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Evening Telegraph

It seems such a long time since our last home game but, since then, we have managed to pick up a very valuable win at Swindon who, of course, we welcome to Ewood tonight. It's strange to be facing them again so soon and the fact that our two fixtures have come so close together will, I am sure, make Swindon all the more determined to reverse the scoreline we enjoyed at the County Ground.

I would also like to give a special welcome to Swindon's ex-Rovers, Jimmy Quinn and Tim Parkin, if they are in the side tonight. Congratulations too go to Jimmy Quinn for his selection once again in Northern Ireland's squad for Wednesday's friendly international. I hope they enjoy our hospitality but we have to make sure that doesn't extend as far as the result!

Lou Macari and his Swindon team have done very well on their return to the Second Division and it is performances like theirs that have made this section arguably the most competitive of all the League's four divisions.

It's a crucial game tonight for us, for more than one reason. We were all desperately disappointed against Shrewsbury and I can assure you that every effort will be made this evening to prevent a re-occurrence. Having said that, the four points we collected from the last two games have kept us up there with the top teams.

Not knowing Saturday's results at the time of writing these notes, I cannot say whether a victory tonight would enable us to stay in touch or — who knows — even take up to the top of the table.

Last weekend we were involved in the Mercantile Credit centenary festival at Wembley and, even though we have still not conceded a goal in two games at Wembley — not a bad achievement! — we would have liked to have gone much further in the competition. To miss one penalty was bad enough, to miss two left all of us feeling extremely disappointed.

Still, it is the League which concerns us most of all and it looks as though it could well go to the last kick in the chase for promotion. We will need every ounce of support you can muster as we go into the last four games and I am sure you will get behind the team.

It might seem hard that after playing football for nearly nine months, a club can be deemed a success or a failure on the events of just a dozen crucial days. Cruel? Maybe. But that, I suppose, is one of the fascinations of the game.

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**By Ron Kennedy**

A mere couple of years ago Scott Sellers, to use his own words, stood at the crossroads of a career still in its infancy.

Bill Bremner had returned to Elland Road to replace Eddie Gray as manager of Leeds United.

I should point out that Scott had been the apple of Eddie's eye, not surprising since both men held fast to a belief that there is no substitute for skill.

For some reason Scott is unable to fathom to this day, Bremner quickly made it clear that Sellers was superfluous to his particular requirements.

Luckily for this superbly-talented youngster, his contract with Leeds was soon to run its course and the gate swung open for him to seek newer, greener pastures.

They happened to lie across the Pennines, thanks to an original contact by Rovers scout Barry Murphy. Subsequent events have almost overwhelmed Scott — as indeed they have other recent additions to the Ewood staff...

The Full Members Cup Final at Wembley, another trip there for the Festival a week ago, selection for England Under-21, and last but far from least, the excitement of being involved in the promotion battle.

Leeds, eat your heart out!

## Trail

Scott is a Sheffield lad whose grandfather before him might have blazed a memorable trail with Liverpool but for a crippling knee injury which brought a career to a premature close.

Elder brother Chris was a regular for South Yorkshire schoolboys but opted for a white collar world as an accountant.

Meanwhile the younger Sellers had made his way into the Concord Middle School team at Sheffield when he was a 10-year-old. Within a couple of years he was playing for Sheffield Schoolboys and continued to do so all the way to reaching the age of 15.

The wing was his berth but his father always predicted that one day he would settle for midfield — and we all know how right Dad turned out to be!

For a spell he trained with Barnsley who ran a Sunday team and it was with them that he began to establish himself as a "left midfield" of quality.

Barnsley, however, were not to snap him up and it was to neighbours Leeds that he turned to sign as an apprentice six years ago.

He certainly enjoys the role of midfield: "When you are out on the wing, you are often waiting for people to provide the service but in midfield you are in the thick of the action, more involved, more possession of the ball."

## Influence

He was still in his first season with Leeds when he made his league debut at Christmas-time, 1982... still only 17.

Of Eddie Gray he has this to say. "He was brilliant to work for, probably the biggest influence on my style. He always encouraged me to play the way I wanted to play."

"The first couple of years were great. I even won the local paper's Player of the Year award in my first season."

Alas, Gray got the push, giving way to Bremner. At that point the picture changed dramatically for the blossoming young Sellers.

"I can't put my finger on it but somehow I didn't seem to be able to play the right way for him."

"An example... in one particular game I scored a goal and

made another and we won 3-1. But Bremner dropped me for the next match.

"He had offered me a one-year contract on the same wages and that sort of treatment helped make up my mind to leave Leeds as I was about to become a free agent."

"I had no plans about what the next step might be but then the Rovers came in for me. I thought it over after talking to the manager (then Bob Saxton) and signed three weeks later."

