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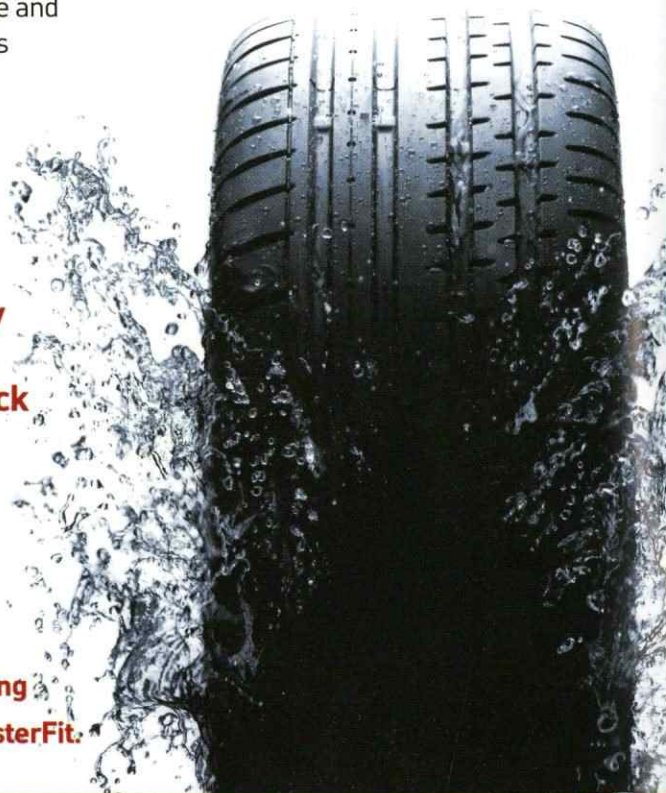
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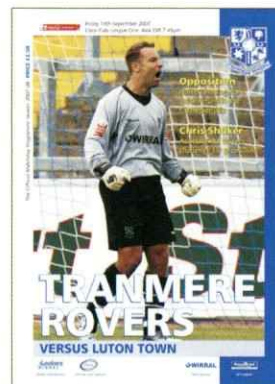
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Directors' Update



BOARDROOM NOTES

"Welcome to Prenton Park for the first of our Friday night home matches this season. Last season we had seven home Friday night games and this season we have five."

"Although many fans enjoy the start-of-the-weekend atmosphere under the floodlights, others find Friday nights hard to attend with work or other evening commitments and some suggest they're less child-friendly than a Saturday afternoon kick off. It goes to show that you can't please everyone - especially in football!"

However, whatever the merits or otherwise of this fixture time, the truth is that most of the games are moved following Police advice because of other pressures on their resources on Saturdays such as high profile Premier League games rather than at the whim of the club. So if you are one of those supporters who are pleased with the number of Friday night games, the board can't take the credit. It is perhaps one of the consequences of having other clubs on our doorstep. I came away from Carlisle feeling proud - not just with the result but with our unbeaten record on the road and the manner of the three results. There were no weak links or costly errors - a big improvement on last season when we only won five matches on the road all season. We've had a good start to the season and, although it's early days, Ronnie and the team deserve credit.

The fixture list often throws up strange patterns of fixtures and this season we seem to have an unusually high number of long distance away matches in the first quarter of the season. This makes the victories even more rewarding and I'm especially pleased for the fantastic travelling supporters. If you don't get to many away games you might be surprised by how vocal our support is away from home. What we lack in numbers we more than make up for in animation and noise level.

"I came away from Carlisle feeling proud - not just with the result but with our unbeaten record on the road and the manner of the three results"

We announced earlier this week that we had negotiated a successful deal with the American group, Mirabilis, with which we entered into a £900,000 loan facility agreement last season.

The Club received approximately £150,000, but requests for the balance of the loan were refused. Under English law Tranmere would have had to create a legal precedent in order to force Mirabilis to advance the remaining payments. This would have been costly and risky. As there is no legal precedent, the Club's chances of success could not be gauged.

They will in effect give us a gift of £150,000 as we won't have to repay any of the amount we have borrowed. In addition, we won't pay any interest on the money we have borrowed for the last year and the charge over some of our land has been released.

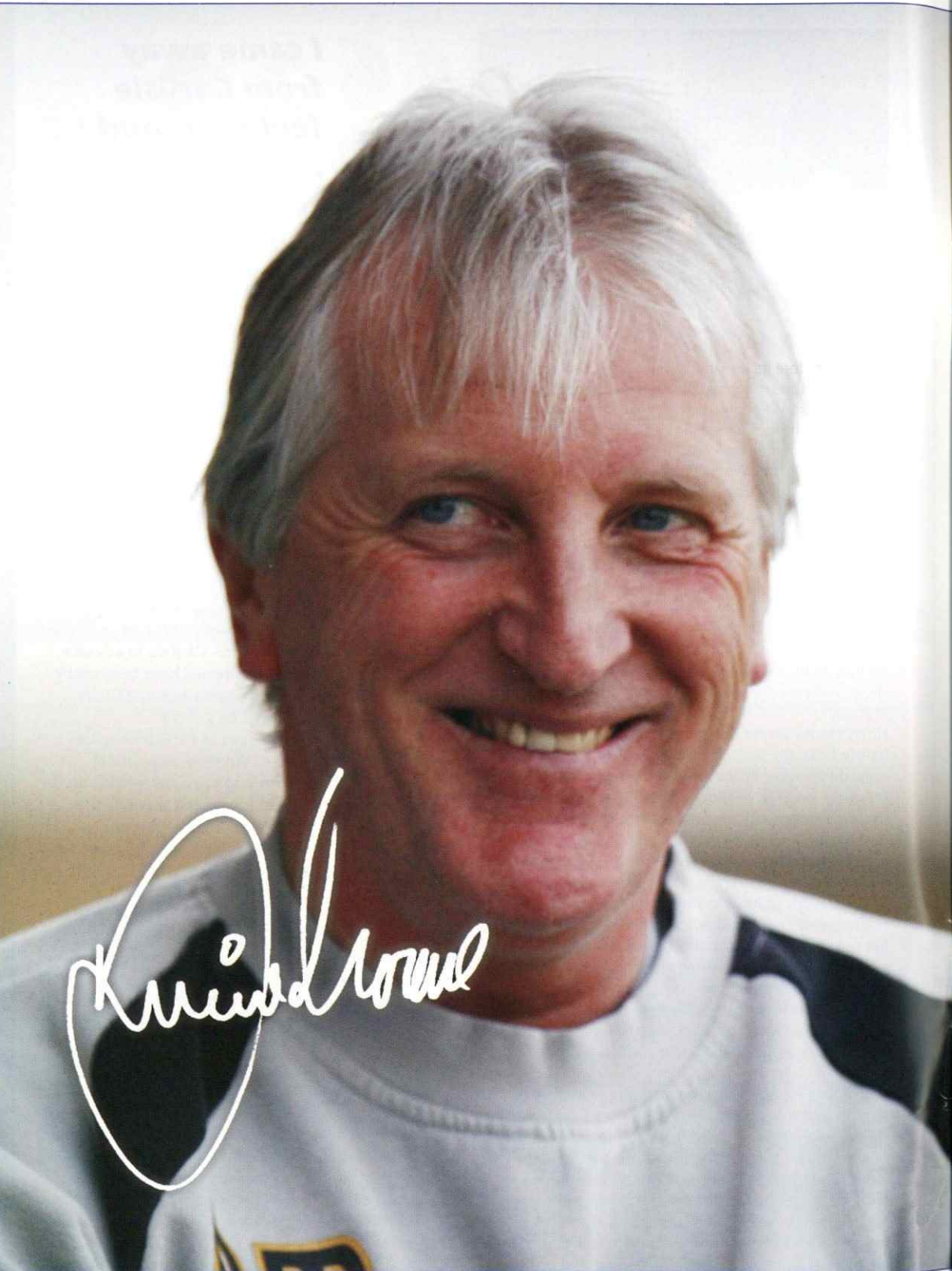
Although it's not turned out as we originally expected, we have ended up with a very good deal. It's rare to get a gift of this significance in football - and it brings the matter to a close. The fact that we entered into an arrangement with a US group in the first place illustrates that we are taking part in the increasing globalisation of English football and developing contacts with overseas groups. Whether we like it or not, this is the direction the game is moving in and we need to investigate the opportunities for Tranmere.

A consequence of the deal with Mirabilis is that we have widened our profile and network of contacts in the States. With Man United, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Oldham in US ownership and with the arrival of David Beckham in the States, it seems that the appetite for US investment in English football is at an all time high.

I hope you enjoy the game and will be back at Prenton Park when we play Northampton Town on Saturday, 29 September."

Lorraine Rogers

PHOTO: L-R: President Peter Johnson, Finance Director Richard Hughes (standing), Chairman Lorraine Rogers, Chief Executive Mick Horton.



Ronnie Moore

"We've got to be pleased with the start to the season we've had. We were a bit unfortunate against Leeds on the opening day, so we could have had a few more points with a bit of luck."

"I thought it was a tremendous performance at Carlisle in terms of grit and determination. It was a red hot day and the players did well to cope with the heat. We gambled on Calvin being fit. We told him to go out and play at three quarter pace to give us more strength and height, but after 17 minutes he chased one over the top and it injured his hamstring again, so it will probably be another fortnight before he is ready. Young Craig Curran came on and did what he is good at. It was a great goal that started from our box. We showed great movement, it was a very good ball in from Shukes and Craig did well to get on the end of it. After that we limited a very good side to a limited number of chances. The back four as a unit very sound, and Danny Coyne made some good saves when he had to.

Away

To have taken seven points from nine away from home holds us in good stead. We have tightened up more on the road. Last season we were gung ho at times. The two wingers stayed out wide and didn't really tuck in and do their defensive duties. But both of them have learned what we are looking for. They're never going to be a left back or right back but that's not what we're after. But they're performing their defensive roles better and we're looking stronger at the back.

Wingers

Shukes has got four assists now this season and that's

what we want. If Shuker and Davies are on form you can't live with them. They get lots of crosses coming in and lots of shots, and the strikers will have plenty of chances. I'm looking for Davo to get involved with the assists and add one or two more goals as well.

Midfield

Steve Jennings has come in and done everything we have asked of him and more. He has helped Paul McLaren who is a fantastic passer of the ball. Jenno compliments him by coming in, tackling, getting the ball back and doing the simple things. I'm pleased with his progress and I'm sure he's enjoying having a new lease of life playing in the first team.

Luton

I'd like to welcome Kevin Blackwell, his players and staff and the Luton supporters to Prenton Park tonight. Luton came down last season, but you only have to look at their squad to see what they are capable of. I know Kevin and his head coach John Carver really well and we're in for another tough game. They've got some really talented players in there and some experience to call on as well. I wish them all the best for the season but after tonight. The game is a great opportunity for us to go top and if you want to do anything in football you have to take your opportunities.

Let's hope there's a tremendous atmosphere here tonight. The supporters who went to Carlisle were magnificent. They got behind us from the start and made a great noise. There were drums beating out and the players appreciate the support we got." Enjoy the game.



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Luton Town

Opposition

Luton arrive at Prenton Park in tenth place in League One, having won two of their opening five matches.

Under Kevin Blackwell, the Hatters made a host of summer signings, though several familiar faces remain from their promotion winning season in 2004-05.

Paul Peschisolido, Don Hutchinson and Paul Furlong added experience to the squad, while Paul McVeigh and Richard Jackson also arrived at Kenilworth Road. Chris Perry, Darren Currie, Alan Goodall and Dave Edwards made it nine new faces in total, with David Forde and Jaroslaw Fojut arriving on loan.

Luton began the season with a 2-1 home win over Hartlepool and followed it up with a victory by the same scoreline at Dagenham & Redbridge in the Carling Cup. Their first away league match ended in a 2-1 defeat at Swindon, but they then registered back to back victories against Gillingham in League One and Premiership side Sunderland in the Carling Cup.

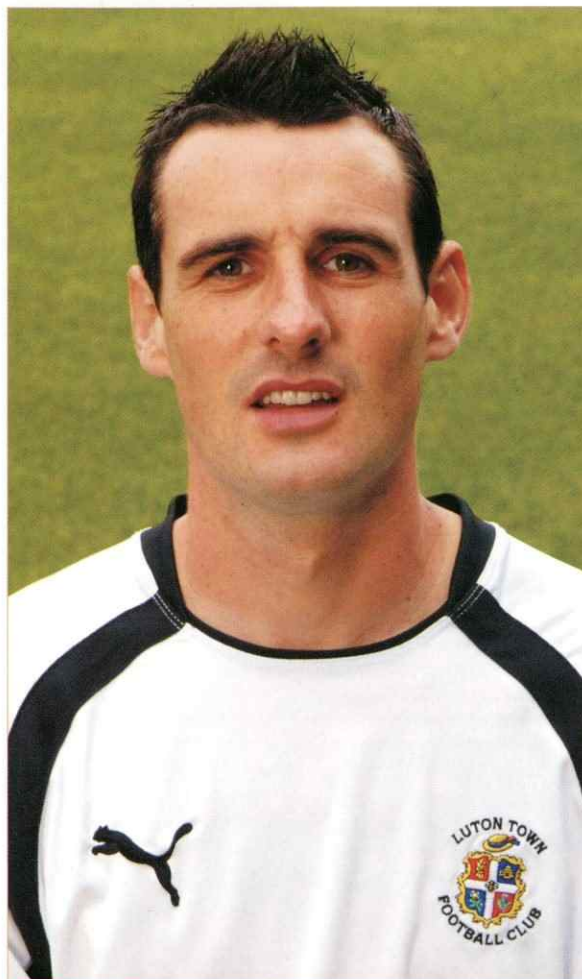
Leeds United defeated the Hatters 1-0 at Elland Road, and after beating Northampton 2-0 in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, Blackwell's side lost 2-1 at home to Bristol Rovers. After the match the manager said: "It's a case of could do better. It was a near faultless first-half performance, but I still felt we didn't create enough in the last third for all our dominance and possession."

"We went behind to a wonder goal, but the lads got back into it and kept playing. The penalty was a farce although Springy held his nerve, but fair play to Bristol Rovers - they kept going."

