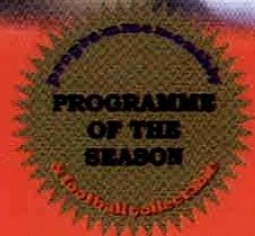


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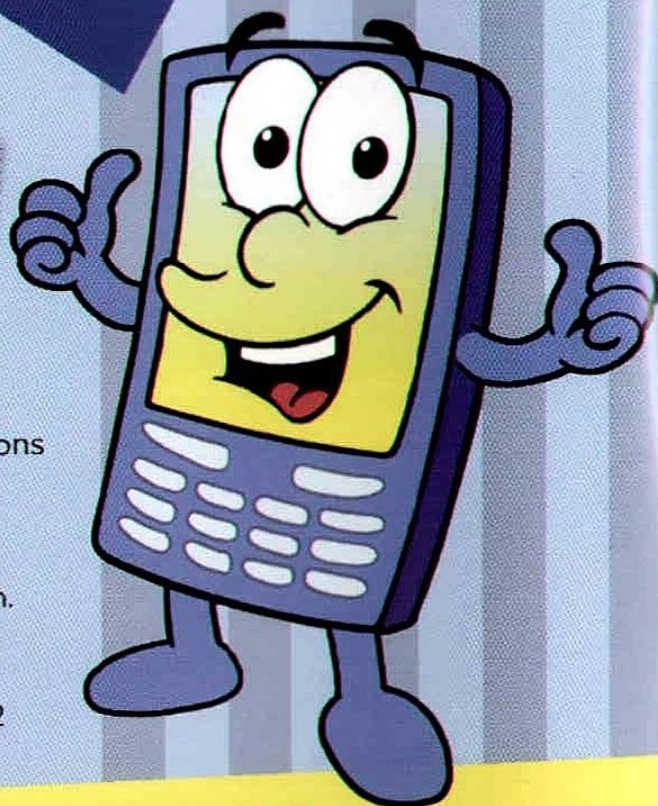
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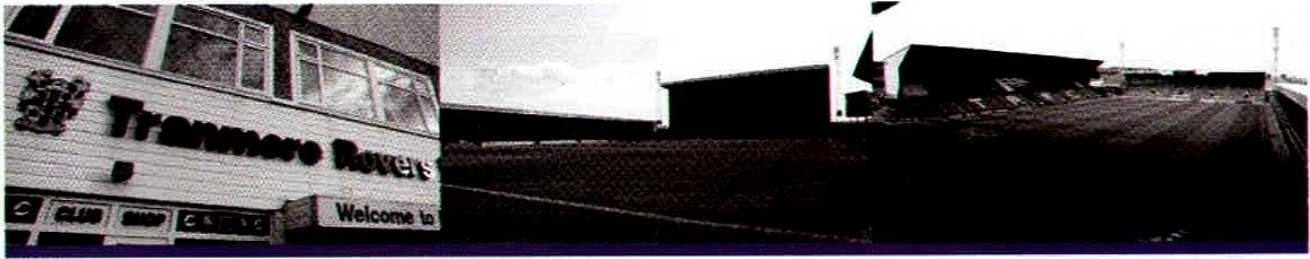
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“Welcome to this evening’s Sky Bet League 1 fixture against Swindon Town. Last week I revealed that I may be in a position to pass the ownership of the Club to someone else within a couple of weeks. It has been important to find the right person and we appreciate the patience our fans have shown.”



“The lower leagues are full of examples of clubs being poorly treated and that is something we have had to try to avoid. Discussions are ongoing but I believe I have found someone who loves the Club and the fans can trust. It has been common knowledge that I have been keen to sell the Club for some time - I no longer live in the area and age is catching up with me. But while I am still Chairman I remain committed to the Club and appreciate your support. Our last home game was a hard fought, but deserved, 3-2 win over Notts County. With both teams starting the fixture in the relegation zone it was a very important match. Despite conceding early on, we continued our bright start and took the lead thanks to two well taken goals in quick succession. Injuries to James Wallace and Jason Koumas were a blow to the team and we conceded an equaliser midway through the second half. However, the team battled on and won the match through a superb long range strike from Steve Jennings, a goal that would have graced any level of football. Unfortunately, we were unable to build on the result at Port Vale. We were hit before the game - remarkably for the third time this season - by a late change to the team sheet with Danny Holmes picking up an injury in the warm up and having to be replaced by Junior Brown. After a poor start which saw us fall behind in the opening minutes, we created a number of chances before half time and could have

been level. However, we also started the second half badly and soon trailed by three goals. The players deserve credit for their response, scoring twice and battling for an equaliser which we were unable to find while we were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty for a foul on Liam Ridehalgh. The results have left the Club in 20th place in the division and, importantly, above the relegation zone. Our destiny remains in our own hands and we are more than capable of getting the results we need to maintain our League 1 status. However, we have to prove it on the pitch. As ever, your support is vital tonight and for the rest of the season. We are in a position where coaching staff, players and supporters all need to stick together and fight for a common cause - League 1 football. The support the players received against Notts County was fantastic, even when we fell behind early on. I believe that backing from the stands played a part in the team picking up three points and hope for the same again tonight. I hope you will join me in welcoming the visiting directors, officials, players and supporters from Swindon Town Football Club. Swindon have had a good season and still have an outside chance of a play-off place so we know they will provide difficult opposition today. We return to Prenton Park in just four days when we host Carlisle United. I hope to see you then.”

Boardroom Briefing

Peter Johnson



From The Dugout

“Welcome to Swindon Town manager Mark Cooper, his staff, players and supporters. After Saturday's defeat at Port Vale we have to aim to respond positively tonight.”

“Our defending at Port Vale was not good enough and it cost us the game. We can't give teams a goal start in each half and expect to get something from the match.

“Things were going against us before the match even started with Danny Holmes unfortunately picking up a knee injury in the warm up. We were already without Steve Jennings and James Wallace and Jason Koumas were playing through the pain barrier for us so to then lose Danny was a blow. We don't seem to be getting any luck at the moment but we'll keep working hard and hopefully things will turn in our favour.

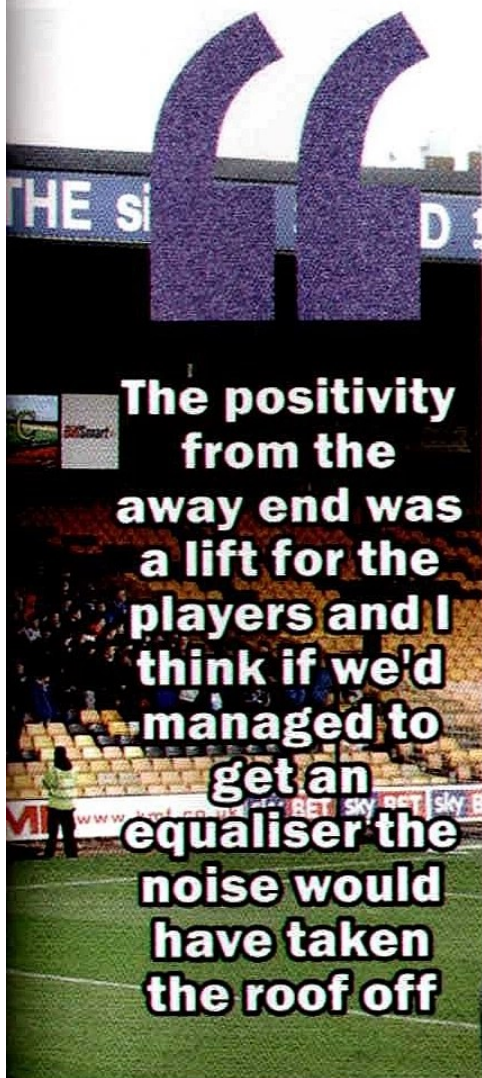
All that said, apart from the spell at the beginning of the first half and again at the start of the second half I thought we were terrific. We have to look at the positives and we created a lot of chances and the players showed good character to get themselves back in the game from 3-0 down. We were chasing the game and made the decision to go to three at the back with Ian Goodison alongside Ash Taylor and Stephen Arthurworrey so we could get an extra man further forward. We just couldn't get the third goal.

We were very unfortunate not to be awarded a penalty at 3-2 when Liam Ridehalgh was caught just inside the area. I've watched countless replays of the incident and I can't see why it wasn't given. But I can make excuses about officials and decisions, I can't make excuses for our poor defending which is what hurt us.

I thought our fans were fantastic on Saturday and thank those of you who travelled to Vale Park. The positivity from the away end was a lift for the players and I think if we'd managed to get an equaliser the noise would have taken the roof off.

Tonight's game against Swindon will be a very different match to Saturday's at Vale Park. Swindon play some really good football and are attractive to watch and they'll be tough opponents for us. It's another big match for us tonight and, if we can get them, three points would be a huge lift. We have to build on the positives from Saturday and those from the Notts County game as well. We won't stop believing and we will keep fighting until the very end.

Thanks for your support.”



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Joe Thompson



Joe Thompson's positive attitude towards his fight against cancer is inspirational.

The Tranmere player has had good news so far and, in an ideal world, is hoping to begin training in the summer. He said: "I'm not too bad. [The chemotherapy] has got a little bit harder but I'm doing ok. I have quite bad vein pain after my infusions where the chemotherapy is put in. On the Monday of having it, at night I'm usually quite bad and being sick. That doesn't seem to change. The doctors are aware of it and it's nothing I can't really deal with. As long as I'm ok the next day, which I usually am, and can get out and about the next week, I'm happy.

"I had scans not so long ago and they're telling me the tumours are shrinking which is brilliant news for me and my family. I couldn't be happier in that aspect but I don't want to get ahead of myself. I have physical checks each time I go to the hospital and nothing is changing or popping to their attention so I think everything is heading in the right direction.

"May the fifth is when I'm due to finish. Hopefully I'll see the doctors not too long after that and then I'm due to have a scan two weeks later. Hopefully I'll get the all clear and be back to normal. It would be nice to get back to some normality and get working and training. I feel like when everyone else will be resting after the season it will be my time to catch up.

"I spoke to [tennis player] Ross Hutchins not so long ago and he told me it took him three months to get back to normal and that was with not doing anything for the eight months when he was having his treatment. So 11 months is in my head - I was diagnosed in October so if I'm back by August or September I'll be over the moon."

The past few months have seen a host of players throughout the Football League join with a number of the Tranmere squad to Grow4Joe.

The campaign is raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, a charity fighting against blood cancers.

Joe added: "It's really nice. Being in such a hard place it was nice to see friends in football support me. Then it snowballed with people I don't know, some of whom I've played against, taking part as well.

"We've got wristbands now as well. I was a bit shocked at the demand for them, my girlfriend has been writing all the names and addresses on the envelopes and took a big load to the post office. They're in the Club Shop now as well and hopefully they'll fly off the shelves!"





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Tranmere Rovers Deputy Head Steward Dave Tinsley is set to saddle up for a memorable bike ride this summer in support of Prostate Cancer UK - The Football League's long-term Official Charity Partner.

Dave will be joining representatives of all 72 Football League clubs to ride from London to



Amsterdam...but to make the challenge extra special he's adding around 200 miles to his journey and starting at Prenton Park!

Once he arrives in London, The Grand Depart is early on Friday 6th June from Leyton Orient's Matchroom Stadium and will head out of London through rural English countryside, stopping off at a second ground - Colchester United's Weston Homes Community Stadium - for refreshments.

After completing the 90 mile sojourn to Harwich by dusk, the intrepid team cross the Channel overnight, before riding a further 60 miles across the flat landscape of Dutch Zeeland. The climax sees the peloton arrive in the country's capital and its network of canals, cobbled streets and wonderful architecture.

There will be a chance to wind down and reflect on a notable effort, on Saturday night in the city centre before a less energy-sapping return to London, via Eurostar, after lunch the next day.

Dave, who will be 58 when he undertakes the gruelling challenge, said: "I'm honoured to represent Tranmere in the event and can't wait to get started.

"I've been riding most of my life and am really looking forward to joining the others in London and getting on the road to Amsterdam.

"I hope to raise more than £1,500 for a fantastic charity which does brilliant work to raise awareness of prostate cancer."

Director of Fundraising at Prostate Cancer UK, Mark Bishop added: "There's been an excellent response from everyone who is helping make it possible within The Football League for what's sure to be a really exciting and entertaining event.

"It will be fantastic to see so many people saddling up for a serious test of cycling when they convene at Leyton Orient in June. From East London to the heart of the Netherlands' principle city, it's the perfect warm-up to the World Cup as we promote and raise money for a hugely important cause.

"Prostate cancer kills one man every hour in the UK with one in eight men likely to be diagnosed with the disease at some point in their lifetime. We want to be there for men and continue the fight against this killer disease."

If you have concerns about prostate cancer please call Prostate Cancer UK's confidential Helpline on 0800 074 8383 or visit www.prostatecanceruk.org. The helpline is free to landlines, staffed by specialist nurses, and open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday with late opening until 8pm on Wednesdays.

Supporters can donate at www.justgiving.com/tranmereroversfc.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all supporters who kindly donated the ground collection for The Terral Morgan Memorial Fund at the home game against Oldham Athletic.

More than £800 was raised for the charity which aims to support other people diagnosed with cancer who want to remain at home.



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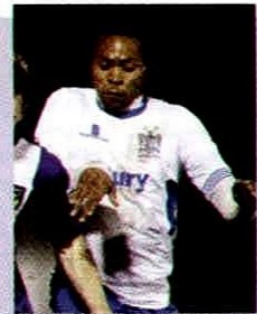
LONE RANGERS

Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro played the full 90 minutes of Bury's 0-0 away draw at Southend United Last Saturday.

The striker was making his seventh appearances for his Shakers and he has enjoyed an unbeaten start to life at Gigg Lane.

Akpo Sodje came on as a 55th minute substitute for Macclesfield Town but was unable to prevent the Silkmen from losing 4-1 at Southport.

It was Sodje's fifth appearance for Macclesfield and the result left the club in 15th place in the Skirl Premier Division.



