton, Bill Brennan, Lindsay Welling, John Keyes, Ron Hicks, Ron Batt, Steve Larkins, and Alan Laycock.

Well Done Jack

"The best ever" – that was the unanimous verdict on the velvet-like Eastville pitch after last week's League Cup-tie with Torquay.

"Every credit must be given to Jack Pitt and the groundstaff," says secretary Peter Terry, for re-seeding was delayed because of matches in late May".

With Jack's assistant Harry Smith now working part-time, Rovers recruited school leaver Adrian Sims during the summer as an apprentice groundsman.

Ron Hicks, in charge of our Hambrook Training Centre, has had an equally busy close season preparing the pitches there for another hectic nine months' non-stop activity.

PAUL RANDALL APPROVES...

Rovers' record "export" Paul Randall was at Twerton Park on the Saturday before last to see Rovers' Reserves notable 2-1 win over Bath City's first team.

"I was home in Glastonbury for the weekend as Stoke had no game," explained Paul, "and was thinking of watching Bristol City's Anglo-Scottish Cup-tie with Fulham. But I just couldn't bring myself to go to Ashton Gate, so decided to watch the youngsters instead, and must say I was most impressed".

It's hard to believe Paul only joined us just over two years ago – on Friday 12th August 1977. A few days earlier he had just signed his first ever professional contract – for Western League Frome Town – and so impressed then Rovers' boss Don Megson in a pre-season friendly against our Reserves that he arranged his immediate transfer.

Little did anyone then realise the novice recruit was to score 36 goals in 61 first team outings before his transfer last December to Stoke – for whom he made his First Division baptism last Saturday!

MEDA MEN MOVE

During the summer the local media men appear to have been playing musical chairs.

David Solomons, for many years Sports Editor of the Evening Post, switched to Radio Bristol and is now in charge of all the station's sports programmes.

Peter Goddiss has taken David's place at the Post, with Robin Perry, who very kindly contributes to our Match Programme, becoming their Chief Sports Reporter.

"With the untimely death of the Green 'Un, Radio Bristol – 194 on the dial – will be even more of a must for soccer fans for after-the-match reports and comments on Saturdays", says David.

"We all regret the Green 'Un's disappearance but most of the Green 'Un features appear in our lively new Sports Extra in all the Post's Saturday editions, and we have enlarged our Monday match report coverage as well," replies Robin.

There's a change on the Western Daily Press as well. Their Rovers' correspondent Colin Bateman has joined the London Evening Standard and been replaced by Ralph Ellis.



David Solomons



Robin Perry

ACTION REPLAY

Photographs by
Alan Marshall

Talking Point

Hammers for the top?

West Ham, Sunderland and Cardiff for Division One — that's my predicted outcome of the Second Division campaign, just beginning.

The Hammers narrowly missed out last time, mainly due to Trevor Brooking's absence through injury during the closing weeks. But with fit-again Trevor elegantly conducting their talented orchestra, I confidently expect them to finish champions.

But Brooking's England colleague Tony Currie is unlikely to find similar success at Q.P.R. — neither will Scottish ace Tommy Gemmell at Birmingham City — although their arrivals will considerably boost interest in the Second Division this season.

With Chelsea's financial problems an enormous handicap, I cannot see any of the relegated clubs bouncing back, and the Division's other aristocratic clubs, Newcastle United and Leicester City, are unlikely to do much better.

So Sunderland, despite a change in manager — and I just cannot understand why a club that finished fourth needed to sack Billy Elliott — should have a clear run back to the top flight.

And Cardiff City, who had an incredibly good run in the New Year under Ritchie Morgan, have only to maintain that form to finish among the elite.

DOOMED TRIO

Their nearest challengers will probably be promoted clubs Watford and Swansea City. Both are bound to create plenty of excitement although their challenges will probably fade after Christmas once clubs become familiar with their tactics.

But Shrewsbury, with limited support, will only just avoid a quick return to the Third — the clubs facing doom, in my opinion, being Preston North End, Charlton Athletic and Cambridge United.