"Unfortunately for us we've come up against all the promoted sides. We played Hartlepool, Dagenham and Swindon when they were on a high after gaining promotion and it was the same again today against Bristol Rovers."

"When we played Leeds last week it was against a team who had won all their games - we just seem to be coming up against teams who are at their best at the moment." Tonight's match will be the 26th meeting between the sides. Luton have won 12 times to Rovers' nine, though Tranmere are unbeaten in the last four meetings. The last match at Prenton Park ended 1-1 after Ryan Taylor scored from the rebound of a twice taken penalty and Chris Coyne equalised.





One to Watch Matthew Spring

Matthew Spring returned to Kenilworth Road in January 2007 after leaving the club in 2004 to join Leeds United. Matthew had been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-final in 1997.

Calvin Andrew

After scoring an incredible eight goals in three games for the Under-18 side, including hat-tricks against Northampton and Rushden, Calvin Andrew made his Luton debut in September 2004, making 11 appearances.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Full back Ed Asafu-Adjaye is in his first year as a professional footballer having made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

Zac Barrett

Promising young goalkeeper whose performances for the Youth team during the 2005/06 season earned him a professional contract.

David Bell

Talented young midfielder who signed a three and a half year contract with the Hatters in mid-January 2006 after joining from Rushden & Diamonds. The Northamptonshire-born player rose through the ranks at Diamonds to quickly establish himself as a firm favourite at Nene Park.

Marlon Beresford

Former Luton boss Mike Newell strengthened his squad with the signing of Marlon Beresford 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 during the 2003-04 season.

Dean Brill

Luton-born goalkeeper Dean Brill is another young player of whom big things are expected. Dean won the goalkeeper's jersey when boss Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell took over the managerial reigns at Kenilworth Road and despite the

Club being relegated, he was named Young Player of the Season.

Ahmet Brkovic

Ahmet is a tidy and hardworking member of the squad who had an inspirational season during our Championship success in League One, scoring 16 goals from midfield. 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.

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, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne then 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.

Darren Currie

Darren Currie became Kevin Blackwell's third signing of the summer when he signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road in July 2007. The experienced midfielder started his career at West Ham and has played for Shrewsbury, Plymouth, Barnet, Wycombe, Brighton, Ipswich and Derby.

Sol Davis

It was a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave Swindon after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season.

Sol was unfortunately involved in a serious incident during the 2006/07 season when he suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to the Club's visit to Ipswich Town. He was taken into the specialist unit at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge. The squad had been on their way to the Belstead Brook hotel in Ipswich on Saturday when Davis lost feeling in his left side and this was affecting his speech. Sol however made a miraculous recovery and despite being told by doctors it will take months for him to return, he was back in action and started in the game against Cardiff City on New Years Day, 2007.

Dave Edwards

Dave Edwards became Kevin Blackwell's first ever signing at Luton Town joining in July 2007 from Shrewsbury Town. The energetic midfielder is a product of Shrewsbury's youth system and has gone on to make 101 starting appearances for the Shropshire outfit, scoring 15 goals.

Lewis Emanuel

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield.

Paul Furlong

Paul Furlong became the fourth signing by Hatters boss Kevin Blackwell, following the arrival of Darren Currie, Alan Goodall and David Edwards. The striker has played for clubs including Coventry, Watford, Birmingham and Sheffield United.

Alan Goodall

Alan Goodall arrived at Luton Town just 24 hours after Dave Edwards joined from Shrewsbury Town. Alan, who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road, started

his career at Welsh club Bangor City in 2001, spending four years at Farrar Road, where he scored ten goals in 91 games.

Don Hutchison

Don Hutchison became Kevin Blackwell's seventh signing of the summer after he impressed on a trail at the Club during a pre-season tour of Norway. The experienced midfielder signed a one-year contract at the Club as Luton became his ninth club of his illustrious career.

Richard Jackson

Richard Jackson, one of nine summer signings made by Kevin Blackwell prior to the start of the season, had a distinguished career at Derby County. The full-back was the longest serving player at Pride Park prior to completing a signing a two year deal at Kenilworth Road.

Keith Keane

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with fourteen appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship.

Richard Langley

Richard Langley signed for Luton Town in July 2006 after being released by former club QPR. A hard working midfielder, Langley started his career at Loftus Road after progressing through their youth ranks and went on to make nearly 150 appearances for the club. During his first season at Kenilworth Road, Langley made 21 first-team starts.

Paul McVeigh

The capture of Paul McVeigh, the ninth and final signing of Kevin Blackwell during pre-season, came somewhat of a surprise to many Luton Town. At the time of his signature, Luton were in desperate need of a centre-half and talk in the local media was linking defenders with a move to Kenilworth Road. However, Blackwell managed to sign this free scoring striker to add further competition to his forward line.

Dean Morgan

Dean Morgan became an instant favourite with Luton fans after his 90th minute winner in the 3-2 victory over Southampton in August 2005. Morgan moved to Kenilworth Stadium from Reading in July 2005 after seeing his opportunities limited at the Madjeski Stadium.

Stephen O'Leary

Stephen O'Leary is a skillful midfielder, who has spent time on-loan with Tranmere Rovers. Brian Little, the boss of the League One club at the time of O'Leary's arrival, became an instant fan of the central midfielder and went on to become a regular in the side, scoring three goals in 22 appearances. He was rewarded for his displays at the end of the 2006/07 season when boss Kevin Blackwell handed him a one-year contract.

Sam Parkin

Ex-Chelsea trainee Sam Parkin is a forward with a prolific goalscoring record, and choose Kenilworth Road as the place to further his career in August 2006 despite strong interest from other Championship clubs.

Chris Perry

Chris Perry brought plenty of experience with him when he signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road. In 1991 Perry started his career at Wimbledon and went on to make more than 200 appearances for the club before

moving to Tottenham Hotspur in 1999 and then on to Charlton and West Brom.

Paul Peschisolido

Experienced striker Paul Peschisolido joined Luton on a one-year deal in July 2007, becoming manager Kevin Blackwell's sixth signing of the summer. Blackwell knows all about Peschisolido, who was at Sheffield United from 2001-04 when the Hatters boss was No 2 to Neil Warnock at Bramhall Lane.

Steve Robinson

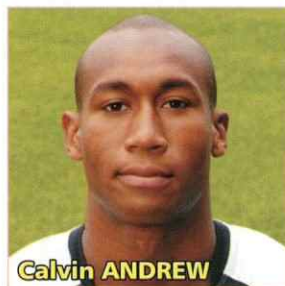
Steve Robinson is a hard working midfielder who has become a firm favourite with the fans at Kenilworth Road. Looking to add experience to a young midfield department, Luton snapped up a man who had earned respect wherever he played. They paid £50,000 to Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for a player who had been capped five times by Northern Ireland.

Drew Talbot

Drew Talbot signed for Luton Town in a £250,000 deal in January 2007 from Sheffield Wednesday as former Hatters boss Mike Newell looked to strengthen his options in attack. He made an immediate impact, making one and then scoring the winner against his old club at Kenilworth Road on his home league debut.

Paul Underwood

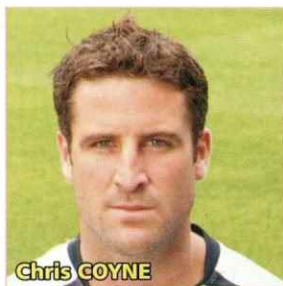
Luton Town fought off competition from a number of clubs to complete the free transfer signing of Paul Underwood from Rushden & Diamonds on transfer deadline day 2004. Paul's career with Luton has been put in some doubt when he contracted a blood infection after undergoing a routine operation last summer and as a result missed the entire 2006/07 season.



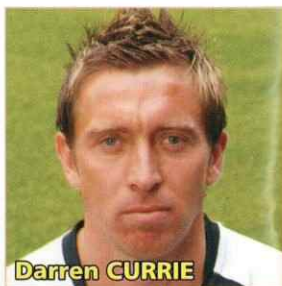
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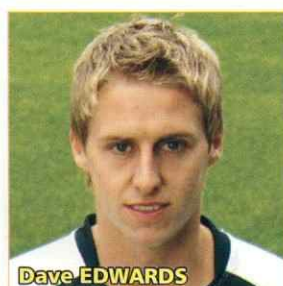
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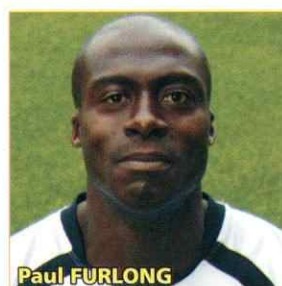
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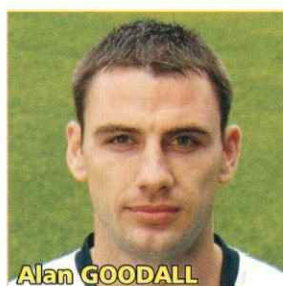
Darren CURRIE



Dave EDWARDS



Paul FURLONG



Alan GOODALL



Keith KEANE



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Entered the Football League: 1897
Club Nickname: 'Hatters'
Former Names: The club was through an amalgamation between Wanderers FC and Excelsior FC.



Home Venue: Kenilworth Road.

Current Capacity: 10,248.

Record Attendance: 30,069, v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th Round Replay, 4th March 1959.

Previous Venues: Dallow Lane, Excelsior (1885), Dunstable Road (1905), Kenilworth Road (1906-date).

Biggest home win over Tranmere:

3-0, League Division Two, 11th March 1939.

Average Attendance in 2006/07: 8,580.

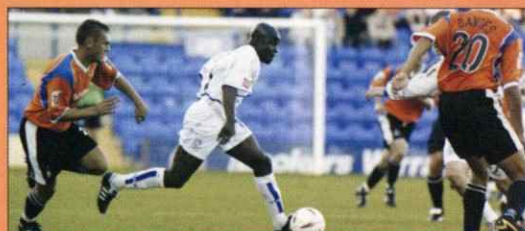
Final League Position 2006/07: 23rd, Coca-Cola League Championship, 40 points.

Hatter's League record at Prenton Park

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Hatter's heaviest defeat at Prenton Park:

1-4, Endsleigh League Division One, 14th September 1993.



Last Meeting at Prenton Park:

Tranmere Rovers (0) 1, Luton Town (0) 0

Saturday 2nd October 2004

Coca-Cola League One

Tranmere: Achterberg, Taylor, Sharps, Goodison, Gareth Roberts, Hall, Rankine, Danny Harrison, Beresford (Whitmore 81), Hume, Dadi (Zola 58).

Subs not used: Howarth, Linwood, Dagnall.

Luton: Seremet, Foley, Coyne, Curtis Davies, Davis, Brkovic, Nicholls, Robinson, Underwood, McSheffrey, Vine.

Subs not used: Brill, Leary, Blinkhorn, Showunmi, Keane.

Attendance: 10,884 (Visiting Support 876).

Referee: Anthony Bates (Staffordshire).

Last Game

Coca-Cola League One
 Saturday 8th September 2007
 Attendance: 6,131

Luton Town 1

(Spring 19 pen)

Bristol Rovers 2

(Lambert 2 & 82)



Leading League Goalscorers 2007-08

Matthew Spring	2
David Bell	1
Darren Currie	1
Dave Edwards	1
Paul Furlong	1
Alan Goodall	1

Last Ten Results 2006-07

QPR (A) Lost 2-3
Plymouth Argyle (H) Lost 1-2
Derby County (A) Lost 0-1
Southend United (A) Won 3-1
Sunderland (H) Lost 0-5

2007-08

Hartlepool United (H) Won 2-1
Swindon Town (A) Lost 1-2
Gillingham (H) Won 3-1
Leeds United (A) Lost 0-1
Bristol Rovers (H) Lost 1-2

The Manager

Kevin Blackwell

Blackwell's reputation as a coach was built at Bramall Lane where he worked alongside Blades boss Neil Warnock.

In fact, he spent much of his playing career under the boisterous Yorkshireman. The Luton-born goalkeeper signed for Scarborough from Barnet in 1986, and then followed Warnock to Notts County and, after a spell with Torquay, joined him again at Huddersfield, Plymouth, Bury and finally Sheffield United, where he became first-team coach. He remained at the Steel city club until July 2003, when his long association with Warnock ended as he made the move to west Yorkshire to join the Leeds coaching staff. After serving two seasons as Leeds manager, Blackwell left the club in September last year. He was appointed number one at Luton Town in March 2007.



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Chris Shuker

Valuable assistance

Chris Shuker has started where he left off last season.

The winger topped the League One assists chart with 12 in 2006-07, and he already leads the way in 2007-08 with four in five games, three of which have led to goals for Chris Greenacre.

He said: "I think I've had a good start to the season, particularly because I've only been fully fit for one game because of my hamstring injury. To have four assists and a goal already is great for me.

"As a winger every assist feels like a goal. It's great to be top of the assists table already and hopefully I can stay there all season.

"I've built up a really good understanding with Chris which helps us both. I've made a lot of his goals already and hopefully there will be a lot more to come. I told him I'd get him one against Leeds and I was made up for him when he scored.

"In pre-season Davo was the one everyone was getting excited about so I've had to up my game. But I'll make sure I'm the one the fans are talking about soon enough!"

Seven points out of three away games have helped lift Rovers to second in League One before tonight's game.

And Shuker feels the form away from Prenton Park, if continued, can keep Tranmere at the right end of the table.

The 25-year old added: "We've had a decent start. Leeds wasn't the best way to begin the season, we deserved more out of the game. But since then we've won three out of our five games to get to second place and played some good football at times.

"We've done well away from home. Last season we put in some good away performances without getting the results, but we seem to have put that right so far. It gives you more confidence going into away games knowing we've got the results behind us. You need to do well away from home if you're going to be in contention for promotion at the end of the season."

“Last season we put in some good away performances without getting the results, but we seem to have put that right so far.”



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CH42



The new third strip has just been revealed on page 42, call into the Club Shop after the game for a closer look or look out for its appearance on the pitch at half time tonight.

The shirt will get its debut at the Cheltenham away game on the 22nd September. To make sure all the fans get the chance to fill Whaddon Road with gold, the Club Shop will be opening from 8am on Saturday, 22nd September until 1pm. The supporters coach leaves for Cheltenham at 10am giving fans plenty of time to get to the shop and buy their new shirt.

