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# From the desk of Ken Beamish



Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Tranmere Rovers to the County Ground with a special greeting to a friend of myself and of Swindon Town, Brian Hamilton.

Since our last home game we have had quite a busy time with away games at both Oxford and Colchester. The after game press statements concerning the game versus Oxford United tended to undermine the excellent result for, not only was it important on a financial basis to get through to the next round of the Associate Members Cup but also the local pride gained by players and supporters alike when a victory is achieved against a neighbouring club is equally important and I am sure that the result at the Manor Ground raised a few eyebrows, considering Oxford's feats in cup competitions this season.

It was great to see our two main strikers getting back on the score sheet with three really well taken goals and we hope for more of this this afternoon.

The result at Oxford was a marvellous confidence booster and we were in a determined frame of mind to carry this forward into our League match at Colchester. And so it turned out to be with a first half performance equal to anything played at Oxford and it would have been no more than we deserved had we gone in at half time with a one or two goal lead but, as so often happens when the team is playing well and creating pressure, the last thing they want is to hear the half time whistle. The second half proved to be a different story as one would expect playing away from home. Colchester began to press forward but, although there was nothing constructive in their play, the fact that they played long high balls into our penalty area in itself created half chances for them. Sitting on the trainers bench I felt quite confident of their score sheet remaining blank but I must admit that the final ten minutes were a little hair raising. However, it was a very encouraging result and if in these next two home games we can achieve maximum rewards our League table position will become more respectable.

Thank you for your support this afternoon and please give the team every encouragement throughout the ninety minutes.

Front Cover inset Simon Gibson

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# CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The next game in this competition is on Tuesday, 13th March when we meet Walsall here at the County Ground. Walsall have had an excellent season, both in the League and in the Cup, and this game has all the makings of a thrilling encounter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Supporters Co-operative for the donation they made to the club on the 18th February last. The cheque was for the sum of £1,127.00, intended for the furtherance of the club's youth policy. We are very appreciative of the Co-operative's efforts on our behalf and are well aware of all the work the committee undertake in their fund raising schemes, bearing in mind that this work is done in their valuable free time and without any recompense.

Since I last wrote my programme article, we have played three games, all exciting in their own way. Firstly the one each draw at home against Reading, a game which had its faults but must be considered exciting, the magnificent win away at Oxford, when we beat United by three goals to one in the new Associate Members' Cup and the excellent no score draw at Colchester last Saturday. I believe that to be the only occasion this season when Colchester have been unable to score in a League match at home and this must be a credit to a defence weakened by the absence of our regular centre half through suspension.

The win at Oxford United was particularly gratifying as we were uncertain how the new cup competition was going to be received by the supporters. As it was, more than four thousand people watched the game, very many of them being our own supporters and we are very grateful to them for making the journey and giving their encouragement to the team. Make no mistake, such encouragement is vital to any success, no team ever wins anything without helpful support so please, keep it up.

Today we welcome Tranmere Rovers to the County Ground. Earlier this season we lost to Tranmere at Prenton Park by two goals to one, Alan Mayes scoring our goal. In last season's game here at Swindon we won by four goals to two, our goal scorers being Rideout (2), Rowland and Barnard and I hope that this afternoon's result will be equally conclusive in our favour.

Tranmere have not had an easy time in recent years, endeavouring to obtain success in the shadow of the soccer giants, Liverpool and Everton and the very fact that they exist today is no mean achievement, under those circumstances. Their Team Manager is of course Brian Hamilton who we all know and respect from his time here at Swindon and we offer him a special welcome here this afternoon.

We thank you all for your continued support this afternoon and as ever I would ask you to get behind the team and cheer them to victory.



