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# As Don sees it...

WITH the new format for the play-offs, I can definitely say that this is my last column of 1989-90 for the Ewood programme in what has been a very eventful season.

There have been a lot of good games, a lot of bad ones and some indifferent ones — a usual football season, in fact — with, at the end, a certain amount of achievement.

But, hopefully, this afternoon we will build on that by taking a reasonable lead against Swindon for next Wednesday's second leg.

*It's only a few weeks since I was writing a warm welcome to Ossie Ardiles and his team and here we go again.*

It was a cracker of a game, as was our previous encounter at Swindon. This afternoon it's a different type of pressure for the two teams and, while some people have made much of the fact that this is our third appearance in the play-offs, they tend to forget that it is Swindon's third too.

They succeeded once from the Third Division and failed in the other, in the Second Division last season, so they too are no strangers to this situation. And they will be doing their utmost to make it this time. The same, naturally, goes for Blackburn Rovers.

As this is the last home programme of the season, I would like to thank not only our supporters here today but all the fans of both teams who have given continued good support to English football.

The media and some of the powers-that-be would have us believe that only hooligans follow the game in this country. It was a sad reflection last weekend again to read headlines of trouble at English football grounds.

*Without going too deeply into the matter, I am concerned that no-one has come up with one theory — how do these troublemakers get there in the first place?*

They can't walk from Leeds to Bournemouth. So not only are some alleged football supporters behaving irresponsibly, what about those who transport them there in the first place?

The police seem to be blaming everyone but themselves. They had the ultimate power. They could have refused to police the game if they felt there was going to be trouble.

In saying that, the relationship we have with the police here at Ewood is first class. Everything is



done in co-operation with each other to try to ensure there are no problems either inside or outside the ground.

*Another point is whether the people who caused the trouble were actual Leeds supporters, or were they just hooligans? It's not very long ago that trouble was a feature of Bank Holidays at seaside resorts, and this was unconnected with the game.*

I found it particularly sad that Leeds should be involved, as I have made a point of championing their cause after seeing their impeccable behaviour first hand, despite the bitter disappointment of defeat by Charlton in the play-offs. But I still wonder if many of those involved last weekend were genuine Leeds fans.

Anyway, back to today, and the most important thing, our attempt to progress to the First Division. The play-offs have many critics but they do produce excitement — yes depression too — and I, personally, have experienced both from the greatest game in the world. The play-offs simply enhance it in terms of thrills and excitement. Let's hope that today's game does football proud.

Thanks once again to YOU, the most important people in football. Without spectators and supporters there wouldn't be professional football, so thanks and, remember, whatever the results of our meetings with Swindon let's be prepared on the field and on the terraces to shake hands at the end.

*See you next season.*

Don Mackay





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# Newsdesk

with secretary  
**JOHN HOWARTH**



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In the play-off final, if the score is level at the end of 90 minutes extra time will be played followed, if necessary, by penalty kicks in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

## Tickets for Swindon

TERRACE tickets ONLY are available for the second leg game at Swindon. They cost £4.50 each and are on general sale now.

## Well done, lads!

AS you know we have had our problems with the new pitch this season and it would be very remiss of me not to thank Head Groundsman Steve Patrick and his staff, Assistant Groundsman Trevor Wilkin and groundstaff Ray Barratt and John Smith who have all helped to keep the pitch and ground in good condition all season.

## Thanks, Helen

I WOULD like to place on record the club's appreciation for the work of Mrs Helen Taylor, Divisional Superintendent for the St. John Ambulance, who has been a familiar face at Ewood Park matches for more than 20 years.

**See you all in August — hopefully in Division One!**



**Former Rovers and England captain Ronnie Clayton is seen presenting club chairman Mr William Fox with two of his England caps (v Brazil, 1956 and v Mexico, 1959) and the trophy awarded to him by the Football League to mark 20 years' loyal service as a player. All three items will go on display in the Ewood Park trophy cabinets.**



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# Scene & Heard

with Peter White  
Lancashire Evening Telegraph



**PHEW!** What a finish to the season all around the country. Forgetting the mindless morons who tried to ruin the enjoyment, at Bournemouth for example, you could hardly hear the crowds roar for the transistor radios.

It's easy for manager's to say forget other results and concentrate on your own. That's right, of course, but the temptation is too great and I'll let you into a secret. We had a radio in the Press Box at the Brighton game to keep a check on Oldham's progress.

Actually, we should have taken the manager's advice. It plays havoc with the nerves when you know that one goal for the opposition means the season is all over. And, regulations being what they are these days, you can't even have a "ciggy" to ease the tension.

Still, it came right in the end — but only just — and so here we go again this afternoon.

Radio Two Sport's largest concentrated audience was probably at Hillsborough. Bearing in mind that Luton performed a similar rescue operation at Maine Road a few years back, Sheffield Wednesday fans must have feared the worst — and it happened!

Wednesday crashed to Forest, while news filtered over the airwaves that Luton had won at Derby to stay in Division One. So the Owls went down to Division Two and there still won't be a return to Sheffield derby matches.

Where will Rovers be going next season, I wonder? Palatial Hillsborough, or Kenilworth Road with its artificial pitch? For once, I would really look forward to them playing on plastic!

THIS time last year, Watford were preparing to face Rovers in the play-off semi-finals, but much has happened since then. Manager Steve Harrison was dismissed earlier this season and Colin Lee was appointed caretaker.

With a nice sense of time, Vicarage Road chairman Elton John announced the appointment of Lee on a permanent — if that's the right word to use about a

manager's job — basis, on the eve of their final match of the season.

And it paid an immediate dividend, with Watford signing off with a victory over the much-improved Hull City.

FORMER Scottish international defender Allan Evans won't be putting his feet up and resting, even though Leicester City failed to extend their season by reaching the play-offs.