Tranmere are charging just £5 admission for 17-22 year olds for the Crewe game at Prenton Park on Tuesday, 2 October, kick off 7.45pm.

Chief Executive Mick Horton said: "We recognise that a lot of young people are keen to come to see live football but cannot always afford to do so. "With students returning to universities and colleges we hope this offer will make it more practical for them to come to Prenton Park and enjoy the game.

"This price reduction follows on from our Family Ticket offer for the recent Brighton match and is part of a series of offers we will run throughout this season aimed at different groups of supporters."

Young persons can pay cash on the turnstiles for the Kop, Paddocks and Johnny King Stand with photographic proof of age (valid NUS, passport or drivers licence), or purchase tickets for the Main Stand from Ticket Office. Young persons can pay cash at the following turnstiles: Paddocks: 3, 29; Kop: 16, 19, 23, 26; Johnny King Stand: 12.

Interested in working at Tranmere Rovers on a matchday?

We've got vacancies in our Ticket Office for this season. Staff would be required to work from

12.00pm - 3.30pm on match Saturdays and 5.00pm - 8.00pm for midweek matches. For more details, telephone Dawn on 0151 609 3336 or email a CV to dawnr@tranmererovers.co.uk.

Enjoy the pre-match and half time entertainment from Anamal?

Tickets are now available for 'Setting Off', their forthcoming show at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets for the shows on Thursday, 27 and Friday, 28 September are available from Anamal Dance Company on 07843243592.

Already planning next year's holiday? Desperate for an autumn getaway?

Why not get a discount on your holiday simply for mentioning that you're a Tranmere fan?! Hundreds of Rovers fans already have! Tranmere have teamed up with Thomas Cook to offer supporters great deals on holidays around the world.

To take advantage of the discount that's just waiting for you...all you need to do is pop into a local Thomas Cook store and tell them you're a Tranmere supporter.

The local branches are at: 294 Hoylake Road, Moreton; 208 Grange Road, Birkenhead; 30 Milton Pavt, Grange Precinct, Birkenhead; 34 Liscard Way, Liscard; Bridge Street, Neston.

Don't forget the Soccerbus service is back up and running again this season!

Connecting with trains at Birkenhead Central and Hamilton Square Stations for Prenton Park, this special match day service will take you to the game for just £1.50 single or return fare, or FREE to valid Trio, Solo, Triplus, Saveaway or Merseytravel Free travel pass holders. And if you ask for a rail add-on when buying your rail ticket you can travel for just £1 return on Soccerbus.



Happy 9th Birthday Niamh sat in the Tranmere Suite with all her friends Love from Mum and Dad XXX

Looking for some great Tranmere Christmas presents?

Why not bid on one of our three auctions?

We've put online two mascot experiences and the Matchball sponsorship package against Carlisle.

* Be the Tranmere Rovers mascot (this auction is for one child only) against Carlisle United at Prenton Park on Boxing Day, Wednesday, 26th December, kick off 3pm.

Auction winner will receive one full home kit for the child of their choice. The mascot will run on to the pitch with the players before the game and take part in the pre-match photo with captains and match officials.

* Be the Tranmere Rovers mascot (this auction is for one child only) against Cheltenham Town at Prenton Park on Saturday, 29th December, kick off 3pm. Auction winner will receive one full home kit for the child of their choice. The mascot will run on to the pitch with the players before the game and take part in the pre-match photo with captains and match officials.

* Be the Tranmere Rovers Matchball

sponsor v Carlisle United at Prenton Park on Boxing Day, Wednesday, 26th December, kick off 3pm.

Package includes a superb 3-course meal for two in the Dave Russell Restaurant, reserved seats in the Main Stand, acknowledgement on the cover of the matchday programme and the opportunity to take part in the official line-up prior to kick off.

For more details, visit www.tranmererovers.co.uk.

On Wednesday of this week, Wirral celebrated its affiliation with HMS Astute, the Royal Navy's newest and most technologically advanced nuclear powered submarine, with an official visit by its captain, Commander Mike Walliker OBE (pictured above), and one of his lieutenants, Justin Cloney, a former pupil of Cald Grammar School.

HMS Astute was launched by the Duchess of Cornwall in June this year, and as well as being affiliated to Wirral, it is also affiliated to the Wallasey-based Sea Cadet Unit, TS Revenge, the largest sea cadet unit in the country.

During his visit, Commander Walliker visited Tranmere Rovers Football

Club, Kilgarth School in Birkenhead, a secondary special school for boys with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties, which was judged to be outstanding by Ofsted earlier this year. They will also visit the Children's Unit at Arrowe Park Hospital and one or two other local football and cricket clubs with whom they are hoping to forge links. Steve Maddox, Wirral Council's Chief Executive, said: "We are very proud of this affiliation and are very much looking forward to the benefits which it will bring. The affiliation will raise Wirral's profile and in exchange, we are looking forward very much indeed to supporting the boat and its crew in any way we can.

"We are delighted to be welcoming Commander Walliker and Lieutenant Cloney and look forward to discussing further opportunities as a result of our affiliation with them." Tranmere Chief Executive Mick Horton added: "It was a pleasure to welcome Commander Walliker to Prenton Park. The Club is proud to be associated with the ship and we look forward to future visits from its company."

The Royal Navy's newest Submarine HMS Astute was launched in June 2007 by HRH The Duchess of Cornwall at BAE Systems Shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness. She has been built using the most advanced naval engineering techniques and her construction has been described as more complex than that of a space shuttle.

At 97m in length and displacing 7800 tonnes when dived, HMS Astute is the largest Hunter Killer Submarine built for the Royal Navy. Her advanced nuclear technology means HMS Astute will never need to be refuelled and she can circumnavigate the globe without surfacing. HMS Astute has the honour of being affiliated with the Borough of Wirral and the Ship's Company are delighted to be linked with Tranmere Rovers Football Club.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
son Scotland	Swansea	3	2	5
mes Brown	Hartlepool	2	2	4
idy Kirk	Northampton	3	1	4
esor Kandol	Leeds	4	0	4
pyd Owusu	Yeovil	2	2	4
aig Davies	Oldham	2	2	4
lam Boyd	L Orient	3	1	4
ark McCommon	Doncaster	0	3	3
an Hammond	Brighton	3	0	3

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
storia Park	Hartlepool	2	8	4.00
ithdean Stadium	Brighton	3	11	3.67
enilworth Stadium	Luton	3	10	3.33
ie Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	2	6	3.00
land Road	Leeds	3	8	2.67
estfield Stadium	Gillingham	2	5	2.50
enton Park	Tranmere	2	5	2.50
ots Hall	Southend	3	7	2.33
ie Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	3	7	2.33
xfields Stadium	Northampton	3	7	2.33
unday Park	Oldham	2	4	2.00
scot Stadium	Walsall	3	6	2.00
le Park	Port Vale	2	4	2.00
ie Den	Millwall	2	4	2.00
untly Ground	Swindon	3	6	2.00
yton Stadium	L Orient	3	6	2.00
ish Park	Yeovil	2	3	1.50
ie Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	2	3	1.50
ty Ground	Nottm Forest	2	3	1.50
erty Stadium	Swansea	2	3	1.50
addon Road Ground	Cheltenham	2	3	1.50
epmoat Stadium	Doncaster	2	3	1.50
ness First Stadium	Bournemouth	2	2	1.00
nton Park	Carlisle	3	3	1.00

TEAM LEADERS

am with the most..
ots on target 45 Leyton Orient. **shots off target** 36 Swindon. **corners** 38 Doncaster. **hit woodwork** 4 Swansea. **offsides** 22 Crewe. **fouls** 90 Leeds. **yellow cards** 13 Northampton. **red cards** 2 Gillingham.

PLAYER POWER

ayer with the most..
ots 19 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Shots on target** 8wayne Gray (Leyton Orient). **Shots off target** 11esor Kandol (Leeds). **Assists** 4 Chris Shuker (Tranmere). **Crosses** 25 John Melligan (Leyton Orient). **ffsides** 12 Luke Beckett (Huddersfield). **Fouls** 21ul Connor (Cheltenham). **Free-kicks won** 20 Joe arner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 127

RIGHT FOOT 65 goals

51.2%

LEFT FOOT 27 goals

21.3%

HEADERS 34 goals

26.8%

Own goals 1 (0.8%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
 Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on
 Andrew Williams (Bristol Rvs vs Port Vale) 3:35

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
 Mark-Alain Gradel (Doncaster vs Bournemouth) 3:24

By a substitute after coming on
 Shaun Cooper (Bournemouth vs Doncaster) 4:29

SUB TOTALS

Subs used290

Offsides348

Corners644

Shots Off Target603

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 2 0

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **608** shots on target, goals constitute **20.9%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **25** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Bournemouth 3). There have been **16** penalties awarded this season and of those **15** have been scored (a success rate of **93.8%**). Hartlepool have been awarded most penalties - **3**. Oldham have given most penalties away **2**. The team to score the most penalties is Hartlepool **3**. Leyton Orient missed **1** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	4
0-1	5
0-2	4
0-3	-
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-0	10
1-1	7
1-2	8
1-3	1
1-4	-
1-5	-
2-0	4
2-1	7
2-2	2
2-3	-
2-4	-
2-5	-
3-0	2
3-1	1
3-2	1
3-3	-
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4-2	-
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	-
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 09/09/2007

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Ronnie Moore	Kevin Blackwell
Played 51 Won 21 Drawn 14 Lost 16 For 65 Against 56 Av Pts/game 1.51 Biggest Win(s) Port Vale 2 Tranmere 3 (17/03/2007). Biggest Loss(es) L Orient 3 Tranmere 1 (24/02/2007).	Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 8 For 13 Against 21 Av Pts/game 0.83 Biggest Win(s) Won 3-1 on 2 occasions Biggest Loss(es) Luton 0 Sunderland 5 (06/05/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..2	Ronnie Moore	Kevin Blackwell
Draws ..0	Goals 1	Goals 2

Player with the most...	shots	shots on target	shots off target	assists	crosses	fouls	free-kicks-won
Steve Davies 11	Chris Greenacre 6	Calvin Zola 5	Chris Shuker 4	Chris Shuker 13	Calvin Zola 10	Steve Davies 14	
Paul Furlong 12	David Bell 5	Paul Furlong 8	Darren Currie 2	Darren Currie 17	Paul Furlong 16	Paul Furlong 13	

SHARP SHOOTERS

Tranmere	CCFL Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFL Cup	Tot	
Chris Greenacre	3	0	3	Matthew Spring	2	1
Steve Davies	2	0	2	Paul Furlong	1	2
Chris Shuker	1	0	1	David Bell	1	1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played24	Tranmere wins	Luton wins
Draws4	Goals 30 (1.2 per game)	Goals 40 (1.7 per game)
0-0's1	Times failed to score 7	Times failed to score 6

Biggest League win at Tranmere for each team:

14/09/1993 Tranmere 4-1 Luton
 30/11/2002 Tranmere 1-3 Luton



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

Position 10	Points 6
Played 5	Goals For 7
Won 2	Goals Against 7
Drawn 0	Points 6
Lost 3	

Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	1	0	3	1	0	2	10

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	0	1	20	1	0	1	17

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	0	1	5	2	0	0	7

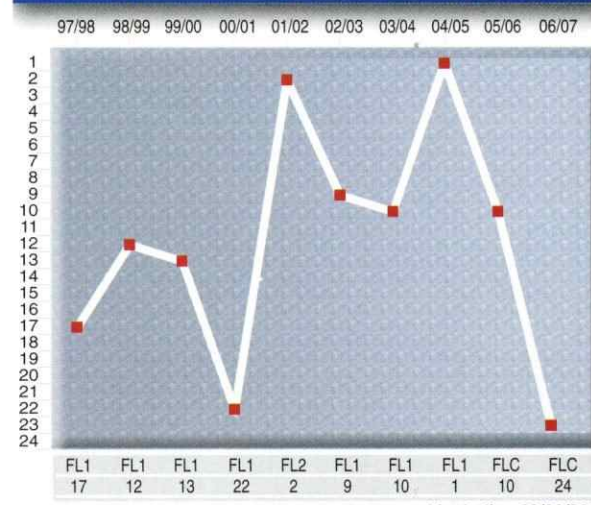
Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	0	10	0	0	3	23

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[2], Losses: 1-2[1], Wins: 2-1[1], 3-1[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 1-2[2], Draws: None

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 09/09/2007





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Off Air

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life

"I was sitting in my office early this week and heard a familiar voice in the background. You'll all have come across the sound at some time....I call them the 'professional moaners.' Whatever you say or do annoys them in fact they really do lead a miserable existence."

"I was just about to scream when a young colleague...who's not afraid to say what everyone else is politely thinking.... gave them a piece of advice "what you need is an injection of pure optimism." I'm not sure whether 'miserable guts' was 'needled' by this but thankfully he did shut up and that set me thinking.

Stories about pain-killing injections and drugs have again been filling the sports pages in recent months.

First we had the debacle surrounding the Tour de France, which has surely now left that sport with a huge mountain to climb to restore any respect and credibility.

Next it was golf's respected elder statesman Gary Player alleging that he knew of tournament professionals who were regular drug users. Then at the World Athletics Championships heptathlete Kelly Sotherton, Britain's bronze medallist, refused to even acknowledge the presence of Ukraine's silver medal winner Lyudmila Blonska at the medals ceremony. The girl in question had just returned from a drugs ban and set a new Ukrainian record by some margin leaving Kelly aggrieved and suspicious.

Following this and amidst all the jubilation and national pride surrounding Christine Ohuruogu's gold in the 400 metres I then found myself accused of judging by double standards. If I agreed with Kelly's comments, then how should I judge our golden girl's performance? Christine has never tested positive for drugs but she has just returned from a year's ban for missing three doping tests....and like Blonska had just recorded a personal best.

With Steven Gerrard and 'Freddie' Flintoff only able to play for club and country after taking pain-killing injections it left me with the question 'are they using performance enhancing treatments too?' Could they have performed as well or indeed at all without them? Perhaps that's taking the debate a little too far but hopefully you can see my point.