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82-83 Final Position	Home Attendance This Season	Average Home Gate This Season	Average Home Gate 82-83	+ or -	Highest Home Gate to Date	Pld	W	D	L	HOME			AWAY			Pts This Season	Aggregate Away Attendance This Season	This Seasons Average Away Attendance	Leading Goal Scorer	Total of Goals (inc cups)	Where Scored H/A	Career Goals Including Cups			
										F	A	CLUB	F	A	F								A	F	A
7	73,126	4,570	3,243	+	7,782	29	13	2	1	40	11	YORK CITY	4	2	5	20	17	61	51,379	3,183	John Byrne	18	11	7	48
Div 3	48,176	3,441	3,1540	-	4,996	31	9	5	0	30	14	DONCASTER	7	6	4	27	24	59	52,640	3,076	Ernie Moss	13	6	7	223
Div 3	62,409	3,671	3,458	+	5,918	32	12	5	0	42	13	READING	2	6	7	19	31	53	48,994	3,266	Trevor Senior	31	21	10	39
Div 3	111,257	6,953	4,799	+	10,827	31	13	1	2	37	12	BRISTOL CITY	3	4	8	12	20	53	47,380	3,158	Alan Crawford	14	11	3	107
14	35,489	2,240	1,928	+	6,270	32	10	4	2	33	19	ALDERSHOT	5	3	8	18	29	52	37,841	2,365	Dale Banton	18	9	9	46
18	40,153	2,361	2,552	-	3,402	29	11	6	0	36	9	COLCHESTER	2	5	5	14	17	50	34,882	3,073	Tony Adcock	27	21	6	50
6	55,456	3,961	3,002	+	6,010	29	10	1	3	25	9	BLACKPOOL	4	4	7	14	20	47	51,551	3,436	Keith Mercer	11	4	7	100
21	54,807	3,653	2,795	+	6,527	31	10	4	1	32	10	PETERBOROUGH	2	6	8	15	22	46	44,770	2,798	Hankin/Maddie	8	Each	7	100
9	32,831	1,872	2,309	-	2,775	32	9	4	4	26	17	STOCKPORT	3	4	8	20	29	44	46,387	3,692	Mike Quinn	17	6	11	61
15	43,904	2,744	2,593	-	6,464	30	9	5	2	22	14	NORTHAMPTON	2	5	7	13	21	43	31,775	2,269	Terry Austin	11	5	5	102
16	29,915	1,994	2,335	-	4,188	31	8	5	2	20	10	TORQUAY	3	5	8	16	35	43	44,084	2,755	John Sims	10	7	3	85
12	39,707	2,646	2,244	-	4,042	30	7	5	3	20	18	CREWE	5	2	8	20	26	43	39,584	2,638	Dave Waller	9	4	5	25
23	36,348	2,596	3,097	-	4,096	31	6	5	3	25	17	BURY	5	4	8	21	24	42	43,591	2,564	Craig Madden	17	9	8	102
5	35,545	2,221	1,921	+	3,492	31	7	4	5	23	18	TRANMERE	3	8	4	12	14	42	37,391	2,492	John Aspinall	12	10	2	19
8	53,946	3,589	4,194	-	6,493	31	8	4	3	28	16	SWINDON TOWN	2	6	8	18	23	40	43,741	2,733	Jim Quinn	14	5	9	15
Div 3	58,064	3,629	3,226	+	6,488	31	5	9	2	19	19	CHESTERFIELD	3	4	8	15	22	37	50,850	3,390	Bob Newton	9	4	5	103
17	22,001	1,571	1,449	+	2,457	29	7	2	5	14	11	DARLINGTON	3	2	10	10	21	34	36,174	2,411	Alan Walsh	16	9	7	98
Div 3	34,128	2,437	2,710	-	5,756	29	5	4	2	23	15	WREXHAM	2	6	7	13	23	32	43,409	2,893	David Gregory	9	5	4	102
20	22,597	1,506	1,688	-	1,978	30	5	8	2	27	21	ROCHDALE	2	3	10	12	30	32	36,149	2,809	Steve Johnson	10	2	8	71
24	43,455	2,896	2,217	+	5,875	31	5	4	6	12	16	HEREFORD	2	2	7	13	24	32	44,820	2,801	Stuart Phillips	11	9	2	43
11	52,640	1,513	2,032	-	2,457	31	6	4	4	20	10	HALLIFAX	1	5	9	11	32	32	43,765	2,911	Dave Staniforth	6	2	4	85
10	35,133	2,702	2,317	-	6,734	30	4	5	4	23	16	MANNSFIELD	2	4	11	14	39	27	46,307	2,723	Dave Caldwell	14	11	3	43
22	24,621	1,641	1,367	+	2,968	30	6	5	4	23	17	HARTLEPOOL	1	1	13	8	38	27	36,440	2,429	Paul Dobson	7	6	1	16
13	22,577	1,505	2,071	-	2,672	31	3	4	8	13	27	CHESTER	0	6	10	13	30	19	46,154	2,884	Andy Holden	6	3	3	6

GOALS - THREE OR MORE: (Including Milk Cup and F.A. Cup)

PENALTY SCORERS TO DATE:

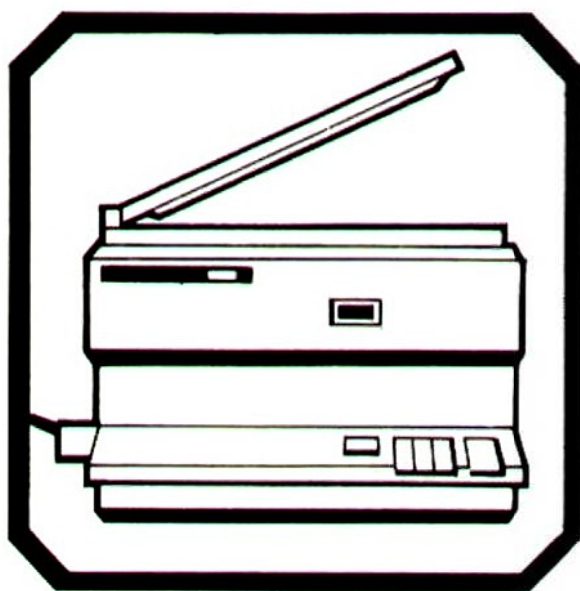
Trevor Senior (Reading)	3 v Stockport	Div 4	Sep 3rd 4.2	2,469
John Byrne (York City)	3 v Colchester	Milk Cup	Sep 14th 4.3	3,460
Alan Crawford (Bristol C)	3 v Torquay	Div 4	Sep 17th 4.1	3,097
Mike Quinn (Stockport)	3 v Crewe	Div 4	Sep 24th 5.0	5,254
Dave Caldwell (Mansfield)	3 v Aldershot	Div 4	Sep 30th 3.0	2,965(Away)
Dave Waller (Crewe)	3 v Hartlepool	Div 4	Oct 1st 5.2	1,836
Alan Walsh (Darlington)	3 v GPR	Milk Cup	Oct 22nd 5.0	1,905
Howard Pritchard (Bristol C)	3 v Mossley	F.A. Cup	Oct 25th 3.0	3,662
Keith Bowen (Colchester)	3 v Corinthian Casuals	F.A. Cup	Nov 19th 5.0	1,863
	3 v Wealdstone	F.A. Cup	Nov 23rd 4.0	5,339
		F.A. Cup	Dec 10th 4.0	2,693