It was a move he has never regretted for a single moment: "I can hardly believe how great things have turned out. There is no slagging from the fans and I am still allowed to be myself on the pitch."

## Unhappy

One of the rare unhappy moments in a career that looks destined for big things — missing a penalty in the Centenary Festival shoot-out against Aston Villa.

"I picked a corner of the net to aim at but I didn't hit the ball right. You can guess how I felt with all those fans watching and the TV cameras there!"

Travelling is something he could well do without but he is going to have to grin and bear it with his new involvement with the England set-up.

His No.1 ambition, though, lies in another direction — promotion: "I keep thinking of the big crowds we would be playing in front of..."

Another major entry in his diary marks a day in June when he marries Tracey, the sweetheart from Leeds he has courted these past four years.

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# In **FOCUS**

## ROVERS AT WEMBLEY



# SECOND

## Review

THE end-of-season managerial merry-go-round started a little earlier than usual in the Second Division. With the dismissal of Hull City boss Brian Horton. And, ironically, it was a heavy home defeat by tonight's visitors Swindon Town that finally clinched his departure, after four seasons in charge of the Humberside club.

Considering Hull's second half slump Horton's axing did not come as a complete surprise. When they visited Ewood back in January, they were strong contenders for honours. But a terrible run of 16 games without a victory spelt the end.

Hull chairman Don Robinson said: "Brian is a nice person but we had to make the decision after a poor run of results." At the time of writing, Hull had still to make an appointment and, going neither up nor down, could wait until the end of the season. But there are likely to be plenty of candidates for the job.

WEMBLEY was a highlight for four Second



**FRANZ CARR** — Played a significant part in Forest's win at Wembley.

Division sides, including the Rovers, as they helped celebrate the Football League centenary. And, even though none of them did particularly well, it was — or should have been — an honour to be there.

For one young man from the Isle of Wight, the Mercantile Credit festival provided the platform for a significant milestone. It took Gareth Williams just 14 weeks to progress from the Beazer Homes League to a place in a Wembley team with Aston Villa, as they beat the Rovers on penalties in the opening round!

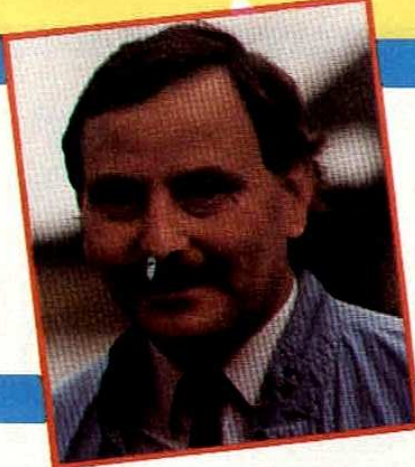
The 21-year-old forward was signed from Gosport Borough for £10,000 in January and made his League debut against Crystal Palace the week before Wembley. Inclusion in Villa's line-up for their first round match must have made his season.

Perhaps his experiences will give heart to another player who has stepped up from non-League football. Midfielder Paul Groves has joined Leicester City from Burton Albion for £12,000. He has netted 25 goals this season and, guess where Burton play... that's right, the Beazer Homes League. See you at Wembley next season Paul! You never know in this game.

WELL, another dozen days and we'll all know the best, or the worst as far as definite promoted and relegated teams are concerned. And it could hardly be closer. Will the Rovers, I wonder, find themselves in a similar situation to that of 30 years ago, when they went to the Valley to meet Charlton Athletic?

Rovers needed to win to clinch promotion as runners-up behind West Ham United, Charlton needed only a draw to go up. As any Rovers fan — even those too young to be around at the time — will tell you, a spectacular 4-3 success brought First Division football back to Ewood.

Who would bet against a similar state of affairs this time? If it does happen, you'd better order some extra tranquilisers, because the Den — not too far away from the Valley — will be no place for the faint-hearted on Saturday week.



By  
**Peter  
White**

Before that, however, there are three more crucial games for the Rovers, starting tonight against Swindon. There is enough experience in the side to know that it's pointless looking too far ahead. It might be an old cliché but it's even more valid in the present circumstances — take one game at a time...

AS THIS is a first home game since Easter Monday, a few congratulations are due to be handed out. One pat on the back goes to Scott Sellers for his selection to start the England Under-21 match in France recently. It was Scott's second cap, as he collected his first as substitute in the quarter final win over Scotland.

Special mention must also go to Chris Price who, deservedly, found his way into the Second Division representative side voted on by the members of the Professional Footballers Association. To be recognised by your fellow-pros is possibly the most satisfying accolade for any player. The only surprise to me was that a couple more Ewood men did not get in the team.

The best way for all the players to prove their worth, of course, is to clinch that place in the First Division. Then no-one can dispute they are the best.

