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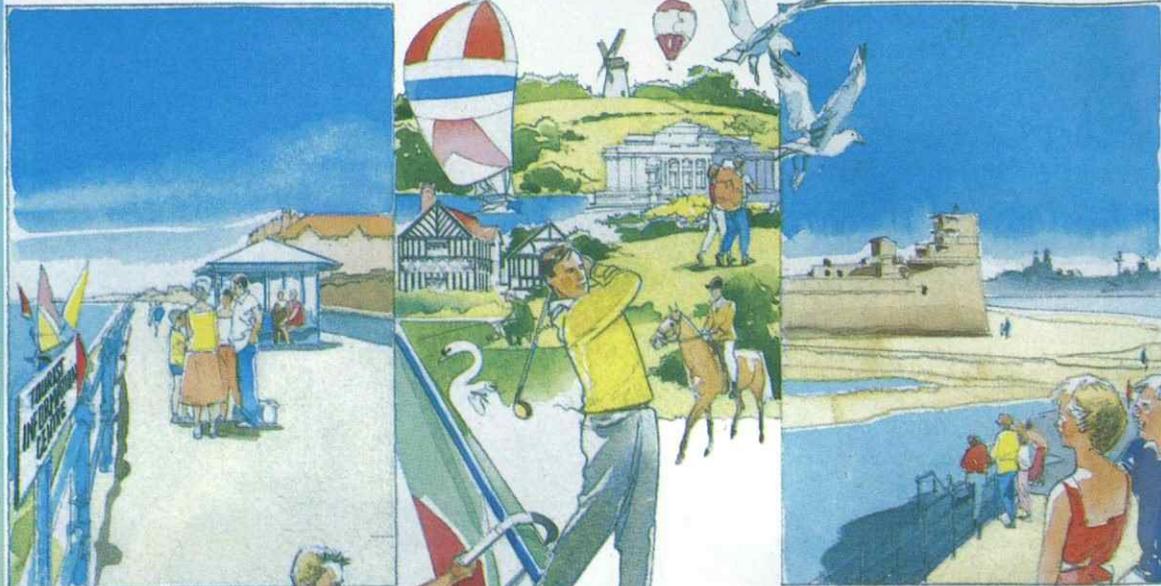
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John KING

Five minutes of sloppiness cost us the match against Watford and it still wrangles that we should have committed suicide in such a manner having got ourselves back into the game before the interval.

Defensively, we were all at sixes and sevens and in that short period we gave ourselves a mountain to climb.

Up to then, their front two had rarely bothered us even though three or four of our lads were playing below the standard we've come to expect of them, and when that happens you can only hope others take up the gauntlet.

Of course losing Pat Nevin so

There were of course some plus's from the match. Gary Jones again did well in possession and used the ball well as he did at Portsmouth. He's a big strong boy with good touch and can certainly do a job in there, even though he would prefer to be regarded as a centre forward.

The boy can also play at centre half, so being able to play in midfield as well is another string to his bow.

These notes are being prepared before our match at Oldham on Wednesday. Hopefully, we will have recovered from the Watford set back and progressed into the next round of the Coca Cola Cup, which should

"Five minutes of sloppiness cost us the match against Watford"

early on didn't help our cause one bit. His free role is very important in terms of linking the midfield and attack and although Jon Kenworthy did quite well when he was thrust into the action, the die was cast.

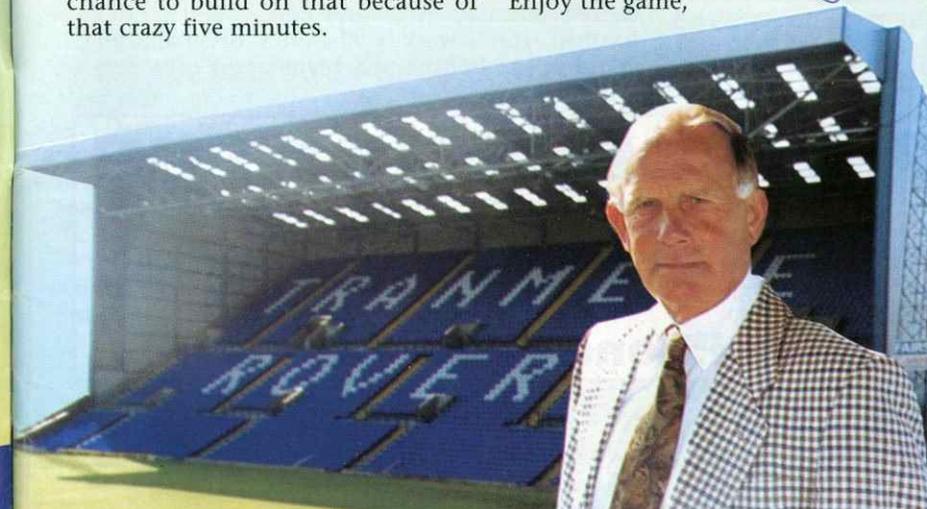
Though no keeper in the country, never mind Danny, would have stopped Fosters' header for Watford's opener, it has to be said our marking was poor at the free kick which allowed the Watford centre half a free header.

That was a real bolt out of the blue, because Watford's only efforts before that were from long distance, and were well fielded by Danny.

Having got back into the game via an excellent header from Gary Bennett we didn't give ourselves the chance to build on that because of that crazy five minutes.

set us up for today's game with Luton.

Finally, a word about Danny Coyne. I know he feels he should have done better after John McGreal's slip for their second goal, but he's been magnificent so far this season and has fully deserved his full Welsh call up. With Eric Nixon I know I have two top class keepers pushing each other for the top spot - though I understand Eric's frustration at sitting on the sidelines which is why I've agreed to let him go on loan should I get the right approach. Let's hope we get it right today. Enjoy the game,



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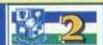
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NEWS Headlines

COMPLETE RECORD BOOK DELAYED AGAIN
Plans by authors George Higham, Gil Upton and Steve Wilson for the "Complete Record of Tranmere Rovers" have suffered a further set-back and the projected book will not now appear in time for Christmas as hoped.

The authors however hope to overcome production difficulties by switching to a different publisher in the near future. No new date though has been set for the appearance of the long-awaited book.

PROGRAMME FAIR

The 21st Annual Bolton Programme Fair takes place tomorrow in the Executive Club, Burnden Park between 11.00am and 3.30pm. There will be thousands of programmes, old and new, available for sale or exchange.

'PEP' FINALLY GETS WED ... AT 46!

Those who know Steve Peplow never though it would happen! 'Pep' get hitched? Never! Yet the other week Seventies favourite Steve tied the knot with Mary and who other than Barrie Mitchell, his great mate and mine host at the Victoria Lodge pub, (who also got married again recently) would be by his side as best man.

Typically, Barrie wore full Scottish regalia for the occasion. Our best wishes meanwhile go to Pep and Mary. God knows she'll need all the luck going!

OUT OF AFRICA . . .

A young footballer from Zimbabwe, who claims to be a keen supporter of Rovers is searching for another penfriend to keep him in touch with events at Prenton Park. Nayim C. Chumimbei sends his thanks to Clare Hayes who has been a penfriend for some time, but would like to hear from other Rovers fans. Nayim is pictured with some of his team mates at Stops Camp FC. He is on the right, at the back, standing.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations to Tranmere Suite member Eddie Taylor, who celebrated his 80th birthday on 26th September.

A PASSION FOR THE GAME ... AND ROVERS

When the call came, out of the blue, there was no mistaking the gentle Cockney voice on the end of the phone. "Hello, my name is Tom Watt and I was told you could help with some research with a book I'm writing. I need photos and details about some people at Tranmere."

"That wouldn't be the Tom Watt who played 'Lofty' in Eastenders?" I enquired gingerly. It was, and on October 26th the book to which the evening caller had referred is published and it will make interesting reading for Tranmere fans.

Called A Passion for the Game - Real Lives in Football, Tom's work is 90 stories, often amusing, about those behind the scenes and provides a

TRANMERE News & Views, Quotes & Gossip

unique insight into the people who make football happen.

Four Tranmere personalities are featured, each with a caricature. Three are fairly obvious choices in John King, Pat Nevin and long-serving Secretary Norman Wilson but the fourth encapsulates the magic of the book, Peggy Moore who looks after the players lunches down at Valley Road.

Peggy, of course, has served Rovers in various capacities for the past 41 years. She's seen both the good times and the bad during those years, and that is reflected in the two pages devoted to her.

A Passion for the Game by Tom Watt with a foreword by Alan Shearer, is published by Mainstream on October 26th in hardback, price £14.99, and will be available from all good bookshops.



ON YER BIKE, PAT!

"Yes, this is very nice, but how am I going to get it into the boot of my car!" Pat seems to be saying, after learning his Man of the Match performance against Oldham had earned him a jazzy mountain bike from sponsors Coca-Cola.



COYNE THE HEIR TO BIG NEV'S CROWN?

New Wales boss Bobby Gould has made it clear he sees Danny Coyne as the eventual successor to current No.1 Neville Southall in selecting him for the full squad to face Germany in Cardiff.

Said Mr. Gould, "Danny has performed at a high level for Tranmere, now he has got the chance to remind Neville that he's also in the frame."

Should Danny play for Wales it is worth noting the last Tranmere keeper to represent Wales was Bert Gray in 1931-32!

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CHAIRMAN'S Briefing

"Our last home game was acutely disappointing and this afternoon's match must be faced with a grim determination."

In recent times Tranmere Rovers Football Club has enjoyed the kudos of having players within our ranks who represent their country on the international stage, in particular John Aldridge, Pat Nevin, Liam O'Brien and at a younger level Alan Morgan, Jon Kenworthy and Danny Coyne. It is therefore with much pleasure we note the elevation of Danny to the senior Welsh squad as Neville Southall's deputy.

Danny is currently enjoying life at Prenton Park in the number one goalkeeping spot and this current accolade adds further credence to Danny's reputation as an outstanding young 'keeper. The board and everybody at the club extend their congratulations and pride at what he has achieved.

It would be wrong in this context not to record our appreciation of Eric Nixon in the way he is handling the situation. Eric is a fine and outstanding goalkeeper who has served this club well and we hope will continue to be with us for many seasons to come.

Our last home game was acutely disappointing and this afternoon's match must be faced with a grim determination to blank out the memory of the Watford fixture. This afternoon's opponents from Luton Town are currently struggling to find their form and it would be folly in the extreme to believe they are not battling to turn the corner, particularly here at "fortress" Prenton Park.

I extend a particularly warm welcome to

Chairman David Kohler and his Directors, together with the Manager and Players from Kenilworth Road. David Kohler is one of the more energetic chairmen in our division. He is attempting to break new ground with his pioneering 'Kohlerdrome' a revolutionary new stadium and if anybody can bring it to fruition he is the man. He also stood for election as the Division One representative to the Football League and although defeated by Martin George of Leicester, David received the vote of this club. He, along with many other chairmen, will be protesting vigorously at next week's meeting of First Division chairmen, following the recent clandestine meeting of five invited chairmen to discuss our future. It should be interesting!

Our gate against Watford was very disappointing, particularly as both Everton and Liverpool were not playing on that particular Saturday. I am reluctant to publicly complain, for this can be counter-productive but if you are reading this column you are undoubtedly a supporter and I do urge you to do whatever you can to being along a relative or friend and get them hooked on Rovers.

