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MANAGER

Welcome to the players, supporters and staff of Luton Town to the Keepmoat Stadium Doncaster.

With two games to go, the season remains as exciting and unpredictable as ever and despite the inevitable ups and downs, the team remains resolute and determined.

The Friday night game against Swindon Town saw the players produce a thoroughly professional performance to record a 2-0 win.

Suspensions, illness and injury meant a much changed starting eleven, but the players involved showed that they were ready to perform when called upon. It is easy to tell everyone they are part of a squad, but all footballers, no matter what division they ply their trade, want to play when match day comes along. Having a strong squad on paper is meaningless; you need it where it matters - out on the pitch.

With everyone reporting fit and able for the away trip to Leyton Orient, the side took on a much more regular look except for one thing - we failed to perform to the standards we have set so consistently this season.

When that happens, good teams manage to salvage something and our second half performance showed that we are a good team. Great teams win those games, and if we are to improve as a squad and as individuals (coaching personnel included), when afternoons like that occur, can we become a great team? What do we do? How do we do it? What will make a difference? And are we prepared to take responsibility?

The support the team received during both of the last two games has been great. When we've needed a lift, the crowd has responded and that's fantastic to see and hear.

In the football industry it is impossible to please everyone, whether that is the players, supporters, Chairman, Directors or other members of staff. All you can do is be consistent in your approach through good times and bad, to work to a set of values and principles that encourage people to achieve high standards. Compromise when it is sensible to do so and always hold your hands up when you get it wrong. Do this for long enough and you have a culture that can grow and a club that the town can be proud of - regardless of winning, losing or drawing on a Saturday afternoon.

Many thanks to all those people we have relied on throughout the season - it has been appreciated and recognised. To the supporters who have turned up week in, week out and travelled up and down the country, you have made a difference, so thank you. To the players whom we have demanded a lot from, hopefully you will get your rewards for your determination and efforts, as well as the moments of skill and excitement you have produced this season.

As ever, please continue to support your local team.

Sean



SEAN O'DRISCOLL

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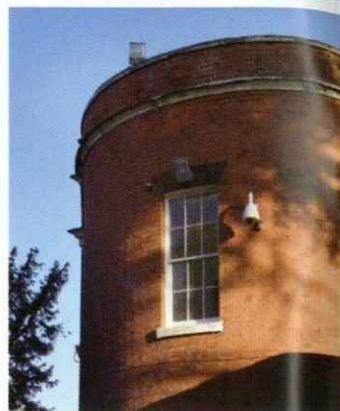
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MICKEY WALKER



Good afternoon and welcome to the last game of a high-flying season for Doncaster Rovers - and we're still in with a chance of promotion!

I would like to pay tribute to you, the fans, who have done a great job supporting us both home and away this season. Those thanks go particularly to those of you who have followed us throughout the land over the past nine months on long trips to places such as Yeovil, Brighton and Bristol, as well as the trip to London last weekend for our game against Leyton Orient. You'll have been a long way, and I'm sure it's been a big cost for you, but you've supported us superbly and helped to get the team to where we are now. So let's hope that we come up with the goods in the next few matches and we get up into the next level, the Championship!

Continuing the high-flying theme, this week I, along with Fred Marshall, a good friend of mine, sponsored a flying day for Derek Brook. It was supposed to be Steve Uttley, but I think Steve's parachute wasn't working at the time! So he missed out and we took Derek, who runs the Frame Warehouse in

Armthorpe, up in a microlight from Silver Fern Microlights (tel: 07770 983800) who are based at Sandtoft Airfield to fly him over the Keepmoat Stadium.

As you can see by the photographs on this page, it was a fantastic day and Derek took some great photographs of the Keepmoat, the racecourse, Castle Park rugby ground and several other areas of Doncaster. He then returned to Sandtoft before taking another flight, this time with me, into the Nottinghamshire area, where he took several more photographs. For anyone that might like any of these photographs, please contact me or someone in the commercial department, who will make the necessary arrangements. All profits from the sale of these pictures will be going towards the youth team and training ground up at Cantley Park.

The high-flying theme continues - on Tuesday we had a game against the Combined Services - the RAF, the Army and the Navy. This did two things - it builds up the great relationship of playing football against the Combined

Services, but also the relationship with combined forces. Last year we went to RAF Cottesmore, down the A1, for part of our preparation for this season - plans are currently being made to visit them again this summer. So we are building relationships, not just within the football fraternity, but also with the forces and colleges, so that we can join into the community.

Today we make the final push of this season, which will hopefully see us move up to the next level. I hope that everyone has enjoyed their season as much as I have. I'm sure that we've all had rather nervous times thinking of how things might turn out as we've enjoyed the ups and downs of the season.

I'm sure that we all wish the players a fantastic - and hopefully winning - end to the season. From me, you've been a great audience and I look forward to seeing you for the new season, starting not too far away in July.

Mickey Walker
Director of Football



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A warm South Yorkshire welcome to club ambassadors Nick Owen and Gary Hooper, his vice-presidents, manager Mick Harford, the players and supporters of Luton Town, affectionately known in the game as the Hatters.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my regret at such a high profile club being relegated from League One.

They came to Belle Vue for the final game of the 2004/05 season and won the League One championship, taking the vital point from a cracking 3-3 draw. Thank God we are not playing that team this afternoon as their captain, Kevin Nichols now at Preston scored an absolute screamer, but we pegged them back with two incredible goals from Lewis Guy.

It is sad to see them at the opposite end of the table about to exit League 1, but I don't think it will be long before they return to their glory days.

This season at Kenilworth Road, always a hard place to go and get a result, we managed to come away with a point from a 1-1 draw. In my opinion it was a cracking game with the usual exciting atmosphere at that venue.

Back to today's game, I expect that Luton, with nothing to play for, will be totally relaxed and out to enjoy their game of football. They totally outplayed Nottingham Forest last week and were very unlucky to lose 1-0.

I can tell you our boys will be giving blood this afternoon as we still have a great chance of automatic promotion if we win our last two games.

It is imperative, in this incredible season in Doncaster Rovers' history, that we get right behind the team and cheer the players' every move to ease any pressure they might be feeling.

No matter what happens in the last two games we have had a great season, reaching our highest position in the Football League in over 50 years. We must celebrate that fact, whether we make the Championship via automatic entry or through the play-offs.

This is the last League 1 game at the Keepmoat for some time and, should we make the Championship, I am sure we can more than hold our own. We have quality players in all positions and with their skill and experience, I am sure they will ensure we win these two "must-win" games.

While we are chasing Carlisle United we also now have Forest and Southend United chasing us and Carlisle and hoping we slip up.

With regards the Leeds United position, I sincerely hope that doesn't interfere in the interests of playing football. It has been well documented and we all await the result of the tribunal - ourselves, Swansea City, Carlisle, Forest, Southend and Brighton more than the rest.

I will be very interested to see what the attendance is this afternoon - if we reach 9,828 we will average 8,000 for league games here at the Keepmoat Stadium this season - the highest since the 1969/70 season, when we had an average crowd of just over 8,500.

I sincerely hope, with what is at stake, that we manage a much higher attendance.

Not only that, but as long as we reach 7,086 today, we will have had a total of 200,000 through the turnstiles for first team games (league and cup) this season.

With Cheltenham battling for survival, I hear they have gone for a "Quid-a-Kid" promotion to fill their tight ground and create some noise. However, having heard we had sold our allocation by mid-afternoon on Monday, I can see us also making plenty of noise.

We also welcome here this afternoon Jim and Carol Emmerson, mine hosts of The Ridgewood, a Sam Smiths house at Edenthorpe.

I read the news story in the Free Press last week and had to invite them along for, as I have said many times before, this is a caring club working closely with the law abiding community of Doncaster.

After all what Jim has gone through following his savage beating in the pub, I hope he and his wife really enjoy their day with us and that we win for them as well.

Finally, it is interesting to see the media are just starting to latch on to us at long last, realising that we may well be another Yorkshire entry in the Championship on top of Barnsley, Sheffield United and Hull City (if they don't win promotion) and, of course Sheffield Wednesday - if they manage to stay up.

The pub team has come good and shown all the knockers what can be achieved with determination and hard work.

Keep the faith and raise the roof.
Rovers till I Die
John Ryan
Chairman

Doncaster College has joined forces with Doncaster Rovers FC to establish a Football Development Centre. The centre based at the Keepmoat Stadium will be open to all school leavers who demonstrate a flair and potential for football. All students will receive six hours coaching and development per week along with a programme of regional weekly fixtures.

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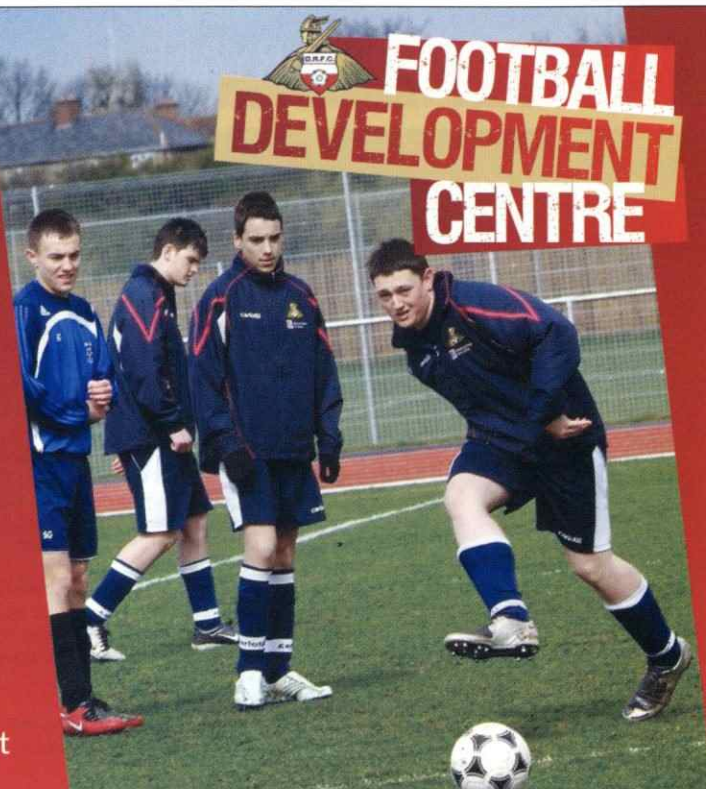
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SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Season Tickets for the 2008-2009 season are on sale NOW!

With current season ticket holders having recently received special packs in the post, Doncaster Rovers are delighted to announce details for season ticket prices for the 2008-2009 season - and the prices are FROZEN! Even better than that - prices of the children's season tickets have been slashed in Category A by well over £200 - meaning that it will be even easier for families to come and support Doncaster Rovers!

After a superb League One campaign this term, Doncaster Rovers Football Club have made the decision to keep season ticket prices exactly the same for supporters applying before 31st May 2008!

The price freeze comes just weeks after it was unveiled that Doncaster Rovers were one of the recipients of the Football League Family Excellence Award - given for the fantastic experience that the Rovers offer families on a match day within the Keepmoat Stadium.

In light of that fact, Doncaster Rovers have decided to make further reductions to the price of 12-16's and under-11's season ticket prices!

Recently published season ticket application forms show that 12-16 and under 11 season tickets in a Category A seat at the Keepmoat Stadium will cost £305.

We are now reducing those prices - with a 12-16 season ticket costing only £60 and an under 11 season ticket costing only £30! That's a saving of £245 and £275 respectively! It's an unbelievable price drop and certainly one that all local football supporters should take up!

So what is the wait? Doncaster Rovers could be playing in The Championship next season - can you afford to miss that at these prices for season tickets?

Season tickets are now on sale to renewing and new applicants. You can either download an application form from the official website or use the form provided in the middle of today's programme.

Please note that new applicants may only purchase season tickets for vacant seats - as currently occupied seats will remain reserved for current holders.

