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**“The way we
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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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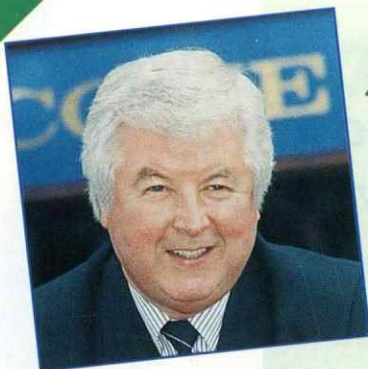
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John KING



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."

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

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

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.

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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.



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- 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 cane 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.

Conduct of home fans/atmosphere: Stoke is always an intimidating ground to go to - especially with the large Kop and Main Stand. Typically enthusiastic "First day of the Season" crowd - plenty of noise. The atmosphere in general was good with the odd chorus of "Delilah", thrown in for good measure.

Size and conduct of Rovers support: Approx 800. 5 official TRFC coaches as it was a local game a lot of people also came

by car, so we filled the away end up well. Conduct was good - as always - plenty of chanting.

View of the action: Good - no posts. Wire fence at front, so obviously the lower down, the worse the view. Below the "Family Stand" - still abuse, throwing pies, etc, but not as bad as last year. Stand seats positioned between two stands across corner - again view clear, no posts.

Standard of toilets: Male - alright, clean enough (not personally checked, might I add!!!)

Female - a bit grotty, however there was toilet roll and locks on the doors - even paper towels - so I can't complain too much!

Food quality/price: The pies were nice - seemed to be the exception as the burgers - for £1.65 weren't anything to write home about. Even Mars Bars were 55p - but rip off of the day had to be 95p for a medium to small cup of coke.

Referee: John Kirkby (Sheffield)

Marks out of 10: 8 - both sides got a fair share of the decisions. He was good on time wasting. Strange to see the infamous B. Coddington now running the line.

Rovers Man of the Match: Danny Coyne

Stoke Man of the Match: Toddy Orlygsson

Goal Times: 49th minute - Nigel Gleghorn. Shot from edge of area, deflected through a crowd of players.

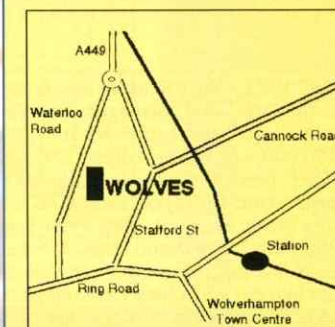
Comments on match: Rovers dominated the last half hour - when Stoke seemed to run out of steam - but they still just couldn't convert any of the many chances they had. When you consider that even before the match we had lost Ian Ian and Chris Malkin due to flu, Shaun Garnett had to be substituted as 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. ANN ADAMS

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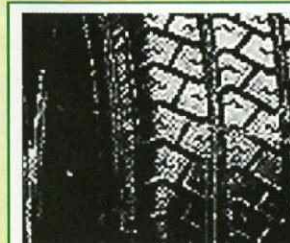
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OLDHAM – Last Season: 21st Premiership; Odds for the Title: 12/1; Manager: Joe Royle; **Players In:** Lee Richardson, Aberdeen, £300,000. Bill Kenny, Everton, Free; **Players Out:** Mike Milligan, Norwich, £850,000. Tore Pedersen, San Frece Hiroshima – 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, £50,00. 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 Heudsen, 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 Holsgrove, Millwall, Free. Dariusz Wdowczyk (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.

SHEFFIELD UNITED – Last Season: 20ths (2nd Premiership); Odds for the Title: 10/1; Manager: Dave Bassett; **Players In:** Carl Veart, Adelaide City – Australia, £250,000. Doug Hodgson, Heidelberg Alexandra, Aussie, £30,000; **Players Out:** Carl Bradshaw, Norwich, £500,000. Chris Kamara, Bradford, Free. Tom Cowan, Huddersfield, £150,000. Alan Cork, Fulham, Free. **Outlook:** One of the best games I saw last season was Uniteds 3-2 win over West Ham having gone down 0-2 at half time. If they make the play-offs they are going to be very difficult to beat – by anyone. **Pricey's Prediction:** 4th.