I hope you enjoy this afternoon's match and that the result will put us right back on track.

In conclusion, I wish you all, whether travelling near or far, a safe journey home.



Frank Corbis



Tranmere In Our COMMUNITY

with Steve Williams



GARSWOOD/ST. HELENS 0, TRANMERE ROVERS 5

Tranmere Rovers Ladies continued their impressive start to the season with this resounding victory over St. Helens. The girls have now gone five games without conceding a goal and are presently top of the Womans Premier League Northern Section.

Lynn Carter, Becky Smith, Sue Smith, Natalie Preston, and Julia Merola scored the goals to clinch victory.

The Ladies next game is a friendly away at Man United tomorrow afternoon.

Congratulations must go to Julia Merola for her Welsh International call up which sees her playing against Eire at Swansea tomorrow afternoon.



Tranmere Ladies U14's pictured with Aston Villa's Fran Carr.

supplied by Tranmere Rovers the children are treated to dessert kindly supplied by Van-Den-Burghs Professional Foods of Bromborough. Our thanks must go to the above company for their input into our Matchday Club activities.

FINALS

On Tuesday Tranmere Rovers have representatives girls teams in each age group of the Merseyside Police 5 A'side finals which are being held at Anfield. A great night should be in store for the girls who deserve their glory after winning every game in each of the qualifying sections. A large crowd is expected with our teams taking plenty of their own supporters to cheer them on. Good luck to all the teams and enjoy the night.

LEAGUE TABLES

TRANMERE ROVERS	5	5	0	0	16	0	15	+16
Huddersfield	4	3	1	0	19	6	10	+13
Langford	4	3	0	1	15	8	9	+7
Garswood/St Helens	4	2	1	1	10	9	7	+1
Sheffield Wednesday	4	2	0	2	9	8	6	+1
RTM Newcastle	4	2	0	2	7	7	6	0
Notts County	4	1	0	3	6	10	3	-4
Kidderminster Harriers	4	0	0	4	6	21	0	-15
Bronte	5	0	0	5	1	21	0	-20

Entries are now being accepted for our Annual 6 A'side Competition which will be held at the Wirral Sports and Tennis Centre.

Fifty six schools entered last years competition and we are hoping to better that number this year.

With the eventual final being held at Wembley the stakes are always high but as in previous years the fun element will again be part of our event. If you would like your school to enter our competition please phone me on 608 2354.

Our newly formed Matchday Club has been a great success this season with hundreds of children reaping the benefit of being our matchday guests.

Today we have visitors from Priory Primary School who have been involved in our coaching initiative over the last few weeks. Along with the excellent food

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FIRST Impressions

TREVOR BROOKING is an expert on the game, but what game?



Steve Vickers

I'm afraid the great man showed his ignorance on Five Live last week when he asked Jan Fjortoft about his colleague, a one Steve Vickers.

Adopt a nasally cockney accent and say: "Vickers is one player who has impressed me this season, where's he come from, has he come through the youth ranks?"

No, he learned his craft at Tranmere. Now come on Trev,

he's been playing for Boro for ages now, with all the class and style he did in his Mighty White days.

Don't say that you have only noticed him because the Teeside club was promoted last season, coz if you do I won't believe you - not a man with your commanding view of footy.

This just goes to show what most of us think already, that for football pundits, football outside the top flight does not exist.

For Brooking, read Hansen, Lineker, Wilkins, Francis and Gray.

They were all football toffs, who only contact with the lower classes was that annoying cup match on the way to a plum semi-final tie with Swanky F.C. sort of affair.

And what's more with Tranmere's recent illustrious history even the judge who hadn't heard of Gazza knows who big Steve is: "Centre defence with Middlesbrough, I believe, and formerly of Merseyside's number one club, the Rovers". "That's right you honour".

However, Trevor, to his credit, it must be said, did spot the talent of our former player.

Having said all of the above, the point must be made that many clubs' ambitions to reach the top does not match that of their players and I fear that we are among the main culprits.

Endsleigh League teams suffer from vertigo - none seemingly wants to go up, that's probably why so many relegated clubs bounce straight back - Premiership nectar is addictive.

Last season with three games left to go seven or eight clubs could still have made the final

push. It wasn't only Tranmere who self destructed and this season looks as though it could be very much of a case of deja vu rather than a case of champagne.

Champagne has been popped by the sterling Danny Coyne, however, for his call up to the Wales squad. Many papers described this as a surprise (no doubt ringing up football expert Trevor Brooking and asking him who he was: "Haven't heard of him, must be a surprise.") but we know differently.

The only real surprise is that more players did not reply to Bobby Gould's letter asking about grandparentage.

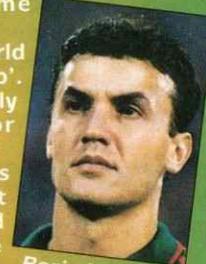
And on the subject of goalies we've sussed out Reading's Bulgarian import, Borislav Mikailov, in fact his little secret came 'unstuck' a few weeks ago.

Check him out - he's the World Cup goalie who wore a 'syrup'. He wore it in US 94 for the telly cameras, but here it's for warmth - can you spot the join?

Absurd news of the week has to be Barry Fry's comment that if he had some money he would buy a striker - to add to the other 20 he's got. Well I've got news for you Bazza - you've got Ian Muir and if you don't recognise his talent then you'll never get on page three of your boss's rag.

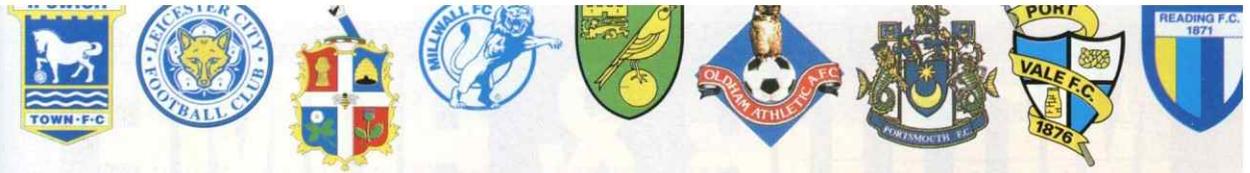
The Endsleigh League also has it's own Cantona/Ginola/resident Frenchman, Frank Rolling. The former Strasbourg sweeper is on loan from Ayr at Leicester and is about to be signed for £100,000.

Robert Fleck has finally re-signed for Norwich after being dazzled by London's bright lights and Kingsley Black, once a Clough darling, is on loan from Forest at Millwall. Paul Bernard, the Oldham midfielder is not one anymore, for he has signed for Aberdeen for £800,000 and Palace have finally bought, rather than sold, a player Gareth Taylor signed for Palace from Bristol Rovers for £1.8 million and of course there is press speculation about us taking Brum's player/coach, Mark Ward on loan. . . Watch this Space



Boris Mikailov

Jonathan Caswell



Club Top Scorers				Attendance Details				
		Lge	CC	Tot	Avg.	High	Low	
Barnsley	Davis	4		4	Wolves	25,352	27,064	23,656
Birmingham	Hunt	5	1	6	Birmingham	18,771	19,403	17,269
Charlton	Bowyer	3	3	6	Leicester	17,142	19,103	15,170
Derby	Sturridge	5		5	Norwich	15,972	18,435	13,908
Grimsby	Woods	2	1	3	Sunderland	15,800	18,593	12,282
Huddersfield	Booth	3	3	6	West Brom	15,471	17,875	14,377
Ipswich	Mathie	6		6	Palace	14,112	15,645	12,067
Leicester	Roberts	5		5	Huddersfield	12,479	14,635	10,556
Luton	Marshall	3	1	4	Ipswich	12,072	13,000	10,848
Millwall	Dixon, Rae	3		3	Sheff Utd	10,967	12,557	9,448
Norwich	Johnson	3		3	Portsmouth	10,826	14,434	8,023
	Akinbiyi, Sheron	1	2	3	Stoke	10,622	14,283	8,618
Oldham	McCarthy	5		5	Derby	10,406	11,767	9,242
Palace	Dyer	3		3	Charlton	9,570	11,219	8,442
	Hopkin	1	2	3	Barnsley	9,143	11,129	7,150
Port Vale	Mills	2	1	3	Millwall	8,824	10,536	7,076
Portsmouth	McLoughlin	3		3	Port Vale	8,727	11,550	7,374
Reading	Lovell	3	2	5	Reading	8,615	10,143	7,283
Sheff Utd	Blake	8		8	Tranmere	8,518	11,880	7,041
Southend	Thomson, Hails	3		3	Watford	8,410	9,422	7,130
Stoke	Peschisolido	4		4	Oldham	7,543	10,259	5,622
Sunderland	Gray, Melville	3		3	Luton	7,327	7,848	6,427
Tranmere	Aldridge	7	1	8	Southend	5,102	6,322	4,621
Watford	Mooney, Phillips	3		3	Grimsby	4,553	5,901	3,993
West Brom	Taylor	3	3	6				
Wolves	Goodman	6	1	7				

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Leicester City	10	2	1	2	9	9	4	1	0	7	2	20
Millwall	10	2	1	2	4	4	3	2	0	6	3	18
Barnsley	10	3	1	1	8	9	2	1	2	8	10	17
Charlton Athletic	10	3	2	0	9	5	1	2	2	6	5	16
Huddersfield Town	10	4	0	1	11	5	1	1	3	4	9	16
Sunderland	10	2	2	1	7	5	2	2	1	5	5	16
Ipswich Town	10	4	0	1	13	8	0	3	2	5	8	15
Oldham Athletic	10	3	1	1	10	5	1	2	2	4	5	15
Norwich City	10	2	2	1	4	3	2	1	2	9	8	15
West Bromwich Albion	10	3	1	1	6	3	1	2	2	7	8	15
Southend United	10	3	1	1	5	3	1	1	3	2	7	14
Birmingham City	10	2	3	0	7	3	1	1	3	9	9	13
TRANMERE ROVERS	9	1	3	1	9	8	2	1	1	5	2	13
Grimsby Town	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	1	3	5	8	13
Watford	10	2	2	1	8	5	0	1	3	6	9	12
Reading	10	2	1	2	9	9	0	5	0	4	4	12
Sheffield United	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	1	3	7	10	11
Crystal Palace	9	1	3	0	6	5	1	2	2	4	6	11
Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	2	2	1	8	4	0	2	3	5	9	10
Derby County	10	1	3	1	4	4	1	1	3	6	11	10
Stoke City	10	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	6	11	10
Portsmouth	10	1	2	2	6	7	1	1	3	7	10	9
Luton Town	10	1	1	3	6	9	1	2	2	2	4	9
Port Vale	10	0	2	3	3	8	1	2	2	4	5	7

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Tickets for the next home game against Southend United on Saturday 21st October will be on sale from Monday 9th October. This match is not all ticket.

The match against Norwich City at Carrow Road is on Sunday 29th October, and all supporters travelling to this game are advised to buy a ticket in advance from the ticket office as this game is all ticket to our supporters. Ticket prices are £10 no concessions and will be available from Monday 9th October. Coach prices are not available at the time of going to press, contact the ticket office for details.