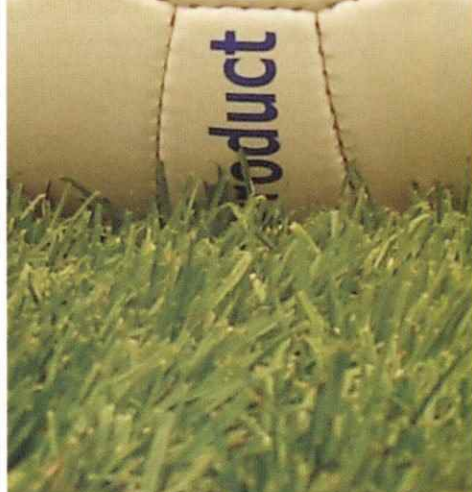
There's no doubting that professional sportspeople can be 'miserable guts' too when they are injured and can't perform but just where should we draw the line about the use of performance enhancing drugs. Which in a roundabout way brings me back to my young colleague's suggestion of an 'injection of optimism.' This would surely be the safest of all treatments.

Those of you who travelled to Carlisle or listened to my commentary on 'Radio Merseyside' or 'Tranmere World' will no doubt have received your own 'injection of optimism' following Rovers excellent 1-0 win. Even just five games into the season promotion is a certainty isn't it when we're still on 'Cloud Nine'!

So just remember how you felt last Saturday night as you start cheering the side on this evening because your unconditional support is the best drug you can supply to any sportsperson or team. It's the professional moaners that can turn us all to drink and drugs and leave your favourite player feeling very lonely."

Derek Jones

BBC Radio Merseyside.



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+Tickets and goody bags will be distributed to the organiser before the date of the game

+Application forms available in the Club Shop or to download from www.tranmererovers.co.uk

+Upgrade to other areas of the ground available

*If information is provided in advance



Tranmere Rovers

In The Community



Tonight's special guests are pupils from Bebington Sports College.

The school has a close association with the community team, having hosted Soccer Schools for many years. In addition, Tranmere Rovers In The Community run a Girls Development Centre through the school along with numerous other projects. We hope you all enjoy the game and come back soon!

Two weeks ago, children from the Step Into Leisure programme visited Prenton Park for their presentation to mark the end of their summer events.

The youngsters, who received their certificates from Rovers keeper John Achterberg, visited the National Football Museum in Preston, took part in a healthy eating programme, went on a visit to Danger Point in North Wales and took part in an Art Project which saw them revamp the court yard at Moreton Family Centre. The youngsters have also worked with Activate on a project called Word up, visited West Kirby Marine Lake and worked with Youth Service at New Brighton in a sandcastle competition.

The Step in Leisure Programme is a partnership between Wirral Council and TRIC. Funding came from Greater Merseyside Connexions PAYP.

Paul McLaren, Calvin Zola and Gareth Taylor were on hand as Rovers helped launch the 2007 St John's Hospice Star (pictured above).

Last year 19 thousand people showed their support for St John's Hospice by wearing the star pin and raised £16 k to support the Hospice.

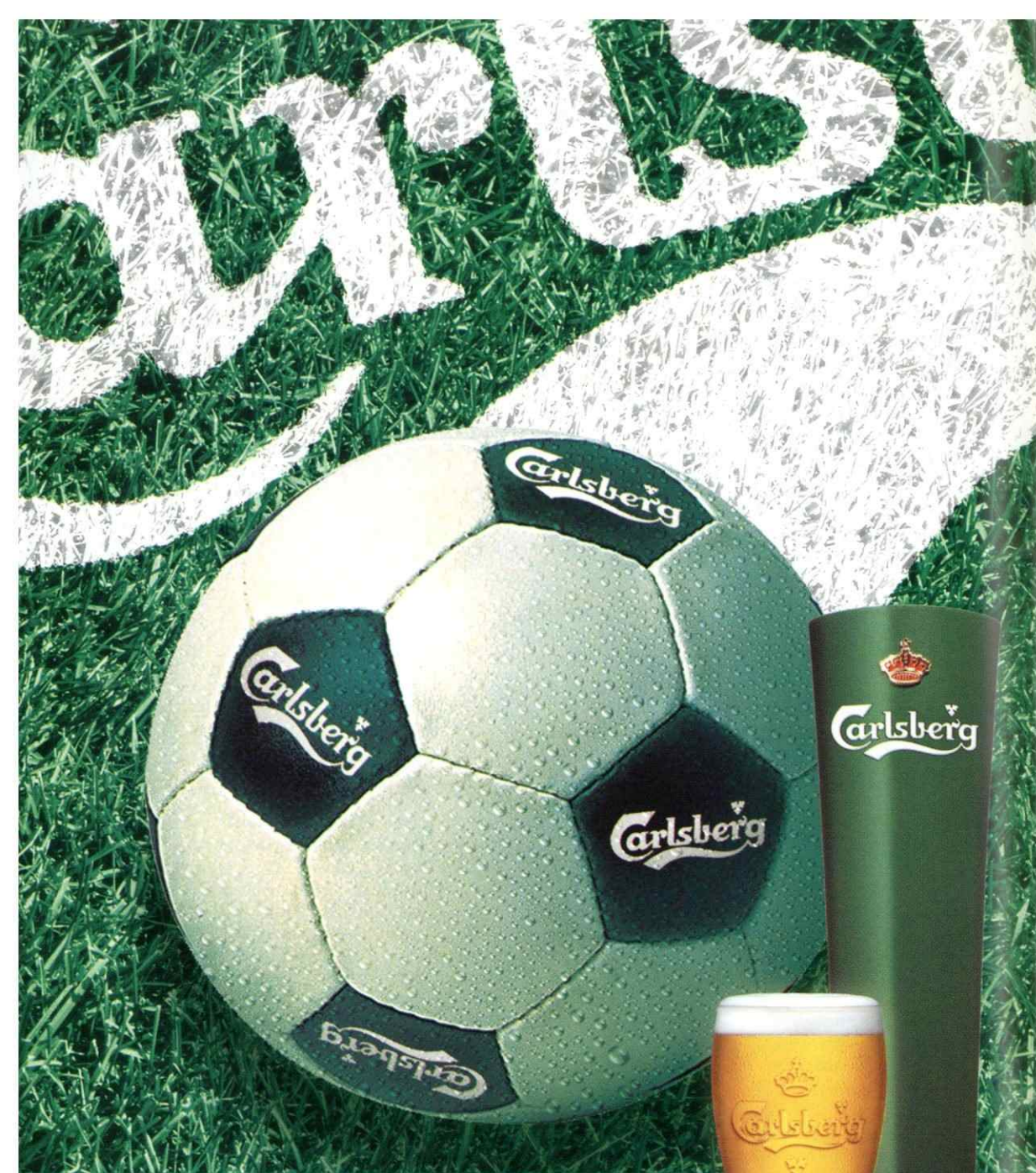
Lesley Woodhead, Fundraising and Marketing Manager, said: "We were overwhelmed last year with everyone wanting pins. This year we have ordered 50,000 to raise £50k towards the Hospice Anniversary Appeal.

"One of the nicest things about the pins is when family and friends of our patients see other people wearing the pins and they know they are not alone with what they are going through.

"Tranmere supporters can help us to raise that money by buying and wearing the star pin."

Our "Playing for Success" Learning Centre will be celebrating its one year anniversary this autumn with a range of events being organised over the coming months.

In the meantime, sessions kick off again next week with groups from Prenton, Park, Leasowe and St. Michael and All Angels primary schools all involved as well as groups from local secondary and special schools.



Carlsberg

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Prenton PUPS



Good Evening to all of our younger supporters and a special good evening to all of the visiting supporters - especially the younger supporters - who have made the very long journey from Luton to be here with us for tonight's game. We hope you enjoy the game and have a very safe journey home.

The Pups kennel will be open again tonight after it was closed for the Morecambe game last week.

As well as selling all your pre-match goodies (which the adults are starting to buy now so get yours quickly before they are sold out!) we will be having our usual match day kennel quiz where you can win a prize if you can guess the correct answer to Diane's question. We haven't had many winners so far this season so if you think you can guess what time the first goal will be scored, or what the total attendance will be, or how much extra time will be played in both halves of tonight's match then you should call into the Pups kennel and leave your answer on our answer sheet and you could be our next lucky winner!

The Pups had their first meeting of the new season last night.

There will be a full report and pictures from the meeting in our next programme. We are now planning for our next meeting which will be our "Halloween Spooktacular" to be held during the October half term. Keep checking the programmes for more details!

Until next time.....Enjoy the match and see you all again when Northampton come to town!

Denise & Diane X



Next Meeting...
TO BE ANNOUNCED
Watch This Space!



Despite a defeat against Morecambe, both our mascots Adam and Connor Jellicoe, thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

They not only warmed up alongside the players, but also got to meet some of their heroes who duly signed autographs - before taking their place in the pre-match photocall just before kick off. To win the chance of becoming a mascot in 2007-08, forms are available to customers purchasing a full junior replica kit from the Club Shop.

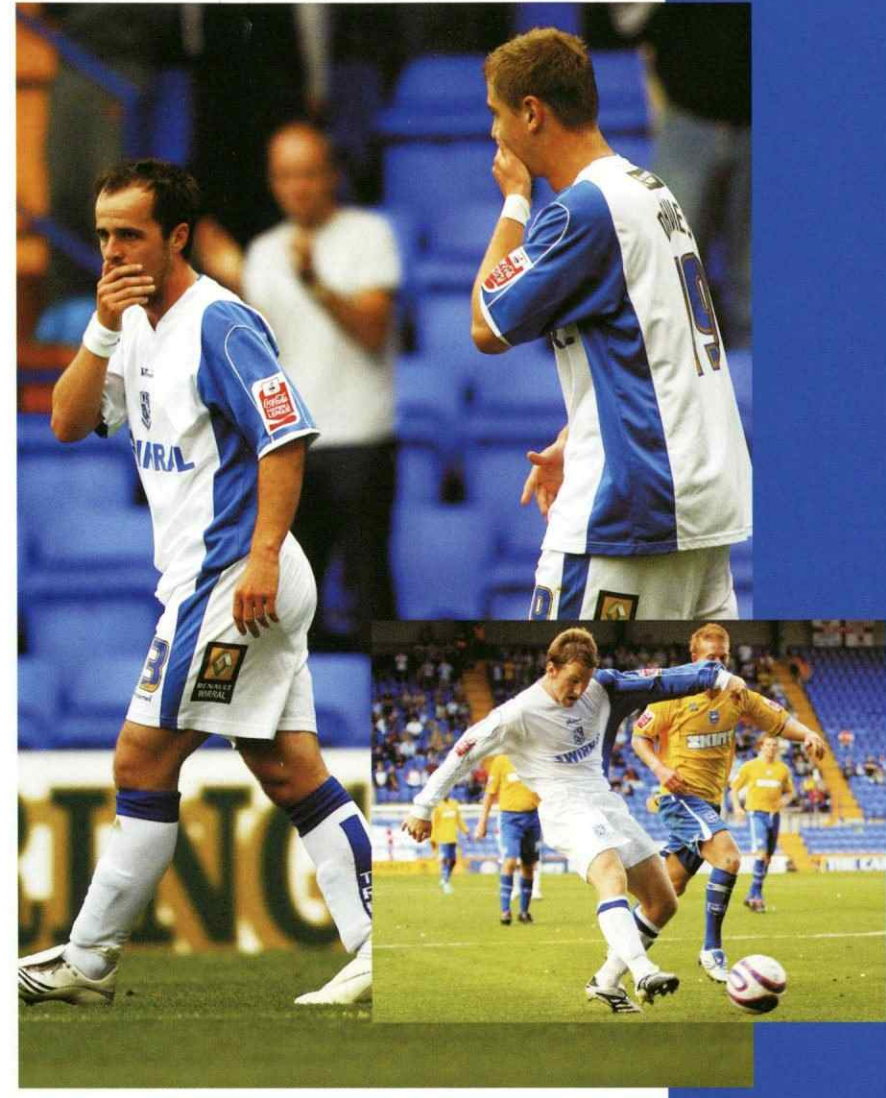
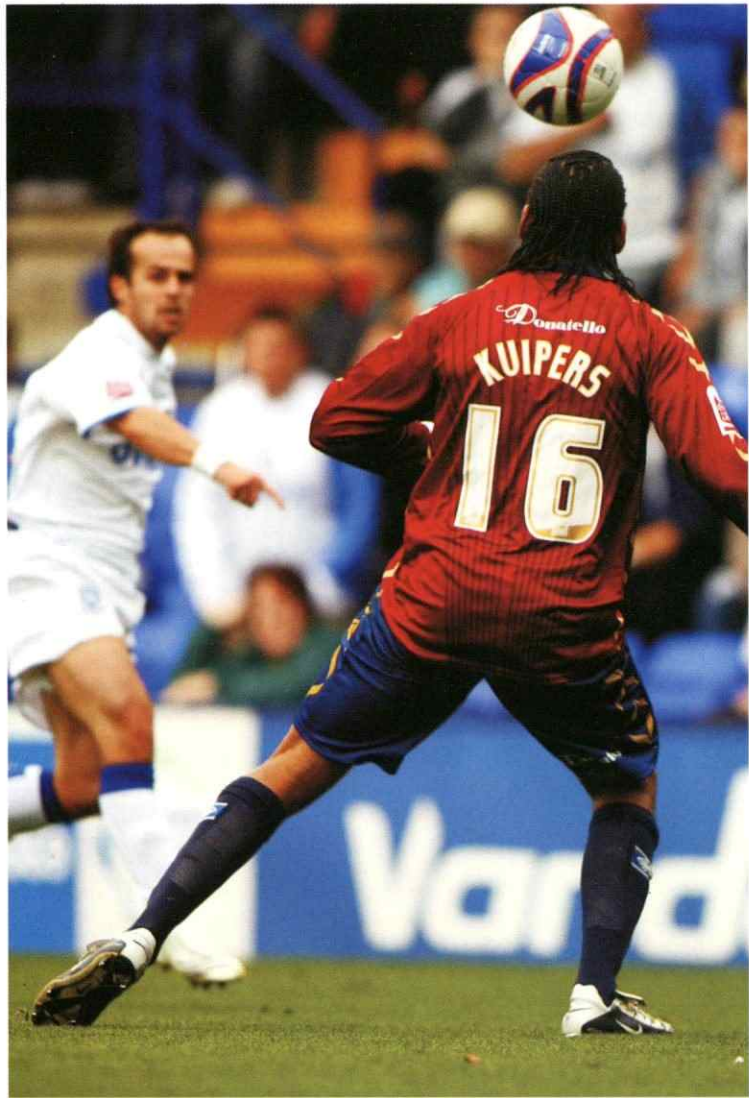
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Prenton Pups member Joshua Morris who turned 8 on September 11th. We hope you had a great day Joshua.



