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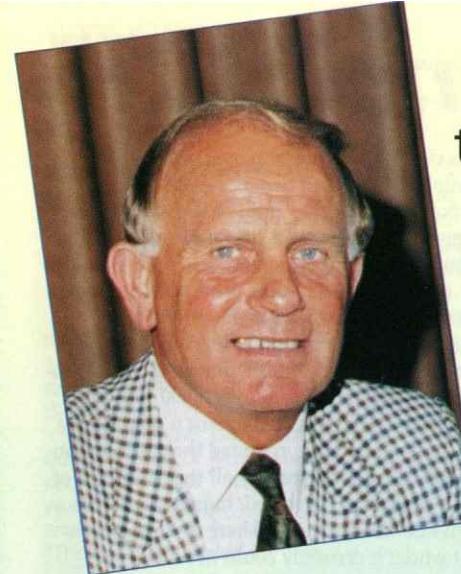
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**"The way we  
tossed away a  
two goal  
advantage  
to the  
Italians was  
criminal"**

Well, the dust has settled on the new season and we are off the mark with some points in the bag.

At this stage of the campaign you don't want to get stuck on a duck egg because you can very quickly get left behind as others get their noses in front.

We made a good start against Swindon but then let it slip conceding a bad equaliser from our point of view. After that we lost our way for a spell and allowed Swindon to put us under pressure.

Though you couldn't argue with the way Fjortoft put away his second the opportunity was the result of poor marking by us.

We sorted a few things out at half time and looked in much better shape but still the goal wouldn't come.

But then the man I call my 'gunslinger' did his stuff. A half cleared shot, a rebound and there he is, in on goal to poke it past Digby. He is deadly in those situations.

He seems to have a sixth sense about where deflections will end up. Certainly, there was no point in Swindon fighting over it. There was nothing they could have done to stop him!

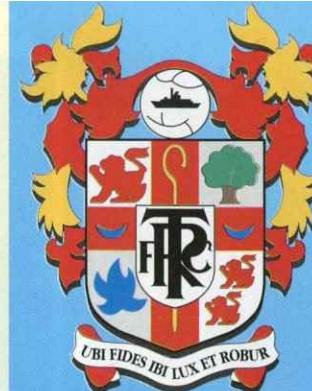
Having got back on terms, another inspired moment, this time from Pat Nevin, gave us the lead, and all those people who had been calling for a change suddenly forgot about that!

Injuries to Tony Thomas - he was taken off as a precaution - and Dave Higgins (concussion) disrupted our balance at the back however we held on for victory. Swindon, as we expected play good football and overall it was an exciting game for the crowd, even if it did give me some worrying moments. There were mistakes by both sides and that helped make it such an exciting game.

Last Wednesday night however, it was our turn to throw it away and snatch a draw from the jaws of victory. The way we tossed away a two goal advantage to the Italians was criminal. We were in the driving seat at the interval but just seemed to ease off the accelerator pedal in the second half. Though we played some good football at times there was a tendency to over elaborate moves which just allowed Venezia to regroup and smother our attacks - something they are obviously used to doing in their own League.

By the time they got the penalty and we've no complaints about that - we should have been in the winners enclosure alright. Whatever the competition, you have to hang on to what you've got and we didn't.

We will be looking to tighten things up this evening when we welcome David Pleat's Luton side to Prenton Park.



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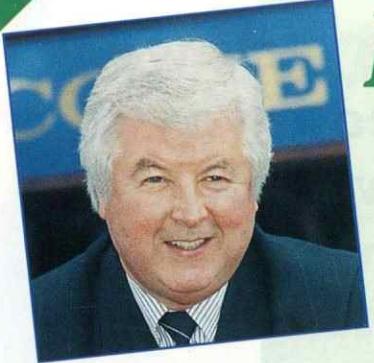
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**John KING**



# BOARDROOM Briefing



## Frank CORFE

this club well both as a player and a good professional and we all believe he has every opportunity of going right to the top. We wish him every success with Trevor Francis and his future career.

It is with considerable pride and pleasure that I can now look back at our first home game against Swindon, for despite the near demolition of the stadium during the close season we were able to seat over 8,000 spectators in safety and comfort. That was a remarkable achievement and represented the culmination of dedicated hard work by all the workforce of both contractors involved, together with my own administrative staff here at Rovers without whom it certainly could not have been achieved.

**"Sadly the Football League were not able to agree to our further request for Friday night football at Prenton Park and I believe this decision to be shortsighted in the extreme."**

We extend a warm welcome to the Chairman, Directors and players of Luton Town on this our first evening match of the new season.

It is surely the role of the League administrators to ensure that member clubs like Tranmere Rovers, who are faced with intense local competition by two Premiership clubs, are given every opportunity to operate in the best possible commercial environment. Premiership clubs move their fixtures at will depending on the demands of Sky Television and the ever widening gulf in financial terms between Premiership and Football League has much to do with the enlightened thinking that prevails at the very top of our national game. Tranmere Rovers, Stockport County, Colchester United and Southend are the only clubs seriously affected and none in the same degree as ourselves. Such is life; we must not complain but get on with the task of ensuring that Premiership Division Football comes to Prenton Park.

Over the last couple of weeks the transfer of Ian Nolan has been quite a talking point and I am delighted for this club that the eventual terms agreed were such that no clear thinking supporter would argue with them. Ian served

The whole development is a fascinating challenge as football comes to terms with the need to implement Taylor and take the game and the facilities for its supporters into the next century. Happily we have been able to rise to that challenge and with the impetus of a fine main stand built in 1968 through the foresight of our own Dave Russell Prenton Park will before the end of the season be one of the finest stadiums of its size in the

country. I am sure you will agree we have grown up from "little Tranmere Rovers" to a mature and well respected club which can genuinely challenge for honours.

My underlying message is as before - without supporters it is meaningless and I hope you will be able to recommend to all your friends, in ever greater numbers, a visit to Prenton Park.

FRANK CORFE - CHAIRMAN



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### ALDO'S INTERNATIONAL CALL

John Aldridge is set to win his 61st Eire cap against Latvia on September 7th after being selected again in Big Jack's squad, however there was, sadly, no place for Liam O'Brien

### NOLAN'S PARTING SHOT!

Before he went, Ian Nolan completed one of our "Flip Side" interviews for the programme.

Though that will never see the light of day a couple of Ian's responses are worthy of repetition.

In answer to a question on where he would most like to play his football given a choice of anywhere in the world he said "Germany", so expect Wednesday to eventually transfer him to Bayern Munich (15% of the fee to us??)

But when he completed the questionnaire during the Isle of Man tournament he obviously had his thoughts nearer home. Asked what he would hide from the 'Through the Keyhole' cameras if they came to his home, Nolo replied "The A-Z of Sheffield!" He'll need it now!

### CALLING EXILED LUTON FANS . . .

with access to the information superhighway, otherwise known as the Internet. You may be interested to know that an electronic Newsgroup called WHOSH i.e. World-wide Hatters On the SuperHighway exists to keep you upto date with all the latest happenings involving Luton Town.

Members from the USA, Holland, Germany, Scandinavia and many parts of the UK can exchange news and views, without charge, through the newsgroup.

There are also **ftp** and **WWW** services dedicated to Luton which you will find out about through the newsgroup.

If you would like to subscribe to WHOSH simply send your e-mail address to:-

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### END THE 'SCOUSERS' CHANT PLEASE

At the end of last season a letter, without an address, was received from Mr. John Hough regarding Dave Goats' Travellers Tales column. In it, Mr. Hough stated that in carrying Dave's comments about our fans chanting "We hate Scousers" before the opposing fans do so, we were in some way lending support to the sentiment. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Opinions or comments contained in the programme do not always reflect those of the management. We cannot stop fans chanting such things, even though we know it upsets many of the Liverpool lads in the squad, but equally we would defend Dave Goat's right to comment on its existence in the light-hearted style which is his trademark.

Perhaps if Tranmere fans wish to make the point that the club is from Birkenhead, not Liverpool, it may be more correct to chant "We're NOT Scousers". Mr. Hough though does rightly point out that as a club we cannot afford to alienate fans from Liverpool or wherever, and that the "little Birkenhead" attitude will not help

engender a sense of belonging amongst players, staff and supporters from outside the town.



"Players' Player of the Year" Ged Brannan accepts the Eddie Robertson Memorial Award from Director Tony Adams. Well done Ged!

### CHRONICLE PUBLISH HANDBOOK

The Chester Chronicle Newspaper Group have produced an impressive 24-page Tranmere Rovers handbook which has been given away free with all their newspapers in the Ellesmere Port and South Wirral area. The club shop have a stock, however Chronicle Newspapers, Commonhall Street, Chester, should be able to help with a copy. An excellent effort all round by Editor Dennis Wall.

### SEEN AND HEARD

You would think that Pat Nevin, as PFA Chairman, would command more respect from his fellow professionals at Tranmere. Some cruel wit at Valley road has 'doctored' a picture of Pat, dressed in a black monkey suit addressing the PFA, and hung it on the Valley road noticeboard. We won't tell you exactly what Terry Venables, sitting next to Pat, is supposed to be saying but he seems concerned that the speech is a trifle on the long side! . . . The Supporters team thrashed their Swindon counterparts 13-1 before last week's big game but in the club afterward someone, we hear, switched the lights off plunging the room into darkness; to make them feel at home! . . . To Shaun Garnett goes the dubious honour of being the first Rovers player to hoof the ball over the new Borough Road Stand roof! . . . Oh, dear, what a shame. Our favourite referee, Brian Coddington, has got the boot from the Panel list, but turned up running the line at Stoke City in our opening game. What a come down! . . . Congratulations to Danny Coyne (21 last Saturday) and Jon Kenworthy on their Welsh U21 call-up.



