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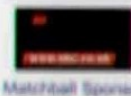
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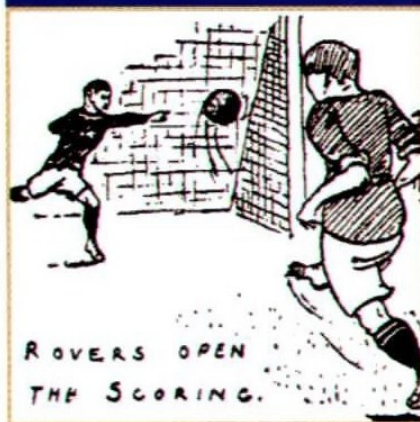
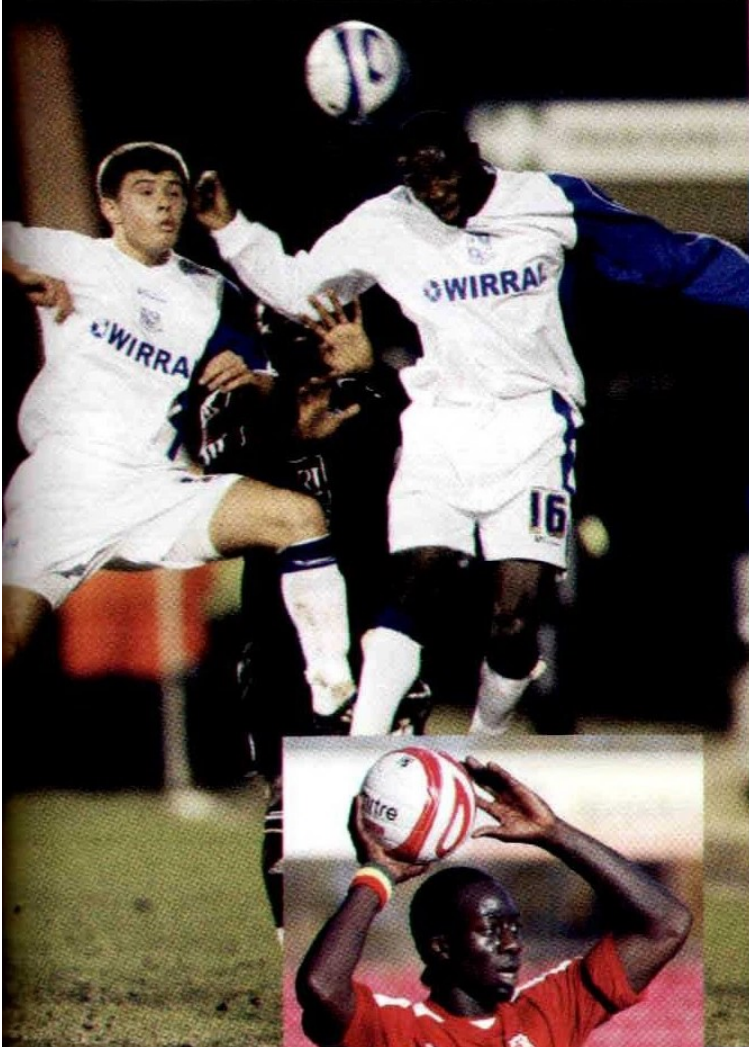
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Boardroom Briefing

Directors' Update

"Following our two draws last week we are four points off the top six. With 14 matches remaining there are 42 points to play for and more than half of the division will still consider themselves contenders for promotion."

"Both Tranmere and Swindon Town are in similar positions in the current form table to those we occupy in the League One table. With 12 points from the last eight games we are ninth in the league and tenth on form. While these tables can sometimes be overly influenced by one or two results, they do show that just a small improvement in our form could make a massive difference at the end of the season. We have a lot of games coming up in March and the players must dig deep for the final section of the campaign.

Thankfully, our injury list appears to be decreasing. We were boosted by the return of Ian Goodison for the Milton Keynes Dons fixture and Danny Coyne and Andy Taylor should be back in contention for today's match. We understand Chris Greenacre should be back in around a couple of weeks. Added options at this time of the season can only benefit the Club and the more players we have available and free from injury and suspension the better.

Nine years ago yesterday we played against in the League Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. Looking back it was an amazing achievement for a Club of our size and a wonderful occasion that will stay in the memory of all those Tranmere fans who attended the match. There are so many remarkable factors from the accomplishment that stand out. We defeated two Premier League teams - Coventry City and Middlesbrough - while also knocking West Ham and Sunderland out of the FA Cup on the way to the Quarter Finals against Newcastle which we played just seven days before our appearance at Wembley. At the time of the final we were 17th in Division One now the Championship and it is questionable whether or not any team in that position will ever repeat our achievement. We sold our allocation of 31,000 tickets which was a fantastic sight at Wembley. It was a very close match and we'll never know how we would have coped had we won and been in Europe the following season.

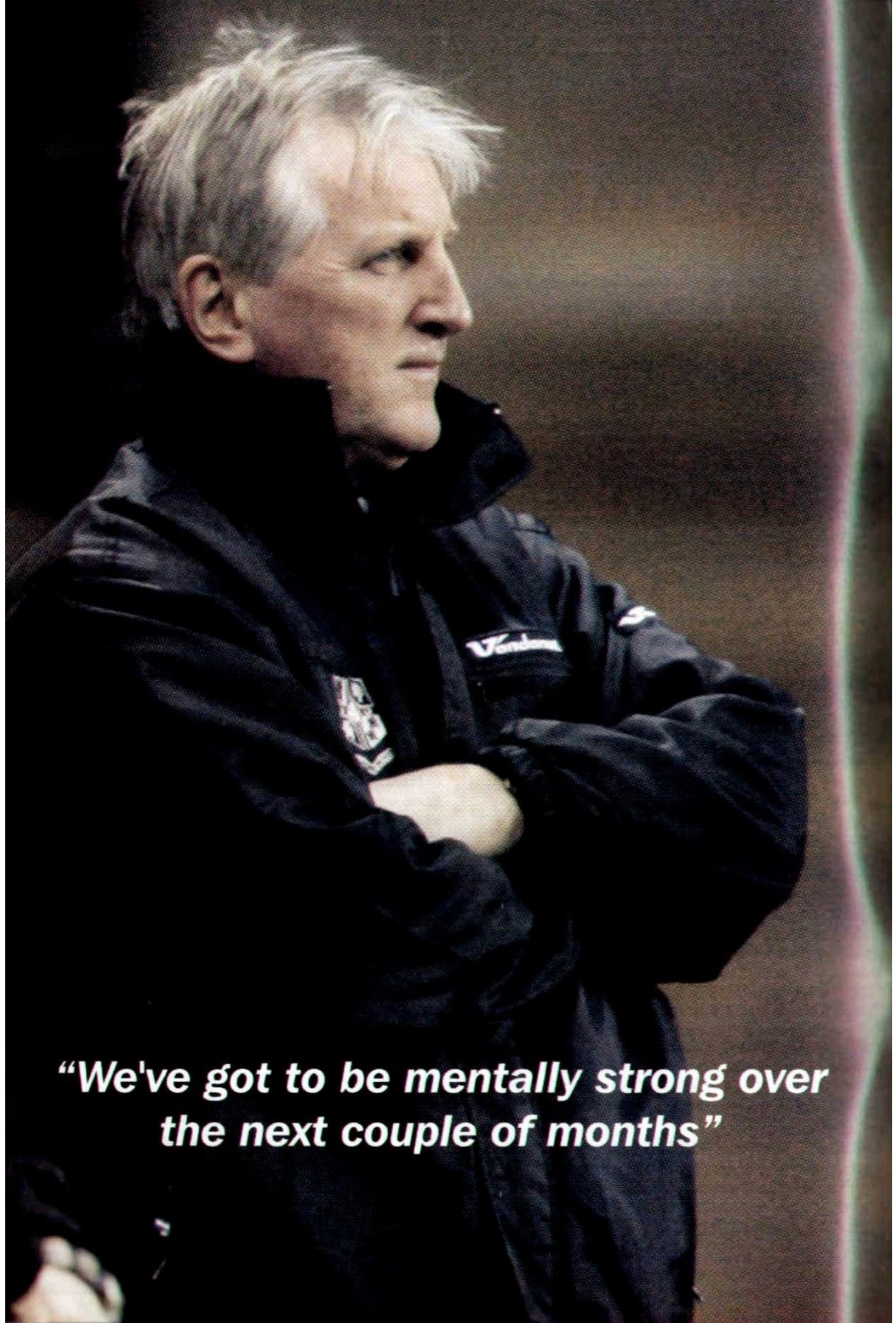
At the time of the final I had only been at Tranmere for a few months so it was hard to take the whole experience in. Just months earlier we had financial difficulties and had no choice but to sell both Kenny Irons and John McGreal and cut the wage bill. We then



went on two amazing cup runs which shows how football can surprise you, and that motivation and focus are every bit as important as money.

Finally, I hope you will join me in welcoming today's guests from Swindon Town Football Club their directors, staff and supporters and the match officials to Prenton Park. I hope to see you at our next home game against League One leaders Leicester City on Wednesday, 11 March, kick off 7.45pm. Please don't forget this fixture is on a Wednesday and not a Tuesday - as we had to move the game at the request of Merseyside Police because of the Liverpool v Real Madrid match on the Tuesday night."

Lorraine Rogers



“We've got to be mentally strong over the next couple of months”

The Gaffer

"We put in good performances in the last two home games but unfortunately didn't get the break that we perhaps deserved."

"Peterborough were third in the division and MK Dons were second, and the results show we're not a million miles behind the teams in the top six. We worked hard, and if we keep that up results will go in our favour."

MK Dons

"Coming here, MK Dons had won ten away games, but they played everything long and tried to make things difficult for us. We made the wrong decisions in the final third and just lacked a bit of quality in the box. If we can get that then we'll turn the draws into wins. Since that game, the midweek results went very well for us. We now need to make the most of the situation with a good result today."

Run in

"We've got to be mentally strong over the next couple of months and we can't pick and chose when we play well. Whether we're playing a top side or one at the bottom, we need to approach the games in the same way. We have different types of games coming up and all the teams we're playing are fighting for points for different reasons. They're all tough games and if you don't have the right attitude you'll lose the game. If we're going to put any pressure on the top six sides, with five of the next seven games after today being away from home we have to start picking up points on our travels. If we keep working as hard as we have been the results will turn for us."

John Achterberg

"Danny Coyne's injury has meant John Achterberg has been in goal for us for the last few games and he has done really well. I feel sorry for him that we haven't managed to keep a clean sheet since he has been back in. He has made some great saves, especially against Peterborough. If Danny doesn't play today it would be great for him if we could win the game and keep a clean sheet."

Swindon

"Today I'd like to welcome Danny Wilson, his Swindon players, staff and supporters to Prenton Park. Danny knows the game inside out and I've had lots of tussles with him. He has his sides wound up, physically fit and good at closing people down. You can see how their results have improved since he has been there. They've been unfortunate in a couple of games of late, but they've got decent players in Cox, Paynter, Peacock and Ifil. But we're at home and the tempo will be set by us. Our home form has been magnificent and we know that if we play to the best of our ability we're more than a top six side at this level."

"The crowd will play a big part for us in the remainder of the season and if they can get behind us it will be a massive help. Enjoy the match."



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The Opposition



Swindon Town

Almost seven months have passed since Rovers made the trip to Swindon Town for the season's opening game and there has been a fair amount of change at the County Ground in that time.

Maurice Malpas departed the manager's hot seat in November, with the experienced Danny Wilson taking his place.

Wilson has worked well in the transfer market, bringing in Gordon Greer from Doncaster Rovers along with Reading winger Hal Robson-Kanu, both of whom have impressed since their arrival in Wiltshire.

Meanwhile, striker Simon Cox continues to find the net on a regular basis, with his tally for the season now up to 19 and strike partner Billy Paynter also on his way to double figures.

On Tuesday night Swindon lost in controversial fashion, conceding a penalty in injury time from which Hartlepool secured a 1-0 win.

After the match a disappointed Wilson commented: "It didn't warrant a penalty and it should have been an indirect free-kick.

"Jerel's foot was up but there was nothing aggressive about it and I don't understand how it was a penalty.

"Hopefully those sorts of decisions will even themselves out over the season.

"We have been dealt a decision and you hope that the referee would get them correct.

"Overall we were disappointed with the result and there weren't many chances on either side.

"There was a lot of huff and puff, although we threatened without really testing the keeper. It wasn't much of a spectacle but we stuck in their.

"We got a bit frustrated and we did lose our composure at times. Overall we were nothing like we were on Saturday against Scunthorpe United.

"There were positives though and I thought Gordon Greer was outstanding. We are putting a lot of weight on his shoulders at this moment in time but he enjoys that sort of pressure."

Today's game is the 58th time the two sides have met, with Swindon having won 22 of the previous meetings, Tranmere 20 and 15 ending as draws. On the opening day of this season the Robins defeated Rovers 3-1 at the County Ground, while goals from Steve Jennings and Chris Greenacre gave Tranmere a 2-1 win in last season's league meeting at Prenton Park.

The First...

Tranmere Rovers (2) 3

Swindon Town (1) 1

League Division Three

Saturday 7th March 1959

Tranmere: Payne, Bell, Frith, R. Williams, Millington, Charlton, Finney, K. Williams, T. Rowley, Green, Eglington.

Swindon: Chandler, Neal, Bingley, Fountain, Hudson, Owen, Skull, Micklewright, Marshall, Edwards, Darcy.

Referee: A. Murdoch (Sheffield).

Attendance: 8,234.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Rowley (13), Eglington (33 pen), Green (68); Swindon - Skull (43).

...and the Last

Tranmere Rovers (2) 2

Swindon Town (0) 1

Coca-Cola League One

Friday 28th March 2008

Tranmere: Coyne, Stockdale, Chorley, Goodison, Taylor, Myrie-Williams (Zola 72), McLaren, Jennings, Cansdell-Sherriff, Moore, Greenacre.

Subs not used: Achterberg, Kay, Mullin.

Swindon: Brezovan, Comminges, Ifil, Aljofree, Vincent, McGovern (Mohamed 72), Peacock, Easton (Timlin 81), McNamee, Cox, Paynter.

Subs not used: P. Smith, J. Smith, Sturrock.

Referee: R. Lewis (Shrewsbury).

Attendance: 5,815.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Jennings (12), Greenacre (40); Swindon - Paynter (68).

Players

Peter Brezovan

A giant in goal at 6'7, Brezovan signed on a year's loan from Czech club FC Brno in the summer of 2006. Brezovan became a fans favourite after performing heroics on his competitive debut against Hartlepool United on the opening debut, saving two penalties from Porter and Humphreys to earn Town all three points. He has since signed a two-year permanent deal to stay at SN1, having put pen to paper on his new contract in March 2007.

Phil Smith

Phil Smith joined Swindon in late July 2006 from Crawley Town. Smith had made 74 starts for Crawley Town during a two-year stay, which followed a year's spell at Margate where he made 35 starts. A dependable customer, Smith slotted into become the number one for the remainder of the 2006-7 season following Brezovan's unfortunate injury.