For the ex-Aston Villa man is planning a new career. Evans, who made 14 first team appearances for Leicester, left Filbert Street at the end of the season to join Canadian team Victoria on Vancouver Island. And travel sickness clearly isn't a problem, as he later intends to go on to coach in Brisbane, Australia.

NOW the final promotion, play-off and relegation spots have been settled, what about this for a unique double?

John Docherty has managed Millwall and Bradford City in the past season and both have been relegated. Mick Mills has managed Stoke City and Colchester United — and both have been relegated!

It could so easily have been a treble. Bruce Rioch has managed both Middlesbrough and Millwall. The Londoners went down while Boro escaped by the skin of their teeth, beating Newcastle to climb above Bournemouth on the very last day.

And you thought there was pressure at the TOP of the table!

AS this is definitely the last programme of the season, thanks for reading, have a happy summer — albeit a short one — and see you in August!

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## Anyone heard about Fred?

**EX-ROVER** Frank Chadwick is trying to trace some of his former Ewood clubmates who have since moved away from the area.

One old friend he would particularly like to contact is Fred Ashworth, who moved from Rovers to Shrewsbury in 1951.

For anyone who can help him, Frank's telephone number is Great Harwood 886635.



# Welcome to...



**OSSIE ARDILES** (above) was appointed manager of Swindon Town on July 20, 1989. An Argentinian international, he earned fame during their World Cup triumph of 1978 in Rio De Janeiro when, along with Mario Kempes, he was the star of the Argentinian line-up.

With fellow Argentinian Ricky Villa he signed for Tottenham Hotspur in 1978 and during his ten years there he collected an F.A. Cup winners medal in 1987 and a U.E.F.A. Cup winners medal in 1984.

Ossie played five games for Blackburn Rovers while on loan during his final season at Tottenham and then moved to Queens Park Rangers at the end of the 1987/88 season.

He had the misfortune to break a leg while with QPR last season and after a period of recovery he spent the summer playing for Fort Lauderdale in America prior to joining Swindon Town.

**FRASER DIGBY.** Goalkeeper. The former England Under-21 international was the only player to make the maximum number of league appearances last season. Fraser began his career with Manchester United as an apprentice and following a period on loan at the County Ground, the Sheffield-born goalkeeper moved to Swindon Town for a fee of £12,500 in December, 1987.

**NICKY HAMMOND.** Goalkeeper. Nick, who commenced his career with Arsenal as a trainee, actually made his League debut with Bristol Rovers. Given a free transfer by the Highbury club at the end of the 1986-87 season, he has proved an able understudy to Fraser Digby.

**DAVE HOCKADAY.** Defender. Joined Swindon Town from Blackpool on a free transfer in August, 1983. He is capable of playing in several positions. In fact, Dave originally joined the club as a winger and was successfully converted to a full back role.

**TIM PARKIN.** Defender. Joined Swindon Town in July, 1986, after a Football Appeals Committee had set the compensation fee of £27,500 to be made payable to his former club, Bristol Rovers. Tim, who had previously played here at Ewood and for Malmö (Sweden) proved to be a shrewd signing, and he played a major part in helping the club to establish a springboard for promotion from the Third Division and gain a place in last season's Second Division play-offs.

**ROSS MACLAREN.** Defender. Ross moved to the County Ground in July, 1988, from Derby County and the Scottish-born defender quickly settled into a sweeper role. He entered the Football League with Shrewsbury Town in 1980 after being released on a free transfer by Glasgow Rangers. After five years there he moved to Derby County.

**COLIN CALDERWOOD.** Defender. Colin, the Club Captain, is widely regarded as one of the Second Division's strongest central defenders. Signed from Mansfield Town in June 1985.

**PHIL KING.** Defender. The former Exeter City and Torquay United full back joined Swindon Town after an initial loan period for a fee of £12,500 in March, 1987. Regarded by many clubs as one of the most promising young defenders in the Second Division.

**PAUL BODIN.** Defender. Paul joined Swindon Town from the now defunct Newport County in March, 1988. The Welsh-born utility player commenced his career in the Football League with the former Somerton Park club without making a senior appearance. It was after joining fellow Welsh club Cardiff City that he made his league debut. After three seasons he drifted into non-league football with Bath City. Newport County eventually paid the Southern League club £15,000 for his return in January, 1988.

**JON GITTENS.** Defender. Jon joined Swindon Town in July, 1987, with a Football League tribunal committee setting the fee at £40,000 following his move from Southampton. The Birmingham born central defender was signed by the Saints from Paget Rovers, the Midland Combination Club, in October, 1985.

**TOM JONES.** Midfielder. After being discarded by Chelsea as a youngster he drifted into non-league circles with Farnborough Town and Weymouth. He was signed by Aberdeen in 1987 and stayed just over a year before joining Swindon.

**STEVE FOLEY.** Midfielder. The former Liverpool apprentice made his League debut while on loan to Fulham. He joined Grimsby Town in 1984 and moved to Sheffield United a year later before moving to Swindon in July, 1987.

**ALAN McLOUGHLIN.** Midfielder. The former Manchester United apprentice moved to Swindon Town on a free transfer in August, 1986. Originally a full back, Alan was converted to a midfield role and he relished the transition. Last season he established a regular position in the Town's Second Division promotion drive.

**FITZROY SIMPSON.** Midfielder. Former Swindon apprentice who made his League debut last season. A mainly left-sided player.

**JOHN CORNWELL.** Midfielder. John can perform equally well in midfield or defence. A former Leyton Orient apprentice, he moved to Newcastle in July, 1987, for £50,000 and joined Swindon in December, 1988 for a £60,000 fee.

**MARK JONES.** Midfielder. After seven years with Oxford United, during which he helped them win the Second Division Championship in 1984-85, Mark signed for Swindon in October, 1986, after a period on loan.