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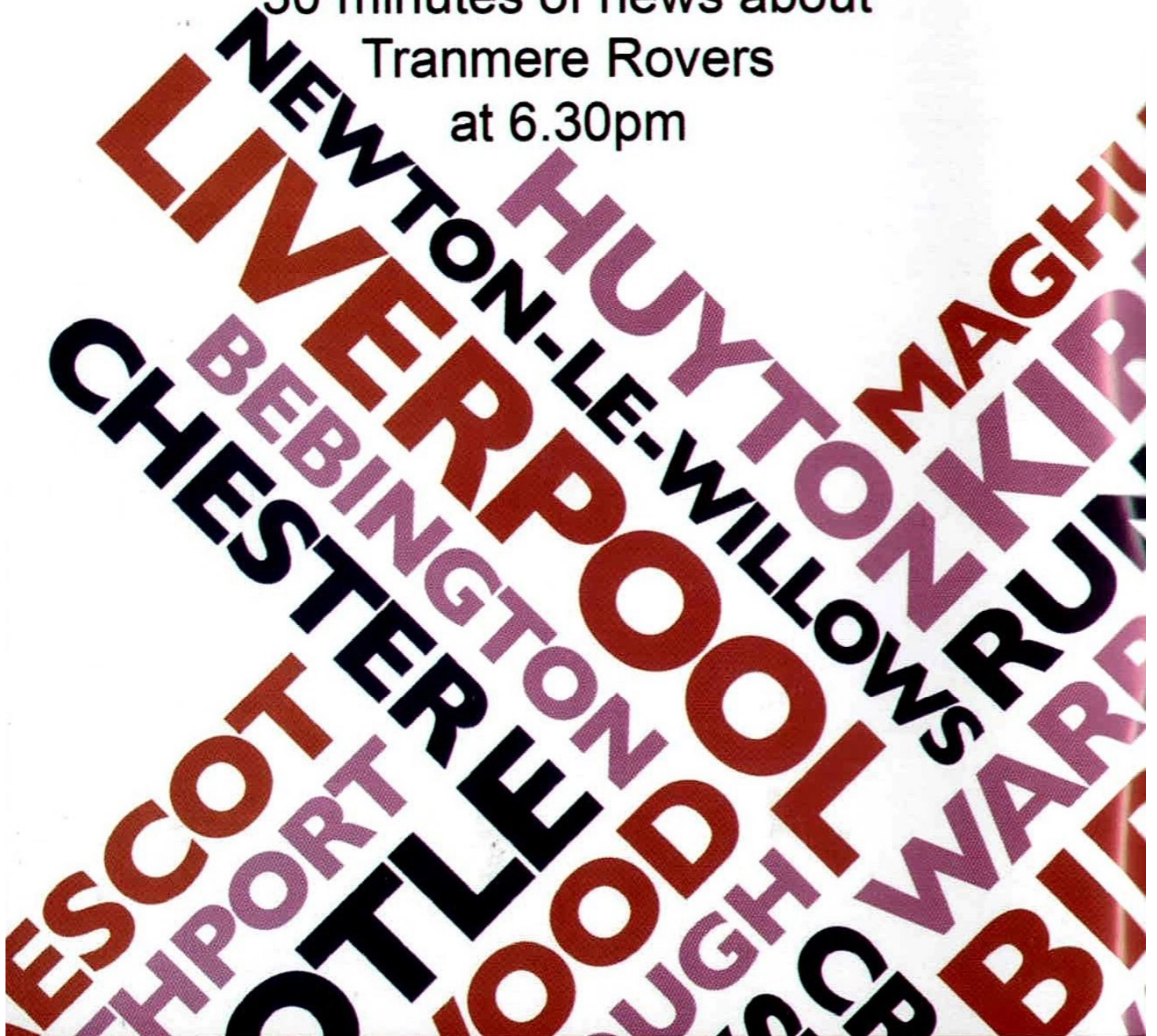


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Press Perspective



TO STAND - OR NOT TO STAND

"The right of the football supporter to stand at a game rather than sit is a sensitive issue particularly on Merseyside."

"The horrors of Hillsborough and the state of many top flight grounds meant that when Margaret Thatcher's government banned standing areas there was little opposition. The dilution of the ban to just the top two divisions didn't produce an argument for the top tiers to change as the 'bottom line' for clubs had been greater ticket receipts but slowly but surely the debate has widened and the serious question now is 'will terraces return to the top stadiums?'. More importantly though the question is how safe can standing be?"

All the recent surveys I've seen suggest that 9 out of 10 fans say they would like the choice to stand at a football match. Would it create a better atmosphere? Would it make the 'prawn sandwich' brigade think twice about turning up? Would more or less families be attracted to games? What would the long-term financial implications be for every club?

At Bristol City recently we saw evidence of the future use of 'rail seating'. These are metal seats that can be flipped up and locked in place, providing space to stand behind a waist-high rail that runs along the back of the row in front. Every 'seat' is linked to a ticket number and can then be flipped down to meet UEFA rules for European games. Bristol Sport the owners of Ashton Gate intend to trial this at games involving Bristol Rugby Club at the venue. Celtic have even gone one step further by formally applying for 2,000 rail seats at Celtic Park.

The pro-standing fans point to the German Bundesliga which is profitable, successful and the current flavour of the month. It may not have huge TV contracts to support it but it has noisy 'standing' fans who identify closely with

their teams. Estimates suggest that around 1,000 British fans travel to Dortmund's Westfalenstadion every fortnight to experience the 'Yellow Wall' - their 25,000 capacity south terrace.

Representatives from the association of Chief Police Officers are reported to be willing to put aside their historic objections to a return to 'standing areas' and start a dialogue with the Football Supporters' Federation. It is however I think significant that while 19 out of 20 premier League clubs have said they would like to talk about a return to standing it has not as yet been raised at a Premier League shareholders meeting.

The chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, Margaret Aspinall, who lost her son James in the tragedy is planning to make a personal plea asking every football club to reject the idea of introducing safe standing areas in stadiums, this after the government recently agreed to discussions over the introduction of standing areas in the Championship following an overwhelming vote in favour by football league clubs. Her simple message is that 'there are 96 reasons why it should not be allowed'. Steve Rotherham the MP for Walton and a Liverpool fan has stated that 'safe standing is an oxymoron' and that lives wouldn't have been lost at Hillsborough if there had been seats in the Lepping Lanes stand that day.

The debate is gathering pace but Liverpool Football Club told a recent 'Mail On Sunday' survey that they could not countenance any move to bring back standing - emotions remain close to the surface and why wouldn't they."



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In The Community



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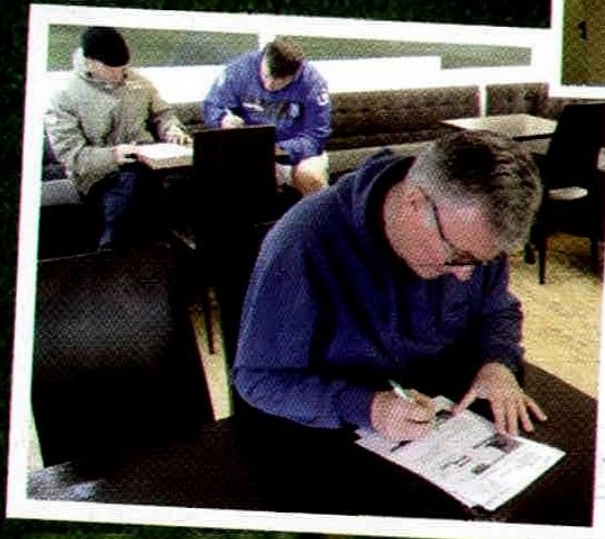
The participants in Tranmere's Active Rovers over-40s football got a free health check at Prenton Park to go with their weekly kickabout.

All those involved had their blood pressure and body mass index measured while they were provided with an action plan to improve their fitness if required.

Active Rovers is a scheme run by the community team at Prenton Park in conjunction with NHS Wirral. Its aim is to increase fitness levels among men aged 40 years and over.

Since starting in 2010, following a series of fitness tests it was established that 90% of participants had increased their fitness levels. Current sessions include: Mondays 7-8pm, football at Woodchurch Leisure Centre, Tuesdays 5-6pm, football at Guinea Gap baths, Wednesday 6-7pm, Tai Chi at The Recreation Centre, Prenton Park, Thursday 6-7pm, football at Leasowe Recreation Centre, Fridays, 1.30-3pm football at The Recreation Centre, Prenton Park.

For more information contact the community team on 0151 608 2354.



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Senior Cup Games Update...

Goals from **Antonie Boland** and **Cole Stockton** earned Tranmere a 2-0 win over **Altrincham** and a place in the **Cheshire Senior Cup Final**. After a goalless first half in which Boland went closest with a back post volley, the defender headed in the opener from James Rowe's corner on 75 minutes. Stockton missed a chance to double the lead on 87 minutes but he completed the scoring three minutes later, tackling the goalkeeper before shooting into an empty net.

Rovers will face either **Northwich Victoria** or **Macclesfield Town** in the final, who contest their semi-final replay this evening at **Flixton**.

Tranmere: Mooney, Morris, Gumbs, Boland, Horwood, Riley, Power (Duggan 60), Rowe, Jago, Moynes, Stockton. Unused substitutes: Ramsbottom, Newton, Shackleton, Maher.

Previous to this, Rovers defeated **Southport 5-3** on penalties to reach the **Liverpool Senior Cup Final** after a 2-2 draw at **Prenton Park**.

Jake Kirby and **Cole Stockton** both went close in the first half before Kirby gave Rovers the lead a couple of minutes before half time with a low strike past the keeper after running on to **Max Power's** through ball.

Evan Horwood almost doubled the lead with a lob from near the halfway line but his shot landed on the roof of the net on 64 minutes.

Two set pieces saw the visitors turn around the tie in the space of five minutes. First **Nsiala** headed in at the near post from a free kick on 71 minutes then **Mukendi** rose high at the back post to head past **Jason Mooney** on 76 minutes.

However, in added time Rovers equalised, with **Power** firing a low shot past the keeper after **Stockton** had dummied a shot from a corner.

With the game going straight to a penalty shoot-out **Jason Mooney** saved the first effort he faced while Tranmere successfully found the net with each shot from **Power, James Rowe, Callum Morris, Stockton** and **Horwood** to earn a place in the final.

Rovers should now have learnt their opponents in the showpiece, as both **Bootle** and **Everton** were due to meet last night at the **Delta Taxis Stadium**.

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Wed Sept 11	H Morecambe	D 1-1	Davies
Wed Sept 18	H Shrewsbury Town	D 0-0	
Tue Oct 1	A Wrexham	L 0-6	
Wed Oct 16	A Port Vale	L 2-6	Davies, Stockton
Wed Nov 6	H* Wigan Athletic	L 1-4	Rowe
Tue Nov 19	A Walsall	L 2-7	Stockton, Boland
Tue Feb 25	A Morecambe	D 1-1	Rowe
(Away fixture played at Prenton Park)			
Tue Mar 4	A Shrewsbury Town	D 2-2	Kirby 2
Wed Apr 2	H Port Vale	2.00pm	
Tue Apr 8	A Wigan Athletic	2.00pm	(at Robin Park Arena)
Wed Apr 16	H Wrexham	2.00pm	(Venue TBC)
Wed Apr 23	H Oldham Athletic	2.00pm	(Venue TBC)

Final Third Development League Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers/Venue
Wed Nov 27	H Wigan Athletic	L 1-2	Davies
Mon Dec 2	A Morecambe	L 0-2	
Wed Jan 8	H Carlisle United	W 2-1	Akpa Akpro, Boland
Wed Jan 22	A Fleetwood Town	W 3-1	Sodje 2, Stockton

Liverpool Senior Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers/Venue
Wed Jan 29	A Burscough (QF)	W 2-1	Stockton 2
Wed Mar 12	H* Southport (SF)	D 2-2	Kirby, Power
(No extra time played - Rovers won 5-3 on penalties, Power Rowe, Morris, Stockton, Horwood)			
TBC	Bootle/Everton (F)	TBC	(Venue TBC)

Peak Associates Cheshire Senior Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers/Venue
Tue Jan 14	H Warrington Tn. (1)	W 3-1	Power, Horwood, Sodje
(Played at Cantleaver Park, Warrington Town FC)			
Wed Feb 19	H 1874 Northwich (QF)	W 1-0	Boland
Tue Mar 18	H Altrincham (SF)	W 2-0	Boland, Stockton
TBC	Macclesfield/Northwich (F)		(Venue TBC)

Home games played at Kirklands, Cammell Laird FC unless stated
*Played at Prenton Park

Under 18s/Youth

Youth Alliance North West

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers
Sat Aug 17	H Morecambe	W 1-0	Riley
Sat Aug 24	H Blackpool	D 0-0	
Wed Aug 28	A Burnley	D 1-1	Riley
Sat Aug 31	A Preston North End	L 0-2	
Sat Sep 7	H Accrington S.	W 1-0	Davies
Sat Sep 14	A Wrexham	W 6-0	Riley (3), Jago, Davies, Own Goal
Sat Sep 28	H Port Vale	L 2-3	Gumbs, Shaw
Sat Oct 12	A Walsall	L 0-3	
Sat Oct 19	H Oldham Athletic	W 2-1	Davies, Gumbs
Sat Oct 26	A Shrewsbury Town	W 2-0	Newton, Riley
Sat Nov 9	H Rochdale	L 1-4	Davies
Sat Nov 23	A Macclesfield Town	W 1-0	Riley
Sat Dec 14	H Wrexham	W 2-0	Newton, Moynes
Sat Feb 1	H Shrewsbury Town	L 1-2	Ilesanmi
Sat Feb 8	A Oldham Athletic	L 0-3	
Sat Feb 22	A Rochdale	L 1-4	Ilesanmi
Sat Mar 1	H Macclesfield T.	W 3-1	Ilesanmi, Moynes, Omatola
Sat Mar 8	A Port Vale	L 0-1	
Sat Mar 15	H Wigan Athletic	W 1-0	Ilesanmi
Sat Mar 22	H Fleetwood Town	W 1-0	Ilesanmi
Sat Mar 29	H Walsall	11.00am	
Sat Apr 5	H Bury	11.00am	
Sat Apr 12	A Carlisle United	11.00am	

FA Youth Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers
Mon 4 Nov	H Gateshead (1)	D 3-3	Ilesanmi (2), Davies pen
(After extra time 2-2 - lost 4-5 on penalties - played at Prenton Park)			

Youth Alliance Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers
Sat Oct 5	A Shrewsbury T. (1)	D 1-1	Duggan
No extra time played - Won 4-2 on penalties (Shackleton, Shaw, Jago, Davies)			
Sat Dec 7	A Rochdale (2)	L 1-2	Riley