Jack Smith

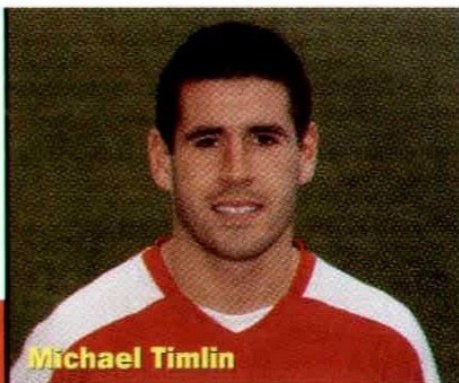
Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith added youthful experience to the Town side. In 2006-07 he was in excellent form back at his preferred right-back position, also opening his goalscoring account for the club and has been a penalty taker on several occasions. He has been a regular in the side over the last four seasons.

Jamie Vincent

Jamie Vincent arrived at The County Ground in the summer of 2006 hoping to make the left-back slot his own, and by the end of the campaign he had done far more than just that. Made Captain following the injury to Ady Williams in February, Vincent also performed at centre-back and was a rock at the back throughout the campaign.

Hasney Aljofree

Experienced centreback who arrives at The County Ground with plenty of Coca-



Michael Timlin

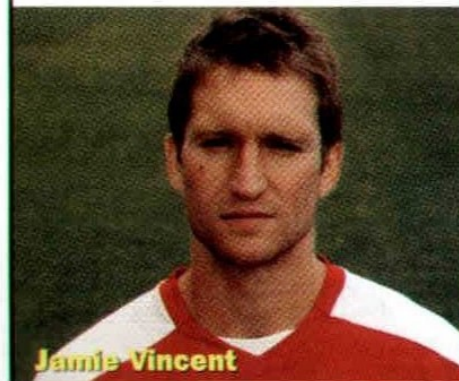
Cola Championship experience. Previous clubs include Bolton Wanderers, Dundee United and Plymouth Argyle, from where he signed for Swindon on a three-year deal in the summer of 2007.

Jerel Ifil

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 2002-04. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004, he has now exceeded 100 appearances for the club. In 2006-7 Ifil enjoyed his best season to date in a Town shirt, benefiting from the experienced Ady Williams alongside him at the heart of the defence and he scored the opener against Walsall on the last day of the season, helping Town secure promotion.

Lee Peacock

Lee Peacock joined Swindon Town on 20th January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. The experienced frontman started his career at Carlisle United as a trainee, but after scoring 11 goals in 52 appearances he made the switch to Mansfield Town in October 1997 for £75,000. It proved to be a productive spell with The Stags with 29 goals in 80 appearances attracting Manchester City who parted with £500,000 for his services. However, his time at Maine Road was not as successful as he

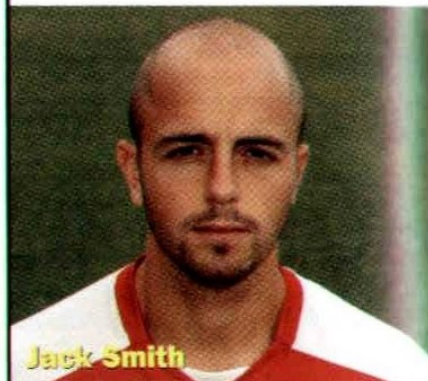


Jamie Vincent

would have liked due to injuries, but his next stop certainly was. A £600,000 move to Bristol City in August 2000 heralded the start of a successful four year spell at Ashton Gate. 54 goals in 131 league starts was the result of his stay with the Robins. Next up was Sheffield Wednesday, who he joined on a free transfer in the summer of 2004, on a free transfer.

Barry Corr

After impressing during a three-month loan spell last term, Barry Corr put pen to paper on a new two-year contract in June 2006, signing on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. The Irishman made his debut for the Town reserves against Bristol City on the same day he put pen to paper on the initial loan deal and netted on what was his first appearance in a Swindon shirt. Corr joined The Owls in April 2005 from Yorkshire rivals Leeds United after an initial trial spell with the Elland Road club.



Jack Smith

Blair Sturrock

Sturrock junior arrived at The County Ground in November 2006 to join up with Physio Dick Mackey for treatment following an injury which ruled him out of the latter stages of the 2005-6 campaign, when he was at Rochdale. The striker joined Dundee United as a trainee before spending time at Brechin on loan. Sturrock then had a three-year spell on the south coast with Plymouth Argyle making most of his appearances as a substitute. In 2004, Sturrock moved to Kidderminster, then onto Rochdale 9 months later where he hit six goals in fifteen starts.

Craig Easton

Craig Easton arrived at The County Ground in June 2007 to add further experience to the central midfield area. The former Scotland Under 21 International joins up at The County Ground with over 300 league

appearances under his belt. Easton, 28, started his career at Dundee United where he came up through the ranks to make 162 league starts before departing in the summer of 2004.

He then spent a year at Livingston before joining Leyton Orient in July 2005.

Jon-Paul McGovern

Jon-Paul McGovern joined Swindon Town on Friday 31st August 2007, just hours before the close of the transfer window. A lively winger who can operate out wide or through the middle, McGovern's arrival was a major boost to Paul Sturrock who had been chasing the player for some time.

The 26-year old was a key cog in Paul Sturrock's Sheffield Wednesday side which won promotion to the Coca-Cola Championship and made over 60 appearances for The Owls during two seasons at Hillsborough.

Billy Paynter

Striker Billy Paynter signed for Swindon Town on Friday 31st August for an undisclosed fee from Southend United. The 23-year old striker was restricted to just five league starts at Roots Hall after signing a three-year contract with the Blues from then Championship rivals Hull City in August 2006.

The 6'0 striker has scored 60 career goals and made 200 league starts and adds much-needed firepower to the Swindon attack.

Simon Cox

Swindon Town manager Maurice Malpas completed the signing of Reading striker Simon Cox on deadline day, January 2008, signing a two and a half year deal at The County Ground.

Reading-born Cox joined his hometown club at the age of nine and progressed up through the academy ranks before making his senior debut against Luton Town in the Carling Cup in September 2005.

Cox spent time in League One, scoring three goals in six league starts for Northampton Town towards the end of the 2006/07 campaign.

He has scored more than 30 goals for the Robins.

Kevin Amankwaah

Right back Amankwaah began his career at Bristol City. He eventually left Ashton Gate in February 2005, when he signed for Yeovil Town, initially on loan and then on a permanent basis. Amankwaah signed for Swansea City in July 2006 for a fee of £250,000. He left to join Swindon Town in June 2008.



One To Watch - Hal Robson-Kanu

Reading winger Hal Robson-Kanu joined Swindon on loan earlier this year after previous spells in League One with Southend United.

Robson-Kanu made six starts for Steve Tilson's side in 2007-08 and scored three goals against Nottingham Forest, Huddersfield Town and Swansea City before returning to Reading. This season he made 15 appearances for the Shrimpers, including their 2-2 draw at Prenton Park.

An England youth international, Robson-Kanu has represented his country at under-19 level.

Lilian Nalis

French midfielder Lilian Nalis completed his move to League One side Swindon Town last summer.

The 36-year-old was released by Plymouth at the end of last season and moved to the County Ground as a free agent.

He impressed Robins boss Maurice Malpas during a trial period at the club, putting in eye-catching displays during friendly dates with Chippenham and Cardiff.

Michael Timlin

Swindon Town manager Maurice Malpas dipped into the transfer market with the addition of Michael Timlin in May 2008.

He started his Fulham career as a left-winger but was converted to central midfield by Fulham's then Academy Director, Steve Kean

Following the permanent switch to Wiltshire, 'Timms' has relocated from his London base to Swindon and began the season alongside Lilian Nalis in midfield.

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League Results & Fixture Card Season 2008-09

August

Sat 9	H	Tranmere Rovers	W	3-1
Sat 16	A	Cheltenham Town	L	0-2
Sat 23	H	Colchester United	L	1-3
Sat 30	A	MK Dons	W	2-1

September

Fri 5	A	Hereford United	D	1-1
Sat 13	H	Leeds United	L	1-3
Sat 20	A	Stockport County	D	1-1
Sun 28	H	Millwall	L	1-2

October

Fri 3	A	Hartlepool United	D	3-3
Sat 11	H	Huddersfield Town	L	1-3
Sat 18	A	Southend United	L	1-2
Tue 21	H	Northampton Town	W	2-1
Sat 25	H	Oldham Athletic	W	2-0

November

Sat 1	A	Scunthorpe United	D	3-3
Sat 15	H	Leicester City	D	2-2
Sat 22	A	Bristol Rovers	D	2-2
Tue 25	H	Peterborough United	D	2-2
Sat 29	A	Walsall	L	1-2

December

Sat 6	H	Carlisle United	D	1-1
Sat 13	A	Crewe Alexandra	L	0-1
Sat 20	H	Yeovil Town	L	2-3
Fri 26	A	Leyton Orient	W	2-1
Sun 28	H	Brighton & Hove A.	L	0-2

January

Tue 13	H	Stockport County	D	1-1
Sat 17	A	Huddersfield Town	L	1-2
Tue 27	H	Walsall	W	3-1
Sat 31	A	Oldham Athletic	D	0-0

February

Sat 14	A	Leicester City	D	1-1
Tue 17	A	Millwall	D	1-1
Sat 21	H	Scunthorpe United	W	4-2
Tue 24	H	Hartlepool United	L	0-1
Sat 28	A	Tranmere Rovers		

March

Tue 3	H	Cheltenham Town		
Sat 7	H	MK Dons		
Tue 10	A	Colchester United		
Sat 14	A	Leeds United		
Tue 17	H	Southend United		
Sat 21	H	Hereford United		
Tue 24	A	Northampton Town		
Sat 28	A	Yeovil Town		

April

Sat 4	H	Crewe Alexandra		
Sat 11	A	Brighton & Hove A.		
Mon 13	H	Leyton Orient		
Sat 18	A	Carlisle United		
Sat 25	H	Bristol Rovers		

May

Sat 2	A	Peterborough United		
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Manager



Danny Wilson

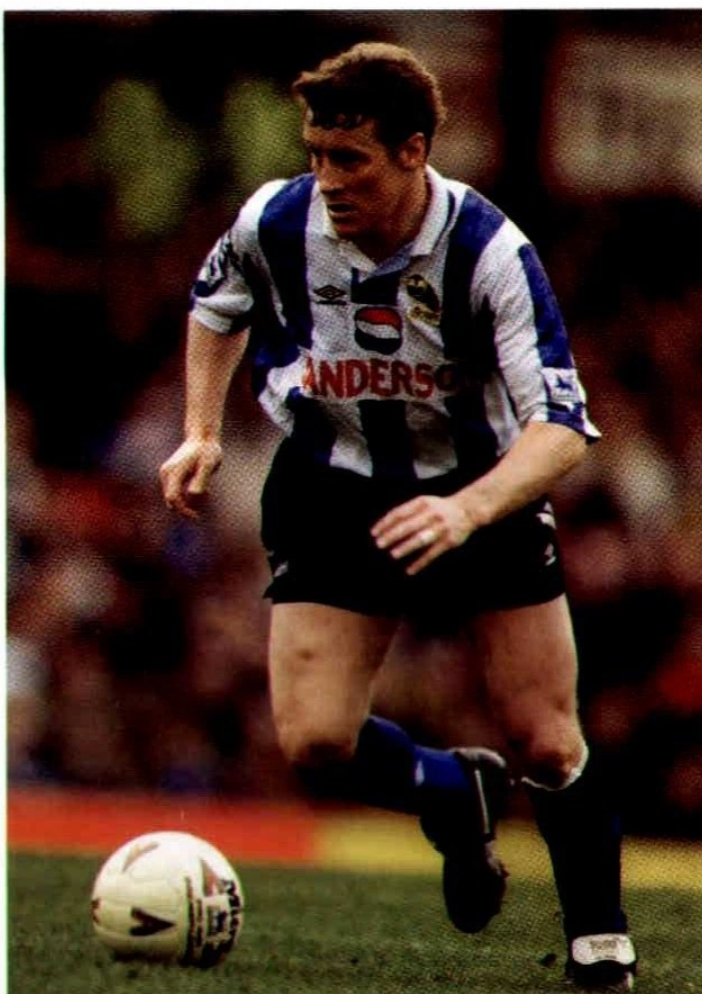
As a player, Danny Wilson won the League Cup with both Luton Town in 1988 and Sheffield Wednesday in 1991.

His equaliser for Luton against Arsenal with seven minutes remaining in the 1988 final is arguably the most famous match-saving goal in the club's history. He was also a runner-up in both domestic cup finals with Sheffield Wednesday in 1993. He also made 24 caps for Northern Ireland, scoring 1 goal.

After ending his career, Wilson managed Barnsley, Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City, and Milton Keynes Dons, before being appointed manager of Hartlepool United in June 2006.

In the 2006-07 season, he guided Pools to second from top of League Two and promotion back to League One.

After leaving Hartlepool United earlier this season, he took over the reigns at Swindon Town.



Last Game...

Swindon Town (0) 0

Hartlepool United (0) 1

Coca-Cola League One

Tuesday 24th February 2009

County Ground

Substitutes: McNamee, Allen, Peacock, P. Smith, Morrison.

Goalscorers: N/A.

Bookings: Paynter.

Referee: A. Hall (West Midlands)

Attendance: 6,010



Year Formed: 1881.

Turned Professional: 1894.

Home Venue: County Ground.

Current Capacity: 14,800.

Record Attendance: 32,000, v Arsenal, FA Cup Third Round, Saturday 15th January 1972.

Previous Venues: 1881-1896 The Croft, 1896- Date County Ground.

First Football League Game: v Luton Town (home), League Division Three South, Saturday 28th August 1920 - Won 9-1.

Record League Victory: 9-1, v Luton Town (home), Division Three South, Saturday 28th August 1920.

Record Defeat: 1-10, v Manchester City (away), FA Cup Fourth Round Replay, Saturday 25th January 1930.

Record League Victory over Rovers: 4-1 (home), League Division Three, Friday 23rd March 1979.

Record League Defeat to Rovers: 0-3 (away), League Division One, Monday 21st October 1974.

Average Attendance in 2008-09: 8,992.

Final League Position in 2007-08: 13th - Coca-Cola League One (61 points).