**STEVE WHITE.** Forward. Joined Swindon in a free transfer from Bristol Rovers in July, 1986, and in the past three seasons he has never failed to score into double figures. His League career began at Bristol Rovers and he also played for Luton, Charlton and Lincoln before returning to Bristol Rovers.



# SWINDON TOWN



**DUNCAN SHEARER.** Forward. Leading scorer for Swindon in the League last season with 14 goals. The Scot entered League football with Chelsea and later moved to Huddersfield from where Swindon signed him for £250,000 in June, 1988.

**DAVID GEDDIS.** Forward. A former Ipswich Town apprentice who moved to Aston Villa in 1979 and later played for Barnsley, Birmingham City and Shrewsbury from where he was signed in October, 1988.

**ADRIAN VIVEASH.** Forward. A product of the club's youth scheme and now in his second year as a full-time professional. Although primarily regarded as a striker the local born player is capable of performing in several roles.

**PAUL HUNT.** Forward. Another of the club's youth team players of last season to be elevated to the senior ranks. This diminutive striker was a consistent goalscorer in his two seasons at Youth Team level.

**NICKY SUMMERBEE.** Forward. Son of the former Town, Manchester City and England International, Mike Summerbee. Nicky joined the club as a trainee, and after progressing through the club's youth ranks he was expected to establish a regular position in the club's Reserve team this season.

**PAUL O'DRISCOLL.** Forward. The former Southampton player joined the club for a trial period when pre-season training commenced after being given a free transfer by the First Division club.

**NEIL TOMLINSON.** Forward. The former Shrewsbury Town non-contract player is in his second season at the County Ground. A regular member of the Town's Reserve team in the Football Combination last season.

**BACK:** Phil King, Dave Hockaday, John Cornwell, Duncan Shearer, Fraser Digby, Nicky Hammond, Tim Parkin, Adrian Viveash, Steve White, Tony Galvin.

**MIDDLE:** Chic Bates (Assistant Manager), John Trollope (Youth Team Manager), Tom Jones, Ross Maclaren, Jon Gittens, Neil Tomlinson, Leigh Barnard (now with Cardiff City), Andy Rowland (Coach), Kevin Morris (Physiotherapist)

**FRONT:** Paul Hunt, Steve Foley, Mark Jones, Colin Calderwood (Captain), Ossie Ardiles (Manager), Alan McLoughlin, Paul Bodin, Fitzroy Simpson, Nicky Summerbee.

## FORM GUIDE — SWINDON TOWN'S LAST TEN GAMES

Date	Opponents	Res	Gate	Scorers	Position in League
Mar 24	Oxford United . . . . .	A 2-2	8,382	White, Bodin (pen)	3
Mar 31	Leicester City . . . . .	H 1-1	8,561	Spearing (og)	3
Apr 7	Bournemouth . . . . .	A 2-1	7,772	Simpson, Gittens	4
Apr 10	Brighton . . . . .	H 1-2	8,444	White	4
Apr 14	Watford . . . . .	H 2-0	8,520	Shearer, White	4
Apr 16	Blackburn Rovers . . . .	A 1-2	10,689	Gittens	5
Apr 21	West Bromwich . . . . .	H 2-1	8,495	Bodin, White	5
Apr 25	Newcastle United . . . .	A 0-0	26,568		4
Apr 28	Middlesbrough . . . . .	H 1-1	9,532	Foley	4
May 5	Stoke City . . . . .	A 1-1	11,386	Shearer	4



# Flashback

with  
**HARRY BERRY**

LITTLE in the game of football has no precedence. The recently introduced play offs were originally part of the arrangement for deciding promotion and relegation before the turn of the century.

Unfortunately the format used was capable of manipulation, as was found in 1898. Basically the two clubs finishing bottom of the First Division played for their place against the two clubs who had finished top of the Second Division. Having slogged through a succesful season these clubs found they still has to survive four games before they could earn a place in Division One.

The format of the test matches, as they were known, was a league system, decided on the results of four games, in which each of the erstwhile First Division clubs played both of the Second Division clubs, home and away, but not each other.

Blackburn were not used to finishing in such an ignominious position, but the team was in the process of rebuilding. Newcomers failed to make their mark and, as the season grew to a climax, the permutations of possible candidates for relegation grew astronomic. From the Rovers point of view, a fixture congestion led to them playing five games in the space of fifteen days, with the added disadvantage that most were against clubs involved in the relegation dispute.

## Crucial

On April 2nd they lost to Wolves by three goals to two. On the eighth they drew one all with Stoke. The significance of this lost home point was that Stoke then had 22 points from 29 games, while the Rovers had 22 points from 27 games. Also involved were Bury who had 22 points from 29 games, Notts County with 22 points from 29 games and Preston with 22 points from 29 games.

On the final Saturday of the regular season (April 9th) a weary Blackburn side lost to Notts County by the only goal, and suffered the other results to go against them as Preston beat Derby and Stoke beat Everton. Blackburn and Bury were now bottom with 22 points each, but the Rovers had two games to play and Bury one (against the Rovers). Notts County, Preston and Stoke had completed their fixtures with 24 points, goal average looking certain to save the latter two.

On April 14th Blackburn hauled themselves to 24 points by beating Bolton and, with a better goal average than Stoke needed only to draw at Bury to stay out of the test matches. Two days later a single goal by Plant reversed the situation and condemned the club to the test matches.

The bottom five had all finished on the same points, but goal average proved crucial. The top sides in the Second Division were Burnley and Newcastle.