Lancashire Youth Cup

Date	Opposition	KO/Result	Goalscorers
Wed Oct 9	H Blackpool (1)	L 0-1	

Home games played at Raby Vale Training Ground unless stated

League Tables

Final Third Development League West Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wigan Athletic	10	7	1	2	21	8	13	22
2 Walsall	11	7	0	4	24	17	7	21
3 Wrexham	11	4	5	2	17	12	5	17
4 Port Vale	10	4	4	2	17	13	4	16
5 Morecambe	9	2	3	4	11	10	1	9
6 Oldham Athletic	10	2	3	5	14	21	-7	9
7 Shrewsbury Town	9	1	4	4	10	14	-4	7
8 Tranmere Rovers	10	1	4	5	12	31	-19	7

Final Third Development League Cup Group C - Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Wigan Athletic	4	3	0	1	5	4	1	9 Q
2 Carlisle United	4	2	0	2	7	5	2	6
3 Fleetwood Town	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
4 Tranmere Rovers	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
5 Morecambe	4	1	0	3	4	7	-3	3

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	PPM
1 Blackpool	19	14	4	1	47	13	34	46	2.4
2 Oldham Athletic	19	14	2	3	45	18	27	44	2.3
3 Walsall	17	11	3	3	34	13	21	36	2.1
4 Rochdale	20	13	0	7	52	35	17	39	2
5 Port Vale	18	9	4	5	37	34	3	31	1.7
6 Bury	18	8	5	5	33	30	3	29	1.6
7 Burnley	18	7	5	6	35	22	13	26	1.4
8 Tranmere Rovers	18	8	2	8	24	25	-1	26	1.4
9 Preston North End	19	7	3	9	32	39	-7	24	1.3
10 Accrington Stanley	17	5	6	6	26	28	-2	21	1.2
11 Carlisle United	17	5	3	9	28	34	-6	18	1.1
12 Fleetwood Town	18	6	1	11	17	33	-16	19	1.1
13 Wigan Athletic	21	5	7	9	31	42	-11	22	1.1
14 Macclesfield Town	15	4	2	9	16	28	-12	14	0.9
15 Wrexham	17	4	3	10	21	36	-15	15	0.9
16 Shrewsbury Town	18	4	2	12	21	36	-15	14	0.8
17 Morecambe	17	2	2	13	18	51	-33	8	0.5

*PPM - Points per match

FORTHCOMING MATCHES



NEXT HOME RESERVE FIXTURE

Port Vale Reserves

Final Third Development League West Division
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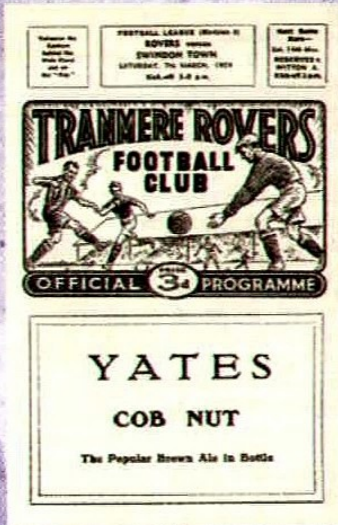
Walsall U18s

Football League Youth Alliance North West Conference
Saturday 29th March 2014, Kick off 11.00am
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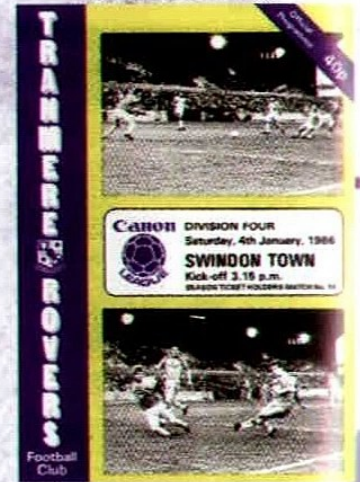
Saturday 7th March 1959
 First ever club meeting
 Division Three, Won 3-1
 Final league positions:
 Rovers 7th, Swindon 15th

1974-75



Monday 21st October 1974
 Division Three, Won 3-0
 Final league positions:
 Rovers 22nd (relegated), Swindon 4th

1985-86



Saturday 4th January 1986
 Canon League Division Four, Won 3-1
 Final league positions:
 Rovers 19th, Swindon 1st (promoted)

1950s

1960s

1970s

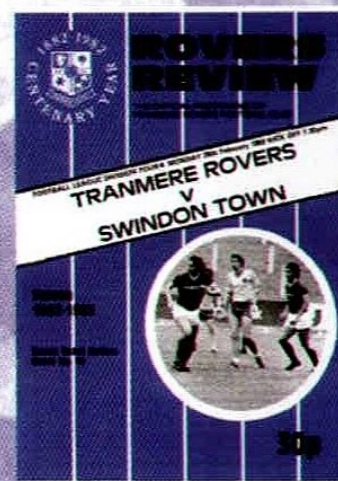
1980s

1967-68



Monday 13th November 1967
 Division Three, Won 3-2
 Final league positions:
 Rovers 19th, Swindon 10th

1982-83



Monday 28th February 1983
 Division Four, Won 2-0
 Final league positions:
 Rovers 19th, Swindon 8th



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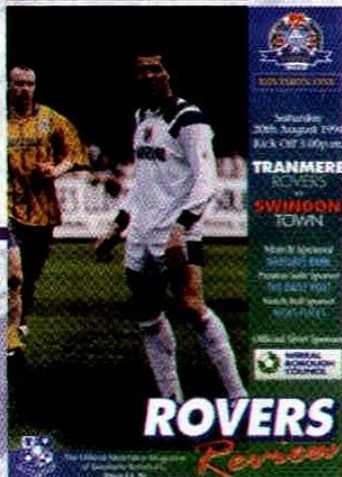
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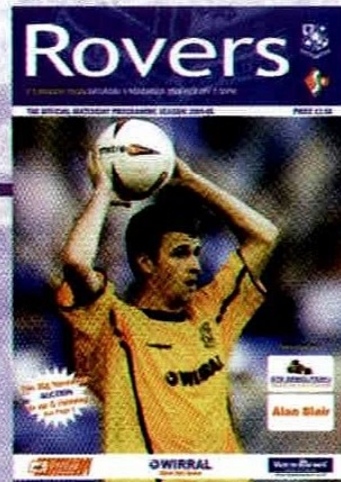
A Home Matchday Programme Timeline

1994-95



Saturday 20th August 1994
Endsleigh League Division One, Won 3-2
Final league positions:
Rovers 5th, Swindon 21st (relegated)

2004-05



Saturday 6th November 2004
Coca-Cola League One, Won 2-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 3rd, Swindon 12th

1990s

2000 onwards...

1999-00



Tuesday 28th December 1999
Nationwide League Division One, Won 3-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 13th, Swindon 24th (relegated)

2008-09



Saturday 28th February 2009
Coca-Cola League One, Won 1-0
Final league positions:
Rovers 7th, Swindon 15th

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April 1993
Division One, Won 3-1
Final league positions:
Rovers 5th (promoted)

vs Swindon Town...

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Head to Head

Captain James Wallace & Physio Gregg Blundell...In Their Own Words...



James Wallace

"Welcome to tonight's game against Swindon Town. After a good win over Notts County it was disappointing we couldn't build on it on Saturday at Port Vale. We can't afford to start halves as poorly as we did - we gave ourselves a mountain to climb conceding early goals. We came close to getting back level, and if we'd been given the penalty we should have been, we might have got a point. But we've got to move on and tonight is another massive match for us. It's too close for comfort down at the bottom of the division and these two home games this week are a good opportunity for us to pick up some much needed points. On a personal note I was pleased to make the Port Vale game after coming off injured against Notts County. It was touch and go if I'd be able to play but thankfully my groin wasn't too bad and I managed the full 90 minutes. The support you gave us in the last two games was brilliant, thank you and please keep it up."

"Good afternoon and welcome to you all. My notes will be brief and to the point today - some of you will probably prefer it that way!

I'll start with Abs who's progressing very well with his MCL injury and we have set our sights on the last game of the season for him to be available for selection and he is well on course for that.

The skipper did great to get himself back in to the starting line-up for Saturday after limping out of action the week before and was a major boost for us.

Jason Koumas had an injection prior to Saturday's game and was outstanding however it has caused him a set back and unfortunately he will be missing from action for tonight's game and his midfield partner in crime Jenno is also a doubt although he has improved dramatically over the last few days.

Big Stevie is also a major doubt as he is suffering with a glute issue that has been causing him a few problems over the last week or so.

It was great to see the legend Goodison back in action and as usual when he plays I have to run onto him at least once to treat the big man.

Thommo has been around the place over the last week and is looking great and being as positive as ever: inspiration! Please keep your support for #grow4joe going as much as possible. Enjoy the game - Gregg"

Gregg Blundell





Tranmere Rovers



Jason Koumas (31)
Ryan Lowe (76)

2 Oldham Athletic



James Wesolowski (12)
Liam Ridehalgh (og 59)

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Sky Bet League 1, Saturday 1st March 2014, Prenton Park, Attendance: 5,061 (Away Fans 757)

Tranmere: Fon Williams, Holmes, Taylor, Arthurworrey, Ridehalgh, Lowe, Koumas (Kirby 70), Jennings, Wallace, Robinson (Rowe 89), Cassidy. Unused substitutes: Mooney, Horwood, Goodison, Power, Stockton.

Oldham: Oxley, Brown, Grounds, Wesolowski, Smith, MacDonald (Clarke-Harris 84), Mellor, Harkins, Philliskirk, Worrall, Lockwood. Unused substitutes: Rachubka, Winchester, Dayton, Dunfield, Stead, Clarke.

Referee: Charles Breakspear.



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Squad Quotation...

Danny Holmes on his 'Charity Challenge'

"The lads will tell you I'm one of the hairiest people you could ever meet so it didn't take me long to get the beard!"

We've got another six weeks to go so I can't wait to see what it looks like at the end. I don't really notice it unless it's windy and the wind blows it around. I've got the hedge trimmers ready for when it is all over.

Joe is really happy with the progress we've all made, but it's not about us, it's about raising awareness and money for charity."

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Up Next



NEXT AT HOME



Carlisle United



Sky Bet League 1
Saturday 29th March 2014
Kick Off 3.00pm

SO FAR THIS SEASON?:

It's another relegation battle as Graham Kavanagh brings his Carlisle United side here on Saturday.

The Cumbrians have picked up just three wins on the road so far this season - at Stevenage, MK Dons and Coventry - but have suffered 11 reversals, including Saturday's heavy 4-1 defeat at bottom-placed Notts County.

Goalscoring has been United's biggest problem so far this season with just 39 scored in 37 games - with only 14 coming in the 18 games away from Brunton Park. Former Rover David Amoo tops the scoring charts for Kavanagh's side with 11 goals - eight in the league.

In an attempt to arrest the lack of goals, Kavanagh has brought in former Rangers striker Nacho Novo on a free transfer and the loan signing of Manchester United starlet Sam Byrne. However the pair have so far only managed the one goal between them.

Kavanagh has strengthened his squad by recently using the loan system. Goalkeeper Jordan Pickford has arrived from Sunderland, ex-Rovers defender Paul Black is in his second loan spell at the club from Mansfield, while fellow defenders Reece Brown (Watford) and James Pearson (Leicester) have also joined, as has Wigan midfielder Daniel Redmond.

LAST TIME THEY WERE HERE?

Saturday 2 February 2013 (League One):

Tranmere Rovers 0-1 Carlisle United.

Tranmere: Fon Williams, Holmes, Taylor, Daniels, Bakayogo, McGurk (O'Halloran 76), Palmer, Power (Bell-Baggie 85), Robinson, Amoo (Stockton 62), Akpa Akpro. **Subs not used:** Mooney, Black, Goodison, Harrison.

Carlisle: Gillespie, Simek, Livesey, O'Hanlon, Robson, McGovern, Thirlwell, Berrett, Welsh (Noble 74), Loy (Symington 86), Miller. **Subs not used:** Collin, Murphy, Edwards, Potts, Beck.

Goalscorer: Loy (44).

Attendance: 5,713.

ON THE ROAD

Colchester United



Sky Bet League 1
Saturday 5th April 2014
Kick Off 3.00pm
Weston Homes Community Stadium



SO FAR THIS SEASON?

Our next trip takes us to Essex as we visit the Weston Homes Community Stadium to take on a nervous Colchester United.

The U's currently sit in 16th place, just five points above the drop zone as consistency has been lacking for Joe Dunne's team. In front of their home fans, United have won seven and lost eight of their 20 league games, with just 24 goals scored. Those wins have included the scalps of Peterborough, MK Dons and Coventry.

Dunne has been able to call upon his strikers Jabo Ibehre and ex-West Ham starlet Freddie Sears to help his side's plight as both have weighed in with seven league goals apiece. The manager also has experienced striker Clinton Morrison to fall back on.

It's been a quiet season on the incoming player front at the Weston Homes Community stadium with defender Alie Sesay, a loan signing from Leicester being the only recent acquisition.

LAST TIME WE VISITED?

Saturday 23 February 2013 (League One): Colchester United 1-5 Tranmere Rovers.

Colchester: Walker, White, Okuonghae, Thompson, Garmston, Porter (Wright 53), Wright (Bond 64), Clifford (Morrison 75), Massey, Sears, Ibehre. **Subs not used:** Cousins, Bean, Eastman, Wilson.

Goalscorer: Okuonghae (29).

Tranmere: Fon Williams, Kay, Taylor, Goodison, Bakayogo, O'Halloran, Corry, Power, Robinson (Black 81), Sidibe (Stockton 69), Akpa Akpro. **Subs not used:** Mooney, Holmes, Harrison, Bell-Baggie, Daniels.

Goalscorers: Power (11), Akpa Akpro (41), Taylor (65), Stockton (85), O'Halloran (90+1pen).

Attendance: 3,077.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE:

Away fans are located in the North Stand, which the Colchester website boasts is closest to the A12.

Those travelling by car, the stadium is easily accessible from junction 28 of the A12 and has parking spaces for just under 700 cars.

The nearest railway station is Colchester North and shuttle buses run to and from there before and after the match.



Ticket Information

...FORTHCOMING HOME GAMES...

Carlisle United



Sky Bet League 1
Saturday 29th March 2014
Kick Off 3.00pm
Prenton Park



Shrewsbury Town



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...AND ON THE ROAD TO...