League Goalscorers 2008-09

Simon COX	19	Craig EASTON	2
Billy PAYNTER	8	Barry CORR	2
Jack SMITH	5	Patrick KANYUKA	1
Lee PEACOCK	3	Hal ROBSON-KANU	1
Michael TIMLIN	2	Sean MORRISON	1
Jerel IFIL	2	Kevin AMANKWAH	1
Jon-Paul MCGOVERN	2		



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Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Matt Fryatt	Leicester	21	5	26
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	16	7	23
Gary Hooper	Scunthorpe	17	5	22
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	21	0	21
Craig Mackail-Smith	Peterboro	18	3	21
Simon Cox	Swindon	16	3	19
Joel Porter	Hartlepool	13	5	18
Danny Graham	Carlisle	15	1	16
Aaron Mclean	Peterboro	15	1	16

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	17	62	3.65
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	15	54	3.60
County Ground	Swindon	15	54	3.60
Gianford Park	Scunthorpe	14	46	3.29
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	14	46	3.29
Brunton Park	Carlisle	15	49	3.27
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	15	48	3.20
Banks's Stadium	Walsall	15	47	3.13
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	15	47	3.13
London Road Ground	Peterboro	15	46	3.07
Elland Road	Leeds	16	49	3.06
Boundary Park	Oldham	16	45	2.81
stadium:mk	MK Dons	15	42	2.80
Prenton Park	Tranmere	17	47	2.76
Edgeley Park	Stockport	17	46	2.71
Huish Park	Yeovil	15	38	2.53
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	17	43	2.53
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	16	39	2.44
The Walkers Stadium	Leicester	17	40	2.35
Edgar Street	Hereford	15	33	2.20
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	15	32	2.13
The New Den	Millwall	16	34	2.12
The Weston Homes	Colchester	16	33	2.06
Roots Hall	Southend	15	30	2.00

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 259 Leicester. **shots off target** 238 Peterborough. **corners** 210 Leicester. **hit woodwork** 14 Leeds. **offsides** 137 Leicester. **fouls** 445 Millwall. **yellow cards** 66 Millwall. **red cards** 9 Cheltenham.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 120 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Shots on target** 78 Matt Fryatt (Leicester). **Shots off target** 52 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 11 Steve Howard (Leicester). **Crosses** 111 Simon Francis (Southend). **Offsides** 71 Lee Hughes (Oldham). **Fouls** 99 Steve Howard (Leicester). **Free-kicks won** 79 Bas Savage (Tranmere).



2008/09 SEASON

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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 1050

RIGHT FOOT 584 goals



LEFT FOOT 238 goals



HEADERS 191 goals



Own goals 32 (3.0%), Other body part 5 (0.5%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
 Dominic Blizzard (Stockport vs Hereford) 0:11

By a substitute after coming on
 Richard Barker (Peterborough vs Hartlepool) 0:48

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
 Billy Clarke (Northampton vs Leicester) 0:54

By a substitute after coming on
 Ben May (Scunthorpe vs Millwall) 1:15

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1726

Offsides2261

Corners4097

Shots Off Target4030

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 7 7

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **4189** shots on target, goals constitute **25.1%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **188** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Huddersfield 14). There have been **92** penalties awarded this season and of those **66** have been scored (a success rate of **71.7%**). Leicester have been awarded most penalties - **7**. Oldham have given most penalties away **7**. The team to score the most penalties is Leicester **6**. L Orient missed **4** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

RESULTS

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

0-0	27
0-1	25
0-2	18
0-3	6
0-4	2
0-5	-
1-0	37
1-1	37
1-2	37
1-3	12
1-4	3
1-5	-
2-0	27
2-1	30
2-2	21
2-3	5
2-4	3
2-5	-
3-0	16
3-1	17
3-2	11
3-3	6
3-4	2
3-5	1
3-6	1
4-0	4
4-1	7
4-2	7
4-3	2
4-4	1
4-5	-
5-0	2
5-1	1
5-2	2
5-3	1
5-4	1
6-1	1

*up to and including 22/02/2009



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Ronnie Moore

Played 124 Won 50 Drawn 31 Lost 43
For 154 Against 138
Av Pts/game 1.46
Biggest Win(s) Won 4-1 on 2 occasions
Biggest Loss(es) L Orient 3 Tranmere 0 (08/01/2008).

Danny Wilson

Played 9 Won 3 Drawn 4 Lost 2
For 13 Against 12
Av Pts/game 1.44
Biggest Win(s) Swindon 4 Scunthorpe 2 (21/02/2009). Biggest Loss(es) Swindon 0 Brighton 2 (28/12/2008).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..8 | Ronnie Moore4 | Danny Wilson2
Draws ..2 | Goals 10 | Goals 8

Player with the most...

shots

Antony
Kay 49

shots on target

Ian
Moore 19

shots off target

Antony
Kay 31

assists

Chris
Shuker 8

crosses

Andy
Taylor 108

fouls

Bas
Savage 72

free-kicks-won

Bas
Savage 79



Player with the most...

shots

Simon
Cox 71

shots on target

Simon
Cox 34

shots off target

Simon
Cox 37

assists

Anthony
McNamee 5

crosses

Anthony
McNamee 51

fouls

Billy
Paynter 39

free-kicks-won

Billy
Paynter 50

GAMES SINCE

3	a win	0
3	a home win	0
1	an away win	4
2	a defeat	5
7	a home defeat	3
0	an away defeat	3
0	a score draw	1
4	a no score draw	3
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
2	conceding > 1	0
6	scoring > 1	0
3	keeping a clean sheet	3
4	failing to score	3
6	back to back wins	19
12	back to back defeats	9
0	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
7	win by > one	0
13	loss by > one	7

SHARP SHOOTERS

Tranmere	CCFL Cup	Tot	Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot		
Ian Moore	8	1	9	Simon Cox	16	3	19
Antony Kay	6	1	7	Billy Paynter	7	1	8
Edrissa Sonko	5	1	6	Jack Smith	5	0	5

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played53 | Tranmere wins18 | Swindon wins21
Draws14 | Goals 71 (1.3 per game) | Goals 76 (1.4 per game)
0-0's4 | Times failed to score 14 | Times failed to score 9

Biggest League win at Tranmere for each team:

10/02/1998 & 21/10/1974 Tranmere 3-0 Swindon
24/01/1969 Tranmere 3-5 Swindon



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS



9	Position	19
32	Played	30
14	Won	7
7	Drawn	12
11	Lost	11
44	Goals For	45
38	Goals Against	51
49	Points	33



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	4	6	7	5	8	6	6

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
8	3	5	9	2	4	5	24

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	4	1	9	6	8	0	15

Record When Conceding First

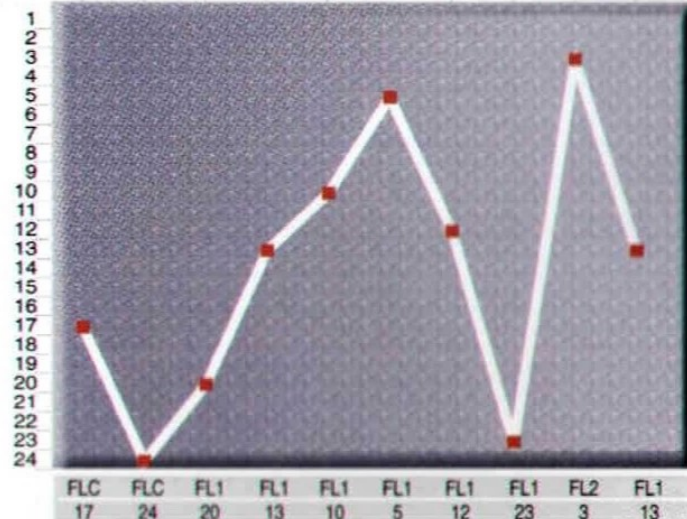
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
3	1	10	12	1	3	11	19

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-0[3], 2-1[5], 4-1[2],
Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[1], 1-2[2], 1-3[3],
3-4[1], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[2], 2-2[3]
Wins: 2-0[1], 2-1[3], 3-1[1], 3-2[1],
4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[1], 0-2[2], 1-2[4],
1-3[3], 2-3[1], Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[6],
2-2[3], 3-3[2]

SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

98/99 99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08



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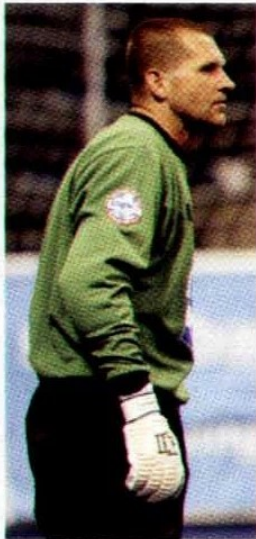


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Congratulations to winger Chris Shuker who recently hit the 100 start mark for Rovers.



The Club is running a two day course for budding shot stoppers across the region with coaching from First Team goalkeeper John Achterberg.

The course for 8-16 year olds takes place on Tuesday 14th April and Wednesday 15th April 2009 at Ingleborough Training Ground, Prenton.

It will be an ideal opportunity for a young goalkeeper to receive expert coaching under the supervision of our Goalkeeper Coach John Achterberg and other goalkeeping coaches at the Club.

Included in the course will be technical work, focusing on the aspects of handling, diving, footwork, crosses and distribution. Goalkeepers will also be given the

chance to put the techniques into practise under pressure in small sided game situations. The coaching staff will use clinics to demonstrate the various techniques and break them down into manageable practises.

For more details, download an application form from www.tranmererovers.co.uk or email courses@tranmererovers.co.uk.

Have you entered our Junior Reporter competition yet?

In conjunction with the Football League and the Fans of the Future programme, supported by E.ON, Tranmere Rovers is inviting young fans (aged 14 and under) to send in a match report of any Rovers home game from this season.

A winner will be selected by our special team of judges, with it being published online on the Club's official website, www.tranmererovers.co.uk. There's also a special goody bag up for grabs for the winner.

The winning entry will then go forward to national judging to identify one winner from each division, which The Football League will then invite for a day out at the relevant divisional Play-Off Final at Wembley in order to write a report of the day to feature on www.football-league.co.uk.

So what are you waiting for...you can send in entries up until the final closing date of Tuesday, 30 March at 5pm.

Entries should be no more than 500 words long and must include the entrants' name, age and contact details.

Try to include all the key incidents from the game - goals, shots, misses, red and yellow cards and any controversial decisions.

Send your entries by email to:

webmaster@tranmererovers.co.uk, or by post to Junior Reporter Competition, Tranmere Rovers FC, Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY.

By entering this competition you agree that if you are selected by the Club as the winner we can provide your name, address and other contact details, together with a copy of your winning entry to The Football League for it to be judged against the winners from all the other clubs as part of The Football League's Official Matchday Reporter competition. Terms and Conditions of that competition are available on request.

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...Congratulations to our latest winner **Paul Lewis**, who was the lucky holder of the winning Equaliser ticket against Peterborough - and collected a cheque from Craig Curran for **£602.00** ...Don't forget to buy yours today

With just two months to go until the Tranmere Rovers Player of the Season awards dinner, the voting has now opened...

This year we'll be naming the Player of the Season, Young Player of the Season and Goal of the Season winners, all voted for by you, the supporters.

Plus, there will be the announcement of the Players' Player of the Season and Players' Young Player of the Season.

On the night the voice of Tranmere - BBC Radio Merseyside's Derek Jones - will be hosting the awards part of the evening and there will be a DVD showing the shortlisted candidates in each of the three main awards to give those there a little reminder of why they were voted for.

Last season Ian Goodison was named Player of the Season for the second year in a row and he's likely to be a contender again this time around, with competition from a handful of the squad. There's still plenty of time for you to have your say on who wins each award:

Simply email your votes to playeroftheseason@tranmererovers.co.uk, making it clear who you are voting for in each category (and in the case of Goal of the Season, which match the goal was scored in).

Alternatively, fill in a voting form in the Club Shop, or post your entries to Player of the Season, Tranmere Rovers Football Club, Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead, CH42 9PY.

To get you started, we've listed some of the goals from the season that may be worth a vote.

And if you want to be there to see who the winners are, then we'd be happy to welcome you to the event.

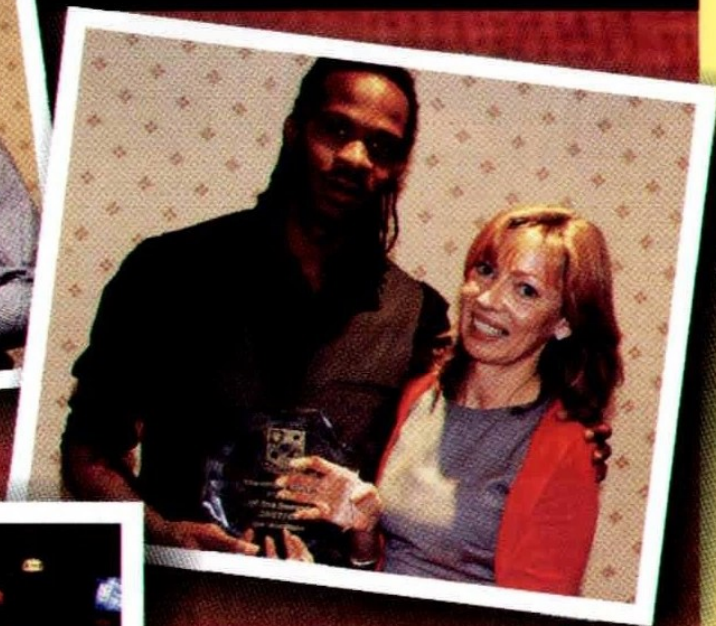
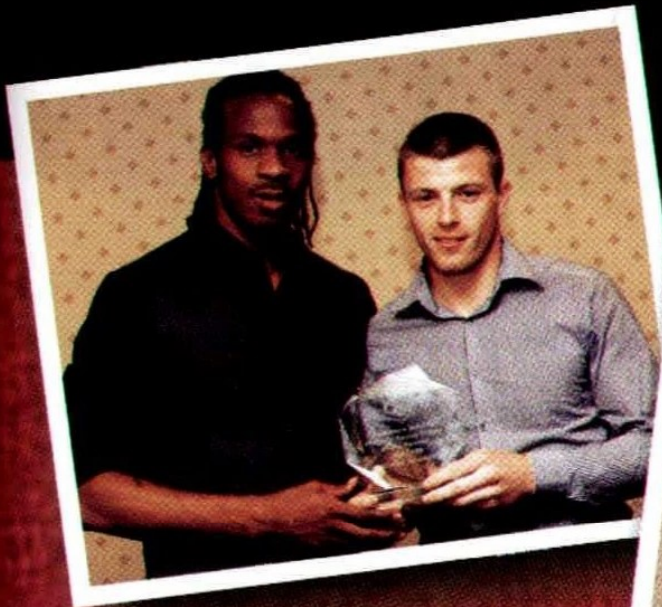
You'll get to spend the evening with the players and coaching staff, enjoy a three course meal and some great entertainment - all for just £30. The dinner takes place in the Belmont Suite at Prenton Park on Monday, 30th April and there will be plenty of opportunities for photographs and getting autographs throughout the evening. To book your seat(s), either call into the Club Shop / Ticket Office or call Dawn on 0151 609 3336.

Do these goals get your vote?

- * Craig Curran v Hartlepool United,
Prenton Park, Saturday, 16 August***
- * Ryan Shotton v Colchester United,
Prenton Park, Friday, 26 September***
- * Ian Moore v Scunthorpe United,
Glanford Park, Tuesday, 16 December***
- * Edrissa Sonko v Scunthorpe United,
Prenton Park, Tuesday, 25 November***
- * Ian Moore v Leeds United,
Prenton Park, Saturday, 6 December***
- * Gareth Edds v Carlisle United,
Prenton Park, Saturday, 24 January***
- * Ian Moore v Carlisle United,
Prenton Park, Saturday, 24 January***

It's YOUR Vote...





*Don't forget!...
Monday
30th April
2009*

Off The Air

Nigel Adderley



Swindon Town. It wasn't too long ago that those two words would cause Tranmere fans to splutter with indignation and demand the person who uttered them to apologise.