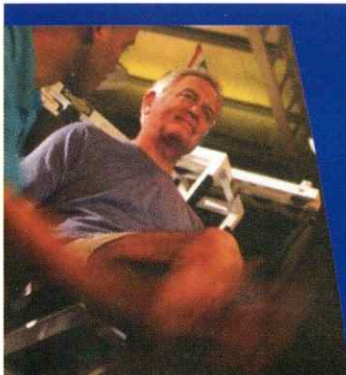
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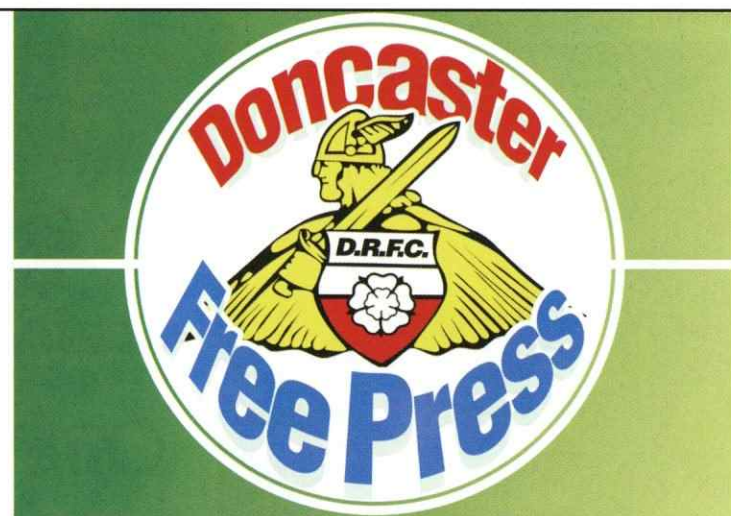
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The most outstanding pupils from this term are:

- Alicia Foers from Bentley High Street
- Rochelle Vose from Bentley High Street
- Luke Challoner from Bawtry Mayflower
- Nikita Elliot from Bawtry Mayflower
- Ewan Neal from Bawtry Mayflower
- Lewis Cash from Bentley New Village
- Courtney Clark from Bentley New Village
- Joe Evans from Bentley New Village
- Megan Granger from Bentley New Village
- Mark Lee from Bentley New Village
- Amy Middleton from Bentley New Village
- John Miller from Bentley New Village

• Kayleigh O'Connor from Bentley New Village

• Lewis Collindridge from Conisbrough Ivanhoe

• Jack Goodwin from Conisbrough Ivanhoe

• Kyle Allen from Long Toft

• Amy Bowman from Long Toft

• Ryan Brewer from Long Toft

• Loren Fullingham from Long Toft

• Aston Richardson from Long Toft

• Kerry Smith from Long Toft

• Megan Bond from Mexborough Doncaster Road

• Carla Horne from Mexborough Doncaster Road

• Jade McPherson from Mexborough Doncaster Road

• Max Russell from Thorne Green Top

We would also like to give a big thanks to all the schools who have supported the Playing for Success Centre.

David Williams (Playing for Success Centre Manager.)

COACHES AND SCOUTS REQUIRED
Due to the expansion of Doncaster Rovers Youth development at Cantley Park, the Rovers will now be running teams from the age groups of under 9's through to under 18's - starting from next season.

As a result of this expansion, the Doncaster Rovers Centre of Excellence are now currently searching for coaches with UEFA A and B licences to join the set-up at Cantley Park.

If there are any candidates who meet the qualifications set, they are urged to get in touch with Paul Wilson - Doncaster Rovers' youth team manager - on 01302 379368. In addition to coaches, the Doncaster Rovers Centre of Excellence are also looking for local scouts based in Doncaster or the surrounding areas.

Anybody interested, please get in touch with Paul Wilson on 01302 379368.



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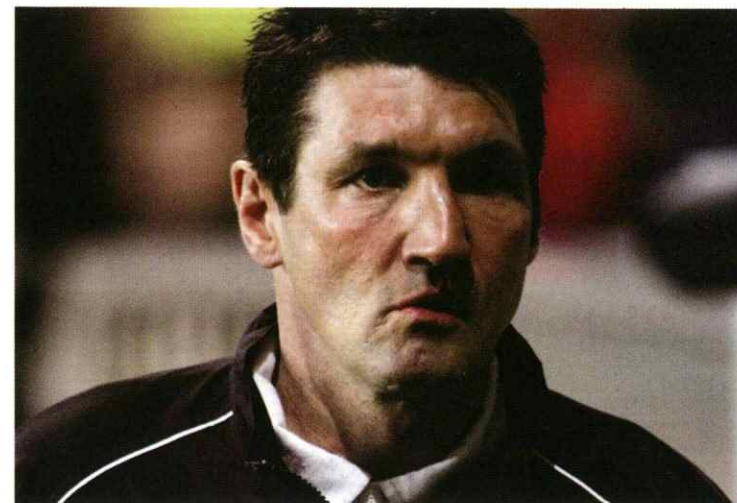
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MICK HARFORD



Mick Harford joined Luton Town as their manager in January 2008 after the club had dispensed with the services of Kevin Blackwell shortly after going into administration.

a blessing in disguise, as it gives them the chance to rebuild the club as a business.

"I'm going to build a new Luton Town and bring in new footballers who want to play and have passion. I need a clear out, there are some players I don't want to be here and some I do."

"Being relegated is probably the worst thing that has happened to me.

"I haven't had a worse hurt in my career as I am feeling right now, not as a player, coach or manager, but there won't be any doom and gloom from me. It's the beginning of a new era."

Mick Harford began his playing career at Lincoln City in 1977, staying for three years before moving to Newcastle United for £180,000, but he stayed just eight months before joining Bristol City. Seven months later, his next move saw Mick move to Birmingham City for £100,000.

After impressing at Birmingham, then-Luton Town boss David Pleat signed Harford for £250,000, with the striker

going on to play twice for England and impressing the Hatters faithful enough to be often voted as the best-ever Luton Town player. Praise indeed!

Moves to Derby County, Chelsea and Wimbledon followed before moving into a coaching role for the Dons.

Mick teamed up with his former manager Joe Kinnear at Luton to mastermind the promotion to Division Two in 2001/02, but after the club was sold to a new consortium the following year, the pair were sacked - Harford was later offered his job back, but he refused.

After another change of ownership, Harford returned as Director of Football with Mike Newell being manager, with the club finishing 10th before he was persuaded to join Kinnear one more time, this time at Nottingham Forest.

Poor results saw Kinnear leave a few weeks later, with Harford being caretaker manager until Gary Megson was appointed in January 2005, and he left the club.

Mick then moved to Swindon Town to work with Andy King before joining relegated Rotherham United at the end of the 2004/05 season. An impressive start at Millmoor couldn't be maintained, and he was replaced by Alan Knill - Harford moved on to coach the strikers at Millwall until the end of the season.

Harford then joined Colchester as assistant to Geraint Williams, leaving to become assistant manager at Queens Park Rangers - becoming caretaker manager after the departure of John Gregory after the club was taken over. The arrival saw Harford leave Loftus Road - but again was not out of work long as he joined Luton Town in January 2008.



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MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

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| Played ..0 | Sean O'Driscoll | 0 | Mick Harford | 0 |
| Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | | Goals 0 | |

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GAMES SINCE

| 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 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |
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SHARP SHOOTERS

| Doncaster | CCFL Cup | Tot | Luton | CCFL Cup | Tot |
|----------------|----------|-----|-------|----------|-----|
| James Hayter | 7 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 3 |
| Paul Heffernan | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 4 |
| Jason Price | 7 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 |

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|----|
| Played ..21 | Doncaster wins | 6 | Luton wins | 10 |
| Draws | Goals 32 (1.5 per game) | | Goals 42 (2.0 per game) | |
| 0-0's | Times failed to score 5 | | Times failed to score 3 | |

Biggest League win at Doncaster for each team:
23/03/1951 Doncaster 5-2 Luton
30/04/1955 Doncaster 0-3 Luton



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS

| 3 | Position | 24 |
|----|---------------|----|
| 44 | Played | 44 |
| 22 | Won | 11 |
| 11 | Drawn | 10 |
| 11 | Lost | 23 |
| 62 | Goals For | 43 |
| 39 | Goals Against | 60 |
| 77 | Points | 33 |

Record Against Top Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|----|------|
| 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 17 |

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

| W | D | L | RANK | W | D | L | RANK |
|----|---|---|------|---|---|----|------|
| 14 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 23 |

Record When Scoring First

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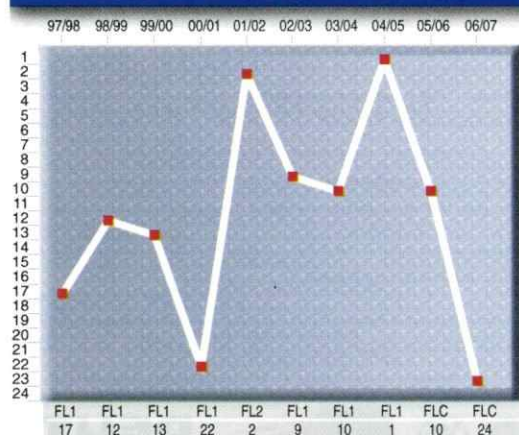
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Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[5], 2-0[8], 2-1[4], 3-0[1], 3-1[2], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-2[1], 0-4[1], 1-2[4], 2-3[2], Draws: 0-0[4], 1-1[6], 2-2[1]
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LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 20/04/2008

| No | Name | Position | Date of birth | Place of birth | Previous club |
|----|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Dean Brill | Goalkeeper | 10-02-85 | Luton | None |
| 3 | Alan Goodall | Defender | 02-12-81 | Birkenhead | Rochdale |
| 4 | Don Hutchison | Midfielder | 09-05-71 | Gateshead | Coventry C |
| 5 | Chris Perry | Defender | 26-04-73 | Carshalton | WBA |
| 7 | Dean Morgan | Striker | 03-10-83 | Edmonton | Reading |
| 8 | David Bell | Midfielder | 21-04-84 | Kettering | Rushden & Diamonds |
| 9 | Sam Parkin | Striker | 14-03-81 | Roehampton | Ipswich T |
| 10 | Darren Currie | Midfielder | 29-11-74 | Hampstead | Ipswich T |
| 11 | Paul Peschisolido | Striker | 25-05-71 | Scarborough [CAN] | Derby Co |
| 12 | Richard Jackson | Defender | 18-04-80 | Whitby | Derby Co |
| 14 | Stephen Robinson | Midfielder | 10-12-74 | Lisburn | Preston NE |
| 15 | Stephen O'Leary | Midfielder | 12-12-85 | London | None |
| 17 | Lewis Emanuel | Defender | 04-10-83 | Bradford | Bradford C |
| 19 | Drew Talbot | Striker | 19-07-86 | Barnsley | Sheffield W |
| 20 | Calvin Andrew | Striker | 19-12-86 | Luton | None |
| 21 | Keith Keane | Midfielder | 20-11-86 | Luton | None |
| 22 | Richard Langley | Midfielder | 27-12-79 | London | QPR |
| 24 | Paul Underwood | Defender | 16-08-73 | Wimbledon | Rushden & Diamonds |
| 25 | Matthew Spring | Midfielder | 17-11-79 | Harlow | Watford |
| 26 | Sol Davis | Defender | 04-09-79 | Cheltenham | Swindon T |
| 28 | Paul McVeigh | Striker | 06-12-77 | Belfast | Norwich C |
| 29 | Paul Furlong | Striker | 01-10-68 | Wood Green | APR |
| 32 | Ryan Charles | Striker | 30-09-89 | Enfield | None |
| 35 | Marlon Beresford | Goalkeeper | 02-06-69 | Lincoln | Barnsley |
| 36 | Ross Faulds | Goalkeeper | n/a | n/a | None |
| 37 | George Beavan | Defender | 12-01-90 | n/a | None |
| 38 | Ed Asafu-Adjaye | Defender | 22-12-88 | London | None |
| 39 | Harry Hogarth | Midfielder | n/a | n/a | None |

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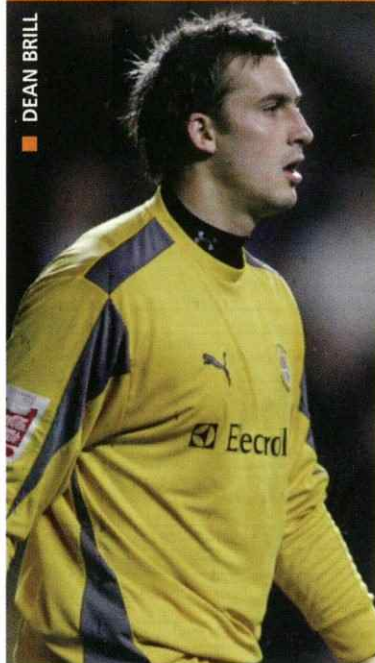


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LUTON TOWN

■ DEAN BRILL



Dean Brill (goalkeeper)

Dean became first choice keeper upon the arrival of Kevin Blackwell as manager, and despite the club being relegated from the Championship, he was named "young player of the season". He joined his hometown club at the age of nine, working his way up through the ranks to become a tall commanding goalkeeper, who is a great organiser and his voice will always be heard throughout the game. Still only 22, big things are expected of Dean in the future.

