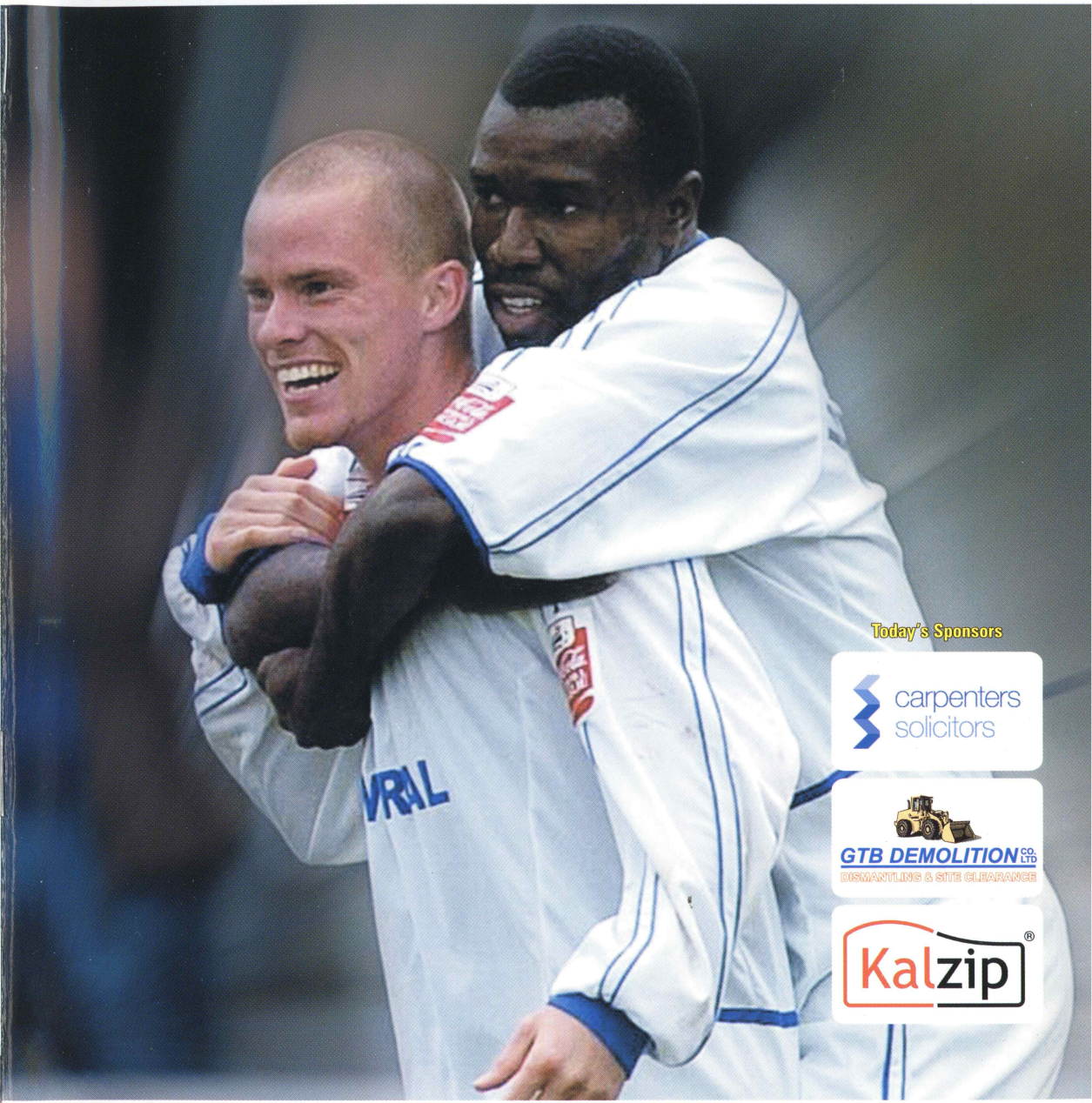
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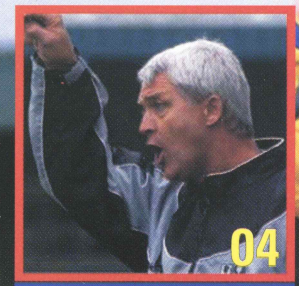
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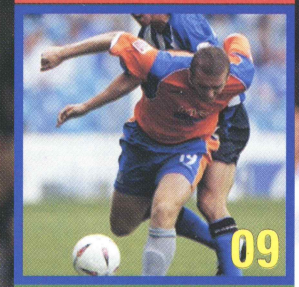
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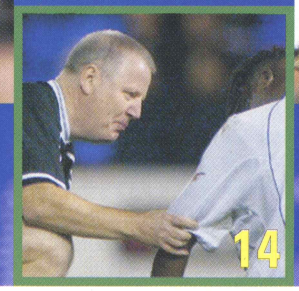
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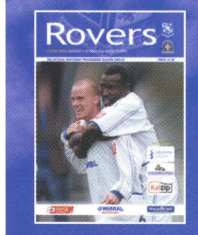
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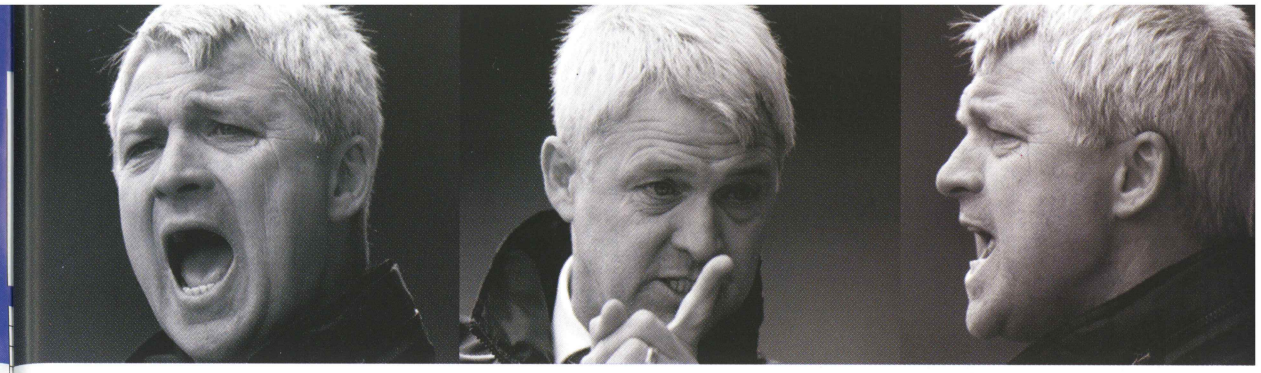
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The Boss



"I'd like to welcome Mike Newell, his staff, the Luton players and the supporters who have made the journey to Prenton Park today."

"Mike will be a familiar face to many of the players who were here when he was reserve manager a few seasons ago. The first club you're at either as a player or in management is always special so I'm sure he'll be looking forward to saying hello to a few people.

Since he's been in charge of Luton Mike has done a very good job, as he did at Hartlepool. Although not essential, a good start is important if you want to get promoted and Luton have certainly done that.

Games at this level are never easy so Luton have done well to pick up as many points as they have so far. They have put themselves in a good position to stay around the top for the rest of the season with a big lead over the rest of the division.

Mike hasn't made too many changes to the squad since he arrived at Luton which shows he and his coaching staff are doing a great job. He was linked with the Blackburn job in the newspapers too, which is a sign you're doing something right. It's always nice to know people think you're doing a good job and are capable of working at a higher level.

Last week we had four of our players called up for international duty again which is a great honour for them.



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I'm always pleased for my players when they are called up for their country. I really think some of the young players like Ryan Taylor and Chris Dagnall can aspire to get into an international group. Iain Goodison's been playing full back for us but when you stick him at centre back he shows people what a good player he is. Gareth is also very versatile and has played well at full back and left midfield and Theo has shown what he can do already. He is a great dribbler with has an eye for goal and has been unlucky not to score on a few occasions this season. Iain Hume's confidence has returned following his call ups lately.

It was pleasing to see us come away with the win after a long trip down to Torquay last weekend. The performance was still not as good as we are capable of and Torquay made us work hard for the win.

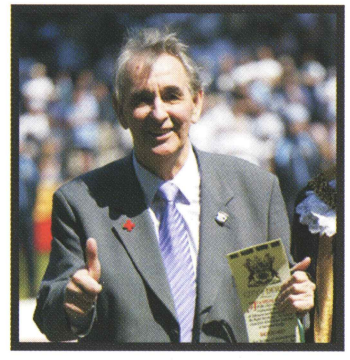
We knew they would chase the ball and battle. At times we looked sharp, though, and when we got off to such a good start I thought we would win.

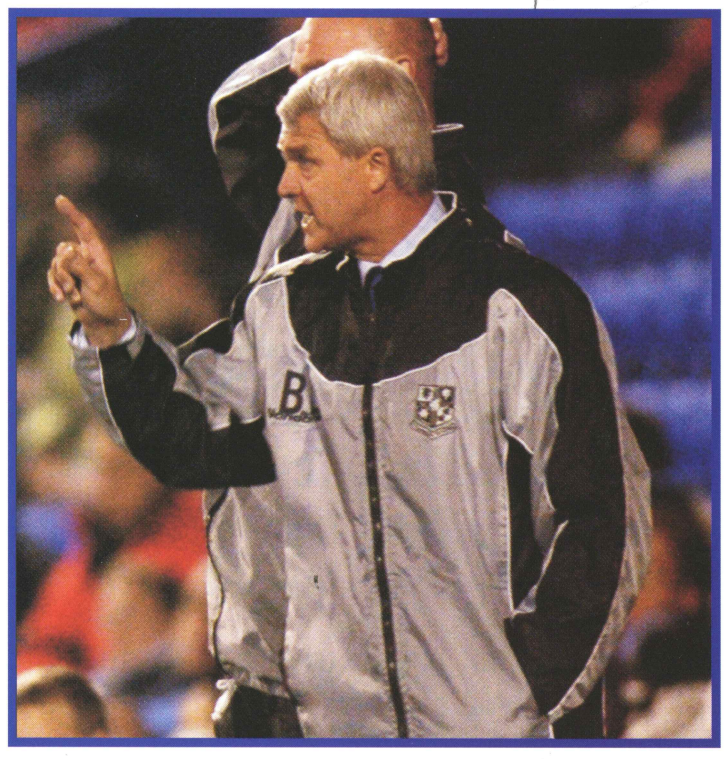
In the end we were lucky, but we have had three games this season where we have been unlucky just to draw.

Taking on the league leaders is never easy so get behind the team, show your support and hopefully we'll be celebrating another three points at the end of the match.

On a different note I'd like to send my condolences to the family of Brian Clough. Brian was a fantastic manager and a great character, who has been the inspiration for many managers.

What Brian achieved, first at Derby County, then at Nottingham Forest was unbelievable. To take a relatively small club like Forest and guide them to two European Cups is fantastic and is the sort of achievement that may never happen again."





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The Chairman



"I'd like to welcome all Tranmere Rovers supporters and our visitors from Luton Town, especially Mike Newell, our former reserve team coach, to Prenton Park this afternoon.

Congratulations to Mike and the directors, players and supporters from Luton on their excellent start to the season. Mike still lives locally and has already been to Prenton Park a few times this season so he and his team will have a good idea what to expect and will be well prepared.

Nine points is a considerable lead at this stage in the season and it will be a great achievement if we can narrow that gap today. As a result, I suspect this first place versus second place game will attract more interest than usual from our own supporters and other clubs in the division.

I was delighted with our first away win of the season at Torquay last Saturday, particularly for the 300 or so supporters that made the 280 mile journey. Conversations in the Boardroom at Plainmoor made me appreciate the financial gulf between clubs in League One. Tranmere and Luton are among the most fortunate. Torquay on the other hand has no assistant manager, no reserve team, no youth team and they won't be going to the expense of an overnight stay when they play us in January. We have made considerable investment in the first team set up this season and might never have a better opportunity to challenge for promotion. Unless we get a significant windfall from, say, a Cup run we won't be able to sustain this level of investment if we remain in League One next season. We have to make the most of the resources we have this season and make sure we are at the top next May.

The growing level of support this season has allowed us to make a substantial investment in the first team. The average support after five league games is 8,836. This is bolstered by the record number of season ticket holders we have. The ticket office was particularly busy this summer and as the table shows we have doubled the number of season ticket holders in the last five years. In an effort to keep costs down season ticket applications were managed by a small team including staff from other areas who help out at the busiest times.

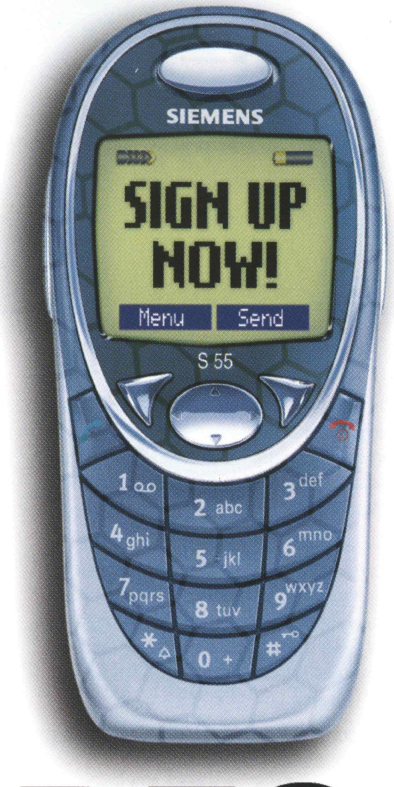
Sue Higby has been in charge of the ticket office for the last six years. Not only has she managed the processing of over 25,000 season tickets but she has handled the pressure of selling over 77,500 tickets for our League Cup final in 2000 and three FA Cup quarter finals. No one has sold more tickets for Tranmere Rovers than Sue Higby and this afternoon she will sell her last ticket. Sue is retiring and we'd like to thank her for all the hard work and long hours she has devoted to the Club and wish her a very happy retirement. It is perhaps easy for supporters to underestimate the scale of the job she has done but those who know what is involved in preparing for big Cup games and season ticket deadlines appreciate the importance of the job to the Club. Thanks Sue from all of us and good luck to Elaine Ogilvie who has been with the Club in various administration roles since 1994 and who takes this role on from Monday.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the game and I wish our international players all the best in their matches over the next fortnight."