What about Rovers? Well, there's a resurgent spirit in the dressing rooms, and with many promising youngsters emerging, competition for places will be so strong I am sure we shall have our best season for 20 years. But, much as I should love to see promotion, I think we will have to settle for something like sixth.

Forecasting individual match results is, of course, a precarious enough pastime, let alone a season's, but for the record, this is how I expect the final Second Division table to read next May:

West Ham United
Sunderland
Cardiff City
Watford
Swansea City
BRISTOL ROVERS
Wrexham
Queens Park Rangers
Luton Town
Leicester City
Notts. County

Chelsea
Newcastle United
Birmingham City
Fulham
Burnley
Oldham Athletic
Orient
Shrewsbury Town
Preston North End
Charlton Athletic
Cambridge United



On Target

Rovers goals in the 2-1 first leg League Cup triumph at Torquay. Inset: Steve White slots home No. 1. Main photo: Stewart Barrowclough caps a sparkling debut with No. 2.

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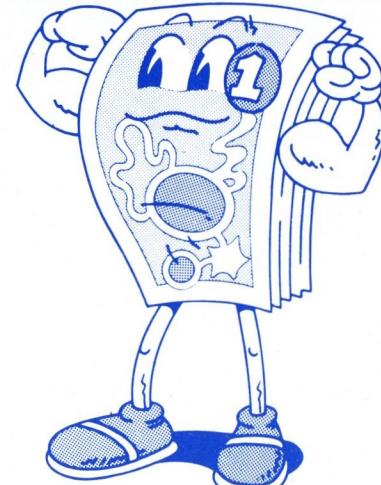
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SUPPORTER'S CHOICE

(A Series in which fans may comment on individual players – and the players add their own opinions)

Terry Cooper is a particularly welcome addition to Rovers' staff and I hope his stay will be a long and successful one. The club has needed a top class, experienced player with coaching ability – for a person like Terry should both bring more success, and help our youngsters progress.

If he can avoid injury and play regularly in the first team – along with our other new signings – I am confident Rovers will capture the general public's imagination and boost future support.

JOHN THORNELL of Glenside Close, Frenchay.



Terry Cooper

Joining a new club is always a challenge for a footballer. For me, arrival at Eastville has a double appeal.

For it has brought not only a change of team as a player but also the start of my new career as a coach. And I must say right from the start that the response I have received from the players here has been marvellous.

Whatever I have asked them to do they have done – and done with enthusiasm. That makes me very optimistic for the season.

It frightens me a

bit
that our
squad of
players is so young and
will be coming up against much
more experienced sides in the Second
Division.

It means they are going to have to grow up
very quickly. I will certainly do everything in my
power to help them do that both as a coach during training
and as a player with them during matches.

I am pleased to have the support of Stewart Barrowclough, who I am
sure will do a great job for the club. Bobby Campbell is a manager who likes
to have two players operating wide.

I feel I can do the job on the left – and I can think of few better people to
do the same duties on the right flank than Stewart, which is why I was so
anxious we should sign him during the summer.

My aim in my first season with Bristol Rovers is promotion. If it wasn't,
there would hardly be any point in the team going out on the field at all.

With the very young age of the Squad, it may well take a little longer than that.
So it is pointless making any promises.

But what I will guarantee is that Rovers fans will have 11 battlers to support. We
have devised a set pattern and the players who will pull on Rovers' shirts this season
will be the 11 who make the biggest contribution towards making that formula work.
That is the only way to achieve success.

While saying we have decided on a pattern and will stick to it, there is no intention
to make Rovers a stereotyped team.