9 - Adcock (Colchester)  
 7 - Ritchie (Bristol City)  
 5 - Rayes (Swindon), McDonald (Aldershot), Birch (Chesterfield)  
 3 - Barrowclough (Mansfield), Hertzke (Blackpool), King (Crewe),  
 Pollard (York)  
 2 - Chard (Peterborough), Curle (Torquay), Deary (Blackpool),  
 Farrell (Rochdale), Jakub (Bury), Quinn (Stockport),  
 1 Snodin (Doncaster)  
 1 - Aspinall (Tramere), Allatt (Rochdale), Bramhall (Bury),  
 Bell (Chesterfield), Bevon (Reading), Crabbe (Crewe), Cook  
 (Hallifax), Dugworth (Mansfield), Gallagher (Hallifax),  
 Gregory (Wrexham), Hood (York), Hogan (Hartlepool), Harvey  
 (Hereford), Little (Hallifax), Linacre (Hartlepool), O'Neill  
 (Northampton), Horrix (Reading), Holmes (Torquay), Waller  
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# Behind the scenes

by Bob Jefferies

The Associate Members' Cup Competition took off last week and for us, far more successfully than we had anticipated for not only did the team beat the season's giant killers, Oxford United, on their own ground but almost four and a half thousand people turned up to see them do it. But, as always when a new competition is born, the 'knockers' are given another opportunity to criticize. The Chairman of the Professional Footballers Association was the latest to have a go. Gordon Taylor was supposedly reported to have called it, according to one daily newspaper, 'the competition that nobody wants'. If, in fact he does think this, who is he talking for. We at Swindon certainly wanted it as did the majority of the Third and Fourth Division Clubs who voted for the competition - had they not done so it would not have existed. Perhaps Gordon was once again listening to the successful people in the game such as Jim Smith, the Manager of Oxford United who has just experienced very lucrative cup runs and has a millionaire Chairman. Jim decried the competition but I wonder if he would have done so if Oxford were in the financial position they found themselves in three years ago.

I well remember reporters and clubs decrying the Football League Cup, Liverpool being one of the leading critics, calling it the Micky Mouse Cup. I wager there are no derogatory references to the Milk Cup in March when they run out on to the pitch at Wembley Stadium.

The Football League have just announced the prize money for the Associate Members' Cup, £5000 for the winners, £2000 for the runner-up and £1000 each for the losing area finalists, North and South.

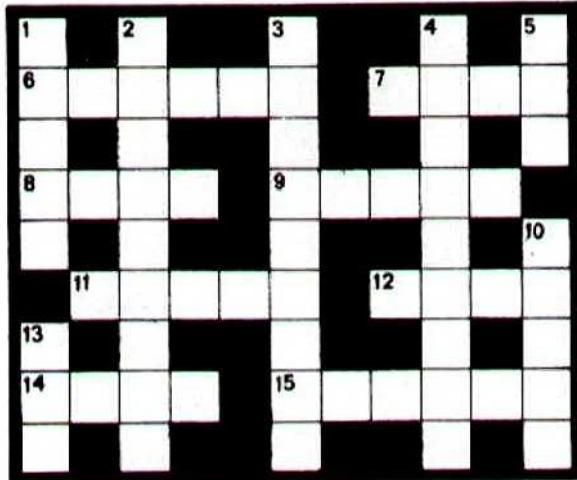
The unsung stalwarts in League clubs throughout England and Wales are to receive reward and recognition. There are countless examples of employees who have given years of selfless, loyal and dedicated service to their own League clubs without ever making the headlines or sharing in the glory of Cup triumphs or League titles. The Canon League Loyalty Awards will change all this for four recipients who will each receive £1000. These awards, which are to be made annually, fall into four categories: Playing staff, tracksuit staff, administrative staff and facilities staff. We are nominating our own Maurice Owen who has served the club in various capacities for the last thirty eight years. Maurice, as you probably know, is now our groundsman.

Our Commercial Manager, Doug Buswell, is initiating a new fund raising scheme which he is calling The Friends of Swindon Town Football Club 5000 Club. Market research has indicated that there are many members of the public who would like an alternative to lottery and bingo competitions and the 5000 club has been introduced to fulfill this need. Prizes will be paid up to £2000 every four weeks, the anticipated prize breakdown being two prizes of £500, five prizes of £100 and ten prizes of £50. This club desperately needs more support so please, contact Doug and become a 'Friend of Swindon Town'.

The 'Tranmere Rovers Away from Merseyside' club have asked me to give them a mention. This Club is for exiled Rovers supporters living in various parts of the country, indeed they have recruits in Holland, Canada and China, and members receive a monthly newsletter and are able to participate in various competitions. If there are any Rovers supporters living in the area who would like to join the T.R.A.M. Club, will they write to Mr Bill Lovell, 4 Pytchley Way, Brixworth, Northampton or ring him on Northampton 880580.

Thank you for once again joining us today and I hope you have an enjoyable afternoon.

# Ninety-Niner Crossword devised by David Peck



## ACROSS

6. Former Welsh international winger - - - Jones served Swansea, Plymouth and Cardiff. (6)
7. The nationalistically-named - - - Symon ventured south to manage Preston North End. (4)
8. The now well-established - - - Cup . . . (1, 1, 1, 1)
9. . . . was previously called the - - - Cup, though it has had various names since it was first won in 1958 when Barcelona beat London. (5)

11. One of those Athletic clubs. (5)
12. Former Preston and Port Vale midfielder who matched the badge he wore at his first club. (4)
14. Johannes - - - was one of the wingers used so effectively by West Germany in the Mexico World Cup finals. (4)
15. Forward Les - - - kept to the north at Newcastle, Darlington, Bradford City and Carlisle. (6)