It had been obvious for some time that the Rovers needed new blood, but the recruitment towards the end of the season was positively bizarre. For reasons not unconnected with finance they proceeded to recruit players who had been with the club and left. All had gone outside the league, so no transfer fees were involved in any direction. At the beginning of March the old international winger Fred Blackburn returned. In April, in the space of six days, Geordie Anderson, Harry Marshall, Josh Hargreaves and Tommy Tierney re-emerged. Anderson, Harry Marshall, Josh Hargreaves and Tommy Tierney re-emerged. Anderson had been sacked for failing to keep in condition, Marshall's career had apparently ended with a serious injury and Tierney and Hargreaves had failed to make the grade. They also introduced Moreland, who shortly afterwards was sacked when he failed to turn up until halfway through the first half of a game.

## Curious

The team was a curious mixture. Promising young men like Tom Booth and Kelly Houlker, who were to become internationals, played alongside some curiously controversial characters.

The goalkeeper, Carter from Preston, was rated highly but his desire was questioned and he eventually left the club a year later in a weird pay dispute that was both prolonged and curious. At least two of the side were to find themselves in court for neglect and abandonment of their families. Numbers 9 to 11 in the side were all signed virtually en bloc from Partick Thistle, with reputations that proved flattering. There were also seasoned veterans like the renowned Tom Brandon and Teddy Killeen, something of a

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# Club Connections

WE have already featured two former Swindon players, Jimmy Quinn and Ken Beamish, in this series while Ian Miller has figured in the Who Is It? quiz. We therefore look today at a former Rovers man with connections with the other two play-off teams, Newcastle United and Sunderland.

We refer to Viv Busby, a much-travelled striker who was born in Slough in 1949 and played for Wycombe Wanderers before linking up with Luton Town in 1970. He was loaned to Newcastle midway through 1971/72, but though scoring twice in the course of four games for them he was released after an F.A. Cup defeat to Hereford.

By the time he moved to Fulham, in August 1973, he had scored 16 goals in 77 games. Highlight of his time at Craven Cottage was the F.A. Cup win at Everton when he netted twice and helped his side in a spectacular F.A. Cup run that finally ended in a defeat by West Ham at Wembley in May, 1975.

He moved to Norwich for £50,000 in September, 1976, got 11 goals in 22 games



**Viv Busby . . . played eight games for Rovers in the 1981 promotion battle.**

in just over a year and then moved on to Stoke. He spent three and a half seasons at the Victoria Ground in the course of which he had a month on loan to Sheffield United in January, 1980, and had two summers with Tulsa Roughnecks in the USA.

He was nearly 32 when we signed him in February, 1981, and he played in eight games as we battled unsuccessfully for promotion to Division One, being pipped on goal difference by Swansea City. Viv's one goal for us was in a 3-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday. He then moved to York City in August, 1982, played for them for a couple of seasons and then, after hanging up his boots, was assistant to manager Dennis Smith, whom he had first linked up with as a player at Stoke.

When Dennis moved to Sunderland as manager in 1987 Viv went with him and they have taken the Rokerites from Division Three to the gates of Division One.

In his day Viv was a fast, exciting striker who always looked capable of scoring more goals than he actually got, his full tally being 83 in 311 games.

## Who is it?

- He has been connected with his present club for 30 years.
- He formed part of a full-back partnership of two seventeen year olds.
- In 1965/66 both he and his full-back partner scored in the last five minutes of a game.
- In 1967/68 he completed a run of 300 consecutive games.
- He gained a League Cup winners medal in 1969.
- He was awarded the OBE in 1979.
- He played a total of 770 games for his one and only club.
- After a spell as manager he returned to his present club as Youth coach.
- He is likely to be at Ewood Park today.

## ANSWERS

The subject of Who is It? in our last matchday magazine was Kit Napier. Today's mystery personality is John Trollope.



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# Back-Tracking with Berry

Harry Berry continues the story of the 1898 play-offs which begins on Page 10.



character who was once cautioned for dancing the hornpipe on the field. Such eccentricity might have been excused if he had not been in possession of the ball at the time. This curate's egg of a side went in to battle to prevent the unthinkable, Blackburn Rovers in the Second Division.

It was now the club's last chance. Booth returned for the visit of Newcastle with wholesale changes in the forward line. Hargreaves, the Partick pair of Wilkie and Campbell, as well as Briercliffe were all omitted. Geordie Anderson was a shock right winger. Fred Blackburn played at inside left with J.T. Jackson at centre forward and Dan Hurst, a Cumbrian winger, partnering Blackburn. It was an unusual combination but they had passion on their side. Sailing to a half time lead of two goals, they barely held on but at least they had given themselves a chance. Unfortunately Ted Killean broke his leg and so was out of the final game.

## Avalanche

This proved completely theoretical. Before the final game Blackburn and Newcastle had two points and Burnley and Stoke four points. The fixtures pitted the leading sides together. It scarcely needed a Mensa IQ to work out that they only had to contrive a draw to both gain a First Division place.

As it happened the Rovers had no grounds for complaint. At Newcastle they were playing their ninth game of the month, and a few of the players were known to be less than assiduous about training. Their depth of cover was so slight that Killean's replacement was Andy Mills, who had to be summoned back from Wales, where he had returned after one unsuccessful early season trial. Foot-weary and lacking spirit they were unable to quell a Geordie avalanche and had resigned themselves to the Second Division well before the final whistle.

Equally unhappy were Newcastle. After their heroics they left the field to find, surprise surprise,

that Stoke and Burnley had played a goalless draw. The whole morality of the test match system was cast into doubt. Salvation came from a legislative change. Burnley raised a motion to extend the First Division by two clubs, not in recognition of any misbehaviour on their part but prompted by the fact that they had lost two huge pay days against Blackburn. The motion was carried and votes were cast for the election of two clubs to the First Division. Most were agreed that the formula was an attempt to save face for a club as illustrious as the Rovers and it was no surprise when they were elected with 27 votes.