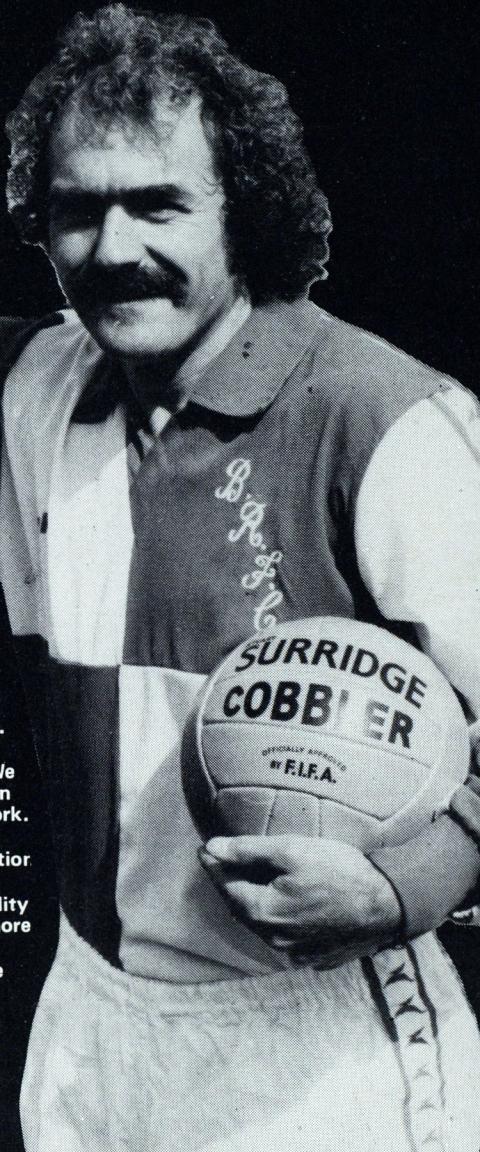
There was a good example at Torquay in the League Cup of the kind of flexibility
we can acquire. I had a man put on me out on the left and that meant there was more
scope for Phil Bater to come through from full-back to do a raiding job.

My summing up of football is simple. When we have the ball we play. When the
opposition has it, everyone in the team is a defender.

Liverpool are the classic example of how I feel the game should be played –
everyone up and everyone back.

Perhaps that's a taxing style for a player of my maturity – especially operating
in midfield! That is where having so many energetic youngsters around me will be
a help.

I feel very fit and still enjoy my football tremendously. Perhaps I can't do
everything I would like to do for 90 minutes but attitude is as important as
anything and where there's a will, there's a way.



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NEXT
MATCH

Football League Division Two
SHREWSBURY
Next Saturday 3.00 p.m.

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES, GOAL SCORERS, RESULTS AND ATTENDANCES													
Date	V	OPPONENTS	F-A	Atten.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Aug. 11	A	TORQUAY U. (L. Cup)	1-2	4,506	Thomas	Pulis	Bater	Aitken	Harding	Emmanuel	Barrowclough	Williams	White 1
14	H	TORQUAY U. (L. Cup)	1-3	3,758	Thomas	Pulis	Bater	Aitken	Harding	Emmanuel 1	Barrowclough	Williams	*White
18	A	QUEENS PK. RANGS.											
21	H	LUTON TOWN											
25	H	SHREWSBURY TOWN											
Sept. 1	A	BIRMINGHAM CITY											
8	H	WATFORD											
15	A	CAMBRIDGE UNITED											
22	A	PRESTON NORTH END											
29	H	CARDIFF CITY											
Oct. 6	H	NOTTS COUNTY											
9	A	LUTON TOWN											
13	A	CHELSEA											
20	H	CHARLTON ATHLETIC											
27	A	ORIENT											
Nov. 3	H	QUEENS PK. RANGS.											
10	A	WREXHAM											
17	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED											
24	A	SUNDERLAND											
Dec. 1	H	BURNLEY											
8	A	WEST HAM UNITED											
15	H	OLDHAM ATHLETIC											
19	A	FULHAM											
26	H	SWANSEA CITY											
29	A	SHREWSBURY TOWN											
Jan. 1	A	LEICESTER CITY											
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12	H	BIRMINGHAM CITY											
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26	F.A. Cup Rd 4												
Feb. 2	H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED											
9	H	PRESTON NORTH END											
16	A	CARDIFF CITY (5)											
23	H	CHELSEA											
Mar. 1	A	CHARLTON ATHLETIC											
8	H	ORIENT (6)											
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26	A	OLDHAM ATHLETIC											
May 3	H	WEST HAM UNITED											



WANTED: TICKET SELLERS



New Supporters' Club Hon. Treasurer today appeals for extra volunteer Match-day lottery ticket sellers.