Tranmere  
News &  
Views,  
Quotes  
and  
Gossip  
from  
Prenton  
Park  
to  
Valley  
Road

# NEWSlines

# ON THIS DATE

**1924** A 6,000 crowd at Gresty Road were silenced as Rovers win 2-0 with goals from Johnny Campbell (a rare treat), and inside forward Harry Littlehales. Dixie Dean started the season in the reserves and was not playing!

**1926** A 1-2 defeat at Barrow in League Division Three (North). Billy Charlton (no relation) scored our only goal in front of 6,676 spectators.

**1930** On the day Morris announced the arrival of their new car, the Morris Major costing £215, Rovers won 3-1 at Barrow thanks to the sharpshooting of two of the legendary inside forward partnership of Dixon, Kennedy and Watts. Farewell Watts netted twice, Kennedy getting the other.

**1937** A 3-2 success over Rochdale watched by a crowd of 8,508 engineered by Billy Eden, Stan Kearney and 'J. D.' Mayson. In New York, Britain's Tommy Farr is beaten by Joe Louis in his first defence of his world heavyweight title.

**1947** Rovers lose 3-2 at home to Chester despite goals from Harold Atkinson and Benny Jones. The near 12,000 crowd weren't happy!

**1949** Bill Bainbridge scored twice as Rovers won 2-1 up at Barrow. Remember the half back line of Wheeler, Bell and Kieran. They were all playing!

**1952** The trip to Mansfield proved fruitless as

Rovers went down 1-0 before a 12,129 crowd.

**1955** A 1-1 draw at home to Gateshead proved a real disappointment. Noel Kelly scored our goal.

**1958** In Division Three, Rovers made the long trip to Plymouth only to find themselves on the wrong end of a 0-4 thrashing. A massive 22,678 packed Home Park to witness Rovers humiliation. In Nottingham 36 are arrested as 500 'Teddyboys' clash with police!

**1963** Six of the best as Rovers came Carlisle United at Prenton Park. Dave Russell's super white army ran in goals through Lee Jones (2), Dave Hickson, Johnny King, and Ralph Gubbins plus an own goal. The 9,086 fans thoroughly enjoyed themselves, though Carlisle did pull a goal back late on.

**1969** Plymouth Argyle continues to be a Rovers bogey ground, but at least a 1-2 defeat was a little more respectable. George Yardley scores our goal however the crowd of 10,308 was under half that which saw the match in 1958.

**1983** Dark days as Rovers lost 0-1 at Preston in a 1st round League Cup tie in front 3,321 supporters. Remember the line up? Dai Davies; McMahon, Burgess, Parry, Hamilton, J. Williams, Powell, Aspinall, Hilditch, Allen, G. Williams. Sub: Palios.

## The day we went to... Stoke City

**Attendance:** 15,915

**Method of travel:** TRFC Travel Club Coach

**Departure Time:** Approx 12.30pm

**Arrival Time:** 1.30pm

**Journey:** A nice, short trip for the first day of the season. We were met by policemen who looked more like a swat team. We didn't know if they were going to escort us in or shoot us.

**Admission Prices:** Terraces £7.50, Stand £11.00.

**Programme Price/Value Rating (1-10):** £1.50. 5/10 - looked quite impressive but on further reading didn't have much content.

**Description of ground (changes from last time):** Having only been promoted 2 years ago, Stoke have an extra year to comply with the Taylor Report - but they still have a lot left to do. It is a large bowl of a ground - surrounded by terraced houses on one side and a large wasteground/car park on the other. Strange mixture of old and new - main stand mainly wood but executive boxes on opposite side, large kop on one end - seats opposite with terrace in front - where our fans were.

**Attitude of Police & Stewards:** Compared to last time - better! Result went Stoke's way this year - so they didn't have much to do - apart from a group of about 6 or 7 persistent lads trying to get to the coaches. First impression was better than last time, but I would like to see if there was any change had Rovers won.

**Comments on match:** Rovers dominated the last half hour - when Stoke seemed to run out of steam - but they still just couldn't convert any of the many chances they had. When you consider that even before the match we had lost Ian Ian and Chris Malkin due to flu, Shaun Garnett had to be substituted as he was coming down with it and John Morrissey and Tony Thomas felt less than 100% - all the team worked very hard, created several good chances and were very unlucky not to come away with a draw.

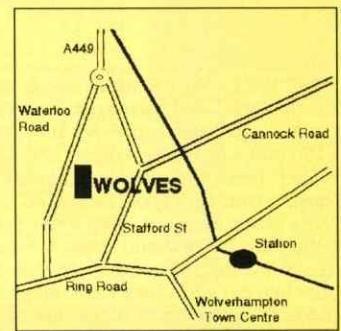
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### ON THE ROAD TO WOLVES . . .

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**Molineux . . .** This is an all ticket game. Tickets on sale Tranmere Ticket Office 31st August. Seating only in the Jack Harris Stand at £10.00 no concessions. Limited space available for disabled spectators, booking necessary on (0902) 25899.

**Programme:** £1.20.

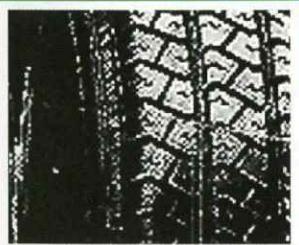
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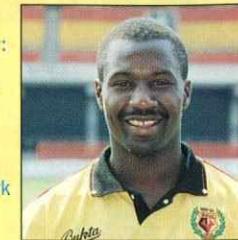


**OLDHAM** - Last Season: 21st Premiership; Odds for the Title: 12/1; Manager: Joe Royle; **Players In:** Lee Richardson, Aberdeen, £300,000. Bill Kenny, Everton, Free; **Players Out:** Mike Milligan, Norwich, £850,000. Tore Pedersen, San Frecce Hiroshima - Japan. Neil McDonald, Bolton Free; **Outlook:** 5-2 at home to Charlton and 1-3 at Vale Park, amply describe the Latics. Their defensive frailties, especially on their travels will cost them dear. **Pricey's Prediction:** 8th.



Darren Beckford

**SOUTHEND** - Last Season: 15th; Odds for the Title: 45/1; Manager: Peter Taylor; **Players In:** Andy Thomson, Queen of the South, £250,000, Keith Dublin, Watford, Exchange, Dominic Iorfa, Peterboro', £15,000, Mark Horne, Welling, £50,000, Dave Foot, Spurs, Free; **Players Out:** Tommy Mooney, Watford, Exchange, Derek Payne, Watford, Exchange, Michael Gonzague, Hereford, Free; **Outlook:** Despite the excellent appointment of Theo Foley assistant manager, the Shrimpers will not survive this time round. **Pricey's Prediction:** 23rd



Keith Dublin

**PORT VALE** - Last Season: 2nd (2nd Division); Odds for the Title: 25/1; Manager: John Rudge; **Players In:** Craig Lawton, Man Utd, Free, Tony Naylor, Crewe, £150,000, Lee Glover, Forest, £200,000, Mark Burke, Wolves, Free, Arjan van Heusden, Noordwijk, £4,500; **Players Out:** Ian Taylor, Sheff Wed, £1 million plus, Nicky Cross, Hereford, Free, Peter Swann, Plymouth, £300,000, Trevor Wood, Walsall, Free. **Outlook:** Rudge is a superb manager and Vale did well not to boot him out when they were relegated. Will catch a few teams out with their new strike force of Naylor, Glover and old-stager Foyle. **Pricey's Prediction:** 18th.

**READING** - Last Season: Champions (2nd Division); Odds for the Title: 30/1; Manager: Mark McGhee; **Players In:** Andy Bernal, Sydney Olympic, £30,000, Simon Osborne, Palace, £90,000, Paul Holsgrave, Millwall, Free, Dariusz Dowoczyk (he nearly killed my spell checker!), Celtic, Free. Daley Thompson???: **Players Out:** Andy Gray, Orient, Free. **Outlook:** Any club that thinks a 36 year old has never played before can do a job will struggle. If they are interested I know a 37 year old who is available!. **Pricey's Prediction:** 20th.



Jim Smith

**PORTRSMOUTH** - Last Season: 17th; Odds for the Title: 18/1; Manager: Jim Smith; **Players In:** Jason Rees, Luton, Free, Preki, Everton, £100,000, Mart Poom (honest!), FC Wil (honest!) - Switzerland, £200,000, David Lee, Chelsea, Loan. **Players Out:** Shaun Gale, Barnet, Free, Brian Horne, Hartlepool, Free, Mark Chamberlain, Brighton, Free Michael

Birmingham, Bognor, Free; **Outlook:** Last season was a major shock, especially for the Chimers. Clearly in transitional mode, Jim Smith is too wily a campaigner to disregard. Given last years record, my second dark horse. **Pricey's Prediction:** 3rd.