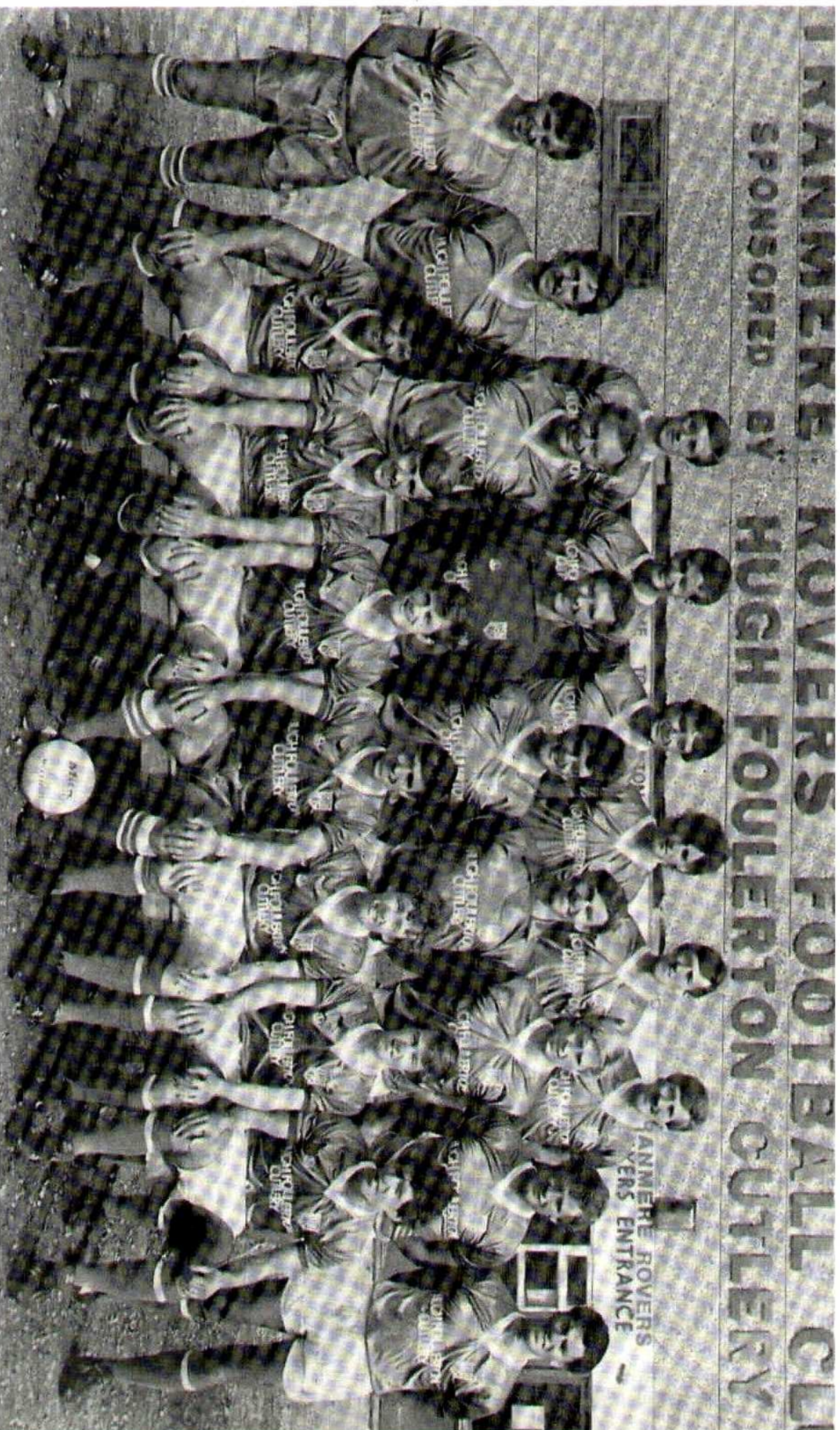
## DOWN

1. See 5 down.
2. He established Wrexham's appearances record and also managed the club. (9)
3. One of two famous managerial brothers, this one campaigned regionally with Colchester, West Ham United and Southend. (3, 6)
4. Scottish international who starred for and subsequently managed Chelsea. (9)
- 5, & 13. & 1. & 10. The cunning, punning title of the autobiography of one of England's World Cup-winners who played 72 times FOR his country and over ten times as often IN it! (3, 3, 5, 1, 4)



" HE MIGHT NOT SCORE MANY GOALS... BUT HE'S DIFFERENT!"

# TRANMERE ROVERS



Back Row:

Dave Burgess, Owen Brown, Mark Ferguson, Joe Craven, Ray Woods, Steve Mungall

Middle Row:

Ray Mathias (Asst. Manager), Les Parry, John Williams, Dai Davies, Mark Hilditch, Nigel Adkins, Mark Allen, Andy Brown, Gary Williams

Front Row:

John McMahon, Steve Jones, Robbie Sansbury (left), Bryan Hamilton (Team Manager), Neville Powell, Mark Horgan, Mark Paios

# Introducing the Men from Prenton Park

Today's visitors Tranmere Rovers were the subject of mass media exposure as one of the first League clubs to be under the threat of extinction. Television cameras were soon in evidence to record the near collapse of the Birmingham Club, but instead they were to witness the resurgence of a Club dwarfed by their Merseyside neighbours Liverpool and Everton. That they are still in existence is in no small way due to the loyal band of fans who attended meetings held in the main grandstand and donated ready cash to a 'Save our Club' appeal.

Managed by our former player Bryan Hamilton, who in his stay at the County Ground made twenty six First team appearances. The former Northern Ireland International who made 50 appearances for his country spanning a career spent with Ipswich, Everton, Millwall and Swindon before his appointment as Rovers manager in October 1980 has worked skilfully and frugally to improve his Club's prospects.