Don Hutchinson (midfielder)

Don became the seventh signing of last summer after impressing whilst in trial during Luton's pre-season tour of Norway. The Hatters became the ninth

club of his career, which began with Hartlepool United, moving on to Liverpool, Sheffield United and Sunderland. He then signed for West Ham in August 2001 for a club record fee of £5 million, staying until 2005 when he had a brief stay at Millwall before signing for Coventry City. A full Scottish international, Don has 26 full caps to his name, scoring 6 times for his country.

Darren Currie (midfielder)

Darren is an experienced midfield player who played for eleven clubs before arriving at Kenilworth Road last summer on a two year contract. He began as a trainee at West Ham, but did not break into the first team and spent two full seasons at Shrewsbury. After an unsuccessful brief stay at Plymouth, Darren went on to play over a hundred times for both Barnet and Wycombe before joining Brighton to become a key member of Mark McGhee's side, which alerted Ipswich boss Joe Royle of his talents, which led to a £250,000 move to Portman Road.

Sam Parkin (striker)

A former Chelsea trainee, Sam has a prolific goal scoring record of almost a goal every two starts. He chose to move to Kenilworth Road in August 2006 despite interest from other Championship clubs, but a serious injury meant he only made eight appearances in his first season at the club. Coincidentally, Sam arrived at the club to replace the outgoing Steve Howard for the second time in his career – it previously happened when he arrived at Northampton for the Luton-bound Howard. The most successful part of Parkin's career was

at Swindon Town, where he scored 67 goals in 120 games, which earned him a move to Ipswich. After a broken ankle limited his chances there, after which new boss Jim Magilton told him he would not get regular first team football at Portman Road – so he moved on to Luton at the end of the 2005/06 season.

Steve Robinson (midfielder)

A hard working midfield player, Steve has become a firm favourite with the fans at Kenilworth Road, where he adds some experience to a young midfield. Steve made his name after joining Bournemouth on a free transfer from Spurs in 1994, going on to score 60 goals in 286 games for the Cherries – so Rovers boss Sean O'Driscoll will be familiar with his abilities. His form on the south coast earned a move to Preston for £375,000, but he failed to make the same impact in his two years at Deepdale, so jumped at the chance to get first team football at Luton.

Stephen O'Leary (midfielder)

Stephen joined Luton as a 13 year old after being spotted playing for Barnet Schools. During his time in Luton's youth team, O'Leary was capped at schoolboy level for the Republic of Ireland. His game is described as a mixture of skill and determination, and he is equally at home going forward or in a midfield holding role. He was rewarded for his progress with a one-year contract at the end of the 2006/07 season.

Lewis Emanuel (defender)

Lewis arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford

City, where he started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. He made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice.

Calvin Andrew (striker)

An incredible eight goals in three games for Luton's under-18 side preceded Calvin's first team debut for the Hatters in September 2004. A tall, powerful and direct front-man, Calvin possesses a lightning turn of speed and the ability to score goals with his head and on the ground.

Keith Keane (midfielder)

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. Keith did so well that he kept his place after Foley had recovered, despite still being in the first year of his scholarship. Another of the youth team who regularly appears for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level, he joined the Hatters at the age of nine. He features most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his teammates.

Matthew Spring (midfielder)

Matthew joined Luton as a schoolboy and was a driving force behind their FA Youth Cup semi-final campaign of 1996/97. His first team debut followed as a 17-year old and

Matthew became a first team regular, clocking up his 100th appearance by the time he was only 20 years old. He left to join Leeds in 2004, but endured a difficult time there, making only 15 appearances in an injury-hit 12 months. Matthew rediscovered his form after moving to Watford, helping the Hornets win promotion to the Premiership in 2006.

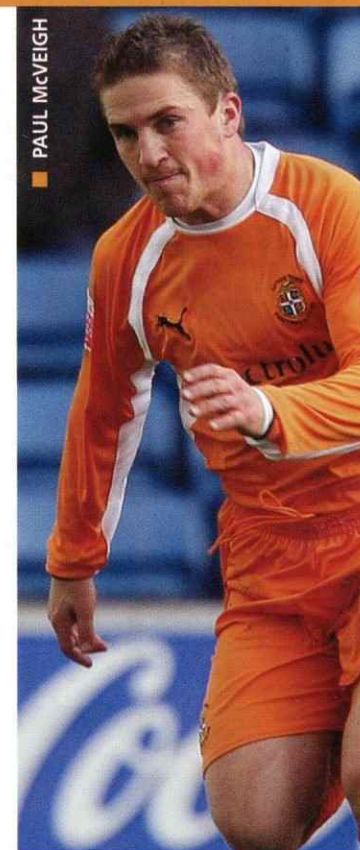
Sol Davis (defender)

It was a huge coup for Luton when the highly-rated defender decided to leave Swindon Town when his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. 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. Sol unfortunately suffered a stroke on the team bus prior to the Club's visit to Ipswich Town in the 2006/07 season. He was taken into the specialist unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. Thankfully, despite Sol losing the feeling in his left side and his speech being affected by the stroke, he made a miraculous recovery to make a first team return against Cardiff City on New Year's Day, 2007.

Paul McVeigh (striker)

The final signing of last summer, Paul's arrival was a surprise to many Luton Town fans, who had expected a centre-half as the next to be brought in by Kevin Blackwell. However, Blackwell managed to sign this free scoring striker from Norwich to add further competition to his forward line. The move ended a seven year stay at Carrow Road for the Belfast-born Northern Ireland international.

■ PAUL McVEIGH



Ed Asafu-Adjaye (defender)

Ed is in his first season as a professional footballer, having progressed through Luton's youth team. After spending a short time on loan at Walton & Hersham, the full back broke through into the first team during an injury crisis whilst Mike Newell was at the club. He made further progress in the youth team, which persuaded Kevin Blackwell to give him a one-year deal last summer.



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ROVERS NEWS



TRAINING GROUND VISIT

Dear Richard and Wayne
Thank you for looking after me on my recent visit to the training ground, I had a really great day. I really enjoyed doing the warm-up exercise and thanks for cheering me on. I also liked meeting the players and getting their autographs and having my photos taken with them. I have sent you a picture of me with Jason Price.

From
Chloe Turner
Aged 3



Wars movie, thanks to its lunar style landscape and troglodyte dwellings nearby, which date back to the 4th Century BC, many of which are apparently still inhabited. May the (Rovers) Force be with you!
Grahame also went to the dungeons and wild animal pens at the famous Eljem Amphitheatre in Tunisia, where the filming of Gladiator took place.
Thanks to Grahame for sending in his photos.

LEE RETURNS TO ROVERS

Last week, Doncaster Rovers decided to recall defender Graeme Lee from his loan spell at Shrewsbury Town.

The Rovers are suffering with a lack of cover in the centre-back positions - with Adam Lockwood, Gordon Greer and recently Steve Roberts suffering with injuries. As a result, Matthew Mills becomes the only recognised fully-fit centre half, hence the decision to recall Graeme from his loan spell at the New Meadow; which was intended to run until the end of the season.

Graeme has impressed Shrews supporters, playing consistently well in each of his five appearances for the club. However, he did miss a couple of matches recently after needing twenty stitches in a facial wound sustained in Shrewsbury's 4-1 defeat at

Chesterfield.

Depending on the injury situation, Lee could be included in the squad for this afternoon's match to strengthen the defence in the race for promotion.

ROVERS 4 COMBINED SERVICES 1

Rovers played a "behind closed doors" match against the Combined Services at Cantley Park on Tuesday, giving a number of players a useful run-out as we approach the climax of the 2007/08 season. Lewis Guy, Stuart Elliott, Martin Woods and Mark McCammon were on target for Rovers, with Richard O'Kelly saying: "It was a good workout and all the players showed a good attitude."

"We played three 30-minute periods and we gave everyone a game with those who haven't been playing regularly in the first-team of late, playing for longer."

"They were a good test for the lads. They were physically fit and they were well organised and disciplined as you would expect a Services side to be."

"In part the game was a "thank you" for an RAF camp putting us up for a week during last summer's pre-season build-up, but it also served to give some of the squad a run-out to keep their levels of match fitness up."

Rovers did have one injury concern arising from the match, with Sean McDaid suffering a kick on the knee. He has had treatment during the week, and Rovers are hoping that Sean will be available for selection today.



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FROM SHEFFIELD TO SOUTH AFRICA

In October 2007 I embarked on a challenging mission as a volunteer working in some of the poorest communities in South Africa.

It was an amazing experience, and one that has turned out to change my life completely. As after four months of being back in England, the project that I worked for offered me a full time job back in South Africa.

The role is the project co-ordinator in the North West province for SCORE, working with communities to set up various sports initiatives to tackle social issues such as drugs and crime.

I will be reunited with the people I worked with back in October, where I worked as a football coach, teaching adults to become football coaches. That in itself was very rewarding. I worked with teachers and community volunteers to help them set up and run football teams.

My contract is for a year and I left England on 13th April 2008. I have three weeks to find somewhere to live before I start work. It's been a challenge preparing to leave, I've had my house to rent out, sell my car and lots of paperwork to see to, as well as re-housing my cat at my mum and dad's!

It's been quite stressful, but I know it will all be worth it as this is an amazing

opportunity to live and work in a different country.

I have enjoyed enormous success at the County FA and I have met and worked with some great people involved in all levels of football.

During my time here I was privileged to secure a secondment to The FA for UEFA Women's Championships in 2005. I have been training with the England women's team, I have played a part in hosting five England international matches as well as watching Futsal develop and working on the South Yorkshire Girls Primary School tournament, which is the biggest school tournament for girls in the country!

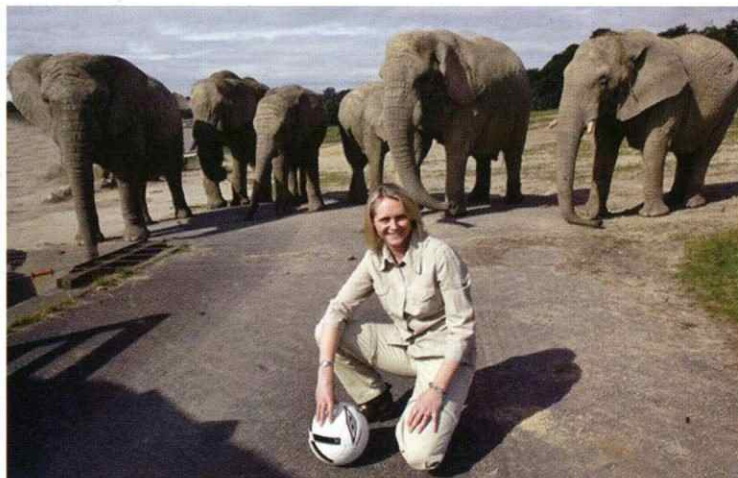
For the first time ever, in the programme, I have been able to bring you news and stories from the County FA and I thank Doncaster Rovers and especially Michael Harker for his help over the past months. Also thanks to Steve Uttley. I hope you have enjoyed learning more about the role that the County FA plays in the world of football, and in what ever capacity you are involved, may you continue to enjoy it.

Good luck everyone at Doncaster Rovers.

Hayley Roach



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CHARITY CONCERT

The South Yorkshire Police Male Voice Choir are doing a concert with the Band of the Royal Air Force College

(from RAF Cranwell) at St George's Minster, Doncaster on Saturday 24th May at 7.30pm. The concert is part of the Minster's 150th anniversary celebrations since it was rebuilt, with a donation being made for the charity "Help4Heroes", which helps soldiers, including one who hails from Doncaster who was recently wounded in the Middle East.

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ROVERS IN THE COMMUNITY



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Good afternoon,
Welcome to today's final home league game of the 2007/08 season. I'm sure we are all hoping that it's the last game here this season – and I'll leave it at that!!

It's hard to believe there are only two matches in the normal season left. It doesn't seem that long since the opening game against Millwall. Over the season we have held many successful Match Day Experiences, where youngsters and their mums and dads have had some fantastic days with us and seen first hand how things work behind the scenes. Because of the sheer volume of groups wanting to take in the Experiences, we advise clubs and groups to contact us as soon as the 2008/09 fixtures come out to avoid disappointment. Finally, we would personally like to thank everybody who has worked with us during this season and we hope to see you all next season – fingers crossed, that will be in the Championship!