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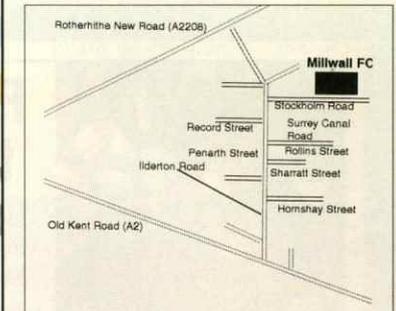
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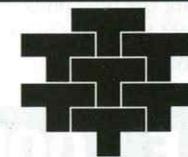
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"And that's just six points from a possible fifteen for Tranmere Rovers". Most people would assume that had come at the end of a report from any English location you care to mention where they play First. However it came, of course, last Saturday after the Hatters arch rivals had done us good and proper. Six from fifteen is not promotion form in anyone's book, certainly not mine. (Would it be in a colouring book?).

Is it that the players have been lulled into a false of security over the last few years, when to turn up in the club blazer at 1pm, white shirt at 3pm, blazer and pint in the Prenton Suite at 5pm would get the three points?

True, last Saturday, the EJs came to defend in number and hit us on the break. It's just that without Moggy, and then The (PFA) Chairman, we couldn't get behind them. The Man of Steel talks in the *Daily Post* of a temporary setback, but is it? We're already in October, and we've only got one league win at Prenton, a fortunate one at that.

We missed the strength and aerial power of Aar Shaun at the back, and the continued lack of someone up front to hold the ball up, Steel Style. God and Mr Bennett are getting the goals, but the defence isn't getting a break when they clear because neither of them is a Big Jim. That's who we are in desperate need of, someone who can 'maypole' (©JK) on the halfway line. I won't name names at this stage to fit the bill as I'm sure Super Hario is already on the case!

Super Surfing

Greetings to Liam Madden, Steve Austin, John Ball, Steve Bailey and Ralph Higham. They it is who produce WHOSH, or rather Worldwide Hatters On the Super Highway: <http://mkn.co.uk/help/extra/people/ltfc> They claim to be one of the largest club sites on the net, and they do have a lot of stuff, including a complete history, player info, and an array of video and audio clips to provide a different view of the games. The thing I missed most was the 'alternative view'. There wasn't an editorial or email page, and whilst they try and maintain independent from the club, I wonder just how they can with 'contracts' covering the two local radio stations, one local paper, the club's own PR man, and even the Chairman. It's just missing that cutting edge. It's still worth a visit, if only to relive David Pleat's dance across the Maine pitch. And while you're surfing, don't forget The Tranmere Tarantula at <http://www.connect.org.uk/merseyworld/tarantula> - PHIL MOSS

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Journey: Always a bit a bum number - but gives us the chance to watch a few films. Nice weather - only ran into traffic coming up to Newbury.

Access to stadium: The ground is surrounded by houses - so the entrances are all up somebodies street. Quite a walk to the away end.

Impressions of ground: No change from last time - still more standing than seats. Oh, and the little lad who brings a milk crate to stand on - and his packed lunch, is still there.

Admission price for visitors: Away fans £8.00, no concessions. Home fans, ground £8.00, £5.00 concessions, Stands - between £11.00-£15.00.

Programme Price: £1.50. An average production - wasn't very up to date - it still had Shaun Teale in the team.

Treatment of visiting fans by Police, Stewards and Officials: Stewards were heavy handed - Police were OK, escort of sorts at the end - stopped traffic at junctions for us.

Attitude of home fans: Never really got going - still have the bell and the bugle though.

Atmosphere during game: Good -

obviously got better once Paul Walsh touched the ball.

Size of support and position in ground: Approx. 300. Official Coach, 1 Mini Bus, plenty of southern fans. We were behind one goal on terrace and adjacent stand. Great turnout for such a long trip and certainly outsang the home supporters for long periods.

Was there any pre-match or half time entertainment: There were dancers before hand - also the traditional Pompey Sailor walking round.

View of game: Good - Again the terrace, so higher up the better view - hard to see far corner from stand, though.

Standard of toilets: Male - OK, Female - one toilet, smelly.

Food and drink quality/price: Coffee 75p, tea 65p, hot chocolate 70p, coke at £1.00. "Scandalous". Burgers £1.90, "just as scandalous but more burnt". Meat and potato pastie (minus any meat). £1.35 - OK.

What kit did Rovers play in: All white

Rovers performance and Man of the Match: Really put the formation to good effect, some great performances - especially by players called in to cover suspensions and injuries - but above all a very hard working game by everyone. MOTM -

so hard! Most players got some votes - so it was very close - but Pat Nevin just got in on coach one with Gary Jones and Danny Coyne close behind.

Home teams performance and best player: Not the same footballing team you expect from Portsmouth - most moves were intended to end with Paul Walsh - who to be fair hasn't had time to settle in M.O.T.M. - Paul Hall.

Referee: D. Orr (Bucks), 8/10 - first season on league list. Good - made his decisions and stuck to them - fair to both sides.

Excitement rating: 9/10 - Smug mode.

Goal times: 56 - Pat Nevin header from a Kenny Irons cross.

62 - Amazing Gary Bennett header from edge of the box - nearly took the roof off the net! Good work from Gary Jones - holding up the ball and four men before crossing.

Final Thoughts: We have finally broken the 11th commandment "thou shalt get stuffed at Portsmouth!" We travelled down on a Selwyns Coach which tenders for National Express, meaning we had a place and numbers board on the front - and we could travel back to Wirral with "Birkenhead 2-0" on the front.

-Sue Adams

When Southend arrive at Prenton Park on October 21st it will be precisely six months since their last visit. Few will need reminding of the significance of the 2-0 defeat we suffered in that match.

If one result can turn a season that was it. The air of impregnability at fortress Prenton, was shattered as a run of nine consecutive home league wins came to an end. The subsequent draws against Wolves and Middlesbrough and the Play-Off defeat by Reading served only to emphasise the point.

That of course is all history now and in the intervening period Southend supporters have seen a few changes at Roots Hall. The most notable is the appointment of Ronnie Whelan to the Managers chair following the departure of Steve Thompson to Notts County. Officially tagged Player/Manager Whelan has only figured in Southend's opening game of the season. A knee operation kept him out early on, and he has chosen to keep his replacement Paul Byrne, a £50,000 summer buy from Celtic, in the side.

Following a slow start to the season to the Shrimper's have hit a purple patch. Three consecutive league victories including an impressive 3-1 win at Leicester have moved them from the bottom three into the top half of the table.

It is surely significant that this run has coincided with the introduction into the side of record signing Mike Marsh. A £500,000 cheque secured his signature from Graeme Souness's Galatasary where a summer move had not quite worked out. The signing of Marsh represents quite a coup for Southend and no doubt the Liverpool connection had a large part to play.

In their last nine league games Southend have not conceded more than one goal, while last weeks nightmare aside, our own defence has been equally as mean. A tight hard fought game seems in prospect.

DAVE KNOTT

NEXT at Prenton



SOUTHEND
United

Wed 16 Aug	Leeds United	2-3 (Woods, Moore)
Wed 23 Aug	Oldham Athletic	3-1 (Morrissey, Kenworthy, Moore)
Thurs 31 Aug	Newcastle United	3-3 (Jones 2, Mungall)
Tues 5 Sept	Everton	p-p
Mon 18 Sep	Birmingham City	1-2 (Moore)
Wed 27 Sept	Nottingham Forest	1-2 (Moore)
Thurs 5 Oct	Notts County	
Wed 11 Oct	Sheffield Wednesday	
Tues 17 Oct	Sheffield United	
Wed 25 Oct	Derby County	
Tues 31 Oct	Stoke City	
Wed 15 Nov	West Brom	
Thurs 23 Nov	Liverpool	
Wed 29 Nov	Manchester United	
Tues 5 Dec	Birmingham City	
Wed 13 Dec	Nottingham Forest	
Wed 20 Dec	Bolton Wanderers	
Wed 3 Jan	Blackburn Rovers	
Mon 8 Jan	Wolves	
Wed 17 Jan	Oldham Athletic	
Wed 24 Jan	Leeds United	
Wed 31 Jan	Everton	
Mon 5 Feb	Newcastle United	
Wed 14 Feb	Wolves	
Wed 21 Feb	West Brom	
Tues 5 Mar	Stoke City	
Wed 13 Mar	Blackburn Rovers	
Tues 19 Mar	Bolton Wanderers	
Wed 27 Mar	Notts County	
Tues 9 Apr	Sheffield Wednesday	
Tues 16 Apr	Derby County	
Wed 24 Apr	Sheffield United	
Wed 1 May	Manchester United	
Wed 8 May	Liverpool	

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Newcastle United	8	4	2	2	16	12	14
Liverpool	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
Birmingham City	7	4	0	3	14	17	12
Sheff Wednesday	6	3	2	1	17	11	11
Oldham Athletic	7	3	2	2	14	10	11
Wolves	7	3	2	2	10	7	11
Notts County	7	3	1	3	20	16	10
Leeds United	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Everton	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Man United	5	2	2	1	8	6	8
Sheff United	7	1	4	2	8	9	7
Stoke City	6	2	1	3	6	10	7
Derby County	5	1	3	1	6	7	6
Nottingham Forest	6	2	0	4	6	11	6
Bolton Wanderers	6	1	3	2	5	11	6
TRANMERE ROVERS	5	1	1	3	10	11	4
Blackburn Rovers	6	0	3	3	6	9	3
West Brom	6	0	1	5	3	15	1

ROVERS RESERVES1
NOTTS FOREST RESERVES2

Rovers lost their way in front of goal in this Pontins League Division One clash at Prenton Park watched by a 802 gate.

It left them still without a home win and in the wrong half of the table.

They did not enjoy a lot of luck on the night as the ball rarely seemed to run kindly for them. Jon Kenworthy struck the bar three minutes before half-time. A goal then could well have set them on the victory path.

Instead Forest came out in the second-half to grab the lead within two minutes and there was to be no way back for the home outfit.

Kingsley Black, who has subsequently gone on loan to Millwall, proved a key figure for the visitors and it was Eric Nixon who had to make most of the saves.

Rovers had a good enough opening and Ian Moore headed them in front in the eight minute from a cross by John Morrissey.

But Forest began to look threatening and Black fired them level in the 34th minute with a left foot shot from just outside the box when set up by Scott Gemmell.

Steve Howe was given all the space he required to head in a cross by Paul McGregor in the 47th minute but Rovers began to battle although leaving themselves a little exposed at the back.

Moore put an effort over and Billy Woods was unlucky to see a header deflected just the wrong side of the post. Gary Jones missed the target when he should have done better and then miscued in injury time when given a great opportunity from a poor back pass.

It summed up the situation on the night for Rovers who should have fallen further behind in the 77th minute when Alf Haaland was put in the clear from a poor back pass by Dave Challinor.

But Nixon came off his line to make one of several crucial blocks.

ROVERS" Nixon, Morgan, Rogers, Higgins, Challinor, Edwards (Scott 80), Morrissey, Moore, Jones, Kenworthy, Woods. Subs: Mahon, Hughes.

Next action at the Birkenhead ground is on Wednesday evening against Sheffield Wednesday (7pm). Support would be appreciated.

Andrew Stratton

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Congratulations to Sarah Stubbs who is the winner of our competition to be a mascot for one of Tranmere's next home matches.

Sarah, who is ten years old, is a big Rovers fan and lives in Mold in North Wales.

It just goes to show that the super whites have supporters all over the place.