Newcastle deservedly joined them with 18 votes, comfortably ahead of Manchester City (third in Division 2) with ten votes, Small Heath (sixth) four votes, Newton Heath (fourth) three votes and Woolwich Arsenal (fifth) one vote. The manoeuvre served to salve the Rovers embarrassment for some thirty-five years.

## Test Match Results

April 20	Newcastle 2	Stoke 1
April 21	Blackburn 1	Burnley 3
April 23	Burnley 2	Blackburn 0
	Stoke 1	Newcastle 0
April 26	Burnley 0	Stoke 2
April 28	Blackburn 4	Newcastle 3
April 30	Newcastle 4	Blackburn 0
	Stoke 0	Burnley 0

## Appearances for Blackburn

v Burnley (H)	v Burnley (A)	v Newcastle (H)	v Newcastle (A)
Carter	Carter	Carter	Carter
Brandon	Glover	Brandon	Brandon
Killean	Killean	Killean	Mills
Booth	Marshall	Booth	Booth
Anderson	Anderson	Marshall	Marshall
Marshall	Houlker	Houlker	Houlker
Briercliffe	Moreland	Anderson	Anderson
Hulse	Hargreaves	Hulse	Hulse
Hargreaves	Proudfoot	Jackson	Jackson
Wilkie	Wilkie	Blackburn	Blackburn
Campbell	Campbell	Hurst	Hurst



# Profile

**Here we go again! Ron Kennedy applies a trembling pen to the Rovers' hat-trick of appearances in the play-offs.**



HAVING consumed vast quantities of tranquillisers since Saturday's game against Brighton — not to mention a couple of dates with the psychiatrist's couch — the nerves are back to normal.

Well, almost, at any rate!

By any standards a treble appearance in the play-offs is a truly remarkable achievement, more so for a club without the rich resources of many of their contemporaries.

*It is one for the record books, for sure. And who knows, one perhaps never to be topped. I don't doubt that sometime in the future it will pop up in many a sports quiz.*

Meanwhile, it's on with the motley for the third successive season as the club prepares for a two-legged meeting with Ossie Ardiles's Swindon Town who themselves, it should be remembered, are making a second showing in the play-offs.

## Precious

I prefer to erase the Brighton game from the memory, apart from the fact that it yielded the single, oh-so precious point the Rovers were seeking to pursue the goal which has stayed infuriatingly just out of their reach in seasons past.

*If you are like me the spirit of optimism lies buried deep, but a feeling is welling up inside that it could be a case of third time lucky.*

I hesitate to use the word "lucky" since luck hardly comes into the frame when a team has toiled through three successive campaigns to finish in fifth place each time at the end of the normal schedule.

It is only natural that along the way performances, both individually and collectively, have ranged from the breathtakingly brilliant to the downright unacceptable.

But then, isn't life itself like that? All ups and downs, Good days and bad days?

Two factors have been a source of aggravation when the prospect of promotion began to

assume realistic proportions . . . the continuing relatively poor attendances at Ewood, and the belief in some quarters among alleged supporters that the Rovers really do not want to go up.

Take the Brighton game as an example. A crowd of just over 9,000 on a glorious day and the attraction of the play-off clincher. It does make a man wonder, and I was not in the least surprised when the manager this week expressed his disappointment at the gate when he spoke to me.

On the second count, the sceptical attitude of some folk leaves me baffled. Let me repeat the information already made public by Chairman William Fox that a bonus of £250,000 awaited the players if they had won the Second Division championship, and in the region of £200,000 had they finished in the runner-up spot.

*Don't try to convince me that a professional footballer would not respond to carrots of that size!*

## Chance

As Mr Fox put it again this week: "That fully demonstrated how serious we were about our ambition to bring First Division football back to Ewood for the first time in 24 years. Of that there is no doubt.

"Obviously we are disappointed not to have claimed one of the two top positions, but we have made the play-offs yet again and the chance is there to be taken.

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*But first, there is the little matter of Swindon Town. Altogether now . . . Earwiggo!*



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# Rovers in the Picture



**Andy Kennedy shoots Rovers into the lead against Brighton.**



**Simon Garner blasts a shot on the Brighton goal** Pictures: John Barry.





Simon Garner and Scott Sellars link up to cause Brighton some problems.

## A DAY OF GOLDEN MEMORIES . . .



Five members of the Rovers' 1938/39 Second Division Championship side and 1940 Wartime Cup final team receive mementoes from Rovers' chairman Mr William Fox at the Brighton game during which they were guests of the club. Also there to greet them was former Rovers and England captain Ronnie Clayton. Left to right: Ronnie Clayton, Bobby Langton, Len Butt, Bob Pryde, Mr Fox, Ernie Lanceley, Tommy Hargreaves.





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AS usual the Away Travel Club will be organising Executive, Standard and Family coaches to Swindon for the second leg of the Play Off Semi-Final on Wednesday, May 16, kick-off 7.45pm.

All supporters travelling with the Travel Club are guaranteed match tickets for the game.

Departure times and prices are as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE COACHES

Bridge Street, Blackburn 2.30pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood, 2.30pm.

Price: Coach only — £11.00; Coach and ground ticket — £15.50.

#### STANDARD COACHES

Boar's Head, Burnley Road, Accrington 2.00pm; Bridge Street, Blackburn 2.15pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood 2.15pm; Darwen Leisure Centre 2.00pm.

Price: Coach Only — £8.00; Coach and ground ticket — £12.50

#### FAMILY COACHES

Boar's Head, Burnley Road, Accrington 1.30pm; Bridge Street, Blackburn 2.00pm; Albion Hotel, Ewood 2.15pm; Darwen Leisure Centre 2.30pm.

Price: £12.00 including ground ticket and Executive Coach Travel.

The Travel Office is open for bookings after the game today and until 7pm Monday May 14th, providing we still have coach seats available.