WELCOME SPROTBROUGH

A warm Donny welcome to Sprotbrough Crusaders U15s who are acting as ball boys at today's game. We hope the boys have a great time with us and see a Rovers victory at full time.

THANK YOU ROSSINGTON

A big Rovers thank you to Stuart Farrer and his Rossington Boys U11s. All credit to these boys as they were excellent, one of the best groups we have had this season at such a young age. Well done, lads!

JFO QUALIFICATION

As part of our ongoing staff education programme, the Community team attended the JFO qualification last Monday. JFO stands for Junior Football Organiser and the qualification will allow the staff to tutor the JFO in schools. The course tutor was our ex-Community and present Excellence coach Ben Mawson. We would like to say a big thank you to Ben, who delivered an excellent course.

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DONCASTER ROVERS COMMUNITY SPORTS AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION LAUNCH EVENING

We had a highly successful evening in the main restaurant at the Keepmoat Stadium on Thursday to officially launch our new charitable trust and above all our new name. The launch was a massive hit with over 150 people attending, many with business connections which could well help us in the future. Guest speakers on the night included our own Mickey Walker, Roger Reade, who was previously Head Community Officer of the old Football in the Community scheme nationally and, of course, Community Manager Eric Randerson. Several companies have already shown interest in sponsoring our activities since the launch, including one company who is giving us three laptop PCs and printers. Benefits of sponsoring the scheme can be seen below:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAM

A belated happy birthday to our Community and Excellence coach Sam Parkin. Sam turned the grand old age of 21 two weeks ago and we failed

to mention his milestone in the last programme. Happy birthday, from all at DRFC.

ROVERS KEEPMOAT EXPERIENCES

We would like to welcome Tickhill Juniors and Edenthorpe Panthers to the stadium today. Both groups are taking in the full Rovers Keepmoat Experience. We hope the boys and their managers have a great time with us.

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CUBS VISIT

Armthorpe Cubs visited the stadium last Monday. The group took in a full ground tour and generally enjoyed their visit.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Several more youngsters have had their 100% Rovers birthday parties with us recently. They are:
Thomas (11), who celebrated on Friday, 11th April

Thomas (7), who celebrated on Saturday, 12th April

Harvey and Daniel, both 6, who celebrated on Tuesday 22nd April

And Finlay (7), who celebrates today.

Finally, please make loads of sound today.

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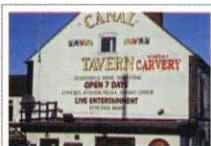
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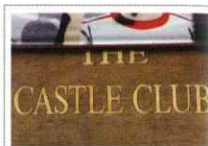
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SATURDAY YANKEE LOTTERY NEWS

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to what we all hope will prove to be the last home game of the season - because if it is, it will mean we've achieved automatic promotion!

Before we go any further, I would like to thank all of our agents and members for their help in enabling the Saturday Yankee Lottery to grow during this season. The number of lottery members continue to grow, which is vital as the club strive towards Championship football. Whilst the football season may be coming to a close, my job as lottery manager continues all the way through the summer. Please continue to keep supporting the lottery all the way through the summer months - there will be the weekly draw made all the way through the close season, so there will be many opportunities to win either great cash prizes or one of our 18 sponsored prizes.

I would especially like to thank Mr David Parker for giving me a couple of great leads in the last couple of weeks. As a result, I went to visit JD Diamond Seating in Armthorpe, who made seating for trains etc., and saw Peter Boardman, who I signed up as a new agent. He has signed up 15 new members in the first week, which is fantastic.

I then went to visit Crosslinks Plumbing and Piping Merchants on Barnby Dun Road, Long Sandall, Doncaster, and met Mel Frost, the accounts sales manager. Mel has already signed up nine new members, which means that we have 24 new members from those two visits, which is great news.

Also doing well is Dan Collett at the Green Tree. Dan's signed up 21 new members in the last three weeks, so thanks go to Dan for all of his efforts.

With this being the last home game of the season, I must give a special mention to agent number 76, Richard Haley from Beckett Road Post Office. Richard, as I'm sure you all know, has been a Rovers supporter for many years and has been a lottery agent going back before I came back to the club four and a half years ago. Sadly, the Beckett Road Post Office closed on Monday, so I would like to thank Richard, along with Stephanie and his staff for their contribution and support over the years. I wish them good luck in the future for whatever they may do.

I am glad to report that sales continue to rise, which is a very pleasing trend. I hope that this continues during the summer - if you would like to join or become an agent, don't hesitate to give me a call on 07979 205690 or call in at the Rovers office at the Keepmoat Stadium. Alternatively, you can join by one of our growing number of agencies - including many newsagents throughout the Doncaster area. Why not ask and see if your local newsagent is an agent - if they are, you can join by adding £1 to your weekly paper bill, meaning that you won't miss a single draw. If not, why not see if he'd like to become an agent - as with all other agents, we offer a great commission, as well as a free £15 match ticket for a home league game if more than 35 members pay each week. That's got to be a great incentive for them!

You can also join through a number of public houses in the area - all of the pubs on the facing page are lottery agents, so if you're calling in to your local, you can join the lottery there!



£3,500 last Monday. Congratulations go to Gillian for her win.

Enjoy the game - cheer the lads on and let's hope all the results go in our favour this weekend!

Terry Burdass and Ken Porter

SATURDAY YANKEE LOTTERY RESULTS

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2008

YANKEE CODE 1871

THE YANKEE CODE WAS NOT WON THIS WEEK

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RACE

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N Rouse - Wheatley Hotel Meal Voucher

Races for Saturday 26th April 2008

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| 1 | Sandown | 2.10 | CH 4 |
| 2 | Ripon | 2.30 | CH 4 |
| 3 | Sandown | 3.20 | CH 4 |
| 4 | Ripon | 3.40 | CH 4 |

Reserve Races

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| A | Market Rasen | 1.50 |
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TIMELINE

TEN YEARS AGO

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 1998

Rovers' 75-year membership of the Football League ended not with a bang, but with a whimper. After the defeat at Chester that sealed their fate, they lost 1-2 at home to Notts. County, 0-3 at Rotherham and then took their points tally for the season to 20 in a 0-0 draw at Swansea. The final game was at Belle Vue against Colchester United and with demonstrations thought likely it was designated all-ticket, even though the ground's capacity seemed unlikely to be tested. The match was important for Colchester, managed by former Rovers player Steve Wignall, who needed a win as they strove for a play-off place.

The build up to the match was a sombre affair, as a mock funeral cortege made their way to the ground from the Park Hotel. Before kick off a bugler played the Last Post and wreaths were laid at the derelict Town End of the ground. After 12 minutes of play a supporter walked calmly onto the pitch and sat down in the centre circle, followed by others, and referee Heilbron took the players off. Despite repeated chants of "Weaver Out" there was no violence and after appeals the crowd dispersed. On the field, Rovers were doing well and only a fine save by Emberson

prevented Adie Mike from putting them ahead. At the interval it was announced that Mark Weaver had left the ground, an attempt to forestall any further protests.

On 67 minutes Colchester took the lead when Gregory robbed Prince Moncrieffe on the edge of the box and lifted a shot over Craig Davis. The goal sparked another, smaller, pitch invasion, although fans of both sides jeered the invaders and the police moved smartly to get them off the pitch. The rest of the game was a rather desultory affair with few chances and at the final whistle teams and officials fled the pitch. There was an invasion, but no violence, although there was anger directed at the absent Weaver and Ken Richardson.



The funeral procession marking the demise of Doncaster Rovers as a Football League club makes its way from the Park Hotel to Belle Vue prior to the final game of the 1997/98 season against Colchester United

FIVE YEARS AGO

SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2003

With a play-off place guaranteed, Rovers were looking to build up some momentum going into the post-season games and manager Dave Penney was also conscious of the need to rest some players. A much-changed side took on Stevenage and after going 2-0 down, Rovers fought back to win 3-2 thanks to a virtuoso performance from Francis Tierney. Then Rovers and Morecambe, who were also guaranteed a play-off slot, played out a cagey 1-1 draw at Belle Vue, with Steve Burton scoring on his debut. Only one League fixture remained - a trip to Hereford United on the final day of the season.

Rovers included two new faces on the bench for the Hereford game. Gregg Blundell, signed from Northwich Victoria at the transfer deadline, made the squad for the first time after being troubled by a niggling hamstring. Also selected was chairman John Ryan, just short of his 53rd birthday and hoping to fulfil a lifetime ambition by playing for Rovers in a competitive match. Rovers were rather laboured in the first half and fell behind seven minutes before the interval when Williams scored direct from a free kick. They began the second half in a more lively fashion and equalised just after the hour when Hereford's goalkeeper, Baker, flapped at a cross from Chris Beech and the ball fell to Andy

Watson who scored from close range. Rovers seemed well in command with Tristram Whitman and Paul Barnes combining well up front, but it was the home side who scored next, Correia converting a cross from Williams. With eleven minutes remaining Rovers roared back to level the scores, Whitman converting a cross from Barnes. The latter put Rovers ahead for the first time on 85 minutes, latching on to a long ball from Simon Marples and slotting home after rounding Baker. Then Blundell, who had entered the fray with 20 minutes left, netted his first goal for the club after cutting in from the right. The 4-2 lead was a signal for Penney to make his third substitution and John Ryan came on to replace Barnes for stoppage time. He didn't touch the ball but did have the honour of being marked by two defenders as he waited upfield when Rovers defended a corner! The net result was a victory that would send Rovers into the play-offs in good heart as well as a very entertaining game.



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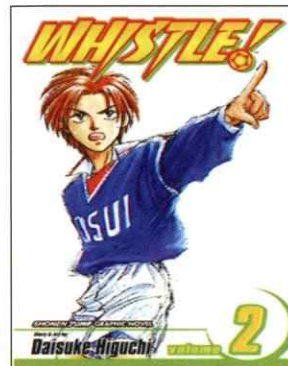


**My Brother's a Keeper by Michael Hardcastle
Graphic Novel**

Carlo hopes he's done the right thing by recommending his new stepbrother for his football team. More than just goals are at stake in the big match against Harden Celtic. (Taken from

<http://www.allenandunwin.com>)

together at any cost! Shoc; Kazamatsuri and his pals finally hit the magic number 11 and that means they're ready for high-kicking, goal-to-goal football action. Unfortunately, Team Josui's first game is against the powerhouse private school, Musashinomori. Shoc's crew may have boundless pluck and enthusiasm, but do they have the talent to compete with last season's reigning champions? Maybe not...but this year they have a secret weapon by the name of Tatsuya Mizuno. Not only is Tatsuya the best player on Josui's squad, he's also the son of the opposing team's coach. Football action and familiar complications collide when father and son meet on opposite sides of the football field! (Taken from www.amazon.co.uk)



**Whistle 2 by Daisuke Higuchi
Graphic Novel**

Everybody has a dream, and for Shoc; Kazamatsuri, that dream is simple: he wants to be the best football player he can possibly be. He's the spirited leader of the Josui Junior High team and everyone looks up to him. In turn, he tries to keep the team

TEAMS ROVERS HAVE BEATEN THIS SEASON

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VISION ONE

ALAN SMITH TAKES A LOOK AT SOME OF THE STORIES INVOLVING PEOPLE AND CLUBS IN LEAGUE ONE

I have tried to steer clear of the 'Leeds United' issue in my column throughout the season – it's certainly not been easy – but I've always thought that that discretion is the better part of valour – or is that a literary way of saying that I'll sit on the fence and let others put their heads on the chopping block and suffer the consequences?

However, to reach this stage in the season with some clubs not knowing whether they are – or are not – automatically promoted, or likely to be in the play-offs, is nothing short of unbelievable. Whatever the eventual decision of the powers that be in relation to the points deduction, the level of total uncertainty within some clubs is both understandable and intolerable. Equally understandable is the fact that should any points be 'returned' to Leeds, then it seems likely that other clubs in League One – either individually or collectively – will lodge counter claims. It strikes me that the only winners are going to be the legal eagles.

Anyway what I will say is that when any club and/or player lodges an appeal there seems to be an automatic assumption that

such action will result in a punishment of reduced severity. Of course following any appeal the authorities could always increase a punishment on reconsidering the circumstances!

And now for something entirely different Professional footballers will usually tell you that they know when the time has come for them to hang up their boots. One player who has just announced that he will call it a day at the end of the season is Crewe Alexandra captain Neil Cox.

According to the Crewe website, first team coach Steve Holland has gone on record as saying that he's got nothing but respect for the way that Neil Cox has carried himself both on and off the field.