Jim Smith

PORTSMOUTH – 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.

League Results for the 93/94 Season

	Barnsley	Birmingham	Bolton	Bristol City	Charlton	Palace	Derby	Grimsby	Leicester	Luton	Middlesboro	Millwall	Notts County	Forest	Oxford	Peterboro	Portsmouth	Southend	Stoke	Sunderland	Tranmere	Watford	West Brom	Wolves
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Birmingham	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
Bolton	2-3	1-1		2-2	3-2	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	4-1	4-0	4-2	4-3	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	3-1	1-1	1-3
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<i>Highest Aggregate Scores</i>	<i>Consecutive Wins</i>
Oldham 5-2 Charlton 13/8/94	Middlesbrough 2
<i>Biggest Home Win</i>	<i>Consecutive Defeats</i>
Oldham 5-2 Charlton 13/8/94	Notts County, Southend 2
Sheff Utd 3-0 Watford 13/8/94	<i>Top Scorer</i>
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FAN Scene

SUPPORTERS' FOOTBALL - REVIEW OF LAST SEASON

Our third season in the Wirral Sunday League produced the following record:

P26 W9 D6 L11 F64 A80 24pts
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!

During the summer, we again entered the "Friends in Football" Tournament sponsored by Kidderminster Harriers. We beat Mansfield 1-0, drew 0-0 with Brentford, Barnsley and Bristol City and lost 1-0 to Notts County, finishing fourth in our Group and therefore failing to qualify for the knock-out stage.

Our next fixture in this new season is a home match on Sunday, September 4th when we play Cavendish at St. Mary's School, Leasowe Road.

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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. Jan Åge Fjørtoft 6. Oldham and Luton 7. Foglia 8. Brian and Mark Stein 9. Ronnie Moore 10. Matthew Jackson

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Steve Williams

TRANMERE IN THE Community

MERSEYSIDE POLICE GIRLS 5 A'SIDE

Tranmere Rovers U12's, U14's and U16's enhanced their growing reputation at the Police Sports grounds in Liverpool by qualifying for the finals of all three groups.

The finals will be held at Goodison Park on Monday 26th September with a large crowd expected to watch the event.

The U12's won through the early stages of the competition without conceding a goal and then totally dominated the semi final beating a strangely named Brazil team 3-0. Two Tranmere U14 teams were entered into the competition and both teams played extremely well reaching the semi finals in the process.

Unfortunately both teams were paired together in the semi finals with the A team running out the eventual winners, 2-1.

Jody Roberts picked up a bad knee injury and is now doubtful for the final.

The U16's totally dominated their group winning each game easily before beating Real Maghull 4-0 in the semi final.

RESULTS – U12's

Tranmere 8	Prenton Athletic 0
Tranmere 4	Inter Bootle 0
Tranmere 2	Fairfield 0
Semi-Final: Tranmere 3	Brazil 0

U14's A Team

Tranmere 2	Ron Brown 0
Tranmere 2	Real Maghull 0
Tranmere 10	Yamah United 0

U14's B Team

Tranmere 3	Southend 1
Tranmere 9	Southend B 0
Tranmere 0	Inter Bootle 3
Semi-Final: Tranmere A 2	Tranmere B 1

U16's

Tranmere 4	Alexander Girls 1
Tranmere 7	Prenton Athletic 0
Tranmere 5	Ron Brown 0
Semi-Final: Tranmere 4	Real Maghull 0

This was a very long days football for the girls who coped well with everything including the bad weather. Crowds of parents and friends are now expected to travel to Goodison Park making it a tense but exciting evening for the girls.