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1993/94	1,525
1994/95	1,905
1995/96	2,135
1996/97	1,877
1997/98	2,468
1998/99	2,588
1999/00	1,985
2000/01	4,215
2001/02	4,380
2002/03	3,754
2003/04	4,113
2004/05	4,817

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Luton Town

Name: Luton Town

Formed: 1885

Entered the Football League: 1897

Nickname: 'The Hatters'

Manager: Mike Newell.

Assistant Manager: Mick Harford.

Chairman: Bill Tomlins

Ground Address: Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road, Luton LU4 8AW.

Capacity: 9,975

Record Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup Sixth Round Replay, 4th March 1959.

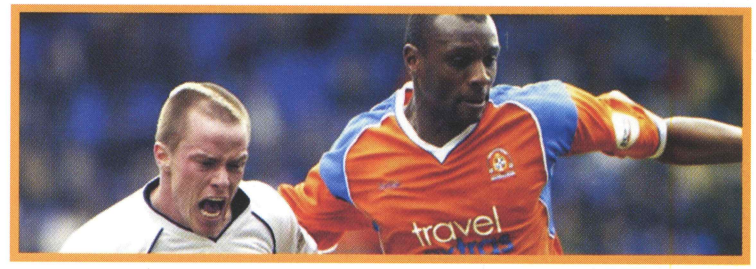
Average Attendance: 2004/05 - 7,186.

Final League Position: 2003/04 - 10th in Nationwide League Division Two.

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Luton Town arrive at Prenton Park riding high at the top of League One after winning nine of their first ten games.

Under Mike Newell the Hatters won their first six matches of the season before drawing with Sheffield Wednesday to lose the last 100% record in English football.

They quickly got back into winning ways with back to back victories over Chesterfield, Stockport and Peterborough although a 4-3 extra time defeat away to Boston saw them knocked out of the Carling Cup.

Newell arrived at Luton at the end of the 2002-03 season after spending six months in charge of Hartlepool United. A familiar face to Rovers fans, the former Everton player started his managerial career at Prenton Park under Dave Watson as reserve team manager.

After taking his position at Luton, Newell waited four months before changing his squad, bringing goalkeeper Marlon Beresford from Bradford. Beresford was later released but rejoined the Hatters at the end of last season from Barnsley and has since become their first choice keeper.

Newell also brought in strikers Rowan Vine from Portsmouth and Gary McSheffrey from Coventry City but it has been the goals of Steve Howard that have been behind their success of late. The tall striker has netted more than seventy times since joining Luton in 2001 for £50,000 from Northampton Town.

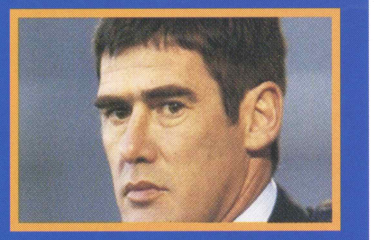
Howard found the net 24 times in the 2001-02 campaign to lift Luton into second place in Division Three and secure promotion back to Division Two after just one season in the Football League basement. The following season he scored 23 and continued his good form last year with 16 goals to help Luton into 10th.

Luton's trip to Division Three came as a shock to a club that played top flight football as recently as 1992 and established a reputation as a good cup side in the late 1980s. The Hatters won the League Cup in 1988 and were runners-up the following season. In 1988 they also reached the final of the short-lived Simod Cup.

Today's visitors hold the edge over Rovers in league meetings, with 12 to Tranmere's eight. The last time the two sides met a Gary Jones volley after half an hour gave Tranmere a 1-0 win in April this year. Earlier in the season Luton defeated Rovers 3-1 at Kenilworth Road despite Chris Dagnall's first goal for the club in John McMahon's first away game as caretaker manager.

Luton Town

The Manager



Mike Newell

Mike Newell was appointed as the Hatters boss in the summer of 2003, returning to the club he had previously served as a player in the mid-eighties.

After starting his managerial career as reserve team manager at Prenton Park, Newell guided Hartlepool to promotion in his first season.

But after Hartlepool failed to reward him with a new contract, Newell was free to take over at Luton, where he led the side to tenth place last season.

Hotshots 2004-05

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Rowan VINE	4
Kevin NICHOLLS	2
Steve ROBINSON	2
Paul UNDERWOOD	2

Last 5 League Results

30/8 (H)	Bournemouth	Won 1-0
4/9 (A)	Sheffield Wed.	Drew 0-0
11/9 (H)	Chesterfield	Won 1-0
18/9 (A)	Stockport C.	Won 3-1
25/9 (H)	Peterborough U.	Won 2-1

Marlon Beresford
Mike Newell strengthened his squad with the signing of 6'1" goalkeeper at the beginning of July 2004 from League One rivals Barnsley. The 34-year-old is a vastly experienced goalkeeper with over 400 appearances under his belt and he returned to Kenilworth Road on a two-year contract after impressing during a successful three month spell with the Hatters last year. The Lincoln-born goalkeeper picked up the Umbro Isotonic Division Two Player of the Month and twice received the Travel Extras Player of the Month during his first spell with Luton. Marlon has appeared for a handful of clubs during his career but the majority of his time has been spent with Sheffield Wednesday, Burnley and Middlesbrough.

Ahmet Brkovic
The Croatian midfielder is tidy and hardworking member of the squad, who agreed a new one-year contract in the summer to extend his stay at Kenilworth Road into a fourth season. Believing a move would be good for his career, he refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer - Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999. He was bitterly disappointed when Orient failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined the Hatters. He was right, playing a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.

Chris Coyne
The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian Under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed and since then he has firmly established himself as a formidable rock at the heart of the Hatters defence. It was a big boost to the Club when the solid and dependable defender agreed a two-year contract during the close-season.



Sol Davis
It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts to persuade him to sign a new deal, and Luton swooped for the tough-tackling left back. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

Curtis Davies
Central defender Curtis was rewarded with a two-year professional contract at the end of last season after impressing during a spell in the side at the tail-end of the campaign. Having been a solid and consistent performer in the club's Under-19s over the past three years, he made the step-up to first-team level and turned in some encouraging displays when called upon. Previously with Wimbledon as a schoolboy, Curtis initially joined Luton as a trialist at the age of sixteen, and he made the best possible impression with two goals in his first three games to earn himself a scholarship at Kenilworth Road. Mobile and strong - in the air and on the ground - he has made a notable improvement during his time at the club.



Kevin Foley
The emergence of Kevin Foley was one of the success stories of last season for Luton, during the course of the campaign he went from the Hatters youth team to the Republic of Ireland Under-21's. Each time he has comfortably adjusted himself to the level of football and great things are expected of this cultured footballer. He has been brought through the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road and in pre-season game last year he was thrown into the first-team because of injuries to other defenders. He settled in rapidly and was soon competing on merit for a regular place in the side.



Steve Howard
Rarely can £50,000 have been better spent in football than the fee Luton paid Northampton Town on deadline day in March 2001 for Howard. He has been the Hatters leading marksman in for the last three seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road - he was the fans player of the year in 2002, and the players' player of the year 12 months later. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman as Luton won promotion. By the end of last season he had moved up to seventh in Luton Town's list of leading post-war goalscorers, averaging a goal every two games for the Hatters and he's carried that form into the new season, picking up the League One Powerade Player of the Month for August, after he netted five times in the opening five matches.



Kevin Nicholls
The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skippering England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. Surprisingly, Wigan decided to put him on the transfer list in the summer of 2001, for a bargain fee of £150,000, and Luton snapped him up. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999. The move to Luton suited Nicholls and the Hatters alike. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite with Hatters fans, although opponents did not always view his all-action style with similar relish. Just five games into 2003/2004 season he picked up a niggling knee injury which ruled him out for five months but he returned at the end of January, adding strength and experience to the right hand side of midfield.

Paul Underwood
Luton Town fought off competition from a number of clubs to complete the free transfer signing of Paul Underwood from Second Division rivals Rushden & Diamonds on transfer deadline day. During his time at Nene Park he was a regular in England semi-professional squad as Diamonds progressed up the non-league pyramid and in 2002/03 he led the club to the Third Division Championship and was named as Rushden's Player of the Season. Unfortunately a hamstring injury sustained twenty minutes into his Luton Town debut against QPR ruled him out for the rest of the season and he is looking forward to making his mark in a Hatters shirt this season now that he has regained his full fitness.

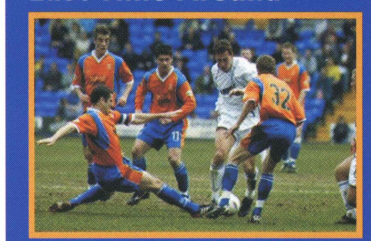
Star Man



Rowan Vine

The Basingstoke-born striker initially joined Town on a three-month loan deal from Premiership Portsmouth on the eve of the new season but that arrangement was extended in September for the whole season after he had made an impressive start to life as a Hatter. The 21-year-old has enjoyed successful loan spells at this level before when he appeared for Brentford and Colchester United. In his time with the Bees he scored thirteen goals in 47 appearances as part of a year long loan deal in 2002/03 and last year he spent a similar spell at Layer Road, scoring ten times in 42 games.

Last Time Around



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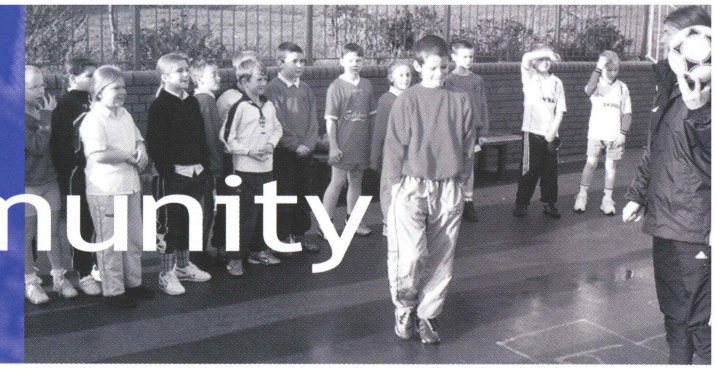
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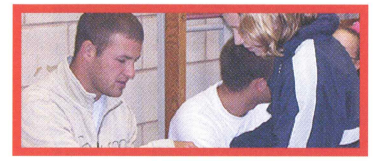
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In the Community



Players already going back to school...



The Football in the Community team has been busy at Meadowside Special School in Woodchurch recently.

Pupils have been taking part in weekly training sessions in conjunction with Wirral Borough Council Sports Development Unit to get them ready for a competition run by the Cheshire FA on October 19 for schools with disabilities.

Alan Navarro and Neil Ashton rewarded the pupils for their hard work and paid them a visit last week. The pair spoke to the children in their classrooms before taking part in a question and answer session in the hall with the help of Di Ross who is a teacher at the school and also runs the Prenton Pups.

Neil told the pupils he liked to play cricket in his spare time, with Alan preferring to play golf. Alan said he usually ate pasta and chicken the night before matches and had to eat plenty of carbohydrates to keep healthy.

After being asked what position Tranmere were in League One at the time, Alan and Neil conferred before agreeing on third only to be corrected by a young supporter who told them the team was fourth!

Alan explained how transfers are carried out and told the pupils that loan spells are becoming more common, with the midfielder having just returned from a month at Chester City himself. Neil was asked what the players can and can't do the night before the match. He said he had to be in bed early and eat the right food.

The last question the players faced was what the players did in the summer to keep fit. Alan said he had to go to the gym to work on his leg because of the cruciate ligament injury he suffered in 2002. Neil told the pupils he didn't like going to the gym but preferred to go swimming.

This was a great visit enjoyed by all the children who were delighted when Neil and Alan stayed behind at the end to sign autographs and pose for photographs.

As well as meeting the players, a group of the children are special guests of the club at today's game.



Red Dress Campaign

Liverpool's specialist heart and chest hospital, The Cardiothoracic Centre, has launched International Wear Red Day to highlight the danger of heart disease to women.

Every year one in six women die from heart disease the biggest killer of women in the UK.

The centre wants as many people as possible to donate £1 to the Red Dress Campaign and wear an item of red on International Wear Red Day, Friday 4 February 2005.

For more information visit www.ctc.nhs.uk/reddresshome.htm or telephone the Merseybeat Appeal Fundraising Office on 0151 293 2209.

Volunteers Needed...

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Poetry Reading

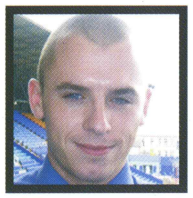
Tranmere's Poet Laureate Doug Sharkey is holding a poetry reading at Central Library, Borough Road on Thursday 7 October as part of national poetry day. Doug will be performing some of his Tranmere poems, starting at 2pm.

NEXT TRANMERE ROVERS LADIES HOME FIXTURE - PREMIER LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

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Up Close



Tim Roberts goes head-to-head with...