GOOD to see a few ex-Rovers at Wembley, not least young Franz Carr, who played a significant part for the ultimate winners of the centenary festival Nottingham Forest. "Franny" assured me that the Rovers result is always the first one he looks for after the game on Saturdays and he's keeping his fingers crossed that his old club meet his present one on level terms next season.

With recent injury problems hopefully now behind him, Franz had hoped to face Rovers at Wembley. But he had to settle for Aston Villa after they won the first round clash on penalties. He did, of course, miss the F.A. Cup ties between the clubs two years ago, because of illness.

Chris Thompson and David Hamilton were also there with Wigan Athletic — "Tommo" scoring a well-taken goal.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including  
Saturday 9th April 1988)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	30	19	5	6	72	38	62
<b>Blackburn Rovers</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>
Newcastle United	26	16	5	5	66	33	53
West Bromwich A.	27	13	6	8	54	34	45
Bolton Wanderers	28	13	6	9	48	46	45
Stoke City	29	11	7	11	29	36	40
Oldham Athletic	24	11	5	8	34	29	38
Scunthorpe United	28	10	8	10	36	40	38
Port Vale	27	9	7	11	40	42	34
Rotherham United	26	9	6	11	37	37	33
Preston North End	25	10	3	12	36	47	33
Doncaster Rovers	25	9	6	10	41	50	33
Wigan Athletic	25	9	3	13	33	55	30
Notts County	27	8	5	14	32	41	29
Middlesbrough	28	8	5	15	30	46	29
York City	28	8	3	17	36	52	27
Mansfield Town	28	7	6	15	32	48	27
Darlington	23	6	5	12	28	48	23

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## SWINDON TOWN

**FRASER DIGBY** The former Manchester United apprentice spent two loan periods at the County Ground before eventually joining the Club for a fee of £25,000 in December 1986. England Under-21 honours and previously capped at schoolboy and youth level.

**DAVE HOCKADAY** The former Blackpool player moved to the County Ground in August 1983. After several seasons of appearing in midfield or as a winger the Billingham born player made the successful transition to full-back during Swindon Town's Fourth Division championship winning season of 1985/86. Dave is one of only two players to remain on the County Ground staff from the day Lou Macari was appointed.

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN** The former Manchester United defender joined Swindon Town on a free transfer in July 1986. Made his debut for Swindon against Newport County. Alan is a versatile performer who can play in a variety of positions.

**PHIL KING** (Defender). The Bristol born full-back joined Swindon Town from Torquay United for a fee of £12,500 in March 1987. Phil quickly slotted into the Town defence and helped the club to eventual promotion. Had only been at Plainmoor for a few months following his move from Devon neighbours Exeter City in July 1986. A Football League tribunal had settled the fee between the two Devon clubs at £3,000. During his brief spell at Torquay Phil was the subject of interest from Tottenham Hotspur and he spent a brief spell training with the White Hart Lane Club.

**Tim Parkin** Joined Swindon Town from Bristol Rovers in July 1986 for a Football League Tribunal settled fee of £27,500. The former Rovers stalwart eventually established himself in the Town defence and was prominent in helping the Club to promotion last season. Tim began his career with Blackburn Rovers before moving to the Continent for a brief spell with Swedish Club Malmo. On his return to the Football League with Bristol Rovers he proved to be a great favourite with the fans.

### FORM GUIDE

Swindon Town results so far this season as follows. (All League matches unless stated):