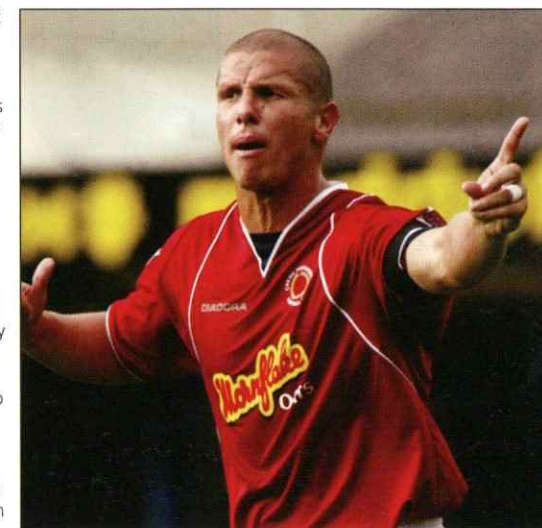
Now 36-years of age, Cox began his career across at Scunthorpe United back in 1990 and since that time has played in over 600 senior games. I recall personally reporting on matches across at Glanford Park – back in my local radio days – and Neil would never turn down the opportunity to be interviewed after a game – even if Scunthorpe had lost the match.

The former England U-21 defender went on to forge a career at Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Bolton Wanderers, Watford and Cardiff City, but since

February of this year he has been out of action with a shoulder injury and it would appear that this injury has accelerated his decision to bring his playing career to a close.

Prior to the latest injury, Cox was playing in an unfamiliar role – in midfield – and whilst players should arguably be flexible enough to play in 'foreign' positions – he apparently admitted that he was finding the demands difficult to cope with. He also admitted that the time out of the game has allowed him to step back, take a look around and decide what he wants to do in the future.

There should always be place in football for someone with the approach and attitude shown by Neil Cox – I for one hope he stays in the game after hanging up his boots.



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DONCASTER ROVERS 2 SWINDON TOWN 0

Half time: 1-0

Attendance: 8,371(340 away)

Scorers:

Rovers:

Sean McDaid (39 mins)
Brian Stock ((penalty, 68 mins)

Rovers:

1 Neil Sullivan, 2 James O'Connor, 3 Gareth Roberts, 4 Steve Roberts, 21 Sam Hird, 8 Brian Stock, 18 Sean McDaid, 20 Paul Green, 7 Lewis Guy, 9 Mark McCammon, 10 Gareth Taylor.

Substitutes:

25. Stuart Elliott (for McCammon, 78 mins)
12. James Hayter (for Taylor, 83 mins)
23. Jason Price (for Guy, 87 mins)
14. Paul Heffernan
17. Martin Woods

Swindon:

12 Peter Brezovan, 2 Jack Smith, 3 Jamie Vincent, 5 Jerel Ifil, 16 Hasney Aljofree, 8 Craig Easton, 10 Jon-Paul McGovern, 18 Michael Timlin, 27 Anthony McNamee (51 Paynter), 31 Simon Cox (68 Nicholas), 4 Lee Peacock

Substitutes:

20 Billy Paynter (for McNamee, 51 mins)
15 Andy Nicholas (for Cox, 68 mins)
23 Kaid Mohamed
9 Barry Corr
1 Phil Smith (G/K)

Referee: S.Mathieson

Assistants: M.Blackledge & M.Naylor

Yellow Cards:

Rovers: Hird

Swindon: Brezovan, Timlin

Red Cards:

Rovers: None

Swindon: Aljofree

(denying goal scoring opportunity, 67 mins)



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WHAT THE MANAGERS SAID

Sean O'Driscoll:

"We can't affect what other teams do but if you had offered me the position we're in now at the start of the season, I would have snatched your hand off."
"I thought we were better organised and more disciplined despite losing one or two players through injury. The boys who came in played well and I'm pleased for them."
"We got the goals at the right time but became a bit sloppy when Swindon went down to 10 men but overall, I thought we were worthy winners."

Maurice Malpas:

"We need to change our mentality away from home. The name of the game is sticking the ball in the net and we didn't do that."
"The penalty and sending off made it a double whammy but I've no complaints about either decision."
"They had more possession than we did and a couple of seconds of madness cost us both goals. We need to improve all round."

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ROAD TRIP



Leyton Orient v Doncaster Rovers
Saturday 19th April
Matchroom Stadium
Brisbane Road

Is it Leyton Orient, or is Leytonstone Orient – or perhaps even Leighton Orient? Barry Evans, Paddy and Dave may be the only people who understand the reference to that after their "eventful" trip down to the smoke last weekend. For those of us who travelled on the Supporters Club coaches and decided to give the Orient Express a miss, then the journey was equally as eventful and in good spirits.

The journey began just before 10 o'clock and, despite the coaches arriving early for a change, there was still the usual issues over who was on what coach. However, unlike Huddersfield where just about everyone was complaining and panicking that they wouldn't get a seat, all the coaches were filled with spare seats remaining, and it was full steam ahead as the coaches raced to get on the motorway. The usual jokes were fast in flowing, as they usually are these days, and time was flying. Before we all had a chance to take breath we were at Stansted for an half an hour break at the services, where the annual training session began in earnest. I'm not sure what the passers-by thought of three or four coach loads of fans playing football on a hill that's about as level as the pitch at Underhill, but nevertheless it was comical to watch. If the uneven surface didn't catch you out, then the holly bush might, and that's before the pot-holes in the grass decided to tackle just about everyone who was brave enough to run over them.

After leaving the services at around 1pm, panic began to set in as we realised, pulling on to the motorway, that the coach was smoking at the back. We all knew we were going to the smoke, but this was perhaps taking things a little too far. Somehow or another the driver decided to ignore the issue, prompting the chants of "the roof is on fire etc". When we got to the outskirts of Leyton, an hour or so later though, he did choose to ignore several signs for Brisbane Road, instead taking us to the ground of Leyton FC. I'm not sure whether it was Sat-Nav or driver-error problems, but the looks on the dozen or so people outside the ground at Leyton FC was a picture, as they must surely have believed their home gate was about to quadruple for the first time in around thirty years. Following a quick conversation with a local grocer, the driver realised his error and after another few laps of the Leyton/ Leytonstone grand prix circuit, we finally found our way to Brisbane Road - pulling up behind the Kettlewell's bus that had also got lost.

Once inside the ground, the atmosphere was tense and the situation didn't need any explaining. Rovers win, Carlisle lose at home to Southend and we'd been in the ascendancy for automatic promotion. The omens were good though, Southend were on a roll, Carlisle were off form, Orient had lost several in a row and the starting eleven was attacking minded to say the least, with Gareth Taylor and McCammon both given starting berths. Even Donny Dog played his part - beating Theo the Wyren (so that's what their mascot is) 2-1 in the pre-match penalty shoot-out, despite injuring his boot in the process.

The first half wasn't good and some might say it was on a par with the Huddersfield game, as Rovers did just not get going. Orient spurned chance after chance, forced Sully into a few good saves and were in control for much of the half as Rovers just struggled to get a footing on the game.

News that Carlisle had fallen behind at home to Southend still didn't do much to raise Rovers game, and after Adam Boyd, Jabo Ibehre and Jason Demetriou had all come close, Wayne Gray headed the O's in front and shattered hopes in the stand. Just before half time, after a poor first half display. Going 1-0 down was the last thing anyone wanted. The ascendancy was back with the Cumbrians at Brunton Park who got their equaliser just after half-time. However, everyone knows that Rovers aren't a team who'll lay down and go out with a whimper and Mark McCammon blasted us back on level terms around the hour mark, to really ensure that the game was back on yet again. At this point, everything in the kitchen sink was being thrown at Orient and god only knows how we didn't get the second goal. Can someone call Fabio Capello and tell him to have a look at Glenn Morris for his next England squad! After Matt Mills smacked a post with a rasping half-volley, Ritchie Wellens was then denied at point blank range, before McCammon was as well. The ball was ping-ponging around but just couldn't find the way into the net. As the game wore on, both teams pushed for a winner. Nobody must know how it stayed 1-1, as the football was exhilarating.

News then came through that Carlisle had slipped behind again, but despite four minutes of added time, the ball just wouldn't go in the net and the game ended 1-1.

Some people may argue we dropped two points, others may argue it was a point gained. But the gap was narrowed nonetheless, and the pressure is firmly on Carlisle now. It's their automatic promotion place to throw away!

Rigo

Costs

Ticket = £13.00
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AWAY GUIDE

The reckless guide to...

Cheltenham Town
Saturday 3rd May 2008
Coca Cola League One
Kick-off 3.00pm

Known as: The Robins
Ground name: Whaddon Road
Formed: 1887, (joined Football League in 1999).
Celebrity fan: Eddie "the eagle" Edwards
Rivals: Swindon Town

How to get there:

- On the road & parking:

Take the M1 motorway to join the M42, and then later the M5 as far as junction 10. After leaving the M5, merge onto the A4019 (signposted Cheltenham) and at the roundabout take the second exit to stay on the A4019. Pass a "Shell" garage, and continue forward onto the A46, before taking a quick left turning onto the A435 (signposted Evesham). When you reach the roundabout, take the second exit onto the B4632 (signed Prestbury Road) before taking a right turning shortly afterwards onto Whaddon Road. There is an extremely small car park at the ground and street parking is limited too. Supporters are, therefore, encouraged to use the free "Park and Ride" service at Cheltenham Racecourse, which is widely signposted in and around the town. Shuttle buses are, obviously, dependent on traffic, but usually run at ten minute intervals.

- On the train:

Cheltenham station is well over two and a half miles from Whaddon Road, on the other side of the town to the ground. Unless you're super-fit, it's probably not a good idea to walk it either! A taxi should cost you no more than about £6. However, if you have time on your hands you may wish to catch a bus or walk into the town centre, where there is plenty to do. Please be aware that Cheltenham station has two exits, with the bus stop being by one exit next to the road, and the taxi rank being in the car park adjacent to the other exit.

Eating & drinking:

There is a small Supporters Club-type bar at the ground called the Robins Nest that allows away supporters, otherwise you're best off heading to the Fox and Hounds or The Greyhound, as they are the two closest pubs to Whaddon Road. Alternatively, should you want to drift further afield, the Sudeley Arms and the Conservatory Inn on Prestbury Road are both good watering holes. Please be aware however, that no alcohol is served within the ground. If you arrive by train, then there are a number of pubs in the town centre, as well as fast food places and restaurants, if you would prefer a sit-down meal. The usual selection of hot and cold refreshments are also available once inside the ground.

Ticket details & programme:

Tickets for this fixture have already completely sold out. Rovers fans have been allocated around 1,600 seats in total; roughly 1,000 behind the goal in the covered Charlesberg Stand, and a

further 600 in the In 2 Print stand. The Cheltenham Town match day programme, "CTFC" will set you back £2.50 and is a 64 page publication.

Overnight stay factor:

Cheltenham is a good place to stay for the weekend with a variety of pubs and bars being available in the town centre, and much to do within the local districts. Notorious for being a racing town (pretty much like Donny then), there are several reminders around the town about classic horse racing events and traditions. On racing weekends, Cheltenham is at its best. However, I'm sure if we should win promotion, it'll be as equally as entertaining for a night out around the old town, and Rovers fans will, quite literally, paint the town red should they choose to stay for the night.

Useless facts:

- 1) The Robins have only kept two clean sheets on their travels all season - at Hartlepool and Gillingham.
- 2) Cheltenham Town have the cheapest ticket prices for home fans in the whole of League One - with adults able to gain admission from as little as £13.

SUPPORTERS CLUB TRAVEL

Cheltenham Town
v Doncaster Rovers
Saturday, 3rd May 2008
Kick-off 3.00pm

Coaches to the last game of the season leave as follows:

Retford - 09.00am
 Harworth - 09.05am
 Bawtry/Styrrup - 09.15am
 Infirmary - 09.30am
 Keepmoat - 09.45am

Members:

Adults - £15
 OAP - £13
 Under 16 - £11

Non members:
 Adults - £17
 Under 16s - £15

If you would like to book a place on the coaches, please contact the following as soon as possible:

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 Paul Mayfield - 01427 880154
 (mobile 077404 53066)

The North Branch coach details are as follows:

Moorends Hotel - 9.00am
 The Range, York Road - 9.25am
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 Don Valley - 9.35am
 Woodlands - 9.40am

Carcroft (Stick and Tape) - 9.45am
 Skellow Grange - 9.50am

Cost: £12:00 per person

To book a seat, please ring Jim Lambie (01302) 726083 or Dave Grain on (01302) 787127.