Les Parry



TR: "Who did you pretend to be when you had a kick about at school?"
LP: "Mark Rankine. He had just broken into the Doncaster side when we used to play in the playground at Primary School."

TR: "What's your earliest memory?"
LP: "Riding my three wheeler bike with a bread bin on the back (with a picture of Mark Rankine stuck on it with elastoplasts)."

TR: "What was your first step into professional football and how did it come about?"
LP: "John King used to work for a company I was director of and when he got the job back here e asked me to look after the stiffs (reserves)."

TR: "Who has been the biggest influence on your career?"
LP: "Quincy"

TR: "What's the highest point of your career so far?"
LP: "Running on to Ned at Wembley. I'd had an agreement with a couple of players that if nobody got injured they would go down pretending to be injured so I could get to go on. Luckily for me Ned got hurt and Nick Henry bit his tongue in the second half so that was ok."

TR: "And the lowest so far?2
LP: "Aldo resigning after the Barnsley match."

TR: "What would you do if you were invisible for a day (and keep it clean)."

LP: "I'd sit at the back of the coach on the way home from an away match and listen to what the players were moaning about."

TR: "Did you pass your driving test first time?"
LP: "Yes. Don't remember where I went or anything. It was a blur. I feel sorry for anybody taking their tests nowadays."

TR: "What was your first car?"
LP: "Triumph Herald UMB344E. Cost £40. I put £56 of petrol in my car the other day. How things change."

TR: "What ringtone do you have on your mobile?"
LP: "P.I.M.P. Gives me street cred."

TR: "What five words best describe you?"
LP: "Fat, ugly, crap, physio, caring."

TR: "What did you want to be when you grew up?",
LP: "An electrician. I got a job at Manweb - only three jobs and 300 applicants. Failed the medical though because I'm colour blind. Don't see what the problem is!"



TR: "What's the funniest thing you've ever seen?"
LP: "Mark Rankine in the knack. If you think his feet are dead flat and stick out to the side, you want to see the shape of his wodger."

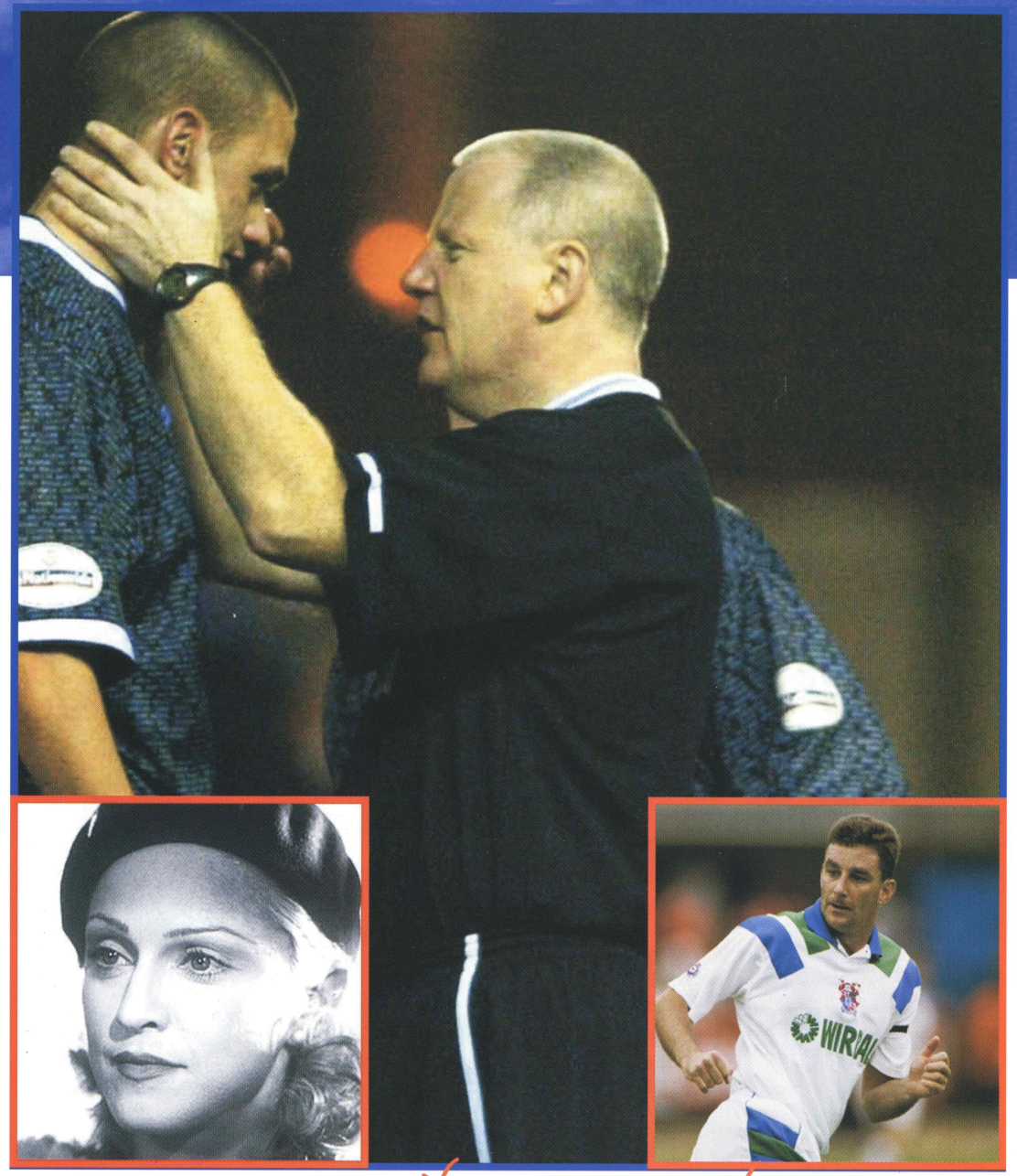
TR: "What's your most embarrassing memory (on or off the pitch)?"
LP: "Before a first team match taking the mick out of the way Ray Mathias shouted on the bench not knowing he was on his knees in the corner of the room trying to get into the ball cupboard."

TR: "Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?"
LP: "Calvin Zola. I'd make an escape bid."

TR: "Who would you be on Stars in their Eyes?"
LP: "Fats Domino."

TR: "Who would you like to play you in a film about your life?"
LP: "John Candy, he'd need to put on a bit of weight though."

TR: "If you could play any part in any film who would it be?"
LP: "William Dafoe's role in the film Body of Evidence with Madonna."



What about?...

Tea or Coffee?

Pasta or Rice?

Chinese or Indian?

Newspaper or magazine?

Cinema or DVD

Night in or night out?

Champions League or Premier League?

Match of the Day or The Premiership?

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Eastenders or Coronation Street? **BOTH**

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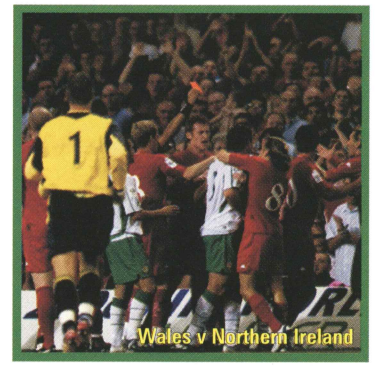
Four Tranmere players are set to leave the club once more and join up with their countries on international duty...

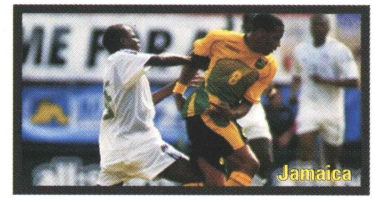
Gareth Roberts, Ian Goodison, Theodore Whitmore and **Iain Hume** have been selected to compete in the latest round of internationals with all needing good results to improve their chances of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Jamaicans **Whitmore** and **Goodison** find themselves facing a trip to Panama before a home clash with El Salvador, matches that could see them qualify for the final group stage.

Iain Hume's Canada squad lie bottom of their qualifying group but could improve their position with positive results in Honduras and at home to Costa Rica.

For **Gareth Roberts**, a trip to Old Trafford to take on England is followed by a home match against Poland as Wales look to add to the two points they collected from their opening two fixtures.


Wales v Northern Ireland


Jamaica

The Story So Far...

Europe - Group 6

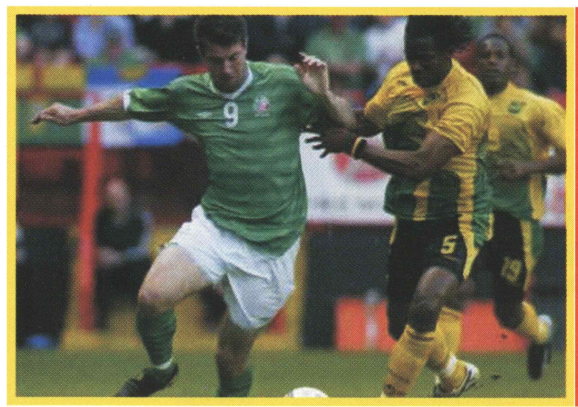
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
England	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Poland	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Wales	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**2**
Azerbaijan	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Northern Ireland	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

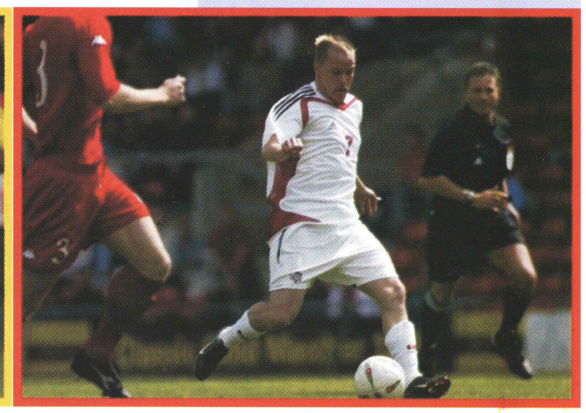
American & Carribean - Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USA	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Jamaica	**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**4**
Panama	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
El Salvador	3	1	0	2	2	6	3

American & Carribean - Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guatemala	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Honduras	3	1	2	0	8	5	5
Costa Rica	3	1	0	2	4	7	3
Canada	**3**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**4**	**1**





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Prenton Pups



Hello one and all to today's top of the League One table clash with current leaders Luton Town - with a big Prenton Pups welcome to all the travelling Luton fans, especially all the young Hatters...

We hope you enjoy your visit to Prenton Park and have a safe journey home.



'The Kennel Club'

As always, from 1pm until 15mins before kick off today, the Kennel will be open for all those usual pre-match goodies, so please drop in on your way to the game.

There will also be the chance to enter the regular Pups Matchday competition, to win a great TRFC prize.



'Awaydays'

Unfortunately, due to international call-ups involving Gareth Roberts, Ian Goodison, Theodore Whitmore and Iain Hume, the away game against Bristol City on Saturday 9 October has now been postponed

This now means that our planned 'Pups Awayday' to Ashton Gate has now been cancelled.

The game itself has been rearranged for Tuesday 9th November, but details of our next trip away from home this season will be released shortly.

'What About The Game?'



We finally achieved our first away win of the season last Saturday down at Torquay, in a hard fought contest in which Iain Hume scored at both ends.

There was plenty of incidents along the way though, including a missed penalty, but some good defending the lads and a late winner was enough to bring home our first three away points - Well done lads, and here's to many more!

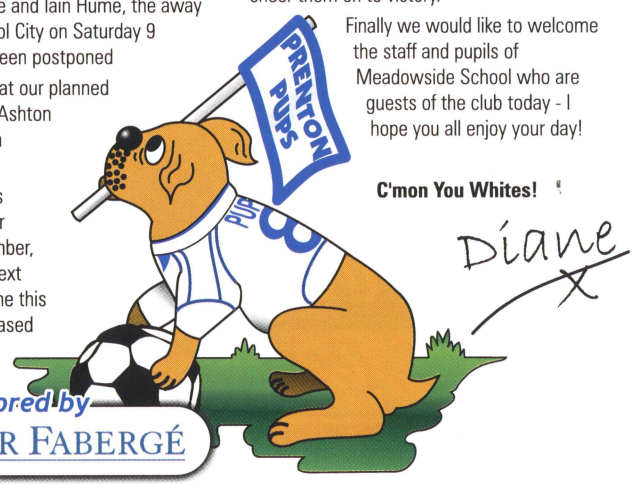
At the time of writing, Luton are sitting pretty at the top of the table after remaining unbeaten so far in 2004/05.

Hopefully for us though, their run will end here today at Prenton Park - but it will be a tough game, so we can all play a part this afternoon, so lets get behind the lads and cheer them on to victory.

Finally we would like to welcome the staff and pupils of Meadowside School who are guests of the club today - I hope you all enjoy your day!

C'mon You Whites!

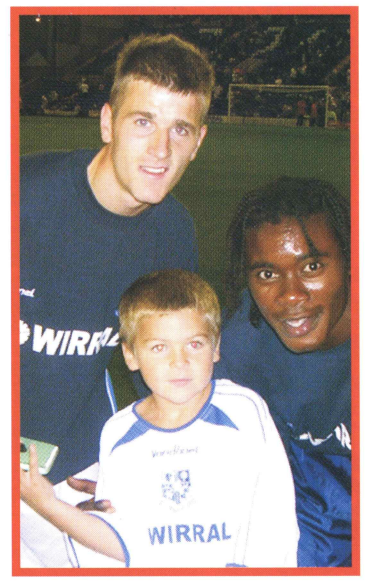
Diane X



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Pictured above with 'Rover' is our latest matchnight mascot - Connor Leatte - who enjoyed his evening of cup action, despite a 1-0 defeat for Rovers.