**First**  
**IMPRESSIONS**

## ALLEN PRICE CONTINUES HIS PREVIEW OF THIS SEASONS OPPONENTS

## League Results for the 93/94 Season

	Barnsley	Birmingham	Bolton	Bristol City	Charlton	Palace	Derby	Grimsby	Leicester	Luton	Midd'sboro	Millwall	Notts County	Forest	Oxford	Peterboro	Portsmouth	Southend	Stoke	Sunderland	Tranmere	Watford	West Brom	Wolves
<b>Barnsley</b>	■	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-1	0-3	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-3	3-0	4-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0
<b>Birmingham</b>	0-2	■	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-4	3-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-0	2-3	0-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	3-1	3-1	0-0	0-3	1-0	2-0	2-2
<b>Bolton</b>	2-3	1-1	■	2-2	1-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	4-1	4-0	4-2	4-3	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-3
<b>Bristol City</b>	0-2	3-0	2-0	■	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-0	0-0	2-2	0-2	1-4	1-4	1-1	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-2	1-1
<b>Charlton</b>	2-1	1-0	3-0	3-1	■	0-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-0	2-5	0-0	5-1	0-1	1-0	5-1	0-1	4-3	2-0	0-0	3-1	2-1	2-1	0-1
<b>Palace</b>	1-0	2-1	1-1	4-1	2-0	■	1-1	1-0	2-1	3-2	0-1	1-0	1-2	2-0	1-3	3-5	1-0	4-1	1-0	0-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-1
<b>Derby</b>	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	■	2-1	3-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	4-2	5-4	0-2	1-2	5-3	0-4	2-2	2-0
<b>Grimsby</b>	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	■	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-0	1-0	3-2	1-1	4-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-0
<b>Leicester</b>	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	3-3	1-1	■	2-1	2-0	4-0	3-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	4-4	4-2	2-2	2-1	2-0
<b>Luton</b>	5-0	1-1	0-2	0-2	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	0-2	■	1-1	1-0	1-2	3-0	2-0	4-1	1-1	6-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	3-2	0-2	0-1
<b>Middlesbrough</b>	5-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	2-0	2-3	3-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	■	4-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-2	4-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-0
<b>Millwall</b>	2-0	2-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-1	0-0	1-4	2-0	2-1	3-1	4-1	2-1	0-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-2
<b>Notts C'nty</b>	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	3-3	3-2	4-1	2-1	1-2	2-3	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1
<b>Forest</b>	2-1	1-0	3-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	5-3	4-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	1-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-3	2-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-1
<b>Oxford</b>	1-1	2-0	0-2	4-2	0-4	1-3	2-0	2-2	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	3-2	2-1	1-0	0-3	1-0	2-3	1-1	4-0	1-0	0-2
<b>Peterboro</b>	4-1	1-0	2-3	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-3	0-0	3-4	2-0	1-1	0-1
<b>Portsmouth</b>	2-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	3-2	3-1	0-1	1-0	2-0	2-2	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	3-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
<b>Southend</b>	0-3	3-1	0-2	0-1	4-2	1-2	4-3	1-2	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	6-1	3-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	0-3	1-1	1-1	0-2
<b>Stoke</b>	5-4	2-1	2-0	3-0	1-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-1
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<b>West Brom</b>	1-1	2-4	2-2	0-1	2-0	1-4	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-3	0-2	3-1	3-0	4-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	3-2	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-1
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Oldham 5-2 Charlton 13/8/94

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Biggest Away Win

Bolton 0-2 Bristol City 21/8/94

Southend 0-2 Middlesbrough 21/8/94

Consecutive Wins

Middlesbrough 2

Consecutive Defeats

Notts County, Southend 2

Top Scorer

John Hendrie 4

### SUPPORTERS' FOOTBALL - REVIEW OF LAST SEASON

Our third season in the Wirral Sunday League produced the following record:  
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League position was 9th and our leading goalscorer was Colin Meadows.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly reaching the final of the Endsleigh Supporters' Challenge against WBA Supporters, which was played at Wembley prior to the Division One Play Off Final in front of a crowd of over 50,000.

Despite us taking a two goal lead through Alan Thelwell and Kevin Harold it was West Brom who took the trophy by scoring three times in the second half. However, it was still a day to remember for all concerned!

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It is being held in the Tranmere Suite here at Prenton Park from 7pm-8.30pm and, once again, the highlight of the evening will be awaiting to see which surprise guests walk through the doors.

Members of Rovers' first team squad will be dropping in at each meeting to chat to the youngsters and to answer their wide range of questions. Don't miss a great chance to meet Aldo & Co . . .

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*The Prenton Pup are now the proud owners of the Jewson Family Football Brass Plaque – one of many items sold in an auction of Prenton Park memorabilia and organised by the club in the light of the £3 million ground re-development scheme. Ardent Rovers fan Don Adamson bought it for £10 and then promptly donated it to the Pups. Don is pictured (right) presenting the plaque to Alan Beedles, one of the Pups organisers*

*Picture by Bob Bird Photography*



# John Troup

Football's a bizarre pastime innit? There I was last Wednesday, watching a team from Birkenhead play a team dressed like chocolate bars from Venice, in a stadium which currently resembles something from the set of Alien, in the company of a large number of intellectually challenged people whose sole interest in attending the hal-lowed Prenton Park is to slag off everything and everyone in it.

I ended up coming away from our surreal 2-2 draw with Venezia feeling somewhat agitated. Agitated that Rovers had chucked away a two goal lead after totally outplaying their Italian visitors, but even more agitated at the attitudes of some of the rather sad cases that populate the new Borough Road stand.

Now, most of the people in the Borough Road are the salt of the earth, but there is a very vocal minority who – swelled by the presence of their equally appalling bedfellows from the homeless cowherd element – delight in rubbishing the slightest mistake made by a man in a white shirt. Big Eric got it worst last Wednesday, but even Pat Nevin, Aldo and the faultless Mogsy got it in spades from this braindead caucus.

It's a bit sad when the state of mind of your fellow supporters is the only things that gets you worked up at the beginning of the season. The poor old Italian linesman – whose English would probably put that of some of the Borough boys to shame – copped for a right lot of multi-cultural abuse. Someone – a well known Harry Enfield git-style heckler even called him an Eye-talian bastardo! Coo, no wonder he wet himself . . . laughing. Isn't there any way we can find a few grand extra to build these halfwits their own stand – in the middle of Neston marshes? Or maybe they shouldn't be allowed into the ground unless they can pass a compulsory intelligence test which involves (a) reciting the alphabet, (b) counting to 20 and, (c) revealing who their fathers are. That'd kipper most of 'em.

I was most impressed that Venezia who seemed to lack the all action 'kick in the head', 'gob in the eye' mentality of most serie B teams actually bought some fans with them, complete with the obligatory dodgy looking European flag. Full marks to Pablo, Gino, Luigi, or whoever you were. Let's hope their heroes enjoyed their stay in Bromborough – Lubrizol, Unichema, Associated Octel and all.

Still, at least we've got three points in the bag after our revenge win over the Wiltshire Electricity Board. Sadly I had to miss the game due to unforeseen work commitments, you know, the kind that always seem to materialise when you're really looking forward to a particular game. I'm told that Norwegian chappie put himself about a bit and scored a couple of decent goals, and that some of the Swindle back four engaged in a spot of morris dancing-style infighting after Pat's winner. How the less than virtuous are fallen. Now all we need to complete the smugness file is for Leicester to continue getting stuffed week in week out and might just be able to get 92/93 and 93/94 out of our systems.

Anyway, it appears I ended up with egg all over my kisser after writing in the Swindon prog about how pleased I was that the board had resisted Trevor Francis' attempts to prize Ian Nolan away from Prenton Park. Well, at least they held out for £1.5 million, more than double the previous highest transfer fee received from Middlesbrough for Steve Vickers. Whether 'Zip' was worth double what Vicks was worth was arguable, but at least the Owls had to fork out a fair price. Quite ironic when you consider a football tribunal decided Leeds only had to pay them £330,000 for Nigel Worthington after all.

Nolo was a wow while he lasted. I still remember his debut at Molineux as if it was yesterday. Must be a sign of old age. He only scored two goals – a 40 yard stunner against Bristol City and last season's League Cup Semi-Final first leg opener against Villa – but he added a dimension to Rovers play that will be difficult to replace. Best of luck to 'Zip' in the future.

Now let's pray for a convincing win tonight. David Pleat's dodgy Polyveldt's must be kept off the playing surface at all costs.



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# Quiztime

Questions by  
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1. Who scored the first goal in the Premiership this season?
2. And who was the first player to be sent off in the Premiership this season?
3. Which team did Luton beat to lift the Littlewoods Cup in 1988?
4. Which current Blackburn player once scored a hat trick for Luton against Liverpool?
5. Who was the first opposing player to score at Prenton Park this season?
6. Can you name last season's losing FA Cup Semi Finalists?

7. From which Italian side did Nottingham Forest sign Bryan Roy?
8. Name the brothers who played for Luton in that 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final?
9. Who succeeded Frank Worthington as Tranmere manager in 1987?
10. Which current Everton player began his League career at Kenilworth Road?

ANSWERS:  
1. Kevin Campbell (Arsenal) 2. Clive Wilson (QPR) 3. Arsenal 4. Mike Newell 5. Ian Agge (OPR) 6. Oldham and Luton 7. Fogglia 8. Brian and Mark Seigh 9. Ronnie Moore 10. Matthew Jackson

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## TODAY'S MASCOT

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AGE: Nine

ADDRESS: Norwood Road,  
Greasby

SCHOOL: Brookdale Primary

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Tony Thomas

LENGTH OF TIME SUPPORTING ROVERS: 3 Years

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Last seasons Coca Cola Cup win over Aston Villa

HOBBIES: Football, Judo, Cycling, Art

Ian attends the match with dad, Dave

## BERTIE'S TOP TEN

Each match family club and Bertie Badger will bring you ten facts about your favourite Rovers players.

Today Ged Brannan tells us his favourite things.