TRANMERE ROVERS BIRTHDAY PARTIES
Bookings are now being taken for



Denise Campbell – Captain of the U16's Police 5 a'side finalists

or Louise Edwards on 608 2354.

childrens birthday parties to be held within the confines of Prenton Park. The child and his/her friends are treated to a ground tour, a game of football, a Tranmere Video show and two free tickets to a Rovers home game. The parties are held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 4-5.30pm and are priced very reasonably at £30.00

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TODAY'S MASCOT

NAME: Ian Williams

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 commentating ability)
- 10 Favourite Sports Magazine – 90 Minutes

Badger greetings to everyone in the Family Club!

Bertie Badger is really proud to be involved with Tranmere Rovers and the Family Club. You've welcomed him with open arms!

And now for a competition.

How would **YOU** like to be Bertie's "Badger of the Month"? If you write Bertie a letter, draw him a picture, or send him a poem you would be picked as "Badger of the Month" and win a prize!

Send your letters, pictures, and poems to Bertie Badger, Wirral News Group, 76 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead L41 5AN.

*We hope John Aldridge and Eric Nixon are pleased with their furry Badgers, given in recognition of outstanding work with the Badgers. They were well deserved!



SOCCER GIRL

CROSS OUT THE SEVENTEEN CLUBS IN THE GRID AND THE LETTERS THAT REMAIN WILL SPELL OUT SOCCER GIRL'S FAVOURITE CLUB.

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ANSWERS: SOCCER GIRL'S FAVOURITE CLUB IS 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

Aldo's American Adventure...



Ireland and Italy line up in the Giants Stadium New York

recognise him with his 'Van Dyke' 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."



John Aldridge scores for Eire against Mexico

TRANMERE Topic

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 be 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 Nevin" 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.
Pics by Frazer Bird and Peter Fardoe.



**ACTION
REPLAY**

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 big 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.

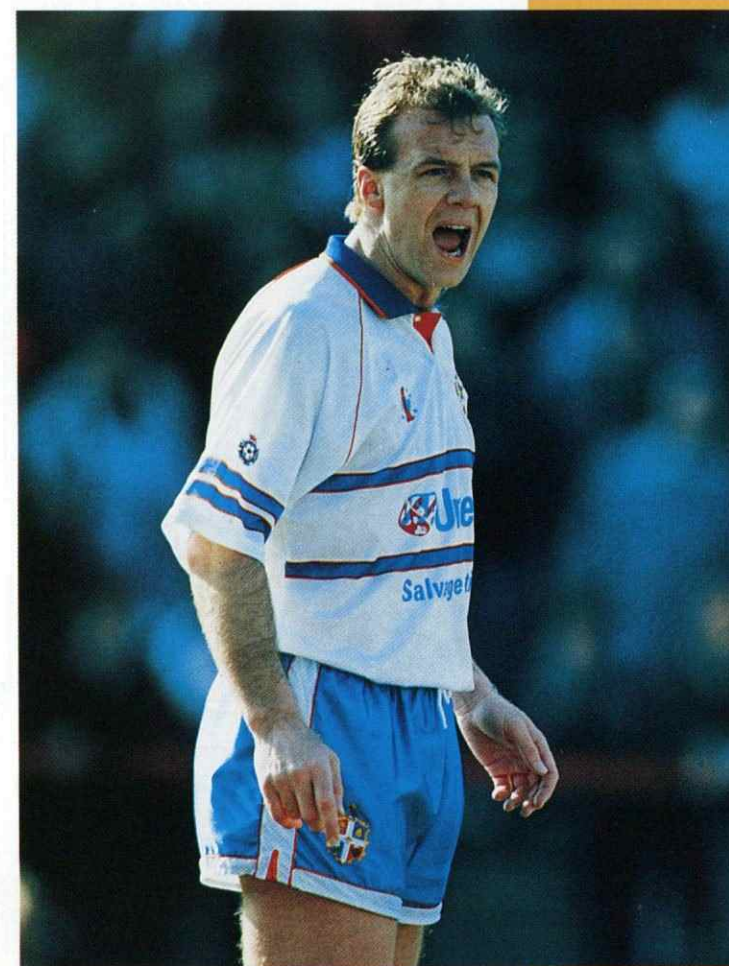
Welshman **Ceri Hughes** is another gifted prospect who has been around longer than you think. He is also fancied by some big teams, if you include Everton in that category. He could make a big name for himself if he lives up to his potential as a midfield dynamo.