"They must be keen and enthusiastic, and over the age of 16", says Jane, who requests everyone interested to report to her at 2 pm at the Supporters' Club Shop, 468 Stapleton Road on Saturday before the Shrewsbury game.

"And although sellers will be operating right up to kick-off time, we guarantee them a free front row seat in the Stand so they are sure of a good view of the match," adds Jane.

Jane Browne

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Now is the time to renew your membership of the Supporters' Club - new members welcome! Don't forget that it was decided at the A.G.M. to raise the subscription to: Adults 75p; Juniors (under-14) 50p; O.A.P.'s 25p.

To:- Hon. Membership Secretary, Bristol Rovers' Supporters' Club, 468, Stapleton Road, Bristol, BS5 6PA.

From:- Name (Capitals)

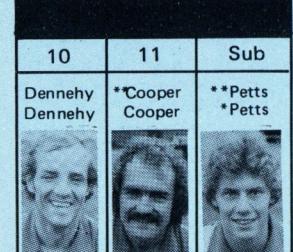
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FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES		1979-80	Career to date	
A	G	A	G	A
Aitken	2	—	215+4	3
Barrowclough	2	1	2	1
Bater	2	—	176+1	1
Cooper	2	—	2	—
Dennehy	2	—	38+4	—
Emmanuel	2	1	23	1
Harding	2	—	21+1	1
Pulis	2	—	52+2	—
Thomas	2	—	95	—
White	2	1	35+4	8
Williams	2	—	178+2	36
Petts	—	2	8+3	—

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Applications to:

The Secretary,
Bristol Rovers F.C.,
Eastville Stadium,
Bristol BS5 6NN.

DIVISION TWO TABLE 1978/79

P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Crystal Palace	42	19	19	4	51	24
Brighton	42	23	10	9	72	39
Stoke City	42	20	16	6	58	31
Sunderland	42	22	11	9	70	44
West Ham Utd.	42	18	14	10	70	39
Notts. County	42	14	16	12	48	60
Preston N.E.	42	12	18	12	59	57
Newcastle Utd.	42	17	8	17	51	55
Cardiff City	42	16	10	16	56	70
Fulham	42	13	15	4	50	47
Orient	42	15	10	17	51	51
Cambridge Utd.	42	12	16	14	44	52
Burnley	42	14	12	16	51	62
Oldham Athletic	42	13	13	16	52	61
Wrexham	42	12	14	16	45	42
BRISTOL ROV.	42	14	10	18	48	60
Leicester City	42	10	17	15	43	57
Luton Town	42	13	10	19	60	57
Charlton Ath.	42	11	13	18	60	69
Sheffield Utd.	42	11	12	19	52	69
Millwall	42	11	10	21	42	61
Blackburn Rov.	42	10	10	22	41	72

COMBINATION TABLE 1978/79

P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Tottenham Hot	42	30	6	6	105	42
Ipswich Town	42	29	7	6	94	38
Queens Pk. Ran.	42	27	8	7	103	57
West Ham Utd.	42	25	11	6	86	43
Norwich City	42	21	13	8	81	45
Fulham	42	18	14	10	74	54
Chelsea	42	20	8	14	73	68
BRISTOL ROV.	42	18	10	14	72	46
Arsenal	42	13	18	11	55	44
Southampton	42	17	9	16	68	63
Crystal Palace	42	11	16	15	60	59
Plymouth Arg.	42	14	9	19	58	72
Cardiff City	42	13	8	21	54	75
Hereford Utd.	42	10	12	20	54	83
Oxford Utd.	42	9	12	22	68	78
Birmingham City	42	9	12	21	38	76
Swindon Town	42	9	12	21	37	80
Leicester City	42	8	11	23	47	72
Reading	42	10	6	26	55	117
Luton Town	42	9	7	26	37	74
Orient	42	9	4	29	45	100

INTERMEDIATE TABLE 1978/79

P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps

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In Reserve

Our young professionals and apprentices (plus several trialists) had a successful pre-season build-up — winning five and drawing one of the seven friendlies arranged.