Colchester United



Sky Bet League 1
Saturday 5th April 2014
Kick Off 3.00pm
Weston Homes Community Stadium



Crawley Town



Sky Bet League 1
Tuesday 15th April 2014
Kick Off 7.45pm
Checkatrade.com Stadium



Match Admission

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Advance prices: Adults £20.00, Seniors £15.00, Under 18 £10.00, Under 14 £4.00, Under 8 £1.50.

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Matchday prices (tickets required before entry through turnstile): Adults £24.00, Seniors £18.00, Under 18 £13.00, Under 14 £6.00, Under 8 £2.00. Disabled - Relevant age category with Carer free.

Official Club Coach Travel

NOW Departs Prenton Park at 8.00am

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Travel Club Membership is available FREE to all Season Ticket Holders.

Approximate Mileage, Journey Time and Postcode

270 Miles - Allow 4½ hours travelling time.
Sat Nav Postcode: C04 5UP or C05 5JS.

Nearest Train Station: Colchester (3½ miles).

Match Admission

Advance tickets now available, until 11.00am on the day of the game. Tranmere supporters will be housed in the Checkatrade.com Stand East (on the side of the pitch).

Advance Prices: Adults £19.00, Seniors (65 and over) £15.00, Juniors (18 and under) £10.00.

Matchday Prices: Adults £22.00, Seniors (65 and over) £18.00, Juniors (18 and under) £13. Ambulant disabled supporters and wheelchair users pay the appropriate age concession and are entitled to a free carer ticket.

Official Club Coach Travel

Departs Prenton Park at 12.00pm.

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Here's four pages...

...for all Young Rovers everywhere!

Welcome to tonight's game vs Swindon Town - let's hope the lads can make it two home wins in two games, to give everyone a good start to the week...

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to all out junior superwhites with birthdays coming up: Rhys Porter-Williams, Erin Whitehead, Ben Bresnan, Harry Kenyon, Erin Colebourn, Jonathan Bruffell. We hope you had a good day from everyone here at TRFC.

GUESS THE GATE

The winner from the Notts County game was **Mark Kelly**, who got the closest with **4,321**. Well done Mark. Don't forget to call into the club shop and pick up your prices. Also don't forget to have a go at our future competitions before every home match.

QUESTION TIME

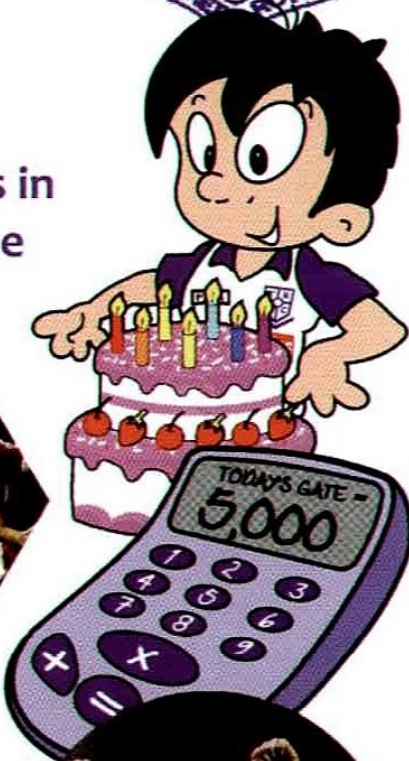
Not long before you know the answer that we give to **Jake Cassidy**.

Keep an eye out for that in the match programme.



TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Tonight's mascot is **Anthony O'Brien**. We hope you have a great day Anthony and you bring us luck for today's game.



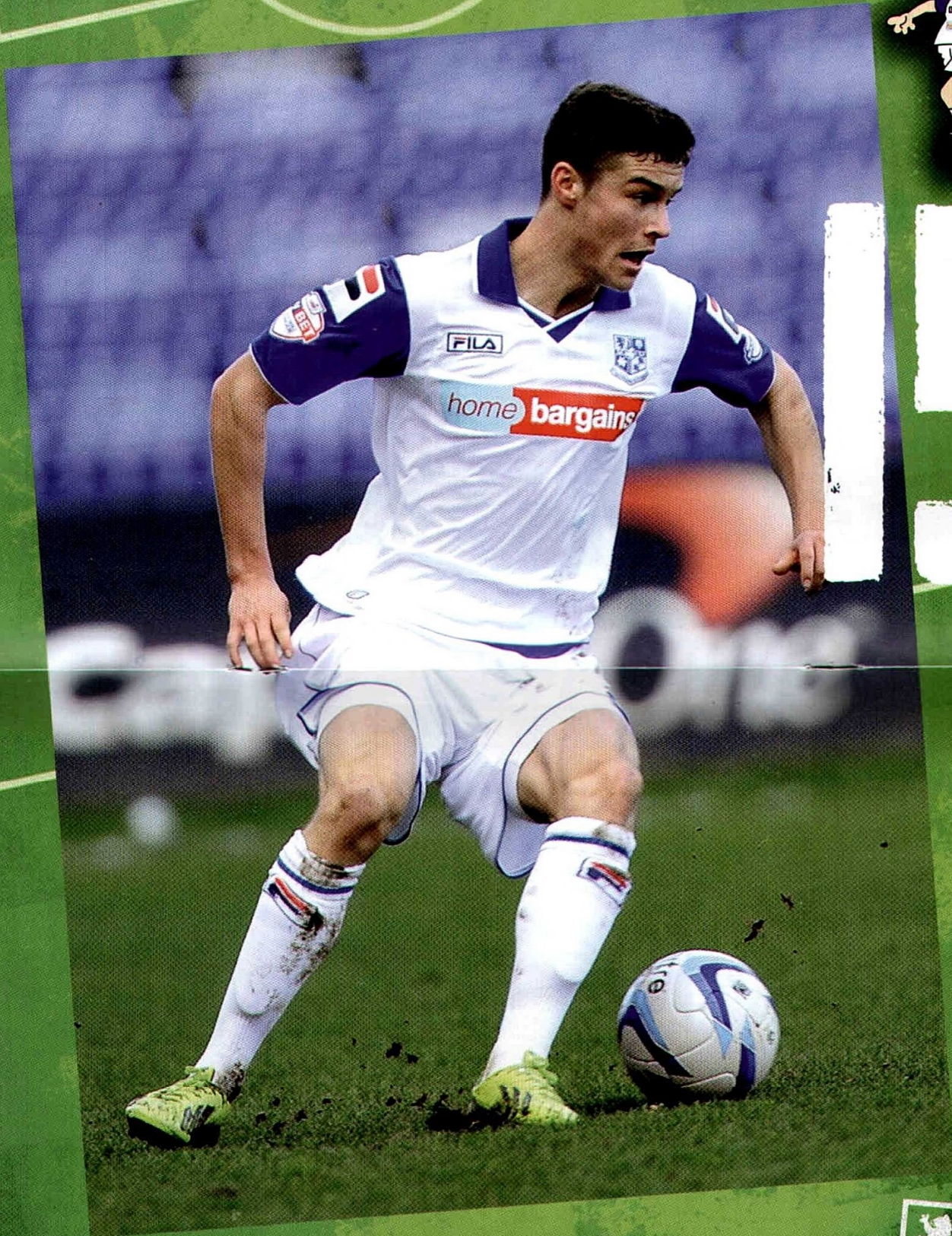
Matchday Mascot



Enjoy the game! x

Our mascot against Notts County at our last home game was **Sean Delaney**, pictured here with **Cole Stockton** just before kick off. Junior supporters who purchase a new full home kit will be entered into the draw to become a mascot this season.





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Jake Kirby



Wordsearch

Head to Head

Who is this?



...Rovers...



...Manchester City

Answers in our next programme...

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Swindon Town

Robins reliant on Cooper to maintain play-off bid

Tranmere's final Tuesday night home game of the season sees them host Swindon Town – a side who have very much been a bogie team to Rovers in recent times.

You have to go back five years and seven matches to find the last time the Super Whites recorded a win over the Robins, with Antony Kay scoring a second half goal to hand Ronnie Moore's promotion hopefuls a 1-0 win.

But since then, it has been all Swindon, who even managed to hand out a 5-0 battering at the County Ground last season, as well as winning 3-1 at Prenton Park.

They are managed by ex-Telford and Peterborough boss Mark Cooper who took over in July, but despite a successful start to life as boss, the former Birmingham City midfielder is under pressure following a poor run of form.

A few weeks ago, the Robins were on the brink of the play-offs, with victories against Peterborough, Shrewsbury and Port Vale outlining their promotion credentials.

But ahead of Saturday's home game against Preston, Swindon were without a win in seven league games, whilst they have won just three times this calendar year.

That run of form includes defeats to fellow Championship chasers Wolves, MK Dons and Leyton Orient, as well as draws with relegation threatened Crewe, Crawley and Colchester.

However, they have also recorded

several impressive results this season, none more so than a thumping 4-0 win at Rotherham, as well as dishing out a 5-0 hammering to Crewe.

Other wins include victories against Notts County (2-0), Bristol City (3-2) and Stevenage (1-0) at home, but on the road they have picked up three points just twice – against Colchester (2-1) and Port Vale (3-2).

Mark Cooper though has a number of influential and dangerous players in his side, none more so than 22-year old striker Michael Smith who arrived at the County Ground in January.

Since signing from Charlton, he has already bagged five goals in eleven games, adding to the ten he scored whilst on loan at Wimbledon earlier this season.

Goals have been very much spread

throughout the team though this year, with Town's top scorer, former Newcastle forward Nile Ranger, hitting the back of the netted ten times.

Midfielder Dany N'Guessan has scored a further eight times, but is currently on a drought that goes back to November 30th, whilst winger Alex Pritchard, a nominee for the League One Player of the Season award, and Australian Massimo Luongo have also weighed in with their fair share of strikes.

Other key figures for today's visitors include defenders Jay McEveley, Nathan Thompson and Nathan Byrne and goalkeeper Wesley Foderingham. Players to represent both clubs in the past are few and far between, but include Ken Beamish, Iffy Onuora and Nicky Summerbee.



FACTUALLY 2013-2014

...Swindon have been in the top half of League 1 since the first weekend in September...



Matty Jones



...Last time around...



Squad 2013-2014

Goalkeepers...

Wes Foderingham
Leigh Bedwell
Tyrrell Belford

Defenders...

Nathan Thompson
Nathan Byrne
Jay McEveley
Louis Thompson
Alex Smith
Darren Ward
Jack Barthram
Aaron Oakley
Raphael Branco
Jamie Reckord
Jack Stephens
Troy Archibald Henville

Midfielders...

Massimo Luongo
Tijane Freitas Reis
Ryan Harley
Ryan Mason
Alex Pritchard
Dany N'Guessan
Mark Francis
Lee Cox
Harry Agombar
Kayden Jackson
Ben Gladwin

Strikers...

Grant Hall
Nile Ranger
Yaser Kasim
Alex Ferguson
Michael Smith
George Barker
Miles Storey
Connor Waldon

Mark Ridgway



Nile Ranger

Position: Striker

Nationality: English

Having progressed through the Newcastle United youth team, Ranger showed plenty of potential, but was ultimately restricted to substitute appearances. After making his Magpies debut in 2009, the striker moved out to Barnsley on loan, but failed to score for the Yorkshire outfit. The 22-year-old then dropped to League One with Sheffield Wednesday, and helped guide the club to promotion in 2012. However a year ago Ranger was released by Newcastle, and he was without a club until Swindon took him on in the summer, where he has been a regular scorer this campaign.



Wes Foderingham

Position: Goalkeeper

Nationality: English

Having signed for Swindon in the January of 2012, Foderingham has gone on to make over 100 appearances for The Robins. The 23-year-old's move followed a successful loan spell at The County Ground, where he was borrowed from Crystal Palace. It was one of many loans for Foderingham, who failed to break into the Place first team. He has been a regular this campaign, and is looking to build on last season's play-off defeat.



James McEveley

Position: Defender

Nationality: Scottish

An experienced full-back, who has been a regular for Swindon this campaign. McEveley started out at Blackburn, but it was at Derby where he made his name, helping the club to promotion in 2007. After being a regular for The Rams in the top flight, the 29-year-old lost his place and went on loan to the likes of Preston and Charlton. Then after two seasons at Barnsley, he joined The Robins permanently in 2012.



Troy Archibald-Henville

Position: Defender
Nationality: English

A player who profited from Exeter City's rise up the divisions in the past few years, Archibald-Henville played a crucial part in their success. The defender had two extensive loan spells with The Grecians, before he made his move permanent from Spurs in 2010. He spent a further two seasons with Exeter before earning a move to Swindon. After a brief spell with Carlisle earlier in the season, the defender is now in the Town side.



Darren Ward

Position: Defender
Nationality: English

Swindon's captain, at the age of 35 Ward is still a regular at the heart of the Town defence. He made his debut for Watford back in 1996 and has played over 500 times over his career. Arguably his finest spell was at Millwall, where he spent five seasons and picked up an FA Cup runners up medal. He also enjoyed spells with Crystal Palace and Wolves, before he returned to The Den for another three years, before the Swindon move.



Massimo Luongo

Position: Midfielder
Nationality: Australian

At the age of 21, Luongo is enjoying regular first team football, having left Tottenham to develop. The midfielder came through the ranks at White Hart Lane, and spent time on loan with Ipswich, before moving to Swindon last season. Again on loan, the Australian international scored in the play-off defeat to Brentford. He has been a regular again this season, after joining permanently in the summer.



Ryan Harley

Position: Midfielder
Nationality: English

A Robin who rose to prominence as Exeter City rose up the divisions, Harley has been a Swindon regular this season. The midfielder started out at Bristol City, but found game time easier to come by after he moved to Weston-super-mare. Once at Exeter he improved, and played over 100 times for The Grecians. From there moves to Swansea and Brighton failed to work out, but Harley's time at Swindon has been more productive.