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

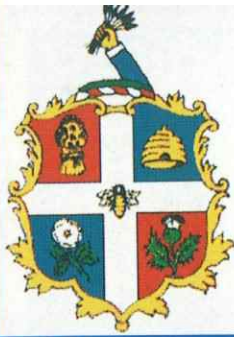


Striker Kerry Dixon

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

The old stagers 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.

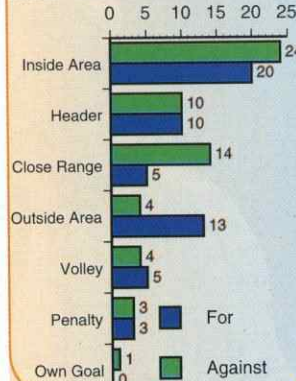


Did you know...

- Only two players have served both clubs in recent years, goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain and striker John Seaman.
- 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



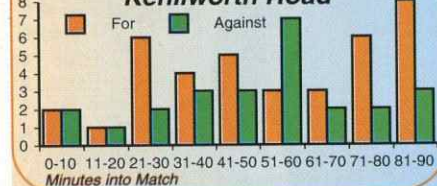
Away Results

Opposition	Result	Goals
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

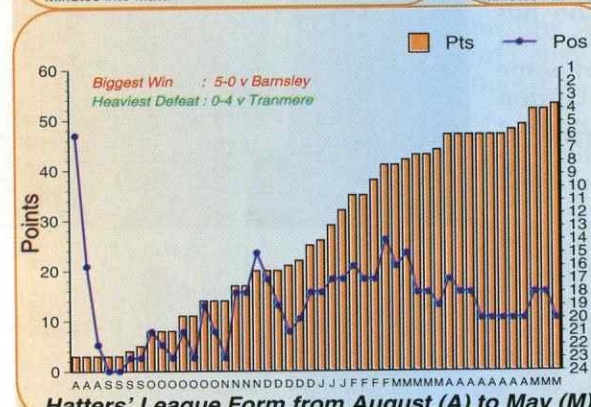
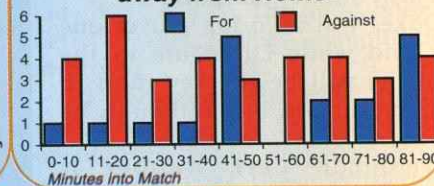
Gates at Kenilworth Road



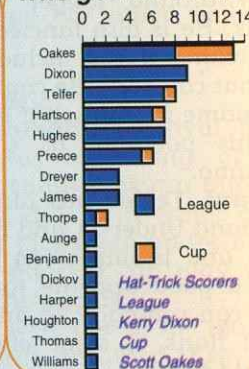
When the Goals went in at Kenilworth Road



.. and when the Net Bulged away from Home



Who got the Goals



Hatters' League Form from August (A) to May (M)

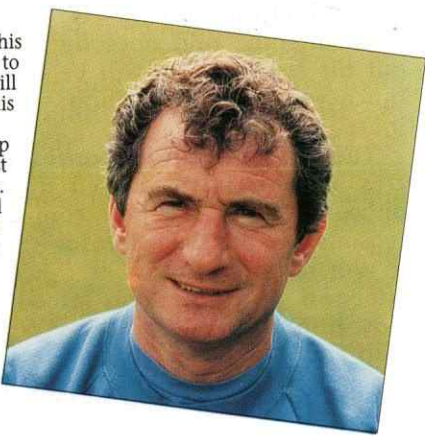
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THE BOSS