Connor also got to meet several Rovers players shortly before kick off, in particular Ryan Taylor and Calvin Zola, who obliged with a group photo and much sought after autographs...





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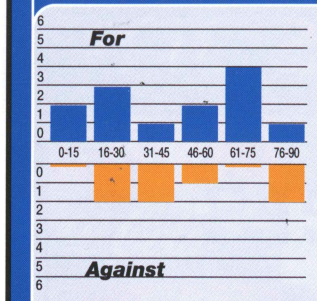
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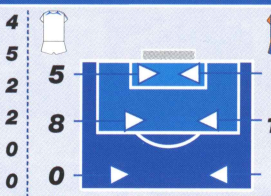
Tranmere v Luton

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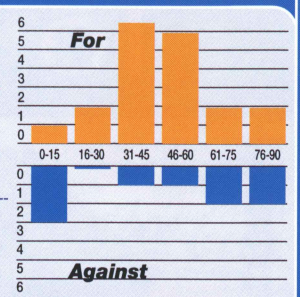


How & Where Goals Scored

Shots	4	9
Headers	5	7
Volleys	2	2
Penalties	2	1
Free Kicks	0	0
Own Goals	0	1
Shots on Target	38	71
Goals Scored	13	20
% of Shots Scored	34.2	28.2



When Scored



Discipline

Red Cards	2
Yellow Cards	12
Fouls Committed	121
Average per Game	12.1
Conceded from Free Kick	2
Fouls Suffered	129
Average per Game	12.9
Scored from Free Kick	1
Caught Offside	37
Average per Game	3.7

Top Scorers in each Category

Dadi	2	Headed goals	Howard	5
none		Long range shots	Robinson, Nicholls	1
Dadi, Hume	2	Inside 6 yards	Howard	3
Hume	2	Shots from 6-18 yards	Vine	4
Hume, Roberts	1	Volleyed shots	Vine, Robinson	1
Taylor	2	Penalties	Nicholls	1
Dadi	2	Scored 1st Goal in match	Nicholls, Vine	2
Hume	1	Most goals in last 10	Brkovic, Nicholls	1
Hume	5.25	Points gained from goals	Howard	7.25

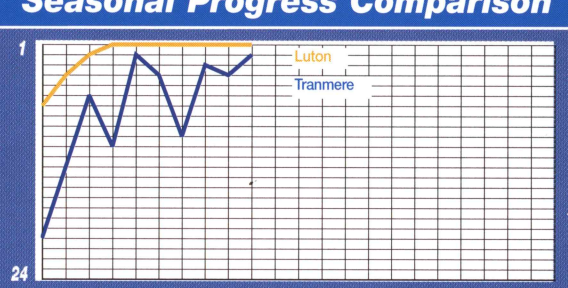
Discipline

Red Cards	0
Yellow Cards	15
Fouls Committed	141
Average per Game	14.1
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	129
Average per Game	12.9
Scored from Free Kick	3
Caught Offside	77
Average per Game	7.7

Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Torquay	A	2-1
Wrexham	H	1-1
Oldham	H	2-0
Barnsley	A	0-0
Stockport	A	1-1
Sheff Wed	H	4-2
Won when Behind:		1
Drawn when Behind:		1
Drawn when Ahead:		1
Lost when Ahead:		0

Seasonal Progress Comparison



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Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Peterborough	H	2-1
Stockport	A	3-1
Chesterfield	H	1-0
Sheff Wed	A	0-0
Bournemouth	H	1-0
Blackpool	A	3-1
Won when Behind:		3
Drawn when Behind:		0
Drawn when Ahead:		0
Lost when Ahead:		0

Luton's Last 10 Years

Games Played	562
Won	200
Drawn	157
Lost	205
Goals Scored	752
Goals Conceded	749
Points Total	757
Biggest Win	6-0 Crewe 96/97
Heaviest Defeat	0-5 Bristol City 96/97, 0-5 Stoke 95/96, 0-5 Grimsby 94/95

n.b. stats from 92-93 to present



TS	Aldridge	Aldridge	Aldridge	Kelly	Irons	Allison	Koumas	Barlow	Haworth	Dadi
GLS	24	27	18	12	15	16	10	14	20	16
ATT	8,906	7,861	8,127	8,000	6,930	7,273	9,045	8,655	7,877	7,606

Top Scorers

Tony Thorpe	70
Steve Howard	69
Phil Gray	40
Dwight Marshall	28
Matthew Spring	26
Scott Oakes	25
Liam George	21
Steve Davis	19
David Oldfield	18
Paul Telfer	18

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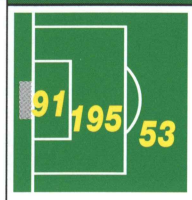
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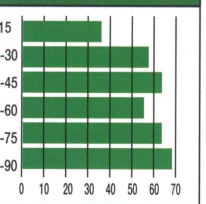
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League 1 Stats

Where, how & when goals scored



Shots	167
Headers	87
Volleys	43
Penalties	20
Free Kicks	16
Own Goals	6



Goals scored in last 15 minutes

FOR	76-90	Total	%
Bristol City	8	19	42.1
Hartlepool	6	17	35.3
Walsall	5	15	33.3
Chesterfield	4	12	33.3
Bradford	4	13	30.8
Stockport	3	10	30.0
Colchester	5	18	27.8
Huddersfield	4	16	25.0
Doncaster	3	13	23.1
Barnsley	3	14	21.4
Bournemouth	3	16	18.8

AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Bradford	6	12	50.0
Barnsley	5	13	38.5
Bournemouth	4	12	33.3
Hull	4	12	33.3
Tranmere	2	7	28.6
Wrexham	3	11	27.3
Stockport	5	21	23.8
Sheff Wed	3	13	23.1
Torquay	4	18	22.2
Chesterfield	2	9	22.2
Luton	2	9	22.2

Headed goals

Scored from headers

Player	Club	Goals
Howard	Luton	5
Beckett	Stockport	3
McLeod	MK Dons	3
Boyd	Hartlepool	2
Brkovic	Luton	2
Brooker	Port Vale	2
Clarke A	Peterborough	2
Conlon	Barnsley	2
Dadi	Tranmere	2
Elliott	Hull	2
Hayter	Bournemouth	2
Henderson	Swindon	2
Parkin	Swindon	2
Rankin	Brentford	2
Wardley	Torquay	2
Wetherall	Bradford	2

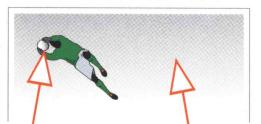
Close range goals

Most scored inside 6yd box

Player	Club	Goals
Henderson	Swindon	4
McLeod	MK Dons	4
Folan	Chesterfield	3
Howard	Luton	3
Brooker	Port Vale	2
Burton	Brentford	2
Dadi	Tranmere	2
Halford	Colchester	2
Hayter	Bournemouth	2
Hume	Tranmere	2
Leitao	Walsall	2
Rankin	Brentford	2
Taylor D	Walsall	2

Goalkeeping and goalscoring

Best goalkeeping ratio
Tranmere Rovers



Goals Conceded	7
Opp Shots ON Target	62
% of Shots Saved	88.7

Best strike ratio
Oldham Athletic



Goals Scored	17
Shots ON Target	48
% of Shots Scored	35.4

Worst goalkeeping ratio
Brentford



Goals Conceded	16
Opp Shots ON Target	35
% of Shots Saved	54.3

Worst strike ratio
Stockport County



Goals Scored	10
Shots ON Target	62
% of Shots Scored	16.1

Margins of victory & defeat

WON by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls
Luton	7	2	0	0
Brentford	5	0	1	0
Hull	4	1	1	0
Chesterfield	4	1	0	0
Colchester	2	1	2	0
Swindon	4	0	1	0
Tranmere	3	2	0	0
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1
Bradford	2	1	1	0
Doncaster	2	2	0	0
Hartlepool	2	1	1	0
Huddersfield	2	0	1	1
Port Vale	2	1	1	0
Sheff Wed	2	1	1	0
Wrexham	4	0	0	0
Barnsley	2	1	0	0
Bristol City	1	0	1	1
Oldham	1	1	1	0
Peterborough	2	0	1	0
MK Dons	2	1	0	0
Walsall	2	0	0	0
Blackpool	0	0	1	0
Stockport	0	0	0	1
Torquay	0	1	0	0

LOST by	1 gl	2 gls	3 gls	4+ gls
Stockport	3	2	1	1
Torquay	3	1	2	0
Blackpool	2	2	0	1
Bradford	4	1	0	0
Peterborough	5	0	0	0
Port Vale	3	0	2	0
MK Dons	3	1	1	0
Bournemouth	3	1	0	0
Bristol City	2	0	2	0
Colchester	4	0	0	0
Doncaster	1	1	1	1
Hartlepool	2	1	1	0
Huddersfield	2	2	0	0
Oldham	2	2	0	0
Swindon	4	0	0	0
Walsall	2	2	0	0
Barnsley	3	0	0	0
Brentford	0	1	2	0
Chesterfield	3	0	0	0
Hull	2	0	0	1
Sheff Wed	1	1	1	0
Wrexham	2	0	1	0
Tranmere	1	0	0	0
Luton	0	0	0	0

Football League 1 records

Highest Gate	26,264 .....Sheff Wed v Huddersfield
Lowest Gate	2,922 .....Torquay v Tranmere
Aggregate Attendance	897,515
Average Attendance	7,542
Biggest Home Win	Bournemouth 5-0 Doncaster, Bristol City 5-0 Stockport
Biggest Away Win	Blackpool 0-4 Stockport
Biggest Aggregate Score	Oldham 5-3 Walsall
Total Games	119
Home Wins	59 (50%)
Away Wins	34 (29%)
Draws	26 (22%)
1-1 Draws	12 (10%)
0-0 Draws	7 (6%)
Consecutive Wins	Luton 6
Games Unbeaten	Luton 10
Consecutive Defeats	MK Dons 4
Games with no win	Blackpool 8

Comebacks & throwaways

WON from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Luton	0	0	3	3
Hull	0	0	2	2
Port Vale	0	0	2	2
Chesterfield	0	1	0	1
Oldham	0	1	0	1
Walsall	0	1	0	1
Brentford	0	0	1	1
Colchester	0	0	1	1
Hartlepool	0	0	1	1
Huddersfield	0	0	1	1
Tranmere	0	0	1	1
MK Dons	0	0	1	1
DRAWN from	-3	-2	-1	Total
Bristol City	0	1	1	2
MK Dons	0	1	1	2
Walsall	0	0	2	2

LOST from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Bradford	0	1	1	2
Barnsley	0	0	2	2
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Peterborough	0	0	2	2
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MK Dons	0	0	1	1
DRAWN from	+3	+2	+1	Total
Barnsley	0	0	3	3
Bristol City	0	0	2	2
Oldham	0	0	2	2
Sheff Wed	0	0	2	2

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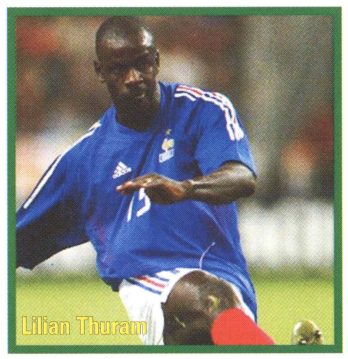
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Dream Team



Ryan Taylor's All-Time XI

1 - Peter Schmeichel
2 - Lilian Thuram
3- Andreas Brehmer
4 - Paulo Maldini
5 - Bobby Moore
6 - Lothar Matthaus
7 - Zinedine Zindane
8 - Paul Gascoinge
9 - Pele
10 - Dennis Bergkamp
11 - Diego Maradona



Peter Schmeichel

A handball player in his younger days, he established himself as a world class goalkeeper. His dominance and shot stopping gets him the number one shirt. When he played for United he was the best keeper in the world and his size made him very difficult to beat in one-on-ones.

Lilian Thuram

France's most consistent right back. He played in the famous France double winning team. He's quick, powerful and quality on the ball. So versatile he can play at centre back and not look out of place.

Andreas Brehmer

My left back played in the 86 World Cup and took a penalty with his right foot. How's that for confidence? His defensive qualities stood out a mile. He scored the goal against England in the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Paulo Maldini

The most decorated Italian footballer ever. Italy's youngest ever captain and is still going strong. One of the best defenders the world has ever seen and lining up alongside him must give his teammates confidence. Another player who is just as good playing at centre back as full back.

Bobby Moore

The 1966 World Cup winning team captain and also my dream team captain. He was so calm and composed in defence, strong in the air and on the ground. A very clean player who respected his opponents - a great role model for other players.

Lothar Mathaus

You always need a tackler and he's mine. His all round game was different. He could score too but he's in my team to be the hard man. Every German side seems to have a player like Matthaus but he has been the best so far.

Zinedine Zidane

Zidane is the best player I have ever seen. His flair and touch are special and his volleyed goal in the Champions League final shows his capabilities. His ball control is fantastic and he has achieved everything there is to achieve in the game.

Paul Gascoigne

His skill to beat defenders was out of this world. He was strong, could tackle and scored some amazing goals. He suffered from injuries but still achieved great things in England and abroad.

Pele

Known as the greatest player ever. He had everything skill, pace, strength and the ability to score fantastic goals. Could win games single-handedly and the number of goals he scored in his career will never be repeated.

Dennis Bergkamp

From what I've seen of him while playing for Arsenal there is one word to describe him. Genius. He's the playmaker of my team. He doesn't score easy goals, they're all special.