George Barker

Position: Striker
Nationality: English

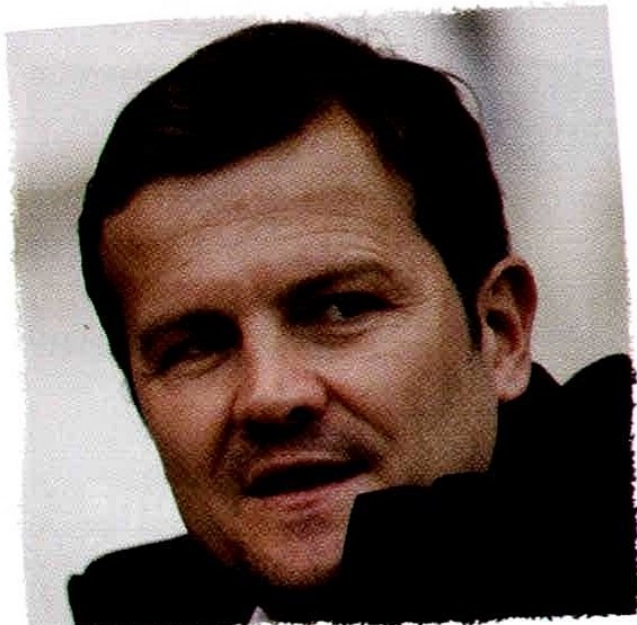
When Barker made his Swindon debut at Stevenage in January, it became the third club he has represented this season. The striker is a product of Brighton's youth system, but made just a handful of appearances for the club. The 22-year-old has spent time elsewhere with Lewes, Barnet and most recently Newport. Then in January he moved to Swindon permanently on an 18-month deal, where he has been a regular since.



Dany N'Guessan

Position: Midfielder
Nationality: France

A striker who knows his way around the league, N'Guessan is a proven goal scorer at this level. Having spent time with Auxerre and Rangers earlier in his career, he found his feet at Lincoln, where his form alerted Leicester. Starved of regular football with The Foxes, N'Guessan then spent time on loan with Scunthorpe, Southampton and Millwall, before his move to The Lions became permanent. He joined Swindon in 2013.



The Manager Mark Cooper



Ryan Ferguson's managerial overview for today's visitors

Cooper had the unenviable task of replacing Paolo Di Canio and Kevin MacDonald at Swindon; the former Peterborough boss charged with bringing stability to a Robins side which missed-out on promotion last term.

A journeyman midfielder during his playing days, Cooper appeared for seventeen clubs in twenty-two years; his nomadic career beginning with Bristol City, ending with Kettering and including stops at Birmingham, Exeter and Forest Green Rovers along the way. Cooper rattled around the lower leagues before settling with Tamworth in 2002. After two seasons at the Lamb Ground, Cooper was appointed player/assistant manager; his accumulated experience lending itself well to a senior leadership role.

When manager Darron Gee departed at seasons end, Cooper filled the breach. Tamworth enjoyed luxuriant cup runs

with ties against Stoke and Norwich, but league form was somewhat problematic. In 2006, they avoided Conference relegation only after Canvey Island resigned from the league. Ultimately, Cooper left by mutual consent with Tamworth mired in the non-league basement.

A drop down enabled Cooper to succeed; his guidance of Kettering Town yielding the Conference North title by a tremendous points margin. After steering the club to consolidation in the top-half of a competitive Conference, Cooper was in high demand.

Peterborough, a club which mines non-league football for star prospects, felt that Cooper's knowledge would be advantageous in enriching such a long-term philosophy. Thus, the Wakefield-born coach was selected as Darren Ferguson's successor in 2009.

Cooper inherited a club with big ambitions following a meteoric rise from

League Two to the Championship. When he failed to produce immediate success, Posh ran out of patience. After just thirteen games and one victory, Cooper was dismissed.

A successful spell at Darlington followed before brief intermediary roles at Kettering and Telford. The latter was truncated as Cooper became assistant to MacDonald at Swindon; the pair overseeing an agonising play-off, penalty-shootout defeat to Brentford last season.

When MacDonald resigned prior to this campaign, Cooper assumed temporary control. A strong start to the season swayed the Swindon board to grant him a permanent, two-year contract.

Since, Town have struggled for consistency and seem unlikely to make a play-off return. However, with the solidity Cooper brings, the club will look to build organically in future years.



...at Tamworth 2006

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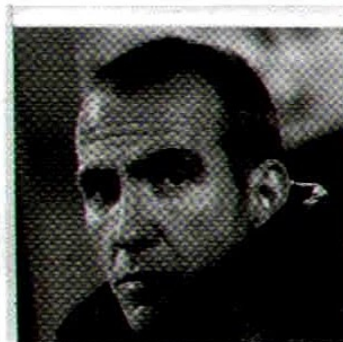
Kevin MacDonald
March 2013 to July 2013

Fabrizio Piccareta
February 2013 to March 2013

Paolo Di Canio
May 2011 to February 2013

Paul Hart
March 2011 to April 2011

Danny Wilson
December 2008 to March 2011



Previously... Paolo Di Canio



Robins' Stats & Facts

...Recent League Game...



Bristol City (Away)
Sky Bet League 1, Drew 0-0
(HT 0-0)



Saturday 15th March 2014
Ashton Gate
Goalscorer: N/A
Attendance: 14,884

STARTING XI

Foderingham

Stephens Archibald Henvuille McEveley

N Thompson Harley L Thompson Luongo Barker

Pritchard Smith



Richard's Bryan Pearson Pack
Burns Barnett Paterson

...Numbers Game...

15

...Different goalscorers this season...

9

...Cup ties played during the 2013-2014 season...

32

...Points gained against teams in the bottom half of League 1...

...Previous League Visits...



Tranmere Rovers 1, Swindon Town 3
npower League One

Tuesday 19th February 2013, Attendance: 5,223.

Tranmere: Fon Williams, Kay, Taylor, Daniels, Bakayogo, Amoo (Bell-Baggie 64), Power, Corry, Robinson, Stockton (Black 64), O'Halloran.
Substitutes: Mooney, Goodison, Harrison, Thompson, Kirby.

Swindon: Foderingham, McEveley, Flint, (Navarro 75), Collins, Roberts, McCormack, Miller, Storey (Williams 25), Ward, De Vita (Thompson 81). Substitutes: Bedwell, Rooney, Smith, Williams.

Referee: Chris Sarginson.

Goalscorers: Tranmere - Daniels (78);
Swindon - Roberts (71 & 90), Collins (48)

...He Played For Both Clubs...



Scott Endersby

Goalkeeper Scott Endersby began his career with Kettering Town but moved to Ipswich Town at the age of 17 for a fee of £8,000.

He failed to make an appearance for the Tractor Boys and moved to Tranmere in 1981 where he took over from Dickie Johnson in between the posts.

He stayed for two seasons at Prenton Park and made 97 appearances before joining Swindon Town.

He also spent two years at the County Ground where he was a regular in the first team.

He moved to Carlisle United and York City before finishing his career.



...Last 6 League Games...



Saturday 22nd February 2014
Leyton Orient (Away)
Lost 0-2



Tuesday 25th February 2014
Crawley Town (Home)
Drew 1-1



Saturday 1st March 2014
Crewe Alexandra (Away)
Drew 1-1



Saturday 8th March 2014
Milton Keynes Dons (Home)
Lost 1-2



Tuesday 11th March 2014
Wolverhampton Wanderers (Home)
Lost 1-4



Saturday 15th March 2014
Bristol City (Away)
Drew 0-0

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This evening's match with Swindon Town is our first on this date for almost a decade, with our last fixture coming in 2006. Hopefully we can pick up a better result tonight than we did on that day.

Rovers travelled down to Huish Park to take on Yeovil Town and came away with a point as Chris Greenacre and Ian Goodison scored to claim a 2-2 draw.

It was a nightmare start for Ronnie Moore's men as the Glovers would take the lead inside four minutes. Goodison tried to bring the ball out of defence but had it stolen from him by the clanky Matt Harrold, who fired past Matt Murray, who was making his debut in goal.

Steve Jennings had a goal ruled out for offside shortly before the break but parity was restored from the next attack as Goodison atoned for his earlier error by equalising. The Jamaican defender was on hand to convert an unmissable opportunity as Ian Sharps nodded a Roberts corner back across goal.

Moore's troops found themselves up against it in the second half as Harrold's free-kick crept in for him to complete a brace and give the hosts the lead again but it wasn't to last long as Greenacre scored his 16th goal of the season from close range to equalise for a second time and rescue a point.

The result left the Whites just five points above the relegation zone, despite their seemingly lofty league position of 14th at the time. We would go on to finish the season in 18th place, staving off relegation by only four points.

To off-field matters in 2010 when left back Ben Gordon checked in from Chelsea to ease manager Les Parry's defensive woes.

Both Aaron Cresswell and Zoumana Bakayogo were suspended, so Gordon's arrival was most welcome for the physio-turned-manager, who said of the signing: "Ben is a talented defender who has a lot of potential. His signing means we don't have to play someone out of position."

Since leaving Prenton Park, Gordon spent time on loan with the likes of Birmingham City, Peterborough United and Kilmarnock, with whom he won the Scottish League Cup in 2012. He now plays for Ross County after Yeovil took up the option not to extend the one-month contract they gave him in April 2013.

Meanwhile, on the opposite side of the defence, Shaleum Logan, who was on loan at Manchester City was ruled out of action for the rest of the 2009/10 campaign with a hernia problem.

The defender joined League One rivals Brentford upon the expiration of his contract with City in 2011 and has made more than 100 appearances for the Bees in his three years at the club. He is currently out on loan at Aberdeen, where he also won the Scottish League Cup just nine days ago.



On This Day



Sam Robinson's Rovers Retrospective

Our Second Home

The 1980s for Tranmere Rovers saw the club go from near extinction to Wembley in a matter of years. Tranmere went from administration to a club with the money to match their ambition of being a First Division club...



INFORMATION

TEAM SHEET

BRISTOL ROVERS

- 1. BRIAN PARKIN
- 2. IAN ALEXANDER
- 3. GEOFF TWENTYMAN
- 4. STEVE YATES
- 5. DAVID MEESE
- 6. VAUGHAN JONES
- 7. IAN BOLLOWAY
- 8. ANDY ESCOE
- 9. DEVON WHITE
- 10. CARL SAUNDERS
- 11. PHIL FURNELL

TRANMERE ROVERS

- 1. BRIC HURDY
- 2. ISAIAH GARNETT
- 3. STEVE MUNDALL
- 4. NEIL MCHAS
- 5. MARK HUGHES
- 6. STEVE VICKERS
- 7. CHRIS MALKIN
- 8. JIMMY HARVEY
- 9. JIM STEEL
- 10. IAN WUIR
- 11. TONY THOMAS
- 12. CHRISTIAN McLEAN
- 13. EDDIE BISHOP
- 14. DAVID PAIRCLOUGH



Nostalgia

Stu Ashton

me...

By the mid point of the 80s Tranmere were languishing in the lower part of the Four Division and by 1987 it looked like their sixty five years in the Football League would come to end as relegation seemed almost certain. However by beating Exeter on the last game of the season Tranmere stayed up and from that point began to climb back up the tables.

The 1988-89 season saw Tranmere not only return back to the Third Division through the automatic promotion spot. When looking down the team sheet of the Tranmere team of the 1988-89 some of the club's biggest names litter the page. With the likes of Dave Higgins, Eddie Bishop, Jim Steel, Ian Muir, Chris Malkin, John Morrissey and Steve Vickers to name a few, the team in 1989-90 looked its strongest since the 1930s. The start of the season for Tranmere couldn't have been better notching up four wins in a row in all competitions. By November had already pulled together twelve wins including a 6-0 hammering of Bristol City.

One game dominated November however which was the visit of Tottenham to Prenton Park in the League Cup. One game that month however at the time had little significance other than to settle old scores with a local rival.

On November 7th Chester came to Prenton Park in the preliminary round of



the Leyland DAF Cup a competition few showed much interested in, even though Chester were a local rival. Over ten thousand fans packed the old stands at Prenton Park, most lured by the distribution of priority vouchers for the League Cup with Spurs at home, to then see Muir score the only goal in the game. This victory may have seemed small in the grand scheme of things but it set in motion the wheels which would see Tranmere reach Wembley.

After seeing of Rochdale 1-0 in the final Preliminary game Tranmere's next opponent was Scunthorpe United at home. Rovers overcame United 2-1 with McCarrick and Malkin scoring for the home side.

With the competition hotting up Tranmere must have been relieved to see their next hurdle was Chester City again. Perhaps it was the home advantage but Tranmere were clinical, beating their local rivals 3-0 with McNab, Morrissey and Muir scoring.

Tranmere's next opponents were a team for whom Rovers would develop a deep rivalry with over the next few years, Bolton Wanderers. Rovers had already lost to the promotion contenders earlier in the season 3-1 at Prenton Park and no one wanted a repeat of that game.

With over nine thousand fans cheering on Tranmere at Prenton Park the home side overturned the earlier season defeat beating Wanderers 2-1 with Steel and Muir scoring the important goals.

After seeing off Bolton Tranmere had made it all the way to the Semi Final and only had to see off the weak Doncaster Rovers team who were propping up the lower end of the Fourth Division.

Tranmere cruised past Doncaster 3-0

over two legs and secured their second ever visit to Wembley.

By the time Tranmere team arrived at Wembley on the 20th May Rovers had secured a place in the Third Division Playoff Final which would see them at Wembley again just a week later. But on that day the team's focus was on winning the club's first silverware since 1938. Facing Tranmere that day was Third Division title winners Bristol Rovers who were looking for the double. Bristol had already beat Tranmere twice that season and some may have thought the game a forgone conclusion...expect for Tranmere and it's fans of course.

In front of nearly 50,000 supporters Bristol took control of the game nearly taking the lead after four minutes only to be denied by a double save from Nixon. Soon after the save though Tranmere showed they meant business as Ian Muir scored from a Chris Malkin header. Although the defending of Hughes, Garnett and Thomas was outstanding Bristol pulled one back at the start of the second half. The pressure was on for Tranmere but in the 71st minute Jim Steel headed in the winner from a Muir cross.

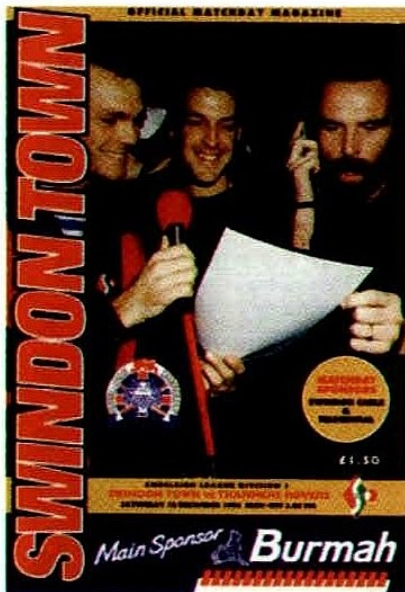
Tranmere had won their first major piece of silverware in over fifty years and a week later it was hoped the playoff trophy would be added to the collection. However Neil Lennon's Notts County proved too strong for Rovers as County won 2-0.