First, we were the unwitting victims of the fiasco in 1990 which saw Swindon punished for making illegal payments to their players and Tranmere were promoted just long enough for the players to spend their bonuses before being sent down again after an appeal. Then there was the floodlight failure at the County Ground a couple of years later when Rovers were winning something which didn't happen when the match was replayed. I should gloss over the play-off semi-final defeat when the season unravelled in the space of three minutes but younger Rovers fans need to know just how good we used to be and how close we were to making the bigtime.

Of course, Swindon went up to the Premier League and failed in spectacular fashion. I remember one of their supporters telling me before their final match of the season 'well, at least we won't concede 100 goals'. No-one had told Leeds that as they went out and hit five to complete the century.

Before they could recover, another relegation followed straight away and Swindon eventually became the first former Premier League club to drop into the old fourth division.

I do wonder if they really enjoyed being thumped every week in the top-flight and how much the experience damaged the club in the long-term? Such is the financial disparity in football now I think the Swindon scenario is in danger of being repeated much more often.

On the two previous occasions Tranmere were promoted I never had any doubts we would survive and that the players would be able to cope at the higher level. But now, even with a manager like Ronnie Moore who kept Rotherham so high for so long and knows what he's doing on a budget, I think it would be a good deal harder.

Clubs such as Crewe, Grimsby, Bury, Oxford and Port Vale used to be regular opponents in what is now the Championship but apart from Doncaster (generous owner) and Blackpool (had an excellent manager) are there any genuine smaller clubs left?

Charlton could be in League One next season and they're still thumbing through the parachute payments they received following relegation from the Premier League. Southampton and Norwich could also be making a return visit to the third tier and there's no guarantee Leeds United won't still be here either.

I think the Championship is now a far harsher environment than the one Tranmere vacated eight years ago. Clubs in huge stadia with proud histories are just happy to cling on to having a notional chance of making it back to the Premier League but privately may dread the prospect of being chewed up and spat out before rediscovering how the other half live.

Don't get me wrong, I'm desperate to see Rovers go up this season but just a bit concerned at what might happen, unless of course we find an ageing goalscorer on the continent of around a quarter of a million.....

"I think the Championship is now a far harsher environment than the one Tranmere vacated eight years ago."

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Tranmere Rovers In The Community was proud to hold its official Duke of Edinburgh Award induction evening earlier this week.

Present at the induction were the 35 local young people who have just begun their bronze awards with the Club's charity along with Community staff and Duke Of Edinburgh Award organisers.

The award has four sections to complete - physical, leadership, a skill and an expedition which will see all participants attend an outward bounds weekend, with Wales the likely destination.

Following the completion of the bronze award which it is hoped will be presented to the participants on the pitch at a Tranmere home game - the silver award will then commence in October.

Tranmere Rovers are one of only 17 Football League clubs piloting this project through the Football League Trust and all of the Club's community staff are now fully trained to lead the award with a good percentage of the four sections being completed through community activities including the

volunteering aspect of the award.

A nationally recognised company - Peak Pursuits - lead the expedition.

Peter Westgarth, Chief Executive, DoFE said: "The DoFE is delighted to be working in partnership with The Football League Trust. Our alliance will enable us to challenge social and cultural barriers to help individuals and build stronger communities.

"The combination of young people's passion for football and our youth development expertise, our combined national networks and the valued Duke of Edinburgh's Award will create a winning team that will benefit thousands of young people in the years to come."

Welcome to today's special guests from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Oxtou who are taking part in a Matchday Experience with Tranmere Rovers In The Community.

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Prenton Pups

...For our younger supporters...



A Grand Day Out For...



...Both **Cameron Shaw**, who thoroughly enjoyed his day and got to meet the players before kick off - and of course Terry Gornell's first senior TRFC goal. Well done!

To win the chance of becoming mascot during this season, forms are available to customers purchasing a **full replica Home kit** from the Club Shop.

Good Afternoon to all of our younger supporters and a special good afternoon to all of the visiting supporters - especially the younger ones - who have made the long journey from Swindon to be here with us for today's match.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Prenton Park and have a safe journey home.

Don't forget that the next Prenton Pups meeting will be taking place on Thursday 5th March from 7pm in the Tranmere Suite.

We hope to be joined on the night by a couple of our playing squad so don't forget those all important cameras and autograph books! There will also be our end of night Tranmere related quiz along with a special announcement or 2 for our Pups. We hope to see you all there!

The Pups would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Katy Heller who lives in Scotland with her Mummy and Daddy and who will be celebrating her 1st birthday on Monday 2nd March.

We hope you enjoy your very special day Katy from all of your friends in the Prenton Pups.

Until Next Time.....Enjoy the match!!

Denise & Diane X

ROVERS HELPERS



Daniel & Stuart Ball helped out at our **MK Dons** game.

Would you like to help Rover on matchdays or matchnights?

Application forms for future games this season can be obtained from the Club Shop now...

Which part of Prenton Park is this?



...Answer in our next programme...



Next Meeting...
Thursday 5th March

...From 7.00pm...

Ground Quiz Answer: MK Dons programme 'Bebington Paddock seats'

Match Action

Archive Footage

Tranmere Rovers (0) 1
Milton Keynes Dons (0) 1

Coca-Cola League One

Saturday 21st February 2009 - Prenton Park

Attendance:

Tranmere: Achterberg, Shotton, Chorley, Goodison (Edds 81), Cresswell, Shuker, Jennings, Kay, Barnett (Sonko 81), Savage, Moore (Gornell 81). Substitutes not used: Kennedy, Henry.

MK Dons: Gueret, Stirling, Lewington, Llera, Johnson, Wilbraham, Regan, Puncheon (Baldock 76), Navarro, Leven, Belson. Substitutes not used: Abbey, Gerba, Howell, O'Hanlon.

Referee: Russell Booth (Nottinghamshire).

- 29 Charlie Barnett volleys over Willy Gueret's goal from 10 yards
- 44 Chris Shuker forces the keeper to palm just past his far post with a low angled shot
- 74 Peter Leven puts the visitors a goal up when converting from the penalty spot
- 83 Terry Gornell scores his first goal for the Club as Rovers level
- 86 Bas Savage is one on one with Gueret but the keeper somehow catches the ball as the striker races through











Antony Kay

Midfielder



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Rare stadium visit to view cup challenge

Having taken time off from the usual first team excursions once again in 2008-09, the Tranmere alternatives' brought a rare trip to a revamped Moss Rose recently, the home of Macclesfield Town.

A withdrawal from the Cheshire Senior Cup by the Cheshire-based professional clubs meant a long-awaited return for the Cheshire Premier Cup competition, which would now welcome the Football League's 'newest' club, Macclesfield Town into the fold.

The competition, as previously mentioned, had been revived for the first time since 1981, when Tranmere Rovers were in fact the last winners, beating Chester 4-2 on penalties having drawn 2-2 in normal time.

The Premier Cup actually replaced the more notable Cheshire Bowl competition in 1968, with Rovers again running out overall winners following a 4-1 victory over Stockport County at Prenton Park.

The format over the next few seasons became rather erratic to say the least and in later years a group game system was put in place with the best club record deciding the overall winner.

Following the long break in seasons, this time around Crewe Alexandra proved to be the team to beat, having overcome Stockport County at Gresty Road winning 3-2, while walloping Chester City on their own turf 7-0.

With Rovers eventually losing to Macclesfield 1-3 in highly entertaining game, the Silkmen now take their place in the Final, scheduled to be played at Gresty Road before the close of the season.

This also means we have still yet to meet Macclesfield Town in a first team league fixture, leaving our previous meetings solely reserved for cup competitions.

Their small, yet tidy McAlpine Stand is in total contrast to the rest of the ground, but it's at this point then that having taken a good look around the Moss Rose venue, served a cup of tea at half time by first manager Keith Alexander at the bar, and viewed a small period of the second half from a glass box, that I realised that the immediate future for any stadia at our level may have already been seen on our first team travels this season.

Having now taken in three brand new stadiums with Rovers in 2008-09, the closest and latest venue to be constructed now lies with Leigh Genesis and their brand new Sports Village facility. It incorporates a capacity stadium to host both matches in the

Unibond Premier Division, Leigh Centurions Rugby league club, and eventually Manchester United Reserves.

Having suffered postponements due to the bad weather like much of the rest of us, Cammell Laird are due to visit for a rearranged league game on Tuesday 31st March, and with no Rovers fixture planned for that evening, you can probably guess what I'll be doing instead.

After the involving our match at Colchester's brand new Weston Homes Community Stadium, indication's away from the Club that we may be sharing a 10,000-capacity stadium with the Camels in the very near future is pure speculation.

But having taken note of stadium issues between league and non-league clubs not only in Essex, but across the country, maybe you might not however be able to write off any possibilities of such an occurrence here on the Wirral.

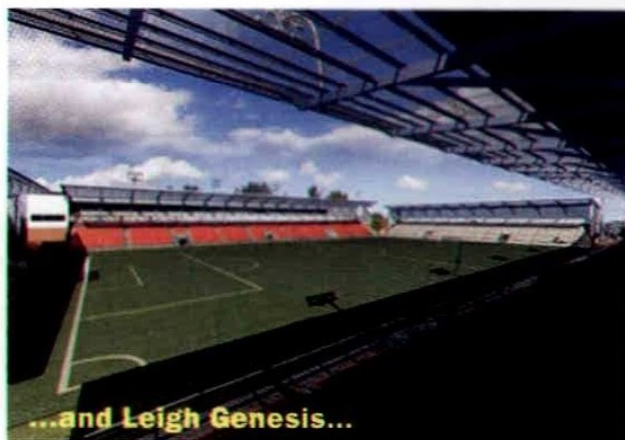
Colchester's transition from the 'slumdog' surroundings of Layer Road to the pristine and luxurious facilities at their new ground have already proved to the lower league clubs that anything is possible - despite the standard four-similar-stands design that puts United's ground on a par with Shrewsbury Town, AFC Bournemouth but of course the opposite to that worse case scenario, Chester City's Deva Stadium.

MK Dons' Stadium MK was built with concerts and the like in mind as well as staging football, while Leicester City followed the same pattern, but these grounds are based on the assumption of looking to the future of much bigger crowds in the seasons to come.

Whether or not MK Dons achieve this can only be left to their immediate fate, but with Leicester already looking the most unlikely team in League One to slip up before May, their success may be sealed already despite a natural drop in attendances this season.

At the opposite ends of the scale, Millwall's plan to relocate to a smaller venue in order to reduce maintenance cost now seems to be common knowledge, while Rotherham United's uncontrollable plight of having to move to the Don Valley Stadium in order to secure the Clubs' existence also beckons another debate on where exactly football stadia is now heading.

Will it happen to us then? Watch this space I suppose...and a story I'd like to take up in a future programme.

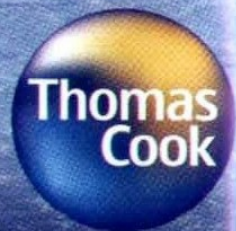




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Fans

Richard Lewis

Zlatan Ibrahimovic...what a player.

Inter's Champions League Second Round match against Manchester United may have ended goalless, but for me, it proved what an exceptional talent he is. Even in the first half when Inter were up against it, every time he had the ball it looked like something could happen. His ball control was effortless, his movement sublime and his vision...well I've run out of superlatives. One man doesn't make a team, but it can go a long way to turn a good team into a great team. Did anyone else notice that United stood off him all match? They didn't dare risk tackle him in the knowledge that if he skipped past a shot would follow, and he doesn't miss the target often. Without wanting to offend any Swedes out there, it's a shame he's Swedish, as he'll more than likely never win the major international honour that his talent deserves. In that respect, he joins a handful of great players, like Ryan Giggs, Andriy Shevchenko at his best, George Best, George Weah and many more who have been somewhat affected by the nation of their birth. It makes you wonder whether there's any potential for a wild card team at World Cups...a squad of the best players from nations who didn't qualify for the competition, and Ibrahimovic would be first on my list.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, it was sad to see the plight of Weymouth Football Club this past week or so.

They've been unable to pay their players for so long that

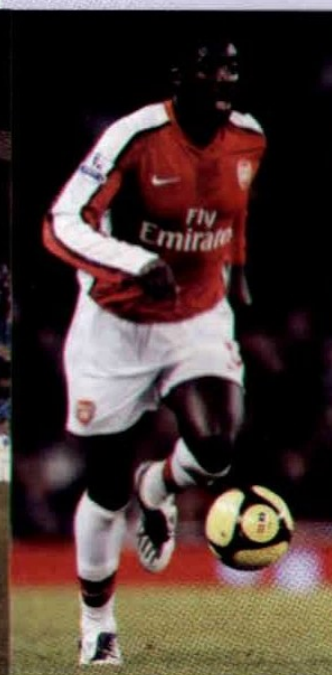
the squad refused to play last week. They still went ahead with a Blue Square Premier fixture against Rushden and Diamonds last Saturday and fielded a youth team. They got thrashed 9-0. This is the same club that just three seasons ago held Nottingham Forest to a 1-1 draw at the City Ground in the FA Cup and then had a full house and the sky cameras at Wessex Stadium for the replay, and then a season later was on the BBC for their First Round tie against Bury. How times change. I hope for their fans' sake that they manage to find a way out of their financial crisis and sooner rather than later.

Back to the Champions League, and Arsenal remarkably started the second half with only nine men.

Not because they'd had players sent off, but because

Kolo Toure has a superstition that he must be the last player out on to the pitch, and he had to wait as William Gallas was receiving treatment. It's a good job Arsenal didn't concede a goal in that time or the story would have grabbed the headlines in a completely different manner. I'm not aware of any Tranmere players having such odd superstitions, but if they do, you like to think they'd have enough common sense to get over it and get onto the pitch in those circumstances.

"One man doesn't make a team, but it can go a long way to turn a good team into a great team."



Reserves & Youth



A Paul Henry goal wasn't enough for Rovers as they were defeated 3-1 by Macclesfield Town at Moss Rose in the Cheshire Premier Cup Semi-Finals.

Rovers, who fielded a very young side, were 2-1 down at half time, with the Silkmen adding a third in the second half to secure a place in the final against Crewe Alexandra.

Coach Shaun Garnett said: "Performance-wise it was a satisfactory night's work but our defending from set-plays was poor. We conceded two goals from corners and one from a free-kick.

"The lads have to learn that you will never win anything unless you defend probably from set-plays."

Tranmere: Kennedy, Holmes, Waterfall, Denson, Jones, Mackreth, Henry, Corrigan, Wilson, Macauley, Gornell. Substitutes not used: Collister, Richardson, Ashcroft, Rule, Baker.

Rovers' youth's disappointing run continued with a 3-1 home defeat against Walsall in the Puma Youth Alliance.

Dave Wilson scored his fifth goal of the season but it wasn't enough for Tranmere as they slipped to tenth in the division.

After the match Garnett commented: "This was a poor showing from the majority of the lads. The performance was not good enough. Too many were not prepared to do the ugly work - the willingness to roll up your sleeves and work that little bit harder - in order to earn the right to play.

"We managed to get to half time at 0-0 but second half we failed to defend properly, resulting in us conceding 3 goals, and with us only scoring the one, the game ended in a defeat for us."