Opponents	Result	Scorers	Crowd
Bradford City	(A) 0-2		10,553
Bristol City (LC1 1L)	(H) 3-0	Quinn(3)	6,807
Sheffield United	(H) 2-0	Calderwood, Quinn	8,637
Bristol City (LC1 2L)	(A) 2-3	Bamber, Berry(Pen)	7,013
W.B.A.	(A) 2-1	Kelly, Quinn	7,503
Hull City	(H) 0-0		9,600
Middlesbrough	(A) 3-2	Bamber, Quinn, Barnard	9,342
Birmingham City	(H) 0-2		9,128
Barnsley	(A) 1-0	Bamber	7,773
Ipswich Town	(A) 2-3	Barnard, Quinn	10,460
Portsmouth (LC2 1L)	(H) 3-1	Quinn(3) (1 Pen)	9,878
Reading	(H) 4-0	Parkin, Kamara(2), Quinn(Pen)	10,073
Shrewsbury Town	(H) 1-1	Quinn	8,261
Millwall	(A) 2-2	Foley, Quinn(Pen)	7,018
Portsmouth (LC2 2L)	(A) 3-1	Bamber(2) White	8,727
Oldham Athletic	(H) 2-0	Bamber, White	8,160
Stoke City	(H) 3-0	Quinn, White(2)	9,160
Crystal Palace	(A) 1-2	White	9,007
Watford (LC3)	(H) 1-1	Quinn(Pen)	13,833
Manchester City	(H) 3-4	Barnes, Bamber, Foley	11,536
Watford (LC3R)	(A) 2-4	Quinn, Foley	13,378
Leicester City	(A) 2-3	Barnes, Quinn	8,346
Plymouth Argyle	(H) 1-1	Barnes	9,616
Leeds United	(A) 2-4	Barnes(2)	15,457
AFC Bournemouth	(H) 4-2	Barnes, White(2) Quinn	7,934
Huddersfield Town	(H) 4-1	Barnes, Quinn, Foley(2)	6,966
Aston Villa	(A) 1-2	Quinn(Pen)	16,127
Sheffield United	(A) 0-1		7,248
Reading	(A) 1-0	Quinn	8,939
Ipswich Town	(H) 4-2	O'wn Goal, Quinn, King, Bamber	12,429
W.B.A.	(H) 2-0	White(2)	12,155
Birmingham City	(A) 1-1	Barnes	7,829
Norwich City (FAC 3)	(H) 0-0		12,807
Norwich City (FAC 3R)	(A) 2-0	Bamber(2)	12,501
Newcastle United (FAC 4)	(A) 0-5		28,599
Middlesbrough	(H) 1-1	Bamber	9,941
Huddersfield Town	(A) 3-0	O'Regan, Bamber(2)	5,458
Shrewsbury Town	(A) 1-2	Bamber	5,649
Millwall	(H) 0-1		9,570
Oldham Athletic	(A) 3-4	Quinn, Bodin, Henry	5,203
Barnsley	(H) 3-0	Quinn, White(2)	7,558
Manchester City	(A) 1-1	Bamber	17,022
Crystal Palace	(H) 2-2	White, Parkin	12,915
Bradford City	(H) 2-1	Wegerle, Bamber	8,203
Leicester City	(H) 3-2	Quinn(2), Barnes	9,450
Plymouth Argyle	(A) 0-1		13,299
Blackburn Rovers	(H) 1-2	Barnes	9,373
Hull City	(A) 4-1	Quinn(2)(1 Pen), Bamber(2)	4,583
Stoke City	(A)		



**Back Row:** (left to right) Tim Parkin, Jimmy Quinn, Fraser Digby, Chris Kamara, Nicky Hammond, Charlie Henry, Colin Calderwood.  
**Middle Row:** Andy Rowland (player/coach), Dave Hockaday, Phil King, Terry Merriman, Dave Bamber, Jon Gittens, John Kelly (now Oldham), Steve White, Steve Foley, Chris Ramsey (now Southend), Kevin Morris (physiotherapist).  
**Front Row:** Alan McLoughlin, Bryan Wade, Peter Coyne, Lou Macari (team manager), John Trollope (assistant manager), Steve Berry (now Alershot), Leigh Barnard, Mark Jones.

**JON GITTENS** Jon moved to the County Ground in July 1987 and therefore became the fifth close season signing for Lou Macari. The former Southampton central defender cost Swindon £40,000 at a Football League Tribunal appeal. Jon had joined the First Division club from non-League Birmingham club Paget Rangers. Jon first attracted the attention of Lou Macari when he gave a commanding display against Ian Rush when the Welsh International was with Liverpool. Further impressive displays against Swindon Town for "the Saints" in last season Littlewoods Challenge Cup prompted the Town manager to move for the Saints defender.

**CHARLIE HENRY** One of Swindon's most popular players over recent seasons. His natural enthusiasm for the game having won him many admirers. Charlie originally joined the club as an apprentice. Capable of playing in a variety of positions. At the completion of the Town's Fourth Division Championship winning season of 1985/86 he was the Club's leading goalscorer with 18 goals. Last season was more difficult for Charlie in Division three as he struggled to recapture his form of the previous season. Another of the Town players close to completing a personal milestone for he is now approaching 200 League appearances. Charlie spent brief loan periods with Torquay United and Northampton Town last season.

**STEVE FOLEY** Another of Lou Macari's close season captures. Steve moved south to join Swindon Town from Sheffield United in July 1987 for a

Football League Tribunal fee of £35,000. The Liverpool born player began his career as an apprentice with Liverpool. Steve failed to make the Anfield club's League line up and actually made his League debut while on loan to Fulham. Eventually given a free transfer from Anfield he joined Grimsby Town in the close season of 1984, making 31 League appearances for the Blundell Park Club. Once again given a free transfer he joined Sheffield United in July 1985. During two seasons with the Bramall Lane Club he made 55 League appearances. Steve finished last season as the Yorkshire leading goalscorer with 9 goals.