Striker Keith Brown, with five goals in six outings, has already found his scoring touch and along with Dave Palmer, Mike England, Martin Shaw and Gary Clarke, looks more than capable of doing well should first team opportunities arise.

The full summary of games reads:

Opponents	F-A	Scorers
Sully	2-1	Griffiths, Prince
Manor Farm	3-0	Brown (2), Chapius
West Brom. Youth	1-1	Williams (S)
Clevedon	3-1	Williams (S), Brown, Griffiths
Frome Town	0-1	
Bath City	2-1	Williams (S), Brown
Hungerford	1-0	Brown

The Reserves, who opened their Combination programme against Leicester City on Saturday, are at Ipswich tonight and Birmingham next Saturday — a series of tough tests for the youngsters.

While our Intermediates, who were away to Shrewsbury last Saturday, entertain West Brom at Hambrook next Saturday, k.o. 11 a.m.



Gary Mabbutt, awarded the Bert Tann Memorial Trophy as Youth Player of the Year at last month's presentation evening, receives the handsome trophy from Mr. Tann's widow, Mrs. Daisy Simpson, watched by the donor, director Ian Stevens.

Said Gary afterwards: 'We had such a good youth squad last season and so many of the lads would have been worthy winners, I really do feel honoured'.

On Wednesday Gary flies out with the England Youth squad for an international tournament in Yugoslavia. Paul Petts is on stand-by as a member of the shadow squad for the trip.

Letterbox

PLEASE NOTE

We welcome supporters' letters for inclusion in Letterbox. Please keep them brief and to the point and send them to:

Gordon Bennett,
Programme Editor,
Bristol Rovers F.C.,
Bristol (Eastville) Stadium,
New Stadium Road,
Bristol BS5 6NN.

Dear Mr. Terry,

Several members of the youth club in my parish are doing a Sponsored Walk to Birmingham from 28th August to 1st September, arriving at Birmingham City's ground before Rovers' game.

Proceeds from the walk are to be used to care for the terminally ill in Weston, and a workshop for the elderly in Weston, and a collection will be taken outside the ground for a Hospice for the dying in Birmingham.

We should be grateful for any donations from supporters.

Every good wish and God bless.

GREGORY GRANT,
Corpus Christi Presbytery,
14 Ellenborough Park South,
Weston-Super-Mare.

Good luck on the first!

THE OTHER VIEW

Bristol Rovers 1 Torquay United 1

Tuesday, 14th August, 1979

(Extracts of the match report which appeared in the *Torbay Herald Express*).

'NOT A BAD START'

— Match Winner Richard

BIG Richard Bourne, all 6ft 1in and 13 stone plus of him, chose the perfect moment to head his first goal for Torquay United — 113 minutes after his side had set out to climb a mountain at sodden Eastville last night.

Bourne, United's £10,000 summer signing from Southern League Bath City, threw himself at a Tony Levy free-kick in extra-time to beat Second Division Bristol Rovers and create the biggest upset in the first round of the League Cup.

Bourne was at the far-post to power home an unstoppable header and, as United celebrated a famous win, he said: 'Not a bad way to start, was it?

'I didn't think Tony's free-kick was going to reach me through all the bodies. But it did — and I don't miss those sort of chances!'

FULLY DESERVED

After Steve Cooper and Les Lawrence had wiped out the 1-2 first-leg deficit, it was only a Gary Emmanuel goal in the 66th minute which kept Rovers in the cup.

But it didn't matter. After holding Rovers' early surge in the first period of extra-time, United finished much the stronger and fully deserved their victory.