The Leyland DAF Cup may not stand as one of the great cup competitions in the world but this win saw Tranmere become a regular at Wembley over the next decade as they fought to play in the highest league in the country.



Swindon Town v Tranmere Rovers

Endsleigh League Division One
County Ground
Saturday 10th December 1994



As we all know, The County Ground has never been top of our list of favourite away venues. This, of course has absolutely nothing to do with suffering severe dizziness when negotiating the infamous "magic roundabout" near to the stadium, but more to do with unfortunately-timed floodlight failures, non-existent fouls to disallow crucial Play-off semi-final goals and the odd under-par performance by the team!

This match was even more crucial than usual, with The Superwhites in second place, but chasing the only automatic promotion spot owing to a reorganisation of the number of teams in some divisions.

Worryingly for Swindon, who found themselves precariously placed at the wrong end of the table, there was also an extra team scheduled to take the drop! Let's see how the programme previewed the action ahead.

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Star Feature

it was the turn of seven-time champion jockey, John Francombe, to be the guest writer of the "My View" column. As a keen football fan and a follower of Swindon from the days of the superb Don Rogers, John had plenty of interesting points to make. He was always fascinated by the comments of the thousands of "referees" in the stands, who, of course, invariably know the rules better and have much clearer eyesight than the only official whose decisions count!

John was also a fan of flair players, such as Ryan Giggs and Peter Beagrie, and was critical of TV pundits, who were not always so supportive of them. His favourite pundit was Sky's Andy Gray, whom he praised for not knocking the players on the pitch. It's just a pity he wasn't similarly sympathetic to female assistant referees!!

Star Photo

The front cover shot captured Swindon stars, Keith Scott, Fraser Digby and Brian Kilcline in the recording studio in preparation for their stage appearance the following evening at The Link Centre in Swindon when they were due to accompany the band "The Commitments".

Other Content

New player-manager Steve McMahon (brother

of the more famous John!!) wrote his first "From The Top" column and looked back on a hectic few days at The County Ground since his arrival the previous week. He admitted to kicking every ball from the dug-out for the Coca Cola Cup fourth round victory over Derby. When he made his debut for the 0-2 defeat at Southend on the Saturday, Steve took his combative style on the pitch but unfortunately fell foul of the referee, who sent him for an early bath following an incident in which according to Steve (and apparently one of the referee's assistants) a Southend player collided with his elbow rather than the other way round! There was an excellent double-page of action shots from the game against The Shrimpers including one of a determined-looking Steve before his dismissal.

Match Details

With the points so crucial to both sides, not surprisingly the match was a close affair. Steve Mungall gave Rovers a tenth minute lead, before goals by Paul Bodin and Jan Aage Fjortoft for the home side turned the game on its head before the interval. Rovers equaliser, thirteen minutes from time was eventually credited to Gary Stevens even though John Aldridge tried to add it to his huge tally, claiming the ball went in off his thigh. By the end of the season the single point made little difference to either team's fortunes. The Robins finished fourth from bottom, so found themselves dropping down to Division Two albeit from one season only while rovers had to be content with a play-off spot and a third consecutive disappointment, this time against Reading.

Memory Test

In our last review we mentioned how international call-ups from the Rovers squad caused the postponement of our match at Notts County in 1994. The aforementioned Gary Stevens and Aldo were, of course, two of our full internationals at the time, but can you name the other two?

Answer from Notts County Programme

The former Tranmere boss, who had recently taken over the Northern Ireland team, was Bryan Hamilton.

MY VIEW
CHANGING A KAZIN'S SEVEN-TIME CHAMPION JOCKEY JOHN FRANCOMBE TELLS US ABOUT SWINDON

I've always been a football fan and a Swindon Town supporter in particular. My dad was a decent player and he got me interested in the game. I grew up in the days of Don Rogers, who there was a fair amount of success around here. I still see Don as he runs the club in Lansdown where I live. Every now and then I pop down for a bit of training with the lads. Don there says life is very busy as I don't get the chance to kick-about or even see a game so often but I should.

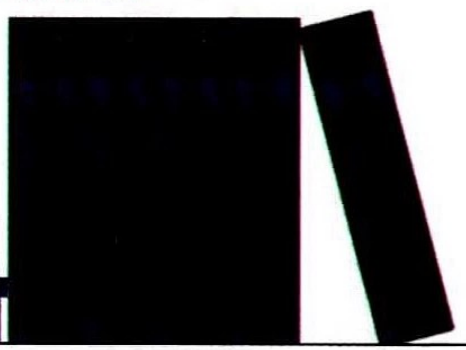
Most of my Swindon are spent in part of Chester's racing team and we get a bit of a kick out of it. We've got Cheltenham in January and some other great big National Hunt meetings around the country, so we do my football writing with the lads after the season. However, if I'm here, and I have a game at The County Ground I'll try to get along. The other reason I am writing along and kicking the lads, writing out, as I would like to see the Michael Walsh Cup game with Forest which I support - particularly in the way.

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Stevenage



Jimmy Smith (21)
Darius Charles (71)
John Mousinho (74)

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Tranmere Rovers



Curtis Obeng (og 88)

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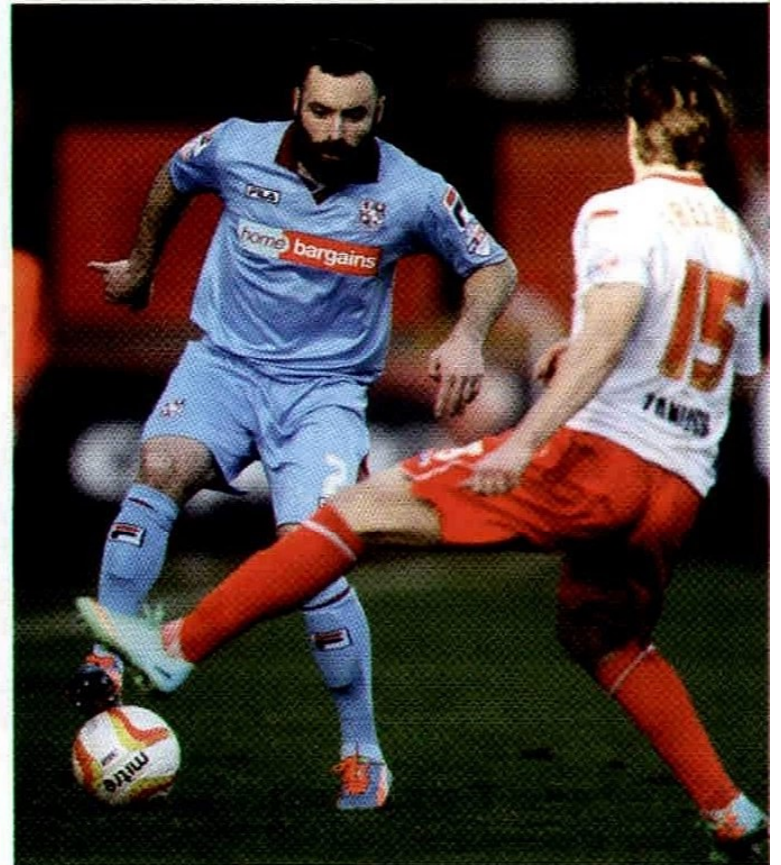
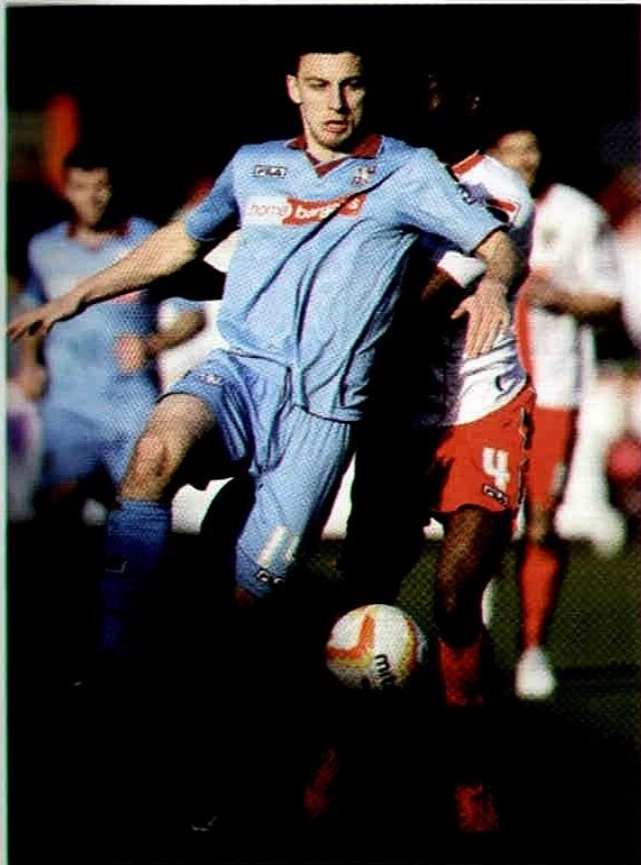
Stevenage: Day, Dembele (Hartley 85), Ashton, Mousinho, Charles, Akins, Zoko (Burrow 90+3), Freeman, Smith, Obeng, Deacon. Unused substitutes: Arnold, Wedgbury, Parrett, Heslop, Reid.

Tranmere: Fon Williams, Holmes, Taylor, Arthurworrey, Ridehalgh (Robinson 67), Lowe, Koumas, Jennings, Wallace, Brown, Cassidy. Unused substitutes: Mooney, Goodison, Power, Rowe, Kirby, Stockton.

Referee: Simon Hooper.



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TRANMERE REMEMBERS

Alec Gaskell

Rovers recently learned of the passing of former player, striker Alec Gaskell on Friday 14th March, at the age of 81. Alec had appeared for both Mossley and Southport, where he made 44 appearances and scored 18 goals in two seasons. This attracted the interest of Newcastle United, who he joined shortly afterwards, before moving to Mansfield Town.

After a short spell at Grantham, he signed for Rovers in time for the start of the 1957-58 season, and wearing the number 9 shirt not only made his league debut against Chester at Sealand Road on the opening day but also scored in a 3-1 win. Despite the fact he only made six appearances for the first team during that year, he scored in all those games, and was a regular in the Cheshire League reserve side, scoring 30 goals in the process.

He then moved to Rhyl in 1959, and following spells with several other non-league clubs was forced to retire in 1962 due to injury. Our sympathies go out to all his family and friends.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 40th birthday to **John Kenyon** for yesterday - life long supporter and season ticket holder in the Main Stand - best wishes from all at the Club, your friends at TRFC and family Caitiin, Lacey, Harry, Sienna and wife Debbi.

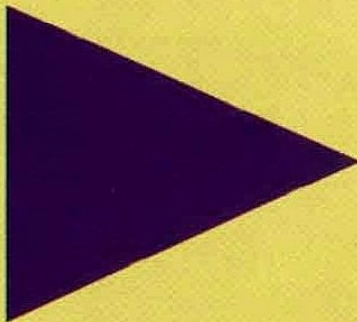


GET WELL SOON!

Get well soon former staff member **Les Cameron**, who has recently returned home from Walton Hospital following a major operation. We hope to see you back at Prenton Park in the very near future!

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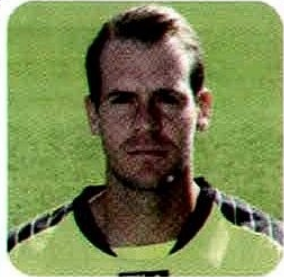
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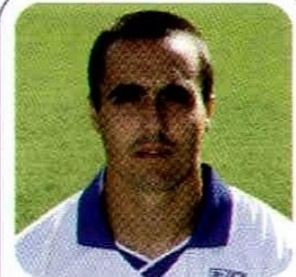
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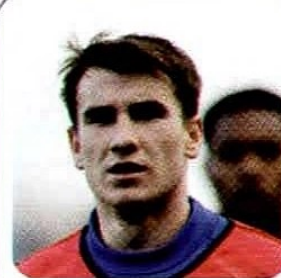
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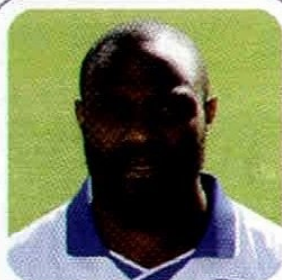


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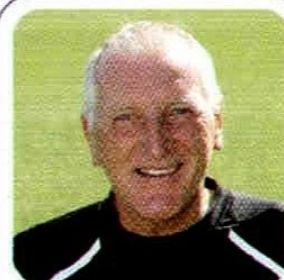


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TRANMERE ROVERS 2013-2014 PLAYER STATS

Surname	First Name	DOB	Squad	Loan	Position	League 1			FA Cup			Capital One			JPT			Rovers career		
						App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals	App	Sub	Goals
Algo	Jean-Louis	4/1/1985	26		Striker	13	4	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	45	8	9
Arthurworry	Stephen	15/10/1994	32	L	Defender	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
Atkinson*	Chris	12/3/1992	14	L	Midfielder	22	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	28	0	3
Baggie	Abdulai	28/4/1992	11		Midfielder	4	8	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	26	23	2
Brown	Junior	7/5/1989	20	L	Defender	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Cassidy	Jake	9/2/1993	14	L	Striker	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	17
Davies	Liam	22/10/1996	21		Midfielder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dugdale*	Adam	13/9/1987	20	L	Defender	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Edwards*	Ryan	7/10/1993	27	L	Defender	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fan Williams	Oswin	17/3/1987	1		Goalkeeper	35	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	132	0	0
Foster*	Stephen	18/9/1960	6		Defender	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Goodison	Ian	21/11/1972	5		Defender	9	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	387	17	13
Hatoley*	Tom	12/9/1989	6		Defender	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Holmes	Danny	6/1/1989	2		Defender	22	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	102	3	2
Horwood	Even	10/3/1966	3		Defender	12	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	16	6	1
Jennings	Steven	28/10/1984	18		Midfielder	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	34	5
Jones*	Andrai	1/1/1992	18	L	Defender	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Kennedy*	Matthew	1/1/1994	20	L	Midfielder	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Kirby	Jake	9/5/1994	15		Midfielder	16	8	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	17	17	2
Kinnear	Jason	25/9/1979	22		Midfielder	20	7	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	136	44	34
Love	Ryan	18/9/1978	9		Striker	36	0	18	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	41	0	19
Maher	Ben	28/9/1995	27		Defender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mooney	Jason	26/2/1989	33		Goalkeeper	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Morris	Callum	1/9/1992	24		Defender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McNulty*	Jim	13/2/1985	20	L	Defender	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
Owenbor*	Jon	23/3/1983	31	L	Defender	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Pendleton*	Matthew	6/10/1994	29	L	Defender	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1
Peterson*	Kristoffer	28/11/1984	25	L	Midfielder	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Pilling	Luke	25/7/1997	30		Goalkeeper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Power	Max	27/7/1993	17		Midfielder	18	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	50	14	4
Ramsbottom	Sam	3/4/1996	13		Goalkeeper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridehalgh	Liam	20/4/1991	23		Defender	27	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1
Robinson	Andy	3/11/1979	10		Midfielder	9	8	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	83	22	19
Rose	James	21/10/1991	12		Midfielder	7	8	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	11	9	1
Seale	Alpo	31/1/1980	19		Striker	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	6	0
Woolton	Cole	13/3/1994	16		Striker	2	14	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	14	44	8
Taylor	Ash	2/9/1989	4		Defender	32	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	182	13	11
Thompson	Joe	5/3/1989	7		Midfielder	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	18	14	4
Wallace	James	19/12/1991	8		Midfielder	15	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	2	5
Widdler*	Bradley	11/9/1994	25	L	Goalkeeper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Own Goals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	0	--	--	0	--	--	0	--	--	133