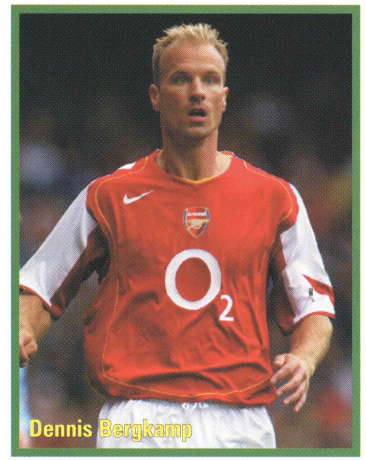
Diego Maradona

Even though I don't like what he did against England he was still a player you could watch all day. Took Argentina from being good to brilliant.



...The Line-Up







Match Action

Tranmere Rovers 0

Portsmouth 1

Kamara 65



Attendance: 6,966 @ Prenton Park
Carling Cup Second Round
Tuesday 21st September 2004

CARLING CUP

Tranmere: Achterberg, Taylor, Sharps, Goodison, Roberts, Hall, Rankine, McAteer, Whitmore (Beresford 75), Hume, Dadi (Zola 74).
Subs not used: Loran, Howarth, Jennings.

Portsmouth: Ashdown, Griffin, Primus, Taylor, Unsworth, O'Neil, Cisse, Mezague, Berger, Fuller (Yakubu 70), Kamara.
Subs not used: Hislop, Hughes, Faye.

Referee: C. Webster (Shotley Bridge).

1 The first of the three cup competitions is over for another year - for Rovers anyway - as Premiership Portsmouth bring our Carling Cup run to a halt.
Ex-Reds favourite, Patrik Berger, rings the chimes for Pompey with one of several chances, as the visitors progress thanks to a single second-half strike...

2 ...Rovers are not without their moments though, especially as both Ryan Taylor...

3 ...and Jason McAteer amongst others, try to steer the home side towards a last minute equaliser, and take the tie to extra time perhaps?...

4 ...It's not to be however - are you really gutted that we're out of it Jason?...



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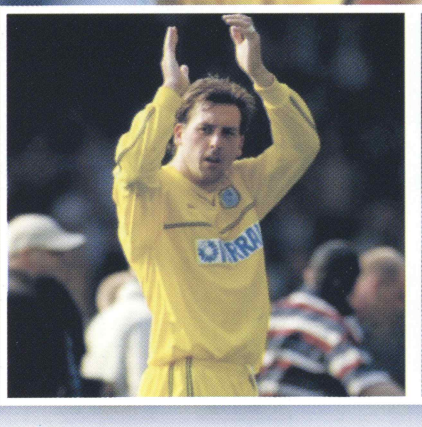

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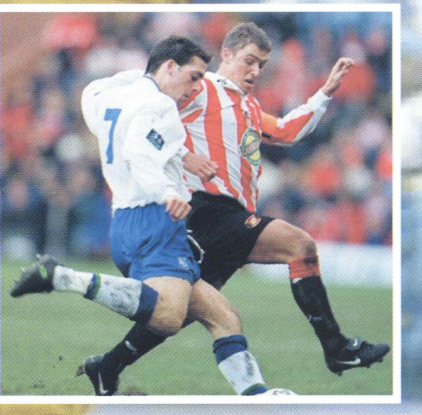
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Gary Jones









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Match Action

Torquay United 1
Russell 55

Tranmere Rovers 2
Hume 2 & 87



Attendance: 2,922 @ Plainmoor
Coca-Cola League One
Saturday 25th September 2004

Torquay: Van Heusden, Canoville, Woods, Taylor, McGlinchey, Bedeau, Wardley, Russell (Fowler 65), Hill (Phillips 84), Gritton (Akinfenwa 77), Kuffour.
Subs not used: Owen, Meirelles.

Tranmere: Achterberg, Taylor, Goodison, Sharps, Roberts, Hall, Rankine, McAteer (Jennings 78), Beresford (Whitmore 70), Hume, Zola (Dadi 69).
Subs not used: Howarth, Linwood.

Referee: Trevor Parkes (Birmingham).

1 A seaside jolly at Torquay ends in glory, as Iain Hume's late winner sends the Super White Army home happy, as Rovers have picked...or even nicked, three points away from home...

2 ...Iain Hume celebrates the first goal with both the masses, and Jason McAteer after putting us one up after just two minutes following on from...

3 & 4 ...good work by Mark Rankine and the boys. Despite conceding a second half Russell leveller, Rovers leave the home side beached, looking forward to today's mammoth clash with the Hatters...

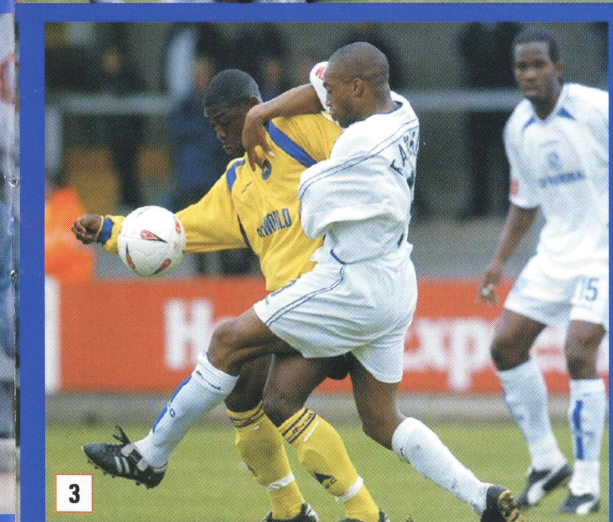


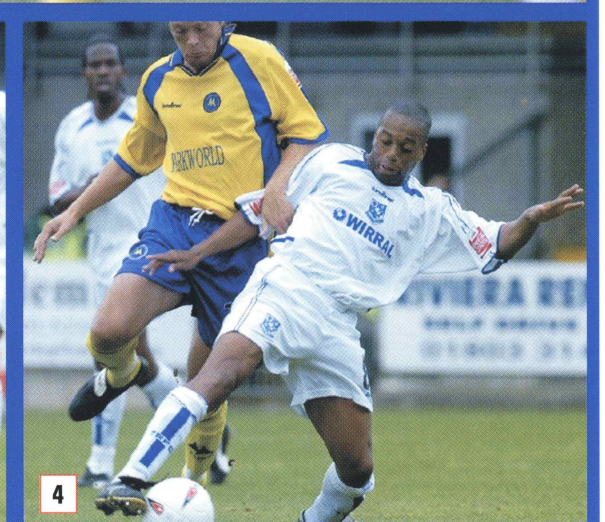
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Man Of The Match



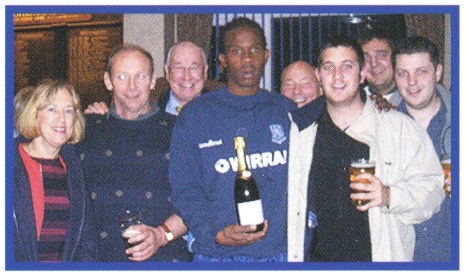
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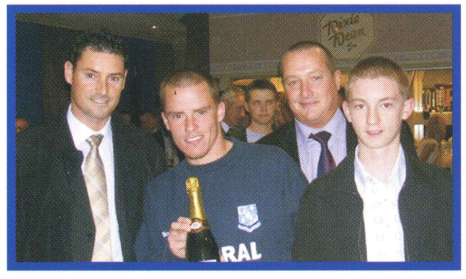
Match Sponsors for the evening, Mediterranean Shipping Company Limited, presented the first award of the night to Iain Hume...

VP MEMBERS



Ian Goodison won the vote of our Vice Presidents members, after a solid display, and taking home the prized bottle of bubbly...

DIXIE DEAN



Our Dixie Dean members also chose Iain Hume as the Man of the Match, following a brave team effort against Pompey...

MINI SPONSORS



Hatrick time for Iain Hume, as our regular Mini-Sponsors Lewis Reed voted the Canadian international - consolation indeed for a slender defeat on the pitch...

EQUALISER



The lucky recipients of the nights' winning Equaliser ticket were Kelly & Bob Tomlinson, who scooped a jackpot total of £734.00 - and was presented by Neil Ashton...

MATCHBALL



Our team captains, match officials and mascots line up for the customary pre-match photo call, shortly before kick off...

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"Hello and welcome to today's game against top of the table Luton Town. Many of you will have read over the weekend the claim that Luton has been voted top of the table in another area - worst city in the UK..."

"Well for the record I just wanted to say I enjoyed a fantastic meal and a great night out in Luton last season following our 1-0 win in the FA Cup, so it can't be that bad!"

Pre-Match Dining at Prenton Park

Talking about great meals have you visited our Dave Russell Suite lately? If not you should! For those of you who don't know the Dave Russell Suite combines a ticket in the Main Stand with a pre-match three-course carvery meal, all for just £39.95. And if you're already a Season Ticket Holder then you can opt for the meal only for just £19.95. Tables are available at every home league game and we're already taking bookings for our Boxing Day fixture against Barnsley (see page 55 for more details). To book or for more information call Sue Beedles on 0151 609 3305.

Boxing Day Sponsorships Up For Grabs

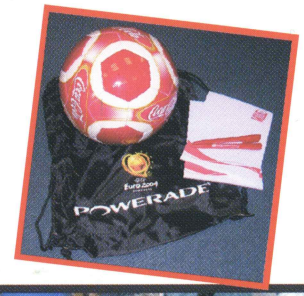
Sticking with the Boxing Day theme we still have opportunities for a Main Sponsor for the Barnsley game. This is one of only two Main Match Sponsorships remaining for the entire season. As our Main Match Sponsor you'll get to entertain 24 guests in your own private lounge right at the heart of the Club. As well as enjoying a hot and cold buffet and a complimentary glass of wine on arrival, your company branding will form the backdrop to the entire day, featuring on the cover of the matchday programme as well as on our sponsors' page inside. At the end of the game we'll bring your chosen Man of the Match to you so you can present him with a bottle of champagne, and along with their complimentary matchday programmes and team sheets, each of your guests will get to walk away with a special memento of the day.

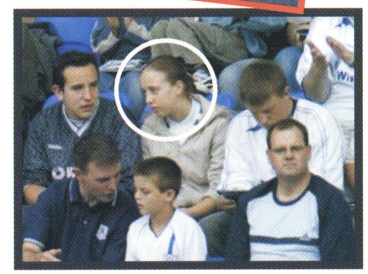
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Welcome to ...

... Tim Roberts who has joined us this week as our new Web Editor. As well as looking after the official club website Tim will also be contributing to the match day programme.



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We have a limited number of pitch side perimeter boards available, including one behind the Cowshed goal. Boards are priced at just £1495 if they are TV facing and £1150 if they are non-TV facing. As these prices are available pro rata you can currently purchase a non-TV board until the end of the 2004-05 season for just £850.

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Nostalgia



George Yardley

George Yardley must surely be amongst the Tranmere greats, as many of our older fans will no doubt fondly recall. He also made appearances for the Hatters before signing for Rovers.

It was at the age of 25 however that Yardley came from Australia to make a name for himself with 69 goals in 123 League appearances between 1966 and 1970. Born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland in 1942, he had played in goal for East Fife Reserves and Scotland Amateurs before moving to Forfar and Montrose. Unable to establish himself as a centre forward rather than a goalie, he packed his bags for Australia where e played for Sydney side, St George Budapest, while working as a draughtsman. In 1966, he returned home to try his luck in the league but without success. No-one wanted to know - except Dave Russell at Tranmere.

After a month's trial, George was given a contract and Rovers had found themselves a "cost nothing" replacement for John Manning, who became the country's leading scorer by Christmas with 20 goals.

Ironically George's goalscoring debut was in fact against Luton Town - here at Prenton on Boxing Day 1966 - and proved to be the only goal in a 1-0 victory for Rovers.

Superb in the air, tidy on the ground, George became a great crowd favourite as a result of his goals, particularly in important cup ties like the 2-0 defeat of Coventry in 1968, and in vital promotion matches.

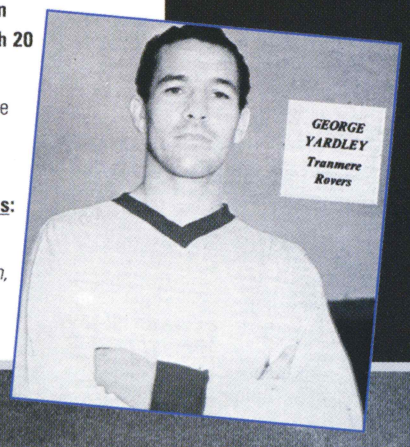
But tragedy struck just before the Everton fifth round cup tie when he suffered a bad injury to his kidneys at Shrewsbury and was advised to quit soccer. Though he returned briefly he played his last match at Hartlepool on November 29th 1968 and soon after returned to Australia.

But George missed the roar of the crowd and less than six months later, he came back to re-sign and was Rovers' top marksman in the 1969-70 season with 20 goals.

When he finally did quit, the following season, George settled on Wirral.

Other player connections:

Archie Clark, Jock Weir, John Lornie, John Seasman, Alex Chamberlain and Ian Feuer.