1. Alcohol is not permitted on any coach run by the Supporters Club.
2. Supporters who are intoxicated (or appear to be intoxicated) will be refused a seat on the coach.
3. The use of foul and abusive language is strictly forbidden.

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TICKET OFFICE

TICKET PURCHASE PROCEDURE

Doncaster Rovers Football Club are committed to providing our supporters with the best possible service when it comes to purchasing tickets for all matches.

In order to further improve the service for the benefit of all, we would like all of our supporters to take note of the following:

1. Season ticket holders are reminded that they MUST produce the season ticket book when purchasing tickets for cup matches, away fixtures and friendlies. This is important so that ticket office staff are not devoting unnecessary time to checking details on computer systems when other customers are patiently awaiting service.

2. We would like to encourage supporters to consider purchasing tickets in advance via one of the following systems:

ONLINE PURCHASE

Tickets can be purchased online up to 3 days before a match and posted to the customer. This involves a 50p booking fee per ticket and 50p postage charge to cover first class postage.

TELEPHONE BOOKING

Tickets can be purchased by telephone order and collected on the match day. The order must be received at the ticket office before 12 midday on the day of a Saturday 3pm kick-off, and 4.30pm on the day of an evening 7.45pm kick-off.

This involves a 50p booking fee per ticket.

By using the above methods you can avoid queuing on a busy match day and also avoid having to make a special journey to the stadium prior to match day.

3. On a match day tickets can only be paid for in cash, thus avoiding delays in queuing.

When purchasing at the ticket office (particularly at busy times) please decide in advance where you wish to sit in the stadium. This will help to speed up the process and be beneficial to everyone.

By co-operating with the above procedures we feel that all of our supporters will benefit, and we thank all of our customers for supporting these practices.

Cheltenham Town

v Doncaster Rovers
Saturday, 3rd May 2008
Kick-off 3.00pm

This fixture is all-ticket and we have sold out our entire allocation for this match. Please note that no tickets will be on sale on the day of the match - you should also not attempt to buy tickets for the home end. Cheltenham have reported that several Rovers fans have attempted to buy tickets for areas designated for home supporters, and they will vet all applications for tickets.

PLAY-OFF TICKET NEWS

Whilst Doncaster Rovers are still in contention for an automatic promotion place to the Championship, there is a

possibility that the club will finish in one of the positions for the end of season play-offs.

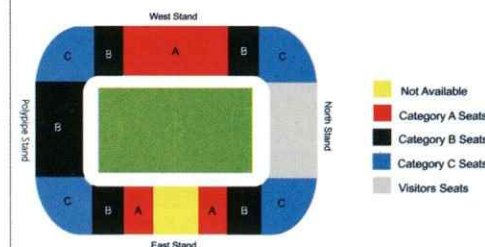
In that eventuality, some provisional arrangements have been put in place for the allocation and sale of tickets for the home leg of the play-offs.

Tickets for the home leg are bound to be in huge demand, so tickets will be allocated in the following order. Season ticket holders will be given priority for the potential match. They will be able to buy one ticket and a single additional ticket upon production of a Season Ticket book.

Following that, tickets will be sold to those who retain their stubs from the Swindon Town and Luton Town matches - the final two home matches of the

Match day ticket information 2007/2008

| Category | Adult | Seniors/ students/disabled | J12-16's | U11's |
|----------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|
| A | £22 | £16 | £16 | £16 |
| B | £19 | £13 | £12 | £5 |
| C | £15 | £8 | £8 | £5 |



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Disabled supporters in wheelchairs choosing to sit in the West/East stands will pay the concessionary rate for the area concerned (Category A or Category B). The wheelchair supporters wishing to sit in the South Stand will pay the concession rate for Category C. Ambulant disabled supporters will pay the concessionary rate for the area and category chosen. Concessions include seniors over 60, students in full time education. (proof of age, disability and education MUST be given upon purchase of season ticket).

League One fixtures. Upon production of the two ticket stubs, those people will be able to buy one ticket for the home leg of the play-off semi-finals. Any remaining tickets will then go on sale to those supporters who have saved one of the two ticket stubs from the Swindon and Luton matches. Keep checking the official web site and the local press for more details as they are released. All tickets will be subject to availability.

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ROVERS HOSPITALITY

Welcome to Doncaster Rovers Hospitality.

Here we are at our last home game of the season! (Well, maybe?) I cannot believe I am writing my last set of programme notes for this season (well, I might be back with you in a couple of weeks for play-offs, but fingers crossed we don't need those!) It only feels like five minutes ago I was introducing myself to you all at the start of my first season in charge and I have to say the time has flown by! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and clients who have made me and the rest of the team feel very welcome. I hope that you have enjoyed being part of the club again this year and that you have gained significant business out of your various associations with us. Special thanks also go to our many Player and Kit Sponsors who once again have pledged their support to the club and the players throughout the season. I look forward to meeting everyone again at the Kit Sponsors Lunch on Tuesday. (PS if you have not already RSVP'd to this, please give Helen a call in our office.) We have also welcomed a whopping 289 new customers to the club this year and I would like to thank all of our new customers for supporting our football club and long may our associations continue. The season as a whole has been very successful for the department having virtually doubled our turnover, which is due to retaining our existing business from the previous year and also due to the massive growth in new customers. A major contributor to our success this year has to be the wonderful new stadium we play in and, although we have had many ups and downs over the course of the season, we are now in a much better partnership with our landlords and hopefully everyone can move forward together for another successful year next season.

Thanks again everyone for your support over the season and I look forward to welcoming you all back again for Championship football next year!

TODAY'S MATCH

Today we welcome our Match Sponsors Funky Elegant, a new customer to the club, so I hope that Claire Parlett and her guests enjoy their day with us today. Also we welcome a brand new customer to Doncaster today in ARCO, who are opening a new store in Doncaster on 28th April, so good luck to Gordon Kaylor and his team for the future and enjoy your day as Associate Match Sponsor today. Last, but not least, back again is Mike Davies and guests of The Star as Match Ball Sponsor (You guys cant keep away - are we feeding you too well?)

We also have a few birthday mentions today for Hospitality guests with us, namely Peter Bacon and Ken Bates both enjoying our hospitality with family today, so happy birthday to you both from all at Doncaster Rovers.

All that remains for me to say is - as always, enjoy the match; support your team and fingers crossed for the three points (and our second spot back)!

Laura

Laura Whiting
Commercial Manager

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TODAY'S MATCH BALL SPONSOR

★ The Star

We also welcome today our Match Sponsors, Mike Davis and their guests from The Star. Mike says "The Star is again proud to be a sponsor of today's game against Oldham Athletic. Football and our coverage of this is a top priority for us and we are always delighted to see Doncaster Rovers chalk up three points at the end of each week.

We are looking forward to reporting on their promotion to the Championship at the end of the season! " For further information on The Star, Please see their advertisement in today's programme or visit their website at www.thestar.co.uk

COMMERCIAL NEWS

FROM THE SPONSORS LOUNGE

This match our 'From the Sponsors Lounge' feature reports on the Swindon Town game on Friday 11th April. The match & match ball sponsors for the game were Begbies Traynor and their chosen Man of the Match was Gareth Taylor.



Pictured is Mike Jenkins of Match Sponsors Begbies Traynor, who is presenting Gareth Taylor with his champagne.

Gareth then presented Begbies Traynor with their signed replica match ball in recognition of their sponsorship of the game.



Also for the Swindon match, our Sponsors Mascot was Thomas Henry. He is pictured here on the left.

We thank all of our sponsors at this game for their kind support and look forward to welcoming them back again next season.



END OF SEASON DINNER 2008



We are pleased to announce that the Doncaster Rovers End of Season Dinner will take place at Castle Park on Saturday 17th May 2008 at 7.30pm.

We would like to invite you all to join us in a toast to the end of the 2007/2008 season, one which has certainly been a rollercoaster ride, but extremely exciting as we continue our push for Championship football next season.

We would love for you to be there to share the event with us and hopefully raise a glass to promotion or a place in the Play-Off Final. We will be entertained also by a top comedian, a guest speaker and there will be plenty of opportunity to let your hair down on the dance floor!

This will all be accompanied by wonderful hospitality including a refreshing Welcome Drinks Reception on the balcony (weather permitting) followed by a sumptuous three-course dinner.

We will be holding the event in the fabulous surroundings of Castle Park, Armthorpe, Doncaster on Saturday 17th May. The evening will commence at 7.00pm with dinner to be served for 7.30pm. There will be a dress code of lounge suits for the occasion.

Places are limited and are priced at £35 + VAT per head or £400 + VAT for a table of 12, so please contact the team today to place your booking or call us in the office on 01302 764 665 during the week.



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Saturday: 10am to 4pm (non-match days) Sunday: 10am to 4pm
Evening matches: 10am to 4pm, and 5pm until kick-off, then 20 minutes
after the match

The staff in the shops in the stadium and Priory Walk would like to thank all of our customers for their support over the past season. If you had told me we would have a chance at being in the play-offs at the beginning of the season, I would have snapped your hand off - but to be this close to automatic promotion is a dream come true. Let's hope we can make it! If not - a play off spot is guaranteed and we will have plenty of products for just such an occasion.

Don't forget that, no matter what happens, we will be open over the summer break and we would love to have your company! We will have the new shirts for next season on display in the stadium shop, so please do come in and visit. Thank you for all you support during this exciting season - without you, we would not exist.

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PREMIER CLUB NEWS



p r e m i e r c l u b

Welcome to today's match

Today we see Doncaster Rovers take on Luton Town at the Keepmoat Stadium. I am sure you are all looking forward to the game ahead and as the push for promotion continues, it's vital that we get those three points today. So let's make some noise and encourage the team on to get the result we all want!



MAN OF THE MATCH

Doncaster Rovers v Swindon Town
Premier Club Members voted Paul Green as their Man of the Match.....yet again! Paul was welcomed in to the Premier Club lounge and awarded his Man of the Match Champagne by Premier Club Member Dave Harle from Danum Financial Services.

PREMIER CLUB UPDATES

I would like to remind all members of the extra Premier Club seats that have are still available! We only have around 10 seats left, so should you have any friends or family that would like to purchase seats and join you to watch Doncaster Rovers in the fantastic facilities at the Keepmoat Stadium, please do not hesitate to contact me on a match day or alternatively you can call me in the office on 01302 - 764665.

UPCOMING MATCHES

Given Doncaster Rovers' current table position, I would like to advise all members of the potential play off dates. The dates are as follows - Friday 9th May, Monday 12th May & Thursday 15th May or Friday 16th May. These dates could host either a home or away game depending, of course, on our position after the away game against Cheltenham on Saturday 3rd May 2008.

Should members require any additional hospitality for any of these games, I would strongly advise that you provisionally book onto the

Play-Off waiting list. This will enable us to contact you first once the play-off games have been announced.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Play-Off games, please do not hesitate to contact me in the office on 01302 - 764665 or alternatively you can email your booking to michaela@doncasterroversfc.co.uk

I hope everyone enjoys this afternoon's match!

Michaela

Michaela Wakeman
Premier Club Manager



MEMBER OF THE WEEK

This week's Premier Club Member of the Week is Lakeside Village Outlet Shopping.