*Indicates player has left club

LEAGUE TABLE

	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1 Wolves	37	13	4	2	33	9	11	4	3	34	14	44	80	
2 Brentford	36	15	1	3	37	16	9	6	2	25	16	30	79	
3 Leyton Orient	38	11	2	5	34	17	11	7	2	37	18	36	75	
4 Rotherham	37	7	8	3	36	27	12	4	3	32	17	24	69	
5 Preston	38	7	9	2	26	21	11	6	3	26	16	15	69	
6 Peterborough	37	10	2	6	25	20	8	2	9	33	29	9	58	
7 MK Dons	38	8	4	6	26	21	8	3	9	30	31	4	55	
8 Swindon	38	11	3	5	35	24	3	6	10	19	27	3	51	
9 Walsall	38	6	6	7	19	25	6	8	5	23	16	1	50	
10 Port Vale	37	10	3	6	30	27	5	2	11	21	32	-8	50	
11 Sheff Utd	36	9	5	4	26	16	4	4	10	11	24	-3	48	
12 Crawley	34	8	5	4	18	17	3	8	6	20	24	-3	46	
13 Bradford	37	6	9	4	30	21	4	6	8	19	25	3	45	
14 Gillingham	38	9	4	7	29	26	4	2	12	21	37	-13	45	
15 Bristol C	38	5	8	6	26	26	4	8	7	30	35	-5	43	
16 Colchester	37	7	5	8	24	25	3	8	6	18	22	-5	43	
17 Coventry	37	8	6	4	37	34	6	4	9	30	34	-1	42	
18 Oldham	38	7	4	8	21	26	4	5	10	21	28	-12	42	
19 Crewe	38	6	6	6	22	26	4	4	12	23	44	-25	40	
20 Tranmere	37	5	6	7	26	34	5	3	11	20	33	-21	39	
21 Carlisle	37	7	4	8	25	30	3	4	11	14	31	-22	38	
22 Shrewsbury	38	5	7	8	18	21	3	6	9	18	28	-13	37	
23 Stevenage	37	6	3	9	22	25	4	4	11	17	33	-19	37	
24 Notts Co	38	8	2	9	31	26	2	2	15	18	42	-19	34	

*Coventry deducted 10 points at beginning of season

FIXTURES

Tuesday 25th March 2014

Bradford City v Walsall
 Bristol City v Port Vale
 Carlisle United v Shrewsbury Town
 Crawley Town v Sheffield United
 Crewe Alexandra v Notts County
 Leyton Orient v Oldham Athletic
 Milton Keynes Dons v Gillingham
 Preston North End v Peterborough United
 Rotherham United v Brentford
 Wolverhampton Wanderers
 v Colchester United

Wednesday 26th March 2014

Coventry City v Stevenage

Fixtures kick off at 7.45pm
 unless stated





Tranmere Rovers Season 2013-2014

Fixtures, dates and times may be subject to change

Date	Opposition	Result	Atten	Pos	Away	Cat	Goalscorers				
Sat Aug 3	A Walsall	L 1-3	4,788	22nd	976	--	Robinson (40)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Tue Aug 6	H MANSFIELD TOWN (CAPR1)	W 2-0	3,067	--	173	--	Robinson (2), Atkinson (45)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Sat Aug 10	H CRAWLEY TOWN	D 3-3	4,783	19th	135	B	Thompson (16, 44), Lowe (90)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Sat Aug 17	A Crewe Alexandra	L 1-2	4,720	19th	898	--	Alpa Akpro (87)	Fon Williams	Holmes	SO	Horwood
Sat Aug 24	H PETERBOROUGH UNITED	L 0-5	4,592	22nd	410	B		Fon Williams	Horwood	Taylor	Foster
Tue Aug 27	H BOLTON WANDERERS (CAPR2)	D 1-1+	3,379	--	918	B	Stockton (45)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Sat Aug 31	A Oldham Athletic	W 1-0	4,792	18th	586	--	Lowe (90 pen)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Tue Sep 3	H FLEETWOOD TOWN (JPT1)	L 1-2	1,937	--	116	--	Horwood (37)	Fon Williams	Horwood	Taylor	Goodison
Sat Sep 7	H STEVENAGE	D 0-0	4,156	18th	89	B		Mooney	Holmes	Horwood	Goodison
Sat Sep 14	H BRENTFORD	L 3-4	4,454	17th	354	B	Atkinson (44), Dugdale (55), Stockton (90)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Goodison
Sat Sep 21	A Notts County	L 0-2	3,938	19th	328	--		Fon Williams	Horwood	Goodison	Hateley
Wed Sep 25	H STOKE CITY (CAPR3)	L 0-2	5,559	--	2,063	--		Fon Williams	Horwood	Taylor	Hateley
Sat Sep 28	H PORT VALE	L 0-1	5,334	21st	1,166	B		Fon Williams	Taylor	Hateley	Dugdale
Sat Oct 5	A Swindon Town	L 0-1	7,889	24th	188	--		Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Goodison
Sun Oct 13	A Bradford City	W 1-0	14,647	21st	430	--	Lowe (69)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Goodison
Sat Oct 19	H LEYTON ORIENT	L 0-4	4,313	22nd	339	B		Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Goodison
Tue Oct 22	A Rotherham United	D 1-1	7,511	22nd	356	--	Lowe (84 pen)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Goodison
Sat Oct 26	H MILTON KEYNES DONS	W 3-2	4,100	21st	190	B	Lowe (7 & 66 pen), Rowe (84)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Hateley
Sat Nov 2	A Preston North End	D 1-1	9,496	20th	755	--	Atkinson (55)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Hateley
Sat Nov 9	A Accrington Stanley (FAC1)	W 1-0	1,711	--	686	--	Lowe (90)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Hateley
Sat Nov 16	H BRISTOL CITY	D 1-1	4,932	21st	469	B	Ridehalgh (41)	Mooney	Holmes	Taylor	McNulty
Sat Nov 23	A Coventry City	W 5-1	1,860	19th	178	--	Lowe (4, 44, 54), Kirby (37), Wallace (89)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	SO
Tue Nov 26	A Wolverhampton Wanderers	L 0-2	14,989	20th	508	--		Fon Williams	Holmes	Goodison	McNulty
Sat Nov 30	H COLCHESTER UNITED	W 2-1	4,148	19th	128	B	Lowe (32, 56 pen)	Fon Williams	Goodison	McNulty	Ridehalgh
Sat Dec 7	A Peterborough United (FAC2)	L 0-5	3,269	--	272	--		Fon Williams	Holmes	McNulty	Ridehalgh
Sat Dec 14	A Carlisle United	L 1-4	3,793	20th	207	--	Lowe (81)	Fon Williams	Taylor	McNulty	Ridehalgh
Fri Dec 20	H GILLINGHAM	L 1-2	6,251	20th	174	£5	Lowe (77)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	McNulty
Thur Dec 26	A Shrewsbury Town	W 1-0	6,056	19th	734	--	Robinson (45)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Sun Dec 29	A Sheffield United	L 1-3	17,460	20th	532	--	Taylor (85)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Horwood	Taylor
Wed Jan 1	H WOLVERHAMPTON W.	D 1-1	6,158	20th	1,574	A	Lowe (34)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Jan 11	H WALSALL	D 1-1	4,871	20th	440	B	Stockton (78)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Jan 18	A Peterborough United	L 0-3	5,297	21st	150	--		Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Jan 25	H CREWE ALEXANDRA	W 1-0	5,045	17th	705	B	Pennington (28)	Fon Williams	Horwood	Taylor	Pennington
Tue Jan 28	H ROTHERHAM UNITED	L 1-2	3,777	18th	416	C	Robinson (90)	Fon Williams	Horwood	Taylor	Pennington
Sat Feb 1	A Milton Keynes Dons	W 1-0	7,460	17th	276	--	Lowe (90)	Fon Williams	Horwood	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Feb 8	H PRESTON NORTH END	L 1-2	5,895	18th	1,797	A	Taylor (45)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Feb 15	A Bristol City	D 2-2	11,340	18th	310	--	Cassidy (19), Koumas (80)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Feb 22	H COVENTRY CITY	W 3-1	5,279	18th	912	B	Lowe (12 pen), Wallace (48), Kirby (64)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Ridehalgh	Pennington
Sat Mar 1	H OLDHAM ATHLETIC	D 2-2	5,061	18th	767	B	Koumas (31), Lowe (76)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Ridehalgh
Sat Mar 8	A Stevenage	L 1-3	2,577	20th	272	--	Own Goal (Obeng 88)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Brown
Tue Mar 11	A Brentford	L 0-2	5,646	21st	176	--		Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Brown
Sat Mar 15	H NOTTS COUNTY	W 3-2	4,292	19th	276	B	Koumas (25), Lowe (28), Jennings (84)	Fon Williams	Holmes	Taylor	Ridehalgh
Sat Mar 22	A Port Vale	L 2-3	5,449	20th	677	--	Taylor (58), Koumas (60)	Fon Williams	Taylor	Brown	Ridehalgh
Tue Mar 25	H SWINDON TOWN	7.45pm				C					
Sat Mar 29	H CARLISLE UNITED	3.00pm				B					
Sat Apr 5	A Colchester United	3.00pm				--					
Sat Apr 12	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	3.00pm				B					
Tue Apr 15	A Crawley Town	7.45pm				--					
Fri Apr 18	A Gillingham	3.00pm				--					
Mon Apr 21	H SHEFFIELD UNITED	3.00pm				A					
Sat Apr 26	A Leyton Orient	3.00pm				--					
Sat May 3	H BRADFORD CITY	3.00pm				B					

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Arthurwrey	Wallace SO	Robinson	Jennings	Koumas	Peterson	Lowe
Arthurwrey	Robinson	Rowe	Jennings	Koumas	Lowe	Kennedy
Arthurwrey	Rowe	Kirby	Jennings	Koumas	Lowe	Kennedy
Arthurwrey	Kirby	Jennings	Koumas	Lowe	Cassidy	Kennedy
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Arthurwrey	Wallace	Kirby	Jennings	Koumas	Lowe	Cassidy
Arthurwrey	Wallace	Kirby	Power	Koumas	Lowe	Cassidy

Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub	Sub	Referee
Mooney	Goodison	Thompson	Rowe	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	B. Malone
Mooney	Goodison	Kirby	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	D. Webb
Mooney	Goodison	Rowe	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	K. Hill
Mooney	Rowe	Kirby	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	Jones	A. Madley
Mooney	Goodison	Rowe	Kirby	Koumas	Stockton	--	J. Simpson
Mooney	Kirby	Baggie	Maher	--	--	--	S. Martin
Mooney	Dugdale	Thompson	Kirby	Jones	Lowe	Sodje	E. Ilderton
Mooney	Holmes	Thompson	Kirby	Akpa Akpro	--	--	C. Boyeson
Taylor	Jones	Stockton	Sodje	Ramsbottom	--	--	C. Pawson
Mooney	Taylor	Robinson	Jones	Baggie	Stockton	Sodje	S. Duncan
Davies	Mooney	Holmes	Taylor	Baggie	Stockton	Sodje	S. Stockbridge
Davies	Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Thompson	Baggie	Sodje	D. Coote
Davies	Goodison	Morris	Power	Baggie	Sodje	Ramsbottom	P. Tierney
Morris	Thompson	Rowe	Baggie	Stockton	Ramsbottom	--	C. Breakspear
Horwood	Morris	Rowe	Baggie	Stockton	Sodje	Watkins	D. Drysdale
Horwood	Rowe	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	Sodje	Watkins	R. Clark
Horwood	Rowe	Koumas	Baggie	Stockton	Sodje	Watkins	T. Harrington
Horwood	Rowe	Jennings	Koumas	Stockton	Sodje	Watkins	S. Rushton
Mooney	Rowe	Jennings	Koumas	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	Boland	G. Eltringham
Mooney	Horwood	Goodison	Rowe	Jennings	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	S. Stockbridge
Horwood	Goodison	Hateley	Rowe	Sodje	Akpa Akpro	Pilling	K. Wright
Mooney	Horwood	Hateley	Wallace	Rowe	Baggie	Sodje	D. Deadman
Mooney	Horwood	Hateley	Wallace	Rowe	Baggie	Sodje	G. Scott
Mooney	Holmes	Horwood	Rowe	Power	Koumas	Stockton	D. Whitestone
Mooney	Horwood	Rowe	Power	Koumas	Stockton	Sodje	M. Naylor
Mooney	Holmes	Horwood	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Stockton	A. Madley
Mooney	Horwood	Osemor	Robinson	Atkinson	Power	Stockton	R. Lewis
Mooney	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Jennings	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	A. Woolmer
Mooney	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	--	D. Webb
Mooney	Hateley	McNulty	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Stockton	D. Deadman
Mooney	Holmes	Horwood	Kirby	Power	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	A. Haines
Mooney	Horwood	Morris	Power	Baggie	Stockton	Akpa Akpro	G. Ward
Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Robinson	Rowe	Power	Stockton	S. Mathieson
Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Robinson	Power	Koumas	Stockton	S. Bratt
Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Robinson	Kirby	Power	Stockton	M. Heywood
Mooney	Goodison	Holmes	Robinson	Power	Koumas	Stockton	D. Coote
Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Robinson	Kirby	Power	Stockton	M. Bull
Mooney	Holmes	Goodison	Robinson	Kirby	Power	Stockton	A. Madley
Mooney	Horwood	Goodison	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Stockton	C. Breakspear
Mooney	Goodison	Robinson	Rowe	Kirby	Power	Stockton	S. Hooper
Mooney	Goodison	Morris	Robinson	Kirby	Power	Stockton	T. Kettle
Mooney	Goodison	Brown	Robinson	Rowe	Power	Stockton	K. Stroud
Mooney	Horwood	Goodison	Robinson	Rowe	Stockton	--	R. Clark



Safety First



Matchday Safety Information Season 2013-2014

Tranmere Rovers Football Club want every person, whether a regular or visiting supporter, to enjoy their day with us.