Working on a stringent budget which includes a mixture of the full time and part time professional, Bryan Hamilton has built a team with the tag of hard to beat, in fact they arrive at the County Ground today having been undefeated in their last five away matches including meritorious draws at top clubs Doncaster and York.

To replace Scott Endersby, now a firm favourite at the County Ground, Tranmere signed the veteran Welsh international goalkeeper Dai Davies from Swansea City. Dai has fifty two caps to his credit, thirty five years old he began his career with Swansea making eleven first team appearances before his £15,000 transfer to Everton. At Goodison Park he made ninety three appearances, before moving to Wrexham in a £50,000 transfer deal, it was here he made the most appearances for any of his league clubs, one hundred and sixty four in total. When John Toshack was seeking an experienced goalkeeper to add to his Swansea squad he bought Dai from Wrexham for a fee of £35,000.

The players appearing in front of Dai are the experienced John McMahon, a 33 year old free transfer signing from Third Division Wigan Athletic. Spending most of his career with Preston North End he made 256 league appearances for the Deepdale Club, also being released for loan periods with Southend, and Chesterfield for brief periods, before being given a free transfer to Crewe, where he made 70 first team appearances.

Dave Burgess this season passed the century mark in league appearances for Tranmere, his only club. Last season he was the only Tranmere player to make the maximum of 46 league appearances, in fact Dave achieved exactly the same distinction the previous season, laying sole claim to the left back spot.

Centre back Dave Philpott is in his second spell with the Rovers, a former Coventry City apprentice making three appearances for the Highfield Road Club, before moving to ex league club Southport on loan for eight league matches. He first signed for Tranmere in 1974, going onto appear in 174 league matches before leaving Prenton Park in 1977. After a spell in America he is now back with Rovers.

Steve Mungall, a Scot, signed on a free transfer from Motherwell, has appeared in Rovers defence on over 140 occasions.

Versatile Les Parry is a veteran of over two hundred and fifty matches for Rovers in league football. With a small staff many of whom have been part time professionals, it is with great pride that Rovers visit the County Ground today with the best defensive record away from home, in fact they have conceded only fourteen goals.

Former Town player Gary Williams, who operates either at full back or in midfield, is Tranmere's second highest joint scorer. On his move from the County Ground last season Gary made 13 appearances for Rovers, this season he has been almost a regular, originally a non-contract player with Tranmere, Gary moved to Djugarden, he returned to league football with Blackpool, playing 36 games for the seaside's before his £40,000 transfer to us, after 41 matches he returned North.

John Williams at 6' 2" is one of Rovers tallest players, a one club man, he had made over 120 first team appearances before this season, but has had to take a back seat on occasions this term, with the competition keen for defensive duties.

Midfield duties have been shared between Bobby Hutchinson a Scot who had played 196 matches in Scottish Football for Montrose, Dundee and Hibernian, before moving South to Wigan where after 35 matches he moved to Prenton Park, and Mark Palios another player in his second spell with Tranmere, originally making over 200 appearances at Prenton Park he then moved on a free transfer to Crewe, with over a hundred appearances he then moved back to Tranmere last year for a second spell, Mark is Birkenhead born.

Liverpool born Mark Ferguson is another midfield player, a one club man Mark has now played over fifty matches for the club. Neville Powell is a Welsh Youth International hailing from Flint, like Mark he has now made over fifty appearances for the Rovers, after a mid season recall.

Leading scorer is John Aspinall who has only appeared in the league for Tranmere. He has eleven goals to his name this season. Fellow striker Mark Hilditch was given a free transfer by Rochdale last season after 205 appearances scoring 44 goals, he has scored five goals so far this season.

Barry Wellings, former York City player where he scored 9 goals from 47 matches, was signed also from Rochdale where he had scored 33 goals in 112 matches for Dale.

Former England schoolboy International Ron Goodlass was originally with Everton making thirty five First Division appearances at Goodison Park, before moving to Holland with Den Haag. He returned to Fulham in 1980 for a 22 match appearance, now 31 Ron is now back with a Liverpool club, much to his liking.

Veteran Ray Mathias who has made over 600 appearances in Rovers colours has made an occasional appearance, is now Club Coach, this is his 21st season at Prenton Park.

# SURVEY ON DIVISION IV by DAVE KING

When Bury dismissed Jim Iley as manager he became the fifth manager to leave his post this season. With only one win in the last nine league matches prior to his dismissal, the Bury directors thought a change would pay dividends and have appointed Wilf McGuinness, former Manchester United manager and Iley's assistant, on a caretaker basis.

Bury only missed promotion last season by two points, but have failed to sustain a challenge this season.

Three of our former players have signed for new clubs in recent weeks. Peter Osborne released earlier this season is now with Oxford United, while John Bond who made several appearances for our Reserve Team before moving to a spell of Australian Football has returned and signed for Western League Club Bristol Manor Farm. Mark Stevens is now playing for local Bristol Club Avon St. Phillips who play in the Gloucestershire County League and are coached by former Bristol City assistant manager Ken Wimshurst.

Alan Slough, former Torquay United coach who left the Club when Bruce Rioch resigned as manager, is making a playing comeback with Alliance League Club Weymouth on a match to match basis.

Transfer moves . . . Paul Derrick has moved from Shepton Mallet, the Western League Club to Bristol City. He is the 20 year old son of former Ashton Gate favourite Jantzen a player who made over 300 appearances for City in the 1960's . . . Hereford United have signed 18 year old Alan Riches from West Midland Club Westfields who had been interesting Stoke City . . . Peterborough have signed Gary Worrall on loan from Manchester United for a month . . . Russell Musker Bristol City midfield player has finally signed for Third Division Gillingham after spending a three month loan period with the Kent Club . . . our on loan signing Ian Andrews from Leicester City is to stay for a further month . . . John Dungworth Mansfield striker has joined Third Division Rotherham United on loan . . . Lee Dixon has moved from Burnley to Chester for a small fee . . . Kevin Hitchcock is on loan to Mansfield from Notts Forest . . . Eugene Martinzen has moved from Newport to Northampton on loan . . . the transfer deadline is on March 24th.