Action Replay

Seagulls wings clipped as Rovers take all three points



The Match...

After making the long trip back from Gillingham with three points, Rovers kept up their winning ways with a hard fought 2-0 victory over Brighton & Hove Albion at home.

The breakthrough took a while to come, with Chris Greenacre heading in Chris Shuker's cross in the 78th minute after good work from Craig Curran on the right.

The second came in injury time, this time Shuker lobbing Brighton's Michael Kuipers from 35 yards after the keeper ran outside his area.

The Statistics

Tranmere Rovers (0) 2
Brighton & Hove Albion (0) 0

Saturday 25th August 2007, Prenton Park

Coca-Cola League One

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Greenacre (78), Shuker (90)

Attendance: 5,670 (Visiting Supporters 313)

The Teams...

Tranmere: Coyne, Stockdale, Chorley, Goodison, Sherriff, Shuker, McLaren, Jennings, Davies, Taylor (Curran 75), Greenacre.

Subs not used: Achterberg, Tremarco, Kay, Mullin.

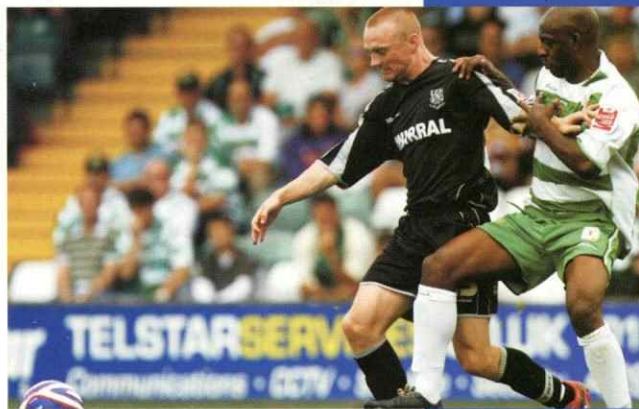
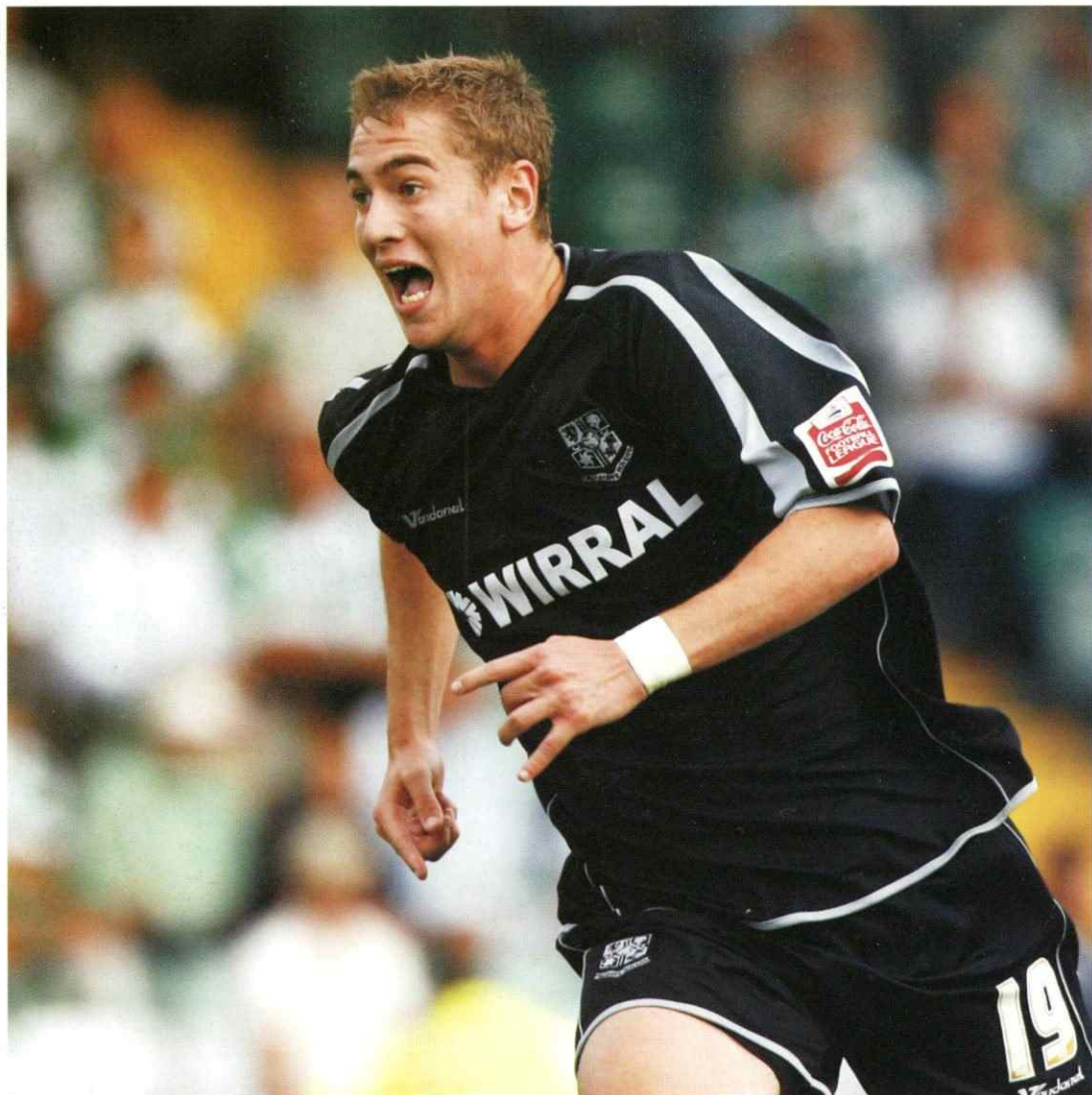
Brighton: Kuipers, Whing (sent off 90), Butters, Elphick, Rents, Hammond, El-Abd, Savage, Cox, Revell, Forster (Elder 83).

Subs not used: Sullivan, Mayo, Robinson, Fraser.

Referee: Graham Salisbury (Lancashire)

Action Replay

Rovers secure point with last gasp free kick



The Match...

Another long away trip faced Rovers a week later with Yeovil's Huish Park the destination for Ronnie's side. The injured Gareth Taylor missed out, with Craig Curran making his first start of the season in attack. Two early Steve Davies strikes tested Glovers keeper Steve Mildenhall but the sides were level at the break. Marcus Stewart put the hosts one up with a shot from outside the area, but Rovers left it late (fifth minute of injury time) to equalise, with Davies expertly finding the top left corner from a free kick.

The Statistics

Yeovil Town (0) 1
Tranmere Rovers (0) 1
Saturday 1st September 2007, Huish Park
Coca-Cola League One
Goalscorers: Yeovil - Marcus Stewart (57).
Tranmere - Steve Davies (90+6)
Attendance: 4,985 (Visiting Support 394)

The Teams...

Yeovil: Mildenhall, Rose, Guyett, Forbes, Nathan Jones, Cochrane (Barry 20), Ritchie Jones, Peltier, Owusu (Knights 28 - Williams 84), Stewart, Warne.
Subs not used: Lynch, Alcock.
Tranmere: Coyne, Stockdale, Chorley, Goodison, Sherriff, Shuker, McLaren (Ahmed 66), Jennings, Davies, Greenacre, Curran (Tremarco 71).
Subs not used: Achterberg, Kay, Jones.
Referee: R. Lee (Brentwood).

Factual Friday Night Football

*Friday night football at Prenton Park stems back to the **1960-61 season**. Following the first televised coverage of the Grand National by the BBC in March 1960, this became - and still is - a regular feature. In line with this the following season, Rovers took the decision to alter their Third Division home game with Hull City. Liverpool also moved their Division Two home fixture with Plymouth Argyle to the Friday evening, as did Cardiff City who entertained Blackpool. **Rovers won their match 1-0.**

*The switch proved a great success, as Rovers hoped to move further games towards the end of the season. In one instance they planned to move their fixture with Coventry City to a Friday in April to avoid a clash with the Rugby Union Championship final being played at Birkenhead Park RUFC between Cheshire and Devon. The Football League, however, objected, stating that they required at least three weeks notice before the intended fixture.

*Although some Rovers supporters objected to Friday nights, a request by Rovers to have **all their home games played during the 1963-64 season** on a Friday was rejected by the Football League. Undeterred, Rovers pressed the issue, and eventually managed to switch **15** of the games to Friday nights. In later seasons the Football League were more lenient, but still did not take kindly to the switch due to the Football Pools.

*Since then **376** home matches have been played on Friday nights, a record which consists of **199 wins, 86 draws and 91 defeats.**

*This includes a string of memorable



Friday night favourite...versus West Ham 1992

victories, involving **two 7-1 wins, three 6-1 wins**, alongside **four 6-2 scorelines**. The most consistent scoreline has been however **1-0** - and on **38 occasions** overall.

*Of the **86 draws, 32 of these have been 0-0 draws, 36 1-1 draws, 16 2-2 draws, with just 2 matches resulting in a 3-3 draw.**

*The **heaviest recorded Friday night home defeat** was a **0-5 reverse in September 1979, versus Bournemouth**, and in which the famous 'hooligan' incident took place. Pensioner Charlie Lindsay entered the field of play, from the Cowshed terrace, to challenge Cherries keeper Kenny Allen with a whack on the backside with his walking stick for 'time wasting'.

*The **50th Friday night fixture** was a 1-2 defeat to Barrow in the old Third Division in April 1966. The **100th fixture** was marked with a 5-2 win over Bristol Rovers in April 1970, while the **200th** saw both Tranmere Rovers and Swindon Town draw 1-1. Rovers celebrated their **300th** with a crushing 5-1 win over Birmingham City.

*The Grand National itself has been an important factor in Tranmere games being switched to Fridays, mainly on advice from the police. All in all, **18 races have caused the switch since 1961.**

*There have been **47 Friday night home matches postponed** since 1961, and for a variety of reasons. Weather has taken precedence on most occasions, such as waterlogged pitches and snow, while Tranmere's involvement in the FA Cup has had cause for fixtures to be moved. In the early part of 1974, evening games were switched to both Saturday and Sunday afternoons during national power cuts, and in later seasons when clubs experimented with Sunday afternoon kick offs. International call-ups for players can also be mentioned. The most notable occasion though was when the floodlights failed just 27 minutes in versus Hartlepool United in December 1986, with the score at 0-0.

***17 hatricks** have been notched up during Friday night matches. The highlights include the first which came during Tranmere's 7-1 demolition of Southport in September 1962, as Alan Arnell netted three.

George Yardley achieved the feat twice in the same month and season - September 1967-68 - scoring four goals against Shrewsbury and three versus Colchester. Ronnie Moore bagged **four goals** against Brentford during the promotion season of 1975-76 against Brentford, while both **Frank Worthington** and **John Clayton** scored **three-a-piece in the same game**, as Tranmere trounced Cambridge United **6-2** in August 1985. The last was **Stuart Barlow's three goals** against Wrexham in **September 2001**, during a **5-0** whitewash.

*The team we have faced the most of Friday nights is **Port Vale**, on **13 occasions**. Torquay United (**12**), Halifax Town (**11**), Stockport County (**10**) and Bradford City (**10**) have also been frequent Friday night visitors. We have faced tonight's visitors **Luton** on just the one Friday night occasion - this during the 1968-69 season, and which we lost 0-2.

*The **biggest attendance** for any Friday night fixture at Prenton Park came against Southport, when **15,555 spectators** turned out for our Division Three fixture **April 1967**. The lowest is just **984**, when Exeter visited Prenton Park in March 1979. Additionally the abandoned fixture with Hartlepool in December 1986 attracted just **843** spectators!

*The most Friday night games won in just one season is **12**, and which came during **1964-65 and the Division Four promotion seasons of 1966-67 and 1975-76**. Rovers were also undefeated in **14 seasons** of Friday night football played.

*There have been **eight Friday live matches** in front of the TV cameras. The most notable was in fact the first Friday game to be televised live - a thrilling 4-3 victory over Portsmouth in October 1996. Since then however, most live matches have not proved successful on the field!

*Since 1961, there have only been three seasons where **Friday night home matches have not taken place - 1981-82, 1995-96 and 2003-04**. The most Friday night games played in one season is **16** - this during both the 1965-66 and 1972-73 seasons.

*Other memorable Friday nights have included a breath-taking **5-2 victory over West Ham United in 1992**, while previously of course, our last-gasp **1-0 win over Exeter City in 1987** which did enough to preserve our Football League status.

Programme Notes

Luton Town v Tranmere Rovers
Endsleigh Insurance League Division One
Kenilworth Road
Saturday 18th March 1995

When Johnny King's Superwhites travelled to Luton for this Spring encounter 12½ years ago they led the division and looked on course to reach the top flight for the first time in their history.

Both manager David Pleat and skipper Trevor Peake used their columns to highlight our strengths. The boss talked about the "Pedigree and quality" of players like Gary Stevens, Liam O'Brien, John Aldridge and Pat Nevin, but also pointed out the homegrown talent in our squad. Ged Brannan, John McGreal, Kenny Irons and our current Reserve Team Manager, Shaun Garnett, were amongst those he no doubt had in mind. Trevor Peake looked back to the official opening of the re-developed Prenton Park, which had taken place the week before and thought that Rovers had every chance of rounding off a memorable year with promotion. However he remained confident that the Hatters recent good home record could see them pull off a shock win and edge closer to the play-off places themselves.

Back in 1995, of course, the pointless transfer windows hadn't even been thought of by meddling UEFA officials, so the Thursday after this fixture, being the third in March, marked, as it as it had for so many years, the traditional transfer deadline day and David Pleat was hoping to bring at least one new face to Kenilworth Road.