### Matchday Mascot

OUR mascot for today's game is Stephen Backhouse who will celebrate his ninth birthday on May 20th. Stephen is a pupil at Manor Road Primary School, Clayton-le-Woods and his hobby is football. His favourite Rovers' players are Scott Sellars and Simon Garner.

Hope you have a great day, Stephen.

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February 3	AFC Bournemouth	Multi-match sponsorship
February 17	Port Vale	
March 3	Wolverhampton W.	Greg Smith
March 10	West Bromwich A.	Cobble (Blackburn) Ltd.
March 20	Portsmouth	
March 24	Newcastle United	Crown Industrial Products
April 7	Plymouth Argyle	Multi-match sponsorship
April 16	Swindon Town	MarWill Engineering & Fasteners Supplies
May 1	Sheffield United	Simon Jersey Ltd.
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## Kit

January 1	Bradford City	Mr T. Owen
January 6	Aston Villa (FAC-3)	Forbes & Partners, Solicitors
January 13	Leeds United	Blackburn Shopping Centre
January 27	Stoke City	G. Walsh & Co. (Electrical) Ltd.
February 3	AFC Bournemouth	G.T. Supplies, Blackburn
February 17	Port Vale	v/d Marel B.V. (Plastics)
March 3	Wolverhampton W.	Rishton Waste Paper
March 10	West Bromwich A.	Mr G. Dickinson, Birmingham
March 20	Portsmouth	Norweb/Hotpoint
March 24	Newcastle United	Senior Heat Treatment, Blackburn
April 7	Plymouth Argyle	London branch, Supporters Association
April 16	Swindon Town	Central School of Motoring
May 1	Sheffield United	S & J Welding
May 5	Brighton & Hove A.	4,000 Holes

## Ball

January 1	Bradford City	Blackburn Rovers 100 Club
January 6	Aston Villa (FAC-3)	Slingers Wholesale Meats/S.B. Tippers
January 13	Leeds United	New & Used Office Furniture
January 27	Stoke City	Simon Leigh
February 3	AFC Bournemouth	Mr G's Nightspot
February 17	Port Vale	Mr David Hembrough, Darwen
March 3	Wolverhampton W.	Smurfit Waste Paper
March 10	West Bromwich A.	Mr J. McNeill, Blackburn
March 20	Portsmouth	Booker Food Services
March 24	Newcastle United	New & Used Office Furniture
April 7	Plymouth Argyle	Gilmartin and Bradley
April 16	Swindon Town	The Plummer family, Blackpool
May 1	Sheffield United	Rovers Away Travel Club
May 5	Brighton & Hove A.	Future Media, Bognor Regis, Sussex



# Commercial Break

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Mayfield Glass, match sponsors for the game against Brighton, made David Mall Rovers' Man of the Match and here he receives his award from Rovers' chairman Mr William Fox.



Future Media, of Bognor Regis, sponsored the ball for the Brighton game and here Philip Lingard receives an autographed ball from Frank Stapleton watched by Aljosja Van Dorssen, Ann-Christin Svensson and Valerie Herbert.



The final League match of the season, against Brighton, was sponsored by Mayfield Glass, of Wood Street, Darwen, and their Guess the Crowd competition winner was Rachel Elizabeth Todd who is seen here receiving an autographed ball from club chairman Mr William Fox.



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WITH the First Team doing the job against Brighton, and enabling the printing of another matchday programme, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Reserve team fans for their support this season, and hope that you have enjoyed the football you have seen.

You will have certainly seen a variety of players throughout this season, a total of 39 players had been used at the last count.

We started the season very well but came unstuck in the middle period, probably not helped by the injury problems of the First Team squad, but produced some excellent results and performances towards the end of the season to ensure our First Division status. In fact our form in the last few months has been of championship standard, something to seriously think about next season!

The 'A' and 'B' teams, playing in the Lancashire Football League, have had mixed fortunes in their respective divisions. The 'A' team have had a very successful season, finishing in fifth position and only an agonising seven points from the top spot. Again we have used umpteen players in this team and also in the much younger 'B' team squad.

The 'B' team finished near the bottom of their League, but have put in some creditable performances with usually a very inexperienced squad of players.

We have used the 'B' team to 'blood' and assess our schoolboys and have looked at trialists who have

been highly recommended by our group of hard working scouts. The boys who have stood up to the rigours of stepping up from schoolboy matches and produced a consistently good standard are joining us as apprentices next year.

On the very young side of things our Centre of Excellence is flourishing and a talented group of youngsters are progressing superbly under the ever watchful eye of C. of E. Director Dave Hall. Dave, apart from running the C. of E. and carrying the sponge at Reserve games, also gives valuable assistance in the running of the 'A' and 'B' teams along with Ian McMinn and Paul Whittaker — my grateful thanks to all of them for their work in all kinds of weathers.

In closing I would like to mention the gentlemen of the scouting side: Ted Taylor (Greater Manchester) and Colin Fairhurst (Preston). Thank you gents for all the work you put in for Blackburn Rovers Football Club. My sincere thanks also go to all the other scouts and contacts who scour the area to bring the best boys to our club.

See you all next season, hopefully with both sides in their respective First Divisions.

## LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

### Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester United A	28	18	6	4	88	27	60
Manchester City	28	17	7	4	88	42	58
Crewe Alexandra A	28	18	3	7	104	50	57
Everton A	28	17	4	7	69	36	55
Blackburn Rovers A	28	17	2	9	61	40	53
Liverpool A	28	15	4	9	71	43	49
Rochdale Reserves	28	13	4	11	51	55	43
Preston North End A	28	8	8	12	62	66	32
Carlisle United Res	28	8	7	13	49	59	31
Morecambe Reserves	28	9	4	15	36	81	31
Bolton Wanderers A	28	9	3	16	50	58	30
Marine Reserves	28	6	8	14	34	60	26
Burnley Reserves	28	7	4	17	45	91	25
Accrington Stanley Res	28	7	4	17	29	84	25
UMIST	28	5	4	19	31	76	19

### Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool A	28	20	2	6	81	35	62
Liverpool B	28	16	6	6	62	29	54
Tranmere Rovers B	28	16	3	9	75	32	51
Bury A	28	15	4	9	62	49	49
Wigan Athletic A	28	14	7	7	41	32	49
Oldham Athletic B	28	13	9	6	67	35	48
Manchester United B	28	14	6	8	50	32	48
Crewe Alexandra B	28	14	2	12	59	55	44
Preston North End B	28	12	2	14	65	66	38
Everton B	28	10	3	15	38	55	33
Carlisle United A	28	10	3	15	57	75	33
Stockport County A	28	9	4	15	52	72	31
Chester City A	28	6	9	13	40	73	27
Blackburn Rovers B	28	7	5	16	54	79	26
Marine Youth	28	—	3	25	16	100	3

**Knock-Out Cup Final:** Crewe Alexandra 5 Liverpool 1



# The Games People Play

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	FA	Att	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
Aug 19	Oldham Athletic	1-0	9,939	3	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
23	Leicester City	1-0	11,411	6	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
26	Leeds United	1-1	25,045	7	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
Sept 2	Oxford United	2-2	7,578	8	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hendry	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy
9	Port Vale	0-0	7,601	9	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Dawson
16	Sunderland	1-1	10,329	10	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Gayle	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Kennedy	Hildersley
20	Exeter City (LC2 1-Leg)	0-3	4,808		Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Finnigan	Sellers	Gayle	Hildersley
23	AFC Bournemouth	4-2	7,000	13	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Finnigan	Skinner
27	West Bromwich Albion	2-2	9,269	14	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Finnigan	Skinner
30	Barnsley	5-0	8,415	17	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Finnigan	Oliver
Oct 3	Exeter City (LC2 2-Leg)	2-1	6,608		Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Skinner	Oliver
14	Portsmouth	1-1	7,004	18	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Hildersley
21	Newcastle United	1-2	20,702	19	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Johnrose
28	Watford	2-2	7,950	19	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Nov 4	Plymouth Argyle	2-2	6,876	20	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
11	Hull City	0-0	7,456	21	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
18	Brighton & Hove Albion	2-1	7,445	24	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
25	Leeds United (ZC-1)	0-1	5,075		Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
28	Ipswich Town	2-2	7,913	25	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Dec 2	Wolverhampton Wand.	2-1	14,695	28	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
9	West Ham United	2-4	8,317	28	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
16	Oldham Athletic	5-4	10,215	31	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
23	Leicester City	0-2	10,635	31	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
30	Swindon Town	2-4	7,538	31	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Jan 6	Sheffield United	3-4	8,426	31	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
13	Bradford City	2-1	17,279	34	Marriott	Reid	Sulley	Gayle	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
20	Aston Villa (FAC-3)	2-2	9,957	35	Marriott	Reid	Sulley	Gayle	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
27	Leeds United	2-2	14,456		Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	Hill	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Feb 3	AFC Bournemouth	1-3	31,169		Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	May	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
10	Sunderland	1-2	14,485	35	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	May	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
17	Port Vale (FAC-5)	1-1	5,973	36	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Finnigan	May	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
24	West Ham United	3-0	9,132	39	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Mar 3	Wolverhampton Wand.	1-1	7,947	40	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
10	West Bromwich (FAC-6)	1-0	16,043	43	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
17	Middlesbrough	1-0	9,240	46	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
24	Newcastle United	1-1	20,054	47	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
31	Watford	2-3	12,064	47	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
Apr 7	Barnsley	2-1	8,148	50	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
14	Plymouth Arg. (FAC-5)	3-0	15,259	53	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
21	Hull City	2-0	8,047	56	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
28	Sheffield United	2-0	13,285	59	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
May 5	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-3	9,096	59	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
12	Swindon Town (Play-off SF-1)	0-0	8,713	60	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
19	Swindon Town (Play-off SF-2)	0-0	7,492	63	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
26	Sheffield United	0-2	5,327	63	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
3	Bradford City	+1-0	9,082	66	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
10	Swindon Town	2-1	10,689	69	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
17	Stoke City	1-0	9,305	72	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
24	Ipswich Town	1-3	11,007	72	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
31	Sheffield United	0-0	15,633	73	Gennoe	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle
7	Brighton & Hove Albion	1-1	9,283	74	Collier	Atkins	Sulley	Reid	Moran	May	Kennedy	Millar	Stapleton	Garner	Sellers	Hendry	Gayle

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	46	16	6	1	46	18	8	7	8	33	34	85
Sheffield United	46	14	5	4	43	27	10	8	5	35	31	85
Newcastle United	46	17	4	2	51	26	5	10	8	29	29	80
Swindon Town	46	12	6	5	49	29	8	8	7	30	30	74
Blackburn	46	10	9	4	43	30	9	8	6	31	29	74
Sunderland	46	10	8	5	41	32	10	6	7	29	32	74
West Ham	46	14	5	4	50	23	6	7	10	30	35	72
Oldham Athletic	46	15	7	1	50	23	4	7	12	20	34	71
Ipswich Town	46	13	7	3	38	22	6	5	12	29	44	69
Wolverhampton	46	12	5	6	37	20	6	8	9	30	40	67
Port Vale	46	11	9	3	37	20	4	7	12	25	37	61
Portsmouth	46	9	8	6	40	34	6	8	9	22	31	61
Leicester City	46	10	8	5	34	29	5	6	12	33	50	59
Hull City	46	7	8	8	27	31	7	8	8	31	34	58
Watford	46	11	6	6	41	28	3	9	11	17	32	57
Plymouth	46	9	8	6	30	23	5	5	13	28	40	55
Oxford United	46	8	7	8	35	31	7	2	14	22	35	54
Brighton	46	10	6	7	28	27	5	3	15	28	45	54
Barnsley	46	7	9	7	22	23	6	6	11	27	48	54
West Bromwich	46	8	6	9	35	37	6	7	10	32	34	51
Middlesbrough	46	10	3	10	33	29	3	8	12	19	34	50
Bournemouth	46	8	6	9	30	31	4	6	13	27	45	48
Bradford City	46	9	6	8	26	24	0	8	15	18	44	41
Stoke City	46	4	11	8	20	24	2	8	13	15	39	37