- 1 Favourite Ground – City Ground(Forest)
- 2 Favourite Player – Enzo Scifo
- 3 Favourite Film – Life of Brian
- 4 Favourite Music – Prefab Sprout
- 5 Favourite Food – Shepherd's Pie
- 6 Favourite Drink – Lager
- 7 Favourite Other team – Liverpool
- 8 Favourite TV programme – The Simpsons
- 9 Favourite Sports Commentator – Sue Barker (but not for commenting ability)
- 10 Favourite Sports Magazine – 90 Minutes

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ANSWER: IPSWICH

# Family Club

John Aldridge is quick to squash the suggestion that his second World Cup Finals campaign may bring the curtain down on his 60 cap International career.

The Rovers striker, who has seen and done most things in the game, is still hungry for more.

"I'm always ready and available for Jack if and when selected," said John. "I'd like to think I can play a second European Championship in two years time. There's no reason why not".

John won three caps in the USA, scoring once – but what a vital goal it proved for Eire, and a great one too for Tranmere fans.

"At the time I was just pleased to have scored because it got us back in the game at 2-1, but in the end that goal against Mexico (pictured below) proved very significant because without it we'd have finished bottom of the group."

Before he got on however there was the infamous row on the touchline with the FIFA official. "OK, I know I said a few things which were out of order, but it was the result of sheer frustration at not being allowed to go on when we were 0-2 down and down to ten men. The bloke then man handled me which made me even angrier. It was their foul up, not mine".

What did he say? "Well, I think you'll have to use those little \*\*\*\*\* things in the programme!"

Perhaps the FIFA official didn't



John Aldridge scores for Eire against Mexico

*Aldo's American Adventure . . .*



Ireland and Italy line up in the Giants Stadium New York

recognise him with his 'Van Dyke' beard beard grown, according to John through boredom and a collective desire to take the micky out of Roy Keane!

The beard though couldn't hide him from the often overbearing attention of the well meaning Irish fans.

"The hotel we stayed at in Orlando was like 'open house' to the fans. You try to accommodate their requests as much as you can, but after a while it got too much. You ended up hiding in your room just to get some peace and quiet."

"In retrospect, I think we'd all have been better off in a more secluded training camp somewhere".

John and the rest of the party had three weeks acclimatisation in Orlando before

the competition started in a bid to get used the heat and humidity, but John says that counted for little once the matches started.

"You do get used to the heat, but you had to play in it to appreciate how bad it was. It was very warm in New York but the heat and humidity in Orlando was ruthless – 110°!

"Unfortunately, they decided on these noon kick offs for European television and because they get violent thunderstorms in the afternoons, and they were a real killer. It would have been better for everyone if we'd played during the evenings."

The Irish though gave it their best shot going out eventually to Holland, who in turn went down 3-2 to Brazil.

"Overall, I thought it was a brilliant World Cup – the best for 20 odd years. Certainly, the clampdown on the tackle from behind was a good thing from a forwards point of view."

When Ireland were eliminated, John stayed on in Orlando where he was joined by his wife Joan and children.

"I didn't go home to Dublin for the welcome. I needed a break from it all. Now the kids are a bit older they enjoyed all the theme Parks much more and Joan and I indulged ourselves relaxing down in the Gulf of Mexico the second week which was beautiful.

"Compared to the other lads, I've not had much of a break, but I'm raring to go again now. Once again I've set myself a target of 20, anything beyond that is a bonus."

# The Flip Side of... STEVE MUNGALL

Given the choice of playing a different role than your own, what position would you pick?

**Striker. It is the only one I have not played at Tranmere. I have always fancied myself as a Denis Law.**

Of all the incidents you have seen in the game, what would you least want to happen to you?

**"The worst incident I can recall was the Columbian defender who was shot for scoring an own goal. I'd have died a death many times for the own goals I've scored for Tranmere".**

You can have a framed photograph of any moment in your career, what would it be?

**"Of Ged Brannan buying a drink. He must be allergic to mahogany because he never goes to the bar".**

You have the power to change one of the existing laws of the game. What would it be?

**"The offside law would be abolished. That way Aldo would hang around the penalty area all the time without running his legs off".**

Which player from the 1994 World Cup would you most like to have in your

team?

**"Romario of Brazil".**

If you had the choice of playing your football anywhere in the world, where would you go?

**"Scotland. I'd like to play for Rangers. If Pat Nevin was playing for Celtic and we beat them 5-0, all the better".**

You can have tickets to any sporting event outside football, which would you choose?

**"The Super Bowl, particularly if the Washington Redskins were playing".**

If you had to make you living outside football, what would you do?

**"I'd like to a jockey, preferably National Hunt".**

Marooned on a desert island, you can have one film, one album of music, one book and one luxury item of your choosing?

**Book – Any autobiography by a professional sportsman**

**Film – Back to the Future**

**Album – Elton John's Greatest Hits**

**Luxury Item – Unlimited Budweiser**

Can you name one of the benefits of being a professional footballer, and one of the drawbacks?



**"The lifestyle and rewards of being a player. The biggest drawback has to be the serious, long term injury".**

The 'through the keyhole' cameras are coming to your house, what would you hide from them?

**"I would not let them near our ensuite bathroom. My wife Mary says it is a tip after I use it".**

What would be your "trip of a lifetime"?

**"A world cruise taking in every continent".**

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

**"I would like to be less lazy. I'll take any excuse to put my feet up".**

# Aldo's Column

It was particularly sweet to get off the mark against Swindon last week.

Last year I took a few games to get going so to net two against them, especially after what has gone on between us in the past, was very pleasing.

We showed character to come back and win and it was a relief to get the first three points of the season.

The boss also sold Ian Nolan to Sheffield Wednesday and that has to be seen as good business on all sides.

The club got £1.5m and Ian got his dream move to the Premiership. His loss is a blow to the squad but with Ged Brannan moving to that position we have a ready-made replacement of high quality who is just as good going forward.

On a personal note it was a great

bonus to be named in the Eire Squad for the game against Latvia.

I haven't spoken to Jack Charlton since the World Cup but I'm not getting any younger so it's nice to know I'm still in his plans if I keep knocking the goals in.

Finally, the atmosphere inside the new-look stadium was excellent against Swindon.

The noise from around the ground sounded as if there were much more than just over 8,000 people there. Imagine what it will be like once the ground is complete.

But for now, hopefully you can keep making as much noise as possible to spur us on – it makes a difference and really lifts the lads.



## Do They Mean US?

The Pre-Season is a strange time, when all and sundry go into print, reflecting on the previous campaign, and predicting the next one. Enter Captain King in the *Liverpool Echo*. "Last season we were distracted by our run in the Littlewoods Cup". So distracted we thought it was 1991, and Coops was going to send us to Wembley etc. etc.... Try 'Coca-Cola' between 'the' and 'Cup' John.

Also appearing in the *Echo*, this time its pink sister, was FIFA's number one striker. "Ian Nolan: The young left back wants to play in the Premiership and I've no doubt he'll get there soon". Replace 'soon' with 'within six days'. What did Aldo know on August 13th that the rest of us didn't?

However the best preview I've found comes from that otherwise excellent *90 Minutes*. Placing us 9th, it comments, "Aldridge and Nevin are key men up front and Steve Vickers should help tighten up an erratic defence". Nice to see someone's been reading their Rothmans.

But enough of the Pre-Season and onto the real stuff, he fantasy leagues. Almost every paper is now running their own version, the *Daily Star* being no exception. Their fantasy is the 1st "Division", but I don't think my nerves could stand the formation they selected to represent Rovers. The 3-2-5 reads: Nixon; Thomas, McGreal, Nolan, O'Brien, Brannan, Morrissey, Malkin, Aldridge, Muir, Nevin. Very Tottenham. Loads of goals, but at both ends.

Of more interest though are the values they attached to ads. Aldo was quoted as £2.2m, Nico £1.4m and Pat Nevin £1.3m, with most of the others between £500,000 and £850,000. However two ratings did kinda stand out. Ian Nolan was rated at only £500,000 (did Jasper Carrott do the ratings from his Hillsborough bunker?), and Chris Malkin came in at £1.4m!! Nothing against Stick here, but I would doubt even his most ardent supporter could argue that he's worth more than the PFA Bossman.

Finally the Ged Award this week goes to *The People* who proclaimed that "Pat Nedin" scored our winner against Swindon. Oh dear....

PHIL MOSS

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Main pic: Aldo celebrates his second goal to make it 2-2.  
Upper left: Pat Nevin scores the winner  
Lower left: Aldo opens the scoring in the 3rd minute beating Kilcline.  
Below: Celebration time after the first goal.  
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# LUTON

## Town

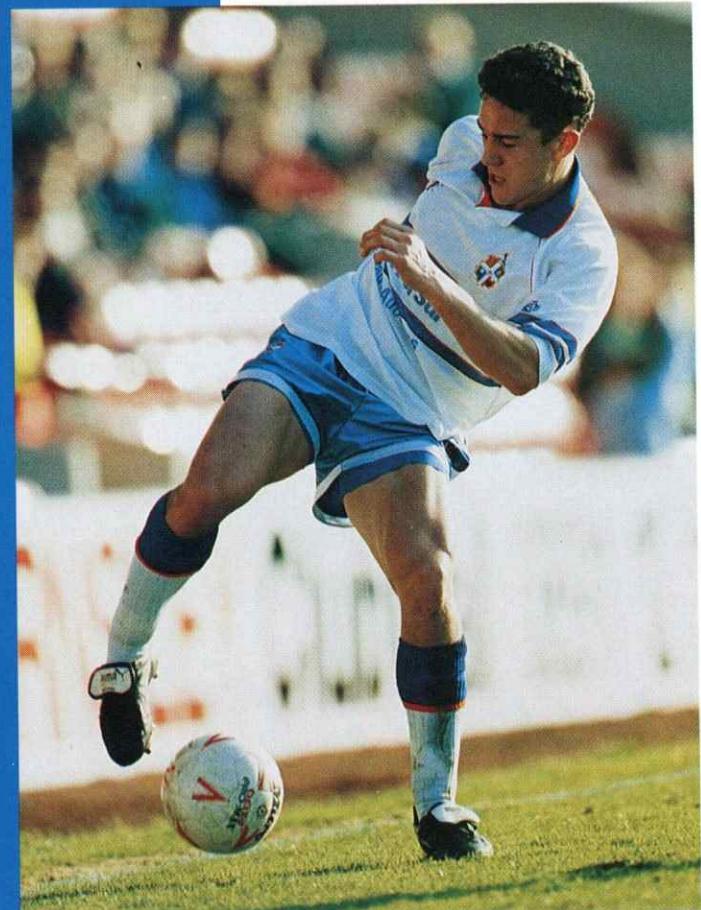
by ALAN NIXON

Something strange happened at Luton this summer. Something the fans had wondered long and hard to imagine. They didn't sell a big player.