In the new Associate Members Cup we seem to be fated to encounter this seasons success teams of the Third Division and Cup giant killers, first Oxford United where we ably dealt a blow to local pride, and now Walsall.

Club discipline with a difference is now in operation with bottom club Chester since John McGrath took over as manager! When two of his younger players were booked for dissent in a recent match, he gave Peter Bulmer and Ron Hilldersley a scrubbing brush each and ordered them to scrub the dressing room floor stating 'with their take home pay no more than £30 a week it would be pointless and unfair to fine them'. Small consolation for the two players was that whilst they were scrubbing a face appeared at the window! It was John McGrath who had fined himself for being late for the team coach at an away

match and was busy cleaning the windows!

Torquay United have decided to play two matches in 24 hours! They travel to Hartlepool on Saturday March 17th and on their return South they will stop off at Chesterfield to play a re-arranged league match on the Sunday, it will not affect Chesterfield quite so much they are away to Stockport on the Friday for an evening kick off.

Although not for the first time when we played our recent first ever Associated Members 1st Round Cup Tie at Oxford the unique situation of brothers on opposing sides occurred when Stuart Gibson came on as a second half substitute for United to face his brother Simon who has proved a fine acquisition for us this season. Stuart who has yet to make a league debut was a former Birmingham City apprentice, his soccer has been confined to the Football Combination where he has made sixteen appearances for United's Reserve Team this season. Slightly older than Simon at 20, he no doubt wishes to emulate his younger brother and appear at League level, to keep up the family tradition for their father Alex, who was a centre half like Simon, played 344 full league games for Notts County, with 3 substitute appearances scoring 10 goals in a league career spanning nineteen years from 1949-68. A Scot born in Kilconnel, and signed from Auchinlech Town, this gave Simon the family background to appear for Scotland at Youth Team level despite being born in England.

We are one of nine survivors in our Division to enter the second round of this season's new Cup competition. While we are hosts to this season's cup heroes Walsall, Bury travel to Hull, Doncaster are home to Preston, Tranmere and Chester meet, Crewe are visitors to Scunthorpe, while Darlington will visit Burnley, Colchester meet East Anglian neighbours Southend at Layer Road, and North Wales survivors Wrexham will meet Third Division strugglers Exeter City.

New Torquay boss David Webb wasted no time in recruiting one of his former players with him in his previous spell as manager of Bournemouth, former Leicester, Mansfield defender Derek Dawkins soon joined him within days of his appointment at Plainmoor. Another former Bournemouth player to move to Torquay is Paul Compton, the Aldershot central defender.

The point we gained at Colchester last week meant that we had only lost two out of our last ten league matches, while the cynics may point out we have only won two of them, it does mean that we have become a more difficult team to defeat of late and broke that habit we had of losing, winning, losing. Remember the two previous seasons we had experienced disastrous after Christmas spells, but so far so good this season.

In the battle at the top, a late goal by Lawrie Sanchez of Reading enabled them to defeat leaders York and inflict only their second defeat in thirteen matches.

Three clubs still retain unbeaten home records, Doncaster, Reading and Colchester, while Chester are the only club without an away win this season.



# South East Counties Junior League

Year	Date	Home	Score	Away	Goals	Scorers	Goal	
1983	27 Aug	Reading	3-0	Luton	5	Robinson	2	
	3 Sep	Southend United	2-1	Luton	5	Byrne	2	
	17 Sep	Tottenham Hotspur	1-1	Luton	5	Elliot	2	
	1 Oct	Luton Town (Cup)	5-1	Luton	5	Mollen	2	
	8 Oct	Wimbledon	2-5	Luton	5	Evans	2	
	15 Oct	Brentford	2-1	Luton	5	Pollings	2	
	22 Oct	Brighton & Hove A	2-2	Luton	5	Blakeley	2	
	29 Oct	Brighton Rovers	2-2	Luton	5	Renolds	2	
	5 Nov	Luton Town	5-0	Luton	5	Hughes	1	
	19 Nov	Oxford United (Cup)	2-2	Luton	5	Hughes	1	
	26 Nov	Southend United	3-1	Luton	5	Gardiner	2	
	10 Dec	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3	Luton	5	Lee	2	
	17 Dec	West Ham United	2-2	Luton	5	Lee	2	
	1984	7 Jan	Wimbledon	3-0	Luton	5	Stone	1
	28 Jan	Bristol Rovers	Postponed	Luton	5	Wattersley	2	
	4 Feb	Oxford United	5-1	Luton	5	Sheppard	2	
	25 Feb	West Ham United	6-2	Luton	5	Payne	3	
3 Mar	Oxford United	1-1	Luton	5	Churchard	3		
10 Mar	Reading	1-1	Luton	5	Prowse	2		
17 Mar	Brighton & Hove A	1-1	Luton	5	Coombe	1		
24 Mar	Luton Town	1-1	Luton	5	Smith	1		
7 Apr	Brentford	1-1	Luton	5	Gould	1		
1983	7 Sep	A.F.C. Bourne	2-0	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	19 Sep	Abingdon United	2-1	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	20 Oct	Tringbridge Town	4-0*	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	10 Nov	Swansea City	4-2	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	29 Nov	Southampton	2-2	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	8 Dec	Southampton (Reply)	3-4	Luton	5	Osborne	1	
	* = OAN GOAL							