Tranmere: Kennedy, Richardson, Denson, Jones, Corrigan, Rule (Mackreth 75), Baker, Roberts (Pursehouse 62), Wilson, Ashcroft (Power 55), Macauley. Substitute not used: Collister.



Rovers are still awaiting news of who will provide the opposition in their Lancashire FA Youth Cup semi-final tie.

Burnley overcame Bury 3-1 in the First Round at Gigg Lane a week last Wednesday, and will now face Oldham Athletic - with the winners travelling to Rovers in the semi-finals. Rovers beat Wigan Athletic 4-2 at Robins Park in their respective quarterfinal fixture.

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Complete Group Results

Monday 8th September 2008

Accrington Stanley 5, Macclesfield Town 3

Wednesday 17th September 2008

Accrington Stanley 2, Morecambe 1

Tranmere Rovers 1, Macclesfield Town 0

Wednesday 8th October 2008

Macclesfield Town 3, Morecambe 1

Wednesday 19th November 2008

Macclesfield Town 0, Rochdale 1

Wednesday 26th November 2008

Rochdale 2, **Tranmere Rovers 2**

Wednesday 14th January 2009

Morecambe 5, **Tranmere Rovers 3**

Rochdale 0, Accrington Stanley 1

Wednesday 28th January 2009

Morecambe 3, Rochdale 3

Tranmere Rovers v Accrington Stanley

(Postponed - Match void)

Accrington Stanley qualify as group winners



Cheshire Premier Cup

Results - First Round

Tuesday 4th November 2008

Crewe Alexandra 3, Stockport County 2

Results - Semi-Finals

Tuesday 20th January 2009

Chester City 0, Crewe Alexandra 7

Wednesday 18th February 2009

Macclesfield Town 3, Tranmere Rovers 1

Fixtures - Final

Crewe Alexandra v Macclesfield Town (Date TBC)



Next Home Reserve Game

Rochdale Reserves

totesport.com League Division One West

Wednesday 4th March 2009



PLEASE NOTE: Kick off **7.00pm** Prenton Park



Next Youth Home Game

Blackpool U18s

Puma Youth Alliance

Saturday 7th March 2009

Kick off 11.00am Raby Vale Training Ground

Reserves



totesport.com League West Division

Wed 20 Aug	A Morecambe	W 5-3
Wed 27 Aug	H Burnley	D 3-3
Wed 10 Sep	H Accrington Stanley	W 2-0
Wed 24 Sep	A Rochdale	W 3-0
Wed 1 Oct	H Bury	D 1-1
Tue 14 Oct	A Manchester City	D 2-2
Mon 10 Nov	A Carlisle United	L 1-2
Wed 17 Dec	H Blackpool	L 2-3
Wed 11 Feb	H Carlisle United	L 0-1
Wed 25 Feb	A Preston North End	W 1-0
Wed 4 Mar	H Rochdale	7.00pm
Wed 11 Mar	A Bury	2.00pm
Wed 18 Mar	A Burnley	7.00pm
Wed 25 Mar	H Manchester City	7.00pm
Wed 1 Apr	A Accrington Stanley	2.00pm
Wed 8 Apr	H Morecambe	7.00pm
Wed 15 Apr	H Preston North End	2.00pm
Wed 22 Apr	A Blackpool	7.00pm

totesportcasino.com League Cup

Wed 17 Sep	H Macclesfield T. (G4)	W 1-0
Wed 26 Nov	A Rochdale (G4)	D 2-2
Wed 14 Jan	A Morecambe (G4)	L 3-5
Wed 28 Jan	H Accrington Stanley (G4)	

(Match never played - Tranmere unable to qualify)

Liverpool Senior Cup

Mon 22 Dec	A Waterloo Dock (R3)	L 5-6*
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(Played at New Bucks Park, Bootle FC)

* After extra time (4-4)

Cheshire Premier Cup

Wed 18 Feb	A Macclesfield Town (SF)	L 1-3
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(Played at Moss Rose, Macclesfield Town FC)

All home games played at Prenton Park except*

Player Stats

Reserves Youth

	App	Gls	App	Gls
John Achterberg	9 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Adnan Ahmed	7 (0)	1	0 (0)	0
Godwin Antwi	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Jay Ashcroft	2 (1)	0	14 (6)	3
Tom Baker	0 (0)	0	18 (2)	0
Charlie Barnett	10 (0)	6	0 (0)	0
Liam Benson	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0
Ben Chorley	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Joe Collister	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
Louis Corrigan	5 (3)	1	23 (1)	1
Danny Coyne	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Aaron Cresswell	12 (0)	2	0 (0)	0
Craig Curran	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Luke Denson	6 (1)	0	21 (1)	0
Gareth Edds	3 (0)	1	0 (0)	0
Ryan Fraughan	2 (5)	1	16 (1)	4
Ian Goodison	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Terry Gornell	8 (0)	4	0 (0)	0
Chris Greenacre	1 (0)	2	0 (0)	0
Paul Henry	12 (1)	3	0 (0)	0
Danny Holmes	10 (0)	1	0 (0)	0
Steve Jennings	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Gerwyn Jones	4 (0)	0	20 (1)	1
Antony Kay	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Peter Kennedy	5 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
Ian Moore	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Josh Macauley	9 (0)	2	18 (3)	17
Jack Mackreth	6 (1)	1	18 (5)	2
David McNamara	0 (0)	0	1 (3)	0
Stefan Metcalfe*	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
George O'Callaghan	5 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Max Power	0 (0)	0	6 (3)	0
Alex Pursehouse	0 (0)	0	14 (6)	0
Joel Richardson	4 (0)	0	16 (0)	1
Connor Roberts	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	0
Ross Rule	0 (0)	0	13 (6)	5
Bas Savage	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Chris Shuker	3 (0)	3	0 (0)	0
Edrissa Sonko	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Andy Taylor	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Ash Taylor	3 (2)	1	16 (0)	6
Luke Waterfall	9 (0)	1	0 (0)	0
Dave Wilson	11 (0)	1	19 (4)	4
Own Goals	--	1	--	0

* Trialist

All statistics include league and cup games
* Trialist + No longer with the Club

Youth



Puma Football League Youth Alliance

Sat 16 Aug	A Stockport County	D 1-1
Sat 30 Aug	H Wrexham	L 0-2
Sat 6 Sep	A Walsall	W 4-3
Sat 13 Sep	A Port Vale	L 2-3
Sat 20 Sep	H Chester City	W 2-1
Sat 27 Sep	H Macclesfield Town	W 1-0
Sat 4 Oct	A Wigan Athletic	D 2-2
Sat 18 Oct	H Morecambe	W 6-3
Sat 25 Oct	A Shrewsbury Town	L 0-1
Sat 1 Nov	A Chester City	W 2-0
Sat 8 Nov	H Port Vale	W 5-0
Sat 15 Nov	H Wigan Athletic	D 1-1
Sat 29 Nov	A Macclesfield Town	D 2-2
Sat 17 Jan	A Wrexham	L 0-2
Sat 31 Jan	H Walsall	L 1-3
Sat 14 Feb	H Bury	D 1-1
Sat 21 Feb	H Burnley	L 1-2
Mon 2 Mar	A Carlisle United	2.00pm
Sat 7 Mar	H Blackpool	
Sat 14 Mar	A Accrington Stanley	
Sat 21 Mar	H Rochdale	
Sat 28 Mar	A Preston North End	
Sat 4 Apr	A Morecambe	
Sat 11 Apr	A Burnley	
Tues 14 Apr	H Stockport County	2.00pm
Sat 18 Apr	H Oldham Athletic	
Sat 25 Apr	H Shrewsbury Town	

FA Youth Cup

Wed 29 Oct	A Darlington (1)	W 3-2*
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(played at Darlington Arena - *AET 1-1)

Wed 19 Nov	A Solihull Moors (2)	W 2-0
Wed 10 Dec	A Northampton Town (3)	W 3-0
Tue 13 Jan	A Cardiff City (4)	D 0-0+

(AET 0-0 - lost 4-5 on penalties)

Lancashire FA Youth Cup

Mon 26 Jan	A Wigan Athletic (1)	W 4-3
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TBC H Oldham/Burnley (SF)

Puma Football League Youth Alliance Cup

Sat 11 Oct	A Stockport County (1)	W 1-0
Sat 22 Nov	H Blackpool (2)	W 3-0
Sat 24 Jan	H Carlisle United (3)	W 1-0
Sat 28 Feb	H Darlington (4)	12.00pm

All home games played at Raby Vale Training Ground except* played at Prenton Park

totesport.com League Division One West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Manchester City	11	7	1	3	31	16	15	22
2 Carlisle United	12	6	3	3	23	20	3	21
3 Blackpool	13	5	3	5	25	29	-4	18
4 Burnley	7	5	2	0	18	7	11	17
5 Tranmere Rovers	10	4	3	3	20	15	5	15
6 Preston North End	11	4	1	6	20	15	5	13
7 Rochdale	11	4	1	6	19	30	-11	13
8 Bury	11	3	2	6	15	19	-4	11
9 Morecambe	10	3	2	5	16	24	-8	11
10 Accrington Stanley	10	2	2	6	12	23	-11	8

totesportcasino.com League Cup - Group Three Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Accrington Stanley	3	3	0	0	8	4	4	9
2 Rochdale	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
3 Morecambe	4	1	1	2	10	11	-1	4
4 Tranmere Rovers	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
5 Macclesfield Town	4	1	0	3	6	8	-2	3

(Accrington Stanley qualify to semi-finals as group winners)

Puma Football League Youth Alliance North Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wrexham	20	15	4	1	45	22	23	49
2 Carlisle United	18	14	2	2	50	16	34	44
3 Burnley	15	13	1	1	52	21	31	40
4 Port Vale	20	11	1	8	51	37	14	34
5 Preston North End	16	9	2	5	45	24	21	29
6 Oldham Athletic	17	9	2	6	39	21	18	29
7 Wigan Athletic	18	8	4	6	24	23	1	28
8 Walsall	19	8	3	8	39	39	0	27
9 Stockport County	18	8	2	8	29	30	-1	26
10 Tranmere Rovers	17	6	5	6	31	27	4	23
11 Macclesfield Town	17	6	4	7	22	24	-2	22
12 Shrewsbury Town	18	7	1	10	20	26	-6	22
13 Chester City	21	6	2	13	30	42	-12	20
14 Rochdale	18	6	2	10	26	46	-20	20
15 Bury	17	5	4	8	32	34	-2	19
16 Blackpool	19	5	1	13	19	56	-37	16
17 Morecambe	16	2	3	11	19	47	-28	9
18 Accrington Stanley	18	1	1	16	12	50	-38	4

Rough Treatment

Les Parry - Club Physio



"Not long to go, only 14 normal league matches left and the weather is starting to get warmer. I can tell it's getting a bit warmer when I go out into the back garden and I can hear the excited croaks of the frogs in our pond."

"I think we own the 'in place' when it comes to frog courting. It's really early this year, it's normally end of March but the grunts and groans started as soon as the ice melted. I think all the frogs for miles around come to our pond for a jump, so to speak. The pond looks like a sort of writhing stew with hundreds of frogs crawling all over each other. I bet they haven't got a clue who's the dads of the different clumps of frogspawn but it's not a bad life.

The species of frog we have in our pond is the southern wide mouthed green frog which brings me nicely onto injuries and Gareth Edds. Gareth missed a couple of days training this week with a sore shin. He took a kick a week or so ago and it started to swell up a bit and was bothering him walking. As I write this, the plan is for him to train on Thursday or Friday and see how it is. My guess will be that he will be ok for today.



"I wonder if Robert Mitchum had a milk round in Norris Green"



**PARENTAL
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EXPLICIT CONTENT**

It's funny how this guessing lark works. When I am writing this column, I toss a coin for each player I mention and that's how I tell if they are going to be ok or not. I do the same when the boss asks me how long a player is going to out for, the number of consecutive correct calls is the number of weeks the player is going to be out, or months if it's a bad one. Anyway, my system came up trumps in the last programme with the coin telling me Danny Coyne and Andy Taylor wouldn't be right and that Goody wouldn't be but would insist on playing. Talking about Ian Goodison is a good time to explain about fitness testing the lads. All the talk about physios making a decision on a player playing or not is a load of rubbish. All we can do is make sure the player can do everything, especially things that should bother the injury, tell the player what we think, and then the player makes the decision. Only he can feel what he's feeling so only he can say yes or no. Sometimes the player is not quite right but the manager still wants him to play so he'll have a chat with him and they'll make a decision. I know you're probably questioning playing players who are not 100% but if players only played when they were 100% we would never be able to put a team out, half the team are always carrying small niggles. When you hear on the radio that any player in a team is doubtful for Saturday, do you really think that when he plays on the Saturday he's 100%? No chance. That's only the 4" serious half paragraph I've written in the past 350 programmes, good hey?

So back to Goody and his ankle. Fortunately last week he didn't do any further damage to his ankle ligaments. Well, I don't think he did, I'm still waiting for him to answer me from when I pressed his ankle on Monday and asked him how it was. Talking of Monday, he came in with a Jason Lee 'pineapple on his head' hair do so, if he is playing today, look out for that one. We're going to leave it to the end of the week and see how he is, wait there, let me toss the coin..... Tails, he won't be right.

Just to finish, I promised one of our newly contracted pro's, Ryan Fraughan, I'd give him a mention. He's been begging me all week to mention that he has hurt his little knee and that he's been a very brave boy and hasn't cried, since a few days after he did it. If you see him in the stand, he's the one who looks like he's been hit in the chin with a bazooka, give him a bit of a hug. Whatever you do, don't stare at his chin dimple, he gets really embarrassed."

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Congratulations!

...to **Carl and Clare Barrow** on the birth of their son, **Lucas Thomas Barrow**, earlier this month (pictured here) and weighing in at 8lbs 11ozs. Carl has been a season ticket holder at Tranmere for many years and Lucas is sure to follow in the family tradition!

Lucas is the first grandchild of proud **Nanny Joyce** and **Granddad Tom** and nephew for **Uncle Kenny**!



Programme Request

Avid Swansea City programme collector, **Rosemary Sutherland**, is on the lookout to obtain a copy of the match programme from our home league meeting with Swansea City during the 1971-72 season. The exact date is 27th August 1971, and if anyone can help, please contact in the first instance the Programme Production team here at Prenton Park.

...Send your entires marked Matchday Message Board to the Club address printed on Page 3

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Generation Games

5 YEARS AGO

Looking back to...
The week of 28th February

Rovers made a fruitless trip to Nene Park in Division One, losing 2-1 for their first defeat of 2004.

Onandi Lowe struck the game's first goal for the home team, but five minutes later Danny Harrison equalised when heading in a Ryan Taylor cross.

However the home side secured the points when Gary Mills shot under Achterberg after playing a one two with Lowe.

Tranmere: Achterberg, Goodison, Allen (Nicholson 75), Linwood, Taylor, Harrison, Beresford (Jones 77), Roberts, Mellon, Hume, Dadi. Substitutes not used: Howarth, Navarro, Hay.



10 YEARS AGO

John Aldridge's side ran riot against Bury, scoring three times in 23 second half minutes to complete a 4-0 win.

Graham Allen put Tranmere 1-0 up on 23 minutes, with Liam O'Brien adding his first goal of the season for his second. Scott Taylor netted the third and Jason Koumas scored his third of the season to round off a fine performance.