The Club that has become synonymous with selling and becoming little more than a production line of talent has held its own. It may not have registered on the transfer Richter scale, but after years of selling the silver it is an achievement nonetheless.

Perhaps their stirring FA Cup run is the reason, the added revenue from knocking out the likes of Newcastle United being rewarded down the line. Let's hope so, because it is encouragement for

**Below:** Winger Paul Telfer



many in these economic times.

It may not be quite like holding on to Phil Babb, until the price is ridiculous, or Bolton's double deal to keep Alan Stubbs and Jason McAteer, but it is worth noting.

That will make Luton a sturdy old rival this season after two years of relegation and survival fights. The kids have grown, the good ones get better and their reputations improve.

To help meet the bills the club has discarded some good old pros on biggish money like Alan Harper and John Dreyer. However there is a healthy balance about the team and they may do rather well this time out.

### THE SIGNINGS

**Dwight Marshall's** arrival from Plymouth was something of an event, a purchase that ran into six figures at a club who either grow their own or pick them up for nowt. The speedy attacker can play wide or through the middle.

His goals were one of the reasons why Plymouth sustained their promotion charge and when they missed out his long-held wish to move on was fulfilled.

Plucked from non-league a couple of years back he looked a top prospect and had one sizzling night at Prenton not long since. He lost his way a bit and drifted to Middlesbrough on loan before returning to Home Park and finding a buyer.

Striker **Tony Adcock**, who invented the phrase well-travelled, also came for an undisclosed fee that Peterborough would tell you was about £20,000. He scores goals wherever he goes although he rarely

unpacks his case before moving on.

Perhaps a return to the old Anglia TV area will inspire him as he had many productive seasons at Colchester. He will get his share in the long run.

### THE STARS

It's take your pick when you look at Luton's young squad. Only for a change it hasn't been when it comes to the transfer market. **Scott Oakes** looks the best of a good bunch, a good runner with the ball who can also score picture goals. It is remarkable that he was not snapped up with that perennial people-watched Kenny Dalglish among his admirers.

Oakes will be a top player one day and while Luton are in the hunt, he will be the key man in their promotion bid, although he has many able sidekicks.

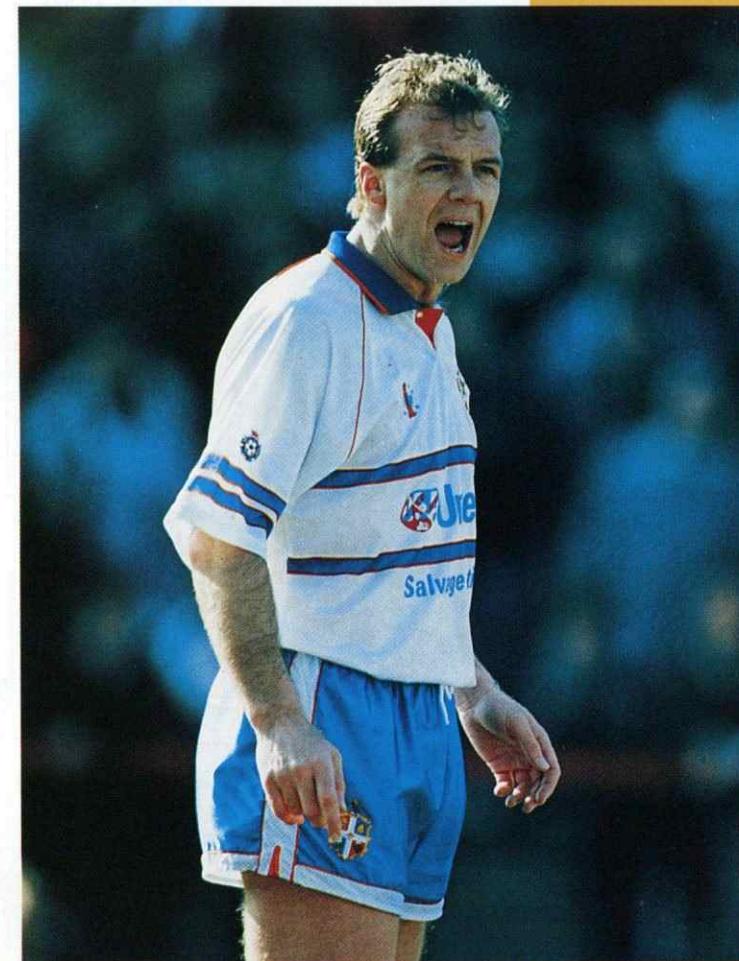
Welshman **Ceri Hughes** is another gifted prospect who has been around longer than you think. He is also fancied by some big teams, if you include Everton in that category. He could make a big name for himself if he lives up to his potential as a midfield dynamo.

**Paul Telfer** has already had Scotland Under-21 and B team honours and is improving rapidly. He has a good appetite for the game and can rampage up and down the right flank to some effect. He too should go far.

In attack young **John Hartson** is a handful, a big Welsh boyo who can put himself about. He is awkward already, and once he figures out his strengths he will be a very much in-demand young target man.

The likes of **Julian James** and **Des Linton** have clocked up the appearances in the past couple of seasons and are the better for it.

Worth watching is keeper **Juergen Sommer** who forced his way into the United States World Cup squad in short time. He is a big lad who has learned fast and

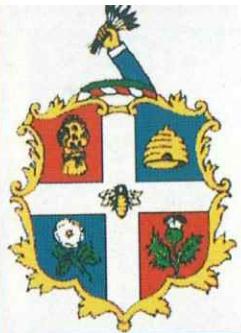


Striker Kerry Dixon

must be special if they can let his old understudy **Andy Patterson** go. He was a bit useful too.

The old staggers still around include the evergreen **Trevor Peake**, in his second spell at the club and still reliable, the erstwhile (whatever that means) **Kerry Dixon** who still knows what that thing that dangles behind and between the posts is meant to be for and the excellent **David Preece**.

It is one of football's wonders that Preece is still at Luton after all these years. He is a little gem, and hard worker who links and fights for every ball. There have been far worse players than him going into the biggest clubs in the land and representing their country.

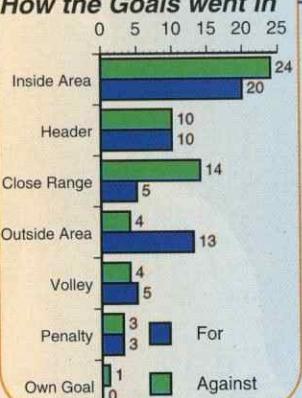


## Did you know...

- Only two players have served both clubs in recent years, goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain and striker John Seasman.
- Luton Town were formed by the amalgamation of two clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior.
- The Hatters went 619 minutes without a goal last season between April 2nd and 29 April.
- Luton claim to have been the first professional club in 1891, in the South of England.
- Luton Town laid their infamous astro-turf pitch in 1985 and imposed a ban on Away fans in 1986. Both were subsequently abandoned.
- Seventies centre forward, 'Supermac' Malcolm McDonald, started his career at Luton as a left back!
- Four Luton players were sent off last season, Hughes, Sommer, Thomas and Hartson.
- Only one player, Kerry Dixon, scored a hat-trick last season v Stoke at Kenilworth Road.
- Des Linton conceded Lutons' only own goal last term in the same game.
- Luton had 54 cautions and 4 sent off last season.