**JIMMY QUINN** The Northern Ireland international rejoined Swindon Town from Blackburn in December 1986 for a fee of £50,000. Jim had originally joined Swindon Town from Oswestry Town in 1982. The tall striker had made 49 League appearances in his first spell at the County Ground before moving to Ewood Park Club in a £32,000 transfer deal. Ironically it was the first of Lou Macari's transfer deals for Swindon Town. Jim scored 9 goals in last season's successful promotion bid.

**DAVE BAMBER** The much travelled striker has probably produced the best soccer of his career with Swindon following his move from Portsmouth in March 1986. Dave had previously spent a loan period with the Club prior to his £12,500 move. Few would question that he has played a prominent role in the County Ground Club's successive seasons of promotion. Dave began his

career with Blackpool and his early promise attracted the attention of First Division Coventry City where he moved in 1983. Subsequent moves to Walsall and Portsmouth were a prelude to his eventual move to Swindon Town. A maker and taker of goals, he could be a key factor in the Club's hopes for consolidation this season. Dave scored 19 League and Cup goals last campaign. **STEVE WHITE** Incredibly allowed to join Swindon Town on a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July 1986. What a signing he proved to be for the club as he headed both the League and Football Combination goalscoring charts for the 1986/87 season. The Chipping Sudbury born striker had two spells with Bristol Rovers where he began his League career. Steve left Rovers after his first spell in a £200,000 move to Luton Town. He eventually rejoined Rovers in August 1983 from Charlton Athletic. Steve wrote his way into the Wiltshire Club's history when his two goals gave Swindon Town what vital 2-0 win against Gillingham at Selhurst Park, Crystal Palace on May 29th 1987 and ensured their passage into the Second Division this season.

**KIERAN O'REGAN** The Republic of Ireland Under-21 International joined the Club in August 1987 on a free transfer from Brighton and Hove Albion. Kieran, 24, made his debut for Swindon Town in the First Round of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Competition on August 18th, 1987 against Bristol City. Kieran, born in Cork, made 86 League appearances for Brighton after his signing from Tranmore Athletic.

# Reserves & Rovers

# COLTS



Four wins in our last four games have assured us of promotion to Division One of the Central League.

Our game away to Wigan was a disaster played on a field resembling a paddy field we soon went two down through defensive errors. A minute in to the second half 'Paddy' missed a penalty and the feeling was 'It's not our night' but a couple of goals from Tony Diamond levelled the scoring but we could not hang on and Wigan added two more to complete the scoring. With our defensive record, I never thought we would ever concede four goals. Team: Collier, Bolton, Millar, Patterson, Hill, Gayle, Johnrose, Diamond, Curry, Wilcox. Skinner and Lee.

Back on course at Port Vale with a good 2-1 victory with goals from Tony Diamond and a classic from Jason Wilcox. Steve Holmes hit a superb 40 yards cross field ball to Jason who beat three men on a run to the edge of their penalty box where he 'chipped' their keeper for great winner.

Team: Collier, Bolton, Dawson, Patterson, Hill, May, Miller, Johnrose, Diamond, Gayle, Wilcox. Skinner, Holmes.

On to the dreaded plastic at Oldham and one of our best best performances ever, we scored in the first two minutes — we even beat the national newspaper who gave out a nil — nil scoreline. It was that man again who scored the goal from close range (Tony Diamond) with every man on the pitch working and running to their limits we claimed another three points.

Team: Collier, Bolton, Holmes, Barker, Hill, May, Skinner, Patterson, Diamond, Gayle, Johnrose. Wilcox, Lee.

Away again! this time at Mansfield on a wet evening looking for a victory to set up promotion in our next home game he scored again! Knocked in a low cross from Howard Gayle after Howard had nipped in and had taken the ball almost out of the keeper's hands. A further own goal in the second half, when a defender trying

to clear a vicious Craig Skinner shot only succeeded in hitting a team mate for the goal that clinched a game for us.

Team: Collier, Bolton, Holmes, Ainscow, Hill, May, Skinner, Johnrose, Diamond, Gayle, Patterson, Wilcox, Driver.

At 'A' Team level our lads went over to Liverpool and beat a strong Liverpool outfit 1-0 Craig Skinner scoring the goal to complete the double over the Reds.