Tranmere: Coyne, Allen, Thompson, McGreal, Hill, Irons, Mahon, Parkinson, O'Brien (Jones 80), Taylor (Kelly 80), Lee Jones (Koumas 76).



15 YEARS AGO



Heartache for Tranmere as they go out of the Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Finals after a penalty shoot out at Villa Park.

John Aldridge scored for Rovers on the night, but three Villa goals made the score 4-4 on aggregate. There were numerous other talking points. Mark Bosnich completing the full 90 minutes and Liam O'Brien hitting the post with a free kick late on just two but ultimately Rovers missed out on a final against Manchester United at Wembley Stadium.

Tranmere: Nixon, Brannan, Higgins, Hughes (Thomas), McGreal, Nolan, Irons, O'Brien, Nevin (Morrissey), Aldridge, Malkin.

25 YEARS AGO

Ian Muir was on target but he couldn't prevent John King's side from losing 2-1 at Lincoln City in front of just over three and a half thousand supporters.

It was also Lincoln's first season back in the Football League, having been the first club to be automatically relegated from Division Four in 1987.

Tranmere: Nixon, Mungall, Higgins, Hughes (Malkin), Vickers, McCarrick, Morrissey, Harvey, Bishop, Muir, Steel.



PRENTONIAN NOSTALGIA



With talk of the Central League, currently sponsored by totesport.com, becoming the centre of yet another reshuffle next season, we thought we'd take a look at the earliest and little known connection between Rovers and the West Cheshire League, which now forms the stable base for amateur football across Wirral and the surrounding areas...

Rovers' reserve side had already been members of the Wirral District Association Football League competing for the first time at the start of the 1892-93 season. Shortly after Tranmere Rovers had moved to the current Prenton Park site in March 1912 and with the First Team having been promoted to Division One of the Lancashire Combination, the Reserve team was restored to duty and took its place within Division One of the West Cheshire League for the 1912-13 season.

They were now facing opposition such as New Brighton Tower Amateurs, Hoylake, Ellesmere Port, Wirral Railway and Chester's reserve team who had also joined the League for the very first time.

Also included were Wirral's current Unibond Premier League side Cammell Laird, and meetings between the two clubs were often feisty affairs to say the least, but none the less entertaining. The first league meeting was won by Lairds 1-0, but Rovers gained revenge in the return fixture at Prenton Park as the hosts ran out 4-2 winners.

Their opening match in the League though saw them entertain Wrexham Nomads at Prenton Park, and watched by around 1,500 spectators, they won by a single goal scored in the second half by Harry Fishwick.

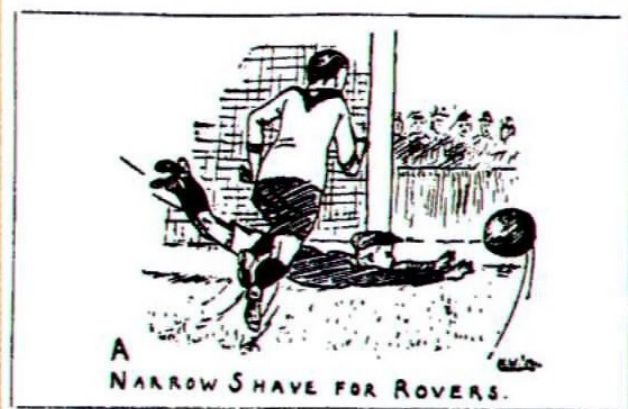
Rovers: Stears, Stoddart, J. Rimmer, Blackwood, Caldwell, J. Sadler, Fishwick, Leck, Banks, Crane, Powell.

On 25th January 1913 Rovers were forced however to stage their home fixture with Chester Reserves at Hoylake's ground as Prenton Park was closed by the league after 'crowd trouble' had ensued at the First Team's meeting with Heywood United on Christmas Day 1912.

At the close of the match, which saw Rovers narrowly defeated 3-4, the crowd broke the barrier cordons and 'attacked' the referee. Although the local press played down the events as 'mere horseplay', committee members of the Lancashire Combination took a different view and ordered Rovers should have their ground closed down for a duration of two weeks.

On their return however on the first day of February, they defeated Cammell Laird in a replayed Wirral Senior Cup fixture 4-1, although this was also clouded in controversy after Lairds had disputed the original result of the match played in January.

With the lack of newspapers photographs, views on games were often reproduced through cartoons and illustrations, as shown here for a league match against New Brighton Tower Amateurs.



They were however not so quick to show such games as one against Ellesmere Port, heavy rain flooded the Prenton Park pitch and forced the abandonment of the match after just 25 minutes with the score at 0-0. Rovers then won the rearranged game 5-0. Their 6-0 victory over Egremont, again at home, was also abandoned after 75 minutes due to bad light, but this time the result stood.

The Tower Grounds at New Brighton hosted several Rovers away matches, against Wallasey Rovers, Harrowby and of course New Brighton Amateurs who were the remnants of the infamous New Brighton Tower FC who had controversially competed in the Football League, before their withdrawal at the turn of the century.

In their very first season, Rovers Reserves had completed a successful campaign finishing second in the table, two points behind the Wallasey-based side Harrowby. They had also entered both the Pyke Challenge Cup and the Wirral Senior Cup, and progressed to the semi-finals of the latter.

TRANMERE ROVERS RESERVE.

It is many years since the Rovers ran a reserve team, and the resuscitation is generally looked upon with favour by their large band of followers, who, as a result, will be guaranteed a match every Saturday instead of every alternate week as in recent years. That the idea has caught on cannot for a moment be doubted, and it now only remains for the team to strike a winning vein to ensure its absolute success. The local interest which is bound to accrue by the visits of West Cheshire League clubs to Prenton Park should be advantageous both to the League and the Rovers' club, and we wish the innovation all the success it deserves. The directors have been wise in their choice of a captain, and we congratulate them on the appointment of T. C. Blackwood to the position. "Tommy" is a splendid fellow and a good footballer; therefore his assistance should be of great value to the Rovers club. He did good work last season, both for the Rovers and the Northern Nomads, and he accompanied Mr. T. H. Jackson's party on their Continental tour. The duties of honorary secretary will be carried out by Mr. Bert Cooke, and here again we have a most enthusiastic chap, one who not only knows a footballer when he sees him, but a man who is always willing to do his share of the work connected with an organisation such as the Rovers. The Reserves will dress in green jerseys and white pants, and from the list of players at the command of the directorate the prospects are of the brightest. They will open the season at Prenton Park on Saturday next, September 7th, with the Wrexham Nomads as visitors. This is the club which has taken the place of Wrexham Res. in the League, and we hear that an exceptionally strong side of amateurs, including several Welsh internationals, has been got together.

...A return to reserve team football for Rovers, as viewed by the Birkenhead Advertiser...



They were only beaten in a replay by Hoylake 1-4, staged on Good Friday 1913 at Cammell Laird's Park Road North ground in front of a record crowd of over 3,000.

Their second season saw them finish in fourth place having won 14 of their 26 games played, and competing alongside Cammell Laird and Chester Reserves once again, while both the Wirral Senior Cup and Pyke Challenge Cup competitions this time took them all the way to the Final. A 2-0 victory over Wirral Railway saw them lift the trophy, played at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club's Upper Park ground.

They returned to the same venue three days later to then contest the Pyke Cup Final, but lost by a single goal in extra time to Garston Gasworks in front of nearly 6,000 spectators.

1913-14 also marked the first season match programmes were made available to supporters at Prenton Park. Costing just one penny, the editions were numbered by both issue and volume and usually between 12 and 16 pages long and were sold to spectators at both first team and reserve team games.

A 10-1 victory over Prescot Wireworks was one of many high scoring games during the 1914-15 season, which all helped Rovers to replicate their final league placing of the previous season.

However, the Great War had intervened and although a good majority of games during the season were played, the League was disbanded entirely due to many players being sent across the Channel to combat the hostilities with Germany.

When football across the country resumed after the war, Rovers' reserve side then took a different path, as the First team were on the verge of transferring from the Central League to the Football League. The quality of opposition in the West Cheshire League was deemed unsuited to Rovers

ambitions at that time, but their association with the West Cheshire League was renewed once again in 1936, entering their newly formed 'A' team within a single division of 12 teams. Their membership ran through to 1939-40, when wartime conditions again intervened, before rejoining in 1947-48 and competing in Division One. Although Rovers were never crowned champions during their time, they continued competing up until 1960-61, when they resigned following an invitation to join the newly-structured Lancashire League.

A brief flirtation with the West Cheshire League resurfaced however in 1978-79, but was ruthlessly cut short midway through the 1980-81 season when Rovers were forced to withdraw their 'A' team from the Second Division. Along with the Reserves who were also withdrawn from the Lancashire League, it all came amidst the early throws of the infamous financial crisis at the Club which would accelerate over the following seasons.

These days, the West Cheshire League remains a flourishing three-tier set up which combines the reserve sides of Marine, Cammell Laird and Vauxhall Motors alongside other renowned local amateur clubs such as Heswall, Poulton Victoria, Ashville and the re-formed New Brighton AFC which once provided regular Football League 'derby' opposition for Rovers between 1923 and 1951.

The League also operates a fully-fledged official website which now contains amongst other details, a full run down on the history of the West Cheshire League in its entirety, which can be found at www.west-cheshire.org.uk

Special thanks to Gilbert Upton, George Higham and the West Cheshire League

Tony Coombes

PRENTONIAN PROGRAMMES

Swindon Town v Tranmere Rovers

League Division Three
County Ground
Monday 2nd January 1978

Price: 15p Pages: 12

Tony Pullein's background piece on Rovers commented that many observers reckoned our manager Johnny King, had the easiest job in football.

With the two across the Mersey riding high as usual and gates at Prenton Park averaging not much more than 4,000 that seemed, on the face of it, a strange theory. However Tony had obviously noted that Johnny had not been having any sleepless nights pondering on his team selection as he had amazingly been able to name the same line-up, including John James on the substitute's bench, for our first 24 league games of the season!

Not surprisingly the team spirit and understanding this had engendered had paid handsome dividends on the pitch and we travelled south for our New Year's holiday clash against Danny Williams' Robins in the second of two promotion places. Swindon themselves were comfortably in the top half of the table, but needed an exceptional run of form to get themselves close to the summit in those pre-play-off days.

The Superwhites' exciting blend of youth and experience had seen them see off Oxford, Sheffield Wednesday, and Portsmouth convincingly over the Christmas period. The latter two, incidentally were propping up the table! Ronnie Moore and Bobby Tynan had been amongst the goals as usual and another player who had enjoyed a rewarding Yuletide was winger, Steve Peplow, who featured in one of the few photographs in the programme, wearing Swindon Colours during the 1970-71 season which he spent on loan at The County Ground prior to moving to Nottingham Forest.

The action photos were from Town's 3-1 home win against Plymouth and in one of them, nineteen year old Chris Kamara was seen challenging in his usual genteel way for a high ball. He was also the subject of the player interview and explained how he had arrived at Swindon via Portsmouth having been born and bred in Middlesbrough. Reflecting his love of horseracing, Chris named Lester Piggot as his hero and the article concluded by predicting that one-day the promising young midfielder could become just as much a household name. As living-rooms across the country vibrate with his voice booming out of the television every Saturday afternoon, I think we can safely say the man amazingly described in the programme as "quiet and softly spoken" has fulfilled that promise although probably not in the way which it was expected!

The Chairman's "Talk of the Town" lamented the fact that



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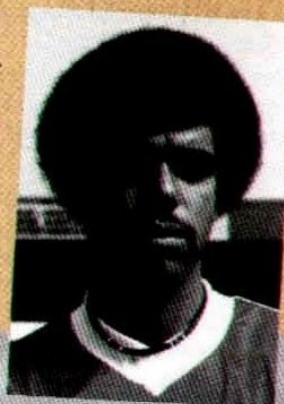
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an increasing number of our top players and managers were being attracted abroad by huge tax-free salaries. I wonder what he would have made of Manchester City's recent £100 million bid for Kaka!

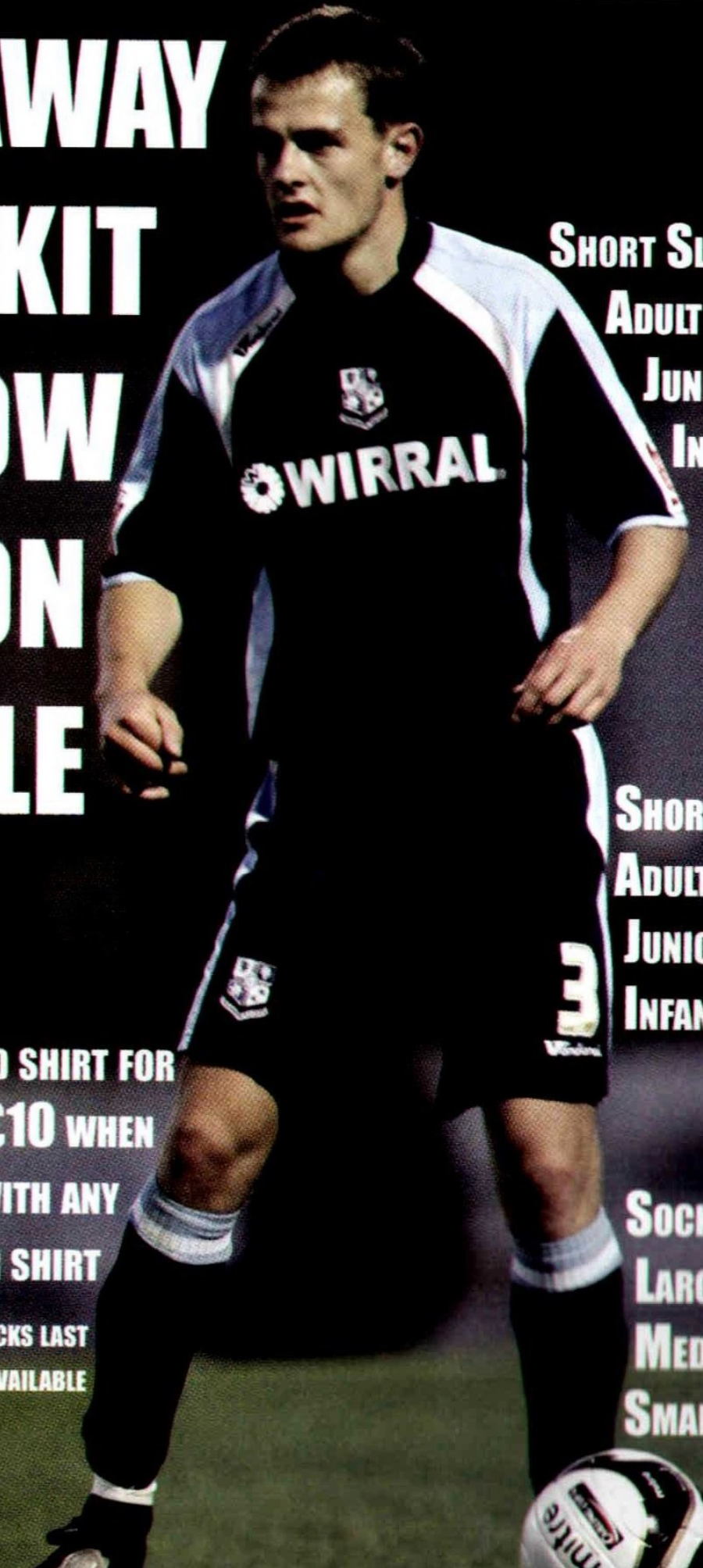
In spite of another strong Rovers performance, a controversial Ray McHale penalty gave the home side the two pints and marked the beginning of an inconsistent run which eventually saw our small squad slump disappointing to twelfth place.