## Luton Town - Last Season's Stats

### 56 For, 60 Against - How the Goals went in



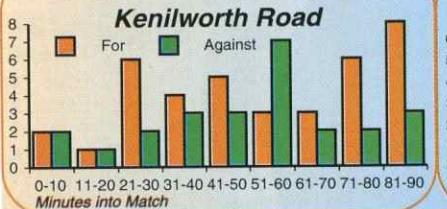
### Away Results

Opposition	Rslt	Gate
Stoke	2-2	15,991
Bolton	1-2	7,102
Wolves	0-1	25,479
Bristol City	0-1	5,350
Grimsby	0-2	5,542
Millwall	2-2	9,235
Barnsley	0-1	6,289
Forest	0-2	22,249
Leicester	1-2	16,149
Notts County	2-1	6,589
West Brom	1-1	16,138
Peterborough	0-0	9,522
Watford	2-2	7,567
Charlton	0-1	7,121
Southend	1-2	5,567
Palace	2-3	10,925
Oxford	1-0	5,161
Sunderland	0-2	13,760
Derby	1-2	15,885
Birmingham	1-1	11,081
Middlesbrough	0-0	12,487
Tranmere	1-4	5,871
Portsmouth	0-1	12,248

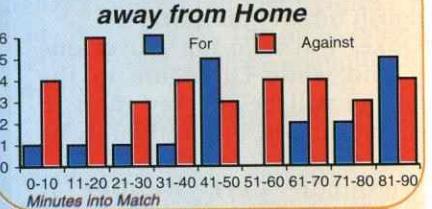
### Gates at Kenilworth Road

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West Brom	10,763			
Palace	9,880			
Forest	9,788			
Derby	9,371			
Sunderland	9,367			
Watford	9,149			
Leicester	8,813			
Peterborough	8,398			
Millwall	8,257			
Birmingham	7,890			
Southend	7,504			
Stoke	7,384			
Oxford	7,234			
Bolton	7,199			
Tranmere	7,075			
Middlesbrough	6,741			
Portsmouth	6,533			
Notts County	6,366			
Charlton	7,878			
Barnsley	6,201			
Bristol City	5,956			

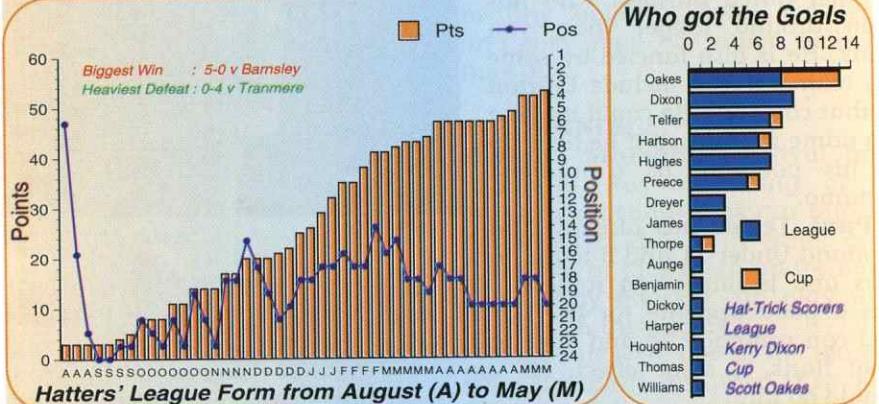
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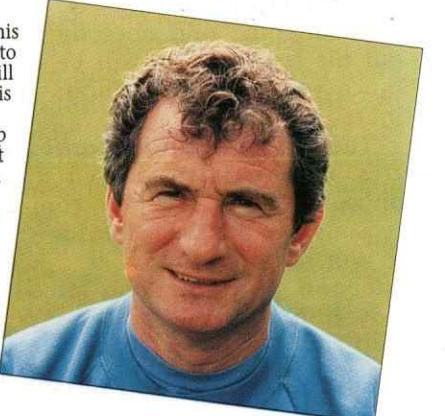
### .. and when the Net Bulged away from Home



### Who got the Goals



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### THE BOSS

David Pleat has lived through a crisis or two dozen in his time and is still at Luton after some torrid days. He wants to play the game and should be encouraged. Perhaps he will engineer something this season if he can hold on to his star kids just that little bit longer.

Pleat was interviewed during their marvellous FA Cup run that ended at Wembley and gave one of the warmest chats seen for a while with one sentence rather touching. Asked if he had any regrets he said it was that he had never had the chance to work with really top players and try some ideas out on them. That day may be past him now but in the meantime Pleat's Luton are a pleasure on the eye.

Pleat has the experienced John Moore on his coaching staff and a man with an amazing record he is too. Moore took charge for one season, got the club to finish third and packed it in because he didn't like the fuss. A few of us envy him that kind of normal stance.



Player Birthplace/Date	Pos.	Transfer Fee/Year	Previous Clubs	Int. Hons	94-95 Apps	Lge Gls
Juergen Sommer (G) 27.2.69	(G)	—	East Fremantle (Aus), Swindon (L), Ipswich (L)	—	2	
Martin Williams (D) 12.7.73	(D)	—	Leicester City	—	—	
Marvin Johnson (D) 29.10.68	(D)	—	Ex YTS	—	2	
Julian James (D) 22.3.70	(D)	—	Ex YTS, Preston (L)	Eng	2	
Trevor Peake (D) 26.10.73	(D)	£100,000	Nuneaton, Lincoln, Coventry	Eng	2	
David Greene (D) 26.10.73	(D)	—	Ex YTS	—	2	
Des Linton (D) 5.9.71	(D)	P/E	Leicester City	—	1+1	
Ceri Hughes (M) 26.2.71	(M)	—	Ex YTS	Wales	1	
David Preece (M) 28.5.63	(M) P/E+£150,000	Walsall	Eng	2		
Aaron Skelton (M) 22.11.74	(M)	—	Ex YTS	—	1	
Paul Telfer (M) 21.10.71	(M)	—	Ex YTS	Scot	2	
Scott Houghton (M) 22.10.71	(M)	Free	Spurs, Ipswich (L)	—	1	
Dwight Marshall (F) 3.10.65	(F)	£100,000	Grays Ath, Plymouth, Middlesbrough (L)	—	1+1	
Kerry Dixon (F) 24.7.61	(F)	Free	Dunstable, Reading, Chelsea, Southampton, Luton (L)	Eng	2	
Scott Oakes (F) 5.8.72	(F)	P/E	Leicester City	—	1 1	
Tony Adcock (F) 27.02.63	(F)	£20,000	Colchester, Man City, N'hampton Bradford, N'hampton, Peterboro	—		
John Hartson (F) 5.4.75	(F)	—	Ex YTS	—		

Also in Squad: Mitchell Thomas (D), Ex Spurs, Tony Thorpe (M), Ex YTS.

Fred Barber (GK), Peterborough £15,000

## CLUB RECORDS

Most Appearances: Bob Morton 550 (1948-64)
Most goals in a career: Gordon Turner 265 (1949-64)
Record transfer received: £1.5m for Kingsley Black 1991.
Record transfer paid: £650,000 to Odense for Lars Elstrup 1989.
Biggest Victory: 12-0 v Bris Rovers 1936
Biggest Defeat: 0-9 v Birmingham 1898
Most goals in a match: 10 - Joe Payne 1936 (broke Bunny Bells record)
Most goals in season: 58 - Joe Payne 1936-37
Most Capped Player: Mal Donagh (NI) 58
Oldest Player: Dally Duncan 39 in 1947
Youngest Player: Mike O'Hara 16 in 1960

## HONOURS

Division Two Champions 1981-82
Division Two Runners Up 1954-55, 1973-74
Division Three Runners Up 1969-70
Division Four Champions 1967-68
Division Three (South) Champs 1936-37
FA Cup Runners Up 1957
FA Cup Sem Finalists 1993-94
Football League Cup Winners 1987-88
Football League Cup Runners Up 1988-89
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## FORMER MANAGERS

Bill Harvey 1962-64
George Martin 1964-66
Alan Brown 1966-68
Alec Stock 1968-72
Harry Haslam 1972-78
David Pleat 1978-86
John Moore 1986-87
Ray Harford 1987-90
Jim Ryan 1990-91
David Pleat 1991-

## COMPLETE RECORD

versus LUTON TOWN

P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	7	4	0	3	12 10
Away	7	1	1	5	6 15
TOTAL	14	5	1	8	18 25

### LANDMARKS

First Meeting: 5 Nov 1938 (H) 2-3
Last Home Win: 4-1 1993-94
Last Home Draw: None
Last Home Defeat: 0-2 1992-93
Biggest Home Victory: 4-1 1993-94
Heaviest Home Defeat: 0-2 1992-93
Biggest Away Victory: 1-0 1993-94
Heaviest Away Defeat: 0-3 1938-39
Our Last Meeting: 11 December 1993
Luton 0... Tranmere 1 (Aldridge)
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Years of surviving in the top flight which finally ended last season has made them battle hardened and surely they will expose the gulf in class between themselves and many teams.

And while I fancy our chances against the Bramall boys, I squirm at the thought of the damage they could do against the likes of newly promoted Burnley, Port Vale and Reading.

Indeed in the 'sore heads' game on the first day of the season they handed out a 3-0 cuffing to Watford.

What team they bring to Prenton Park is anyone's guess though, because within a month of the seasons' start, they have thrown down their gauntlet of scorn to the fairplay trophy. In the Anglo-Italian Cup, a competition of both a friendly and competitive nature, where links with our Latin 'friends' are to be forged, Sheffield United had three players sent off in 20 minutes against Udinese.

Nathan Blake was the first to walk the plank to the communal bath. The Welsh-born Blake went to Sheffield towards the end of helping Cardiff to memorable season last term.

Midfielder Charlie Hartfield formerly on Arsenal's books and born in Lambeth did a different kind of walk . . . to his early bath, and the excellent power house Glyn Hodges was on his way moments later to have a muddy soak.

In addition to the above talent there's still Alan Kelly in goal, recently described as the new Tim Flowers and he has been mentioned in a £1.5m move to Liverpool.

Up front and on target already this is Adrian Littlejohn and big Jostein Flo.

But it will be worth going, just to sit behind the dugouts and near the animated sounds of Dave Harry Bassett. We've a great game in prospect against the flashing blades.