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| Player | Team | Lge | Cup | Ttl |
|-------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Jason Scotland | Swansea | 23 | 5 | 28 |
| Jermaine Beckford | Leeds | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| Nicky Forster | Brighton | 15 | 4 | 19 |
| Richard Lambert | Bristol Rvs | 12 | 6 | 18 |
| Danny Graham | Carlisle | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| Adam Boyd | L Orient | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| Richard Barker | Hartlepool | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| Nicky Maynard | Crewe | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Craig Davies | Oldham | 11 | 3 | 14 |

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

| Ground | Home Team | M | Gls | G/Mt |
|-----------------------|--------------|----|-----|------|
| Fitness First Stadium | Bournemouth | 22 | 65 | 2.95 |
| Victoria Park | Hartlepool | 22 | 65 | 2.95 |
| County Ground | Swindon | 22 | 62 | 2.82 |
| Withdean Stadium | Brighton | 22 | 61 | 2.77 |
| Vale Park | Port Vale | 22 | 57 | 2.59 |
| Elland Road | Leeds | 22 | 56 | 2.55 |
| Sixfields Stadium | Northampton | 22 | 56 | 2.55 |
| The Alexandra Stadium | Crewe | 22 | 55 | 2.50 |
| The Memorial Stadium | Bristol Rvs | 21 | 52 | 2.48 |
| Liberty Stadium | Swansea | 22 | 54 | 2.45 |
| Brunton Park | Carlisle | 22 | 53 | 2.41 |
| Roots Hall | Southend | 22 | 53 | 2.41 |
| The Den | Millwall | 22 | 53 | 2.41 |
| Kenilworth Stadium | Luton | 22 | 53 | 2.41 |
| Matchroom Stadium | L Orient | 22 | 52 | 2.36 |
| Boundary Park | Oldham | 22 | 50 | 2.27 |
| Keepmoat Stadium | Doncaster | 22 | 50 | 2.27 |
| The Galpharm Stadium | Huddersfield | 22 | 49 | 2.23 |
| Prenton Park | Tranmere | 22 | 49 | 2.23 |
| Bank's Stadium | Walsall | 22 | 49 | 2.23 |
| Priestfield Stadium | Gillingham | 22 | 46 | 2.09 |
| Huish Park | Yeovil | 22 | 45 | 2.05 |
| City Ground | Nottm Forest | 22 | 45 | 2.05 |
| Whaddon Road Ground | Cheltenham | 22 | 41 | 1.86 |

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 316 Swansea. **shots off target** 278 Doncaster. **corners** 309 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 15 Port Vale. **offsides** 160 Huddersfield. **fouls** 586 Millwall. **yellow cards** 78 Leeds. **red cards** 8 Gillingham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 131 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 67 Andy Robinson (Swansea). **Shots off target** 71 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 11 Paul McLaren (Tranmere). **Crosses** 185 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 69 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 94 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 107 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 1271

RIGHT FOOT 716 goals

56.3%

LEFT FOOT 272 goals

21.4%

HEADERS 257 goals

20.2%

Own goals 22 (1.7%), Other body part 4 (0.4%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Gary Liddle (Hartlepool vs Swansea) 0:26

By a substitute after coming on

Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.5 cards per match 0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Sean Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on

Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used2519

Offsides3102

Corners5933

Shots Off Target5672

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

2 1 7

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been 5773 shots on target, goals constitute 22.0% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 233 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Gillingham 19). There have been 131 penalties awarded this season and of those 108 have been scored (a success rate of 82.4%). Swansea have been awarded most penalties - 13. Southend have given most penalties away 9. The team to score the most penalties is Swansea 10. Swansea missed 3 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 | 38 |
| 0-1 | 51 |
| 0-2 | 26 |
| 0-3 | 13 |
| 0-4 | 2 |
| 0-5 | 1 |
| 1-0 | 54 |
| 1-1 | 74 |
| 1-2 | 32 |
| 1-3 | 11 |
| 1-4 | 4 |
| 1-5 | - |
| 2-0 | 48 |
| 2-1 | 64 |
| 2-2 | 22 |
| 2-3 | 7 |
| 2-4 | 1 |
| 2-5 | - |
| 3-0 | 23 |
| 3-1 | 17 |
| 3-2 | 11 |
| 3-3 | 1 |
| 3-4 | - |
| 3-5 | - |
| 4-0 | 8 |
| 4-1 | 9 |
| 4-2 | 5 |
| 4-3 | 3 |
| 4-4 | - |
| 4-5 | - |
| 5-0 | 1 |
| 5-1 | - |
| 5-2 | - |
| 5-3 | - |
| 5-4 | - |
| 5-5 | - |
| 6-0 | 1 |

*up to and including 20/04/2008

JUNIOR ROVERS

Good afternoon and welcome to our (hopefully) last home game of the 2007/08 season. I hope that all of our Junior Rovers members have had a great season watching Doncaster Rovers. I'm sure that you can't wait for next season to start, especially if we're lucky enough to be playing in the Coca Cola Championship!

We can't let this season come to an end without paying tribute to Rita and Jill Martin, who have been the rock of Junior Rovers for several years now. They have done a superb job in organising numerous events, including the very popular Junior Rovers Christmas Party each year, and I'm sure that all members will be sorry that this is the last season that they will be connected with Junior Rovers.

At least next season Rita and Jill will be able to enjoy coming along to the matches without having to miss some of the first half due to looking after the mascots!

Thanks again, Rita and Jill. We'll miss you.

We would also like to thank all of the Junior Rovers members for their support during the 2007/08 season. We have some very exciting news about next season's membership which will be launched very soon - be sure to keep your eyes peeled for details!

We have three mascots for this afternoon's game - Craig Weir, Molly Cook and Morgan Whiting.



Craig is nine years old and goes to Hatchell Wood Primary School. His hobbies are ice skating, football and video games, and he has a pet hamster called Crystal. Craig likes fruit and veg and loves a home cooked Sunday dinner!

Craig has been a Rovers fan all of his life and he hopes that Rovers will be playing in the Championship next season. His favourite player is Paul Green, because of his workmanship and commitment to the team.

Molly is seven years old, lives in Scawsby and

goes to Saltersgate Junior School, where her favourite subject is art, but she doesn't like maths. Molly's favourite TV show is SpongeBob SquarePants and the best place she's been on holiday to is Disneyland Paris. Molly's favourite player is Jason Price because he is always friendly and smiles a lot!



and excited when I found out I was going to be mascot, and I couldn't wait to ring my mum and tell her."

Molly says that she likes going to the match with her dad, playing with friends, watching Harry Potter and the Simpsons. When she found out that she was going to be a mascot, Molly says: "I was shocked



players are Dean Morgan and Keith Keane.

Morgan is five years old and is a mascot from Luton Town. He lives in Wheathampstead, St Albans and he goes to St Helens School. His hobbies are football and "street" dancing. Morgan's favourite

We hope that all three of our mascots really enjoy themselves and see a good game of football. (Let's also hope that they see the Rovers win (sorry, Morgan!))

Our mascots at the last home game were Hannah and Danielle Jarvis from Scawthorpe. We hope that they had a great evening with us - they are pictured here with the match officials and the two team captains.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

The following Junior Rovers members have celebrated, or will celebrate, their birthdays on the following dates:

16th April - Lydia Ryde, Drew Smith
 21st April - Louis Farber, Callam Snell
 25th April - Ryan Towle
 28th April - Paul McDonald
 29th April - Ethan Wood, Joseph Shemeld, Jacob Wilson
 1st May - Matthew Allison
 3rd May - Kieran Smith

We would like to wish all members who will celebrate their birthday during the close season a very happy birthday. We hope that everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all back here at the Keepmoat Stadium next season.



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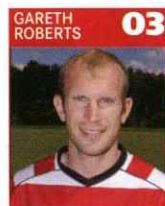


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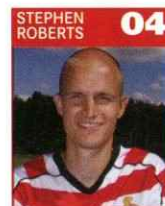


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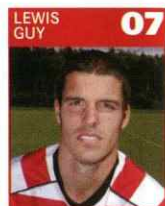


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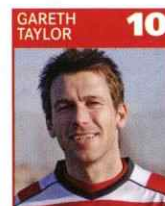


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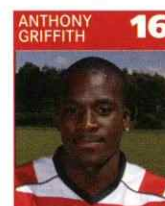


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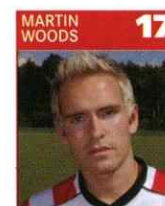


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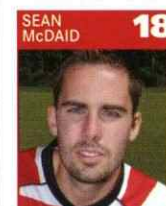


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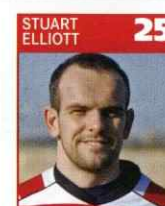


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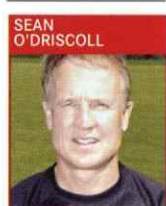


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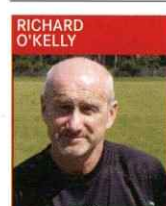


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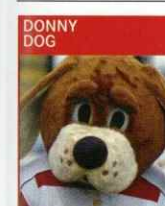


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ROVERS AROUND THE WORLD



The highlight of Jamie's day was to meet Rovers keeper Neil Sullivan, a player he had admired as a boy.

Catherine and Jamie had one further surprise in store – they were given the treat of a guided tour around the magnificent Keepmoat Stadium before our home game against Oldham Athletic.

Of their lunch with the players, Catherine and Jamie said: "We would both like to thank everyone who was at Cantley Park for making our day extra special and one that will live in our memories for a long time."

During the season, we have been very pleased by the number of supporters who have sent in photographs of themselves whilst on holiday at various places around the world. With the summer break ahead (even if you have to wait until after the play-offs!), we would love to hear from you during the summer, so that we can include some more photos next season. Either email your photographs through to programme@doncasterrovers.co.uk, or send them to me at Doncaster Rovers FC, Keepmoat Stadium, Stadium Way, Lakeside, Doncaster DN4 5JW. Remember to let us know who is on the photograph, as well as where the picture was taken.

Michael Harker, Programme Editor

Earlier in the season, we ran a prize draw from those who sent in photos of fans wearing their Rovers clothing which had been taken in various places around the world. The lucky winners of lunch with the Rovers squad up at the training ground were Catherine and Jamie Charnock.

They took the trip up to Cantley Park for their prize lunch earlier this month, where they were met by Helen and Tom from the Commercial team and were made to feel very welcome by all there.

Catherine said "It was like being part of a big family. We were treated to a lovely lunch in the team canteen.



"We spoke to a lot of the players and management who made the time to talk to us and answer our questions. We were also lucky enough to have our photos taken with some of the players after they had finished their training session."



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Good afternoon and welcome to the last League One game of the season.

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I hope that you have a good summer and see you next season - or even sooner if we have a little trip to London to plan!

Len South
Chairman

Away Travel

Details of Supporters Club coaches to next Saturday's away game at Cheltenham Town can be found on page 40 of this programme.

Please note that Paul's coach will be calling at Ashby De La Zouch on the way back, and Len's coach will be coming back to the Reds Bar in Doncaster.

Although we all hope for automatic promotion, should Rovers qualify for the play-offs, we will be running coaches to the away leg of the semi-final and to Wembley, should we make it that far. If you want to travel, tickets will be going on sale in the Park Hotel on Carr House Road – see our website and the local press in due course for details. Alternately, contact Len South or Paul Mayfield on the usual phone numbers.



Player of the Month

The "Player of the Month" for March was Paul Green, who is pictured here receiving his trophy prior to the Swindon Town match. Paul has also won the award for April with 37 votes, so congratulations to him.

Leeds United (home) – 1st April
James O'Connor 9, Paul Green 9, Richie Wellens 6, Jason Price 4, Gareth Roberts 1, Brian Stock 1

Huddersfield (away) – 5th April
Paul Green 15, Steve Roberts 5, James O'Connor 5, Gareth Taylor 4, Gareth Roberts 1

Swindon (home) – 11th April
Paul Green 13, Gareth Taylor 6, Brian Stock 6, Steve Roberts 4, Gareth Roberts 1

Player of the Year

We usually present various players with the end of season awards at the last home game of the season. With today's game being so important, we will not be doing so this year – we hope to present all the awards at our end of season dinner/dance (details elsewhere on this page).

The "Player of the Year" is Richie Wellens, who has had a superb first season at the club.

Player of the Year 2007/08 - Main Branch

Richie Wellens (239), Paul Green (200), James O'Connor (107), Mathew Mills (84), Lewis Guy (81), Brian Stock (68), Jason Price (64), James Coppinger (62), Neil Sullivan (57), Gareth Roberts (56), James Hayter (50), Stephen Roberts (46), Mark McCammon (40), Paul Heffernan (39), Martin Woods (33), Adam Lockwood (31), Gordon Greer (28), Stuart Elliott (17), Gareth Taylor (17), Sean McDaid (11), Craig Nelthorpe (8), Mark Wilson (5)

Player of the Year 2007/08 - Disabled Branch

Richard Wellens (104), Paul Green (71), Gareth Roberts (58), James O'Connor (56), Adam Lockwood (46), Lewis Guy (45), Brian Stock (38), Jason Price (29), James Coppinger (28), Paul Heffernan (24), Stephen Roberts (22), Martin Woods (21), Mathew Mills (19), James Hayter (17), Mark Wilson (15), Neil Sullivan (15), Mark McCammon (12), Gordon Greer (11)



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THE GREAT GAME

Wolverhampton Wanderers were most definitely the team of the late 1950's and had already won the First Division Championship for the last two seasons as the 1959/60 season reached its climax. Not only were they looking likely to win the title for the third consecutive year, but they were scheduled to meet Blackburn Rovers in the FA Cup Final less than a week later.

The whole destiny of the championship revolved around the events occurring in the last few days of the season. Wolves were beaten at home by third placed Tottenham Hotspur on the Saturday, which left them a point clear of second placed Burnley with a superior goal average. Burnley's last game was on the following Monday night, away to Manchester City. A draw would have meant that Wolves would have retained their title, but Burnley won 2-1 to head the table for the first time all season and clinch the title.