F.A. YOUTH CUP

\* = OAN GOAL

S.E.C. CUP F.A. YOUTH CUP TOTAL GOALS

Player	S.E.C. CUP	F.A. YOUTH CUP	TOTAL GOALS
ROBINSON	11	2	13
BYRNE	13	2	15
ELLIOTT	12(1)	2	14
MOLLEN	13(6)	2	15
EVANS	12(3)	2	14
POLLINGS	13	2	15
BLAKELEY	5	1	6
REYNOLDS	13(3)	1	14
HUGHES	11(10)	2(2)	13
GARDINER	13(18)	2(4)	15
LEE	12(3)	2(2)	14
STONE	4(1)4S	1	5
WATTERSLEY	6	2	8
SHEPPARD	2	2(S)	4
PAYNE	8(1)	2(2)	10
CHURCHARD	3	5(2)1S	8
PROWSE	2(1)	1	3
COOMBE	1	1	2
SMITH	1	1	2
GOULD	1	1	2
OSBORNE	1	1	2
FULBROOK	1	1	2
BALLELY	3	1(S)	4
OAN GOAL	(2)	(1)	3



# CAREER LANDMARKS by DAVE KING

When the current season began, several of this season's squad of First Team players were within sight of several landmarks in their personal careers. Varying with age and experience the following players have reached or are within sight of the following milestones, some will be reached, some may have to wait for another season.

- \* Andy Rowland is now within reach of his 400th League appearance, having made his 200th appearance for us during this season. Andy is also well on the way to registering his 150th goal in League soccer, having already reached and passed his 150th goal in all competitions. With his loyal and versatile service Andy has proved a real stalwart to Swindon.
- \* Alan Mayes could make his 300th appearance in League Football this season. During this season he made his 100th appearance in League Football for us, taking into account his earlier spell with the Club before his transfer to Chelsea. Alan also scored his 100th League goal this season.
- \* Paul Richardson is within reach of 400 League full appearances and 500 full appearances in all competitions.
- \* Charlie Henry made his 100th League appearance this season.
- \* Kevin Baddeley is within reach of his 100th appearance for the Club in League Milk Cup, and F.A. Cup.
- \* Colin Bailie made his 50th League appearance for the Club last week.
- \* Mike Graham is just short of his 150th League match, and should pass the 100 League appearance for us any day now, and has passed his 150th appearance in all competitions during this season.
- \* Leigh Barnard is close to his 150th League appearance, having passed 150 appearances in all competitions during the course of this season.
- \* Gary Emmanuel made his 200th League appearance earlier this season, and is very close to making his 100th League appearance for the Club, and his 250th appearance in all competitions in his career.
- \* Paul Batty has made his 50th League appearance this season.
- \* Nigel Gray recently made his 250th League appearance against Reading.
- \* Dave Hockaday has just passed the 150th League full appearance of his career, and could pass the 200th appearance this season in all competitions.
- \* Gary Nelson could reach his 150th appearance in all competitions during his career to date.
- \* Scott Endersby also reached a landmark in his career in the Reading match with his 100th League appearance.
- \* Jimmy Allan is not far short of his 450th Club appearance in all competitions.

The average age of the eighteen players who have appeared in the First Team this season is 24 years 8 months, and the total of League appearances made in full by those eighteen players is 2,912 with 154 substitute appearances.

With the transfer market now involved in less and much reduced transfer fees the majority of the playing staff have probably experienced their highest involvement in any transfer dealings.

During their careers some of the players have been the subject of quite substantial fees, and others free transfers. Those involved in moves from other clubs to the County Ground were:

PLAYER	TRANSFERRED FROM	FEE OR TYPE OF TRANSFER
KEVIN BADDELEY	BRISTOL CITY	Free Transfer
LEIGH BARNARD	PORTSMOUTH	Free Transfer
GARY EMMANUEL	BIRMINGHAM	£50,000
	BRISTOL ROVERS	Part/Exchange for Brian Williams
SCOTT ENDERSBY	IPSWICH	Free Transfer
	TRANMERE	Free Transfer
SIMON GIBSON	CHELSEA	£15,000
MIKE GRAHAM	BOLTON	Free/Transfer
NIGEL GRAY	ORIENT	£5,000
DAVE HOCKADAY	BLACKPOOL	Free/Transfer
ALAN MAYES	WATFORD	£65,000
	SWINDON	£200,000
	CHELSEA	Free/Transfer
GARY NELSON	SOUTHEND	£10,000
JIM QUINN	OSWESTRY	£3,000
PAUL RICHARDSON	NOTTS FOREST	
	CHESTER	£30,000
	STOKE CITY	£15,000
	SHEFFIELD UNITED	Free Transfer
ANDY ROWLAND	BURY	£80,000

Reading goalkeeper Judge saves brilliantly from Paul Batty in the Town's last home match.

**Bottom Left**  
Swindon's Dave Hockaday (left) starts an attack in the derby match with Reading.

**Top Right**  
Reading goalkeeper Judge denies Swindon once again in the derby clash at the County Ground.

**Bottom Right**  
Jim Quinn just fails to connect with a cross in Swindon's 1-1 draw with Reading.



# Photo Call

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# 'CAREER LANDMARKS' – continued

The following compilation of each players career record, with age, their previous Clubs where applicable, appearances, any substitute playing appearances, and the goals they have scored will help you follow each players progress to these career landmarks, if not already reached.