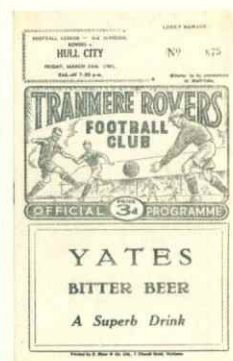
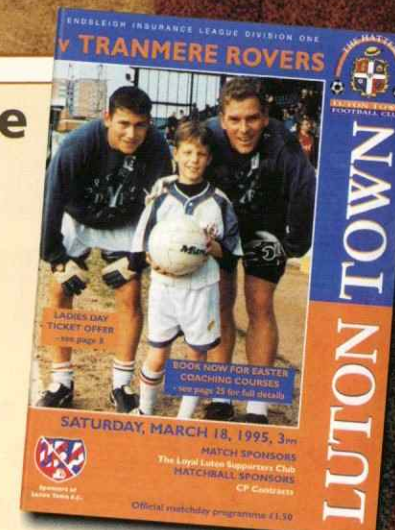
Chairman David Kohler remained determined to move the club to a new stadium to ensure its future and pointed out that, with time and alternatives in Luton rapidly being exhausted, they may have to look further afield. He had already held informal talks with Milton Keynes Borough Council, but his plans failed to materialise and so our visitors today remain as Luton Town rather than the MK Hatters!

The "Those Were The Days" double-page feature turned the clock back just three years to a six-goal thriller when the corresponding fixture had ended in a 3-3 draw. Remarkably seven of the Rovers team which took to the field in that September 1992 clash were still in the line up for this match, underlining the continuity which was a feature of our success-laden years in the 1990's.

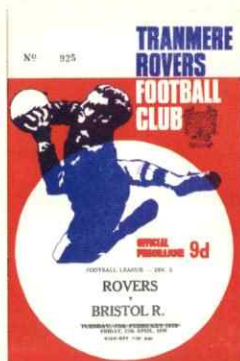
The back cover of the 40-page programme (cost £1.50) was another throwback to a simpler age with both teams numbered 1-11 and not even three permitted substitutes listed.

On the day it was the eleven players in the white of Luton who held the upper hand as they ran out 2-0 winners and helped to end Tranmere's promotion dreams. As we lost to Reading in the play-offs, The Hatters slumped to sixteenth place to share our end of season disappointment. With all due respect to our visitors, let's hope that the only disappointed people inside Prenton Park today are sitting in The Cowshed!

Tony Evans



The first...



The 100th...



The 200th...



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Our Vice President Members chose Chris Shuker as their Man of the match, following our 2-1 win over Brighton & Hove Albion...



...Chris was also the choice of our Dixie Dean Members, following a rousing performance - and a goal - to celebrate our first three points at home...



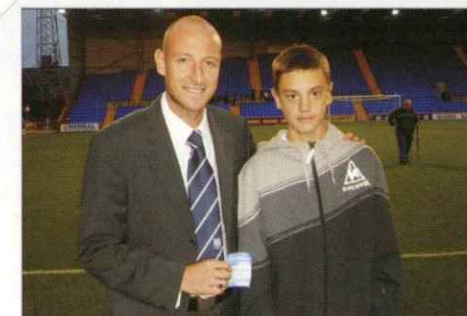
...The lucky holder of the day's winning Equaliser ticket was Tony Evans, who then collected a cheque for £667.00 - and presented by Calvin Zola...



Against Morecambe, Steve Davies was the top choice of our Vice President Members, in the first home cup fixture of the season...



Our Dixie Dean Guests made it a brace for Steve, with their award following the game...



Finally, the holder of the winning Equaliser ticket on the night was C. Perry, who accepted his cheque from John Mullin at half-time...

Seven days of joy?



Rub of the Green...

Four away games in already, and while the travelling numbers may be slightly down, the Super White Army are already in good voice.

Our support on the road is averaging 492 at the moment (including Stockport in the Carling Cup) - not bad considering the attendances across the board in League One. Currently only Leeds are attracting above average totals in our Division so far, due to their status.

Somewhere New?...

Talking of travelling, those ground hoppers amongst us, can even extend the field of dreams to a variety of new venues, thanks to Tranmere's Ladies and Men's Reserve teams, as most if not all the opposition chose to stage their home matches at alternative venues.

The advantage with the Ladies team this season include Maltby Main FC (Sheffield Wednesday), Heybridge Swifts FC (Colchester United), Woodley Sports FC (Stockport County), Dunkirk FC (Nottingham Forest), Washington FC (Sunderland), Bamber Bridge FC (Preston North End), Parkgate FC (Rotherham United), Flixton FC (Manchester City) and Sutton Coldfield Town FC (Aston Villa). All this for the price of a coach trip (£10 everywhere), plus a £2 admission fee, capped with a £1 programme. The men's Reserves too visit Buckley FC (Wrexham), Fleetwood Town FC (Blackpool), Radcliffe Borough FC (Bury) and Accrington Stanley twice (alongside Burnley).

"How can so few people make so much noise?"

This was a quote I just had to add here, having heard it made by a Carlisle United steward at the front of the visiting supporters section during the game last Saturday. Both he and his colleagues had endured almost 90 minutes of deafening and continuous vocal support by those Rovers fans at Brunton Park.

All very encouraging really, as it had been a rather topsy-turvy week. Seven days earlier we'd maintained our good record at Huish Park with Steve Davies' dramatic injury-time free kick, to then see us disappointingly bow of the only cup competition we had a realistic chance of winning, and this even before you could say 'Johnstone's'. True, by taking into account Morecambe's great cup record since entering the Football League in August, the final outcome at Prenton Park might not have surprised some within the game as a whole. From another angle however - and much like last season having lost to Darlington and then beating Millwall in the same week - for those experienced watchers closer to home, it now set up the prospect of a "complete turnaround" on the pitch at Carlisle.

Once again, Rovers didn't disappoint. An all-round solid performance blocked out the hosts to the point of sheer frustration for the home supporters, who in the process were left to watch Craig Curran put Rovers into a deserved 1-0 lead just before the break.

The half-time sights of concrete and fencing directly in front of the stand, with the pitch area moved to one side, does offer one of the division's most strangest views - not the fault of the Club mind, but it's bizarre nonetheless. This however had little or no effect whatsoever toward the superb vocal support, especially as Rovers then had to endure the second-half pressure cooker, taken to boiling point, but doing enough professionally to not allow the contents to spill from the pan.

Having weathered the onslaught, there was almost a sense of justice about the whole affair at full time, as while having not won there since 1998, the previous run of defeats at Brunton Park had been pretty close to say the least - so winning here by any scoreline was sweet enough indeed.

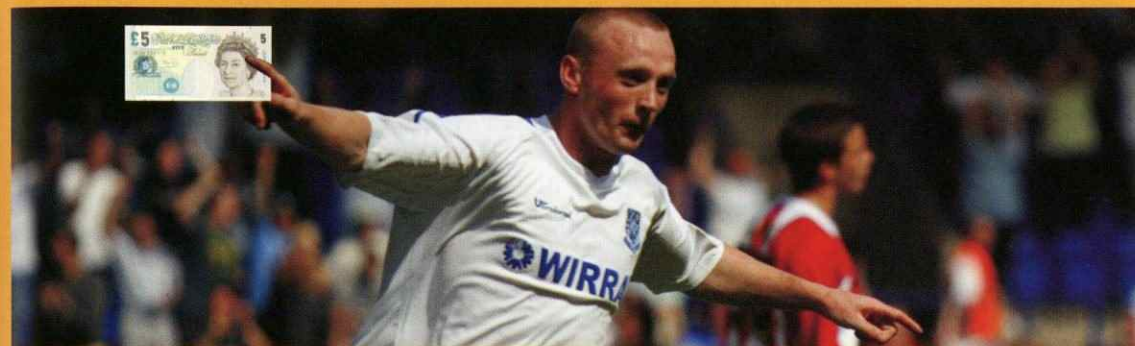
Thoughts of the previous week's game at Yeovil also were taken into account on the trip home, as having gone a goal down at Huish, our perseverance once again shone through.

Marcus Stewart once again made every effort to score against us for the umpteenth time, and for a while, he looked to have succeeded having found the back of the net midway through the second-half.

Having won and drawn on our last two visits to Huish, the game then entered injury time, and a first-ever defeat looked to be on the cards - although as previously mentioned, that changed as soon as Steve Davies stepped up to take his free kick.

There was sheer joy to be had both on and off the pitch, not only following the goal, but at the final whistle, and in some way rewarding a long and arduous trip to Somerset, especially for the coach travellers.

On that note, the final thought now lies with the fans. Having seen the 'joyous carnage' amongst our loyal and fervent travellers in recent weeks, imagine what we could do with this state of vocal support here at Prenton. We'd come pretty close during that 2-0 win over Brighton - so how about more of the same?...



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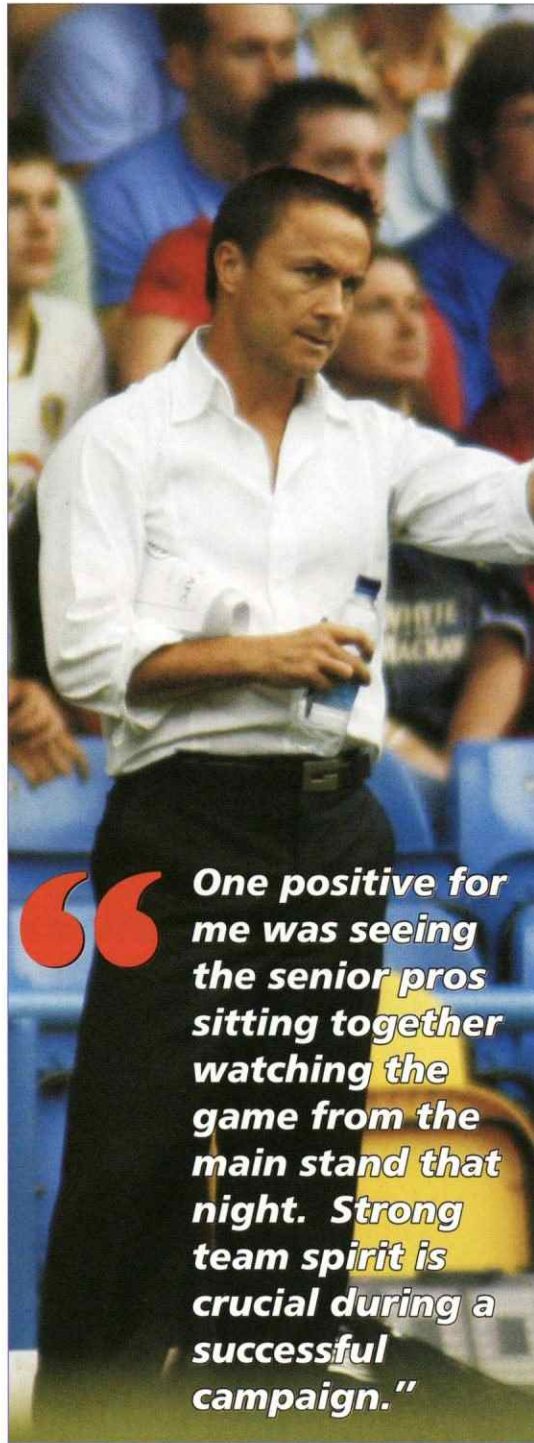
"Despite a second first round cup exit, this time at the hands of Morecambe, last week, the league form (dare I say it) seems to be consistent and we have had some great results."

"Let's just hope that this can continue and the lads can give us something to cheer in the coming weeks whilst some of the other clubs are (hopefully) distracted by the cups. The Morecambe result really hurt. Losing to Darlo last season was one thing but Morecambe have only just come out of non-league! I know all that nonsense about "they are here on merit" - but come on boys! I hope that if there is anything we can take from the game in terms of lessons learned it's the influence of Paul McLaren in midfield and the fact that we are still sometimes missing the option of someone who can unlock a well organised defence.

One positive for me was seeing the senior pros sitting together watching the game from the main stand that night. Strong team spirit is crucial during a successful campaign. The teams that have done well in our division over the last few years have all had solidarity about them, whilst perhaps not possessing any real stars. Luton were a case in point a few years back when they took this division by the scruff of the neck and went up as Champions. I think Mike Newell did a fantastic job with them and I'm sure we will see him back in management before too long. The disappointment of the JPT together with a £20 admission price and a tea time kick off for England on Telly meant that I elected to stay home last Saturday. Tranmere World can be a life saver sometimes. I don't really listen to the commentary on the radio any more. To be honest, the coverage is pretty hit and miss on local radio which I think is a pity. It's great to be able to keep up with the action on "World" - I just wish the goal clips were made available a bit sooner.

Trying to work out when the goals will be on the TV is really confusing this season. Working out when that "Big League Weekend" programme is on Sky Sports 1 is too hard for me, and remembering to record it is even harder. In fact it took me 2 weeks to work out that that was where the highlights had ended up - why they couldn't call the show "League 1 and 2 Goals" or something I'll never know. What's "Big League" got to do with anything? It sounds like Rugby or American Football or something.

Leeds might actually get some points on the board this weekend, having managed to react 0 points last week. It's a fine achievement but very few people outside that City will be impressed by their rough neck tactics and intimidation of the opposition and the officials. Both ourselves and Luton have encountered this already this season. Dennis Wise even appeared to stick the nut in on Luton boss Kevin Blackwell - very sportsman-like I'm sure. Get behind the lads and enjoy the game."



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Youth Alliance underway

Wrexham U18s 2, Tranmere U18s 0 Tranmere's Under-18s started the season with a disappointing away defeat against local rivals Wrexham in the Puma Youth Alliance.

Rovers went behind as early as the fifth minute, and the home side sealed the win a minute from time from the penalty spot. After the match Youth Coach Shaun Garnett said: "It was a disappointing start to the season and I'm not to sure we showed enough ruthlessness in the Wrexham penalty area to deserve a win.

"Wrexham played a very narrow 4-4-2 which meant it was hard to play through them, they also dropped fairly deep which allowed us a lot of possession up until their defending third. This was their game plan so it was up to us to break them down but I felt we didn't show enough creativity to achieve this.

"We have 10 first-year scholars in the squad this season and six of them started on Saturday.