The FA Cup proved to be the consolation prize for Wolves as they beat Blackburn Rovers 3-0 in one of the poorest finals in years. Indeed, reports suggest that the Midlanders were not well received as winners, and the referee also came in for fierce criticism

as Wolves were condemned for their somewhat physical approach to the game.

The other main issues were many in number. Leeds United and Luton Town were relegated from the First Division, whilst Aston Villa, as champions, along with Cardiff City rose from the Second Division. Elsewhere, Southampton were promoted as champions of the Third Division, with Walsall taking the hours in the Fourth. Doncaster Rovers ended their first season in the latter by finishing in seventeenth place, with their supporters leaving in droves. The average attendance in their last season in Division Two (1957/58), had been just over 1,000, now it was down to just over 5,000. These were not happy times down at Belle Vue.

As the football world was bidding a fond farewell to Preston North End and England favourite, Tom Finney, who was retiring after a career lasting 24 years, it was also saying hello to Barcelona, who beat Birmingham City in the first annual Fairs Cup Final, whilst the Soviet Union needed extra time to defeat Yugoslavia in the first European Nations Cup Final held in Paris in July, 1960. Whilst on the international front, it was announced that England had been nominated to

hold the 1966 World Cup tournament – that, at least, was something to look forward to.

Without doubt, the highlight of the 1959/60 season was the European Cup Final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt, held at Hampden Park, Glasgow, before an attendance of 127,000. Whilst Real had won the trophy every year since its inception in 1956, the men from West Germany had demolished Glasgow Rangers in the semis, and looked sure to give the Champions a run for their money.

What followed enthralled the crowd and millions more watching live on television. The Germans scored first, but were eventually overwhelmed as Real romped home via a 7-3 score line. The men mainly responsible were Ferenc Puskas, who scored four, whilst Alfredo di Stefano weighed in with the other three. Puskas, now at the veteran stage, was, of course, the same player that had terrorised England seven years earlier whilst playing for Hungary. He, along with di Stefano, also gained international caps for more than one country, with the latter being capped for Spain, Argentina and Colombia in a remarkable career.

Paul Gilligan



Real Madrid's hat-trick hero Alfredo di Stefano scores his first goal at Hampden Park

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Doncaster College students have been treated to a footballing masterclass from some of the game's leading coaches.

Sports Science students took part in a day of activities at The Keepmoat Stadium, during which they were treated to some of the best coaching in Yorkshire.



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The students were coached by former Lincoln City boss John Schofield, current Rovers assistant manager Richard O'Kelly and Sheffield and Hallamshire FA's Julie Callaghan – one of only four women in the country to have achieved the UEFA's A-Licence.

They took part in the three sessions alongside students from Selby College and trainees from Doncaster Rovers' Academy.

Glenn Hazelhurst, the College's deputy head of Wellbeing, said: "It was fantastic to see our students being given the opportunity to learn from some of the best coaches in the region.

"Our aim is to deliver a high-quality learning experience for all the students at the College and this certainly meets that objective."

The sessions were observed by former Rovers striker Leo Fortune-West and current Rovers

Director of Football Mickey Walker.

Mickey said: "These sessions are great for the kids because it gives them an insight into coaching so if they don't make it as a player, they have something to fall back on.

"We have an excellent working relationship with the College – one which will only expand in the future."

The sessions were held as part of a Learning and Skills Council initiative called Competence to Excellence. A similar event for the Hospitality and Catering industry will be held at Doncaster College's Hub campus next week.

Doncaster College runs a host of sports-related courses. Further details can be obtained by calling 0800 358 7575 or by visiting <http://www.don.ac.uk/>



ROVERS IN THE COMMUNITY

Tini Wini Entertainments

Doncaster Rovers Community Sports and Education Foundation, or Rovers in the Community as they are more commonly known, we handed a massive boost recently, continuing the fantastic work that they do with children in Doncaster and the local communities.

A superb new minibus was delivered to the Keepmoat Stadium this afternoon by John and Tina Slater from local company Tini-Wini Entertainment – who have had a long-standing partnership with the Rovers in the Community team.

The minibus will now help the Rovers in the Community team reach areas of the community where previously the team may have struggled.

"It's fantastic news," said a delighted Eric Randerson – the Rovers in the Community manager.

"We've been working towards something like this for a very long time and the scheme has moved on dramatically over the last few years. The next step for us was to get into every school in Doncaster and hopefully



this fantastic minibus that we have just got will help us achieve that vision."

"The minibus will hopefully allow us to reach parts of the community that we couldn't before with the standard modes of transport that we had. We have a vision that within the next three years we will visit every school in Doncaster and the minibus is a massive plus in making this happen."

"Tini-Wini Entertainment have been brilliant. We've had a small-standing partnership with them for 12 months now and they have come on board 100% this year and we can't thank them enough. Hopefully it is going to be a partnership that will work well for both parties through the project."

"We can't wait to get the bus moving and get about the community to show everybody what we are all about."

Tina Slater of Tini-Wini Entertainment was also pleased to have provided such an important factor for the Rovers in the Community team's work.

"We was providing entertainment down here at the Keepmoat and also for the Rovers whilst we were at Belle Vue," explains Tina.

"We got speaking to Eric, Richard and the guys and realised just how desperately they needed a minibus. I knew that they had wanted one for some time now and me and John thought that it would be fantastic to give something back to the Community guys."

"It's a pleasure to be involved in and seeing the look on the guy's faces – it was definitely worth it."

"The work that the team does is fantastic. It's not just about children who are fantastic in terms of ability in football. It's about children with all abilities in all areas of Doncaster getting involved. The hours that the team put into it too is something to be commended and the fact that more and more children are getting involved every year is brilliant."

To find out more about Rovers in the Community, call Eric Randerson or Richard Bailey on 01302 764663 or e-mail roversinthecommunity@doncasterroversfc.co.uk

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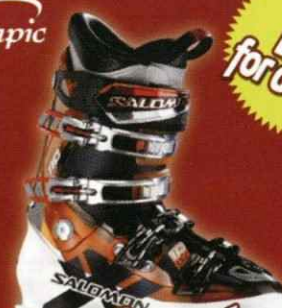
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Fixtures & Results Key

- Starting Player
- 1st Substitute Off
- 2nd Substitute Off
- 3rd Substitute Off
- 1st Substitute On
- 2nd Substitute On
- 3rd Substitute On
- Unused Substitute
- Booked
- Sent off


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Doncaster Rovers 2007/2008 Player Appearance Information

| | Apps | Sub | Gl's |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|
| 1 Neil Sullivan | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 James O'Connor | 44 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 Gareth Roberts | 38 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Stephen Roberts | 22 | 7 | 0 |
| 5 Graeme Lee | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 Kevin Horlock | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 Lewis Guy | 18 | 18 | 8 |
| 8 Brian Stock | 41 | 0 | 5 |
| 9 Mark McCammon | 23 | 12 | 7 |
| 10 Bruce Dyer | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 Gareth Taylor | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| 11 Adam Lockwood | 43 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 James Hayter | 25 | 14 | 10 |
| 13 Ben Smith | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 14 Paul Heffernan | 22 | 8 | 9 |
| 15 Mark Wilson | 25 | 9 | 1 |
| 16 Anthony Griffith | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 Martin Woods | 13 | 8 | 2 |
| 18 Sean McDaid | 18 | 11 | 1 |
| 19 Richie Wellens | 48 | 1 | 7 |
| 20 Paul Green | 28 | 12 | 5 |
| 21 Sam Hird | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 22 Matthew Mills | 31 | 5 | 2 |
| 23 Jason Price | 19 | 11 | 8 |
| 24 Gordon Greer | 15 | 2 | 1 |
| 25 Stuart Elliott | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| 26 James Coppinger | 32 | 9 | 3 |
| 27 Craig Nelthorpe | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 30 Matt Noble | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35 Barry Richardson | 0 | 0 | 0 |



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Friday, 25th April

Yeovil Town (17) v Leeds United (6)

Saturday, 26th April

AFC Bournemouth (22) v Crewe Alex (18)
Bristol Rovers (16) v Brighton & HA (7)
Doncaster Rovers (3) v Luton Town (24)
Gillingham (21) v Swindon Town (13)
Hartlepool United (15) v Notts Forest (4)
Huddersfield Town (12) v Walsall (8)
Millwall (19) v Carlisle United (2)
Oldham Ath (11) v Cheltenham Town (20)
Port Vale (23) v Northampton Town (10)
Swansea City (1) v Leyton Orient (14)
Tranmere Rovers (9) v Southend United (5)

Saturday, 3rd May

Brighton & HA (7) v Swansea City (1)
Carlisle United (2) v AFC Bournemouth (22)
Cheltenham Town (20) v Doncaster Rovers (3)
Crewe Alex (18) v Oldham Ath (11)
Leeds Utd (6) v Gillingham (21)
Leyton Orient (14) v Bristol Rovers (16)
Luton Town (24) v Huddersfield Town (12)
Northampton Town (10) v Tranmere (9)
Nottingham Forest (4) v Yeovil Town (17)
Southend United (5) v Port Vale (23)
Swindon Town (13) v Millwall (19)
Walsall (8) v Hartlepool United (15)

NB figures in brackets are the League One positions as at 24th April



Coca-Cola League One Table
2007 - 2008

| Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 Swansea | 44 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 20 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 43 | 21 | 36 | 86 |
| 2 Carlisle | 44 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 25 | 27 | 21 | 79 |
| 3 Doncaster | 44 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 18 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 30 | 21 | 23 | 77 |
| 4 Nottm Forest | 44 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 34 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 26 | 19 | 30 | 76 |
| 5 Southend | 44 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 35 | 34 | 16 | 75 |
| 6 Leeds | 44 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 39 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 20 | 32 | 70 |
| 7 Brighton | 44 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 37 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 25 | 7 | 66 |
| 8 Walsall | 44 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 24 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 25 | 18 | 8 | 63 |
| 9 Tranmere | 44 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 31 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 5 | 62 |
| 10 Northampton | 44 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 36 | 20 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 20 | 32 | 4 | 62 |
| 11 Oldham | 44 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 30 | 20 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 22 | 24 | 8 | 61 |
| 12 Huddersfield | 44 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 27 | 22 | 7 | 2 | 13 | 20 | 40 | -15 | 60 |
| 13 Swindon | 44 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 39 | 23 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 31 | 6 | 57 |
| 14 Leyton Orient | 44 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 24 | 28 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 21 | 30 | -13 | 57 |
| 15 Hartlepool | 44 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 25 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 21 | 38 | -2 | 53 |
| 16 Bristol Rovers | 44 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 25 | 28 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 19 | 20 | -4 | 53 |
| 17 Yeovil | 44 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 29 | -19 | 52 |
| 18 Crewe | 44 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 29 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 31 | -14 | 50 |
| 19 Millwall | 44 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 26 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 32 | -17 | 49 |
| 20 Cheltenham | 44 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 21 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 41 | -22 | 48 |
| 21 Gillingham | 44 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 25 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 49 | -28 | 45 |
| 22 Bournemouth | 44 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 35 | 7 | 2 | 13 | 30 | 36 | -11 | 44 |
| 23 Port Vale | 44 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 24 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 20 | 45 | -34 | 36 |
| 24 Luton | 44 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 29 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 36 | -17 | 33 |

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Saturday, 26th April
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FORTHCOMING MATCHES

FIRST TEAM:

Saturday, 3rd May

Coca Cola League One

Cheltenham Town v Rovers

Kick-off 3.00pm

Coca Cola League One

Play-Off Matches

Provisional dates

First Legs:

Friday, 9th May

6th v 3rd

Kick-off 7.45pm

Monday, 12th May

5th v 4th

Kick-off 7.45pm

Coca Cola League One

Play-Off Matches

Second Legs:

Thursday, 15th May

3rd v 6th

Kick-off 7.45pm

Friday, 16th May

4th v 5th

Kick-off 7.45pm

Coca Cola League One

Play-Off Final

(at Wembley Stadium)

Sunday, 24th May

Kick-off 3.00pm

- 1 NEIL SULLIVAN
- 2 JAMES O'CONNOR
- 3 GARETH ROBERTS
- 4 STEPHEN ROBERTS
- 5 GRAEME LEE
- 7 LEWIS GUY
- 8 BRIAN STOCK
- 9 MARK MCCAMMON
- 10 GARETH TAYLOR
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