**JONATHAN CASWELL**



**ALAN ROGERS**



**Place of Birth:**  
Liverpool

**Position:** Left back

**Height:** 5ft 10ins

**Weight:** 12st

**Lives:** Netherton,  
Bootle

**Status:** YTS

**Former School:**  
Savio High School,  
Netherton

**Honours to date:** Merseyside SFA,  
Sefton SFA

**Previous Clubs:** Liverpool

**Most memorable game:** Made debut for Merseyside SFA and scored 2 goals and we won 2-1

**Team supported:** Liverpool

**Player you most admire:** Maldini

**How long have you been with  
Rovers:** 2 years

**How did you come to join  
Tranmere:** I left Liverpool to come to Tranmere

**Any ex-team or schoolmates  
with other clubs:** Yes, John Stanard (Liverpool)

**Any other clubs interested in  
you:** Bury and Manchester City

**Best stadium played in:** Victoria Ground, Stoke

**My football fantasy is:** To play for England

**If you could learn the game  
playing alongside one player  
who would it be:** Maldini

**Best friends inside/outside foot-  
ball:** A great bunch of lads here at Tranmere and we all get on well

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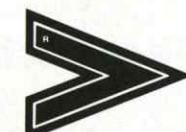
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#### LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 1994

##### BURNLEY 'A' 2 . . . ROVERS 'A' 1

Warwick Rimmer was far from happy with our display at Burnley in our opening encounter in Division One.

"We were very poor in the first half especially and took too long to get going".

Burnley fielded a strong side of pro's while Rovers had John McGreal returning from injury and a young inexperienced keeper, in Skillicorn, because Martin Jones was with the first team squad.

Burnley got their first goal 20 minutes into the match "an absolute gift", said Warwick, but after some narrow escapes they finally put together a spell of pressure and equalised on the hour.

Awarded a free kick on the edge of the box, John McGreal stepped up and curled it around the wall from 20 yards into the far corner.

Perhaps thinking they had salvaged a draw, Tranmere dropped their guard ten minutes later and allowed Burnley's left winger to race away and cut in to beat Skillicorn at his near post.

The final 20 minutes saw Rovers best spell with Gary Jones pushed forward in a more advanced role. Ian Moore saw one effort cleared off the line and two or three other good chances went begging, but in the end it was not enough to save the game. Two Rovers players were booked.

Team:- Skillicorn; Morgan, Johnson, McGreal, Challiner, Jones, Kenworthy, Edwards, I. Moore, Allen, Branch.

Subs:- D. Rogers, Davies.

On September 11th, Rovers various School of Excellence youngsters kick off the new season.

Playing on Sunday mornings, the teams will play other League Clubs, drawn from the Lancashire League, in friendly matches at Under 16, Under 15 and Under 14 levels.

This means our youngsters will be pitting themselves against similar age groups representing the likes of Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, City and Crewe.

While former Everton Youth Coach Graham Smith will be looking after the Under 16 team, Steve Mungall will have responsibility for the under 15's with Shaun Garnett looking after the under 14 side.

Eric Nixon meanwhile will provide specialist coaching for all the goalkeepers. Ron Taylor will co-ordinate and arrange matches. No records will be kept of these 'friendly' matches, or points awarded, however the 'Young Rovers' column in your match programme will keep you up to date on their progress and results against the various opponents.

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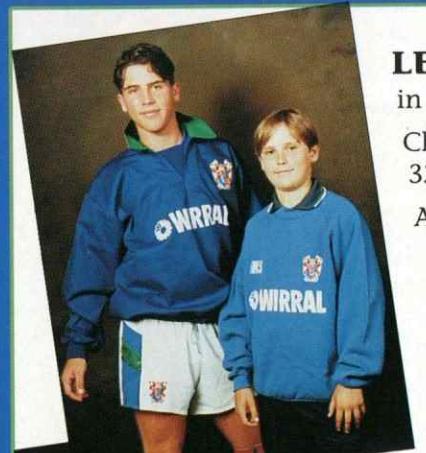
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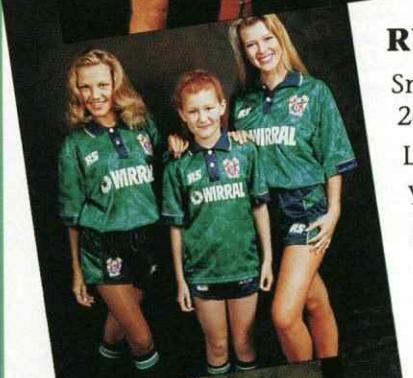
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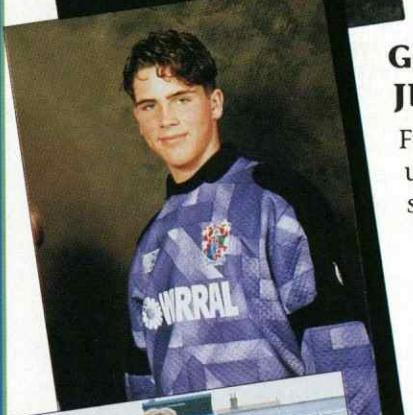
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Chester (H)  
Liverpool (A)  
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Man Utd (A)  
Marine Youth (H)  
Everton (A)  
Oldham (H)  
Burnley (A)  
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Preston (A)  
Rochdale (H)  
Stockport (A)  
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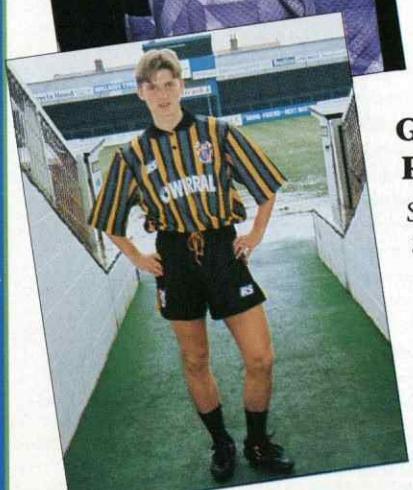
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A news release from 'Castle Communications' certainly falls into that category. They've produced a video called 'Trouble on the terraces' which includes footage of just about every televised punch up at a football ground you can ever remember.

Of course they stress this is not for glorification or profit. This is a deep sociological study of the problem with interviews with the knuckleheads themselves. Didn't we hear the same guff about that other X-rated video 'Soccers Hard Men' (subtitled 'How to go over the top and get away with it') starring Vinnie Jones and Co.?

According to their publicity handout Castle were surprised the Football League and FA refused to co-operate in the making of this video! Perhaps they shared my suspicion that the whole exercise is really designed to appeal to the hooligan minority that still, regrettably, exists at some clubs. Lets face it who else would buy this rubbish for £13?

If it were a serious documentary about the problem why was it not commissioned by one of the television companies, for slots like Panorama or World in Action?

I'll admit I haven't seen this video nor do I wish to. I still have all too painful memories of being whacked at Wrexham chased at Stockport and kicked by an angry Bolton fan outside Wembley.

Castle say their aim is to eradicate hooliganism and only wish to help tackle the problem.

Somehow, I suspect, their sort of help is something the Police and the FA could get by without.

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Wycombe Wanderers are obviously expecting a tough time in the Second Division this season. On the reverse of the official club fixture card they have a message for anyone who is 'despairing, suicidal and lonely'. Ring the Samaritans!

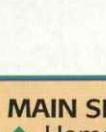
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# TRANMERE A-Z

## ROSENTHAL, ABE

Skilful inside forward Abe Rosenthal was the Frank Worthington or Rodney Marsh of his era. A flamboyant showman with the kind of ball skills you would associate with a top continental player, Abe was a great favourite with the crowd one minute and a source of extreme frustration the next.

Born in Liverpool in 1921, Abe and his brother played for Rovers in 1938-39 season before becoming a paratrooper during the War.

Despite his rotund and unathletic appearance, Abe was a much sought after player and for several years he flitted between Tranmere and Bradford City, where he had an ice cream business.

After his retirement in 1955, he finally settled in Woolton Liverpool where he sadly died in 1986 after chasing an intruder at his home.

Overall, his three spells at Prenton yielded 36 goals (including four against York) in his 117 League outings.



## ROTHMANS AWARDS

John Clayton is the only Tranmere Rovers player to have been honoured by Rothmans in their annual awards.

The country's joint League top scorer with Tommy Tynan having chalked up 1 in 1984-85 season, John formed a deadly partnership with Colin Clarke and between them they contributed 60 goals to the campaign.

Unfortunately by the time he was due to receive his engraved glass decanter, Clayton was no longer a Rovers player having used freedom of contract to negotiate a transfer to Plymouth.

## ROWLANDS, STAN

A.S. "Stan" Rowlands was the first Rovers' player to win an International Cap while at Rovers during 1913-14 season, when he played for Wales against England. A fast and tricky forward just 5'-10", but with a great shot, he was born near Welshpool in 1889, and came to Birkenhead to work in 1909.

Initially, he played for Birkenhead North End, but was soon transferred to Nottingham Forest. After a season with them he returned North to South Liverpool and then Liverpool before arriving at Prenton in 1913 via Wrexham. That season Stans' 32 goals won us the Lancashire Combination title and earned him an International call up. After Rovers he played for Reading (1914), Crewe Alex (1918-22), Wrexham (1922-23) and finally Oswestry in 1923-24 where he brought to a close his long and varied career. He died in Barnstaple, in Devon, in 1974.

Tranmere Rovers have taken on four up and coming players on twelve month contracts this season.

Ian Moore, 18, is the son of coach Ronnie Moore and has already shown an eye for goal.

Gavin Allen, 18, grabbed a bagful of goals in pre-season matches. Reserve team manager Ray Mathias likens to him to record club scorer Ian Muir.

"He has the same touch and shows clinical finishing. He just needs a push and a shove in the right direction", said Ray.

Dave Rogers, 19, like the other two was taken on after a period on the YTS scheme. This scheme has now led Rovers to make well over a dozen captures.

The fourth teenager to be given a year of opportunity is Chester born Dave Challiner, 19. He has played at schoolboy international level and showed his promise in central defence with West Cheshire League side Bromborough Pool and Sunday League side Shore Villa last term.

Allen, incidentally, was given a Welsh Under 21 trial last week.

Midfielder Mike Edwards who was taken on in 1993 after a YTS spell got a place on the bench for the senior side in the opening game of the season at Stoke.