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	New York 27.2.69	(G)	-	East Freemantle (Aus), Swindon (L), Ipswich (L)	-	2	
Martin Williams	Luton 12.7.73	(D)	-	Leicester City	-	-	
Marvin Johnson	Wembley 29.10.68	(D)	-	Ex YTS	-	2	
Julian James	Tring 22.3.70	(D)	-	Ex YTS, Preston (L)	Eng U21	2	
Trevor Peake	Nuneaton 10.2.57	(D)	£100,000	Nuneaton, Lincoln, Coventry	Eng S.P.	2	
David Greene	Luton 26.10.73	(D)	-	Ex YTS	-	2	
Des Linton	Birmingham 5.9.71	(D)	P/E	Leicester City	-	1+1	
Ceri Hughes	Pontypridd 26.2.71	(M)	-	Ex YTS	Wales	1	
David Preece	Bridgenorth 28.5.63	(M)	P/E+£150,000	Walsall	Eng B	2	
Aaron Skelton	Welwyn 22.11.74	(M)	-	Ex YTS	-	1	
Paul Telfer	Edinburgh 21.10.71	(M)	-	Ex YTS	Scot U21	2	
Scott Houghton	Hitchin 22.10.71	(M)	Free	Spurs, Ipswich (L)	-	1	
Dwight Marshall	Jamaica 3.10.65	(F)	£100,000	Grays Ath, Plymouth, Middlesbrough (L)	-	1+1	
Kerry Dixon	Luton 24.7.61	(F)	Free	Dunstable, Reading, Chelsea, Southampton, Luton (L)	Eng	2	
Scott Oakes	Leicester 5.8.72	(F)	P/E	Leicester City	-	1	1
Tony Adcock	Bethnal Green 27.02.63	(F)	£20,000	Colchester, Man City, N'hampton, Bradford, N'hampton, Peterboro	-	-	
John Hartson	Swansea 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

Season	Points	F.A. Cup Rnd	Top Lge Scorer	Av Attendance	Res v TRFC (H)
1989-90	43	3rd v Brighton 1-4	Black 11	9,872	-
1	17th	3rd v Everton 0-3	Black, Dowie 11	12,630	-
1990-91	37	4th v West Ham 0-5	Lars Elstrup 15	10,275	-
1	18th	2nd v Bradford (on pens)	Lars Elstrup 18	12,889	-
1991-92	42	3rd v Sheff Utd 0-4	Harford 12	9,711	-
1	20th	2nd v B'ham 4-5	as above	13,410	-
1992-93	51	4th v Derby 1-5	Gray 16	8,132	3-3
1 (2)	20th	2nd v Plymouth 4-5	as above	10,959	2-0
1993-94	53	SF v Chelsea 0-2	Oakes 8	7,878	0-1
1 (2)	20th	1st v Cambridge 0-2	Oakes 10	10,053	1-4

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 Donaghy (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
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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 198-87
Ray Harford 1987-90
Jim Ryan 1990-91
David Pleat 1991-

COMPLETE RECORD

	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
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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



Netherton

A L A N ROGERS

Place of Birth:
Liverpool

Position: Left back

Height: 5ft 10ins

Weight: 12st

Lives: Netherton,
Bootle

Status: YTS

Former School:
Savio High School,

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

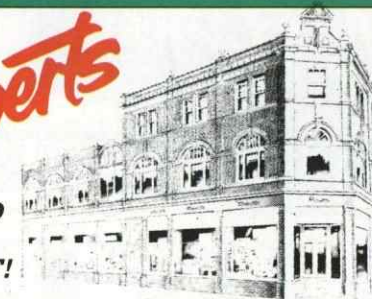
**If you could learn the game
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who would it be:** Maldini

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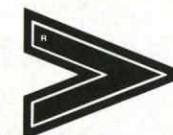
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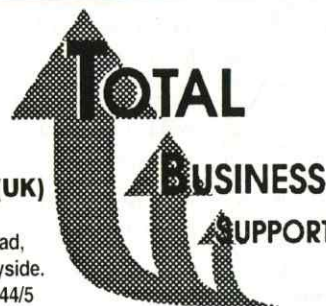
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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

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.