Fond Farewell

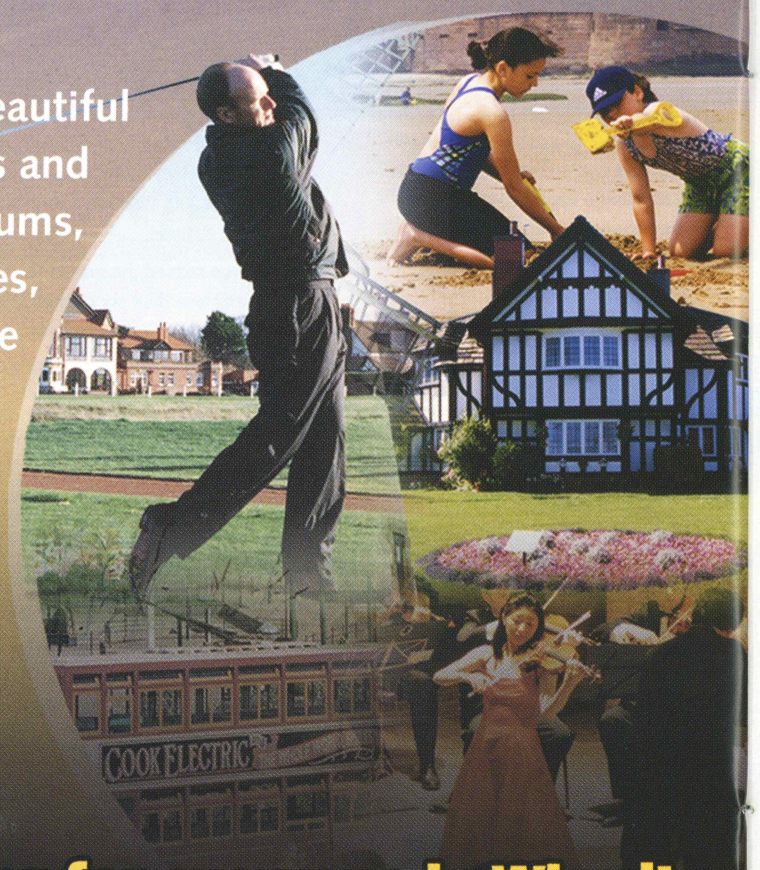
For those of you who don't already know today is the last working day for one of Tranmere's longest serving employees.

Sue Higby, Ticket Office Manager, retires today after 13 years loyal service with the Club.

Sue will be greatly missed and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her all the best for the future.

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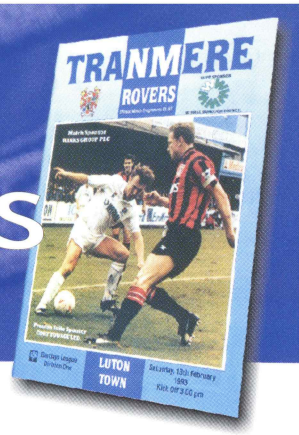
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Passion for Programmes



Hopefully today's column will whet the appetite in readiness for another intriguing clash between our clubs, as we turn back the clock a dozen seasons and take a peak inside the programmes printed for our two league meetings...



The fixtures took place in Barclays League Division One, which had recently changed its title from Division Two and is of course. Now called The Coca-Cola Championship! Confused? Well maybe it would be simpler to say we were one division higher than we are today!

Luton Town versus Tranmere Rovers

Kenilworth Road Saturday 5th September 1992

The Hatters 40 page magazine was a very colourful affair and good value for the £1-50 cover price. The action shot on the front wad from their recent 0-0 draw at Charlton (or more accurately at West Ham where Addicks were ground-sharing), which had brought their only point to date. Rovers, in their second season at this level following promotion, had made a solid start with 6 points from 3 games.

Luton, fresh from relegation from the top flight, were very much a club in transition. Their unpopular plastic pitch had reverted to grass, experienced players had been sold and the new board, under Chairman David Kohler, was already being subjected to strong verbal attacks from supporters anticipating a season of struggle. Mr Kohler used his column to warn those who had protested during and after the recent home defeat against Bristol City that their behaviour would begin to affect the morale of the team.



Fortunately, Town's youth policy was starting to produce some real talent with the name of a certain John Hartson much to the fore. The current hero of Celtic and Wales fans had just scored four goals in a youth match against Bristol Rovers.

Goalkeeper Andy Patterson was interviewed about the new rule which prevented him for handling back-passes while forward, David Peace, in his profile feature, showed that the new breed of footballer was becoming more health conscious by listing his favourite food as steak, chips and SALAD!

The " Back Tracking" article looked at the career of John Seasman, who had played for both clubs and pointed out that it was Rovers' first visit to Kenilworth Road since 1970.

A thrilling match made sure the long wait had been worth it for both sets of fans. In front of a crowd of 6,801, Aldridge, Nevin and Muir scored the Tranmere goals in a 3-3 draw.

Tranmere Rovers versus Luton Town

Prenton Park, Saturday 13th February 1993

By the time the return fixture took place, Rovers were sitting pretty in a play-off spot and were still confident of overtaking second placed West Ham, who were just 4 points ahead having played 2 games more. Kevin Keegan's exciting Newcastle side were 10 points clear of the pack ad they headed back to what was then The Premier League. Luton were equally desperate for the points as only goal difference kept them out of the relegation zone.

In his inimitable style, manager Johnny King in his "At The Helm" column (reflecting his love of nautical analogies!) looked back on the mixed fortunes we had experienced in recent away matches. While Neil McNab's lucky goal had gained a scrappy victory at Cambridge, Johnny described the 5-1 hammering display at Notts County as the worst display by any Tranmere side he had managed. He summed it up like this: "It was one of those nights you want to forget quickly. Even the half-time tea was horrible!"

An insert in the 32-page programme (cost £1) promoted our second "Ladies Day" of the season. It was pointed out that the female charms dominated the club's administration and commercial departments, but didn't foresee that they would have reached as far ad the Chairman's office just a few years later!

The action photos covered our recent F.A Cup 4th round defeat against Ipswich. Sharp-eyed Rovers fans can no doubt recognise the unmistakable skills of Ian Muir on the front cover. Meanwhile the Reserve and Youth Teams were obviously grooming the future stars of Burnley's first team as Danny Coyne, John McGreal and Graham Branch were all figuring regularly.

Luton fans were clearly still as vociferous as ever and had now turned on the team with current Sky Sports presenter Chris Kamara one of the players who had been driven out of the club through their constant booing.

Finally, it brought back a few memories to see the now sadly dilapidated Glenda Jackson Theatre on Borough Road advertised as the venue for the Scouts' Gang Show.

David Pleat's Luton side pulled of a shock 2-0 win which would prove crucial come this season's end, when just two points kept them out of relegation danger. Our hopes of automatic promotion soon faded away after that defeat and we were destined to lose out to Swindon in the Play-offs, so I hope our visitors will understand when I say revenge would be sweet this afternoon!

Tony Evans



Barnsley

Oakwell, Saturday 11 September 2004, Drew 0-0 - The alternative clockwatch!



Before this week's article was passed on, the following was heavily censored by the Foreign Office, just in case anything 'untoward' got through.

A poor excuse, I know, for a bit of a dull day really...

7.00am - "Rain, rain go away! Never come back again on matchday", singing along with eyes half shut - while walking toward Sainsbury's, hoping to pick up some of those 'Reduced to ' items which just about last until around 8.00pm. Pasta salad, tuna and sweetcorn sandwiches and the like - they're all there. Skipped the dodgy looking yoghurt though...

8.35am - Once returned to the flat, the free CD from the paper goes on to blot out any memories of the game ahead - we've never won in 24 visits to Oakwell as the stats show. "And it's hi, ho silver lining..."Ah well, maybe a different kettle of fish today eh?..

On the Road



9.15am - The far too early start sees the 'A-Team' board the transit, minus a couple of bodies who never made it via the break out from prison, and are promptly left behind.

9.45am - Off on the open road, the music scene shifts into first gear as the rustle of papers prompts talk of crowd figures in our division. It's gripping, as the boredom has set in...

11.01am - No signs for the open top bus tour of 'Emmerdale' drives most of the crew to their lunch boxes, including myself. The weaving around the winding roads on the Woodhead pass though echoes that opening scene from 'The Italian Job' in which gangster Roger Beckerman drives his car around the Alps, before meeting a rather nasty ending. I'm watching too many movies, I really am!...

11.12am - Help! - the youngsters break into song, but with little gusto, and it quickly dies...

11.25am - Via the on-board entertainment system, the music scene has shifted to events at the cricket, which fails to impress the youngsters even more at the back. Talk of what's dressing the pages of the paper now becomes the main topic - that's how exciting it all is now...

12.04pm - We're here - and Barnsley is closed! An empty car park (without the tumbleweed) is desolate - wind blowing and not a soul in sight. It's like a western really, as you expect the gunslinger to be waiting at the bottom of the hill, with the locals appearing from behind the curtains in the surrounding buildings. Sadly though no show...

12.17pm - While most venture to the only watering hole 'open', myself and the Doctor head for the ground, hoping to grab a few 'spy snaps' for the TRFC awayday archives. Once we're there, we discovered the pitch is being watered - but with no sheep in sight. Strange...

12.35pm - A conversation is struck up with a steward who boasts of his Manchester United connections of over 40 years, and without the cockney accent. H then points out that we are indeed 'terrorists' who are marking out plans for the overall destruction of Oakwell and the surrounding areas. Meanwhile the pitch is still being watered...

12.41pm - We get thrown out. "That's enough lads", to which we reply, "Thank you(!)", as we head off up the hill, looking for food, water and the like. This takes us through the edge of town and toward the compact, yet cosy bar lying just a few minutes walk from the train station. The remainder of the crew are there too...

12.50pm - It's footy time, as the compelling Aston Villa versus Chelsea is witched on. Wow, there is someone who can afford 'PremPlus!'...

1.15pm - Bored now - and time for a another wander.

2.25pm - Don't know where the time goes - but thankfully we're back in the North Stand, instead of being exposed to the open pigpen in the adjacent West Stand. The SWA are already lifting the tempo, hoping that the no-win hoodoo that haunts us every time here will be now be broken, and we'll be heading for the heights of the top four...

2.58pm - Oakwell is deserted. A near silence makes for the SWA to add some atmosphere, as kick off approaches...

3.00pm - ...and we're off!

3.12pm - No sheep in sight

3.45pm - Half time is here, and much like previous games in the last few weeks, we're not in the lead when we should be. Still we're not losing. However, the strange scene of one sprinkler switched on - in our half - aggravates concern amongst the watching SWA. Are Barnsley 'wetting themselves' at the prospect of being beaten at home by Rovers for the first time? Who knows?...

3.59pm to 4.46pm - With tea drunk and chips consumed, from here on the space-time continuum takes over. Tackles fly in from all directions, Paul Hall hits the bar and so on. It's all a bit messy, but...

4.47pm - ...the event concludes with a draw - 0-0 - as the sides retreat to their camps, but hang on, there's unrest it seems further down the queue. Everyone watches on...

4.46pm - ...with baited breath as the main event of the day (sadly) arrives. From the Blue corner comes the nationally known heavyweight 'Battling Brian Little' taking on the unknown contender in the Red corner 'The Masked SWA Avenger'. After an exchange of words, it's quickly all over as contest after the first round, as the bouncers step in to break up the verbal rabbit punches being thrown. "Who won?" someone shouts...

4.59pm - The main kafuffle is dampened down, but the debate spreads to the streets outside, not only between the two sets of supporters, but also amongst the SWA themselves. Sadly there's not a video camera in sight to capture this entire 'emotional outburst', but as the debates simmer, attentions turn to just getting home...

5.16pm - Once past the queues around the town centre and the uphill-downhill roads that make up Barnsley, we're back on the open road. "What a great point" someone pipes up. "Rubbish" someone replies. "But we didn't lose" comes the throwback. Oh dear, get me home please!...

5.45pm to 7.09pm - 'A White Rabbit appears, brandishing a small bottle of 'Drink Me', which is passed on to the smaller courtiers, counting the chances that we've missed cover the last seasons, before the March Hare steps in to wake everyone up.' If you haven't got my drift yet, I was asleep for most of the journey home, as the drugs wore off and the sight of heavy driving rain greeted us at our alighting point back at base. Everyone off end of line...

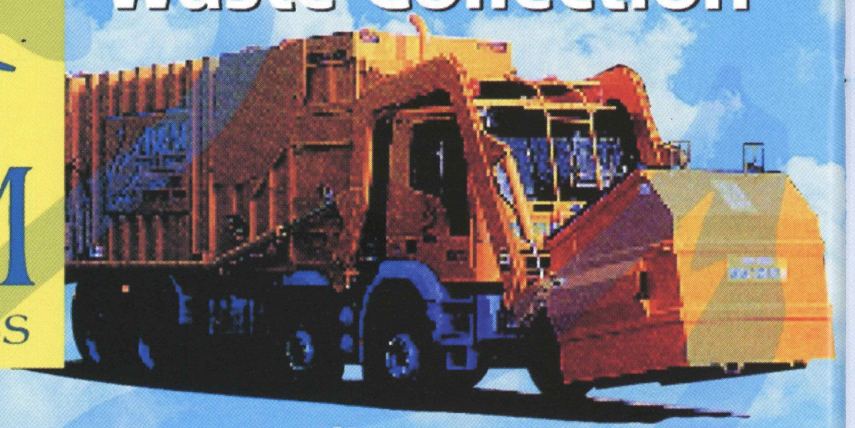
Now here's an offer. How about a romantic weekend away with the lovely Alice in Wonderland, down on the 'English Riviera' in a couple of weeks. Sounds terrific to me, don't you think?!