Name	Clubs	Age	Lge App	Sub App	Goals	Milk Cup App	Sub App	Goals	FA Cup App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals
Jim Allan	Swindon	30	371	—	—	33	—	—	32	1	—	436	—	—
Ian Andrews	Leicester City Swindon	19	— 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	— 1	—	—
Kevin Baddeley	Bristol City Swindon Total	22	1 80 81	— 1	— 2	— 3	— 1	— 1	— 8	— —	— —	1 91 92	— 2	— 3
Paul Batty	Swindon	20	52	2	4	1	—	—	10	—	5	74	2	9
Leigh Barnard	Portsmouth Peterborough Swindon Total	25	71 1 71 143	8 3 — 11	8 — 8 16	4 — 2 6	— — 1 1	— — — —	6 — 10 16	— — — —	— — 2 4	81 1 83 165	8 3 1 12	8 — 10 18
Gary Emmanuel	Birmingham Bristol Rovers Swindon Total	30	61 59 97 217	10 6 1 17	6 2 7 15	1 4 6 11	— — — —	— — — —	5 3 12 20	— — — —	— — — —	67 66 115 248	10 6 1 17	6 2 7 15
Scott Endersby	Ipswich Tranmere Swindon Total	22	— 79 22 101	— — — —	— — — —	— 6 — 6	— — — —	— — — —	— 6 — 11	— — — —	— — — —	— 91 27 118	— — — —	— — — —
Simon Gibson	Chelsea Swindon	19	— 17	— —	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— 5	— —	— 1	— 22	— —	— —
Mike Graham	Bolton Swindon Total	25	43 97 140	3 — 3	— 1	3 5 8	— — —	— — —	2 9 11	— — —	— — —	48 111 159	3 — 3	— — 1
Nigel Gray	Orient Charlton Swindon Total	27	233 3 15 251	— — — —	2 — — 2	8 — 1 9	— — — —	— — — —	20 — — 20	1 — — 1	— — — —	261 3 16 280	— — — 1	2 — — 2
Charlie Henry	Swindon	22	110	2	3	8	—	—	10	—	2	128	3	10
Dave Hockaday	Blackpool Swindon Total	26	131 22 153	16 2 19	23 2 25	18 2 20	1 — 1	— 1 1	10 5 15	2 — 2	2 — 2	159 29 188	19 3 22	25 3 28
Colin Bailie	Swindon	20	50	—	3	2	—	—	5	—	—	57	—	3
Jim Quinn	Swindon	24	23	13	7	—	1	—	5	2	6	28	16	13
Alan Mayes	Q.P.R. Watford Northampton Swindon Chelsea Swindon Total	30	— 110 10 89 61 24 294	— 23 — — 5 4 32	— 31 4 38 18 12 103	— 11 — 15 1 1 28	— 3 — — — — 3	— 4 — 9 — — 13	— 5 — 8 9 1 23	— 3 — — — 1 4	— 1 — 4 5 — 10	— 126 10 112 71 26 345	— 29 — — 5 5 39	— 36 — 51 23 12 126
Gary Nelson	Southend Swindon Total	23	106 22 128	22 1 23	17 4 21	3 2 5	1 — 1	1 — 1	6 3 9	2 — 2	— — —	115 27 142	25 1 26	18 4 22
Paul Richardson	Notts Forest Chester Stoke City Sheff. Utd. Blackpool Swindon Total	34	198 28 124 35 4 7 396	23 — 3 1 — — 27	18 2 10 2 — — 32	9 — 10 4 — 2 25	1 — 1 — — — 2	2 — 1 1 — — 4	16 5 3 4 — — 28	— — 1 — — — 1	1 — — — — — 1	223 33 137 43 4 9 449	24 — 5 1 — — 30	21 2 11 3 — — 37
Andy Rowland	Bury Swindon Total	29	169 215 384	5 1 6	58 75 133	19 20 39	— — —	8 8 16	10 19 29	— 1 1	4 7 11	198 254 452	5 2 7	70 90 160

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Swindon Town	14	9	4	1	49	20	22
2. Brentford	14	10	2	2	34	18	22
3. Wimbledon	16	9	3	4	52	21	21
4. West Ham United	13	8	1	4	31	28	17
5. Luton Town	14	6	2	6	25	26	14
6. Bristol Rovers	14	5	2	7	28	26	12
7. Brighton & H A	14	3	6	5	21	32	12
8. Tottenham Hotspur	15	4	3	8	30	38	11
9. Oxford United	12	4	2	6	19	24	10
10. Reading	12	4	2	6	18	23	10
11. Southend United	14	0	1	13	10	60	1

### Featuring the Reserve and Youth Teams

We have played two Reserve games during the last ten days, both resulting in defeats. In the first game against Tottenham Hotspur we found the opposition right on form and although we battled gamely against them we were unable to contain them and they deservedly won 3-0. Last Tuesday afternoon at Fulham we were defeated 3-1 and this result was disappointing as we had our fair share of the game and created several good openings and were unfortunate to concede two late goals through defensive errors. This performance was a lot better and although experimenting with a sweeper system we managed to do enough to have at least shared the points.

If the youngsters in the side can learn from these games then defeat is not as bad as it seems.

The Youth side continued their good form winning away 6-2 at fourth placed West Ham United last Saturday. Again it was a good all round team performance reflected in the scorers, these being three from mid field, one from a defender, one from a striker and one own goal. This win takes us back to the top of the League table and with just six games left keeps us well in line for the League title. We are hoping to stage the semi final of the South East Counties Cup Competition at the County Ground sometime in March.

Talking of the semi final games the Swindon Schoolboys play their English Schools Trophy game on March 13th against Rotherham and we wish them well in this difficult away game. Several of these lads are on our books and will be part of our youth team next season and who knows, maybe future first team players.



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- Dave Hockaday 8**
- Jimmy Quinn 9**
- Gary Nelson 10**
- Leigh Barnard 11**
- 12**

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