"He is making great strides", said Mathias.

A number of other youngsters will be striving to make the grade in the Reserves and the 'A' team during the months ahead. And seasoned campaigners like Mark Proctor and Muir will be keen to advance their senior claims.

A 3-0 defeat of Sheffield United gave a warning to Rovers second string just how tough the Pontins Division One programme will be. But they are ready for the challenge.

There are a couple of tasty home games in September. Blackburn Rovers and Nottingham Forest have a wealth of talent in their ranks and all cannot be shown off at first team level.

With Manchester United, Liverpool, Everton and other reserve sides to come to the Birkenhead ground later in the season, it all adds up to an exciting time far removed from the Midland Senior League days.

**Andrew Stratton**

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Weds 8 Feb  
Weds 15 Feb  
Weds 1 Mar  
Weds 15 Mar  
Thurs 23 Mar  
Weds 29 Mar  
Tues 4 Apr  
Weds 12 Apr  
Weds 19 Apr  
Weds 26 Apr  
Tues 2 May  
Weds 10 May  
Home games kick off at 7.00pm

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bolton Wanderers	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Rotherham United	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Sheffield United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Manchester United	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Stoke City	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
TRANMERE ROVERS	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Aston Villa	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Nottingham Forest	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Wolves	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Leeds United	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Notts County	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Sunderland	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Coventry City	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Blackburn Rovers	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
West Brom	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Derby County	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

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#### TRFC JEWELLERY

If you are looking for a special gift for a true supporter then you should call into our Official Club Shop and view the range of silver, silver gilt and 9ct gold jewellery that we have on display. Cufflinks, chains, pin badges and earrings are amongst the various items available. Plus if your daughter is a member of the Prenton Pups - have a



A champagne day for John Aldridge, Main Sponsors Barclays Bank chose John as their Man of the Match.

look at the specially designed pendants that feature the Prenton Pups logo. It's never too early to start looking for Christmas gifts.

#### CLUB CALL - Our official telephone information service

Many fans may have noticed advertise-

ments recently in the national press promoting a telephone information line for Tranmere Rovers. These lines have no direct access to the club, the manager or our players, they are merely gathering dated information from press and radio coverage. If you want up to the minute and often exclusive information about Rovers then ring **CLUBCALL** on **0891 2121646**. We also run competitions on this line with some fabulous prizes to be won - all for the cost of a phone call. Over the last 10 days, we have run a competition to win 2 tickets to fly to Italy with the team, stay overnight in a four star hotel and watch the match v Atalanta. The package was worth over £500. Did you have a go? If not make sure you listen out for details of our next super competition coming soon. Winners of our Daily Draw, "Roversgold" are also announced on CLUBCALL.

Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, and 49p per minute all other times.



Prenton Suite Sponsors The Daily Post also awarded Aldo a bottle of bubbly as their 'Man of the Match'.

# ROVERSGOLD

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#### DOES ONE BELONG TO YOU?

#### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

If you are a member of ROVERSGOLD, don't forget to check your discount club sheet when you start your Christmas shopping. You could make valuable savings on this year's presents. Why not be a ROVERSGOLD agent? Collect at work or amongst the family. Benefits are numerous including reduced price match tickets. Contact Sue Beedles on **608 0371** for details.

#### HAVE WE SIGNED A NEW PLAYER?



No, it's Phillip Alan of Thingwall who purchased at our auction in July, the opportunity to come to the official team photocall in August and have his photo taken sitting between John Aldridge and John King. This will no doubt be a good one for the family album!

#### ROVERS GAZETTE

Our second edition of the official club newspaper is out on Saturday priced just 50p. It's packed with editorial features, interesting snippets of information like where all the players went on holiday this summer, and competitions to win a voucher for £50 to spend in the club shop, an autographed football and a newly released video "How to become a Professional Footballer", so it's well worth getting a copy for just 50p.

We still need a few fans willing to sell the Rovers Gazette at the match on Saturday. Commission paid plus a free ticket to the match. Contact Anne Parry on **608 0371** if you are interested. Our newspaper will also be on sale at all newsagents throughout the Wirral.

## PRENTONIAN SUITE

**A**lthough not strictly Prentonian News, having said that the first dinner is in the Belmont, the celebrity dinner season is nearly upon us. I have had to make a few changes to the original programme due to the fact that with our new status in the Pontin's League Division 1, these matches are played mainly on a Thursday night. Another fact sheet has been produced and is available from either Mark or myself. Just to jog your memory we are presenting possibly the best programme of speakers and comedians ever seen and heard in one season. "The Festival of Legends" is nearly here, so please, don't be disappointed, book early and don't forget you can book a table for the season, it is one way of guaranteeing you place!!

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Player/Int Hons Birthplace/Date	Signed from Date/Fee	94-95 Lge Apps/Gls	94-95 Cup Apps/Gls	TR Debut/date TR Career Apps/Gls
John Aldridge - Eire	Real Sociedad 06.91 - £250,000	2 1	2 1	v Brighton 17.8.91 143+1 97
Liverpool 18.9.58				
Gavin Allen	Ex YTS 07.91			-
Bangor 17.7.76				-
Graham Branch	Heswall 05.91 - Free			v M'Boro 17.9.91 7+18
Liverpool 12.2.72				
Ged Brannan	Ex YTS 07.90 -	2 1	-	v Mansfield 22.10.90 162+4 15
Liverpool 15.1.72				
Dave Challiner	Brom Pool 07.94			-
Chester 2.10.75				-
Danny Coyne - WU21	Ex YTS 07.92	2 1	-	v P'Boro 8.5.93 8+1
Prestatyn 27.8.73				
Mike Edwards	Ex YTS 07.93			-
Bebington 10.9.74				-
Shaun Garnett	Ex YTS 05.88	2 1	-	v Newport 30.4.88 81+3 5
Wallasey 22.11.69				
Dave Higgins	Caernarvon 06.87 - Free	2 1	-	v Mansfield 17.9.83 371+3 10
Liverpool 19.8.61				
Kenny Irons	Ex YTS 11.89 -	2 1	-	v Bury 2.12.89 183+21 32
Liverpool 4.11.70				
Gary Jones	Ex YTS 07.93			v Millwall 20.11.93 2+4 2
Chester 10.5.75				
Martin Jones	Ex YTS 07.93			v Leicester 18.5.94 +1
Liverpool 27.3.75				
Phil Johnson	Ex YTS 07.93			-
Liverpool 7.4.75				-
Jon Kenworthy - WU21	Ex YTS 08.93			v Charlton 24.8.93 15+6 2
St Asaph 18.8.74				
John McGreal	Ex YTS 07.90	+1	-	v Southend 25.4.92 21+3 1
Liverpool 2.6.72				
Chris Malkin	Stork A.F.C. 08.89 - Free	1 1	-	v Exeter 31.8.87 187+64 57
Bebington 4.6.67				
Ian Moore	Ex YTS 07.94			-
Birkenhead 26.8.76				-
Alan Morgan - WY	Ex YTS 07.92			-
Aberystwyth 2.11.73				
John Morrissey - EY	Wolves 10.85 - £8,000	2 1	-	v Southend 4.10.85 385+30 56
Liverpool 8.3.65				
Ian Muir - EY	Brighton 08.85 - Free	+2 +1	-	v Orient 17.8.85 336+36 170
Coventry 5.5.63				
Steve Mungall	Motherwell 07.79 - Free	1+1 1	-	v H'field 17.11.79 555+30 16
Bellshill 22.5.58				
Pat Nevin - Scot	Everton 08.92 - £300,000	2 1	1	v Sundland 22.8.92 122 30
Glasgow 6.9.63				
Eric Nixon - FLXI	Man City 07.88 - £60,000	+1	-	v Carlisle 25.3.88 361+1
Manchester 4.10.62				
Liam O'Brien - Eire	Newcastle United 01.94 - £250,000	2 1	-	v Bolton 23.1.94 26 1
Dublin 5.9.64				
Mark Proctor - EU21	Middlesbrough 07.93 - Free			v Grimsby 16.3.93 35 2
Middlesbrough 30.1.61				
Dave Rogers	Ex YTS 07.94			-
Liverpool 25.8.75				
Tony Thomas	Ex YTS 02.89	2 -	-	v P'Boro 4.2.89 214+2 14
Liverpool 12.7.71				

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Sat 13 Aug	A	Stoke City	0-1	15,915	-	Coyne	Higgins	Mungall	Brannan	Garnett	O'Brien	Morrissey	Aldridge	Irons	Nevin	Thomas	Muir	Edwards	Jones M.	J. Kirkby	
Sat 20 Aug	H	Swindon Town	3-2	8,482	-	Coyne	Higgins	Brannan	Irons	Garnett	O'Brien	Morrissey	Aldridge	2	Malkin	Nevin	Thomas	Muir	Mungall	Jones M.	A Dawson
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Tue 30 Aug	H	Luton Town																			
Sat 3 Sept	H	Sheffield United																			
Tue 6 Sept	A	Atalanta (A.I. 1)(2)																			
Sat 10 Sept	A	Wolves																			
Wed 14 Sept	A	Portsmouth																			
Sat 17 Sept	H	Millwall																			
Tue 20 Sept	H	Brentford (CC2)																			
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Tue 27 Sept	A	Brentford (CC2)																			
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Sat 15 Oct	H	West Brom																			
Sat 22 Oct	A	Watford																			
Sat 29 Oct	H	Port Vale																			
Tue 1 Nov	H	Barnsley																			
Sat 5 Nov	A	Oldham Athletic																			
Sat 12 Nov	A	Notts County																			
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