The following safety policy shows our commitment to ensuring safety within the Stadium.

Stadium Safety Policy

Spectators' safety at the Stadium is of paramount importance. We therefore make public our safety policy which is as follows:

1. Provide an organisational structure for the implementation of safety on matchdays.
2. Provide training for all matchday staff.
3. Comply fully with the Stadium Safety Certificate.
4. Undertake to carry out emergency procedure practices during events.
5. Arrange for emergency contingency plans.
6. Maintain records of all events held at the Stadium.
7. Continually monitor and improve Club Safety systems.
8. Liaise with all other agencies on matters relating to safety and ground control.
9. Positively encourage spectators to communicate safety issues to the Club.
10. Ensure that spectators are aware of the stadium emergency procedures.

If you have any enquiries or suggestions regarding any safety issues do not hesitate to contact the Club's Safety Officer, Keith Bailey.

No Smoking

In conjunction with the Football League, Prenton Park is a designated no smoking venue (this includes e-cigarettes). This affects all seating, hospitality suites and concourses.

Family Friendly Areas

For the 2013-14 season, the Club will again be operating Family Friendly Areas within the ground. We are also taking part in the Football League's 'Enjoy the Match' campaign aimed at enhancing the matchday experience in Family Friendly Areas.

These are recommended for families and perhaps some new supporters. These areas are close to entrances, exits and facilities. Specially trained stewards will be close by. We will be asking supporters to respect the fact that families and young children are in these areas.

Code of conduct:

Football is a family sport and your safety and enjoyment is of paramount importance.

Please encourage the players, respect the match officials and help to create a great atmosphere.

The Family Friendly Areas of our stadium are subject to a zero tolerance policy with regard to anti-social behaviour:

*Threatening behaviour

*Foul or abusive language

*Racial, homophobic or discriminatory abuse are strictly forbidden and will result in ejection from the ground and possibly arrest.

Your support and adherence to this Code of Conduct is greatly appreciated.

The Family Friendly Areas are:

Lower Kop - Rows N-Z, seats 115-139.

Family Paddock - Whole Section

Borough Road - Rows A-D, seats 199-232, and rows E-M, seats 190-232.

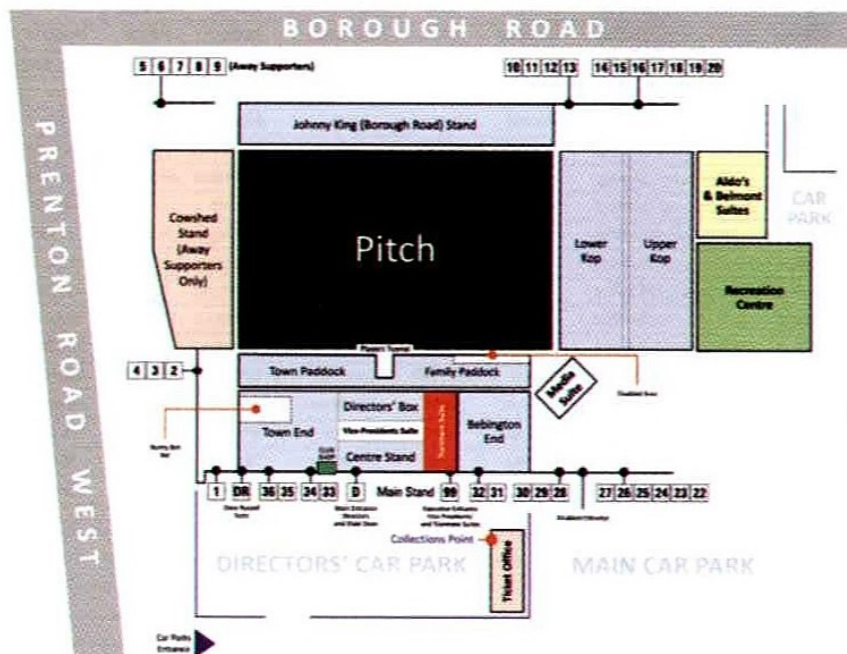
Main Stand - Rows A-I, seats 1-22.

Cowshed - Rows H-J, seats 35-44.

If you witness anti-social behaviour:

To help supporters report any abusive language or inappropriate behaviour at Prenton Park on matchdays, the Club has introduced a special text message service. To make reporting easier, supporters can now send a text message to 07928407450 with the details and location of the incident and the Club will deal with it accordingly. Please feel free to ask for any assistance from the Club stewards and/or any other matchday staff. If you wish to report any incidences of anti-social behaviour please speak to any steward who will be pleased to help you in confidence. Alternatively you may wish to contact the Club via our Safety Officer Keith Bailey on 0151 609 3380. Please ensure to note the relevant row and seat numbers so that we can monitor the area you have pinpointed.

Please note: CCTV is in use in and around the ground and the Club may use or pass to the Police or any Football Authority for use in any proceedings.

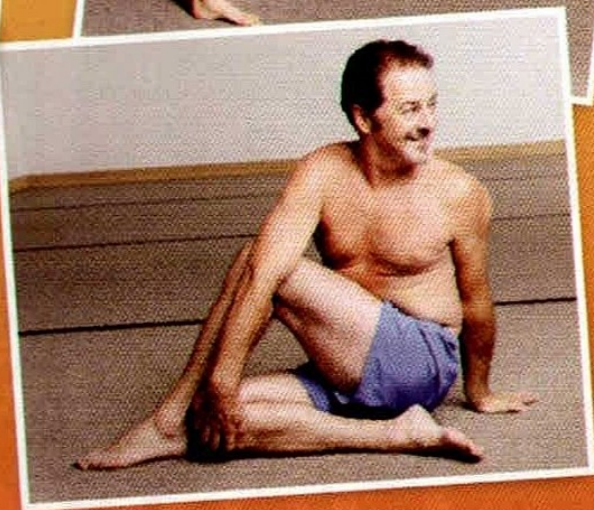
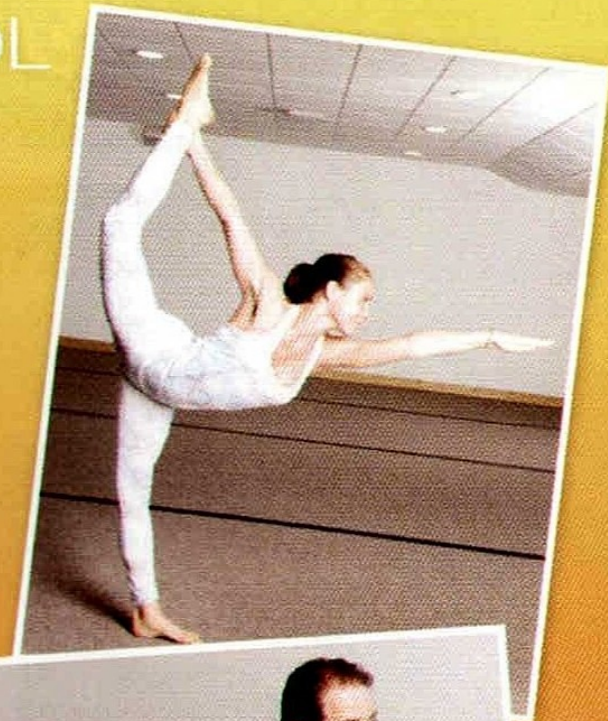


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PARK PICTORIAL PAST



Our pictorial picture past for this evening takes us back almost 50 years ago to a time when Rovers' FA Cup exploits were once again headline news, and fronted by the legendary manager of the era, Dave Russell.

Here, Russell, striker George Yardley and Club secretary Norman Wilson are joined by other members of the team as they prepare for a live interview via the newly-created Radio Merseyside station following their 2-0 Fourth Round Replay victory over Coventry City, and asked for their thoughts while looking forward to a meeting with neighbours Everton in the last sixteen of the competition.

When asked about the prospect of facing Harry Catterick's eventual cup-winning Blues side at Goodison, his usual coarse and straightforward reply was "to hopefully deliver the heaviest blow possible on dear Harry and stifle his boys in their own backyard. Harry is certainly a genius, and I expect no less from his boys, but he also knows what his best attributes

are and what we are all capable of when we are at are best, just ask Coventry". Rovers though went on lose 0-2 in front of more than 60,000 on the day.

Initially, Scotsman Russell was the instigator of many changes around Prenton Park during the 1960s, more so the now synonymous white kit in an attempt to create a sole identity for the Club and distance themselves from their nearby larger relatives Liverpool and especially Everton.

The current Main Stand was in many ways deliberated by Russell, as was the revamped design of both the club badge. On the pitch, his arrival at Rovers in December 1961 was a rather quiet affair, but he soon heralded a host of significant changes to come, as the once customary pre-season 'public trial matches' which often contested between the First and Second XI's in front of a home audience at Prenton Park, where dropped in favour of pre-season friendlies from 1962 onwards, and with Russell's excellent reputation as a lower league manager often brought

some well-know club names here in those months leading up to the respective seasons.

His invaluable knowledge and shrewd acquisition of players took Rovers to the brink of promotion success on two consecutive occasions (1964-65 and 1965-66) before both he and his squad made it third time lucky in May 1967, and gained promotion to Division Three.

This also proved the springboard for a cup-giant killing season the following year, as Huddersfield Town fell, shortly before Coventry were brought down to earth as they were held at Highfield Road in a 1-1 draw, only for the two George's Hudson and Yardley to help record a famous night on Wirral.

Dave finally stepped aside in December 1969 to allow his then right-hand man, Jackie Wright, to grab hold of the managerial reins, and later retired to the Directors Box as club president, before he passed away in 2000, still much loved by all at TRFC and those in football generally who knew him.



Harper's Football League Hearsay

"Simon Corney, has threatened to quit the club if his team gets relegated to League Two at the end of this season."



"The Latics are involved in a relegation battle in League One with eight games to go this season but are currently on the right side of the relegation zone at time of writing. But should they drop into that relegation zone and fall into English football's fourth tier for the first time in over 40 years, Corney has said he would consider it a 'personal failure' and would step down as chairman and hand control of the football club over to the supporters.

Those supporters have been very critical of Corney's running of the club in recent weeks in radio phone-ins and on internet forums, so perhaps his threat would give some of them a glimpse into the harsh realities of running a lower league football club.

Corney has put his faith in the Football League's youngest manager Lee Johnson to guide the team out of trouble. When a lot of chairmen might have hit the panic button, Corney has made the brave decision to stick with Johnson when he could easily have gone down the lines of a tried and tested experienced manager in his place.

Off the pitch, it has not been an easy time for the Latics. Under-performing players were moved on but at a cost, while work on a new stand down one of the sides of Boundary Park has come at a greater cost than anticipated as the Football Foundation withdrew plans for a £700,000 grant. League One survival will be key to ensuring that there are supporters to sit in the new seats once the development is completed. Playing the likes of Sheffield United will be more enticing to fans than facing the likes of Torquay United.

So in more ways than one, staying in League One is vital to the Boundary Park outfit. And to think that 20 years ago they were playing in the Premier League. Times have certainly changed and those good times of top-flight football seem a long way away right now."



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Tonight's Squads



Tranmere Rovers

Assistant Manager: **John McMahon**

Colours: **White / White / White**

- 1 Owain **Fon Williams** (G/K)
- 2 Danny **Holmes**
- 3 Evan **Horwood**
- 4 Ash **Taylor**
- 5 Ian **Goodison**
- 7 Joe **Thompson**
- 8 James **Wallace**
- 9 Ryan **Lowe**
- 10 Andy **Robinson**
- 11 Abdulai **Baggie**
- 12 James **Rowe**
- 13 Sam **Ramsbottom** (G/K)
- 14 Jake **Cassidy**
- 15 Jake **Kirby**
- 16 Cole **Stockton**
- 17 Max **Power**
- 18 Steve **Jennings**
- 19 Akpo **Sodje**
- 20 Junior **Brown**
- 21 Liam **Davies**
- 22 Jason **Koumas**
- 23 Liam **Ridehalgh**
- 24 Callum **Morris**
- 26 Jean-Louis **Akpa Akpro**
- 27 Ben **Maher**
- 28 Antonie **Boland**
- 30 Luke **Pilling** (G/K)
- 32 Stephen **Arthurworrey**
- 33 Jason **Mooney** (G/K)

THE MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: **Graham Salisbury**

Assistants: **Mark Astley & David Benton**

Fourth Official: **Nick Greenhalgh**



Swindon Town

Manager: **Mark Cooper**

Colours: **Blue & Black / Black / Blue**

- 1 Wes **Foderingham**
- 2 Nathan **Thompson**
- 3 Nathan **Byrne**
- 4 Massimo **Luongo**
- 5 Grant **Hall**
- 6 Tijane **Freitas Reis**
- 7 Ryan **Harley**
- 8 Ryan **Mason**
- 9 Nile **Ranger**
- 11 Alex **Pritchard**
- 12 Dany **N'Guessan**
- 14 Jay **McEveley**
- 15 Yaser **Kasim**
- 16 Mark **Francis**
- 17 Connor **Waldon**
- 18 Alex **Ferguson**
- 19 Louis **Thompson**
- 20 Miles **Storey**
- 21 Alex **Smith**
- 22 Darren **Ward**
- 23 Jack **Barthram**
- 24 Lee **Cox**
- 25 Tyrrell **Belford**
- 26 Aaron **Oakley**
- 27 Harry **Agomar**
- 28 Michael **Smith**
- 29 Raphael **Branco**
- 30 Leigh **Bedwell**
- 33 George **Barker**
- 34 Jamie **Reckford**
- 35 Kayden **Jackson**
- 39 Ben **Gladwin**
- 40 Jack **Stephens**
- 41 Troy **Archibald-Henville**

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