"It is going to be a learning curve for a lot of them this year because we will be younger than a lot of the teams we come up against.

"Defeats do show up things you have to work on."

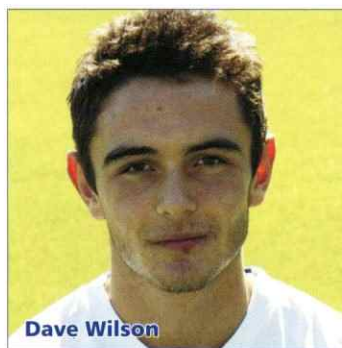
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Tranmere U18s 3, Walsall U18s 3

Tranmere picked up their first

point of the season with an improved display against Walsall.

Rovers were one down at the half time break, but levelled on 50 minutes when good play from Tom Beahon allowed Dave Wilson to open his account for the season.

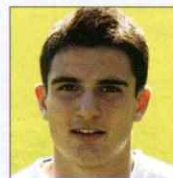


Dave Wilson

An own goal put Tranmere 2-1 up, and though Walsall levelled, Terry Gornell netted from the spot to put Tranmere in the lead once more. However, the visitors added to their tally to take a point from the game shortly before the final whistle. Garnett commented: "It was a very good game of football and I was pleased with many aspects of our performance.

"But we have to reduce the number of goals we are conceding. That is five in two games and it is too many."

Tranmere: Kennedy, Denson, Taylor, Richardson, Cresswell, Wilson (Macauley 86), Beahon, Moran, Corrigan (Fraughan 70), Gornell, Blundell. Substitutes not used: McWeeney, Jones.



Youth Team Profile

Name: Terry Gornell

Age: 17

Position: Striker

Favourite player: Dimitar Berbatov. He's a top player and a great finisher. He's a really good striker to learn from.

Reserves

Rovers Reserves travelled to Brunton Park on Tuesday afternoon to face Carlisle United Reserves.

A full report on the game will follow in a future programme. The next home fixture is this coming Wednesday, when Accrington Stanley are the visitors - kick off is at 7.00pm.

Rovers then travel to Accrington's Fraser Eagle Stadium to face Burnley Reserves who returned to the Pontin's Holidays League this season, and utilise Stanley's home venue for their home reserve fixtures.

League Cup Group One Results

Wednesday 15th September
Huddersfield Town 1, Tranmere Rovers 0

Wednesday 5th September
Morecambe 1, Tranmere Rovers 1

Fixtures

Wednesday 3rd October
Chester City v Huddersfield Town (2pm at Deva Stadium)

Wednesday 17th October
Huddersfield Town v Morecambe (7pm at Galpharm Stadium)
Tranmere Rovers v Chester City (7pm at Prenton Park)

Wednesday 7th November
Chester City v Morecambe (2pm at the Deva Stadium)

From the three groups in this seasons competition, the group winners will then progress to the knockout stages, with the fourth spot going to the runner-up with the best overall record.

Reserves

Results & Fixtures 2007-08



	Result	Goalscorers
Wed Aug 15 A Huddersfield T. (PLC)	L 0-1	
Wed Aug 22 A Bury	W 1-0	Gornell
Wed Aug 29 H Rochdale	W 2-1	Gornell, Holmes
Wed Sep 5 A Morecambe (PLC)	D 1-1	Gornell
Tue Sep 11 A Carlisle United	L 0-3	
Wed Sep 19 H Accrington Stanley		
Wed Sep 26 A Burnley (7pm)		
Wed Oct 10 H Manchester City		
Wed Oct 17 H Chester City (PLC)		
Mon Oct 22 A Wrexham (7pm)		
Wed Oct 31 H Blackpool		
Wed Nov 14 A Morecambe (7pm)		
Wed Nov 28 A Preston North End (7pm)		
Wed Dec 5 H Chester City		
Wed Dec 19 H Bury		
Wed Jan 9 A Rochdale (2pm)		
Wed Jan 16 H Burnley		
Tue Jan 22 A Manchester City (2pm)		
Wed Feb 6 H Wrexham		
Wed Feb 20 A Blackpool (7pm)		
Wed Feb 27 H Morecambe		
Wed Mar 19 H Preston North End		
Wed Mar 26 A Chester City (7pm)		
Wed Apr 9 H Carlisle United		
Wed Apr 23 A Accrington Stanley (7pm)		

All home games played at Prenton Park, kick off 7.00pm unless stated
PHLC - Pontin's Holidays League Cup, LSC - Liverpool Senior Cup.
No entry to Cheshire Unibond Senior Cup season 2007-08.

Appearances 2007/08: Achterberg 2, Holmes 3, Crawford 1, Cresswell 4, A. Taylor 5, Kay 2, Henry 5, Jones 5, Ahmed 2, McWeeney 2, Mullin 1, G. Taylor 2, Gornell 3, Fraughan 1 (1), Tremarco 2, Wilkie 1, Curran 1, Holmes 1 (1), Beahon 3 (1), Blundell 3 (1), Richardson 1, Denson (1), Macauley 2 (1), Johnston 2, Wilson (2).

Goals: Gornell 4, Holmes 1, Own Goals 0

Pontin's Holidays League Division One West League Table 2007-08

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Burnley	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
2 Morecambe	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
3 Tranmere Rovers	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
4 Preston North End	3	2	0	1	7	7	0	6
5 Carlisle United	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
6 Blackpool	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
7 Rochdale	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
8 Accrington Stanley	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
9 Chester City	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
10 Wrexham	3	0	1	2	3	9	-6	1
11 Manchester City	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0



NEXT HOME GAME

Accrington Stanley Reserves

Wednesday 29th August 2007

Kick Off 7.00pm Prenton Park



Youth

Results & Fixtures 2007-08



	Result	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 18 A Wrexham	L 0-2	
Sat Sep 1 H Walsall	D 3-3	Wilson, Gornell, OG
Sat Sep 8 A Wigan A.	D 2-2	Gornell, Macauley
Sat Sep 15 H Port Vale		
Sat Sep 22 H Chester C.		
Sat Sep 29 A Bury (10.30am)		
Sat Oct 6 H Shrewsbury T.		
Sat Oct 13 A Stockport C.		
Sat Oct 27 A Walsall		
Sat Nov 3 H Macclesfield T.		
Sat Nov 10 H Accrington S.		
Sat Nov 17 A Chester C. (10.30am)		
Sat Dec 1 H Stockport C.		
Sat Dec 8 A Shrewsbury T.		
Sat Dec 15 A Port Vale		
Sat Jan 5 H Wigan A.		
Sat Jan 12 A Macclesfield T.		
Sat Jan 19 H Wrexham		
Sat Feb 2 A Morecambe		
Sat Feb 9 H Oldham A.		
Sat Feb 16 A Preston N.E.		
Sat Mar 1 H Rochdale		
Sat Mar 8 A Accrington S.		
Sat Mar 15 H Blackpool		
Sat Mar 29 A Burnley		
Sat Apr 5 H Bury		
Sat Apr 19 A Carlisle U.		

TBC A Blackpool

All home games played at Raby Vale Training Ground, kick off 11.00am unless stated
FAYC - FA Youth Cup, LFAYC - Lancashire FA Youth Cup, YALC - Youth Alliance League Cup

Appearances 2007/08: McWeeney 1, Denson 3, Cresswell 3, G. Jones 2, Richardson 3, Beahon 3, Blundell 3, Fraughan 1 (1), Macauley 2 (1), Gornell 3, Wilson 3, Moran 2 (1), Corrigan 1 (2), Kennedy 2, A. Taylor 1 (1), Mackreth (1).

Goals: Gornell 2, Wilson 1, Macauley 1, Own Goals 1

Youth Alliance North West Conference B League Table 2007-08

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wrexham	4	3	1	0	7	2	5	10
2 Bury	3	3	0	0	15	9	6	9
3 Oldham Athletic	3	2	0	1	9	4	5	6
4 Burnley	3	2	0	1	10	7	3	6
5 Preston North End	3	2	0	1	10	8	2	6
6 Chester City	3	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
7 Stockport County	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
8 Blackpool	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6
9 Port Vale	3	1	1	1	6	5	1	4
10 Carlisle United	3	1	1	1	7	7	0	4
11 Wigan Athletic	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
12 Shrewsbury Town	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
13 Tranmere Rovers	3	0	2	1	5	7	-2	2
14 Macclesfield Town	4	0	2	2	5	8	-3	2
15 Walsall	3	0	1	2	5	7	-2	1
16 Morecambe	3	0	1	2	5	8	-3	1
17 Rochdale	3	0	1	2	11	15	-4	1
18 Accrington Stanley	3	0	1	2	5	11	-6	1



NEXT HOME GAME

Chester City U18s

Saturday 22nd September 2007

Kick Off 11.00am Raby Vale Training Ground



Rough Treatment

PARENTAL
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EXPLICIT CONTENT

"I love this Friday night football lark, it shifts a few hours work from Saturday afternoon to tonight so I can do a bit of dead heading later on tomorrow afternoon."

"I suppose thinking of it that way, the flowers in our garden hate us playing Friday night. There was no chance doing any gardening after the Carlisle match, it was getting dark by the time we got home.

The lads were magnificent at Carlisle. We started the match without Gareth Taylor, John Mullin and Adnan Ahmed and with Ian Goodison, Chris Greenacre, Chris Shuker, Paul McLaren and Calvin Zola all carrying significant injuries. Add to that Steve Davies being in a big car crash a couple of nights before and Robbie Stockdale not training since Thursday due to sickness at both ends and still throwing up at half time, and you can see what a good performance and result it was from the lads. For the whole of the 2nd half Goodison and Shuker were running around like a slightly odd couple of Douglas Bader's but both gritted their teeth and got on with it. I know you are probably rubbing your eyes in disbelief that I'm actually praising the lads but, as I said before, they were magnificent. I suppose the down side was the gentle giant having to come off.

Calvin wasn't far off ready and had trained normally for 2 days so we decided to take a chance on him.



"At least the Bespoke gas mask will allow Mulls to be operated on"



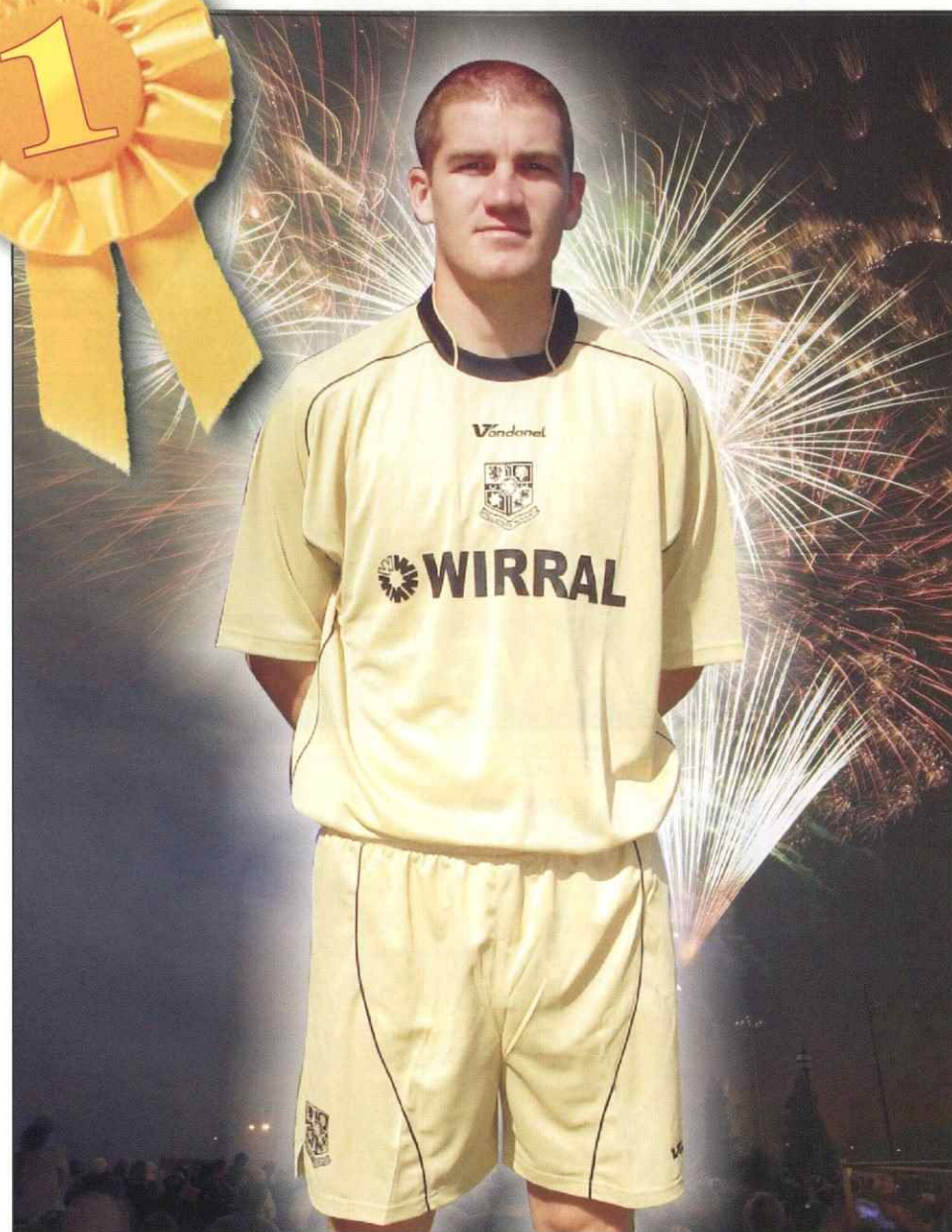
Unfortunately, he went to twist and sprint but he felt his hamstring go again. We realised it was a big gamble but so were the other 5 players who all got through 90 minutes. I liked the way Ian Goodison was laughing at Calvin and pretending to shoot him in the back of his leg when he was hobbling off, no doubt he'll get his own back one day. Calvin will have had a scan by the time you read this so we'll know a bit more then.