Player-manager Mike Green beamed:

'When I went on to talk to our lads before extra-time, there wasn't a doubt in their minds that they were going to do it. They were tired, but they were still high and excited and very positive about what they had to do. They never thought they were going to lose, and it showed great character in a team which has six new signings in it'.

Green, for whom victory was extra-sweet on his return to the club where he knew success as a player six years ago, was reluctant to pick out any individuals in the Torquay side.

But the midfield pair of Dave Smith and Tommy Sermanni were outstanding. And Bourne, who improves with every game, had another impressive match in the air and combined well with skipper Albert Larmour to contain the quicker Rovers strikers on the ground.

COMMERCIAL SCENE

by Graham Drew

He's Fan-tastic



GEORGE LEONARD, a life-long supporter to be found regularly in the South Enclosure — at Reserve games as well as League matches!

Bristol Rovers are taking to the air next month.

We have agreed to sponsor the media balloon at the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta, which is being organised by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce at Ashton Court from September 7 to 9. So Press, radio and TV coverage of the event will be by courtesy of the club.

It was good to start both the League Cup and the League programme with special R.A.T.S. trains for Rovers fans, who travelled in good numbers to Torquay and to QPR. If that kind of support is maintained, then it will be worth running trains to all away matches this season, which is what we would like to do.

And, talking of a good response, the demand for tickets for both our lotteries — the Premier and the Golden Liner — is such that we are in need of a few more agents in the Bristol area.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested in joining our team of fund-raisers to support the football club in a very practical way and at the same time earn good commission.

With the Associated Clubs scheme, our organisation now stretches throughout the West Country. This fast-growing project is designed to help keep the region's smaller football clubs alive in these days of soaring costs. We want to help West soccer flourish at all levels so that the area can compete with any other in the country.

HALF-TIMES

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E	MIDDLESBRO Man. City	R	COLCHESTER U. Sheff. Utd.
F	BURNLEY Charlton A.	S	GILLINGHAM Southend U.
G	CAMBRIDGE U. Leicester C.	T	MILLWALL Plymouth A.
H	OLDHAM A. Wrexham	U	ROTHERHAM Mansfield
I	PRESTON N.E. Newcastle U.	X	SHEFF. WED. Hull City
J	SHREWSBURY Notts. Co.	Y	SWINDON T. Reading.

Complete Match Record

BRISTOL ROVERS



Martin Thomas

Goals

(Blue & White)

	Ht. ft.-ins.	Wt. st. lbs.
1 Martin Thomas	6-0	12-11
2 Tony Pulis	5-10	10-8
3 Phil Bater	5-10½	11-12
4 Peter Aitken	5-11	12-1
5 Steve Harding	6-1	14-4
6 Gary Emmanuel	5-9	10-8
7 Stewart Barrowclough	5-7	9-0
8 David Williams	5-10½	12-7
9 Steve White	5-11	11-11
10 Miah Dennehay	5-9	10-13
11 Terry Cooper	5-7½	10-9
Sub.		

Team Changes

LUTON



Mal Donaghy

Goals

(Orange & Navy)

	Ht. ft.-ins.	Wt. st. lbs.
1 John Findlay	6-1	14-6
2 Kirk Stevens	5-11	12-2
3 Mark Aizelwood	6-0	12-8
4 Tony Greasham	5-7	11-7
5 Mike Saxby	6-0	10-0
6 Paul Price	6-0	12-8
7 Ricky Hill	5-9	11-10
8 Mal Donaghy	5-10	12-6
9 Brian Stein	5-10½	11-8
10 Bob Hatton	5-10	12-1
11 David Moss	5-9	11-7
Sub.		

Team Changes



Officials

REFEREE: LESTER SHAPTER (Newton Abbot)

A policeman — who played rugby for the British police team — he took up refereeing in the South Devon League and graduated through the Western League to the full Football League list.

LINESMEN:
(Orange Flag): K. W. DEANE (Treherbert)
(Red Flag): A. S. MONTUCUTE (Yeovil)

Match Ball

THOMAS STEELWORK

Clayhill Works, St. George.

Attendance _____

Remarks _____