Tony Grant *(subject to transfer speculation)*



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Sat 14 Aug	A	Bury	W 3-2
Sat 21 Aug	A	Carlisle United (12pm)	W 2-0
Sat 4 Sept	A	Preston North End	W 3-2
Sat 11 Sep	H	Blackpool	L 1-2
Sat 18 Sep	A	Oldham Athletic	L 3-4
Sat 25 Sep	A	Wigan Athletic	W 5-0
Sat 9 Oct	H	Stockport County	
Sat 16 Oct	A	Rochdale	
Sat 23 Oct	H	Burnley	
Sat 30 Oct	A	Blackpool	
Sat 6 Nov	H	Oldham Athletic	
Sat 13 Nov	H	Wigan Athletic	
Sat 20 Nov	A	Stockport County	
Sat 4 Dec	H	Rochdale	
Sat 11 Dec	A	Burnley	
Sat 18 Dec	H	Bury	
Sat 15 Jan	H	Carlisle United (12pm)	
Sat 22 Jan	H	Preston North End	

Home games played at Ingleborough KO 11am

Youth Alliance Merit Division
Home games played at Ingleborough Training Ground
Fixtures begin Saturday 5 February

Pepsi FA Youth Cup
Home games played at Prenton Park
Enter competition at First Round Proper stage

Lancashire FA Youth Cup
Home games played at Prenton Park
Enter competition at First Round stage

Youth Alliance League Cup
Home games played at Ingleborough Training Ground

NEXT HOME YOUTH FIXTURE

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference

versus

Stockport County Under-18's

Saturday 9 October 2004
Kick Off 11.00am at Ingleborough
Ring 0151 609 3333 for further details

Wigan Athletic Under 18's 0
Tranmere Rovers Under-18's 5

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference.
Saturday 25 September 2004 at Robins Park Training Ground

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

A very pleasing performance from the team and a massive improvement in attitude from the previous game saw Tranmere inflict a heavy defeat on Wigan.

Rovers started the game brightly with the movement on and off the ball causing the Wigan defence problems.

Despite their dominance it took Tranmere until just before the interval to break the deadlock. James Vaughan's well taken free kick found the head of Carl Tremarco who directed the ball past the Wigan keeper and into the net.

Tranmere continued to control the game after the break and it wasn't long before they added the second. A chipped pass from Mike Jones found Steven Davies who made no mistake in beating the keeper.

Adam Dickinson's brace put the game beyond the reach of Wigan and made the scoreline an accurate reflection of Tranmere's superiority in possession and chances created, with Davies completing the scoring with a cool finish.

The result leaves Rovers lying in third place of the North West Conference, just one point behind the leaders, Stockport County.

Youth team coach Shaun Garnett reports yet more players are earning nicknames, with Kieran Owen now called 'Pocahontas' and Jamie Garry known as Teeth!

No doubt more will follow.

*** Tranmere travelled to Wrexham today for the first round of the Football League Youth Alliance Cup.**

Rovers reached the Final last season, only to be heavily beaten here at Prenton Park by Cardiff City Youth.

They did win the trophy however the season before, beating Northmpton Town 3-0 at Sixfields.

***The Youth teams' next fixture is at home to Stockport County Under-18's on Saturday 9 October.**

Kick off is at 11.00am, at Ingleborough and for more details please ring 0870 460 3333.

***Following on from the 'youngsters' success in the Cheshire Unibond Senior Cup at Warrington Town recently, they have been rewarded with a home tie in Round Two.**

Crewe Alexandra will be the visitors, on a date to be arranged.

The full draw is:

TRANMERE ROVERS v Crewe Alexandra
Alsager Town v Hyde United
Stalybridge Celtic v Vauxhall Motors
Altrincham v Chester City.

In the NatWest Liverpool Senior Cup, Rovers drawn at home to Everton (again!) In Round Two, after both sides received the customary bye.

Once again details on this fixture are to be announced.

Details on both the FA Youth Cup and Lancashire FA Youth Cup will be available shortly, both in the matchday programme and the official website at www.tranmererovers.co.uk

Rough Treatment



"I'm definitely getting old, I keep on thinking "in the old days"...

"For example, 'in the old days' apprentices showed senior pro's a bit of respect and never answered back and 'in the old days' if you were under 30 you weren't embarrassed to walk into the gym and do a bit of a weight circuit without being forced to and 'in the old days' we never let players wear stupid cycling shorts or gloves and hats.

It was good in the old days.

I know it sounds as if I'm getting a bit stroppy, but I'm not. 'In the old days' I would have shouted a bit and spat my dummy out but I've mellowed a bit now. The reason for this rather different start to my column is that those flippin cycling shorts are doing my head in. I'd love to know what players think they do! I suppose if they're psychologically weak they provide a bit of a comforter but so would a scrap of chewed up blanket or a moth eaten teddy bear tucked into their shorts. A few of our older acquisitions wear them and now some of the younger pro's are copying them. Like Neil Ashton (who has never had a recurrent hamstring, groin or hernia problem) who has copied the senior pros and started wearing them. He hasn't copied Michael Jackson and worked 3 afternoons a week in the gym or Mark Rankine and ran his socks off in training or John Achterbung and stayed behind after training to work on his weaknesses, but he does wear cycling shorts. OK, so they make you look as if you've got a massive set of stonks, so does a pair of Marks and Spencer flesh coloured 100% woollen socks strategically folded to replicate an exaggerated outline of your meat and two veg then stuffed down your underpants. (Don't be shocked ladies, your man will have tried it when wearing his Speedo's in Benidorm. You didn't think all men were that well endowed did you?) Even referees are wearing the flippin things, what do they need them for? Wait a minute. That's better, I've just pressed on my anti-cycling shorts auricular acupuncture stud to calm myself down. I've been having therapy for my cycloshortophobia. Better get on with the injury news before I run out of space.

I only had two players with me today (Tues), Ian Goodison with a groin strain (who always wears cycling shorts to prevent getting groin strains) and Jason McAteer with a hamstring strain (who always wears cycling shorts to prevent himself pulling his hamstrings). To be honest, they must work because Ian and Jason have only pulled muscles on one leg. If they were rubbish, I suppose it would be both legs. Ian strained his groin against Portsmouth but was able to get through the match at sunny Torquay and should be OK for today. As you know, Ian is a half decent player, so much so that he represents his country but if sleeping was a sport he would be world class. We were going to training the other day and when we got to Raby, Jason had to wake him up. He's unbelievable. He'll be with me for most of the week and will have trained yesterday.

Jason came off after pulling his hamstring at Torquay last week. I've never been to Torquay before and was lead to believe it was a nice place. I suppose it is but it's 6 hours away and identical to Llandudno, was obviously a very plush place 50 years ago but is looking a bit tired and it's full of very nice old age pensioners. I think their fans singing "McAteer is gay" shows two things about them. One is that they are quite perceptive the other that they're 10 years behind the times. A decade ago, that would have been a major insult but nowadays, even if it's true, who cares? I don't think Jason will be ok for today but I'm not ruling him out just yet. He tried a bit of running today and was able to get up to 50% pace so you never know but I can't see it. Maybe if he wears two or three pairs of cycling shorts he will get through the match. I'll have to go, got an appointment with my psychotherapist."



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<<< "Now they're what you call cycling shorts Jason!"

Fans



"This afternoon's match promises to be the biggest game of the season so far - first against second, the division's only unbeaten side against the team with the most miserly defence"

"And while Tranmere Rovers versus Luton Town won't have the eyes of the nation turned on Prenton Park, it will certainly hold the attention of everyone here today.

For while our visitors are doing a fair impression of Arsenal right now, Rovers have quietly gone about the business of picking up points - enough points to put us into second place. Tranmere's form at Prenton Park has been good since our first win against Hartlepool, but it was the three points Rovers picked up at Torquay after the first away success of the season that lifted us from a play-off position to an automatic promotion slot.

In contrast, Luton's away form has been near-perfect. They've won four out of five games on the road, netting 13 goals in the process. Only Sheffield Wednesday were able to check the Hatters' progress, a 0-0 draw at Hillsborough last month being the only blemish on their record. Steve Howard leads the goal-scoring stakes with five, all of which have come from the head of the awkward target man. Messrs Sharps and Goodison will have their work cut out this afternoon, that's for sure.

But we have one or two good players ourselves. While Jason McAteer and Mark Rankine have both made good starts to their Rovers careers, I'm sure the watching Luton scout at Torquay will have taken note of another match-winning performance from Iain Hume. His quick feet and eye for goal have already turned games our way more than once so far this season, and he's capable of doing it again today.

For while it's fair to say the team hasn't yet hit top gear, there is enough quality in the side to win tight games with flashes of individual skill. Apart from Humie, Paul Hall, Ryan Taylor and Theo Whitmore - among others - all have the ability to do something unexpected, something special that can win a match. But if Ian Sharps shins a corner in off the post in the last minute to win us the game I won't be complaining. In big games like today's it doesn't matter how you win as long as you win.

Get behind the lads and enjoy the game."



Tony Morris

Match Postponed...

You may or may not know that our forthcoming away trip to Bristol City, scheduled for Saturday 9 October, has now been postponed due to international call-ups.

The game has been rearranged for **Tuesday 9 November, kick off 7.45pm** at Ashton Gate.

All admission details etc, apart from the coach departure time, remain the same, and will be printed in a future programme...

Happy Birthday...

...**Frank Lawless**, who will be **65** tomorrow.

Although a native Birkonian, avid Rovers fan Frank travels in from Leeds regularly to support his beloved team, and will be here this afternoon for the big one.

Best Wishes Frank, from all at TRFC, and of course your family and friends.

Let's hope it's a double celebration come 4.45pm this afternoon!

Fair Deal For Collectors...

Details of the latest Chester & North Wales Football Programme & Memorabilia Fair have been announced, which takes place very shortly - and at a new venue.

The Hoole Hall Hotel, off Junction 12 of the M53 is the place to be on Sunday 17 October, with doors opening at 11am (until 2pm).

Admission is 50p for Adults, with Children under 16 admitted free.

The fair covers all aspects of the football-related hobby, including most North West clubs, with a variety of dealers on hand to assist.

For collectors, young and old, this could be right up your street so to speak.

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Bradford City

Saturday 16 October 2004 KO 3.00pm

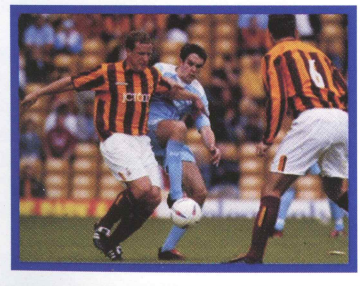
Relegated Bradford City are next here at Prenton Park looking to improve on their erratic start to the season.

After another summer of uncertainty at Valley Parade, the Bantams were staring down the barrel of extinction for the second time in as many years after going back into administration as they've been struggling to adapt to life after the Premiership.

Despite the off-the-field problems, Colin Todd has been able to keep the nucleus of last season's side with players such as ex-Everton youth midfielder Steve Schumacher and experienced heads in Dean Windass, Nicky Summerbee, David Wetherall and Peter Atherton - as well as adding loan signings Neil Roberts from Wigan and Coventry's Dele Adebola.

The Bantams currently have 13 points from the opening 10 games, winning two and losing three on the road. With our impressive home form thus far, let's hope we add to the visitors losses column.

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Away...

Huddersfield Town

Tuesday 19 October 2004 Kick Off 7.45pm at the Galpharn Stadium

A trip over the Pennines to the McAlpine...or rather the Galpharn Stadium is the next port of call for the Rovers roadshow.

After spending a season in the league basement, Peter Jackson's side bounced back courtesy of a penalty shoot-out win over Mansfield in the play-off final.

Huddersfield's experience lies in defence through ex-Crewe men Efe Sodje and Rob Edwards as well as Prenton Park hero Steve Yates. Up front they have Polish under-21 striker Pawel Abbott and Junior Mendes, a summer acquisition from play-off opponents Mansfield, as well as evergreen Andy Booth.

Will Rovers double the number of away wins for the season? If the last meeting at Huddersfield is anything to go by, a 2-1 win for the visitors, the omens are good.

Making The Trip...

Ground: Galpharn Stadium, Huddersfield Hd1 6PX

Website: www.htafc.co.uk

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Club Shop: At ground and in town centre.

Matchday Programme: £2.50.