Sarah was picked out of the hat after answering correctly that Chris Malkin's new team is nicknamed 'The Lions' (Millwall).

Thanks to all the other Tranmere fans that entered - better luck next time.

Keep reading my column in the programme and your Wirral News to find out about more competitions.

Enjoy the game!

Bertie Badger

Today's mascot



Name: Anthony Baxter
Age: Eleven
School: Wirral Grammar School
Favourite Player: Tony Thomas
Most Memorable game: Aston Villa, Coca Cola Cup Semi Final at Prenton Park

Here's Bertie's regular halt time quiz for Tranmere Rovers young fans. Remember - no help from mum or dad is allowed.

1. What is the nickname of today's opponents?
2. Which Rovers player had his birthday last Wednesday?
3. Who scored a hat trick when Luton played at Prenton Park last season?

Answers:
1. The Hatters
2. Eric Nixon, 3. John Aldridge



Injury TIME

Imagine the setting, Pat Nevin balancing a paperback copy of War and Peace on his knee as he tries to concentrate on chapter 486 with Tony Thomas pestering him to turn the pages till he gets to the dirty pictures, Liam

O'Brien and Steve Mungall muttering to each other in the most unrecognisable combination of Gaelic accents you have ever heard, John Aldridge looking at Ray Mathias on one of the couches and moaning about being in at 9.30 and still not having been treated and Shaun Garnett getting aggressive over having to have his weight taken because he is feeling rebellious, that's about as rebellious as Shaun gets. Add to this another half a dozen pro's wanting treatment for minor knocks and pulls, several wanting strappings and rubs for training and numerous YT lads constantly knocking at the door to ask when they can be seen. To cap the lot, Dave Higgins comes in and starts taking the mickey out of Ray Mathias's bare buttocks leaving everybody rolling about with references to being able to park his bike in the slot.

It sounds like a scene out of One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, but it's actually Monday morning in the treatment room. When it's like this, it's a bit like having

to combine the skills of a juggler, a psychologist and a kindergarten nanny and nothing like being a physio. Everybody was in first and so wants seeing first.

Pat had had to come off in the Watford game with damage to his thigh and a bad knock to the side of his knee. It is only Monday today, so we're a little unsure how bad it is, we will just have to wait and see. Aldo has been suffering from a slight groin pull for a couple of weeks now and is giving it a rest today before making a decision on the Oldham game. Liam's groin is well on the way to fully mending and hopefully, he will be in the reckoning for today. Mungy underwent surgery to his stomach earlier today, he hasn't told anybody but he has got the old man's problem, prostate gland enlargement. The sooner he is back the better, the reserves are missing him. Dave Higgins has been receiving extensive treatment for a shoulder injury in an attempt to keep him on the pitch and out of the treatment room.

A number of fans have mentioned that they have noticed Gary Stevens and Shaun Garnett playing with knee straps on, (they obviously watch the first team and the reserves). These straps merely give a bit of extra support to damaged ligaments and so allow return to playing a bit earlier than usual. I am not a great fan of playing with strappings on, but sometimes needs must.

Hoping there is nothing to report next time.

Les Parry

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Whatever happened to...?

Carol Dalziel tracks down the heroes of yesteryear . . . RALPH MILLINGTON

The last time Ralph Millington visited Prenton Park was for its official opening last season, when he took part in the parade of past players formerly. He had graced these parts for 13 seasons, having signed as an amateur from Neston Nomads in 1948, turned professional in 1950 and finally left to join Ellesmere Port on a free transfer in 1961. Ralph began as a right half, but eventually took over from Harold Bell at centre half; he made 357 first team appearances and captained the side.

Even national service did not keep him away from Tranmere – although stationed at Lichfield, he travelled back each week in order to play.

Ralph was rewarded in 1959 for his sterling service by a benefit match against Tom Finney's Preston North End. Largely due to his friendship with former Rovers' colleague Noel Kelly, he spent the last five years of his footballing career at Ellesmere Port, where Kelly was manager, a possible move to



Ballymena having fallen through.

A joiner by profession, Ralph picked up the threads of this career while part-time at "The Port", and when he retired completely from the game in 1967, took joinery up full time. 28 years on, he is still in this profession, with no thoughts of retirement yet.

Most of his work has been in the building trade and in the local region of Cheshire, Merseyside and North Wales.

Ralph claims to be very impressed with the new look ground, and admires the way in which this Rovers team play. He still misses playing, and, understandably, wishes he was in his prime today, even though he didn't watch any matches for years after his retirement, and appreciates that the pressure on players is far greater now. He has every confidence that Tranmere can – and should reach the Premier League.

Ralph still lives in Heswall, where he has been since he married his wife Margaret. They have one daughter.

Euro 96 Comes To Liverpool

With eight months still to go to next summer's European Championship finals, nearly two thirds of the tickets have already been allocated – even though the identity of England's 15 challengers for glory is still unknown.

Naturally enough, booking has been heaviest for Wembley, where England will be based for their three first group games, but the big rush to snap up the remaining seats at other grounds, including Anfield is expected to begin once the draw is made on December 19.

And of course there will be a tasty appetiser for Merseyside fans the previous week, when the two runners-up with the poorest record in the qualifying competition play off for the last final place at Anfield.

Looking back 30 years, it is interesting to compare the situation with that in 1966, when England last hosted a major international competition, and Goodison played host to some of the finest teams in the world.

There is nothing new in all this, and come next May attention will doubtless switch back to the national team, but it does provide something of a contrast with the situation leading up to England's last assignment as international hosts, the 1966 World Cup.

Then as now England had no need to qualify for the finals, but in those distant days far fewer clubs were involved in Europe, and hardly any foreign stars were domiciled over here.

The maximum wage had been terminated relatively recently, and even the Bobby Charltons, Bobby Moores and Gordon Banks had yet to achieve cult status.

A complete set of centre stand tickets for 10 matches at Goodison, Old Trafford and Wembley, taking in group games, quarter and semi-finals, third place final and the final itself could be bought for £25, though of course inflation meant that was worth much the same as several hundred pounds today.

Interestingly, Goodison Park was rated second only to Wembley in 1966, with five games including a semifinal. Next summer, Goodison will not even be among the eight grounds used, preference having been given to neighbouring Anfield and Old Trafford.

Then as now, many people wondered why England were so keen to act as hosts, until the tournament actually got under way. But once it did, the situation altered dramatically, with whole communities 'adopting' virtually unknown sides like North Korea and revelling in the performances of players like

Pele, Albert and Eusebio.

The contest at Goodison between Brazil and Hungary, ending in a 3-1 victory for the latter has passed into history, and if Euro 96 sees even one game anything like as good it will be fortunate.

Looking back, it is interesting to see that the man always associated with England's triumph, Geoff Hurst, played in none of England's early group games, and that it was he rather than Roger Hunt, who kept Jimmy Greaves on the bench in the latter rounds

Sir Alf Ramsey, England's manager, is well known for playing a side of so-called wingless wonders, but

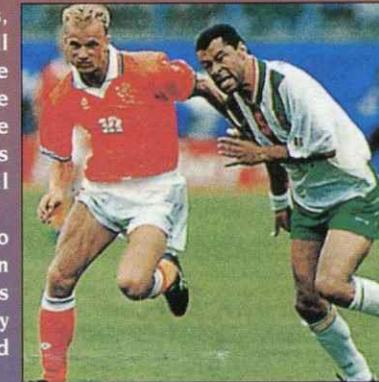
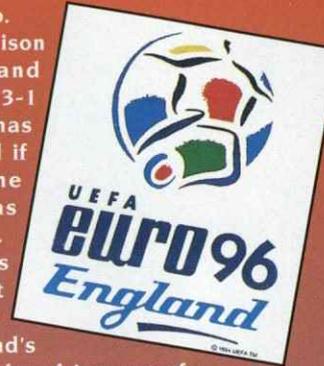
at least three of those valuable specialists did feature in the preliminary round. Liverpool's Mister Dependable, Ian Callaghan, turned out in the 2-0 triumph over France, in which his Liverpool team mate Roger Hunt scored both goals from his passes.

Burnley winger John Connelly also played in England's opening match, a drab 0-0 draw with Uruguay, and then Southampton's Terry Paine was given his chance against Mexico, before Ramsey decided to rely on Alan Ball and Martin Peters.

Next summer Scotland seem sure to be challenging alongside England, and there is still a good chance that Eire, fielding many British-based players, hopefully including our own John Aldridge will be there too. In 1966 Ramsey's men had to stand alone, as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all finished runners-up in their qualifying groups, with Eire losing a play-off against Spain in a two country group. Inevitably Germany (then West Germany), Italy, Spain, and Portugal will be here again to thrill us with their skill. Popular outsiders in 1966 were North Korea, who not only humiliated the fancied Italians but led Portugal 3-0 at one stage in their quarter final.

Let's not forget Jack Charlton's jolly green giants from Ireland. Despite a recent dip in form they could easily be involved in the final play-off at Anfield in December, and would be sure to attract a huge following in the event of making the last 16. There's a lot to look forward to.