John Mullin is having an operation on his ankle next Tuesday to chip off a sticky outy piece of bone at the back of his ankle. I know the terminology is a bit basic but that's about the level of my knowledge. All of our surgeons keep things simple when they are talking to me and use words like 'picky wicky' instead of x-ray, and 'naughty Mr. Needle' instead of injection, it helps the players understand as well. John had an injection in it in an attempt to get his ankle to settle but it didn't so Mr Hennessy will take the hammer and chisel to it next week. He should have had it done last Thursday but the hospital weren't able to get the specially made gas mask done in time. They tried a normal one but John's nose kept the mask so far off his face that the gas wasn't reaching his mouth and he wouldn't drop off to sleep. Anyway, as you can see from the picture, we were able to get a bespoke one done eventually and he'll go under the hammer and chisel next week. I just hope he doesn't frighten the nurses to death.

Depending on how much work Mr. Hennessy has to do when he goes in, John will be out for 4 to 6 weeks. So John Mulls and Calvin are definitely not available for tonight and the other 12 carrying injuries will be tested on Thursday to see if they are ok. You'll just have to wait for Richie to announce the team."

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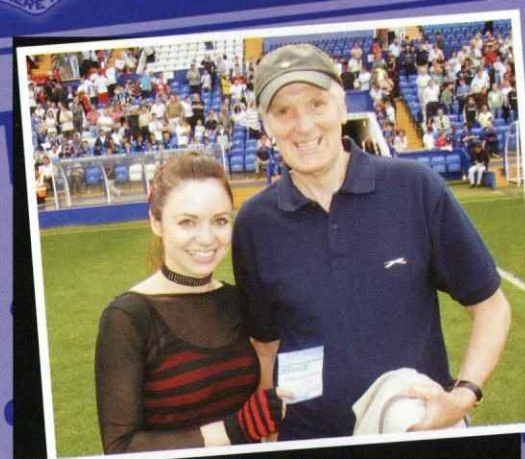
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Brian is a life-long supporter, who now sits in the wheelchair section of the Bebington Paddock and is well known around the area. The couple were married at Wallasey Town Hall and as a result there were more than a handful of Rovers fans who missed the trip to Carlisle to support him on his big day! All at TRFC wish you both the very best indeed!



TRANMERE REMEMBERS

Dennis Solomon

Everyone at the Club would like to pass on their deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Dennis Solomon, who passed away in August of this year at the age of 57.

Dennis a longtime supporter, was also a member of our Dixie Dean Suite. He will be sadly missed on a matchday by all those who knew him here at TRFC.



Happy Birthday

to Glyn, who was our lucky mascot for the controversial 1-0 win against Sunderland in 2000/01 (12 players on the pitch!) and is guest at the game tonight, and good luck to Mark at university.



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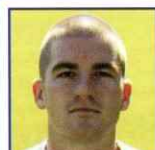
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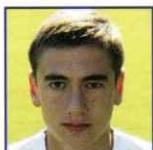
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Coca-Cola League One Current League Table 2007-08

	Home					Away					PTS	GD
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F		
1 Leyton Orient	5	2	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	4	1	13
2 Tranmere Rovers	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	1	0	4	1	10
3 Carlisle	5	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	3	1	10
4 Yeovil	5	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	3	2	10
5 Hartlepool	5	2	0	0	6	2	1	0	2	3	4	9
6 Brighton	5	3	0	0	8	3	0	0	2	1	4	9
7 Bristol R	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	4	2	9
8 Huddersfield	5	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	3	3	9
9 Crewe	5	2	0	1	4	3	0	2	0	2	2	8
10 Luton	5	2	0	1	6	4	0	0	2	1	3	6
11 Swindon	5	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	0	2	2	6
12 Southend	5	2	0	1	5	2	0	0	2	3	7	6
13 Northampton	5	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	1	3	4	5
14 Port Vale	5	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	5
15 Swansea	4	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
16 Cheltenham	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	4
17 Bournemouth	5	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	4
18 Doncaster	5	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	3	5	4
19 Millwall	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	0	4	4
20 Nottm Forest	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	2	3
21 Oldham	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	3
22 Gillingham	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	7	3
23 Walsall	5	0	2	1	2	4	0	0	2	1	3	2
24 Leeds	5	3	0	0	7	1	2	0	0	4	2	0



Players Statistics & Appearances 2007-08

Player	Pos	Birthdate	Squad Number	Country of Birth	Season 2007-08				Rovers Career Total	
					League Apps	Sub	Cup Apps	Sub	Apps	Sub
John ACHTERBERG	GOL	08/07/71	24	Holland	0	0	1	0	294	5
Adnan AHMED	MID	07/06/84	11	England	0	1	1	0	1	1
Ben CHORLEY	DEF	30/09/82	14	England	5	0	2	0	7	0
Danny COYNE	GOL	27/08/73	1	Wales	5	0	1	0	133	1
Craig CURRAN	STR	23/08/89	25	England	1	3	1	1	4	6
Steve DAVIES	FOR	29/12/87	19	England	5	0	2	0	36	30
Ian GOODISON	DEF	21/11/72	15	Jamaica	5	0	1	1	149	9
Chris GREENACRE	FOR	23/12/77	10	England	5	0	2	0	100	5
Paul HENRY	MID	28/01/88	20	England	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danny HOLMES	DEF	06/01/89	26	England	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve JENNINGS	MID	28/10/84	12	England	5	0	2	0	44	29
Michael JOHNSTON	DEF	16/12/87	22	England	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mike JONES	MID	15/08/87	21	England	0	0	0	1	0	2
Antony KAY	MID	21/10/82	6	England	0	1	1	0	1	1
Paul McLAREN	MID	17/11/76	4	England	5	0	1	0	50	0
John MULLIN	MID	11/08/75	7	England	0	0	0	0	42	2
Shane SHERRIFF	DEF	10/11/82	5	Australia	5	0	1	0	51	3
Chris SHUKER	MID	09/05/82	23	England	5	0	2	0	56	1
Robbie STOCKDALE	DEF	30/11/79	2	England	5	0	2	0	44	1
Gareth TAYLOR	STR	25/02/73	9	England	1	2	0	1	41	4
Carl TREMARCO	DEF	11/10/85	3	England	0	2	1	0	34	17
Calvin ZOLA	FOR	31/12/84	8	Congo	3	0	1	0	44	33

*Left the club
League stats include Coca-Cola League One and Play Offs
Cup stats include FA Cup, Carling Cup and Johnstone's Paint Trophy



League One Fixtures

Friday 14th September 2007

Bristol Rovers v Leeds United (7.45)
Swansea City v Carlisle United (7.45)
Tranmere Rovers v Luton Town (7.45)

Saturday 15th September 2007

Bournemouth v Northampton Town
Gillingham v Brighton & Hove Albion
Hartlepool United v Swindon Town
Huddersfield Town v Cheltenham Town
Millwall v Walsall
Oldham Athletic v Southend United
Port Vale v Nottingham Forest
Yeovil Town v Leyton Orient

All 3pm kick off unless stated



Hotshots 2007-08

Player	2007-08 Lge	Cup	Rovers Total/Career
John ACHTERBERG	0	0	0
Adnan AHMED	0	0	0
Ben CHORLEY	0	0	0
Danny COYNE	0	0	0
Craig CURRAN	1	0	1
Steve DAVIES	2	0	2
Ian GOODISON	0	0	0
Chris GREENACRE	3	0	3
Paul HENRY	0	0	0
Danny HOLMES	0	0	0
Steve JENNINGS	0	0	0
Michael JOHNSTON	0	0	0
Mike JONES	0	0	0
Antony KAY	0	0	0
Paul McLAREN	0	0	0
John MULLIN	0	0	0
Shane SHERRIFF	0	0	0
Chris SHUKER	1	0	1
Robbie STOCKDALE	0	0	0
Gareth TAYLOR	0	0	0
Carl TREMARCO	0	0	0
Calvin ZOLA	0	0	0

All stats include Coca-Cola League One, FA Cup, Carling Cup and Play Offs

Season 2007-08

Results & Fixtures

			F-A	Atten	Away	Pts	Pos	Cat	
Sat Aug 11	H	Leeds United	1-2	11,008	1,800	0	21st	A	
Tue Aug 14	A	Stockport County (CC1) (7.45pm)	0-1	3,499	708	--	--	--	
Sat Aug 18	A	Gillingham	2-0	5,302	408	3	7th	--	
Sat Aug 25	H	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-0	5,670	313	6	3rd	B	
Sat Sep 1	A	Yeovil Town	1-1	4,985	394	7	5th	--	
Tue Sep 4	H	Morecambe (JPT1) (7.00pm)	0-1	2,557	118	--	--	--	
Sat Sep 8	A	Carlisle United	1-0	6,556	459	10	2nd	--	
Fri Sep 14	H	Luton Town						B	
Sat Sep 22	A	Cheltenham Town						B	
Sat Sep 29	H	Northampton Town						B	
Tue Oct 2	H	Crewe Alexandra						B	
Sat Oct 6	A	Southend United						B	
Fri Oct 12	H	Walsall						B	
Sat Oct 20	A	Swindon Town						B	
Fri Oct 26	H	Huddersfield Town						B	
Sat Nov 3	A	Nottingham Forest						B	
Tue Nov 6	H	Oldham Athletic						A	
Sat Nov 10	--	FA Cup First Round							
Sat Nov 17	A	Doncaster Rovers						B	
Sat Nov 24	H	Swansea City						B	
Sat Dec 1	--	FA Cup Second Round							
Tue Dec 4	A	Hartlepool United (7.45pm)						C	
Sat Dec 8	H	AFC Bournemouth						C	
Sat Dec 15	A	Port Vale						C	
Sat Dec 22	A	Luton Town						C	
Wed Dec 26	H	Carlisle United (3.00pm)						A	
Sat Dec 29	H	Cheltenham Town						C	
Tue Jan 1	A	Crewe Alexandra (3.00pm)						B	
Sat Jan 5	A	Leyton Orient						B	
Fri Jan 11	H	Bristol Rovers						B	
Sat Jan 19	A	Millwall						B	
Sat Jan 26	H	Yeovil Town						B	
Tue Jan 29	H	Gillingham						B	
Sat Feb 2	A	Leeds United						C	
Sat Feb 9	H	Leyton Orient						C	
Tue Feb 12	A	Brighton & Hove Albion (7.45pm)						B	
Sat Feb 16	H	Millwall						B	
Sat Feb 23	A	Bristol Rovers						B	
Sat Mar 1	H	Doncaster Rovers						B	
Sat Mar 8	A	Oldham Athletic						B	
Tue Mar 11	A	Swansea City (7.45pm)						B	
Sat Mar 15	H	Hartlepool United						B	
Thu Mar 20	H	Port Vale (7.45pm)						C	
Mon Mar 24	A	AFC Bournemouth (3.00pm)						B	
Fri Mar 28	H	Swindon Town						B	
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Sat Apr 19	A	Huddersfield Town						B	
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Referee

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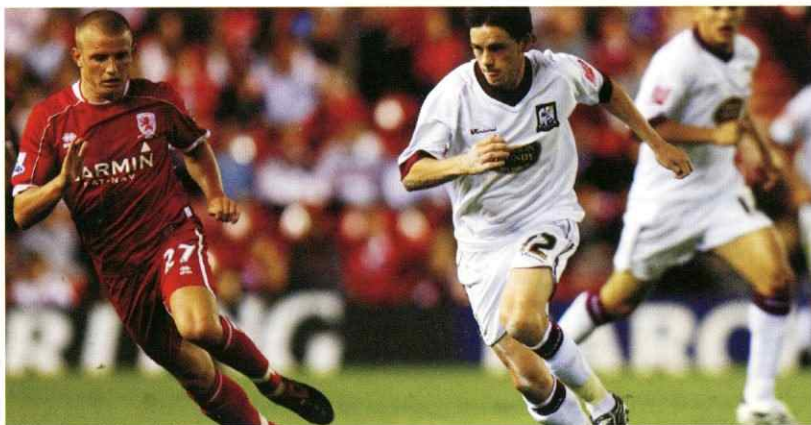
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Cobblers return to Prenton



Tranmere Rovers versus Northampton Town

Saturday 29th September 2007
Coca-Cola League One Kick Off 3.00pm

Next up at Prenton Park is Stuart Gray's Northampton Town on 29 September.

Just like Cheltenham, The Cobblers struggled in League One last season but were able to survive and finish in a respectable 14th position to fight another campaign. They currently lie one place higher with five points from as many games.

Gray has plenty of players with experience of this level and higher, most notably ex-Nottingham Forest defender Chris Doig and former rearguard man Andy Kirk, who joined Portsmouth from Arsenal in a £1m transfer.

Up front Town can rely on Northern Ireland international Andy Kirk, who has already scored three goals the league and Colin Larkin, who gained his striking reputation at Chesterfield and Mansfield.

One player who won't be featuring in the game is winger Sam Aiston. The former Rovers winger has been loaned out to Burton Albion and will be unavailable for a Prenton Park reunion.

When the sides last met here it took John Mullin's rebound from his saved penalty to rescue a point for Rovers. Can we go one better this time around? Come along to Prenton Park to find out.

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Cheltenham Town versus Tranmere Rovers

Saturday 22nd September 2007
Whaddon Road
Coca-Cola League One Kick Off 3.00pm

Rovers head back on another long road journey next Saturday as they head to Whaddon Road to take on John Ward's Cheltenham Town.

Town defied the odds last season to remain in League One after having battled against relegation for most of the campaign.

Ward has put his faith in younger players as he looks to consolidate the club's position in the division for another season, especially with talented ex-Everton trainees Stephen Gillespie, a striker, and midfielder Scott Brown.

At the other end of the scale, Ward can call on the vast experience of one of The Robins' longest serving players. Defender Jeremy Gill, 36, joined the club in 2004 after having spent six years at Birmingham City - where he played in the League Cup semi-finals and play-off matches - and has been a virtual ever present since his arrival.

Rovers have yet to gain a point from our previous two visits to Cheltenham. When we visited there last season Kayode Odejayi's ninth minute goal was enough to give The Robins all three points.

Hopefully our current good form on the road will change our luck at Whaddon Road.



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- 77 ☐ Steve DUNDAS

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Full Time Result:

Goalscorers:

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- 3 ☐ Alan GOODALL
- 4 ☐ Don HUTCHINSON
- 5 ☐ Chris PERRY
- 6 ☐ Chris COYNE
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