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Huddersfield Town
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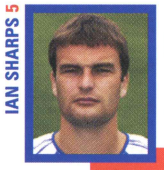
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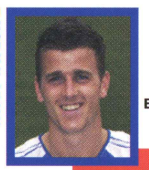
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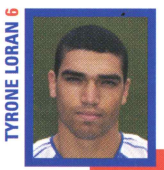
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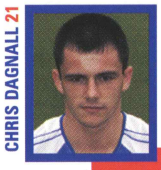
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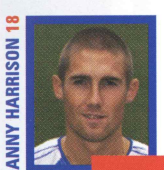
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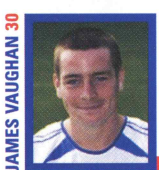
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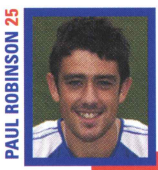
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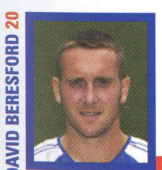
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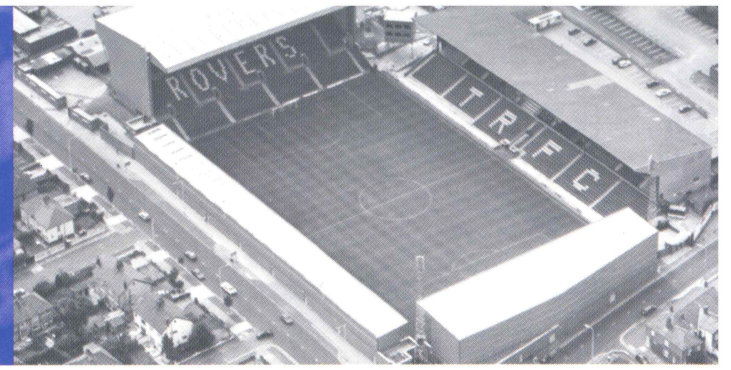
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COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2004-05

		HOME						AWAY						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	Luton	10	5	0	0	7	2	4	1	0	13	7	28	11
2	**Tranmere**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**19**	**6**
3	Hull City	10	3	1	1	5	2	3	0	2	10	10	19	3
4	Brentford	10	5	0	0	11	4	1	1	3	5	12	19	0
5	Chesterfield	10	4	1	0	9	4	1	1	3	3	5	17	3
6	Colchester	10	3	0	2	9	6	2	1	2	9	6	16	6
7	Swindon	10	3	0	2	8	5	2	1	2	7	7	16	3
8	Sheff Wed	10	1	2	2	2	5	3	1	1	12	8	15	1
9	Bournemouth	10	2	2	1	11	7	2	0	3	5	5	14	4
10	Huddersfield	10	2	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	10	8	14	3
11	Hartlepool	10	3	2	0	10	5	1	0	4	7	12	14	0
12	Wrexham	9	3	1	1	6	6	1	1	2	4	5	14	-1
13	Doncaster	10	3	2	0	8	3	1	0	4	5	15	14	-5
14	Barnsley	10	2	1	2	7	7	1	3	1	7	6	13	1
15	Bradford	10	2	1	2	10	8	2	0	3	3	4	13	1
16	Port Vale	10	3	0	2	9	10	1	1	3	5	6	13	-2
17	Bristol C	10	2	2	1	14	7	1	1	3	5	11	12	1
18	Oldham	10	3	1	1	14	9	0	2	3	3	8	12	0
19	Peterborough	10	2	1	2	6	4	1	1	3	6	8	11	0
20	Milton Keynes	10	2	1	2	7	7	1	1	3	6	10	11	-4
21	Walsall	10	2	2	1	9	8	0	2	3	6	11	10	-4
22	Blackpool	9	0	1	3	3	10	1	2	2	5	5	6	-7
23	Torquay	10	0	2	3	5	11	1	1	3	4	7	6	-9
24	Stockport	10	0	1	4	4	10	1	1	3	6	11	5	-11

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 2004-05

	POSITION	SQUAD NO	LGE APP	LGE SUB	CUP APP	CUP SUB	TRFC APP	TRFC SUB
John ACHTERBERG	Goalkeeper	**1**	10	0	2	0	21	0
Neil ASHTON	Defender	**22**	0	0	0	0	0	0
David BERESFORD	Forward	**20**	3	4	1	1	4	5
Eugene DADI	Forward	**14**	4	5	1	1	5	6
Chris DAGNALL	Forward	**21**	2	1	0	0	2	1
Ian GOODISON	Defender	**15**	9	0	1	0	10	0
Paul HALL	Midfielder	**11**	10	0	2	0	12	0
Danny HARRISON	Midfielder	**18**	1	2	0	1	1	3
Simon HAWORTH	Forward	**9**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell HOWARTH	Goalkeeper	**13**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iain HUME	Midfielder	**7**	7	2	2	0	9	2
Michael JACKSON	Defender	**4**	9	0	1	0	10	0
Steven JENNINGS	Midfielder	**19**	2	1	0	0	2	1
Gary JONES	Midfielder	**10**	1	0	0	0	1	0
Paul LINWOOD	Defender	**17**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyrone LORAN	Defender	**6**	0	2	0	0	0	2
Paul MARTIN	Defender	**31**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason McATEER	Midfielder	**34**	6	1	2	0	8	1
Alan NAVARRO	Midfielder	**24**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillip PALETHORPE	Goalkeeper	**29**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark RANKINE	Midfielder	**8**	10	0	2	0	12	0
Gareth ROBERTS	Defender	**3**	10	0	2	0	12	0
Paul ROBINSON	Forward	**25**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ian SHARPS	Defender	**5**	9	0	2	0	11	0
Ryan TAYLOR	Midfielder	**2**	10	0	2	0	12	0
Carl TREMARCO	Defender	**23**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theodore WHITMORE	Midfielder	**16**	1	4	1	0	2	4
Calvin ZOLA	Forward	**12**	6	3	1	1	7	4

HOTSHOTS 2004-05

	SQUAD NO	LGE GLS	CUP GLS	TRFC GLS
Iain HUME	**7**	4	0	4
Eugene DADI	**14**	2	0	2
Michael JACKSON	**4**	2	0	2
Ryan TAYLOR	**2**	2	0	2
Calvin ZOLA	**12**	1	1	2
Chris DAGNALL	**21**	1	0	1
Jason McATEER	**34**	0	1	1
Gareth ROBERTS	**3**	1	0	1
Own Goals	--	0	0	0

All statistics include Coca-Cola League One, FA Cup, Carling Cup & LDV Vans Trophy.

FIXTURES

This Weekend's Fixtures -
Saturday 2nd October 2004

Blackpool v. A.F.C. Bournemouth
Bradford City v. Barnsley
Brentford v. Oldham Athletic
Chesterfield v. Bristol City
Colchester United v. Port Vale
Doncaster Rovers v. Wrexham
Hartlepool United v. Hull City
Huddersfield Town v. Walsall
Peterborough United v. Torquay United
Sheffield Wednesday v. Milton Keynes Dons
Stockport County v. Swindon Town

Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1

Results & Fixtures 2004-05

Coca-Cola League One

Date		Opposition	FT	HT	Attn	Away	Pts	Pos	Goalscorers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	34	Referee	Main Sponsors
										John ACHTERBERG	Ryan TAYLOR	Gareth ROBERTS	Michael JACKSON	Ian SHARPS	Tyrone LORAN	Iain HUME	Mark RANKINE	Simon HAWORTH	*Gary JONES*	Paul HALL	Calvin ZOLA	Russell HOWARTH	Eugene DADI	Ian GOODISON	Theodore WHITMORE	Paul LINWOOD	Danny HARRISON	Steven JENNINGS	David BERESFORD	Chris DAGNALL	Neil ASHTON	Carl TREMARCO	Alan NAVARRO	Paul ROBINSON	Paul BROWN	Oliver JAMES	Ged SCOTT	Phillip PALETHORPE	James VAUGHAN	Paul MARTIN	Jason McATEER		
Sat 7 Aug	A	Peterborough United	L	0-1	0-0	5,390	774	0	21st																																L. Cable	---
Tue 10 Aug	H	Hartlepool United	W	2-1	1-1	8,128	354	3	13th	Taylor (p) 27, Dagnall 68																																M. Atkinson	Steve Gandy
Sat 14 Aug	H	Chesterfield	W	1-0	1-0	8,287	421	6	6th	Dadi 42																																E. Evans	Wirral Borough Council
Sat 21 Aug	A	Doncaster Rovers	D	0-0	0-0	6,040	639	7	11th																																	M. Thorpe	---
Fri 27 Aug	H	Sheffield Wednesday	W	4-2	3-2	9,505	775	10	2nd	Zola 12, Jackson 18, Taylor (p) 30, Hume 64																																N. Miller	Chester Medical Solutions
Mon 30 Aug	A	Stockport County (3.00)	D	1-1	0-0	5,502	998	11	4th	Jackson 54																																L. Mason	---
Sat 11 Sept	A	Barnsley	D	0-0	0-0	8,615	692	12	10th																																	M. Clattenburg	---
Tue 14 Sept	H	Oldham Athletic	W	2-0	0-0	8,437	688	15	3rd	Dadi 65, Hume 73																																A. Kaye	Coors Breweries
Sat 18 Sept	H	Wrexham (1.00)	D	1-1	0-1	9,826	1,254	16	4th	Roberts 59																																A. Marriner	Wirral Borough Council
Sat 25 Sept	A	Torquay United	W	2-1	1-0	2,922	336	19	2nd	Hume 2, 87																																T. Parkes	---
Sat 2 Oct	H	Luton Town																																								
Sat 16 Oct	H	Bradford City																																									
Tue 19 Oct	A	Huddersfield Town																																									
Sat 23 Oct	A	Colchester United																																								
Sat 30 Oct	H	Brentford																																								
Sat 6 Nov	H	Swindon Town																																								
Tue 9 Nov	A	Bristol City																																									
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Sat 27 Nov	H	Milton Keynes Dons																																								
Tue 7 Dec	A	Port Vale																																									
Fri 10 Dec	H	AFC Bournemouth																																								
Sat 18 Dec	A	Hull City																																								
Sun 26 Dec	H	Barnsley (3.00)																																								
Tue 28 Dec	A	Walsall (3.00)																																									
Sat 1 Jan	A	Oldham Athletic (3.00)																																								
Mon 3 Jan	H	Torquay United (3.00)																																								
Sat 8 Jan	H	Bristol City																																									
Sat 15 Jan	A	Wrexham																																								
Sat 22 Jan	H	Walsall																																								
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Sat 5 Feb	A	Bradford City																																								
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FA Cup

Date		Opposition	FT	HT	Attn	Away			Goalscorers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	34	Referee	Main Sponsors
Sat Nov 13		Round One																																									

Carling Cup

Date		Opposition	FT	HT	Attn	Away			Goalscorers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	34	Referee	Main Sponsors
Tue 24 Aug	H	Shrewsbury Town (1)	W	2-1	0-0	4,489	433	---	---	Zola 49, McAteer 80																																	A. Leake	---
Tue 21 Sep	H	Portsmouth (2)	L	0-1	0-0	6,966	341	---	---																																	C. Webster	Mediterranean Shipping

LDV Vans Trophy

Date		Opposition	FT	HT	Attn	Away	Goalscorers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	34	Referee	Main Sponsors
W/C 1 Nov		Round Two																																								

*Bye to Round Two

Statistics Key

- Player Appearance
- First Substitute & Substituted Player
- Second Substitute & Substituted Player
- Third Substitute & Substituted Player
- Substitute Not Used
- Sent Off

Tactics, opposition and cup runs were just some of the topics discussed by Tranmere players and staff at the season's first Fans Forum...

"Talking Tranmere"

The evening, hosted by Radio City's Chris Mallaband, was held in Aldo's with more than 100 fans in attendance.

Answering questions in the first half were Richard Hill, Iain Hume, Gareth Roberts and Simon Haworth.

Simon talked about his recovery from injury, saying he was progressing well and that the messages he had received from supporters had been a great help.

All four were asked about what their favourite match was with Iain saying the 3-0 defeat of Everton at Goodison Park and Gareth's being the Worthington Cup Final in 2000. Being a Leicester City supporter, Richard said he also enjoyed that day as he was sat with their fans!

Simon and Gareth were asked about their love of horses and they both agreed that seeing their horse, Silver Orchid, train was as good a feeling as scoring a goal.

Gareth was also asked who he thought the best player at the club was but before he could answer a voice from the back of the room shouted "that'll be me" and the fans turned to see Jason McAteer waiting for his turn on stage!

Richard Hill returned for the second half when he was joined by the chairman Lorraine Rogers, Mark Rankine and Jason.

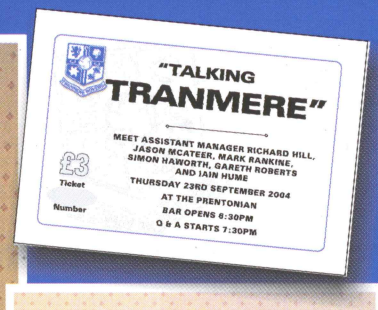
Jason told the crowd how he earned the nicknames Dave and Trigger and how he shouted 180 at snooker player Jimmy White in a nightclub in Dublin instead of 147!

Mark said he wanted to be promoted with Tranmere and that he had settled in well at the club and when Jason was asked if he wanted to manage Rovers in future, Mark quickly answered yes on his behalf.

The night ended with a raffle, with a signed ball, Gareth's away shirt from 2001-02, a signed club pennant, the 2002 season stadium flag and one of Jason's Republic of Ireland training shirts being won before the players posed for photographs and signed autographs.

A great night was had by all.







Tim Roberts

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	Ryan Taylor	2	Kevin Foley		
	Gareth Roberts	3	Alan Neilson		
	Michael Jackson	4			
	Ian Sharps	5	Russell Perrett		
	Tyrone Loran	6	Paul Underwood		
	Iain Hume	7	Paul Hughes		
	Mark Rankine	8	Kevin Nicholls		
	Simon Haworth	9	Rowan Vine		
	Gary Jones	10	Gary McSheffrey		
	Paul Hall	11	Steve Robinson		
	Calvin Zola	12	Chris Coyne		
	Russell Howarth	13			
	Eugene Dadi	14	Michael Leary		
	Ian Goodison	15	Stephen O'Leary		
	Theodore Whitmore	16	Enoch Showunmi		
	Paul Linwood	17	Lee Mansell		
	Danny Harrison	18	Ahmet Brkovic		
	Steven Jennings	19	Steve Howard		
	David Beresford	20	Curtis Davies		
	Chris Dagnall	21	Keith Keane		
	Neil Ashton	22	David Bayliss		
	Carl Tremarco	23	Ian Hillier		
	Alan Navarro	24	Sol Davis		
	Paul Robinson	25	Dino Seremet		
	Paul Brown	26	Matthew Blinkhorn		
	Oliver James	27	Peter Holmes		
	Ged Scott	28			
	Phillip Palethorpe	29	Calvin Andrew		
	James Vaughan	30			
	Paul Martin	31			
		33	Dean Brill		
	Jason McAteer	34			
	Howard Birch	35			
		36	David Deeney		
		45	Leon Barnett		
		46	Max Howell		
		47	Rob Beckwith		



Match Officials

Referee:
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Referee's Assistant:
Mr. A. Smith

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Next Home Reserve Fixture

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Coca-Cola League 1

Bradford City
Saturday 16 October 2004
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