IAN HARGREAVES



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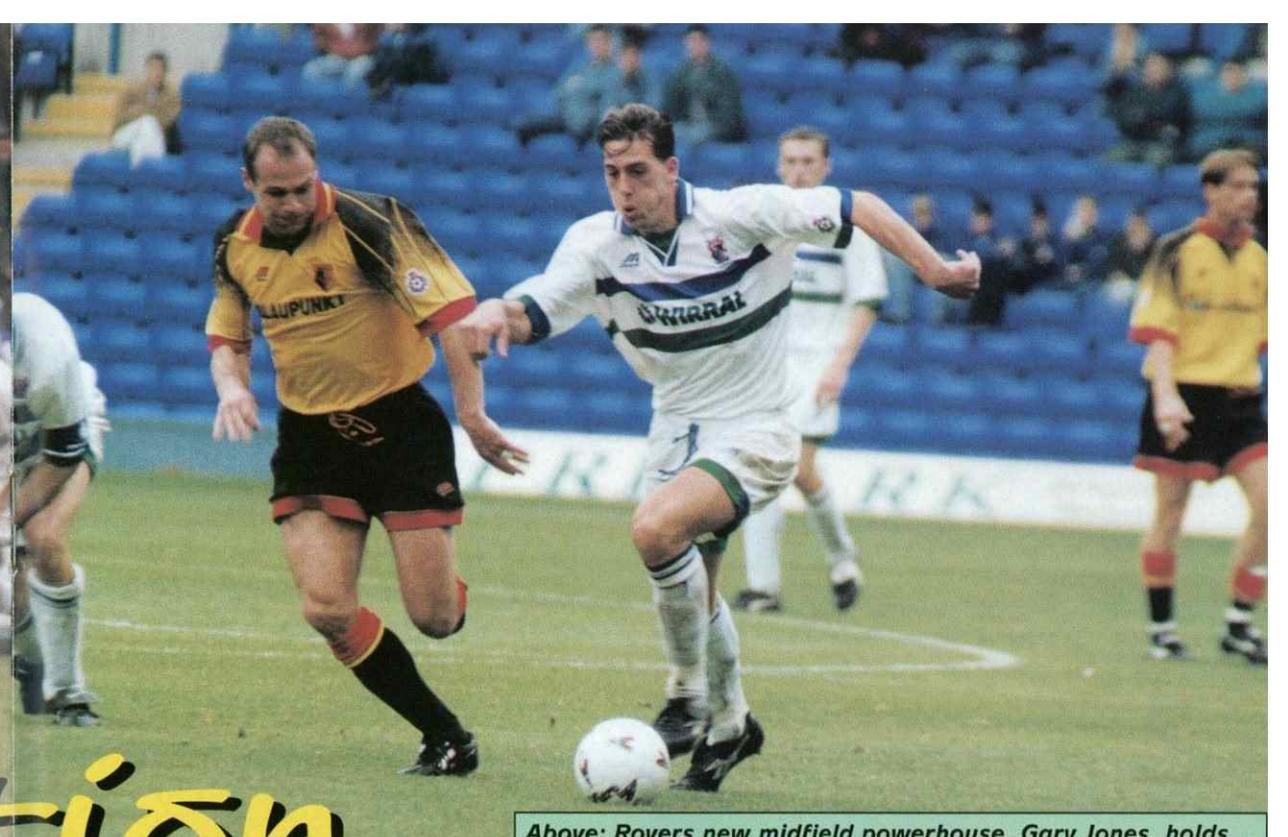
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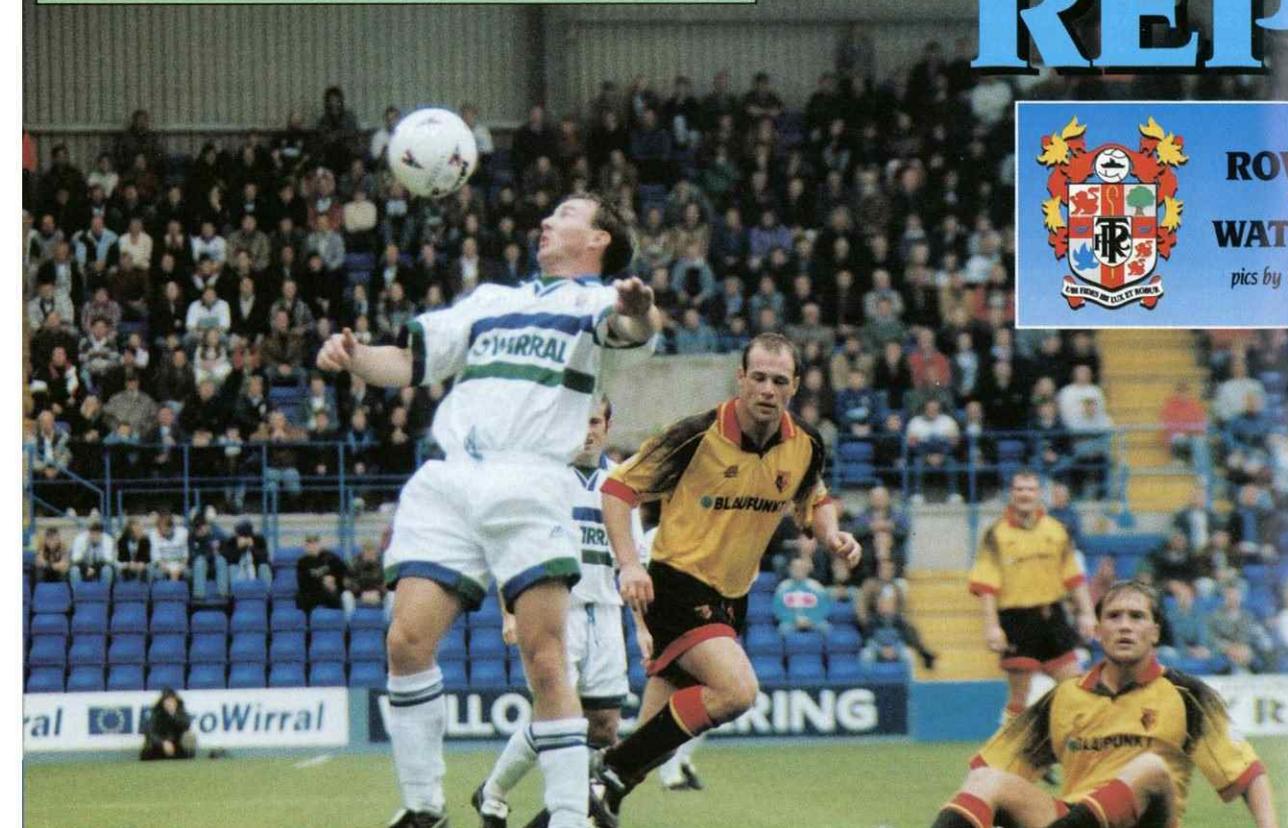


Above: It's 2-3 as Aldo and Jon Kenworthy go for the same ball but it's Aldo's goal.
Below: Kenny Irons brings the ball under control with perfect chest trap.

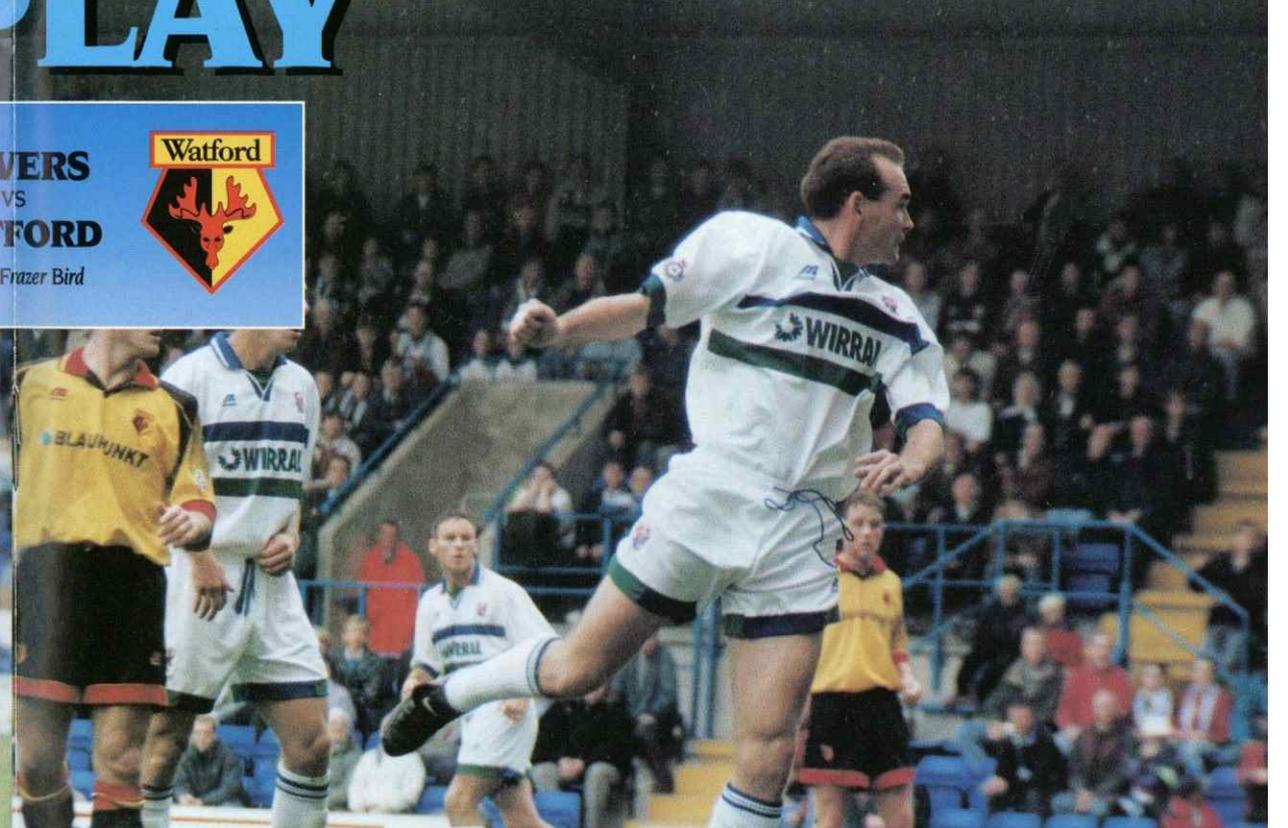


Above: Rovers new midfield powerhouse, Gary Jones, holds off a Watford defender.
Below: Like a bullet! Gary Bennett's header from Tony Thomas' cross makes it 1-1.

Action REPLAY



ROVERS
vs
WATFORD
pics by Frazer Bird



LUTON Town

As with W*****d last week (this is the Bedfordshire spelling!), the Hatters have not had the start to the season that they would have hoped for whilst lounging on the sun drenched beaches of Bognor Regis. Indeed last weeks 3-1 win over Portsmouth was only their second league win of the season, and their first at Kenilworth Road. Needless to say they have got things back on course just in time to meet us.

With Luton's other win coming away from home (at Southend's Roots Hall) the mighty whites are going to have to work hard to make sure of the three points this time.

The times they are a changing down at Kenilworth Road. First of all David Pleat leaves for pastures blue and white in Sheffield. A respected tactician no-one would want to deny the man his second chance at the big time. Notwithstanding that it was a surprise that he chose to leave. When you think of Luton you think of Pleat.

He has been replaced by one Terry Westley who took over the job in July this year. I don't know much about him, but one thing that is for sure is that he has got his head screwed on and immediately acquired the services of the vastly experienced Mick McGiven as his right hand man.

Also leaving the home of the Hatters since last we met have Paul Telfer (£1.5 million to Coventry), Jurgen Sommer to QPR (£500,000), Tony Adcock (free to Colchester); Junior Campbell (free to Barnet); Greg-son-of-Rioch (free to Peterborough); Martin Williams (free to Reading) and David Preece who finally ended up at Derby on a free.

Such a clear out necessitated some incoming transfers. Foremost among these was the £750,000 tribunal set capture of classy centre back Steve Davis from Burnley. This is, I am reliably informed, Luton's record transfer paid. Also joining the Bedfordshire cause are David Oldfield (£150,000 from Leicester); Graham Alexander

(£100,000 from sunny Scunny), Bontcho Guentchev (free from Ipswich); Gavin Johnson (free from Ipswich), Nathan Jones (£10,000 from Merthyr Tydfil) and, reportedly, the trial signing of one Pasquale Bruno from Como. I cannot confirm if he is still in situ. In addition, following the recent sale Jurgen Sommer to QPR, Mr Westley has acquired the custodial services of Ian Feuer on loan from West Ham.

Feue a 6'7" American from Las Vegas will provide the last line of defence today. Despite being unable to unseat Miklosko, Feuer has experience in Belgian football and from a short loan period at Peterborough last season. I anticipate at least a back four consisting of Graham Alexander, Trevor Peake, Steve Davis and Marvin Johnson.

Luton have a power packed, fast moving midfield in Ceri Hughes, Johnny Vilstrup, a recent £175,000 signing from Lyngby and a free kick specialist, Dwight Marshall and the highly rated former England Youth international, Richard Harvey. Should Vilstrup fail to overcome a knock from last weekends efforts expect the vastly experienced Gary Waddock to fill in.