Hopefully, the only disappointment this afternoon will be on the face of my friend Rachel and her fellow Swindon fans as The Superwhites gain revenge thirty years on!



Tony Evans

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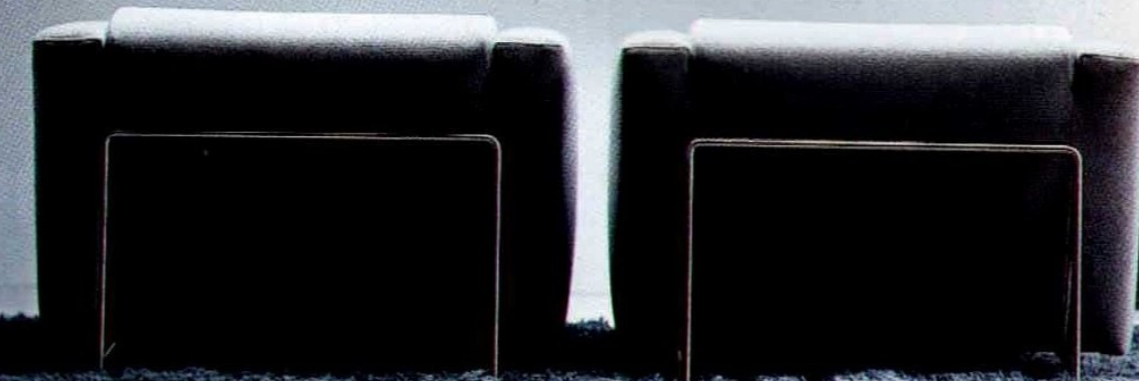
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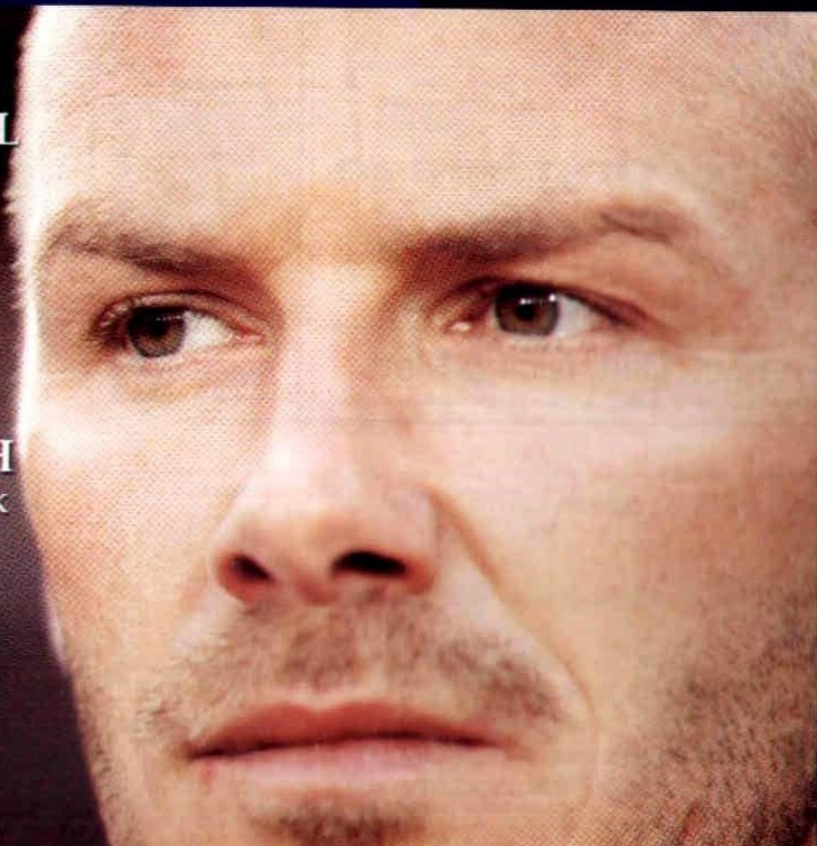
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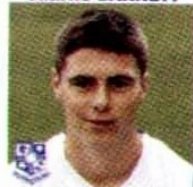
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Charlie BARNETT

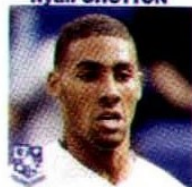


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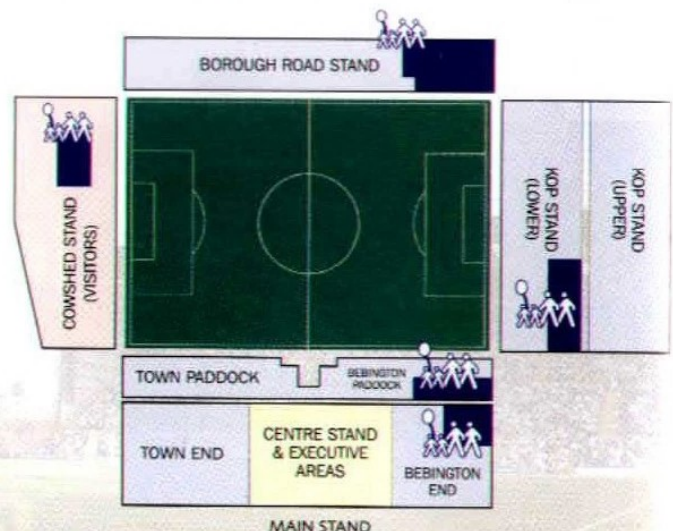
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2 MK Dons	31	9	1	5	27	15	10	3	3	35	19	61	28
3 Peterborough	33	10	4	2	31	16	7	5	5	28	26	60	17
4 Millwall	31	9	4	3	20	14	7	3	5	23	21	55	8
5 Oldham	33	9	6	2	31	16	5	6	5	20	25	54	10
6 Scunthorpe	31	8	3	3	28	18	8	2	7	26	26	53	10
7 Leeds	32	10	2	4	32	17	6	1	9	18	21	51	12
8 Stockport	33	7	5	5	26	20	7	4	5	23	17	51	12
9 Tranmere	32	10	4	3	30	17	4	3	8	14	21	49	6
10 Huddersfield	32	8	5	4	24	19	5	3	7	18	27	47	-4
11 Colchester	32	6	3	8	17	17	7	3	5	27	26	45	1
12 Walsall	32	8	1	6	24	23	4	6	7	21	23	43	-1
13 Southend	32	9	2	5	19	13	3	5	8	18	33	43	-9
14 Bristol R	31	7	3	5	29	19	4	6	6	23	24	42	9
15 Hartlepool	33	6	7	4	34	28	4	2	10	13	25	39	-6
16 Yeovil	32	3	7	5	17	21	6	3	8	14	24	37	-14
17 Carlisle	32	7	2	6	27	22	3	4	10	14	28	36	-9
18 Northampton	31	6	6	4	23	16	2	4	9	18	27	34	-2
19 Swindon	31	5	4	7	26	29	2	8	5	19	23	33	-7
20 Leyton Orient	32	3	4	8	12	20	5	5	7	13	19	33	-14
21 Brighton	31	3	5	8	20	29	4	6	5	15	17	32	-11
22 Crewe	31	7	2	6	23	25	2	2	12	17	36	31	-21
23 Hereford	30	5	4	6	19	14	2	2	11	10	32	27	-17
24 Cheltenham	31	4	4	8	24	34	1	2	12	13	37	21	-34



League One Fixtures

Saturday 28th February 2009

Brighton & Hove A.
v Crewe Alexandra
Carlisle United v Bristol Rovers
Cheltenham Town
v Northampton Town
Colchester United
v Hartlepool United
Hereford United
v Leyton Orient
Leeds United v Scunthorpe United
MK Dons v Leicester City
Millwall v Oldham Athletic
Peterborough v Southend United
Stockport County
v Huddersfield Town
Tranmere Rovers v Swindon Town
Walsall v Yeovil Town

All matches kick off at 3.00pm unless stated



Players Statistics & Appearances 2008-09

Player	Pos	Birthdate	Squad Number	Country of Birth	Season 2008-09				Rovers Career Total	
					League	Sub	Cup	Sub	Apps	Sub
John ACHTERBERG	GOL	08/07/71	24	Holland	4	(0)	1	(0)	304	(5)
Adnan AHMED	MID	07/06/84	11	England	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(3)
Godwin ANTWI	DEF	07/06/88	2	Ghana	4	(1)	2	(0)	6	(1)
Charlie BARNETT	MID	19/09/88	19	England	11	(4)	4	(1)	15	(5)
Ben CHORLEY	DEF	30/09/82	4	England	31	(0)	8	(0)	75	(2)
Danny COYNE	GOL	27/08/73	1	Wales	28	(0)	8	(0)	211	(1)
Aaron CRESSWELL	DEF	15/12/89	19	England	3	(3)	0	(1)	4	(4)
Craig CURRAN	STR	23/08/89	25	England	5	(3)	2	(0)	13	(42)
Gareth EDDS	MID	03/02/81	13	Australia	16	(8)	5	(1)	21	(9)
Ian GOODISON	DEF	21/11/72	5	Jamaica	24	(0)	4	(0)	217	(9)
Terry GORNELL	STR	16/12/89	14	England	2	(2)	0	(3)	2	(5)
Chris GREENACRE	STR	23/12/77	10	England	6	(7)	3	(4)	143	(21)
Paul HENRY	MID	28/01/88	20	England	0	(0)	0	(1)	1	(2)
Danny HOLMES	DEF	06/01/89	15	England	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Steve JENNINGS	MID	26/08/76	12	England	30	(0)	9	(0)	123	(32)
John JOHNSON	DEF	16/09/88	28	England	4	(0)	1	(0)	5	(0)
Antony KAY	MID	21/10/82	6	England	30	(0)	9	(0)	76	(8)
Peter KENNEDY	GOL	07/12/90	29	England	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Josh MACAULEY	STR	02/03/91	21	England	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)
Ian MOORE	STR	26/08/76	9	England	28	(2)	8	(0)	98	(24)
George O'CALLAGHAN	MID	05/09/79	8	Ireland	4	(2)	2	(0)	6	(2)
Bas SAVAGE	STR	07/01/82	7	England	27	(4)	7	(0)	34	(4)
Ryan SHOTTON	DEF	13/09/88	26	England	22	(0)	6	(0)	28	(0)
Chris SHUKER	MID	09/05/82	23	England	22	(4)	4	(4)	100	(10)
Edrissa SONKO	STR	23/03/80	16	Gambia	18	(8)	6	(2)	24	(10)
Andy TAYLOR	DEF	14/03/86	3	England	28	(0)	8	(0)	69	(1)
Luke WATERFALL	DEF	30/07/90	17	England	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(1)
Mark WILSON	MID	09/02/79	27	England	4	(1)	0	(0)	4	(1)

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Cup stats include FA Cup, Carling Cup and Johnstone's Paint Trophy
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Goalscorers 2008-09

Player	2008-09 Lge	2008-09 Cup	Rovers Total/Career
John ACHTERBERG	0	0	0 (0)
Adnan AHMED	0	0	0 (0)
Godwin ANTWI	0	0	0 (0)
Charlie BARNETT	1	0	1 (1)
Ben CHORLEY	0	0	0 (0)
Danny COYNE	0	0	0 (0)
Aaron CRESSWELL	0	0	0 (0)
Craig CURRAN	2	0	2 (8)
Gareth EDDS	2	0	2 (9)
Ian GOODISON	1	0	1 (9)
Terry GORNELL	1	0	1 (5)
Chris GREENACRE	2	0	2 (21)
Paul HENRY	0	0	0 (2)
Danny HOLMES	0	0	0 (0)
Steve JENNINGS	2	0	2 (32)
John JOHNSON	0	0	0 (0)
Antony KAY	6	1	7 (8)
Ian MOORE	8	1	9 (25)
George O'CALLAGHAN	0	0	0 (0)
Bas SAVAGE	5	0	5 (4)
Ryan SHOTTON	5	1	6 (0)
Chris SHUKER	3	2	5 (10)
Edrissa SONKO	5	1	6 (6)
Andy TAYLOR	1	0	1 (2)
Luke WATERFALL	0	0	0 (0)
Mark WILSON	0	0	0 (0)
Own Goals	0	0	0 (0)

All stats include Coca-Cola League One,
FA Cup, Carling Cup, Johnstone's Paint Trophy
and Play Offs