JIM FURNELL

## BLACKBURN ROVERS CENTRAL LEAGUE 1987/88

Aug.	26	<b>Barnsley</b>	5-0
Sept.	2	<b>Scunthorpe United</b>	3-1
	9	Doncaster United	2-2
	16	<b>Notts County</b>	3-0
	24	Middlesbrough	0-0
Oct.	7	<b>Darlington</b>	1-0
	14	Newcastle United	1-2
	21	<b>West Bromwich Albion</b>	0-0
	28	Stoke City	1-1
Nov.	4	<b>Bolton Wanderers</b>	2-2
	11	<b>Wigan Athletic</b>	6-0
	17	York City	3-1
	25	<b>Port Vale</b>	2-2
Dec.	2	Bolton Wanderers	0-1
	9	<b>Mansfield Town</b>	0-1
	15	Rotherham United	3-1
Jan.	13	Barnsley	4-1
	20	<b>Newcastle United</b>	3-0
Feb.	3	Scunthorpe United	0-1
	10	<b>Middlesbrough</b>	4-0
	16	Notts County	1-0
	24	<b>Preston North End</b>	4-0
Mar.	2	Darlington	1-1
	9	West Bromwich Albion	1-0
	16	<b>Stoke City</b>	2-0
	23	<b>York City</b>	4-0
	30	Wigan Athletic	2-4
April	6	Port Vale	2-1
	12	Oldham Athletic	1-0
	18	Mansfield Town	2-0
	21	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	3-0
	27	<b>Rotherham United</b>	H
May	11	<b>Oldham Athletic</b>	H
		To be arranged	
		Preston North End	A

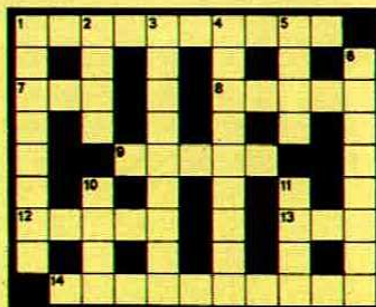
# Quiz?

## BLACKBURN ROVERS 'A'

Lancashire Football League  
Division Two — Season 1987/88

1987	HOME	F.A. AWAY	F.A.
Saturday 29th August	Formby 'A'	5-1	
Saturday 5th September		Tranmere Rovers 'B'	2-1
Saturday 12th September	Crewe Alexandra 'B'	1-4	
Saturday 19th September		Preston North End 'A'	1-2
Saturday 26th September		Wigan Athletic 'A'	0-5
Saturday 3rd October		Carlisle United 'A'	4-1
Saturday 10th October		Manchester United 'B'	4-2
Saturday 17th October	Stockport County 'A'	3-1	
Saturday 31st October	Oldham Athletic 'B'	4-4	
Saturday 14th November	Middlesbrough (FAYC)	0-1	
Saturday 21st November		Blackpool 'A'	2-1
Saturday 28th November	Marine Youth	3-1	
Saturday 19th December		Formby 'A'	3-1
1988			
Saturday 2nd January		Crewe Alexandra 'B'	Post
Saturday 9th January	Preston North End 'A'	1-2	
Saturday 16th January	Wigan Athletic 'A'	5-0	
Saturday 23rd January	Carlisle United 'A'	Post.	
Saturday 30th January	Manchester United 'B'	2-4	
Saturday 6th February		Stockport County 'A'	0-3
Saturday 20th February		Oldham Athletic 'B'	1-3
Saturday 27th February	Liverpool 'B'	3-1	
Saturday 9th March		Chester City 'A'	6-6
Saturday 12th March	Blackpool 'A'	1-2	
Saturday 19th March		Marine Youth	2-2
Saturday 26th March	Tranmere Rovers 'B'	1-5	
Saturday 9th April		Liverpool 'B'	1-0

## SOCCER NINETY- NINER plus RUGBY



### ACROSS

- Yorkshire rugby league club known as "The Glassblowers" (10)
- Machin, maybe (3)
- 8&1dn. Fly-half who kicked a record number of points for Ireland — over 200 at 9 a game! (5,8)
- This "Dixie" was capped while with Celtic and later had a short spell with Luton (5)
- Rugby side which tours as a British Isles selection (5)
- Number worn by a rugby league full-back (3)
- Defender whose 1960s-80s career saw him with Orient, Leicester, Chelsea and Southampton (6,4)

### DOWN

- See 8 across
- Famous players at this Cheshire rugby club have included Fran Cotton and Steve Smith (4)
- Eire man capped with Preston, Brighton and Liverpool over the last ten years (9)
- Forward who had had 150 games for local club Hull before switching to Scunthorpe in 1987 (9)
- Edström, tall Swedish international striker who served several European clubs (4)
- Situation which can be planned for (such as a corner or a free kick) (3,5)
- The symbol on an England rugby union shirt (4)
- Havelange, FIFA president (4)

### SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD IN LAST PROGRAMME

ACROSS: 1. drive, 5. Stig, 6. Naples, 8. Hearts, 9. winner, 10. Sweden, 12. Moss, 13. start. DOWN: 1. Don, 2. Valiants, 3. Aintree, 4. Ashurst, 5. seat-belt, 7. Addison, 11. net.