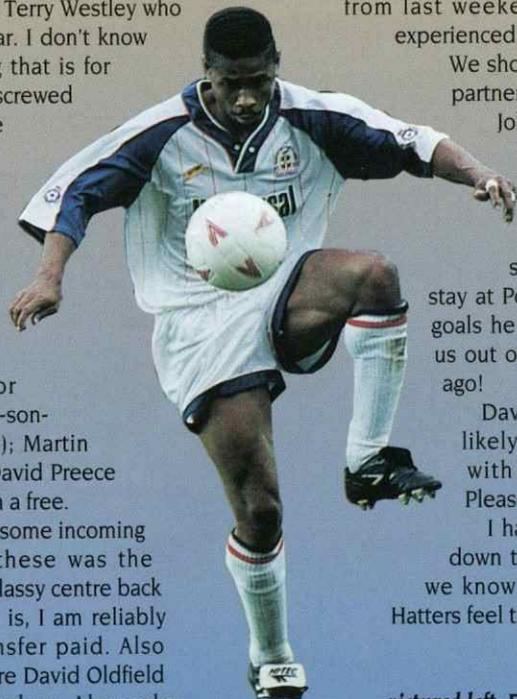
We should have been seeing the striking partnership of former Bristol Rovers man, John Taylor and Bontcho Guentchev today. However Taylor has had to undergo surgery and will be out for sometime. Bontcho the Bulgarian did not take the scoring charts by storm during his stay at Portman Road. However one of the goals he did score was here and knocked us out of the FA Cup a couple of seasons ago!

David Oldfield and Julian James are likely to be keeping the bench warm with Waddock if Vilstrup makes it. Please note no reserve goalie.

I had a lousy weekend last week, all down to 45 minutes of not competing as we know we can. Here's hoping that the Hatters feel the backlash today.

Allen Price

pictured left: Dwight Marshall



SCOTT OAKES is often hailed as Luton's most exciting player. There is every danger he could prove it today.

The versatile 23 year old has been out of action all season with a calf injury picked up in a friendly.

But after a week's intensive training, he's set to make his long awaited comeback at Prenton Park.

Brian Swayne, sports editor of the Luton News, has watched and knows a thing or two about Oakes potential potency.

He has watched every single one of his senior games and warns Tranmere to be on their guard today.

"He has been waiting to get back into action so I would expect him to be on fire," he said.

"Scott is exciting in terms of being a crowd pleaser. His big strength is his ability to go forward and take players on.

"He can also go past people with devastating effect and has a knack of scoring spectacular goals. He does not go for tap ins."

His goal scoring feats thrust him into the limelight two seasons ago when Luton went on to a remarkable FA Cup run that took them all the way to a dream Wembley Semi Final.

He made the headlines with a sensational hat trick that sent West Ham crashing out in a thrilling quarter final replay.

"He can score incredible goals, there's no doubt about that," added Brian Swayne. "And he also responds to the big occasion.

"He can also be a bit frustrating at times, but more often than not he entertains".

Oakes could be asked to perform a more conservative role behind Luton's front two today.

"The manager, Terry Westley, fancies him in that position".

"But another of his strengths is his versatility. He can play on the wing, in midfield or even in attack.

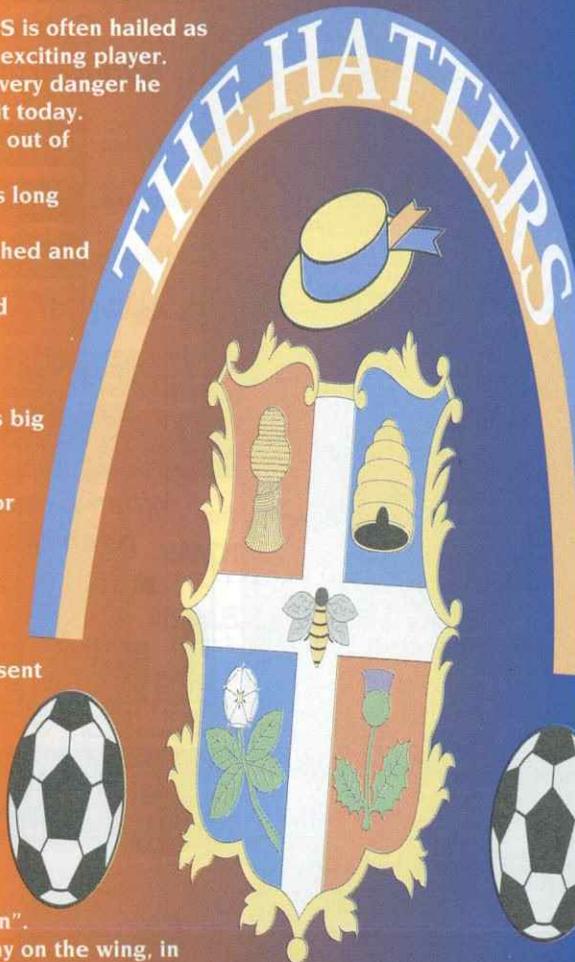
"When David Pleat was at Luton, he even played at full back although that was a waste of his talent.

"He would probably prefer, though to be behind the attackers and it could work to devastating effect.

"He holds up play and is good at running at the opposition before laying off the ball to other players".

Garry Doolan

ONE on ONE



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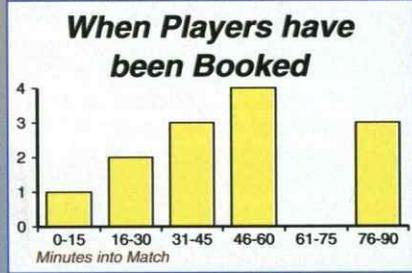
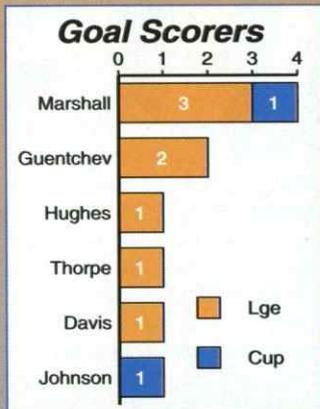
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Most Appearances: Bob Morton 550 (1948-64)
 Most Goals in a career: Gordon Turner 265 (1949-64)
 Record Transfer received: £2.5m from Arsenal for John Hartson
 Record Transfer paid: £750,000 to Burnley for Steve Davis
 Biggest Victory: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers 1936
 Biggest Defeat: 0-9 v Birmingham 1898
 Most goals in a match: 10 — Joe Payne 1936
 Most goals in a season: 58 Joe Payne 1936-37
 Most capped player: Mal Donaghy (N.I.) 58
 Oldest player: Dally Duncan 39
 Youngest player: Mike O'Hara 16

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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	1991-95



TERRY WESTLEY (Manager)

Took over as manager in July this year after serving as youth team coach since 1991. Once a youth team

player with Ipswich, he left to play non league football with Bury Town and Diss Town, where he became player manager. Returned to Ipswich in 1988 to run the club's school of excellence.

GRAHAM ALEXANDER Age 24
 Career Apps/Goals 156 (10) / 18
 Midfielder signed from Scunthorpe for £100,000 this July. Former Scunthorpe trainee who made his league debut in 1991.

KELVIN DAVIS Age 19
 Career Apps/Goals 14 / nil
 A former Luton trainee. Made league debut two seasons ago and enjoyed a run in goal at the start of this season.

STEVE DAVIS Age 26
 Career Apps/Goals 190 (5) / 16
 Central defender signed from Burnley for £750,000 in July. Limited to a few outings in Southampton's senior team, he spent loan spells with Burnley and Notts County before making a full transfer to Burnley in 1991.

IAN FEUER Age 24
 Career Apps/Goals 20 / nil
 Goalkeeper Ian's original loan period from West Ham runs out today though the club was hoping to extend it. Joined West Ham from La Salsa (U.S.A.) last season when he also went on loan to Peterborough.

BONTCHO GUENTCHEV Age 31
 Career Apps/Goals 46 (25) / 6
 Signed on free transfer from Ipswich this August, has now taken over as the Hatters penalty taker. Striker, capped on three occasions by Bulgaria, previously played for

Sporting Lisbon and Ipswich.

RICHARD HARVEY Age 26
 Career Apps/Goals 113 (18) / 3
 Former apprentice who made league debut in 1986/87 season. Spent early days as defender but playing in midfield this season. Has also played for Blackpool on loan.

CERI HUGHES Age 24
 Career Apps/Goals 106 (16) / 13
 Former trainee who made league debut in 1990. Capped by Wales on four occasions and has also played for Wales "B". Midfielder.

JULIAN JAMES Age 25
 Career Apps/Goals 184 (176) / 12
 Ex-Luton trainee introduced to first team in 1988. Later played on loan for Preston. Capped twice by the England under 21s.

MARVIN JOHNSON Age 26
 Career Apps/Goals 164 (11) / 4
 Defender who served his apprenticeship at Kenilworth Road and came through for league debut in 1988.

DWIGHT MARSHALL Age 30
 Career Apps/Goals 138 (18) / 40
 Striker signed from Plymouth for £150,000 in July 1994. Top scorer with 13 goals last season, now leads the way with four. Previously played for Middlesbrough on loan.

DAVID OLDFIELD Age 27
 Career Apps/Goals 226 (43) / 42

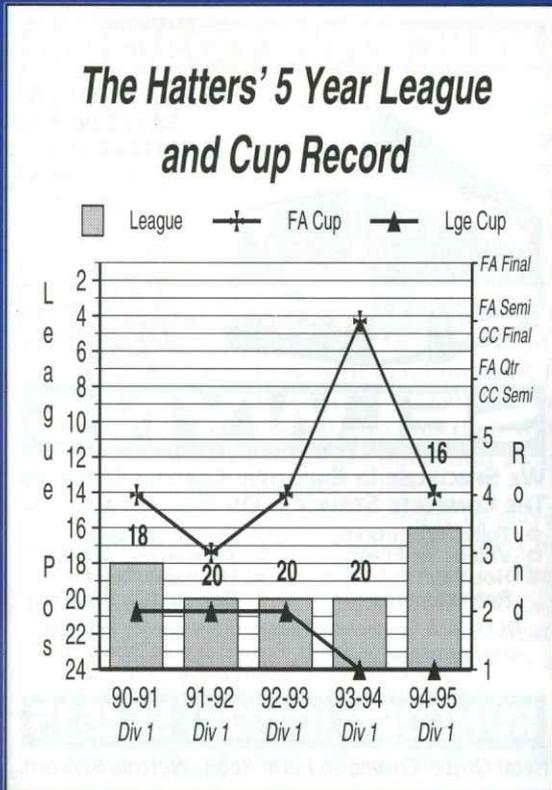
Started second spell with Luton following £150,000 transfer from Leicester this July. Midfielder who opened career with Luton, then served Manchester City, Leicester and Millwall (loan). Capped once by England under 21s.

TREVOR PEAKE Age 38
 Career Apps/Goals 613 (4) / 13
 Signed from Coventry for £100,000 in August 1991. Defender played twice for the England semi professionals in his Nuneaton days. Later played for Lincoln and Coventry, winning FA Cup winners medal with the Sky Blues in 1987.

JOHN TAYLOR Age 30
 Career Apps/Goals 279 (28) / 104
 Striker signed from Bradford for £200,000 last March. Served Colchester and Sudbury before getting league chance with Cambridge. Later moved to Bristol Rovers.

JOHNNY VILSTRUP Age 26
 Career Apps/Goals 4 / nil
 Midfielder who joined Luton from Lyngby for £175,000 last month. Quickly settled into team.