(Up to and including May 7)

## Leading Scorers (Inc. Cup games)

Strachan 18, Davidson 12, Chapman 12, Deane 24, Agana 12, Bryson 11, Quinn 36, McGhee 24, Gallacher 8, Shearer 26, White 35, McLoughlin 16, Garner 18, Sellers 15, Kennedy 14, Gabladi 26, Armstrong 13, Chamberlain 9, Dicks 14, Keen 13, Quinn 12, Ritchie 29, Palmer 20, Holden 13, Lowe 13, Milton 11, Wark 10, Bull 27, Mutch 12, Dennison 7, Beckford 21, Cross 15, Earle 12, Whittingham 23, Kuhl 9, Chamberlain 6, McAllister 10, Reid 9, Kelly 7, Payton 18, Swan 11, McParland 5, Penrice 15, Wilkinson 14, Hodges 8, Tynan 18, Thomas 14, McCarthy 12, Dumin 15, Simpson 11, Stein 8, Bremner 12, Codner 10, Wilkins 6, Currie 8, Agnew 8, Cooper 7, Goodman 22, Ford 9, Bartlett 8, Slaven 32, Kernaghan 6, Balrd 5, Blissett 19, Shearer 6, Peacock 4, Quinn 7, Leonard 7, Tinnion 6, Biggins 11, Ellis 6, Bamber 3.

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(K.O. 7pm unless otherwise stated)

August	2	Everton	2-3
21 Derby County	0-0	17 DERBY COUNTY	0-0
30 MANCHESTER UTD	1-0	24 Leeds United	1-3
September	31	NOTTS COUNTY	2-2
6 EVERTON	1-1	February	
12 Notts County (7.30pm)	2-4	7 ASTON VILLA	2-2
20 LEEDS UNITED	0-2	12 Leicester City	2-2
October	20	Manchester Utd	2-0
5 Coventry City	0-1	March	
11 BRADFORD CITY	3-1	7 Bradford City (7.30pm)	4-0
17 NEWCASTLE UTD	3-2	14 Newcastle United	2-1
25 NOTTM FOREST	3-2	21 Nottingham Forest	2-6
November	28	HULL CITY	4-3
1 Hull City	1-1	April	
8 Huddersfield (7.30pm)	3-1	4 Man. City (6.45pm)	1-2
15 LIVERPOOL	1-3	12 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	6-1
20 Aston Villa	0-3	17 SHEFFIELD UNITED	1-2
29 LEICESTER CITY	2-3	19 COVENTRY CITY	3-1
December	23	Liverpool	2-0
6 MANCHESTER CITY	4-4	25 HUDDERSFIELD T.	4-0
12 Oldham Athletic	4-1	May	
January 1990	11	Sheffield United	

## PONTIN'S LEAGUE

### Division One

(Up to and including April 26th)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	31	21	4	6	66	40	67
Nottm. Forest	31	18	4	9	73	43	58
Manchester United	33	17	6	10	52	37	57
Aston Villa	33	16	7	10	80	42	55
Derby County	33	16	7	10	63	43	55
Leicester City	31	16	7	8	48	42	55
Manchester City	32	16	3	13	59	51	51
<b>Rovers</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>
Everton	33	15	5	13	57	53	50
Leeds United	32	14	7	11	58	44	49
Newcastle United	33	14	5	14	38	47	47
Sheffield United	29	13	3	13	43	41	42
Coventry City	32	12	4	16	48	59	40
Huddersfield Town	33	11	4	18	40	64	37
Notts. County	31	8	7	16	40	83	31
Bradford City	31	7	6	18	36	57	27
Hull City	33	6	5	22	45	72	23
Oldham Athletic	32	6	4	22	33	72	22



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# Family Club News

with  
**GARY  
TAYLOR**



BARBARA and I thank all the members who travel to away games on the Family Coach for the lovely gifts presented to us on the way to Ipswich. It's nice to be appreciated. We also want to thank you all for travelling with us during the season — hopefully we still have two more trips left!

But as this is the last programme for this season we wish you all a happy summer and look forward to seeing you all again next season.

## Evening with police

AT April's Family Club meeting our guests were PCs Sholicar and Bell of Blackburn Police who explained to members the police procedures at football grounds. It was an interesting evening and we thank Blackburn Police for their help. The evening also included a talk by John Millar.

## Mascot says thanks

*Dear Gary, I had a good time on April 3rd at Barnsley and enjoyed being Rovers' mascot very much. Thank you — Jonathon Baron.*



**PCs Bell and Sholicar with young members at April's Family Club meeting. See story above.**

I'm glad you had a good time, Jonathon, and below you will find a picture of yourself on that night.

## Family travel

WE plan to run a Family Coach to Swindon. The details are on page 19.

Keep an eye on the local Press for Family Travel details in the event of us reaching the play-off final at Wembley.



**Rovers' mascot at Barnsley, 10-year-old Jonathon Baron, pictured with Barnsley mascot Sharif Ezeldine, the team captains and match officials. See story left.**





<b>BLACKBURN ROVERS</b>		<b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	
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