Young ROVERS

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Sat 20 Aug	Burnley (A)	1-2 (McGreal)
Sat 27 Aug	Blackburn 'A' (H)	
Sat 3 Sept	Everton 'A' (A)	
Sat 10 Sept	Blackpool 'A' (H)	
Sat 17 Sept	Liverpool 'A' (A)	
Sat 24 Sept	Crewe Alex (A)	
Sat 1 Oct	Man Utd 'A' (H)	
Sat 8 Oct	Burnley (H)	
Sat 15 Oct	Blackpool (A)	
Sat 22 Oct	Liverpool 'A' (H)	
Sat 29 Oct	Everton 'A' (H)	
Sat 5 Nov	Bury (H)	
Sat 12 Nov	Blackburn 'A' (A)	
Sat 26 Nov	Marine Res (A)	
Sat 3 Dec	Marine Res (H)	
Sat 10 Dec	Bury Res (A)	
Sat 17 Dec	Morecambe (H)	
Sat 7 Jan	Oldham (A)	
Sat 14 Jan	Oldham (H)	
Sat 21 Jan	Man Utd (A)	
Fri 27 Jan	Morecambe (A)	
Sat 4 Feb	Crewe Alex (H)	

DIVISION TWO FIXTURES

Sat 13 Aug	Bury (A)	2-2 (Hughes, Smith)
Sat 27 Aug	Blackburn (H)	
Sat 3 Sept	Carlisle (A)	
Sat 10 Sept	Chester (H)	
Sat 17 Sept	Liverpool (A)	
Sat 24 Sept	Carlisle (H)	
Sat 1st Oct	Man Utd (A)	
Sat 8 Oct	Marine Youth (H)	
Sat 15 Oct	Everton (A)	
Sat 22 Oct	Oldham (H)	
Sat 29 Oct	Burnley (A)	
Sat 5 Nov	Blackpool (H)	
Sat 12 Nov	Blackpool (A)	
Sat 19 Nov	Preston (A)	
Sat 26 Nov	Rochdale (H)	
Sat 3 Dec	Stockport (A)	
Sat 10 Dec	Crewe Alex (H)	
Sat 17 Dec	Bolton (A)	
Sat 14 Jan	Chester (A)	
Sat 21 Jan	Liverpool (H)	
Sat 28 Jan	Crewe Alex (A)	
Sat 4 Feb	Man Utd (H)	
Sat 11 Feb	Man City (A)	
Sat 18 Feb	Everton (H)	
Sat 25 Feb	Marine (A)	
Sat 4 Mar	Burnley (H)	
Sat 11 Mar	Wigan Athletic (A)	
Sat 18 Mar	Stockport (H)	
Sat 25 Mar	Blackburn (A)	
Sat 1 April	Wigan Athletic (H)	
Sat 8 April	Bury (H)	
Sat 15 April	Preston (H)	
Sat 22 April	Bolton (H)	
Sat 29 April	Oldham (A)	
Sat 6 May	Man City (H)	



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The title 'Programme Editor' seems to be synonymous with junk mail these days. If you cannot think of anyone better to write to, send your news release to every Programme Editor in the country!

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 'Soccer: 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.

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

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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

HOLIDAY CLUB PONTIN'S

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tues 16 Aug	Sheffield United
Thurs 25 Aug	Leeds United
Weds 7 Sept	Blackburn Rovers
Thurs 15 Sept	Rotherham United
Weds 21 Sept	Bolton Wanderers
Weds 28 Sept	Nottingham Forest
Wed 3 Oct	Derby County
Thurs 13 Oct	Stoke City
Weds 19 Oct	Wolverhampton W.
Thurs 27 Oct	Liverpool
Weds 9 Nov	Aston Villa
Tues 15 Nov	Notts County
Thurs 24 Nov	Manchester United
Mon 28 Nov	Wolverhampton W.
Weds 7 Dec	Sheffield United
Weds 14 Dec	Leeds United
Weds 21 Dec	Coventry City
Tues 3 Jan	Everton
Weds 11 Jan	Sunderland
Weds 18 Jan	West Brom Albion
Thurs 26 Jan	Liverpool
Weds 1 Feb	Aston Villa
Weds 8 Feb	Notts County
Weds 15 Feb	Manchester United
Weds 1 Mar	Bolton Wanderers
Weds 15 Mar	Nottingham Forest
Thurs 23 Mar	Rotherham United
Weds 29 Mar	Blackburn Rovers
Tues 4 Apr	Coventry City
Weds 12 Apr	Everton
Weds 19 Apr	West Brom Albion
Weds 26 Apr	Sunderland
Tues 2 May	Derby County
Weds 10 May	Stoke City