GARY WADDOCK Age 33
 Career Apps/Goals 363 (23) / 12
 Midfielder capped on 20 occasions by Republic of Ireland. Joined the Hatters on free transfer from Bristol Rovers in September 1994. Previously played for QPR, Cherleroi, Millwall, QPR and Swindon (loan).



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The winner of the competition in the Oldham programme was Mrs Margaret Parry of Ridgewood Drive, Pensby for the following gem. "So you are 92 then - do you fancy a three year contract!" - Sorry boss!



TEN TO TACKLE ANSWERS FROM PAGE 29

1. Brondby, 2. Andy Dibble, 3. Dwight Yorke, 4. Ray Harford/David Pleat, 5. Tony Grant, 6. Man City, 7. Southampton, 8. Glenn Hoddle, 9. Billy Bingham, 10. Haig Avenue, Southport.

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Kenny Jones Spills the Beans...

on life at Prenton Park!

Who is the biggest 'moaner' around the club and what is his main gripe?

Ronnie Moore when we play 5 A'sides with the YTS lads. They are terrified. He moans at who ever referees the game.

Who do you share a room with on away trips and does he have any habits that annoy you?

Ronnie Moore - snores all night and keeps me awake.

From what you've heard, who wouldn't you wish to share with?

Les Parry, because he's up at 4.30 every morning.

Which player tends to spend the most time in front of the mirror?

Ian Moore

Who gets most 'stick' on the training ground and why?

The 'Dooug' when he



comes up to training with his bottle of cider.

Who wouldn't you play cards with?

Ronnie Moore because he cheats.

Which player is last to the bar when it comes to paying for a round?

None of the lads drink, they are all teetotal!

What's the best 'micky take' you've ever seen and who was on the receiving end of it?

When myself, Ian Muir and Eric Nixon went to Ireland to do some coaching. We sent Nicko home to get his passport!

Who has the worst fashion sense and why?

Pat Nevin, when he dressed up as a cave woman

Which one of the bosses' sayings gets on your nerves?

It doesn't really annoy me but I don't know how he manages to restrain himself from swearing during teamtalks (honest!)

Who spends most time on the treatment table?

Ronnie Moore. We've got his name on it.

Which player makes you laugh most?

Gary Bennett when he takes off Marlon Brando in the Godfather.

Games against Luton have a habit of producing goals with Rovers netting eight in the last two seasons at Prenton Park. And yet you couldn't say with hand on heart that Luton had been outclassed on either occasion. Last season Aldo scored a hat-trick inside nine minutes to end their resistance and he also scored against the Hatters home and away during 1993-94. They must hate the sight of him!

In terms of connections only a couple of players have served both clubs in recent years, goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain and striker John Seaman in the mid-seventies. There is one other interesting connection. When Bunny Bell scored a record nine F.L. goals in 1935 his record was beaten only three months later by Luton's Joe Payne with TEN and that is the F.L. individual scoring record even today.

HEAD TO HEAD ROVERS v LUTON TOWN

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	8	5	0	3	16	12
Away	8	1	1	6	6	17
Total	16	6	1	9	22	29

LANDMARKS

First Meeting: 5 Nov 1938 (H) 2-3

Last Home Win: 4-2 1994-95

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: March 18, 1995 -

Luton 2, Tranmere 0. Leaders Tranmere crashed to a shock defeat at Kenilworth Road, Julian James and Wayne Biggins underlining our poor form

ROVERS In Retrospect



Today is a special day for the Prenton Pups as they play host to the Junior Hatters from Luton, providing pre match entertainment and lunch at Victoria Park prior to coming to Prenton Park for the match. Thanks to Eddie Carpenter, Barrie England, their wives and helpers from the Victoria Colts for their hospitality and buffet lunch. We trust that the Junior Hatters enjoy their day and have a safe journey home. However perhaps not as much as the Junior Hornets last week who buzzed away from Prenton Park as happy as bees round a pot of honey.



Craig Bamber, our mascot at Stoke City is pictured here with two members of the local constabulary.

Did you wonder why there was a mixture of boos and cheers as Gary Stevens was shown the yellow card against Watford? Well the cheer could have come from eight year old Daniel Loughman who won a £5 MacDonalds voucher in the Kennel Match Day Competition, "Name the first Tranmere player to be booked". Dave Higgins son Matthew popped in to try his luck but didn't guess correctly. To make it harder we only run this competition when Higgy's not playing!

Special birthday wishes today go to Kevin McCormac and Lydia Stokes. On the player front Eric Nixon celebrated his 33rd birthday last Wednesday and Dave Challinor was 20 last Monday. Eric may still not have the No 1 jersey today despite it being an international week for Danny Coyne, promoted to understudy to Neville Southall in the full Welsh squad. Judging by Eric's ball skills, straight out of the Frank Worthington book of coaching, before the Watford game he is obviously hoping to get a chance outfield as he displayed his talents in the white no 13 shirt.

The item in the Watford programme concerning steward, or is it stewardess, Kelly

Jackson is the type of story that should be publicised more. A heart warming tale of the good side of football supporters. Kelly was a member of the Prenton Pups in its formative years, she has gone on to be a valued asset to TRFC. Well done Kelly.

Other pups who have progressed beyond the age limit of 15 but still stay actively involved are Nicola Smith who works in the Club Shop on match days and Peter Gately who helps out at the Pups meetings with Player of the Month and in the Kennel. Nicola also helps at meetings and last season organised the sponsored tie ups scheme.

Finally keep an eye on another ex pup, young Perry Taylor. He has progressed through Tranmere's School of Excellence and was voted Player of the Tournament during a recent event. Best of luck Perry.

Les Sands

NOTICE BOARD

MILLWALL -

The coach has sold out.

Depart 7.30am to arrive Middy

Pre match hospitality and games - penalty competition. Prenton Pup Mascot. Report in next programme.

KENNEL -

Not today due to Junior Hatters visit back again v Southend

NEXT MEETING -

To be arranged in November. Details in the Wirral Globe

Prenton PUPS

The Formative YEARS

Undaunted, the Rovers' players organised a petition amongst the residents of nearby houses and got it signed to the effect they were little short of "angels" and quite the reverse of how they had been represented.

Eventually, the land owner and neighbouring residents backed down to leave Rovers on their newly acquired ground, which they then started to improve.

Each evening, a small group could be seen labouring on the site, removing mounds, rolling the grass and using all manner of borrowed tools to complete the work. All the players took turns, but Harry Sheridan and Alf Littler were said to have done more than their share.

By now interest in Association Football had gathered momentum to such an extent the various clubs decided it was time to band together and form Wirral Football Association.

Tranmere Rovers, as befitting one of the towns'

leading teams, were among the founder members who met at the Royal Castle Hotel, Tranmere Ferry on November 4th 1885.

Also present at the meeting called by The Tranmere FC (ex Tranmere Rovers) were Birkenhead Argyle, Birkenhead Rovers, Bromborough Pool, Claughton, Highfield, New Ferry, Seacombe St Pauls and Wallasey Village.

Within a month, the first Cup competition, known as the "Wirral Challenge Cup" had been inaugurated, but the draw gave Rovers a tough test against Argyle, the best team in the town, and they fell 2-1 at the first hurdle.

With around twenty players now wanting to play on Saturdays, the committee of Mr J Morgan, the Secretary, and Messrs T Wyld, E Fish and E Ward decided the time was right to form a second, "reserve" team which duly played its opening fixture against Brunswick Rovers, and won 1-0 on October 17th 1885.

TEN to tackle!

1. Which team will Liverpool play in the next round of the UEFA Cup?
2. Who kept goal for Luton when they beat Arsenal in the 1988 League Cup Final?
3. Who scored a Premiership goal after just 12 seconds last week?
4. Two former Luton managers are now in charge of Premiership clubs - can you name them?
5. Who scored his first goal for Everton against Rejkavik in this seasons European Cup Winners Cup?
6. Which is the only league side in the country without a league victory?
7. Against which side did Dennis Bergkamp score his first goals for Arsenal?
8. Which current Premiership manager scored the winning goal in the 1982 FA Cup Final?
9. Which former Everton Manager played for Luton in the 1959 FA Cup Final?
10. Where do Liverpool play their Pontins league home matches?

Answers on p26
Questions by Ian Kennedy

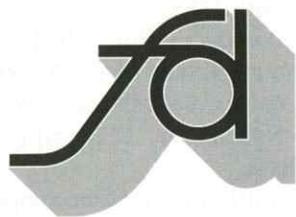


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Footyspeak For Foreigners

by
Ian Cotton

We told him not to do it, but you can't tell some people. We've all seen them in matchday programmes - those sad letters from some space cadet in an East European country. 'Hi, my name is Mit Yelaeh, I have a very great love for Tranmere Rovers and they are the best team ever in England. I want a metal badge the pennant of Ozdi Kohasz SE sportsclub'.

So my mate Tim actually decided to send a badge to the other side of the continent and before he knew it he'd made himself a pal for life. Not only did this Hungarian train spotter want to discuss Dougie Anderson's latest book on coaching techniques but he wanted to improve his English at the same time as he found it impossible to understand most of the terms used in the match reports from the Wirral Globe that he now expected to receive every week. So Tim did his best to answer all the questions in one letter which is reproduced below as a warning to you all.

'Dear Mit,

English players are not allowed to pick the ball up and run with - holding the ball up well refers to a striker and no, the club was not burgled at the weekend, we were robbed of the points in a game we should have won. No, Mr King does not keep parrots, although he may well have been a sailor once and yes, Tranmere do play eleven a side, it's just that Nevin and Aldridge are a little better known than the

rest. As for the other expressions you don't understand, I've done my best to make them a little clearer.

Committed (as in he should be because he's a psychopath), *cultured left foot* (he can't kick with his right), *the pace to trouble any defence* (usually his own as he invariably forgets to take the ball with him as he hurtles towards the corner flag), *wholehearted* (limited ability), *hardman* (would be in jail if he wasn't playing football), *strong in the air* (useless on the ground), *unsettled* (believes the rumour started in the Mersey Clipper that AC Milan are in for him) *well travelled* (has caused problems at every clubs he's been at) and *veteran* (past it).

A game of two halves (the teams took turns to be awful), *typical derby game* (no skill, but lots of running about), *full bloodied encounter* (plenty of fighting, no football), *ran his heart out* (didn't touch the ball), *played out of his skin* (not the usual rubbish we've all come to expect), *piledriver* (mishit pass from central defender which ends up in the back of the net) and *against the run of play* (the team actually capable of scoring does so).

It only takes a second to score a goal is just another footballing expression, and no, I can't remember a Rovers game ending up 5400-0.

Yours in sport
Tim



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1922 - 8,000 fans at Prenton Park see Tranmere grab a thrilling 0-0 draw in this Third Division North fixture against the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue.

1933 - A real local derby when New Brighton are the visitors, but Rovers secure both points, winning by 1 goal to nil. Bell is the scorer in front of a 10,491 crowd.

1950 - Tranmere travel up to Darlington for a Third Division North match, and thanks to a goal from Abe Rosenthal, manage a 1-1 draw. 8,650 spectators loon on.

1961 - Oh dear! In their first season in Division Four following relegation, Rovers are turned over 6-1 at Belle Vue by Doncaster Rovers. The consolation goal comes courtesy of Finney. The top selling 45 is Kon-Tiki by The Shadows.