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# In View

## FACE IN THE CROWD

Each week a photo of supporters who travelled to the previous away game will be featured. The supporter ringed will win a free coach ticket to the next away game, the prize being two free coach tickets if you travelled to the featured away game with the Travel Club. To claim your prize, present the programme (together with your coach ticket and Travel Club membership card if claiming two tickets) to the Lottery Office by not later than Friday 29th April.

This week's featured photograph is from the game against Swindon Town.



## BLACKBURN ROVERS F.C. COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

**Coaching Unemployed** every Thursday morning 10.30 a.m. — 12.00 p.m. at Witton Park — bring trainers and kit.

Any schools requiring FOOTBALL COACHING in the Blackburn area, please contact Blackburn Rovers Community Programme on 681130.

### Mums and Dads

Look out for details of summer football coaching for your children either in this programme or local newspaper.

**Building Trade 6-a-side Football Tournament** at Hyndburn Leisure Centre 1st May 1988 11.00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

For further details ring Blackburn 681130 as soon as possible.

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*"Blimey, the ground looks a bit  
different to Watford. Where's the  
dog track?"*

LUTHER BLISSETT,  
at Milan's San Siro Stadium, 1983.

*"If ye dinnae score, ye dinnae win."*

JIMMY SIRREL,  
Notts County manager, 1983.

*"No footballer of talent should play  
in the back four."*

MALCOLM ALLISON, 1975.



*"All visiting teams complain about  
the pitch - but they all seem to win."*

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,  
to Dunfermline players visiting Cyprus, 1968.

Source: *The Book of Football Quotations*. Peter Ball and Phil Shaw  
(Stanley Paul, an Imprint of Century Hutchinson Ltd.).



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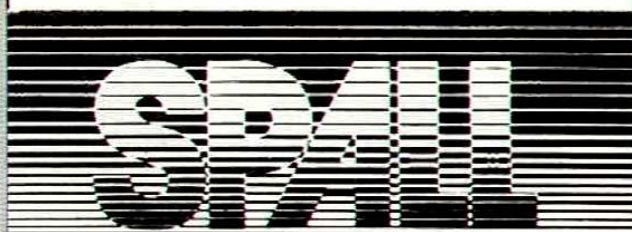
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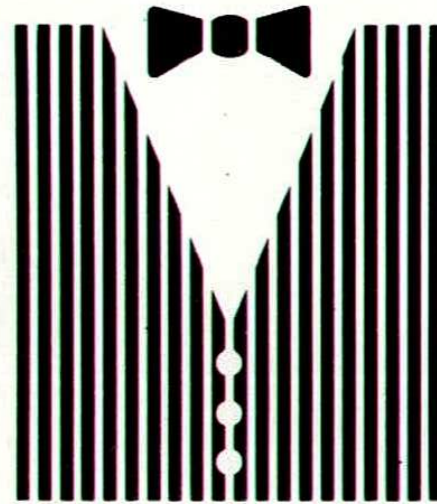


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Toll Bar F.C. receiving Youth Aid 5-a-side winners trophy from Ossie Ardiles. Looking on is Youth Aid Chairman Jim Furnell.

# SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

## AWAY TRAVEL

### CRYSTAL PALACE

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Blackburn (Bridge St)	7.30 a.m.
Helmshore (Woolpack)	6.50 a.m.
Darwen (Leisure Centre)	7.10 a.m.
Accrington (Boars Head)	7.10 a.m.
Chorley (Bus Station)	7.50 a.m.
Preston (M6 Junction 31)	7.50 a.m.

Prices: —

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## MILLWALL 7/5/88

\*Departures times and prices same as Crystal Palace.

Concessionary fares are available to school children, students, O.A.P.'s Y.T.S. trainees and the unemployed. Evidence of a members eligibility for a concessionary fare must be produced when purchasing a ticket.

## HOME TRAVEL

Our Accrington Branch run coaches to all home games. Prices £1.50 Adult, £1.00 concessionary. Supporters are reminded that the coach will be leaving the Boars Head at 6.00 p.m. and The Commercial (Church) at 6.10 p.m.

## PROGRAMME FAIR

The 14th International Football Programme Fair will be held on Saturday the 4th June 1988, at The Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London, WC1 from 11.15 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Advanced tickets can be obtained by sending a remittance for 40p for each ticket plus a S.A.E. to David Stacey, The Editor, The F.P.D. (Dept 1PF), 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex, SS11 8EN.

\*If response is good enough we are considering running a coach to Millwall, staying overnight at The Post House Hotel, Hemel Hempstead. Price £39.50 leaving Blackburn at 7.30 a.m. Saturday morning and returning on Sunday at 2.00 p.m. Provisionary bookings are being taken with a £10.00 deposit, returnable if not adequate response.