Results & Fixtures

2008-09

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			Res	Att	Away	P	Ct				
Sat 9 Aug	A Swindon Town	L 1-3	7,975	489	0	--	Achterberg	Antwi	Chorley	Kay	
Tue 12 Aug	A Grimsby Town (CC1)	L 0-2	1,858	141	--	--	Achterberg	Antwi	Chorley	Kay	
Sat 16 Aug	H Hartlepool United	W 1-0	5,418	368	3	B	Coyne	Antwi	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 23 Aug	A Leicester City	L 1-3	17,798	762	0	--	Coyne	Edds	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 30 Aug	H Northampton Town	W 4-1	5,034	291	6	B	Coyne	Edds	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 2 Sep	H Accrington Stanley (JPT1)	W 1-0	2,410	156	--	--	Coyne	Shotton	Kay	Waterfa	
Sat 6 Sep	H Oldham Athletic	L 0-1	6,802	1,489	6	A	Coyne	Edds	Chorley	Shotton	
Sat 13 Sep	A Huddersfield Town	W 2-1	12,128	513	9	--	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 20 Sep	A Peterborough United	D 2-2	5,735	389	10	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Fri 26 Sep	H Colchester United	L 3-4	5,713	135	10	B	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 4 Oct	A Carlisle United	W 2-1	6,093	318	13	--	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Goodison	Chorley	
Mon 6 Oct	H Crewe Alexandra (JPT2)	W 1-0	2,626	197	--	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 11 Oct	H Millwall	L 1-3	5,863	280	13	B	Coyne	Shotton	Antwi	Chorley	
Sat 18 Oct	A Leyton Orient	W 1-0	5,568	355	16	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 21 Oct	H Cheltenham Town	W 2-0	4,535	123	19	C	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Fri 24 Oct	H Crewe Alexandra	W 2-0	5,790	350	22	B	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 28 Oct	A Stockport County	D 0-0	6,121	895	23	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 1 Nov	A Milton Keynes Dons	L 0-1	8,185	484	23	--	Coyne	Shotton	Kay	Chorley	
Tue 4 Nov	H Morecambe (JPTQF)	W 1-0	2,110	110	--	--	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Chorley	Kay	
Sat 8 Nov	A Accrington Stanley (FAC1)	D 0-0	2,126	1,036	--	--	Coyne	Edds	Chorley	Shotton	
Thu 13 Nov	H Accrington Stanley (FAC1R)	W 1-0+	2,560	150	--	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Kay	
Sat 15 Nov	H Southend United	D 2-2	5,019	232	24	B	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 22 Nov	A Yeovil Town	L 0-1	3,445	127	24	--	Coyne	Holmes	Antwi	Chorley	
Tue 25 Nov	H Scunthorpe United	W 2-0	4,564	182	27	B	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 29 Nov	A Peterborough United (FAC2)	D 0-0	5,980	462	--	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 6 Dec	H Leeds United	W 2-1	8,700	2,094	30	A	Coyne	Johnson	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 9 Dec	H Peterborough Utd (FAC2R)	L 1-2#	3,139	159	--	--	Coyne	Antwi	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 13 Dec	A Bristol Rovers	L 0-2	6,217	174	30	--	Coyne	Johnson	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 16 Dec	A Scunthorpe United (JPTNSF)	L 1-2	2,669	313	--	--	Coyne	Johnson	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 20 Dec	H Brighton & Hove Albion	W 1-0	4,885	290	33	C	Coyne	Johnson	Chorley	Goodison	
Fri 26 Dec	A Hereford United	D 2-2	3,495	468	34	--	Coyne	Johnson	Goodison	Kay	
Sun 28 Dec	H Walsall	W 2-1	5,913	318	37	B	Coyne	Edds	Chorley	GOODISON 1	
Sat 17 Jan	A Millwall	L 0-1	8,257	334	37	--	Coyne	Shotton	Taylor	Chorley	
Sat 24 Jan	H Carlisle United	W 4-1	5,924	926	40	A	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Tue 27 Jan	H Stockport County	W 2-1	5,259	618	43	B	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 31 Jan	A Crewe Alexandra	L 1-2	4,936	1,461	43	--	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 7 Feb	H Leyton Orient	D 0-0	4,892	192	44	C	Coyne	Shotton	Chorley	Kay	
Tue 10 Feb	A Colchester United	W 1-0	3,588	118	47	--	Coyne	SHOTTON 1	Kay	Chorley	
Sat 14 Feb	A Southend United	L 1-2	6,507	186	47	--	Achterberg	Shotton	Chorley	Kay	
Tue 17 Feb	H Peterborough United	D 1-1	4,862	209	48	B	Achterberg	Shotton	Chorley	Kay	
Sat 21 Feb	H Milton Keynes Dons	D 1-1	5,625	382	49	B	Achterberg	Shotton	Chorley	Goodison	
Sat 28 Feb	H Swindon Town										C
Tue 3 Mar	A Hartlepool United (7.45pm)										--
Sat 7 Mar	A Northampton Town (3.00pm)										--
Wed 11 Mar	H Leicester City (7.45pm)										A
Sat 14 Mar	H Huddersfield Town										B
Tue 17 Mar	A Cheltenham Town (7.45pm)										--
Sat 21 Mar	A Oldham Athletic (3.00pm)										--
Sat 28 Mar	A Brighton & Hove Albion (3.00pm)										--
Sun 5 Apr	H Bristol Rovers (3.00pm)										B
Sat 11 Apr	A Walsall (3.00pm)										--
Mon 13 Apr	H Hereford United (3.00pm)										B
Sat 18 Apr	A Leeds United (3.00pm)										--
Sat 25 Apr	H Yeovil Town										B
Sat 2 May	A Scunthorpe United (3.00pm)										--

- After extra time (1-1)

								Substitutes										Referee
	Jennings	Barnett	O'Callaghan	Moore	SAVAGE 1	Curran	Sonko	Paethorpe	Greenacre	Ahmed	Waterfall	--	--	F. Graham				
	Jennings	O'Callaghan	Barnett	Curran	Moore	Sonko	Waterfall	Paethorpe	Greenacre	Gomell	Ahmed	--	--	A. Bates				
	O'Callaghan	Jennings	Kay	Moore	CURRAN 1	Sonko	Savage	Edds	Achterberg	Greenacre	Shuker	--	--	J. Moss				
	Jennings	Kay	O'Callaghan	Curran	Savage	Sonko	Achterberg	Greenacre	SHUKER 1	Barnett	Holmes	--	--	P. Crossley				
	Shuker	KAY 1	Jennings	Sonko	CURRAN 1	SAVAGE 1	MOORE 1	Greenacre	Achterberg	O'Callaghan	Shotton	--	--	M. Haywood				
	Shuker	O'Callaghan	Jennings	SONKO 1	Savage	Curran	Barnett	Moore	Greenacre	Cresswell	Achterberg	--	--	O. Langford				
	Shuker	Jennings	Kay	Sonko	Savage	Curran	Greenacre	Moore	Achterberg	Waterfall	O'Callaghan	--	--	A. Hall				
	Greenacre	Kay	Jennings	SONKO 1	Savage	Moore	Curran	Achterberg	O'Callaghan	Waterfall	Shuker	--	--	G. Laws				
	Moore	Kay	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	GREENACRE 2	Curran	Achterberg	O'Callaghan	Edds	Shuker	--	--	H. Horwood				
	Moore	KAY 1	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	Greenacre	Shuker	O'Callaghan	Curran	Edds	Achterberg	--	--	N. Swarbrick				
	MOORE 1	O'Callaghan	Kay	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	Greenacre	Edds	Achterberg	Antwi	Shuker	--	--	D. Drysdale				
	Moore	Kay	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	Greenacre	Edds	SHUKER 1	Achterberg	Antwi	O'Callaghan	--	--	C. Boyeson				
	Moore	Kay	Jennings	Shuker	SAVAGE 1	Greenacre	Edds	Achterberg	O'Callaghan	Waterfall	Barnett	--	--	A. Haines				
	Moore	Kay	Jennings	Edds	SHUKER 1	Savage	O'Callaghan	Sonko	Antwi	Greenacre	Achterberg	--	--	A. D'Urso				
	Moore	Jennings	Kay	Edds	Shuker	SAVAGE 1	SONKO 1	Antwi	Greenacre	Ahmed	Achterberg	--	--	M. Oliver				
	Moore	Edds	Kay	JENNINGS 1	SHUKER 1	Savage	Barnett	Sonko	Greenacre	Achterberg	Antwi	--	--	S. Attwell				
	Moore	Jennings	Kay	Edds	Shuker	Savage	Antwi	Sonko	Barnett	Achterberg	Greenacre	--	--	N. Miller				
	Moore	Barnett	Jennings	Edds	Shuker	Savage	Sonko	Greenacre	Achterberg	Antwi	Henry	--	--	P. Taylor				
	Moore	Jennings	Edds	Barnett	Shuker	Greenacre	Sonko	Henry	Achterberg	Antwi	Cresswell	--	--	G. Salisbury				
	Shuker	Kay	Barnett	Jennings	Moore	Savage	Greenacre	Achterberg	Antwi	Sonko	Henry	Holmes	Cresswell	T. Kettle				
	Moore	Edds	Jennings	Barnett	SHUKER 1	Savage	Sonko	Greenacre	Achterberg	Antwi	Holmes	Cresswell	Henry	J. Moss				
	Shuker	Jennings(SO)	Kay	MOORE 1	SAVAGE 1	Greenacre	Antwi	Edds	Sonko	Barnett	Achterberg	--	--	C. Pawson				
	Moore	Edds	Barnett	Wilson	Shuker	Savage	Greenacre	Sonko	Cresswell	Achterberg	Waterfall	--	--	J. Singh				
	Moore	Wilson	Kay	SONKO 1	Gomell	Savage	Barnett	Edds	Achterberg	Johnson	Antwi	--	--	S. Bratt				
	Moore	Edds	Kay	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	Gomell	Achterberg	Waterfall	Antwi	Cresswell	Henry	Barnett	A. Taylor				
	MOORE 1	Wilson	KAY 1	Jennings	Sonko	Savage	Edds	Shuker	Achterberg	Antwi	Gomell	--	--	R. Shoebridge				
	Moore	KAY 1	Jennings	Edds	Sonko	Savage	Shuker	Cresswell	Gomell	Waterfall	Barnett	Henry	Achterberg	C. Boyeson				
	Jennings	Kay	Wilson	Sonko	Moore	Savage	Shuker	Gomell	Achterberg	Antwi	Edds	--	--	J. Linington				
	MOORE 1	Jennings	Kay	Sonko	Greenacre	Savage	Shuker	Achterberg	Antwi	Edds	Gomell	--	--	M. Oliver				
	Moore	KAY 1	Jennings	Shuker	Savage	Greenacre	Wilson	Antwi	Gomell	Sonko	Achterberg	--	--	S. Mathieson				
	Shuker	Edds	Jennings	SONKO 2	Savage	Gomell	Barnett	Achterberg	Antwi	Cresswell	Henry	--	--	A. Penn				
	Shuker	Jennings	KAY 1	Sonko	Moore	Savage	Cresswell	Achterberg	Antwi	Barnett	Henry	--	--	L. Probert				
	Kay	Jennings	Sonko	Shuker	Savage	Moore	Achterberg	Edds	Cresswell	Barnett	Gomell	--	--	R. East				
	Sonko	Kay	JENNINGS 1	Barnett	MOORE 2	Shuker	EDDS 1	Macaulley	Achterberg	Ahmed	Cresswell	--	--	G. Salisbury				
	EDDS 1	Sonko	Jennings	Barnett	Shuker	MOORE 1p	Savage	Achterberg	Ahmed	Cresswell	Henry	--	--	N. Swarbrick				
	Sonko	KAY 1	Jennings	Barnett	Shuker	Moore	Edds	Savage	Achterberg	Cresswell	Waterfall	--	--	P. Taylor				
	Sonko	Jennings	Edds	Barnett	Shuker	Moore	Savage	Waterfall	Cresswell	Henry	Achterberg	--	--	S. Bratt				
	Shuker	Jennings	Edds	Barnett	Savage	Moore	Achterberg	Holmes	Waterfall	Cresswell	Henry	--	--	G. Ward				
	Shuker	Jennings	Edds	Barnett	Savage	Moore	Achterberg	Holmes	Waterfall	Cresswell	Henry	--	--	D. Whitestone				
	Shuker	Jennings	Edds	Barnett	MOORE 1p	Savage	Cresswell	Gomell	Waterfall	Henry	Kennedy	--	--	P. Gibbs				
	Sonko	Jennings	Edds	BARNETT 1	Savage	Moore	Shuker	Kennedy	Gomell	Waterfall	Henry	--	--	R. Booth				
	Shuker	Jennings	Kay	Barnett	Moore	Savage	GORNELL 1	Sonko	Edds	Kennedy	Henry	--	--					



P - First player substituted P - Second player substituted P - Third player substituted 1 - Goalscorer (CAPITALS) SO - Player sent off +- Match broadcast live
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Coming Soon

Mark McKean



Leicester City

When?: Wednesday 11 March 2009.

What time kick off?: 7.45pm.

Ticket Price Category?: A

At the time going to press, what was their League position?: First (seventy-three points).

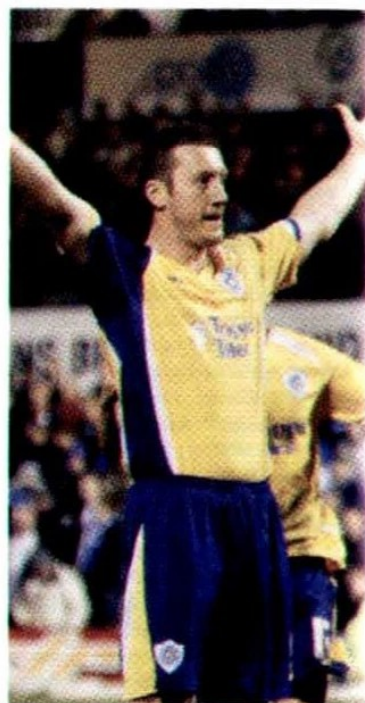
Who is their manager?: Nigel Pearson.

Who is their danger man?: Matt Fryatt. The striker is the division's leading scorer with 21 goals from 33 appearances, with a further four strikes in the FA Cup.

What was the final result when the clubs last met at Prenton Park?: 13 April 1996. Tranmere Rovers 1 (Neil Lennon og) Leicester City 1 (Mark Robbins).

Where did they finish last season?: Twenty-second (Championship relegated).

Did you know?: Leicester's hierarchy proposed changing the name of the club back to Leicester Fosse and got the fans to vote on it by showing different coloured cards at half time during one game. The fans voted in favour of keeping the name as it is. But legendary commentator Stuart Hall still refers to them as Fosse!



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Away Hartlepool United

Tuesday 3rd March 2009
Victoria Park - Kick Off 7.45pm

It's a couple of weeks until Rovers are back on the road. When we do, on 3 March, it's a trek to the north east coast as we take on Hartlepool United. And, as ever, here's a few facts to tide you over.

- Hartlepool United was formed in 1908 as Hartlepoons United. An amateur side, West Hartlepool Amateur FC had been founded some 27 years earlier.
- The naming of Hartlepoons United, to represent the two boroughs of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool went against popular opinion as there were doubts over professional sport. As a result, not all of the 2,000 £1 shares that were offered when the club was formed were taken up.
- Victoria Park, the club's home for the last 100 years, was originally home to West Hartlepool Rugby Club. When the rugby club folded, Hartlepoons was formed and took over at the ground.
- Brian Clough cut his managerial teeth at Hartlepool. He was appointed manager in October 1965.
- The club became Hartlepool AFC in 1968 after the two boroughs were amalgamated.
- A temporary wooden stand was built at the end of the First World War after it was destroyed by bombs from a German Zeppelin. It came down in 1985!
- Hartlepool natives are known as "Monkey Hangers" after a monkey, washed up on the Hartlepool shoreline, was mistaken for a French spy and was hung. The club's mascot, H'Angus The Monkey, plays on this moment in history.
- The second man to wear the H'Angus suit, Stuart Drummond, was voted as the borough's Mayor in 2001. He had campaigned in the suit at games and promised free bananas to all schoolchildren. After being elected he gave up the role of H'Angus. He was re-elected in 2005, doubling his vote in the process!



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2	
3	Andy TAYLOR
4	Ben CHORLEY
5	Ian GOODISON
6	Antony KAY
7	Bas SAVAGE
8	
9	Ian MOORE
10	Chris GREENACRE
11	Adnan AHMED
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18	Aaron CRESSWELL
19	Charlie BARNETT
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23	Chris SHUKER
24	John ACHTERBERG
25	Craig CURRAN
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2	Jack SMITH
3	Jamie VINCENT
4	Michael TIMLIN
5	Jerel IFIL
6	Hasney ALJOFREE
7	Hal ROBSON-KANU
8	Craig EASTON
9	Barry CORR
10	Jon-Paul McGOVERN
11	Anthony McNAMEE
12	Peter BREZOVAN
13	Mark SCOTT
14	Patrick KAYUKA
15	Kevin AMANKWAH
16	Kasali CASAL
17	Lilian NALIS
18	Mark MARSHALL
19	Michael POOK
20	Billy PAYNTER
21	Blair STURROCK
22	Haider RAZAK
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Match Officials

Referee:

D. Webb

Assistant Referees:

G. Eltringham
& D. I. Storie

Fourth Official:

M. J. Denton

Full Time Result:

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Half Time Score:

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Attendance:

Man of the Match:



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