1963 - "She Loves You" is the No 1 single and "Please Please Me" the best selling album - both, of course, by The Beatles - but things are not so buoyant on this side of the river. Still in Division Four, Tranmere entertain Hartlepool United, but lose 2-3 in front of 6,008 of the Prenton faithful. Jackson and Manning find the back of the net.

1967 - Promoted back to the Third Division, Rovers celebrate a 3-0 away win at Mansfield in the league. Williams, Pritchard and Stevens all score one apiece, and the crowd numbers 6,493. Engelbert Humperdinck is crooning "The Last Waltz" at No 1.

1968 - Mary Hopkins "Those Were The Days" is at the top of the charts - very true, as Tranmere enjoy a 3-0 home win against Orient in the Third. 6,420 spectators appreciate - for the most part, anyway - a brace from McNamee and one from George Yardley.

1972 - A bumper 12,769 crowd at Dean Court see Rovers and AFC Bournemouth share the points in a 1-1 draw. Tranmere's goal comes from Paul Crossley. Meanwhile, teen idol David Cassidy is at the top of the pile with "How Can I Be Sure?"

1978 - In what turns out to be a relegation season, Rovers draw 0-0 away at Oxford United in the Third Division in front of 4,103 spectators. Songs from the film "Grease" are enjoying a double header - the soundtrack is the top selling L.P. while the no.1 single is "Summer Nights" sung by John Travolta and Olivia Newton John.

1988 - A brief stutter in an otherwise bright (promotion) season when Tranmere lose a home fixture by a single goal to York City in the Fourth. The Hollies' classic "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother", is at the top of the singles charts.

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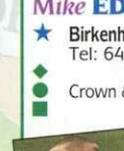
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TRANMERE B 0, . . . CARLISLE 1

Rovers were unlucky to go down to a late goal by a strong Carlisle side containing two professionals. The first half was very tight with few chances for either side. In the second half Tranmere got on top but missed several chances. Near the end Tranmere gave away a needless corner and from it Carlisle got their win.

Rovers: Kinsella; Gedman, Howard, Blundell, Hill, Waters, Lampkin, Baxter, Tynan, Harland, Taylor, M. Rimmer, Gibson, W. Rimmer.

TRANMERE A 0, . . . PRESTON A 2

After recent good performances the A team fell from grace with a lack lustre performance. Martin Jones had a fine game to save Rovers from a heavier defeat. Alan Morgan was taken off with an injury in the second half and Dave Ball substituted. Soon after Preston scored their second goal to finish the game.

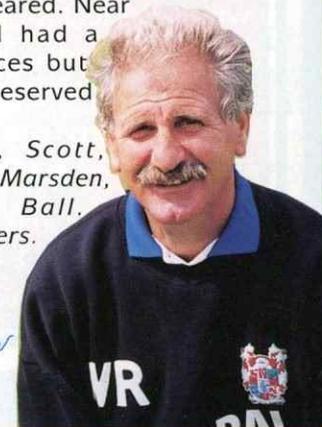
Rovers: Jones, Scott, Rogers, Jones, Challinor, Edwards, Morgan, Davies, Hughes, Walker, Marsden, Ball, Simonsen, Smith.

TRANMERE B 1, . . . BLACKPOOL B 0

Rovers started very well and played some good football, creating several chances. Scott at full back making several surging runs. Blundell hit the post with a left foot shot before Taylor fired a low one into the corner to give Rovers the lead.

In the second half Tranmere kept up the pressure and Jones hit the post with a header that somehow got cleared. Near the end Blackpool had a couple of half chances but young Rovers well deserved their win.

Rovers: Simonsen, Scott, Howard, Hill, Jones, Marsden, Hynes, Gedman, Ball, Blundell, Taylor, Waters.



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LANCASHIRE LEAGUE

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 1 - "A" TEAM

19th Aug	Blackpool "A"	A 3-1 (Walker 2, Scott)
26th Aug	Manchester United "A"	A 0-0
2nd Sept	Burnley "A"	H 0-1
9th Sept	Manchester City "A"	H 1-0 (Webster)
16th Sept	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	A 3-1 (Rogers, Hughes, Walker)
23rd Sept	Bury "A"	H 5-0 (Hynes, Marsden 2, Walker, OG)
30th Sept	Preston North End "A"	H 0-2
7th Oct	Stoke City "A"	H
14th Oct	Manchester United "A"	H
21st Oct	Preston North End "A"	A
28th Oct	Morecambe Reserves	H
4th Nov	Liverpool "A"	A
11th Nov	Everton "A"	A
18th Nov	Stoke City "A"	A
25th Nov	Burnley "A"	A
2nd Dec	Bury "A"	A
9th Dec		
16th Dec	Manchester City "A"	A
23rd Dec	No fixtures	
6th Jan	Blackburn Rovers "A"	H
13th Jan	Oldham Athletic "A"	A
20th Jan	Blackpool "A"	H
27th Jan	Crewe Alexandra Reserves	H
3rd Feb	Marine Reserves	A
10th Feb	Blackburn Rovers "A"	A
17th Feb	Wrexham "A"	H
24th Feb	Everton "A"	H
1st Mar	Morecambe Reserves	A
2nd Mar		
9th Mar		
16th Mar	Marine Reserves	H
23rd Mar	Wrexham "A"	A
30th Mar	Liverpool "A"	H
6th April		
13th April	Oldham Athletic "A"	H

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 - "B" TEAM

19th Aug	Marine Youth	A 1-0 (Crawford)
26th Aug	Blackpool "B"	A 0-3
2nd Sept	Preston North End "B"	A 1-1 (Crawford)
4th Sept	Chester City "A" (11am)	A 5-0 (Walker, Blundell, Marsden, Mahton, M)
9th Sept	Wigan Athletic	A 2-1 (Gladwin, Tay)
16th Sept	Rochdale "A"	H 1-0 (Crawford)
30th Sept	Carlisle United "A"	H 0-1
7th Oct	Manchester City "B"	H
14th Oct	Everton "B"	H
21st Oct	Crewe Alexandra "A"	A
28th Oct	Oldham Athletic "B"	A
4th Nov	Bolton Wanderers "A"	A
11th Nov	Marine Youth	H
18th Nov	Burnley "B"	H
25th Nov	Bury "B"	A
2nd Dec	Chester City "A"	H
9th Dec	Liverpool "B"	H
16th Dec	Manchester United "B"	A
6th Jan	Blackburn Rovers "B"	A
20th Jan	Bury "B"	H
27th Jan	Wigan Athletic "A"	H
3rd Feb	Preston North End "B"	H
10th Feb	Oldham Athletic "B"	H
17th Feb	Stockport County "A"	A
24th Feb	Blackburn Rovers "B"	H
2nd Mar	Crewe Alexandra "A"	H
9th Mar	Rochdale "A"	A
16th Mar	Manchester United "B"	A
23rd Mar	Bolton Wanderers "B"	H
30th Mar	Liverpool "B"	A
6th Apr	Stockport County "A"	H
13th Apr	Manchester City "B"	A
20th Apr	Burnley "A"	A
27th Apr	Carlisle United "A"	A
4th May	Everton "B"	A
TBA	Blackpool "B"	H

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I'd like to offer a warm welcome this afternoon to Janice Gibson from Remy & Associates who are sponsoring our new "Player of the Month" award. Janice will be presenting a Magnum of Champagne to our September winner Shaun Teale before kick off today. Let's hope Shaun will be toasting his own success as well as the teams later on tonight!

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And finally, a request for a book, that's now out of print. The A-Z of Tranmere Rovers by Peter Bishop, our Programme Editor, is wanted by Mr Les Davies of Bebington. If any supporter has a copy to sell please let Sue Beedles in our commercial office know and she will contact Mr Davies.



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Gary Bennett Liverpool 20.9.62	Wrexham 07.95 - £300,000	9 1	3 9 3
Graham Branch Liverpool 12.2.72	Heswall 05.91 - Free	-	- v MBoro 17.9.91 8+19
Ged Brannan Liverpool 15.1.72	Ex YTS 07.90 -	9 1	- v Mansfield 22.10.90 215+10 18
Dave Challinor - E U19 Chester 2.10.75	Brom Pool 07.94	-	-
Danny Coyne - WU21 Prestatyn 27.8.73	Ex YTS 07.92	9 1	- v PBoro 8.5.93 22+1
Phil Davies - WY Bangor 5.8.76	Ex YTS 07.95	-	-
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Sat 19 Aug	A	Sheffield United	2-0	11,247	2
Sat 26 Aug	H	Huddersfield Town	3-1	9,072	1
Tues 29 Aug	A	Barnsley	1-2	9,710	3
Sat 9 Sept	H	Charlton Athletic	0-0	7,402	13
Tues 12 Sept	H	West Bromwich Albion	2-2	7,196	13
Sat 16 Sept	A	Stoke City	0-0	8,618	13
Tues 19 Sept	H	Oldham Athletic (CCC1)	1-0	5,223	-
Sat 23 Sept	A	Portsmouth	2-0	11,127	10
Sat 30 Sept	H	Watford	2-3	7,041	13
Weds 4 Oct	A	Oldham Athletic (CCC2)			
Sat 7 Oct	H	Luton Town			
Sat 14 Oct	A	Millwall			
Sat 21 Oct	H	Southend United			
Weds 25 Oct		Coca Cola Cup 3			
Sun 29 Oct	A	Norwich City			
Sat 4 Nov	H	Derby County			
Sat 11 Nov	A	Sunderland			
Sat 18 Nov	A	Leicester City			
Tues 21 Nov	H	Port Vale			
Sat 25 Nov	H	Grimsby Town			
Weds 29 Nov		Coca Cola Cup 4			
Sat 2 Dec	A	Luton Town			
Sat 9 Dec	H	Portsmouth			
Sat 16 Dec	A	Watford			
Sat 23 Dec	A	Birmingham City			
Tues 26 Dec	H	Oldham Athletic			
Sat 30 Dec	H	Ipswich Town			
Mon 1 Jan 1996	A	Reading			
Sat 6 Jan		F.A.Cup 3			
Weds 10 Jan		Coca Cola Cup 5			
Sat 13 Jan	H	Sheffield United			
Sat 20 Jan	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers			
Sat 27 Jan		F.A.Cup 4			
Sat 3 Feb	A	Huddersfield Town			
Sat 10 Feb	H	Barnsley			
Weds 14 Feb		Coca Cola Cup SF (1)			
Sat 17 Feb	A	West Bromwich Albion (FAC5)			
Tues 20 Feb	H	Crystal Palace			
Weds 21 Feb		Coca Cola Cup SF (2)			
Sat 24 Feb	H	Stoke City			
Tues 27 Feb	A	Charlton Athletic			
Sat 2 March	A	Oldham Athletic			
Sat 9 March	H	Birmingham City (FAC6)			
Sat 16 March	A	Ipswich Town			
Sat 23 March	H	Reading			
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Tues 2 April	H	Millwall			
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Mon 8 April	A	Derby County			
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Sat 27 April	A	Grimsby Town			
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Sat 11 May	W	F.A.Cup Final			
Sun 12 May		Division 1 Play Off SF (1)			
Weds 15 May		Division 1 Play Off SF (2)			
Mon 27 May	W	Division 1 Play Off Final			
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