## BARCLAYS LEAGUE TROPHY COMPETITION WINNERS: TWO BOYS AND TWO GIRLS

A Cambridge schoolboy Luke Gifford (17) of Cottenham, Cambridgeshire, has won the prize of a lifetime: the first prize in the Barclays League Trophy Design Competition to design the trophy which will be presented to the Barclays League Champions on field at the end of the season. There was a total entry from students of 18 and under from all over England (plus Scotland, Poland and Nigeria) of almost 6,000 entries.

Luke, who produced his winning design as part of his portfolio for his A level Art course as a full-time student at Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, will receive a portable video camera and VHS video recorder plus a visit to a Barclays League match to see his trophy being presented. He will also appear on ITV's Saint and Greavsie Show watching the final touches being applied to the making of his trophy in silver. He also wins for his college £2,000 worth of computer hardware and software.

Luke is a keen football enthusiast — starting by playing in goal at Cottenham School and going with his dad to Ipswich Town and Cambridge United.

Like a large percentage of the massive entry he has stated a preference for Liverpool as his favourite team and Peter Beardsley as his favourite player.

## Age Category Winners

There were Barclays prizes, too, for each of the age category winners:

16-18: Julia Ling (16) from Kirby-le-Soken, near Frinton-on-Sea, Essex — a 6th form student in Sciences and Art at Colchester County High School for Girls and an Ipswich Town enthusiast;

12-15: Andria Hughes (14) from Moreton, The Wirral, Merseyside — who attends Oldershaw Upper School in Wallasey and is a keen Everton fan; and

Under 12: Alan Peacock (11) from Horncastle, Lincs — whose school is Horncastle Banovallum and is another Everton supporter.

Each will receive a 35mm camera, a visit to a selected Barclays League match and wins for his or her school £500 worth of sports equipment or computer equipment.



# ...STATISTICS



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Reid	Curry <sup>1</sup>	Garner <sup>1</sup>	Patterson	Sellars	Ainscow●
Reid	Curry	Garner	Patterson	Ainscow	Sellars
Reid	Curry <sup>1</sup>	Sellars	Patterson <sup>1</sup>	Mail	Ainscow
Reid†	Curry	Sellars	Gayle <sup>1</sup>	Mail●	Diamond●
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Reid	Curry	Garner	Sellars <sup>1</sup>	Miller J.●	Miller I.●
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Archibald <sup>2</sup>	Ardiles	Garner	Sellars		

## Down the Years

**10** Winger Noel Brotherston found his scoring touch against Sunderland at Roker Park, and his goal in the 1-0 win took Rovers to fifth place in the Second Division table.

Years Ago It was a tough game for the Rovers who needed the points to stay in the promotion race — Spurs led the table with Bolton Wanderers second.

Young Paul Round had a splendid match as stand-in for John Waddington and seemed to have found his best role as a central defender.

In fact all the defence played well, holding out against Sunderland's late offensive.

Team: Butcher, Hird, Keeley, Round, Bailey, Metcalfe, Parkes, Brotherston, Radford, Lewis, Taylor. Attendance: 16,900.

**20** Don Martin, the Rovers £30,000 buy from Northampton found his scoring form with a vengeance hitting both goals in a 2-1 away win against Aston Villa.

Years Ago The Rovers completed the double over a very poor Midlands side. Villa could not have grumbled had the score been heavier because they were dominated throughout the match.

Martin took his chances very well and young Eamonn Rogers made a very useful contribution by his hard work and tenacity.

The win lifted Rovers into sixth place in the Second Division table which was led by Ipswich Town, with Plymouth Argyle at the bottom.

Rovers: Barton; Newton, Wilson, Clayton, Coddington, Hole, Ferguson, Rogers, Martin, Darling, Connelly. Attendance 14,106.

**30** Completing their fifth double of the season, the Rovers streamrollered Rotherham United 5-0 at Ewood Park to keep their promotion hopes alive.

Years Ago The Rovers goal average looked a lot healthier than it did, with the boost of 25 for and seven against in the six games since Tom Johnston had joined the club from Leyton Orient.

Though never really extended, the Rovers made goalscoring look easy, and the defence, with Matt Woods outstanding, soon snuffed out any attempts by the Rotherham forwards.

Peter Dobing and Roy Vernon had their best match for a long time, with Bryan Douglas being somewhat subdued (for him) due to injury.

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John Millar  
Alan Ainscow  
Colin Hendry  
David Mail  
Ian Miller  
Steve Archibald  
Ossie Ardiles  
Simon Garner  
Scott Sellars

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## SWINDON TOWN

Fraser Digby  
David Hackaday  
Philip King  
Kieran O'Regan  
Tim Parkin  
Jon Gittens  
Bobby Barnes  
Steve White  
Jimmy Quinn  
Steve Foley  
Roy Wegerle  
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