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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MARKETING *matters*

Tonight the club extends a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors, Ictech of Wallasey, who are regular sponsors at Prenton Park, and to T.B.S. Publications of Eastham, who are making their debut as our ball sponsors for the evening. We are very grateful to them and to all our sponsors for their support. There are a few matches where sponsorship is still available (see page 39), and if you would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact Nobby Abbott on **608 4194** for details of what the package includes.

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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 121646**. 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'.

ROVERS GOLD

WERE YOU A £20 WINNER?

Check with your agent because on our opening home game of the season we made two special draws, a one off £500 winner instead of our usual Saturday hamper and a special draw for all agents with over 50 members. Each one of these agents had one £20 winner. All the £20 cheques have been passed onto agents this week.

DOES ONE BELONG TO YOU?

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

If you are a member of ROVERS-GOLD, don't forget to check your discount club sheet when you start your Christmas shopping. You could make valuable savings on this years 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.

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I am delighted to announce that the club has a new car sponsor. A 12 month deal has recently been negotiated with Lookers of Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead, who are our local Vauxhall dealer. The Commercial Department is being provided with Astras, vehicles which are of course produced locally in Ellesmere Port. I would like to place on record my thanks for all the assistance given to us by Windsors of Wallasey who have been our car sponsors for several seasons.

PRENTONIAN SUITE

Although 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!!

We look forward to your company - Nobby Abbott

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

DATE	V	OPPONENTS & EVENT	F-A	ATT.	POS
Sat 13 Aug	A	Stoke City	0-1	15,915	-
Sat 20 Aug	H	Swindon Town	3-2	8,482	-
Wed 24 Aug	H	Venezia (A.I. 1)(1)	2-2	3,012	-
Sat 27 Aug	A	Grimsby Town			
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)			
Sat 24 Sept	H	Sunderland			
Tue 27 Sept	A	Brentford (CC2)			
Sat 1 Oct	A	Burnley			
Wed 5 Oct	H	Ascoli (A.I. 1)(3)			
Sat 8 Oct	A	Middlesbrough			
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			
Tue 15 Nov	A	Lecce (A.I. 1)(4)			
Sat 19 Nov	H	Charlton Athletic			
Sat 26 Nov	A	Reading			
Sat 3 Dec	H	Watford			
Sat 10 Dec	A	Swindon Town			
Sat 17 Dec	H	Stoke City			
Mon 26 Dec	H	Derby County			
Tue 27 Dec	A	Bolton Wanderers			
Sat 31 Dec	H	Bristol City			
Mon 2 Jan	A	Southend United			
Sat 7 Jan	A	FAC 3			
Sat 14 Jan	A	Port Vale			
Sat 21 Jan	H	Oldham Athletic			
Sat 4 Feb	H	Notts County			
Sat 11 Feb	A	Barnsley			
Sat 18 Feb	H	Reading			
Tue 21 Feb	A	Charlton Athletic			
Sat 25 Feb	H	Burnley			
Sat 4 Mar	A	Sunderland			
Tue 7 Mar	A	Sheffield United			
Sat 11 Mar	H	Grimsby Town			
Sat 18 Mar	A	Luton Town			
Tue 21 Mar	H	Wolves			
Sat 25 Mar	A	Millwall			
Sat 1 Apr	H	Portsmouth			
Sat 8 Apr	A	Bristol City			
Sat 15 Apr	H	Bolton Wanderers			
Mon 17 Apr	A	Derby County			
Sat 22 Apr	H	Southend United			
Sat 29 Apr	A	West Brom			
Sat 6 May	H	Middlesbrough			

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